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ANTI-BETTING ACT DECLARES INVALID BY JUDGE DENTON

Rules Ontario Legislature Had No Jurisdiction in Passing Law.

DISMISSES CASE

Kingston, Aug. 16.—Asked by the Canadian Press today concerning Judge Denton's decision that the Ontario Betting Act is ultra vires, Hon. W. F. Nickle, attorney-general, said he most certainly would appeal the decision.

Special to The Advertiser.
Toronto, Aug. 16.—Judge Denton gave his decision today in the cases of Samuel and Minnie Lichtman, charged with publishing race track betting information contrary to the Ontario act.

His Honor declared he could come to no other conclusion than that the Ontario legislation had no jurisdiction to pass the act.

The cases against Lichtman were therefore dismissed, the crown stated that the summonses against 10 other news agents would be withdrawn.

"Are you going to appeal?" The Advertiser asked crown attorney Mr. Ruer.

"That depends upon instructions from the attorney-general," he replied. It is regarded as a certainty that an appeal will be taken by the attorney-general.

The decision of Judge Denton declaring that the Ontario act respecting betting information is ultra vires, is likely that such action will be taken direct to the appellate division at Osgoode Hall.

The case will not be argued there before September 17 on which date the court resumes.

Attorney General Nickle is in Kingston today in connection with his nomination for re-election consequent on his being a cabinet minister, it was therefore not possible to get an official statement as to the situation.

What action the department proposes to take, Premier Ferguson is also in his own constituency.

Rules No Jurisdiction.
While the Ontario act is held to be ultra vires, the judgment does not affect the common law, prohibiting the importation of sheets containing purely racing information.

Ontario newspapers may under the decision, resume the practice of publishing the prices paid on the competing horses and other racing information.

American daily papers, containing similar news may also be sold in the province.

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COOLIDGE FEELS DANGER NOW PAST OF MINERS' STRIKE

U. S. President Is Victor in First Round of Averting Crisis.

ABANDON CHECK-OFF

Special to The Advertiser.
Washington, Aug. 16.—President Coolidge was the victor in the first round against the hard coal strike.

Abandonment by the miners of the check-off system, whereby union dues were collected in return for concessions by the operators, permits the president and his advisers to breathe easily again.

For the past week the impression has been growing in Washington that a strike in the anthracite fields was almost inevitable. That belief spurred the president to action, and resulted in the calling of the New York meeting.

A joint meeting in Pittsburgh between the operators and miners, in connection with the United States coal commission to arrange for the resumption of wage negotiations. The president feels the strike danger virtually has passed.

As the politicians regard the Coolidge move as a political victory if he can stave off a coal strike. They believe his popularity is enhanced and the chances for his election in 1924 materially increased.

Once a strike started there was no telling where it would end. The government might seize the mines and call out the troops, but as John L. Lewis, president of the Miners' Union, has so frequently pointed out, "you can't mine coal with a bayonet."

The relief which the news from the coal conference brought to the Coolidge-for-President boomers was unmistakable. A strike over the check-off system, matter which the public does not generally understand, would have been a test of strength between miners and operators, and would have done the Coolidge candidacy harm.

Will Again Deny the British Charge With Reference to Ruhr Occupation.

Special to The Advertiser.
Paris, Aug. 16.—Premier Poincaré is writing the French reply to the latest British reparations note, in which he will reiterate the general policy of the government towards the questions of reparations and inter-allied debts. It was learned semi-officially today.

