

POLICE CHIEFS FIGHT ELECTIVE POLICE BOARD

Year's Seizures Under U.S. 'Dry Law' Nearly \$9,000,000

WITH \$60,000 PROMISED TO DATE, WELFARE FUND HURRIES TO OBJECTIVE

Teams Out Bright and Early Today Predict Subscriptions Will Reach \$75,000 Before Sun Sets—Reports Will Be Made at Masonic Temple Tonight, When a Free Concert Will Be Given.

LAST HALF OF \$125,000 HARDEST TO MAKE

Bright and early this morning 160 Welfare workers arose from snug beds with the firm determination to increase subscriptions for the United Welfare Fund to \$75,000 before the sun sets over the city this evening.

Last night unofficial figures brought the amount collected to date up to \$60,000, and when the announcement was made optimism prevailed in all ranks. Silverwood and his merry men are going at it tooth and nail. Nothing is being left undone to provide London's enfeebled old people and helpless children there where-withal that shall lead them to paths of happiness in 1923.

When it is considered that several team members are ill and that a number of ordinarily large subscribers are out of the city, the results of the first two days campaigning have been remarkable. Never before has \$60,000 been attained within the short space of two days.

And when team captains gathered at the Tecumseh House last night to discuss their adventures satisfaction fairly radiated from each and every man.

Today the workers are canvassing salaried employees. A few reports were received from the Chamber of Commerce at noon hour, and in every instance fine progress was recorded. "The salaried men and women are coming across in fine style," one said. "Almost every subscription shows a substantial increase over last year's. I feel confident that at the meeting tonight a welcome announcement will be made."

"I came across a rather peculiar case this morning," another said. In London East factory one of the men refused to contribute. He was an old chap, and looked as if he could not afford very much. After thinking a while, however, he gave me half his week's wages, with the remark, "I'm looking forward to belonging to the Aged People's Home next year, and this money will help pay for my upkeep."

Others reported subscriptions had been doubled, and in some cases quadrupled over last year's amounts. "We've done splendidly if I say so myself," said one captain. "Usually George Reid, our president, scours the city and gets anywhere from two to three thousand a day. He's the best salesman of us all. But even with the handicap of his illness we have done extremely well."

This evening a free concert will be given at Masonic Hall. The Kiwanis

DRY ENFORCEMENT FOR SIX MONTHS NETS \$8,788,878

In United States Seizures, Twelve Agents Were Killed and 33 Maimed.

CAPTURE 2,211 CARS

Grand Total in Liquor and Mash Amounts to 6,742,341 Gallons.

Special to The Advertiser.

New York, April 4.—The booty of prohibition enforcement, piled up at the cost of human life, swelled to large figures in the last six months of 1922, complete data for the period revealed today.

The grand total, comprising 6,742,341 gallons of liquor and mash, 77,873 pieces of apparatus, 2,211 automobiles, and 87 boats and launches, is valued by the federal prohibition bureau at \$8,788,878.

In its seizures, 12 agents were killed and thirty-three others were maimed. The incidental cost of making the captures, aside from human life is placed by the bureau at \$43,636.53.

Thus, for the first six months of its fiscal year, the bureau's forces took and forfeited to the government property and liquor valued at but slightly below its appropriation of \$9,500,000 for the entire twelve-month period.

MAN AIMS AT MAD DOG BUT SHOOT DAUGHTER

Eighteen-Year-Old Girl Dies of Wound at Winnipeg Hospital Yesterday.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, April 4.—Shot accidentally by her father when he took aim at a mad dog, Antoinette Nevin, 18 years old, of Ashern, Man., died in a local hospital yesterday.

The girl was sitting in the head of her farm home on March 24, and was brought to Winnipeg for treatment. There will be no inquest.

