# MACKIE SAYS HE HIT BROTHER IN DEFE

## Philip Pocock Summoned By the Gregory Commission

### MALBRIA MACKIE CALM BEFORE INQUEST TODAY, CLAIMS SELF DEFENSE

Brother of Blenheim Township Man Confesses He Hit Him With His Fist After Quarreling Over Tools-Thinks Dead Man Might Have Been Kicked By Horse.

TESTIFIES DAVID SUFFERED STROKE

Special to The Advertiser.

Drumbo, Ont., April 20.—The inquest into the death of David Mackie Jun., of Blenheim Township, who died in Woodstock Hospital yesterday, in Woodstock Hospital yesterday, opened here today. The deceased had died a day after he had quarreled with his brother Milra over the borrowing of a plane. The two brothers are the skill. Dr. Mitchell said it would require a heavy blow to cause a hemorrhage of the brain.

"If he had on a leather cap, and was struck with the flat side of the rowing of a plane. The two brothers work on adjoining farms. Wednesday morning Milra had gone to David's to borrow some tools. In an ensuing quarrel several blows had

Found Blood Clot. been struck. Later that day David became semi-conscious. He was removed to Woodstock, where he died, The first witness, Constable Markle, produced a leather cap, which he said he understood the deceased had been wearing at the time of his death; a plane and a wrench. The constable said that when he had gone

to the inquest, Milra had said: Hello, I suppose you have a war-"I asked him what had happened," nstable Markle continued Milra said he had struck his brother with his fist. He said he had the plane in his hand, but dropped it, and

to summon the brother, Milra Mackie.

struck his brother with his fist. said his brother, the deceased, had hit him over the head with a wrench.
Only Wrench To Be Found. "Is this the wrench?" asked Crown Attorney Ball. Constable Markle replied that it was the only wrench he could find on Milra Mackie's

W. S. Brewster, K.C., appearing for Milra Mackie, asked Constable Markle he had examined Milra head for marks of the wrench. The constable said he had found no marks.

Dr. J. A. Mitchell, a local doctor, said he had been called to David Mackie's home. The deceased was then semi-conscious. Dr. Mitchell said Milra had said he had been ceased, said her husband and his brother Milra were on good terms, but they had quarreled on and off. Milra was quick-tempered, said Mrs. Mackie, while her husband was not. struck over the head with the wrench by the deceased, and on examination ie had found a lump, though the skin said, she had heard her husband and Milra talking in the kitchen, and was not broken. The doctor con-tinued to say that Mrs. David Mackie there Milra swore at her husband. had told him that after the quarrel her husband had gone about his work for half an hour. Then he became

dizzy and semi-conscious. He had asked for some paper to write a message, but had made but a few marks on it. The deceased had me with the plane!" he said, en unable to move his right arm, which signified there was something

SETTLEMENT IN RUHR

IS ALMOST IN SIGHT

Diplomatic Officials at Wash-

ngton Predict Agreement

Within Few Weeks.

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many to threaten again the peace of Europe, may be expected in the near

THE WEATHER

Saturday-Mostly fair and warm, with a few local showers, chiefly at

Pressure is generally below the nor-

mal over the northern half of the con-

Showers have occurred locally in the

the Peninsula of Ontario, and in Eastern

The weather has turned colder again

Temperatures. The highest and lowest temperatures ouring the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m.

High.

X ......... 40 28 LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were:

Rain

Rain

Fair

Fair

today were:

Stations. High.

Winnipeg ..... 68

Sault Ste. Marie... 60

Kingston ..... 44

Ottawa ..... 48

Father Point..... 38

tinent, and lowest over Manitoba.

definite reparations proposal

Today Fresh southwest and winds; fair and warm.

Edge Over Sir Adam Beck

HOPE FOR UNION

Conservatives Hope To Bridge wrong on the left side of the head. Party Gap by Running Ward Though the left eye was slightly red, there were no marks or fractures on the skull. Dr. Mitchell said it would Two Alderman for Toronto.

> From information obtained by The Advertiser today, it seems reasonably safe to assume that Albert Meredith Judd, one of ward two's representatives in the city council, and chairman of the finance committee, will

While E. R. Dennis, Sir Adam Beck and certain of the older members of the "blue squadron" have occupied the limelight the past few days, it was felt that this was more or less camouflage to cloud the real issueas there were younger men on the

"CoCuld the man, getting into a



ALD. ALBERT M. JUDD.

crease in lams and

Associated Press Despatch. London, April 20 .- The London press Washington, April 20 .- A settledisplays prominently the United States ment of the Ruhr crisis between government's action against sugar speculation, which is said here to be France and Germany is now for the first time in sight, it was learned here It nainly responsible for the high and con-

tions between the two countries to Teh British public is facing the pros pect of a further increase in the price of the commodity. Crushed cane rose a shilling a hundredweight on yesterday's end the Ruhr situation, believed by future, according to direct diplomatic advices received here. A direct and market, and the increase to the con-sumer of a penny a pound is accom-panied by the threat of a corresponding boost in the price of candies and sweet-

Germany to France is looked for within a month, and a settlement is Many dealers increased the price ams and confectionery yesterday, and he prediction is made that sugar, which The traders repudiate the charge of rofiteering, saying that the rise in price s a matter of sheer necessity. They coint out that they are paying twenty shillings more per hundredweight than they were two months ago, and that

will recompense them by less than half of that amount. Western Provinces, at a few points in HIGHWAYS ACCOUNTANT IS EXAMINED WEDNESDAY

Special to The Advertiser.