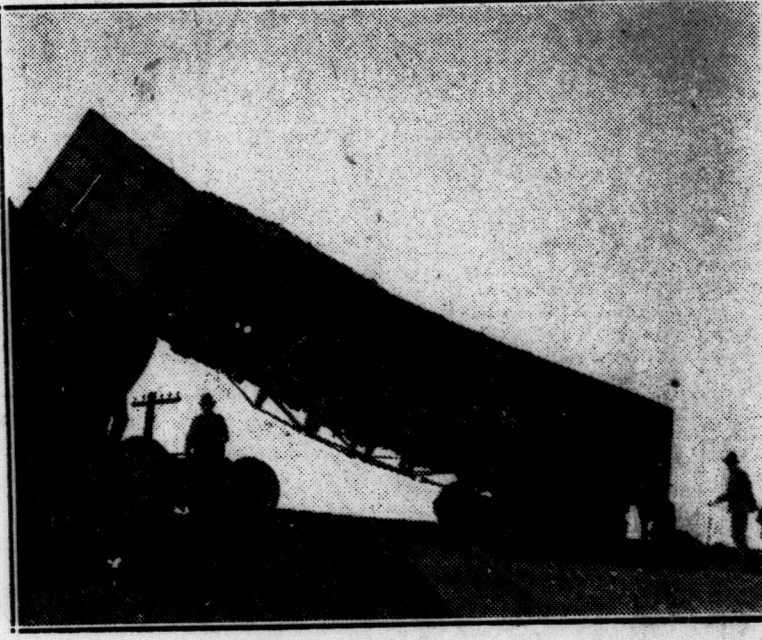
According to authoritative information the note virtually will be an elaboration of the letter which Comte St. Aulaire, French ambassador to London, gave out on June 29 and which subsequently was published in the French "Yellow book" setting forth the innermost thoughts of France regarding reparations.

This means that France, in her reply, will deny the British charge that occupation of the Ruhr is not justified by the treaty of Versailles and will cling to her determination not to surrender the occupied territory until Germany has ceased passive resistance and given full guarantees to carry out her pledges for reparations payments.

Prisoner Tries Suicide, Later Dies From Shock

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Aug. 16.—Gordon Lyett, who was addicted to the use of "dope," and was under sentence for bigamy, died today as the result of the shock yesterday when he attempted to hang himself.

Special to The Advertiser.
New Orleans, La., Aug. 16.—Katherine O'Brien, 11, swam the mile and a half span of the Mississippi river between New Orleans and Algiers in 20 minutes. Katherine took the place of another girl who was scheduled to swim the river but lost her nerve after hearing stories of alligators and garfish said to infest the river.



THE FREIGHT WRECK AT KERWOOD.

The accompanying picture conveys some idea how the C. N. R. freight cars were piled up and overturned in Wednesday night's wreck. The picture was taken after 7 o'clock this morning, after the westbound track had been cleared and the engine and wrecked tender removed.

Complain To Inspector of Disposal of Garbage At Victoria Hospital

Dr. F. R. Clegg, Superintendent, Admits Conditions Are Not Good, and Promises Improvement.

While the ordinary householder in the city obediently puts his garbage into covered cans, as directed by the city bylaw, Victoria Hospital authorities dump their dry garbage into a little outdoor room, some ten or twelve feet from which it is shoveled daily by the garbage man into an open cart and removed to the civic incinerator.

At the hospital there are two separate rooms in which the garbage is dumped. One contains the dry matter and the other the wet. It is the dry stuff that is shoveled away each day into the open cart. Within twenty feet of the dry room is the laundry, and on the hot days in the summer it is said that they have to keep the windows closed on account of the smell.

About fifty feet to the north of the garbage room is the room in which dressings are prepared for use in the hospital. There are windows overlooking the garbage room, and yesterday they were open and protected only by fly screens. A small grass lawn touches the walls of the garbage house, and on this lawn were blankets stretched to dry in the sun and wind. One of the hospital wards runs to within perhaps a hundred feet of the open door of the garbage house.

A Nest of Odors.
In addition to this there is a large bank of cinders and old cans built by the city just behind the hospital on the river bank. Several ratepayers wrote to the sanitary inspector some days ago, complaining that the odor from this bank was not particularly desirable in summer time, and it was read to the board of works at their last meeting, being referred to the city engineer and the sanitary inspector to investigate the cause of the complaint.

The sanitary department today stated that the garbage arrangement of the hospital did not come under their authority and that the hospital was responsible.

Dr. F. R. Clegg, the newly appointed superintendent of Victoria hospital, while admitting that conditions in the way of garbage disposal at the hospital are not all they might be, stated that there is absolutely no danger of any kind attaching to the system now in use.

"The only legitimate complaint that can possibly be made," he said, "is that there is a disagreeable smell coming from the garbage house."

"Moreover," he added, "the refuse is cleared away every morning and is never lies long enough to have very much smell. As soon as I have time and as soon as the more important items of rearrangement in the hospital are completed, I shall deal with this question and see what can be done to eliminate every cause of complaint. As a matter of fact, the city dump, just behind the hospital, is more guilty of creating unpleasant odors than this garbage house of ours."