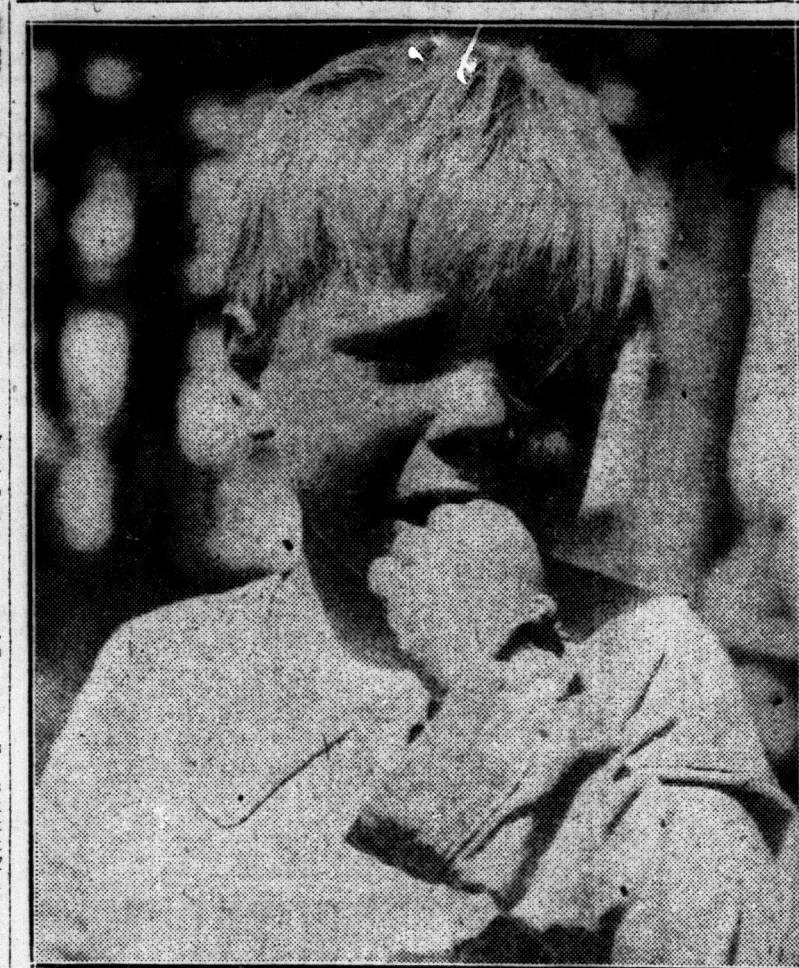
Has Envelopes Ready.

"Unfavorable weather," Mr. Silverwood said, "has not daunted any of our workers. The elements were more in favor of the drive this week than last, and that is some consolation. In the absence of Mr. Reid I wish to announce that subscriptions received from the 'A' list aggregate \$43,000. It will be impossible to give complete reports tonight regarding the day's collections, but it is practically certain that within \$5,000 of half the objective has been obtained. We meet here principally to discuss our problems, receive advice and offer suggestions."

Ed. Penny of the chamber of commerce said envelopes and cards had been allotted for canvassing 1,014 salaried employees today. Each team

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One Small Boy In Tears And You Have Sympathy



But the Welfare Drive Is For Not One, But Hundreds—The Need Is Real—Give Today!

A child in trouble!

The most hard-hearted Scrooge in the world would help him. If the little chap you see above came to you with a catch in his voice because he'd broken his new toy train, you'd reach into your pocket and make him smile again in a minute.

Anyone would—to keep a little child from sorrow.

But here this week you have hundreds of little children looking to you for help in their distress.

And it's not just a broken toy.

It's a matter of life and death.

These children are not asking for playthings.

They want just an even break in life—a chance to live.

You can't refuse. For your own sake, you can't, because to help is the decent, fair thing to do. Your conscience knows.

Has the Drive reached you yet?

If it has, are you sure you did your share?

If it hasn't, are you ready?

Put Your Name On the List! Do Your Share! Help London's Needy! Give Gladly—Today!

HEINTZ PLANT WRECKED BY FIRE AT TILLSONBURG

Loss of Pickle Company Is Estimated at \$5,000.

Special to The Advertiser.

