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THE old newspaper definition of a good Journalist was a man with a nose for news, but The London Advertiser's requirement is a man with a passion for the truth.

OPEN FEDERAL DRIVE ON CITY 'DRUG RING'

Russia Willing to Pay Pre-War Debts to Win Recognition

REPLY STATES PROPERTY TO BE RESTORED

Lenine's Delegates Also Willing to Waive Counter Claims.

GERMANS WITHDRAW

Accept Conditions of Non-Participation in Russian Discussions.

Genoa, April 21.—If the Russians are granted recognition and adequate financial help, they state in their reply submitted to the entente today, that they are willing to admit Russia's war and pre-war debts, waive all counter claims and restore the use of nationalized property to its former owners or satisfy the claims of foreigners in cases where the property cannot be restored.

The clause of the Russian reply relating to restoration of nationalized property to foreigners says: "The Russian government would be willing to restore to its former owners the use of property nationalized or withheld, or where this is impossible, to satisfy the just claims of the former owners."

The allies proposals on finances to which the Russians replied today, were as follows:

Section 1.—The creditor allied governments represented at Genoa cannot admit any liability regarding the claims advanced by the soviet government.

Section 2.—In view of the serious economic condition of Russia, however, such creditor governments are prepared to write down the war debts owing by Russia to them by a percentage to be determined later; and the countries represented at Genoa would be prepared to consider not only the postponement of payments of interest upon financial claims but also the remission of some part of the arrears of interest of postponed interest.

Section 3.—It must be definitely agreed, however, that there can be no allowance made to the soviet government against; first, either debts and financial obligations due to foreign nationals; or, second, the right of such nationals regarding the return of their property and compensation for damage or loss in respect thereof.

The German reply to the Allied ultimatum accepts the condition that the German delegates be barred from participating in the further discussions of the Russian question by the Genoa conference, the Russo-German treaty signed at Rapallo being allowed to stand. Arrangements have been made to present the note at noon today to Premier Facta of Italy, as president of the conference and also as the first signer of the protest received by the Germans.

The German begins by acknowledging "with painful surprise" the protest received, which is considered undeserved. The note then repeats what Dr. Rathenau, German foreign minister, has stated on former occasions, that negotiations for the conclusion of the Russo-German treaty had begun long ago, were known to have been in progress by all the European governments, and had lately been suspended out of deference to the conference.

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Former R. A. F. Pilot Goes Into Record Tail Spin of 9,700 Feet

PHILADELPHIA, April 21.—As the result of a flight at Manoa, Pa., near here, yesterday, Lieut. Ralph M. Haynes, who served with the British in the world war, claimed he has established a new world record for tail spinning. He tumbled between 9,500 and 9,700 feet. The last record for the tail spin, 8,500 feet, was made at Daytona Beach, Fla., last fall.

Haynes carried an observer with him. They took the plane up 11,500 feet, and then dropped. The machine was righted about 2,000 feet from the ground without difficulty.

CANDIDATES TO GET ORAL EXAM

Local Deputy Postmastership To Be Filled On Result.

Method forced by 'Mediocrity' Shown of Written Answers.

BY JOHN McLELLAN.

Ottawa, April 21.—All candidates for the position of deputy postmaster at London will be submitted either today or tomorrow to an oral examination under the direction of T. T. Bower, postmaster of Winnipeg postoffice, who is understood to be the best postmaster in Canada from the point of view of the department.

The examination will be held in the Technical School in London, and Bower will try the candidates there, working in conjunction with J. B. Beal, principal.

Within a week after the examination is held the civil service commission will have a man picked. The Advertiser was told this morning. The oral examination is the result of the poor results of the written examination. In a letter written by the civil service commission to the Advertiser this morning, the civil service commission declared that the examination was held on account of the "apparent mediocrity" of the candidates who tried the written examination.

The written examination was set by the postmaster at Winnipeg and the postmaster at Halifax. The civil service commission acknowledged this morning an error in sending the letters announcing the appointment of supervisor of letter carriers. This man is now applying for a senior clerk vacancy in the London postoffice.

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FIND M. J. HANEY SOLD STONE TO GOVERNMENT

Appointee To Chippawa Commission Connected With Quarry Company.

