

ALL CITY DOINGS

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ENGINEER AND WENIGE CLASH

Stage War of Words in Engineer's Office When Complaint Laid.

Matter Expected To Cause Sensation When City Council Meets Tuesday.

City Engineer H. A. Brazier and ex-Ald. George Wenige added another chapter to their feud Monday morning when they clashed in the engineer's office. Prospects are that there will be a merry row over the matter at Tuesday's council meeting.

The engineer told the ex-alderman that he would put him out of his office. Wenige says he will demand that the council make the engineer apologize or he will sue the city for maintaining such an "insolent official."

The "casus belli" in this incident is a hole washed in the ground at the end of Erie avenue by the heavy rain Monday morning. The innocent hole is about a foot deep, one to two feet wide at the top and several feet long. It was washed through a filling put in on the side of the hill, just at the end of the pavement a year ago. The idea was to protect the pavement. Monday the eggshell became blocked by debris, the water overflowed until it was almost a run from the house to the hole, and in so doing it washed out the fill. The engineer estimates that the hole would not take one load of filling.

However, the hole might be termed as "the straw which broke the camel's back," and thus the developments are more important than the hole itself, although the engineer states that there is no record in his office of a complaint having been received that the cess pool was plugged.

Mr. Wenige first called the engineer on the phone. Evidently there was an exchange. Mr. Wenige last year made charges against the "inefficiency" of the engineer's department. His opening remark over the phone was something to point that his complaint was an evidence of inefficiency despite the "whitewash" of the special committee last year.

At this point the engineer told the complainant that if he had a complaint to make, to do so at his office and Mr. Wenige accepted the invitation.

Evidently the engineer made preparations to receive him, for when Wenige appeared, the engineer laid down a ruling, that if the complainant said anything that the engineer did not like, he would put him out of his office.

Matters proceeded somewhat quietly. There was no report to arms and ultimately Wenige departed.

Wenige said that as he left he was told that if he was ever caught in the office again he would be thrown clear out.

"That's the kind of an official we have, and I believe that is the kind of talk that he has been handing out right along. To some citizens the engineer appears as the 'big noise,' and no complaints are made. However, we have not got to stand for that, and I personally will not. It's a shame when a man appears with a just complaint that he is greeted in such a way. I will demand that the council make him apologize or I will sue the city for maintaining such an insolent official."

He made it as a personal matter," said the engineer. "I don't think that I have to sit quietly by and take all these personal attacks without taking steps to protect myself. I told Mr. Wenige that his complaint would be looked into as a matter of course. He demanded that he would be put out of the office if he said things which I did not like."

WOMAN WORKER TELLS OF RALLY

In an interesting address at the labor forum, Sunday evening, Mrs. C. Derry, a member of the London Trades and Labor Council, submitted a resume of the recent convention in Ottawa of the national council on the immigration of women, at which she attended as representative of the Dominion Trades Congress.

Mrs. Derry outlined the object of this movement, explaining certain resolutions that were adopted, and subsequently submitted to the Hon. C. Stewart, federal minister of immigration.

The London delegate related that the convention has discussed among other things, the alleged manner in which women were brought from the British Isles, presumably as domestics but who subsequently drifted into other trades.

Local Labor Is in Favor of Canada-Wide Unity of Its Forces

LOCAL members of the Independent Labor Party seem to be in accord with the proposal emanating from the provincial convention of that body in Hamilton Saturday last that they should join forces with the Ontario branch of the Canadian Labor Party.

When the referendum is taken in the near future it is felt that little or no opposition will be encountered locally. This question, discussed at the recent Stratford convention, has also been thoroughly considered by the London I. L. P.

There has been a growing feeling both locally and elsewhere that the Canadian Labor Party should admit individual membership, and the merging of the I. L. P. forces with those of the larger body is recognized as the first move in that direction.

MILITIA CHANGES ARE ANNOUNCED

A number of militia changes affecting Western Ontario units are announced in Saturday's Gazette. The nomenclature of musketry instructors is the first steps toward the annual training.