Tillsonburg, April 4.—Fire discovered at 7:30 this morning, completely gutted the district office and receiving station of the Heintz Pickle Co., Ltd., on King street, entailing a loss estimated at \$5,000, partially covered by insurance.

The building was of frame construction, and the fire was a very spectacular one. Huge volumes of smoke hampered the work of the firemen, and at one time it was feared that the lumber yard and coal and wood buildings nearby would be destroyed. Some 25 or 30 tanks of pickles, valued at several thousand dollars, was saved from the flames, although at the time the fire was sweeping directly through them.

Wallace Caswell was in the office at the time, and on going upstairs found the entire upper story in flames. A thousand dollars worth of seeds, ready for distribution, were saved. The firemen were handicapped when they first arrived at the scene of the blaze. It is likely the building will be rebuilt at once. G. H. Teeter is the resident manager of the plant.

FLIES FOR 25 MINUTES WITHOUT USING ENGINE

Special Cable to The Advertiser.

Toulouse, France, April 4.—Barbot, French ace, whose exploits with small powered aeroplanes and gliders have attracted the attention of the aeronautical experts throughout the world today flew over Toulouse for twenty-five minutes without using the motor of his plane. He remained at a height of 1,500 feet.

BAD FLAW FOUND IN LEGISLATION ON PENSION APPEALS

Dr. M. H. Sutton of Peterboro Gives Evidence Before Royal Commission.

DR. HEWITT IS HEARD

Problem of Dual Medical Examinations Occupies Large Part of Sitting.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, April 4.—Evidence as to the need for improved procedure in deciding entitlement of ex-soldiers to pension and treatment, was presented by Dr. M. H. Sutton of Peterboro before the royal commission on pensions and re-establishment at Osbourne Hall this morning.

A serious flaw in the legislation, creating the board of appeals at Ottawa, was revealed when it was shown that this legislation provided that no decision of the appeal board should contravene the legislation under which the board of pension commissioners operates, and which provides that decisions of the pension board are final. It was declared by the witness that appeal board decisions could be negated by the pension board.

The problem of dual medical examinations, in deciding entitlement to treatment and then to pension, occupied a large part of the sitting. Dr. Hewitt, D.S.C.R., unit medical director at Toronto, declared that that treatment is given to a soldier whose disability began on service or could be related to something that arose on service.

Questioned by the chairman, Col. Ralston, the secretary of the pension board, J. Paton, stated that for pension purposes the man must show that his disability is due to or aggravated by service.

Col. Ralston observed that a man might be eligible for treatment, but not for pension under this provision. Commissioner McKewen expressed himself strongly on the matter of paying pensions to men with disabilities which arose on service but were not directly the result of service.

"I think the returned man wants to be fair in making certain that the pension he is entitled to is for service which he has rendered," he said. "I think the returned man wants to be fair in making certain that the pension he is entitled to is for service which he has rendered."

ASK OFFICIALS TO RESIGN.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, April 4.—The federal government will be asked, in view of the report of the royal commission on pensions, to call upon Lieut.-Col. T. C. Thompson and Lieut. J. A. W. Paton, chairman and secretary respectively of the pension board, to resign their positions forthwith, according to a resolution unanimously adopted by the Great War Veterans' Association here last night.

The resolution also asks that one of the members of the board should be a member of the rank and file, conversant with industry. It was passed following the reading of a telegram from C. G. MacNeill, Dominion secretary of the association, stating that perusal of the commission's report revealed a sweeping victory for the association.

FAVOR PIKERS' TOUR.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, April 4.—The members of the Hull Kiwanis Club yesterday declared in favor of participation in the Michigan Pikers' Tour to be held through Michigan and Ontario in June and July.

Even Ontario Capitalizes On Its Liquor Says Foster

Declares Before New Brunswick Government That He Has Never Encouraged Sale of Liquor in the Province.

Associated Press Despatch.

