

THE WEATHER:
MODERATE WINDS, FAIR.
SUNDAY—WARMER.

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LONDON, ONTARIO, SATURDAY, MAY 31, 1924. —THIRTY-EIGHT

THREE CENTS.

VICTORIA HOSPITAL HAS BIG SURPLUS FOR YEAR London Managers Attack New Amusement Tax System

SPLENDID SURPLUS IS SHOWN BY HOSPITAL

Total For Operation of the
Institution Is Placed at
\$21,498.72.

PRAISE AUDITOR

Work in Every Department Is
Said To Be Efficient.

Victoria Hospital shows a surplus of \$21,498.72 for last year's operations in place of the \$102, which the hospital authorities foretold as the probable surplus when the city council reduced their estimates by \$20,000 in November, 1922.

For this great credit is given to the city auditor by the mayor, who says that his work in every department in behalf of the city is efficient and thorough to the last degree.

The estimates submitted by the hospital in the fall of 1922 were for \$188,000, which the council cut to \$168,000. At the time it was freely said by the Victorians that the hospital would not be able to function, and that there would certainly be no surplus.

The wisdom of the action of the council is evidenced, says the mayor, by the figures which show the surplus for the year.

He stands steadfastly behind the city auditor, who is the representative of the citizens on the financial handling of any of the departments where the city's money is involved, whether it be the police commission, the city hospital, and London and Port Stanley, or in any other place where the city's money is spent.

"If any of these departments," he said, "want to install an auditor of their own, they can, of course, but the city auditor must also audit their accounts, whether they like it or not, and in this he has the backing of the aldermen, who are the representatives of the people whose money is being spent. Personally, I am perfectly satisfied with the efficiency of Mr. Ashland, and believe he is the best auditor the city has had in many a long year. The last few years previous to his appointment we had hired cheaters. You could only call them auditors by courtesy."

COMMERCIAL FAILURES.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, May 31.—Twenty-seven commercial failures occurred in the Dominion during the week ended yesterday, compared with 49 for the corresponding week of 1923, according to the report of R. G. Dun & Co. today. No failures occurred in the Maritime Provinces, or in British Columbia. Twelve were reported from Ontario, seven in Manitoba, two in Saskatchewan and one in Alberta.

LAD RECOVERS.

Robert Tazmann, who was injured when he fell from a tree last Sunday, returned to his home yesterday from Victoria Hospital, having sufficiently recovered from his injuries.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Today—Moderate winds, fair.

Sunday—Fair; a little warmer.

Pressure continues low in the St. Lawrence Valley and eastward.

Canada and high to the west of the Great Lakes.

The weather is fine from Quebec westward to the Pacific, with a general tendency towards higher temperature.

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Stations. High. Low. Weather.

Victoria. 72. 48. Fair.

Calgary. 72. 48. Fair.

Winnipeg. 56. 48. Cloudy.

Port Arthur. 64. 36. Fair.

Tarry Sound. 64. 36. Fair.

Toronto. 59. 28. Clear.

Kingston. 58. 40. Fair.

Ottawa. 54. 38. Fair.

Montreal. 52. 46. Fair.

Quebec. 56. 40. Cloudy.

Father Point. 48. 28. Cloudy.

St. John. 40. 42. Cloudy.

Halifax. 48. 32. Cloudy.



HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN ATTEND ADVERTISER'S THEATRE PARTY.

Above an Advertiser staff photographer shows the throngs of London's little girls that jammed Loew's Theatre this morning to witness the show arranged for their benefit by The Advertiser. Hurrying shoppers

were swept en masse by the rush of eager children. Long before the performance started the big theatre was packed with happy children, and Manager Jackson perched some of

them on the broad partition at the back of the theatre. Ten lucky tickets were distributed, and little Marie Allerston presented each one of the girls with a beautiful "Miss Advertiser" doll.

This diminutive actress, dressed as a Miss Advertiser, was herself a source of great delight to the children.

MOTORIST MISSES LOSING HIS CAR

But Detroit Is Assessed \$200
For Having Gin
en Route.

COMPANION SOBER

A motor accident at 1 o'clock this morning at Rectory and Dundas streets drew the attention of Constable Knight to the car of Albert Marr, of Detroit, Mich. Investigation of the auto showed two bottles of gin and a glass, which resulted in a \$200 fine and three months in jail for the Michigan man when he appeared in court today.

Marr and a London friend who had been in the car told of a strange man who had asked for a ride east when they left the Homestead Club. He disappeared after the accident and the defendants assumed that he had placed the gin in the car. One bottle was found under the front seat, the second on the floor of the front seat, while the glass was in a side pocket of the rear side door.

Marr explained he did not know how the gin got in his car. The glass was kept in the car for his wife's convenience.

Marr denied having anything to do with the gin, but the constable said he had seen him yesterday to visit friends.