Capt. (brevet major) T. C. Lamb, Western Ontario Regiment, is transferred to the reserve of officers.

Lieuts. R. M. Trow and W. R. C. Taylor become provisional captains in the Perth Regiment.

Capt. C. G. Campbell, who has been signalling officer of the Halimand Regiment, becomes musketry instructor.

In the second brigade C. M. G. C. Capt. G. N. Tucker is transferred to the corps reserve.

Highland Light Infantry, Capt. F. W. Landreth is appointed musketry instructor, and Andrew Scott Thibault is commissioned lieutenant.

Wellington Rifles, to be provisional lieutenant John Knox Macdonald, Cecil Maitland Patmore.

C. A. M. C., general list, to be captain: Capt. J. B. Jupp, and to have seniority immediately following Capt. F. L. Neely.

Norfolk Rifles, David H. Hall is commissioned lieutenant.

Town Topics.

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

It is not good for man to be alone.—Genesis 2:18.

WOULD we codify the laws that should reign in households, and whose daily transgression annoys and mortifies us, and degrades our household life, we must legislate. Good manners, temperance, courage, love, are made up of the same jewels. Listen to every prompting of honor.—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

TOMORROW'S DOINGS.

TUESDAY.—London Presbyterian meets at First Presbyterian church, 10 o'clock.

Chamber of Commerce board holds regular meeting at Tecumseh House, 1:30 p.m.

CITY CLERK S. BAKER and Mrs. Baker are leaving on Wednesday for a week's trip to New York.

EX-MAYOR E. S. LITTLE is about again after a rather prolonged illness.

THE CITY COUNCIL will hold its regular meeting the last of the month on Tuesday night instead of on Easter Monday night.

ALL OFFICES at the court house were closed Monday, the wheels of justice shutting down for "Easter Monday."

MONDAY BEING a government and bank holiday there was only a morning delivery of mail and all the banks were closed.

POSTPONED SINCE March the inaugural meeting of the executive committee of the London Motor Club will be held Monday at 5 p.m.

FRANK E. HARLEY has returned after spending the past two months touring the southern states, visiting Tampa and other cities in Florida.

THE BOARD OF HEALTH will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday night. As the council will be in session, the board will meet in the mayor's office.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT made a run to the rear of 87 Maple street at 8 o'clock Monday morning, where

WESTERN CLASS TO HOLD REUNION

Members '17, Medical School, Will Meet Two Days Before Convocation Week.

PROVIDE SHADE TREES

Many Student Groups Plan to Return to Alma Mater Every Five Years.

Members of Class '17 of Western University Medical School will hold their first reunion since graduation, in this city, next May. The reunion will be held two days before convocation week opens at Western University, and a suitable program is being arranged to make the visit of non-resident members to London a most enjoyable one.

At convocation in May, 1917, members of the graduating class in medicine agreed to hold a reunion every five years, and the one planned for May is the first. Many members of the class who are following their chosen profession in all parts of the continent will avail themselves of this opportunity to renew old friendships made during studies at the Medical School.

Are Becoming Popular. Reunions of graduating classes at the Medical School here are becoming more popular. Since Class '10 played the way last year, this reunion proved such a success that many classes are making arrangements to meet at their alma mater. It is proposed to make the reunions quintennial for each class, in view of the fact that many graduates must travel long distances to attend. Another feature of this method is the fact that every convocation week in any year at Western will be featured by a reunion. Five years after graduation is the usual date of a reunion, class '18 meeting in May, 1923.

Plant Oak Sapling.

Last year when Class '10 met at the Medical School, the program included interesting medical papers read to former classmates by members of '10 who have won recognition for brilliant work in various centers. At the same time an oak sapling, symbolic of Meds. '10, was planted on the lawn of the new Western University Medical School, on Ottawa avenue, and it has since flourished, thereby reminding all medical students there of their predecessors.

It is hoped to follow similar procedure at the reunion of Class '17, and other classes at future reunions, thereby providing shade trees for the school, symbolic of its graduates, beneath which future students, now in their infancy may recline and seek inspiration.