TRACE LEGAL FEES

Public Highways Purchase and Appropriation Charges Probed.

Toronto, April 21.—That M. J. Haney, recently appointed one of the commissioners by the provincial government to investigate expenditure of the Hydro Electric Power Commission at Chippawa, received from the government, according to the statement of W. A. McLean, deputy minister of highways, before the public accounts committee of the legislature today, \$10,816.77, in payments for crushed stone through his connection with the Pointe Anne Quarries Limited, was one of the flashes of information that livened up the day's investigation.

Mr. McLean said that Mr. Haney was connected with the quarry to whom the account had been paid, and stated that the amount included in the accounts was the lowest tender received within the freight rate district at that point.

On May 12, he promised to produce the tenders at the next session of the committee. The entire morning was spent by H. H. Dewar endeavoring to unravel payments made to various legal firms for services made in connection with the purchase or expropriation of the lands in connection with the extension of the highways system. On one or two occasions Mr. McLean explained that the accounts were not properly recorded in the book, and that amounts placed down as "legal" fees sometimes included the amount of settlement or arbitration proceedings. He promised to clear up the apparent discrepancy at the next meeting of the committee, claiming that it was largely due to incorrect entries.

Hon. Howard Ferguson requested that Mr. McLean at the next meeting of the committee file with the civil service commission of the financial statement of the department at the end of the fiscal year.

MANCHURIANS POLICE PEKIN

Pekin, April 21.—The troops of Gen. Chang Tsi Ling, governor of Manchuria, today took possession of Pekin and Tien Tsin, replacing the local police forces of those cities. The transfer of authority was devoid of incident.

Went On Warpath After Wife's Sister Paid Friendly Call to Cut His Face

Down in London's Little Russia Canada's laws are often misinterpreted.

Peter Sackowich, for instance, thought that he could break as many windows as he pleased as long as he replaced them.

Friday morning Sackowich heard the true interpretation of the law from the lips of Magistrate Graydon in police court, but at the same time he was notified that he must pay \$10 and costs for his misdemeanor or spend ten days in jail.

According to the prisoner, the disorderly conduct started when his wife's sister came to his house and

Elgin County Centenarian Bares Secret of Living!

By RUSSELL F. BOYD.

TEMPERANCE in all things is the secret of living to be 100 years old, Lawrence Johnson of the little village of Avon, in Elgin County, asserts. And he is qualified to speak, for on Aug. 11 he will celebrate his 105th birthday.

Mr. Johnson believes in the old adage, "Early to bed and early to rise."

He is not a teetotaler, for, he confides, he used to take a "nip" a half century or so ago. But he was never intoxicated in his life, although when he was a young man one could get a quart of whiskey for five cents, or five gallons of liquor for two bushels of rye.

On August 11, 1817, in the little hamlet of Charlottetown, Lawrence Johnson was born.

"I'm one of the Sandy Town 'divils,'" he laughed. "You know Stratfordville was known as 'Sandy Town.' I've been pretty near killed several times but I'm still here. I have lived in this district all my life, and was raised in Bayham Township.

The aged pioneer can point vivid word pictures of the Upper Canada rebels who crossed the ice on Lake Erie and engaged 64 regular soldiers at Ruthven, at a place called "The Furnace," near old John Wigle's farm. John Wigle was more than 100 years old when he died a few years ago.

Rebels Crossed Ice.

"I was with 64 other volunteers," began the centenarian, "when we heard the rebels were coming across the ice. We were about four miles away from John Wigle's farm when we got the news.

"We started on an Indian lope, and arrived there as soon as the rebels.

"I fired the first shot for I had a handier way of loading than the others. They took cover behind oak logs.

"None of the volunteers were scratched, although one of them had his clothes torn off by a ball.

"There were seventeen killed in that battle. Half of them were regulars.

"The rebels had a cannon, but they were afraid to bring it across the ice for fear it would sink."

Narrow escapes from death have not been uncommon in the life of Elgin County's oldest resident.

One morning at Port Burwell he and a chum were carried out into Lake Erie by the undertow. All day long they struggled to keep above water. Sometimes they swam to water. Sometimes they were unable to resist the current that was carrying them farther and farther from shore.