His story did not satisfy the court and the usual penalty for the offence was imposed. Mr. Graydon told reporters after court that there would be no confiscation in this particular case.

His companion, who was perfectly sober, was also charged with having liquor in a place other than a private dwelling, but the case against him was dismissed.

HYDE PARK PAVING JOB TO COMMENCE NEXT WEEK

William Hunter, former paving superintendent of the city, has arrived in London to take charge of the construction of two miles of pavement on the Hyde Park highway for the suburban area commission. Hunter was associated with the King Construction Company of Oakville, which was awarded the Hyde Park street several weeks ago. Mr. Hunter states work will be commenced next week on the job.

COUNTY RATE WILL LIKELY BE HIGHER THIS YEAR

County Clerk John Stuart has been busy all week preparing the various items of county business for the consideration of the county council, which meets on Monday for the June session. County expenditure for the year has been estimated by a special committee and will be submitted to the council. It is likely that the county rate will be slightly higher this year, owing to road work and higher education costs.

STOLEN BICYCLE HAS BEEN RECOVERED

The bicycle of R. Wills, 175 Bismarck street, stolen from the rear of Roland Hill's shoe store yesterday afternoon, was recovered by detectives on Grey street this morning. Another bike stolen during the week was located yesterday afternoon by Detectives Bolton and Down. This means that four of the ten wheels stolen during the week have been recovered.

Hundreds of Little Girls Attend Big Theatre Party, Splendid Program Given

Stomach Pump
Saves Youngster

Over Two Thousand Crowd
Loew's Theatre as Guests
of Advertiser.

CAME EARLY

Ten Dolls Are Presented to
the Holders of Lucky
Tickets.

With close on to 2,300 school girls as guests of The London Advertiser, Loew's big theatre was filled to capacity this morning. It was as large a throng as ever witnessed a performance in the huge playhouse, and a keenly enthusiastic audience it was, too.

There were little tots, trailing at the skirts of big sisters, and there were girls big enough to have their locks shingled. They had been drawn from public schools all over the city by the announcement on Friday afternoon of The Advertiser's performance for girls only.

They came before 9 o'clock and long before 10 o'clock, when the curtain went up to start the performance, the house was filled. The orchestra offered some exceptionally fine music to keep the school girls interested, and when Maurice A. Sommerfelt, bandleader, came on he made a great hit with the youthful audience. His "Youth and Riches" overture, "Hysias" overture (Kaiserzela), and "Souvenir" were particularly popular, and he held the children entranced for fully fifteen minutes.

Mr. Sommerfelt appears to have mastered the piano in every way, and his offerings were greeted by round after round of applause.

Quite the "berries" were the Allers-Duo, juvenile vaudevillians whose abilities are well known on the stage. Miss Marice, aged nine, and "Bobs," aged ten, showed much natural ability without appearing affected in any way. Their numbers were the delight of their fraternal audience and the school girls could have sat and listened all day to their singing and watched their dancing.

A Snub Pollard comedy, "Sold at Auction," rounded out the entertainment, a big feature of which had been the presentation of big "Miss Advertiser" dolls to ten lucky girls, and other announcements of interest to the throngs present.

Following are the winners of "Miss Advertiser" splendid big mama dolls: Loretta Quirk, 69 Orchard street; Kathleen Quinn, 42 York street; Jean Norton, Cherry street; Ruth Gardner, 537 Hamilton road; Mary Gallagher, 787 York street; Verna Cooper, 10 Pearl street; Nina Bull, 139 Pineleaf avenue; Phyllis Biddle, 1307 Trafalgar street; Pearl Essenev, 72 Piccadilly street; Irene Stone, 142 Rectory street.

Brigadier MacAmmond will not go out of the city today, but will take charge of local week-end services at No. 2 Citadel at Edward and Teacum streets.

MRS. WM. DAWES AND SON ARE REPORTED IMPROVED

Mrs. William Dawes and her son, Alan, both of whom were seriously injured Tuesday afternoon, when a car, driven by A. Taylor, crashed into Mr. Dawes' car, are reported to be much improved this morning. They are at the home of O. O. Little, where they were taken following the accident.

CAR RECOVERED TODAY.

The motor car of E. A. McGovern, 57 Wharncliffe road north, stolen from in front of the Maple Leaf Milling company, Bathurst and William streets, at 9 o'clock last night, was recovered this morning by Constable Atkens near the grounds of the Ontario Hospital, detectives state.

SUCCESSFUL SALE HELD AT OAK ST. CITADEL

A successful sale of work for the benefit of the Salvation Army was carried out at Oak Street Citadel yesterday afternoon and evening. A musical program was rendered by the Army band and two concertina solos by Adjutant Spooner were greatly enjoyed.