The committee in charge of arrangements for the reunion of Class '17 is composed of Dr. J. A. Renwick, Thamesford, and Dr. C. J. A. McKillop of St. Thomas.

LEAPS FROM TAXI, FATALLY INJURED

Windsor, Ont., April 17.—A fractured skull received when he leaped to the roadway from a swiftly moving taxicab at Sandwich street and Langdale avenue, Saturday night, caused the death of Hotel Dieu 19:39 o'clock Sunday night of John McFarlane, 128 Pierre avenue. Police have been unable to unearth the reason for his rash action. Mrs. Winnifred Fowler, of Toledo, who was his companion in the taxi, is being held by the police as a material witness.

Police conjecture that McFarlane jumped from the car to escape a considerable taxi bill. He was in the vicinity of his home when he made the jump.

A barn belonging to Catalano & Sons, one had caught fire. The damage was small.

MRS. GISTIN ORNTOSKI, wanted in Hamilton on a charge of theft, was arrested by Detectives Down and Eggleston in London's foreign quarters Saturday night. She was taken back to Hamilton Monday afternoon.

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE is making a special success of the International Penny Show to be held in this city in June. It is predicted that one of the finest floral displays ever seen in this country will be on exhibition.

THE HEAVY WIND, of Monday blew out another of the large plate glass windows of the hydro shop. It was cracked slightly during the last storm, when the adjoining window succumbed to the elements. No one was injured when the window crashed down.

BUILDING FIGURES for April so far total \$11,889. A. Wallace, William street, has taken out a permit to erect a \$4,000 brick residence. The trustees of the Church of God have secured a permit to erect a new tabernacle at 112 Paul street to cost \$2,000. It will be frame, of post and truss construction.

Board of Education to Discover If Squatters' Rights Recognized Today

Is there such a thing in London as a "squatter's rights"? This is a problem about to confront the board of education. Quite recently the members of the latter body deemed it highly advisable to dispose of their property on Grand avenue and Richmond street north, both parcels of land being of considerable size and value.

The architect was directed to proceed with the division of the land into building lots and all arrangements were being completed for immediate sale by auction. Then the trustees encountered the proverbial snag.

It appears that in the dim historic past the board of education of the day caused to be erected on one side of the property a high board fence. This move itself was to be highly commended, if it were not for the fact, apparently, that the partition was not placed on the exact boundary line, but nearly five feet within the school property.

In the course of time the owner of the adjacent property constructed certain buildings, a part of which are now standing upon the five feet in question. The issue now arises whether the present board is in a position to compel the owner to shift these buildings or even purchase the debatable land.

As a preliminary move the assessment rolls will be consulted by the educational authorities to ascertain whether their neighbor has been paying taxes for the property during the several years. If he has not the trustees feel that they will encounter little or no difficulty in forcing him to move or buy. If, on the other hand, he has been paying taxes for the same, the question as to action seems problematical, they say.

Should they compel him to vacate the land his taxes, naturally, they believe, would have to be rebated.

RETIREES IN PARK WITH CAFE DISHES

George E. Brown, Jeweler, Remanded To Jail by Magistrate On Own Request.

TOLD CANADIANS FIRST

Husky Macedonian Job-Hunter Rests in Cell After Five Months Tour.

George Edward Brown, a jeweler by trade, who has roomed at the same place in London for ten years, has run against some hard luck, and decided to spend the night in Victoria Park.

Constable McCaughy found him at an early hour Monday morning keeping house in a flower bed with a "clock" of restaurant dishes for company.

Constable McCaughy told the man that he was in the wrong kind of a place, and brought him to the police station.

Brown told the court that he had relatives in the city, but that his brother was on a trip to England at the present time. The prisoner did not look to be the ordinary kind of vagrant, and Magistrate Gaudin complied with his request to be remanded to jail for a short time.

He was remanded to jail for a week, and a husky-looking individual from Macedonia, told the court that he had been looking industriously for work for five months, but people told him that Canadians came first when it came to handing out jobs, and for work.