Dr. Clegg admitted that putting the dry refuse into covered cans would be an improvement over present conditions.

Disinfectant Dressings.
The superintendent pointed out that all the used surgical dressings which are not infected are thrown into the dry garbage house and the infected ones are put into a separate container.

Householders in Fear.
Evidently looters and tramps about that vicinity have inspired fear in the hearts of many householders. In Grey street information obtained from one of the latter concerning the activities of the "gangs" who haunt the place, was only divulged after a promise that names would be published.

"Grey street and vicinity is infested with tough characters," one resident said. "Don't publish my name. I don't want to get in wrong with a wild gang like that."

Many households have visited the Thames bank dump heap this morning to see the spot where the single stick exploded. Some lived nearby and claimed it was a rather common occurrence for men to dynamite for fish. The charge is placed in the water and scarcely any sound is heard when the dynamite has been used. The fact that dynamite has been used before in the district for killing fish tends to substantiate the theory of Chief Birrell, that the cache found yesterday was intended for that purpose.

DYNAMITE CACHE STILL A MYSTERY TO POLICE CHIEF

Sleuths Cannot Discover Why Explosive Was Hidden Near Traction Bridge.

STRANGE VISITORS

No late developments in connection with the finding of 27 sticks of dynamite near the old Traction bridge yesterday have come to light. Chief of Police Robert Birrell is inclined to the opinion that the discovery will remain one of those mysteries that baffle solution.

"It's one of those things almost impossible to account for," he declared. "Why, when and for what purpose it was hidden there is beyond comprehension. Many theories have been advanced, but none is satisfactory. The most logical of all explanations, he added, is that the highly dangerous little tubes were put away for the purpose of dynamiting the Thames for fish. The man or men who hid them, however, were apparently not familiar with the hazard of leaving two dozen dynamite caps in a box under the bush where they were found. Twenty pounds pressure is sufficient to explode caps of this nature, and they can easily put out an eye and disfigure a man's face within a proximity of five years."

Tubes "Disposed Of."
Chief Birrell said the dynamite tubes had been "disposed of." Asked if he intended following up the mystery, he replied: "There isn't much to follow up."

That section of the city is no tougher than any other, he said. "A lot of hoodlums customarily gather there, but they gather in other parts, too. Dynamite has been found before, but no satisfactory reason has ever been given for finding it."

According to a resident on Grey street, a gang of men gathered there some minutes after the explosion occurred. They came in a truck, examined the place where the dynamite was found, and then disappeared. One of the gang was seen to be carrying a large bag, which he carried off.

Two hours after the affair two men, carrying a large bag, explored the grounds. Questioned by a resident of Grey street in the vicinity, they said they were after fish.

The Food and Drug Inspector Again Warns Those Who Violate Law.

In spite of repeated warnings, Western Ontario candy makers persist in making certain kinds of sweets, the food and drug inspector of the London district informed The Advertiser this morning. Manufacturers and others making candy for retail purposes have been advised time and time again of the ruling in this regard, the inspector points out, and from now on anyone caught using paraffin wax will be prosecuted and will face a minimum fine of \$25 and costs.

The inspector went on to say that he had taken several samples of candies within the last few weeks, and in many cases found small quantities of paraffin wax in the most noticeable in caramels, where it is used for hardening purposes, he explained.

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I.T.U. TO HOLD CONVENTION OF 1924 IN TORONTO

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 16.—Toronto today was selected for the 1924 convention of the International Typographical Union, in session here.

Screams of Nurses Scare Intruder At Hospital Home

Screams of the nurses at Victoria hospital last night undoubtedly prevented a wholesale burglary at that institution, taking their when an unknown man entered their quarters and confronted several of them.

The midnight prowler evidently gained access to the nurses' home by entering through one of the new buildings to the west of the hospital and making use of the scaffolding to climb up to the second floor of the home, where he pried open a window and crept in.

Nurses in the process of retiring for the night caught sight of the intruder and used the only means at their disposal to protect themselves.

Sees Cheaper Canadian Gas

Canadian Press Despatch.
Montreal, Aug. 16.—A drop in the price of gasoline in Canada, following the cuts in the United States, was forecasted today by M. R. Donnelly, manager of one of the largest oil companies in the Dominion. Mr. Donnelly set ten days (when present stocks are exhausted) as the date when the cut might be expected, but did not state what reduction might be expected.