Carried Shoreward.

Not until late afternoon did they have hopes of being saved. At that time the current was reversed and they were carried shoreward.

About 5 o'clock they reached shore, and had it not been for Mr. Johnson's uncle, George Newkirk, who had conducted an all-day search for them, they would have drowned in the shallow water, for they were so weak that they could not even drag themselves on their hands and knees.

"I am almost ashamed to tell you this," Mr. Johnson remarked, "for it sounds so impossible. But it's a fact."

The trouble with the modern man is that he is too independent, the Avon veteran believes. Man today does not know the value of money, he thinks. High wages have brought about this condition, in his opinion.

"Why, when I was young," he said, "I found 1,100 sheaves in the field for 25 cents, and then I paid out 25 cents to have a pair of breeches cut out for me.

"I was a flax dresser. I also used to spin.

Money Scarce Then.

"Money was scarce in those days. And we used to pay twelve shillings if we wanted a pound of tea. The highest pay we received was two

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POLICE OF ERIN SEEK HAVEN IN GREAT BRITAIN

Disbanded Irish Constabulary Petition Colonial Office For Protection.

ORDERED FROM IRELAND

Threatened With Instant Death If They Return To Country.

London, April 21.—The British government has a serious problem in dealing with several thousand disbanded Royal Irish Constabulary. A large number of them yesterday presented a petition to Winston Churchill, the colonial secretary, saying they had all been ordered out of Ireland, and asking for empty houses or barracks in England, as well as protection from the places of disembarkment in Ireland until they are aboard steamers leaving that country.

Placards, said the petition, have been posted in a number of Irish towns, threatening that all R. I. C. who return will be shot on sight. The petition said many of them had already been murdered, that some had been turned out of their houses without warning, that their houses had been burned, and that a number had been dragged off steamers on which they were about to embark to England.

Nearly all of the constabulary have families, and while the government had granted pensions, they must leave Ireland for England, where there is no little chance of finding homes or employment. Most of them do not have sufficient money to emigrate across the sea, although they would make splendid settlers for colonies.

FIRING IN PROGRESS.

Belfast, April 21.—Firing was again in progress in the short strand area of Ballymacarret, the eastern section of Belfast, early this morning. A sergeant in the special Ulster constabulary was the first casualty of the day.

Two deaths in the hospital last night and the death today of Andrew McCann, one of yesterday's wounded, raised the Easter tide toll to twelve.

Three men who were discovered Turn to Page 15, Column 6.

Nancy Had Liquid Assets In Tin-Lined Valise, and She Paid

HAMILTON, April 21.—A short time ago Nancy Nas-tassio was found by Inspector Cruickshanks carrying what appeared to be a ledger. He took the supposed book and found it to be a cunningly-devised can with a tap for carrying liquor. It was as dry then as ledgers usually are, and no charge could be laid against her.

Last night the inspector saw her in an automobile, and making a search of the car found a can in the shape of valise. It contained whiskey which, she said, she was going to take to a christening. She was fined \$500 and the whiskey confiscated.

OTTAWA RIVER FLOODS VALLEY

Causes Huge Damage To Industries, Railroads, Booms and Wharves.

People Flee From Homes As Water Continues To Rise.

Ottawa, April 21.—Nearly 400 feet of C. P. R. track was washed out at Britannia, a summer resort near here, by the high water of the Ottawa River late yesterday. The destruction of the roadbed made necessary the rerouting of all trains coming into the city in that direction.

Apart from washing out the roadbed and displacing the tracks, the financial loss is not heavy. The high water and heavy winds which visited these parts yesterday played havoc with the wharf at Queen's Park, Aymer, Quebec, part of the wharf being carried away.

While rumors have been current about the breaking of a dam in waters that lead to the Ottawa River, the reports have not been confirmed. According to information received by the public works department the level of Lake Temiskaming has been rising steadily, and if this continues

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Buffalo Nickel Stands Between Curly Headed Baby Girl and Life Itself

Cleveland, Ohio, April 21.—A showed clearly whether the coin was in the trachea or the esophagus. Probing failed to clear this point and later photographs showed the coin had gone further down.