Since said he had worked in the western harvest fields last fall, and then returned to Toronto. He had a little money when he started out from the Queen City. Last Wednesday night he slept in the Brantford police station.

"I'll remain you to jail for a week," stated the court. "Surely an able-bodied man like you should be able to find work somewhere."

WORK IN ANNEX, BUT PAY CITY INCOME TAX RATE

Ald. Dr. Douglass Complains of Change Made by Tax Officials.

Just when the income and business tax assessment question in the annex is about to be discussed, it comes to light that this year, residents of the city proper who are employed in the annex are being assessed at their homes.

This has been the cause for complaint and questions on the part of Ald. L. Douglass.

Dr. Douglass asked if residents of the city, working in the annex, were being assessed for income tax at their homes or place of business, and if at the latter, were they being charged on the 15-mill rate or the regular rate.

The answer of the assessment commissioner is that they have been taxed at their place of business, and thus they paid on 15 mills.

This year, however, Mr. Grant made a change and is assessing those incomes at the residences so that the receiver of the incomes will be liable for the full mill rate of the city.

The next question that is bound to come up, is whether or not the same policy should apply to all. This, if carried out, would mean that annex residents working in the city proper, would be assessed for incomes at their homes. They might demand that they only be charged 15 mills, but the answer of Ald. Douglass is that this is the 15 mill rate does not apply to business tax and incomes.

The council on Tuesday night will go into the whole matter.

DANCE ENDS NO. 10 HOSPITAL REUNION

New Medical School Scene of Closing Event of Splendid Effort.

HONOR MEMORY OF DEAD

To Place Wreath On Victoria Hospital Tablet To Nursing Sisters' Memory.

The two-day reunion of former members of No. 10 Stationary Hospital was fittingly brought to a close Saturday evening with an attractive dance at the new medical school.

Besides the 60 officers, nursing sisters and men living in London, there was an equally large number from Windsor, Toronto and other centers throughout Western Ontario.

A skit put on by three former members was enthusiastically received. George Taylor, as a black face comedian, supported by Brood and Bill Pace, of Hamilton, drew forth peals of laughter.

Col. E. Seaborn, who was the host to the former members Friday evening, in a brief address told the ready way in which the city boys had taken hold of the reunion and made it a success. He was sure that all who had come to the get-together from distances were more than repaid by the renewal of friendships formed overseas and the opportunity to talk over old times together.

In the midst of the festivity the members must be reminded, he said, of the fact that two of their number, Capt. E. H. Young and Thomas Halldane, had died. His resolution that letters of condolences be sent to the widows of these two men was passed. Letters will also be sent to E. E. Everingham, who is undergoing a serious operation, and to Capt. Douglass, whose child is seriously ill. It was resolved that a wreath be placed on the Victoria Hospital tablet in memory of these nursing sisters. Miss Whitley, Miss McDougall and Miss McDonald, who had died.

Regrets at inability to attend the reunion were received from Gordon Stewart, R. W. Titchhurst, Gertrude Wadcock, Joseph Reynolds, D. McDevlin, Bill Blackwell, V. A. James, Miss Dalmage, E. E. Everingham, Ann Simpson, Capt. C. L. Douglass, Mrs. Ismay, Samuel Betham and Sherman Stewart.

McDevlin moved a vote of thanks to the entertainment committee for the splendid way in which they had prepared for the reunion.

WEEKLY COURT

Hon. Mr. Justice Fisher held his first local court session since his appointment at the weekly high court on Saturday and disposed of three cases.

In the case of the Midland Wood Preserving Company vs. the E. Hill Lumber Company judgment was given against defendant for the amount claimed, \$1,258.27, with costs. J. P. Moore appeared for plaintiff, and E. W. Scattered for defendant.

In the case of the Robinson Lumber Company against the E. Hill Lumber Company judgment was ordered against defendant for the amount claimed, \$1,299.61. C. G. Jarvis for plaintiff and E. W. Scattered for defendant.