Mrs. Brigadier MacAmmond opened the ceremonies. Brigadier MacAmmond occupied the chair.

George Heaman, well-known former manufacturer, who has been ill in Victoria Hospital for several weeks, was reported by hospital authorities this morning to have spent a very restless night. His condition has grown worse, and his physicians are dubious as to his recovery.

Premiers Meet IN CONFERENCE

Informal Talk Will Prepare
Way to Settlement of
Irish Problems.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, May 31.—The conference today at Chequers Court between Premier MacDonald and the heads of the two Irish governments, Sir James Craig and William T. Cosgrave, is understood to be in the nature of an informal talk, designed to prepare the way for a friendly solution of the boundary trouble by "discussing among the Irishmen without participation by the British Government."

Col. E. M. House, confidant of the late Woodrow Wilson, is spending the week-end at Chequers, and there is speculation as to whether his presence has any bearing on the Irish discussion, although he is not expected to participate in the meeting.

MOST OF DISTRICT HOTELS FOUND IN GOOD CONDITION

Inspector Pitt of the hotel license department, Toronto, accompanied by License Inspector Walter Bolton, visited 11 hotels in Middlesex County yesterday to check up on accommodation and equipment.

With the exception of one or two hotels, the inspector found everything in order and was more than pleased with conditions as he found them in the majority of towns and villages. Hotels at Lucan, Iderton, St. Johns, Ailsa Craig, Parkhill, Strathroy, Mount Bridges and Lambeth were visited.

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The dislocation on the boy's lips was caused by acid, Crowe declared. Similar acid, he stated was found in Leopold's room. The acid, he declared, Please See Page 4, Column 1.

PROTESTANT PASTOR SAYS CATHOLICS AVOID STRIFE

Read the Page
On Mama Dolls

Inside on Page 5 is a big announcement about "Mama Dolls" that will thrill every little girl.

The Advertiser has 1,000 wonderful Mama Dolls to give away. See the picture and read all about it on Page 5.

FOUR BANDS ARE SECURED FOR 1924 WESTERN FAIR

At a meeting held yesterday afternoon in the offices of the secretary, the attractions committee of the Western Fair board completed arrangements for the music for the big fair in September. The same bands as last year are being secured for the musical program this year. They are the G. W. V. A., Hussars, R. C. R. and W. O. R.

MISS BONDFIELD DENIES GERMAN ARTISTS STORY

London, May 31.—Miss Margaret Bondfield, parliamentary secretary for the ministry of labor, denies a story in circulation to the effect that nearly 500 German music hall performers have obtained permission to appear in England shortly. She declares that only five permits have been issued to German artists to appear in England during the past 17 months, and these permits have been allowed only for a short time in each instance.

YOUTHSHAVE CONFESSED TO KILLING CHICAGO BOY

Sons of Millionaires Admit
Kidnapping To Get
\$10,000 Ransom.

DETAILS RELATED

Boy Struck With Chisel and
Acid Is Forced to
Mouth.

Associated Press Despatch.

Chicago, Ill., May 31.—Robert E. Crowe, state's attorney, announced early today that Nathan E. Leopold, Jun., and Richard Loeb, youthful members of wealthy Chicago families, and both post-graduate students at a university here, had confessed at a university here, had confessed that they kidnapped and murdered 13-year-old Robert Franks, son of Jacob Franks, retired millionaire pawnbroker and manufacturer.

They said they planned a kidnapping in great detail last November, both through a spirit of adventure and because they wanted the \$10,000 ransom they demanded, said Mr. Crowe. The youths said they determined upon no definite victim, and that the kidnapping and murder of young Franks was merely incidental.

The kidnapping was carried out in every detail as planned, including the victim's death, Mr. Crowe said. Leopold and Loeb confessed, he said. Leopold admitted writing a letter to the father, killed Franks, boy, demanding \$10,000, and that the automobile used to spirit away their victim was a rented machine.

The finding of the spectacles near the boy's body provided one of the "tangible clues," said Mr. Crowe. "It was through them that the kidnapping and slaying were traced to Leopold and Loeb," he said.

The typewriter used has not been found, and the clothing stripped from young Franks has not been recovered, said Mr. Crowe, but he expected to have them by this afternoon.

The little fellow was killed by a blow on the head, and then strangled, State's Attorney Crowe declared.

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PRESIDENT MILLERAND

of France, whose term of office may end abruptly as a result of the Socialist party's plan to boycott the president. The Socialists offer their support of Herriot, potential premier, on condition that Millerand be not allowed to impose any conditions.

MILLERAND IS FACING BOYCOTT

Socialists May Force French
President Out of
Office.

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, May 31.—Should President Millerand go or stay is the question more than ever at issue among the motley ranks of the new majority on the eve of the assembly of the Chamber of Deputies. There can be no doubt that the Socialists will make a boycott of the president a condition of their support of the new government of the Left.