Fredericton, N. B., April 4.—Declaring that neither he nor any member of his government had ever encouraged the illegal sale of liquor in the province, asserting that the province had gone into the wholesaling of liquor at the instance of the New Brunswick Temperance Alliance, and quoting official statistics to prove his contentions, Hon. Walter E. Foster said in the budget debate in the legislature yesterday, during a discussion of the administration of the prohibition act, that other provinces and the federal government get a heavy revenue from liquor sources.

The sale of liquor per capita was no greater than in other provinces, he said. He pointed to Ontario, which, he said, had been spoken of as a place "through which one must pass in order to get to heaven," and said that

Ontario capitalizes its vices, for it augments its revenues from liquor sources as well as from a rake-off from gambling at race tracks and at slot machines.

A statement by Attorney-General Raney of Ontario, showing sales of liquor under the Ontario temperance act amounting to \$3,000,000 for the ten months ending Oct. 31, 1922, was read.

It had been said by some speakers on behalf of the New Brunswick Temperance Alliance that too much liquor was being sold in New Brunswick, but Mr. Foster contended the same thing was being said in other provinces.

"Prohibition is no better and no worse here than it is elsewhere," he said. "It is true that the prohibition law is violated, he continued, but 'he denied that it was the government who had winked at non-enforcement."



A CLEVER SCHOOL GIRL.

This is Margaret Gilmore, the 13-year-old pupil in Alexandra School, whose essay has been selected by her teacher as among the best ever written in London.

EPIDEMIC OF TYPHOID VISITS QUEBEC VILLAGE

Water Supply Contaminated by Sewage Flow—82 Cases Reported.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, April 4.—An epidemic of typhoid fever is raging at Mansonville, township of Potham, Brome County, where 82 cases out of a population of 300 are down with the disease.

The water supply has been contaminated by a sewage flow. A sanitary engineer has been sent to the village.

Two district inspectors and a

DETROIT YOUTH DRAWS YEAR'S TERM FOR THEFT

George Spooner Sentenced to Reformatory for Stealing Automobile.

Although but 16 years old, George Spooner of Detroit, who pleaded guilty in police court today to stealing an auto last night, confessed he had served a term in Ionia Reformatory, in Michigan, for theft of a car.

He was sentenced to a term of not less than one year, and not more than two years, in the Ontario Reformatory.

Not perturbed in the least by the situation in which he found himself, young Spooner elected summary trial, and pleaded guilty to stealing an auto owned by Russell Sage, 687 King street, and valued at \$1,350, from in front of the Salvation Army Citadel, on Clarence street, last night.

He had been arrested on the corner of York and Richmond streets about 10:30 o'clock the same night by Police Constable James Singleton.

Spooner came to London January 28, and has worked only one week since. He had been employed at the Metropole Cafe that long, he stated.

"How have you been living, if you were not working?" he was asked. "I have been boarding with Mrs. Sutton," Spooner replied. He added he had been paying his board regularly.

A 36-mile who was with him when he was arrested was remanded for one week. As there is no detention home for juveniles in London at present, the boy was allowed to go home with his parents.

LEVIS TO VOTE ON PROHIBITION

Canadian Press Despatch.

Levis, Que., April 4.—A referendum will be held in Levis on prohibition on a date to be fixed by Mayor Demers, as the result of a decision of the city council last night. The city of Levis voted for prohibition of alcoholic liquors in 1915, and the city has been dry under a local option law since then.

Jailed In Moscow

Sara Bernhardt's idea of a good joke was to let her stage manager languish in the cells overnight as a Nihilist.

Read his own story on Page 7, written exclusively for The London Advertiser.

POLICE CHIEFS OPPOSE CHANGE IN COMMISSION

Welland Mayor Sends Proof of Their Activity to Mayor Wenige.

"DANGEROUS MOVE"

This Is What Association's Secretary-Treasurer Calls Activity of London Mayor.

Special to The Advertiser.

Welland, April 4.—Mayor Hughes today forwarded to Mayor Wenige of London the following communication dealing with the present "elective police commission" movement, which he alleges was sent out by the executive of the Chief Constables' Association of Ontario to city councils, chambers of commerce, Rotary clubs and a score of more similar organizations throughout the province, to defeat the measure.