Re the estate of Olaf Lindstrom of Oxford County, a matter pending in the surrogate court, a contest arising out of a will, an order was made, transferring the action from the surrogate court to the supreme court. A. R. Douglass appeared for the motion and T. G. Meredith, K.C., represented the executors.

WILL ADVISE ZONE BUILDING IN CITY

Thomas Adams To Address C. of C. Wednesday On Town Planning.

PLAN WORKS IN NEW YORK

Five-Year Trial in Metropolis Stamps Idea As Success Where Properly Enforced.

Thomas Adams of Ottawa, town planning adviser for the Canadian government, who is now making a comprehensive survey of London in order that he may advise pertaining to the preparation of a permanent plan for future development here, will address the members of the Chamber of Commerce Wednesday noon, taking as his subject, "Town Planning as a Measure of Economy."

There is no man in the town-planning profession whose position and authority are so universally recognized. He was the first secretary of the movement in England twenty years ago, and first manager of the English Garden City, later becoming town planning expert to the British government.

Since coming to Canada, Mr. Adams has been engaged in framing town planning laws for the different provinces, and in writing and lecturing all over the Dominion. By arrangement with the government, he has been free to practice privately in the United States, and has been called into consultation all over the continent wherever problems of town planning were under consideration.

He recently undertook work of an extensive character in England, and since his return has spent considerable time in New York, where a building zone law has been in effect for over five years, and has proven quite satisfactory.

It is the latter plan which Mr. Adams proposed to introduce here. He states:

"Edward M. Bassett, chairman of the New York zoning committee, says the Greater New York building zone law has now been in operation over five years. The protective requirements are shown on three maps, known as height, area and use. The charter provides that changes in the maps can be made only by the board of estimate. The aggregate changes are extremely small in area, showing the remarkable permanence of the protection of the zoning system."

"In the years 1916-1921, inclusive, 158 applications for changes were granted by the board of estimate and 134 were denied. These figures tend to show that changes are not easily obtained. This is as it should be, because when an owner builds according to the zoning requirements he ought to be protected against any changes of surrounding requirements."

"Of the total changes there were 4 in 1916, 43 in 1917, 26 in 1918, 29 in 1919, 27 in 1920 and 38 in 1921. It would appear from the figures that during the last three years the map changes were fairly proportioned to the normal growth and change of the city."

"Use map changes were 143, area map 11, and height map 4. It is quite possible that as the amount of new construction increases, more changes proportionally will be made in the area and height maps."

"In 1916, the four changes all relaxed the restrictions; in 1917, 26 relaxed and 3 strengthened the restrictions; in 1918, 29 relaxed and 6 strengthened; in 1919, 12 relaxed and 15 strengthened; in 1920, 15 relaxed and 23 strengthened. In other words, in 1916 there was no strengthening, in 1917 the strengthening as compared to relaxation rose to 19 per cent, in 1918 to 30 per cent, in 1919 to 54 per cent, in 1920 to 125 per cent, and in 1921 to 153 per cent. It will be seen that during the last two years the strengthening changes exceeded the relaxing changes, and that each year the proportion of strengthening changes increased. These figures show not only official support of the zoning plan, but they show clearly that property-owners are gradually favoring the strengthening of the zoning requirements rather than their relaxation."

"The building zone system of New York may be deemed a success. Other cities, which have recently adopted it or are preparing their maps, may well be encouraged by the experience of New York."

BRITISH MAILS

The next mail for Great Britain and Europe will close at the local postoffice at 10 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 1922, to be forwarded via steamship Peninsula state, sailing from New York on April 20, 1922.

This mail will consist of letters and registered matter only.

Mayor and Aldermen Take "Pats," But Officials Forgotten

It has been often remarked in city hall circles that if any municipal scene goes off "swimmingly," the mayor and council always receive the "plaudits" and "pats" on the back. On the other hand if someone throws a monkey-wrench into the machinery of some enterprise and everything goes wrong, the officials are made the "scapegoats."

