

LONDON MAN IS SENTENCED TO BE HANGED

MCCURDY DECLINES TO MAKE ANY PROMISES ON PORT IMPROVEMENTS

Deputation From London, Port Stanley and Middlesex County Waits On Minister of Public Works, But Receives Little Satisfaction Following Presentation of Case — Money Scarce, Declares Minister in Reply to Representatives.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

Ottawa, May 18.—A deputation representing London and Port Stanley waited upon Hon. F. B. McCurdy, minister of public works department, this morning and urged the carrying out of improvements in the harbor at that point. Included in the deputation were Mayor Little of London, Ald. Wilson, John A. Moore, John Cousins of Middlesex, and Sir Adam Beck. They were introduced by Hume Cronyn, M. P. for London, and Frank S. Glass, M. P. for East Middlesex.

Mr. Glass represented to the minister that the improvements were very necessary in order that large shipping should be accommodated. He declared that in the past ten years the sum of \$365,000 had been appropriated by Parliament for harbor improvements at Port Stanley, but that only \$54,000 had actually been expended. He advised that the Government adopt any of the recommendations of its engineers and undertake emergency improvements, including the removal of the east pier, the dredging of the upper harbor and the construction of a lift bridge, so that large vessels could get through. Other improvements could wait.

Mr. McCurdy refused to make promises. He declared that it was a question of providing money, and money was scarce.

Sir Adam Beck backed up the appeal of Mr. Glass, as did also the members of the London deputation. He declared that freight was rapidly increasing and that the harbor accommodation was inadequate to take care of it. The east pier should be removed and the upper harbor dredged.

NEW SCHOOL ON EMPRESS AVE. SITE NEXT YEAR

Fourteen-Room Structure To Be Erected.

SOUTH LONDON WELL OFF

New Victoria School Will Give That Section Another Boost.

With the awarding Tuesday by the board of education of the contract for the building of the Victoria School, the construction of which will give South London better public school accommodation than any other section of the city, the attention of the ratepayers in other sections is being directed to the school needs of their own particular sections, and interest is already being shown in the matter by inquiries as to what the board intends to do for them.

In order that these inquiries may be secured the information they desire, the board is today publishing a list of the Public School Inspector Greer. His reply was as follows:

"Remember I am not speaking for the board, the trustees may decide to do more than has been already suggested or less as circumstances may direct. But at the present time the probable building program for 1922 will include an entire new school unit at Empress avenue of 14 rooms, a four-roomed school in the Hamilton road district, to be extended in time to a full school unit, and the completion of the Tecumseh avenue school by the addition of two more rooms to complete the unit."

In view of the condition of the present school at Empress avenue, which has been admitted by the inspectors and the trustees to be in a very poor state, it is understood that the plans for the building of a new school here will be considered this fall, and arrangements made to commence the work at the earliest possible date. Considerable complaint has recently been made by the ratepayers of West London at the neglect which has featured the board of education's treatment of the school situation in that part of the city, and the building of the Victoria school when South London is in such a state of neglect, has created a bitter feeling against the trustees who are alleged to have shown special favor to that part of the city to the detriment of other sections.

The construction of the new Victoria school will give South London, at least till such time as the present Victoria school is torn down, and according to Inspector Greer that is unlikely for two or three years any way, 14 class rooms, distributed as follows: Two Victoria school buildings, 14 and 10 rooms respectively; Wortley road school, 12 rooms; Tecumseh school, 10 rooms, and Riverview school, 10 rooms.

USELESS U. S. VESSELS TO GO TO JUNK PILE

Washington, May 18.—"A bargain sale" of obsolete naval vessels, including battleships and destroyers, may be held by the United States navy department soon, it was indicated today. A study is being made of various ways of getting rid of a large number of useless war craft, it was said, and it was indicated that the example of Great Britain might be followed in selling useless ships to be broken up for junk.