M. Herriot, head of the Radicals and potential premier, however, will follow the strictly customary forms. Only in the event of M. Millerand seeking to impose conditions when offering him the premiership will he refuse to accept office from the president, it is said. The presidential question, M. Herriot maintains, must be settled by parliament, not by party caucus.

The lobbies of the chamber are already seething. All the groups have called meetings for Sunday before the formal opening session, and at these the question of their attitude on the presidential issue is to be decided.

Hardship On All.
"It's a hardship on every theatre man outside of Toronto," declared John R. Minihinnick, London manager of the Trans-Canada Theatres, Limited. "The department demands advance in advance and the theatres have to use just one amusement tax ticket with each seat sold. You can't use a ten and a five cent ticket, for instance. It means a big outlay too, in order that theatres can be protected with all the denominations of tickets now necessary. There's always a delay in getting amusement tax tickets from Toronto and we have to put in orders ahead of time so as to guard against shortages."

"I don't see how economy is being effected," he went on. "Toronto seems to be playing the hog and they're not cutting down the staff at the theatre office. I know one man who went from London last week to fill a new position created there."

Reiterated Facts.
Charles R. Collyer, who has been distributing agent here, reiterated facts which had appeared in the petition made to the city council.

Commissioners' tickets have been very small and theatre men have found the office a great convenience, buying tickets as the interest in their houses waxed and waned. There was no need to make big outlays in various tickets, and theatres just took what they needed from week to week. Yet over \$55,000 had been collected for the government in a year's time. Other theatre men and users of the

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167 Candidates In B.C. Election

Forty-Eight Members To Be
Chosen on June 20.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Vancouver, May 31.—British Columbia has 167 candidates from 48 constituencies for the provincial election on June 20.

In 23 ridings there are three-man contests, in 12 ridings there are four-man contests, and in one, North Vancouver, there are five.

The Conservative party leads with a full slate of 48 candidates.

The Liberal party has 45, the Provincial party 45, Labor 18, and, in addition, there are 10 independents. There are seven women candidates, four in Vancouver and one each in Creston, Similkameen and Victoria.

JURY RETURNS VERDICT
MAN DIED OF STABBING

Associated Press Despatch.

Fort William, May 31.—That Antti Kipela, a Finnish trapper, aged 50, came to his death as a result of a knife wound in the heart inflicted by Matti Oksanen, while under the influence of liquor, was the verdict of a coroner's jury here last night.

Kipela met his death resulted from a drunken quarrel, while the two men were last night along the Dawson road, according to a voluntary statement made by Oksanen, which was read at the inquest.

After wandering through the bush for several days, Oksanen was arrested by the provincial police.

AGED MAN IS CHARGED
AS POISON PEN AUTHOR

Canadian Press Despatch.

Quebec, May 31.—Francis Morin, an elderly man, charged with being the author of a number of "poison pen" letters, was committed to stand trial at the October term of the criminal assizes by Hon. Judge Leclerc in the court of sessions yesterday.

COMMISSION MEETS.

The London Housing Commission met last night in the city hall and carried out routine business of the commission. Several items affecting the city's houses in the Pine Lawn district were dealt with. In the absence of the chairman of the commission, Commissioner Ashton presided.

PRICE PLAN HINDRANCE, NOT MORE ECONOMICAL

Theatre Managers in London
Protest New System Introduced at Toronto.

BIG EXPENDITURE

London Office Has Little Profit
and Feel No Change
Needed.

Users of provincial amusement tax tickets in London are at a standstill in a definite protest against the new system of collecting the tax introduced by Hon. W. H. Price, provincial treasurer. The complaint here is no unexcusable thing. From practically every dance hall and theatre manager and other users the same story is heard. "It's a raw deal out and out. It's a hardship on all of us. It means a prohibitive outlay on stocks of tax tickets of every denomination. We've got to stock up now to protect ourselves, and if we have tickets left over that we can't use we cannot redeem them."

Every one of twenty-three users of the provincial tax tickets in the city is behind the petition which comes up in the city council Monday night. The plea, signed by theatre men and others interested, came up before the finance committee on Wednesday night and it was recommended by the aldermen present. Amusement tax users want municipal backing in keeping up the tax, with Charles R. Collyer as distributing agent, his profit for an entire year being \$400 on the sale of more than \$55,000 worth of amusement tax tickets.

The whole trouble came up when the department of the tax department, directly under the eye of the man, Mr. Price, provincial treasurer. That meant the closing of offices in municipalities all over the province. In London an office had been maintained, with Charles R. Collyer as distributing agent, his profit for an entire year being \$400 on the sale of more than \$55,000 worth of amusement tax tickets.

The department has been collecting for the government in a year's time. Other theatre men and users of the

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