Saturday is cited as an evidence of this. City Clerk Baker made a goodly portion of the arrangements for the reception to Lord and Lady Byng. He was on the job, handling practically all the arrangements. Everything went off swimmingly.

No one heard the clerk's name mentioned. He didn't even get a chance to shake hands with Lord Byng. No one remembered to present him.

METHODISTS WILL DISCUSS UNION

Steps are being continually taken by various denominational organizations in the city toward the final realization of church union. A standing committee on co-operation of the London Methodist Council met in Wesley Hall Monday afternoon, and it is expected that matters pertaining to church union will be discussed.

The committee was formed at a time when co-operation was more than usually active between Methodists and Presbyterians, but has lately fallen more or less into abeyance.

LEAVES TO ATTEND RAIL CONFERENCE

James Corbett Is Delegate From G. T. R. Shops Craft to Montreal Joint Parley.

DETERMINED ON STAND

Men Will Not Accept Wage Cuts or Longer Hours Without Struggle.

James Corbett of London, chief spokesman for the federated shopcrafts of the Grand Trunk Railway, left Sunday for Montreal to attend the joint conference which opens in this city Monday between the employees and managements of the several Canadian railroad corporations.

Mr. Corbett had just returned to this city from Chicago, where he attended a gathering of rail chiefs from all sections of the continent. Previous Monday he had attended the convention of No. 4 District of the car shop men in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The Montreal conference follows as a result of the 30-day notice from the railroad managements to the Canadian Railway Association, that it was their wish to re-open the existing wage and condition agreements with their employees.

Although the companies have not as yet officially stated when it is their intention to reduce wages or lengthen hours of labor or both, the men have been frank in their avowed determination not to accept the same without a struggle.

John Chick, secretary of the local Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, which includes the clerks and station men, stated Monday that the C. B. of R. E. would not be in progress in Montreal. He explained that the clerks will meet the company's representatives at a later date.

SCHOOL OFFICERS ATTEND PARLEY

V. K. Greer, senior school inspector, and Dr. George S. Wein, school attendance officer, are attending meetings that Toronto in connection with the Ontario Educational Association, which opens there Monday morning.

While the former will meet with the other school inspectors of the province, the latter will attend a meeting at which it is proposed to establish a branch of the Attendance Officers' Association, and at which much valuable information in connection with the enforcement of the new regulations of the adolescence act will be imparted.

ROB FIVE HOMES OVER WEEK-END

Thieves Operate in All Parts of London, Getting Jewelry and Money.

Detectives Advise Citizens To Heed List of "Don'ts" Advertiser Published.

Thieves spent a busy week-end in London, no less than five cases of robbery or attempted robbery being reported to police headquarters from Saturday night till Monday morning.

Dr. J. T. Bowman, 183 Wortley road, scared a skylight expert into such frenzied action that he descended a ladder parked against the doctor's house in a swift slide and disappeared into the darkness at 1 o'clock Saturday night.

Dr. Bowman and his wife heard footsteps on the roof, and opening an upstairs window, the physician called out, wanting to know who was there. The man lost no time in removing himself, not only from the roof, but the vicinity as well.

Investigation showed that the skylight on the house had been tampered with, while the ladder used had been stolen from the premises of a neighbor where painters had been at work.

While the family were at church Sunday night the home of G. R. McAlpine, 889 Queen's avenue, was entered and a diamond ring, signet and band rings were stolen, as well as strings of beads.

Detectives believe that the entry through a side window was made by two tramps, one short and one tall who had been seen in the neighborhood earlier in the evening.

The rear door of the home of Rob Pearson, 61 Bedford street, was forced in between 9:45 o'clock and 10:30 o'clock Sunday night by thieves.

Mr. Pearson, in his report to the police, stated that a woman's black plush coat, a child's straw hat and a woman's velvet hat had been taken. Apparently a thief or thieves have a hard time to waken in the morning, because they stole the family alarm clock as well as a woman's bicycle, No. 6868, with an English frame, 21 inches.

Some time after midnight Saturday a rear window of Ferguson's garage was pried open by thieves, who rifled the till of a few dollars in change and escaped without