MOTHERS AND BABIES THROG TO CLINICS



Over eighty babies were registered at the opening clinic of the Child Welfare exhibit held in the Technical School this morning, and everything points to the clinics for the rest of the week. The above picture recently taken of the Talbot Street clinic gives some idea of what the big waiting-room in the Technical School looked like this morning when it was filled with mothers and babies. Four pairs of lovely twins were among the wee ones examined this morning, and no happier mothers could be found than the mothers of these self-same twins.

ADVANCE IN WHISKEY PRICES TO GO INTO EFFECT ON FRIDAY

Mail Orders for Booze at Old Price Must Be In by Thursday.

NO GREAT RUSH YET

Doctors and Druggists Bolstering Waning Supplies.

Friday of this week is the day set for the new advance in the price of whiskey and other alcoholic beverages. Inasmuch as the local Government dispensary is involved, Thursday, at 4:30, will mark the finish of the old price list. As every well-informed "man-around-town" is aware, this is the regulated hour for cessation of activities for the day at the dispensary, and the officials of that bureau wish to impress upon their patrons, past and expected, that order, verbal, through the mails, by wire, or even cable, must reach there by that time Thursday to become effective under the old price list. As a Government institution, regulations must be carried out to the letter, and exception will be made in no case, however inspiring the appeal.

Opium and Pipes Seized in Raid On Curio Shops

Halifax, N. S., May 18.—Two small half-filled pipes and a number of pipes and opium lumps, were confiscated by the police officers who raided a small Chinese curio shop here yesterday. Five occupants of the place were arrested and taken to the police station, which was almost immediately besieged by Chinese anxious to furnish bail for their countrymen. Four of them were finally released on \$500 bail and the fifth on \$200.

C. N. R. GROSS EARNINGS.

Toronto, May 18.—The gross earnings of the Canadian National Railways for the month ending May 14 were \$1,399,553, a decrease of \$14,005 over the like period of last year.

THE WEATHER

Following are the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 63; lowest, 31. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 64; lowest, 50.

ASKS SUPPRESSION OF ANTI-BRITISH PROPAGANDA

Chicago, May 18.—The ministers of the United States were urged to do all in their power to crush any and every sentiment that we hear against England, in an address last night by Rev. Charles S. MacFarland of New York, general secretary of the federal council of Churches of Christ in America, before the congress on reduction of armaments.

LONDON CHINESE CONTRIBUTE \$116 TO WELFARE FUND

John Tom Canvasses Fellow-Countrymen.

SURPRISE HEADQUARTERS

Many Contributions Still To Be Received.

Without any solicitation on the part of the United Welfare Fund Association, John Tom, a local Chinese restaurant keeper, took it upon himself to see that all his fellow countrymen in this city were given an opportunity to contribute towards the welfare fund. He personally called on nearly every Chinaman in the city and carefully explained about the fund and the many institutions requiring help. His efforts met with a generous response, for he was able to turn in \$116 to campaign headquarters.

On learning that the fund had not reached the total desired by the association, Mr. Tom turned resolutely back to his friends, informing them that they would have to contribute still more money. The Chinese of the city are reported to be enthusiastically backing Mr. Tom in his charitable work.

One of his friends informed The Advertiser today that Mr. Tom was a fine fellow. He had been in the hospital, sick for some time, and even now he comes out for only a few hours each day. When the contribution was received by the officials of the campaign, they were greatly surprised, for no one knew of Mr. Tom's activities, and it had not occurred to anyone that the Chinese should be so generous.

There will be no further announcements of totals for a few days, as all contributions are not yet in, and considerable checking remains to be done.

Following is a partial list of the contributions made by the employees of industrial and commercial concerns in this city. Many of the employees where the shops were not so well organized, contributed through the travelers, accounting for the comparatively poor showing made by some of the business places.

SOLDIERS' AID FINDS HOMES FOR SEVENTY-FIVE YOUNGSTERS

Bears Cost of Upkeep for Little Ones in Private Families.