TOWNSHIP LOSES ENGINEER AFTER A LONG SERVICE

F. W. Farncombe of London Township Retires; 31 Years in County Employ.

SUCCESSOR NAMED

After completing 31 years of faithful service for London Township in the capacity of township engineer, F. W. Farncombe, C.E., widely known in Western Ontario, has been forced to tender his resignation on account of the increasing pressure of personal business.

The first intimation that Mr. Farncombe intended to sever his connection with the township came at a council meeting a few days ago when a communication was read from him asking that he be relieved of his duties. Although the councillors were loath to let him go, under the circumstances and in view of the fact that he has sacrificed much of his time in the interests of the township, his resignation was accepted with regret.

Fred A. Ball, St. Thomas engineer, and one who is well known throughout this district, was named as his successor.

Mr. Farncombe first commenced his duties in 1892 at a time in township history when such modern improvements as extensive municipal drains and reinforced culverts were uncommon in Western Ontario. The work of developing London Township into the choice farming district it is today was a hard one, but Mr. Farncombe entered his duties with vigor and a practicality that soon brought most encouraging results.

Even though Mr. Farncombe will no longer be connected with township enterprises the work accomplished by him will live for years to come, and he will be fondly remembered as one of the most sincere and enterprising engineers the township ever had.

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BANKS IN QUEBEC ROBBED OF \$7,000 BY TWO FORGERS

All Branches in City Suffer From Visits of Clever Artists.

MARKED "ACCEPTED"

Special to The Advertiser.
Quebec, Aug. 16.—Local branches of banks here have sustained losses reaching over \$7,000 through the activities of two forgers, who are now being closely watched by the local detectives.

Branches of nearly every chartered bank in the city have been called upon by one or the other of the men now operating, and in a number of cases the checks presented by them have been cashed, and the discovery made later that they were forged. It is understood that the men are the same who a short time ago victimized a number of banks in Montreal.

When their methods were discovered in that city, they transferred their activities here.

The method employed by the men to achieve their ends is a simple one, depending for its success on the fact that the checks presented have all been accepted by the Banque Provinciale De Canada at the Montreal office. Under ordinary circumstances the bank cashiers exercised the greatest caution in cashing all checks presented, and in the present instance they took every means to protect themselves. The fact that the checks were marked "Accepted," however, gave the forgers a better chance of success.

FRENCH TO REJECT LEGALITY PROBE OF OCCUPATION

Poincaré's Reply to Britain to Reaffirm Stand On Reparations.

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, Aug. 16.—Premier Poincaré's reply to the latest British note will stoutly reaffirm the French position on the reparations issue, it was forecast today. It will reject the British proposals for submission of the legality of the recent occupation of the Ruhr to the permanent court of international justice and for an international commission of experts to re-estimate the paying capacity of Germany.

The reply, which probably will be ready by the end of this week, will be communicated to the Belgian government, which is being handed to Downing street.

The reply will take up the arguments of Lord Curzon, the British secretary for foreign affairs, dealing with them point by point, it is indicated. Then the French premier, in a sort of final pleading, will set forth once more the reasons why France considers herself unable to place any dependence upon German promises that are not backed by tangible, absolute security.

Premier Poincaré will point out that the difference between the British and French versions arises from an apparent difference in appraising the causes for Germany's default in reparations payments.

M. McNEIL, CARADOC, DIES OF HEART ATTACK

Prominent Resident, Stricken Suddenly in His 49th Year.

Special to The Advertiser.
Strathroy, Aug. 16.—The death occurred very suddenly last night of a well-known Caradoc resident, Malcolm MacNeil, at his residence, lot 9, concession 9, of heart trouble during an attack of asthma to which he had been subject for some time.

The deceased was 49 years old and had lived his whole life in the Township of Caradoc. For the past few years he had been mail carrier for rural route No. 2, from Strathroy and made his route yesterday morning in apparent good health.

He is survived by his widow and four children, Donald, Ella, Gordon and Christina, one brother, Archibald of Caradoc, and a sister, Mrs. Will Oakes of Port Hope, Mich.