At the recent conference in Toronto with Attorney-General W. E. Raney, when delegates from twenty Ontario cities debated the project, the attorney-general stated he had an abundance of "unsolicited appeals" from organizations of this nature not to favor any move toward a change in the police commission form of administration.

At that time, following the query from Mayor Wenige of London, Mayor Hughes of Welland disputed the statement by Mr. Raney that the communications in question were "unsolicited."

He had proof, he maintained, that the Chief Constables' Association was behind the movement, and today he submits the letter from that organization, which by now must be in the hands of the chief magistrate of London, who is the prime mover in the struggle.

THE CHIEF CONSTABLES' ASSOCIATION.

Toronto, March 23, 1923.

Dear Sir:—There is at present a dangerous movement on foot, brought on, I understand, by Mayor G. A. Wenige of London, Ont., and supported by aldermen and municipal politicians from Peterboro, Niagara Falls, St. Catharines, Woodstock, Windsor, etc., for the purpose of instituting a change in the present system of police administration passed by the Ontario government at this present session to make radical changes in the present system of appointing police commissioners. In other words, to have laws passed that would practically hand over every municipal police department to the control of aldermen, etc., and abolish the present system, which is, undoubtedly, the best and most satisfactory that has ever been in the United States. This Canada or the United States. The plain facts are that these representatives intend bringing pressure to

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Enter Salesman, Steals the Wife

Husband Is Granted Decree Nisi in Winnipeg Court.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, April 4.—A "friend" went to the home of Leon Pombour of Erickson, Man., to sell him a tractor, but instead he stole the wife, so Leon told Mr. Justice Macdonald in the divorce court here yesterday.

He traced Mrs. Pombour to a photograph of his wife and their infant daughter together. He was granted a decree nisi.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.

Generally fair today and on Thursday, with a little lower temperature. Showadow depressions are situated in the Maritime and Western Provinces, also in the Southwest States, and pressure is highest in the Upper Lake Region.

Snow and rain have occurred locally in Ontario, generally in Quebec, and rain has fallen in the Maritime Provinces.

The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	45	44	Cloudy
Calgary	20	20	Fair
Winnipeg	23	8	Clear
Port Arthur	22	8	Clear
Sault Ste. Marie	25	2	Clear
Toronto	49	23	Cloudy
Kingston	44	24	Cloudy
Ottawa	35	22	Cloudy
Montreal	49	24	Cloudy
Quebec	34	20	Cloudy
Father Point	30	24	Cloudy
St. John	40	36	Cloudy
Halifax	46	28	Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 49; lowest, 35.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 48; lowest, 36.

Barometric Readings.

Tuesday—8 p.m., 29.02.

Today—8 a.m., 29.25.

THOUSANDS OF MINERS QUIT WORK IN WALES

Strike Called To Force Non-Unionists To Join the Federation.

Associated Press Despatch.

Cardiff, Wales, April 4.—Forty-six thousand miners in the Rhondda coal fields went on strike today. Not a pit in the district was working this morning. Picketing was being maintained in many places, but no cases were reported of non-unionists attempting to work.

The strike was called for the purpose of forcing some 5,000 non-unionist miners to join the miners' federation, the surface men and stockers having organized themselves into union which the federation refused to recognize.

WAR VESSELS COLLIDE, STATE NO LIVES LOST

United States Destroyer and British Light Cruiser Damaged in Bosphorus.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, April 4.—The United States destroyer Fox collided with the British light cruiser Ceres at the entrance to the Bosphorus yesterday, according to advices received from Constantinople today by Lloyds.

Both vessels, the report said, were badly damaged. The strong current was held responsible for the accident.

The British admiralty this afternoon confirmed Lloyds' advices that the Fox and the Ceres had been in collision, but said it understood that the damage to the Ceres was comparatively slight and that no lives were lost.

1923 WELFARE CAMPAIGN \$125,000

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It's Climbing!

Are You in London's Drive?—Only Three Days Left—Give!