Believing that private homes are far better for little tots and babies whom fate has placed in need of homes and of parental care, the Soldiers' Aid Commission have, in looking after the welfare of 75 soldiers' children that have come under its care, placed them in private homes with much success, the commission bearing the cost of the care of the little ones.

"A baby," said Mrs. C. B. Edwards, who, as vice-president of the local Soldiers' Aid Commission, is responsible for the direction of the welfare work, in answer to an inquiry by The Advertiser today, "must have a considerable amount of personal attention if it is to grow and learn, as a normally-cared-for child. This personal care is practically impossible in an institution, and while no one would seek to depreciate the great value of these places, it is only right that we should seek to give the unfortunate little ones a nearer home, and such can only be done by placing them in private homes."

"While these conditions prevail," said Mrs. Edwards, "it is greatly to be regretted that more people with means are not ready to open their hearts and their homes to these often-neglected but deserving little pieces of humanity and thereby make unnecessary the institutions of the city."

The hundreds of homes at present childless and desolate that could be easily made real centres of cheer and happiness for the little ones, are a result of something wrong while in the cause of humanity.

In connection with the abandonment of the Soldiers' Aid Commission, families at Port Stanley as a result of the decision of the Welfare Fund Association to include it in its list of needs, the Soldiers' Aid Commission, which catered only to a class, it is stated that Mrs. Edwards has plans under consideration to meet the situation in other ways.

Asked about these plans, Mrs. Edwards said that she would shortly be making an appeal to the Women's Institutes around London, asking that 100 homes be opened for the care of the little ones who have been attending the "Y" under the auspices of the S. A. C. "If 100 women will undertake to mother these boys for six weeks to two months it will not only do the boys good, but may eventually give them a liking for farm life, which will lead them to become farmers."

"With regard to the mothers and families which would have gone to the proposed camp at Port Stanley, it will be made to give them a couple of picnics or outings, probably to Springbank. For the older girls, a request will be made to the W. C. T. U. that they take them to their summer girls' camp."

HUDSON BAY COMPANY'S HEADQUARTERS WILL BE REMOVED TO WINNIPEG

[Special to The Advertiser.] Montreal, May 18.—Removal administrative headquarters Hudson Bay Company from Vancouver to Winnipeg will be effected this week. Seven executive officers will be permanently located at Winnipeg.

ATTEMPT FAST FLIGHT.

San Francisco, May 18.—Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, premier ace of United States aviators during the war, announced here today that he will attempt a two-day transcontinental flight from Oakland, Cal., to Washington, D. C., taking off on May 24.

MAHARG AS CANDIDATE.

Regina, Sask., May 18.—A. Maharg, M. P., was the choice of supporters of the Martin Government for the provincial elections, following a convention held at Moose yesterday. He will contest the Moose constituency.

MEXICAN FIREMEN BREAK UP RADICAL DEMONSTRATIONS

Mexico City, May 18.—Radical sympathizers attempted to force their way into the Chamber of Deputies last night to attack members of the Liberal-Constitutionalist party, who were holding a caucus there. The men engaged in the disorder were dispersed by the fire department.

The streets near the congressional building were filled all the afternoon, with the crowd of people who were awaiting developments. Aurelia Manrique, a Socialist deputy, made an impassioned harangue and large numbers of people gathered to hear him, the Chamber. The timely arrival of the firemen stopped the demonstration, and the radicals transferred their activities to Alameda Park, in the center of the city, but the firemen again intervened, and the crowd was dispersed. One Socialist deputy, who remonstrated with policemen, was arrested.

METHODIST CHURCHES IN LONDON DISTRICT IN FINE CONDITION

Hale Street Shows Largest Increase in Finances and Membership.

GENERAL BUSINESS

W. M. S. Raised \$119,039 for Missionary Purposes Last Year.

A busy session of receiving reports of the different circuits in the London Methodist district was spent this morning in the Colborne Street Methodist Church, where the district meeting is being held. This afternoon, members to the stationing committee at the London Methodist conference, to be held here in June, will be appointed.