BLAMES MARVALE CAPTAIN FOR WRECK OF VESSEL

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Aug. 16.—The court of inquiry into the loss of the Canadian Pacific steamship Marvale off Newfoundland on May 21 last has found the casualty and loss of the vessel to have been due to a "grave error of judgment" on the part of the captain through being over confident in the position of his vessel. No censure, however, is passed on the captain.

ARRANGE STAFFS OF COLLEGIATES FOR COMING TERM

Reorganization Is Proceeding Rapidly On Basis of Efficiency.

MANY NEW TEACHERS

The long-awaited arrangement of the teaching staffs of London's Collegiate schools is made public this morning by Evered A. Miller, principal of the Central Collegiate. The list is as follows below, and the appended notes on the various new comers gives a brief summary of their records.

In connection with the work that is being done, Mr. Miller says: "The work of reorganization is proceeding rapidly, and indications are to the effect that work will start in earnest from the very opening of the Collegiate Institutes. It is decidedly in the interests of all students that they be on hand for the first day in order that no time may be lost in having their work arranged to the best advantage and in their commencing the new year with earnest endeavor to make the best of their time to the courses which are being provided for them."

The arrangement of staffs is as follows:

Central Unit.
E. A. Miller, M.A., principal; N. R. Gray, B.A.; G. L. MacDonald, B.A.; Stephen Martin, B.A.; J. H. Dolan, B.A.; H. Cameron, W. E. Urdin, B.A.; E. O. Lieberman, B.A.; Walter K. Shales, M.A.; B. Paed, F. A. Whitton, B.A.; W. O. Hall, M.A.; A. A. Affleck, B.A.; W. C. Johnston, B.A.; W. A. Adams, C. K. Bluet, B.A.; W. H. Adamson, M.A.; H. J. Doolittle, B.A.; Gordon Prook, M.A.; J. M. Macpherson, B.A.; Alice Kelso; V. E. Winnet, B.A.; K. M. Jackson, B.A.; E. M. Holland, B.A.; A. S. Vrooman, M.A.; Dorothy McCann; Margaret Uren, B.A.; Kate Morrison, B.A.; Librarian; Ethel M. Rymill, secretary.

South Unit.
T. H. S. Graham, M.A., principal; W. J. McNeil, B.A.; J. F. Calvert, M.A.; C. J. Burns, B.A.; H. B. Dinmore, B.A.; R. J. Roberts, B.A.; N. J. Ireland, B.A.; Benjie MacMunn, B.A.; M. K. Macpherson, B.A.; Marion Carr-Harris, B.A.; Ann M. Oakes, B.A.; Isabelle Craig, B.A.; White, Ada MacArthur, secretary.

East Unit.
A. E. O'Neill, B.A., principal; Isadore Goldstick, M.A.; A. F. McKillop, B.A.; Turn to Page 2, Column 6.

U. S. PEACE DELEGATES RETURN FROM MEXICO

Restoration of Diplomatic Relations Looked For at an Early Date.

Associated Press Despatch.
Mexico City, Aug. 16.—The representatives of the United States who participated in a conference with Mexican officials which resulted in the drawing up and signing of an agreement designed to make possible the resumption of diplomatic relations between the two countries left for Washington today.

They will submit the agreement and the records of the conference to President Coolidge and Secretary of State Hughes.

It is believed here that the reports carried by the United States press in Washington and that diplomatic relations between the United States and Mexico will soon be re-established. It was understood that the United States delegates received assurances of immediate cash payments for land illegally taken under Mexico's policy of restoring communal land to the towns and villages to which they originally belonged.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.
Today—Light winds; fine. Friday—Moderate winds; fair; not much change in temperature. Pressure is high from the Northwest States across the Great Lakes to the Atlantic, while a shallow loop of low extends from Missouri southwestward. Showers have occurred locally in Saskatchewan and quite generally in the Maritime Provinces. Elsewhere the weather has been fine.

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

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	55	56	Clear
London	54	54	Clear
Port Arthur	70	44	Clear
Perry Sound	68	42	Clear
Toronto	69	50	Clear
Kingston	68	48	Clear
Ottawa	68	42	Clear
Montreal	68	52	Clear
Quebec	66	44	Clear
Father Point	58	48	Clear
St. John	51	48	Clear
Halifax	60	56	Clear

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 73; lowest, 54.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 68; lowest, 46.
Barometric Readings.
Wednesday—5 p.m., 29.29.
Today—8 a.m., 29.37.