The latest X-ray picture showed the coin even with the shoulders' tip and it was announced that Betty Jane will be kept under observation in the hope that study of her condition will reveal the location of the coin. No X-rays will be taken until then because it is feared rapid successive exposures might have a harmful effect on the tissues.

Besides seeking to prevent strangulation—if the nickel is in the trachea—attending physicians are taking every precaution against the development of bronchitis or pneumonia because of the inflamed condition of the throat and the restriction of the air supply.

An operation will be made only as a last resort because surgeons fear it might lead to impairment of the child's vocal organs. One specialist who has studied the case carefully said it presents some of the most baffling angles of any brought to the attention of specialists.

Her parents brought her here and X-ray photographs were taken. None

RAID ON LOCAL CHINESE JOINT SIGNALS START

Twelve Celestials Remanded, Week After Baffling Shuffle in Court.

DRIVE WILL GO ON

Three Federal Officers and Local Police Behind Net Already Spread.

Federal authorities have begun their long-awaited drive on the illicit drug ring in Western Ontario.

They opened their campaign in London Thursday night, when at their instigation city police conducted two raids on Chinese resorts on Clarence street, capturing twelve Chinamen, several pipes, spirit lamps, other paraphernalia and a quantity of opium.

Three of the prisoners arrested when Inspector Thomas Lucas, Sgt. James Oakley and Constables Gavin Monahan, Fred Tomlin and Fuller swooped down on 349 Clarence street and 357 1-2 Clarence street, were charged under the narcotics and drug act with having drugs in their possession.

The other nine were charged with smoking opium.

Friday morning the case was adjourned for one week, in order to give counsel for the prisoners sufficient time to prepare a defence.

Meanwhile the three federal officers who are here will continue an intensive drive on the ring in other parts of the district.

Federal Officers Here.

The federal officers did not actually participate in the raid Thursday night, but took an active part in aiding the crown Friday morning.

Police have little trouble raiding Chinese resorts in their search for drugs. It's the aftermath—the roll call in court the following morning—that troubles them.

Friday morning was no exception to the rule. Some of the Celestials had given wrong names, and some did not appear. However, whether any of the defendants are absent does not matter. The colony always manages to muster the required number, absentees electing a substitute to face the court.

Twelve names were called, and twelve Chinamen answered to them. Turn to Page 15, Column 2.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Moderate winds; fair today and on Saturday, and becoming milder.

The disturbance which was over the Ottawa Valley has moved eastward to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, causing strong winds and showers in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

The weather has been fine and milder in all parts of the West.

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

Victoria ... 54 44
Calgary ... 58 34
Winnipeg ... 42 28
Pt. Arthur ... 36 20
P. Sound ... 28 18
Toronto ... 33 25
Kingston ... 38 24
Ottawa ... 42 24
Montreal ... 42 24
Quebec ... 45 28
E. Point ... 45 28
St. John ... 52 34
Halifax ... 42 34

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 40; lowest, 25.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Satellite Readings.

Thursday—8 p.m., 29.51.
Today—8 a.m., 29.51.

Women of 22 Lands Unite In Fight For Rights at Pan-American Conference In Baltimore



LADY NANCY ASTOR, Delegate from England.



MRS. JAIME C. DE VEIRA, Delegate from Philippines.



SENORA AMALIA E. MALLEN-DE SENORITA OSTOLAZA, Delegate from Cuba.



SENORA ARCADIA ZALLES, Delegate from Bolivia.



MISS BERTHE LUTZ, Delegate from Brazil.



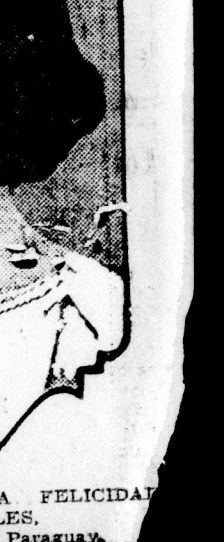
SENORA CARMEN DE PINILLOS, Delegate from Peru.



SEÑORITA MARIA FELICIDAD GONZALEZ, Delegate from Paraguay.



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