Hale Street Methodist Church in London, smallest Methodist Church in the district, showed the largest increase in finances and also in membership. The finances of this church have been increased 300 per cent over those of the previous year. The total membership of the Sunday schools and Young People's Societies in the district is 10,294, an increase of 116 over last year. From the Sunday schools and Young People's associations, 451 were reported to have joined the church. These two organizations raised \$9,058 for missions during the past year.

The W. M. S. of the London district reported that it had raised \$119,039 for missionary purposes. All reports, both of membership and finance, showed the churches in fine condition.

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS BELIEVE LIQUOR CAN BE TAKEN

Constitutionality of Proposed Legislation Would Be Tested.

Ottawa, May 18.—Canadian Press.—Questioned this morning whether the Ontario Legislature would have power to pass legislation empowering it to seize liquor supplies in cellars of private citizens, justice department officials expressed opinion that it would. This opinion was given unofficially, however. It pointed out further that the question of the constitutionality of such procedure would have to be decided by the courts.

WILLIAM MCFADDEN IS ALSO FOUND GUILTY OF MURDERING TORONTO MAN

Counsel for Prisoner Puts Up Strong Plea—Delivers an Unmerciful Arraignment of "Patsy" Hotrum—London Man Is Calm Throughout Progress of Trial.

Toronto, May 18.—William McFadden was sentenced by Mr. Justice Logie to be hanged on August 3. Sentence has not yet been passed on Roy Hotrum by Mr. Justice Kelly, because an application is before the court for a reserved case.

Toronto, May 18.—William McFadden of London, Ont., was found guilty this afternoon on the charge of having murdered Leonard Cecil Sabine.

The jury returned this verdict after a short deliberation. Two men now await sentence for this crime—Roy Hotrum and William McFadden. Each of these men denied his guilt on the murder charge, although admitting complicity in the robbery.

CONLEY GETS 15 YEARS. Toronto, May 18.—Arthur Conley, gangster, was given 15 years by Mr. Justice Logie this afternoon.

MAKES STRONG PLEA.

Toronto, May 18.—When William McFadden was led into the assize court this morning for the trial of his case on the charge of having murdered Leonard Cecil Sabine in his drug store at the corner of Manning and Harbor on the night of Saturday, March 5, the courtroom was only partly filled with a mildly interested crowd. Garfield McFadden, brother of the prisoner in the box, was the only relative of any of the parties involved who was present when addresses to the jury were commenced.

McFadden himself has stood the strain of the trial incredibly well. This morning he appeared as unconcerned and indifferent as ever, sitting in the prisoner's box with knees crossed and hands resting on them. He occasionally would glance around the court or even lean over to retie his shoelace. The jury's verdict is expected this afternoon.

WAGE REDUCTION TO BE EXTENDED TO ALL RAILWAY EMPLOYEES

Only Two U. S. Roads Had Requested Such a Sweeping Order.

Chicago, May 18.—The general reduction of wages for unskilled railroad employees, effective July 1, foreseen by the United States Railroad Labor Board in an announcement last night, will be extended to all classes of railroad employees, it was reported today.

Western, Chicago and Alton and a few other carriers have requested that the wage reduction be extended to all classes, provision was made in the board's announcement for the filing of "other petitions" up to June 6, and it was believed others of the 180 Class A roads would amend their applications to include shop, train service and other classes of employees. The new applications filed up to June 6, the board's announcement said, would be decided to take effect also on July 1. The June 1 decision, it was announced, would cover applications filed prior to April 18, and those filed since will be decided June 6, all to take effect July 1.

Average Raise 20 Per Cent.

Nearly half of the 180 Class A roads in the United States filed their disputes in time to have them docketed before April 18, but only a few requested that the wage reductions apply to all classes. No intimation was given in the board's announcement as to the probable extent of the cut. Last July the board increased wages of unskilled labor and some other classes 20 per cent, making it retroactive to May 1, 1920. The decision last July affected approximately 2,000,000 men, and granted increases totaling nearly \$500,000,000 a year. The average raise then was 20 per cent. The normal number of unskilled employees on Class A roads, railroad executives said, was 500,000, but in anticipation of a wage cut the number of maintenance of way employees has been kept considerably below this figure.

SIR SAM'S CONDITION IMPROVES.

Ottawa, May 18.—Reports on the condition of Sir Sam Hughes still show a continued improvement. He was reported much better last night and passed a satisfactory day.

"McFadden, single-handed practically, is here fighting at the forces of the crown directed by my learned friend, the very able crown counsel, Mr. Gordon Waldron, assisted by the detective force of this great city," said Fletcher Kerr, counsel for accused, in opening his address to the jury. "It is a very serious matter we have under consideration. No more serious matter can be placed upon you, gentlemen, to decide. If McFadden is convicted, he certainly is a danger to the community. No commutation of the death penalty can be expected."

Justice Logie here drew up Mr. Kerr and told him it was very unusual for counsel to refer to the death penalty. "These cases within counsel's limits," he said, "intimating that counsel was not correct in one statement."

"Let us refer now to the Conley and Hotrum gang," proceeded counsel. "These are just what kind of men they were. The first time that Hotrum comes into view, the first time we hear of him, is on his own admission, in the penitentiary, and we have here a list of convictions such as I venture to believe you have never before had presented to you against any man who has been tried in this court. These convictions range from July, 1915, when he stole a handbag, to offences of robbery, which he was sentenced to the penitentiary, right up to the crime of murder of which he was convicted last Saturday."

John Conley, his bedfellow, has admitted being a hold-up man, out on these robberies, pillaging stores of the city of Toronto, and Arthur Conley, his uncle, we find, was in the penitentiary at the same time as Hotrum, and the next thing we hear of him is that he was at 90 Markham street under the same roof, a gang of the most dangerous criminals that we have ever been able to apprehend."

Character Evidence.

"We find John Conley and Roy Hotrum sleeping together," continued counsel to the defence. "At the head of their bed we find cartridges of .32, of .38 and of .45 calibre, as well as two revolvers. Surely this is evidence of an organized gang of desperadoes."

Counsel then referred to character evidence given by witnesses yesterday on behalf of his client. "I feel certain that if McFadden had not been laid off last autumn when 20,000 other men were unemployed," said Mr. Kerr, "that he never would have been mixed up with this gang."

"But now let us turn to the Sabines. Sabine was a man of 35 years, a mildly interested crowd. Garfield McFadden, brother of the prisoner in the box, was the only relative of any of the parties involved who was present when addresses to the jury were commenced."

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FRANKLIN K. LANE EX-U. S. CABINET MINISTER, DIES

End Due to Heart Disease Following Operation.

Rochester, Minn., May 18.—Franklin K. Lane, former United States secretary of interior, died at a local hospital here early this morning. Death was due to an attack of angina pectoris.

Mr. Lane was operated on here May 6 for gallstones and appendicitis, and was said to be recovering when heart disease, from which he had suffered for some time, set in. He had been in the hospital for several months. Hospital physicians expressed the belief that the operation would remove the heart action, but an attack early today developed fatally.

Immediately after he had recovered from the influences of the anaesthetic, Mr. Lane said: "I am surprised to be alive. I hope to be able to live a long life, doing good things for ever."

Mr. Lane left no estate.

VESSELS COLLIDE IN HEAVY FOG

Both Steamers Able to Proceed After Mishap.

Halifax, N. S., May 18.—The British steamer Holby, collided with an unidentified vessel in a dense fog off Sable Island shortly before midnight, according to a radio message picked up by a wireless station at Glasgow, Head, Guysboro County, N. S., at 1 o'clock this morning.

A second message stated that both vessels were proceeding. The Holby gave her position as latitude 45.34 north, longitude 58.55 west.