Toronto, April 20.—Owing to lack of a quorum the public accounts comnittee today adjourned till next Wednesday, when the accountant of the highways department will be examined with reference to the payment of \$364,702 to the provincial ontracting company.

DEMANDS MISTREATMENT CHARGES BE INVESTIGATED

Associated Press Despatch. Associated Press Despatch.

Geneva, April 20.—An international investigation on the spot of the alleged widespread deportations and mistreatment of Bulgarian subjects by Greek officials in Western Thrace was asked officially by Bulgaria yesterday of the council of the League of Nations.

previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 73; lowest, 27.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 65; lowest, 51.

Barometric Readings.

Thursday—8 p.m., 28.55.

Today—8 a.m., 29.62. The council delegated a member to

### tinued Mrs. Mackie. David had lost Turn to Page 2, Column 5. EXPECT SUGAR PRICES **WILL SOAR IN ENGLAND**

British Public Faced With In-Candies.

Found Blood Clot.

Mitchell had found a blood clot on

the brain, "Could the man, getting into a

Questioned by Mr. Brewster

and said it would have been possibl

Staggered Into Kitchen.

would be unusual."

doctor said.

trouble in the brain.

post-mortem examination, Dr.

inually increasing retail price for that oday on high authority. Negotia- staple.

ow sells at sevenpence a pound retail "Wherever there are at present stops y the end of the year.

the increase in the cost to the consumer

The council delegated a member to submit a report on the actual conditions during the present session.

The second international conference on communications has been set by the council for Nov. 15.

The council will be held in Geneva.

Said To Have Considerable or E. R. Dennis.

be Conservative standard-bearer it.

the conditions you found?" asked the crown attorney.
"Yes," replied the doctor, "but it staff waiting in the anteroom for the "full speed ahead" signal.

That Ald. Judd can win the nomi-

rage, have such a hemorrhage with-out a blow being struck?"
"Yes," replied the doctor, and connation with little difficulty is the continued to say that the hemorrhage was the only cause of death, the accept is another matter, but Th Advertiser has reason to suspect that the chairman of the finance commitheart being normal, and there being no organic trouble. The brother



Opinion today is that the ward wo alderman will be nominated ondon Conservatives to contest the

tee can be urged forward if his folper stated today, that he shall lead

he attack.

Ald. Judd's nomination will at least achieve one purpose, leading Conser-vatives acknowledge—it will tend to heal the breach known to exist a least among the members of the "inner shrine," if not among the rank

There are many who feel confident that it would be too hazardous an undertaking to send either Sir Adam Beck or "Chief" Dennis into the game, as in either instance a certain faction of the party would be dis-satisfied. Ald. Judd's entrance would split the difference, it is explained—a compromise that would be welcomed by the party.

### START NEGOTIATIONS FOR RELEASE OF GIRL

British Authorities Endeavoring To Free Molly Ellis-Kidnapped by Tribesmen.

Associated Press Despatch. London, April 20 - The British In dian civil authorities have under-taken negotiations for the release of Molly Ellis, the 15-year-old girl who was kidnapped some time ago by Afghan tribesmen, says a despatch to the Daily Mail from Allahabad.

A London despatch on Wednesday advised that the girl's whereabouts had been ascertained, and that it was believed she would be released. The girl's father is temporary commander at Kohat.

### Battling To Help You

The Welfare Drive is not yet over. It won't be until that \$125,000 mark is really

You'll have another chance to help tonight if you're a sportsman. Turn to the Sporting Page and read about the game effort the Thistles' girls are making tonight to give London and London's needy a boost.

Good luck to them!

VICTIM OF BLENHEIM TRAGEDY AND HIS YOUNG WIDOW.

Exclusive Advertiser illustrations show David Mackie Jun., popular Blenheim Township farmer, who died in Woodstock Hospital yesterday from a fracture of the skull, following a quarrel with his brother Malbria. An inquest into his death is being conducted at Drumbo. The other picture is that of his widow, Mrs. Ruth Mackie (nee Miss Ruth Schmerhorn), daughter of Dennis Schmerhorn of Blenheim Township. The pictures were taken on of Dennis Schmerhoff of Donths ago.
their wedding day eight months ago.
—Photo by Chas. W. Hayball, Woodstock.

### Second Airman Will Try To Save Starving People

Hero of Midwinter Mercy Fight Will Attempt to Carry Food to South Fox Island.

Special to The Advertiser. Selfridge Field, Mount Clemens, save the lives of ten persons maroon-ed without provisions on South Fox Island, in northern Lake Michigan, was begun by government aviators skull.

party, left here this morning. It was piloted by Lieut. Meredith, hero of A second attempt to a mid-winter mercy flight across of ten persons maroon- Lake Michigan to Beaver Island, where he brought medical aid to a woodsman dying from a fractured

today.

The first relief attempt failed last night, when Lieut. Whitehead and a companion aviator narrowly escared death when their aeropiane crashed through ice off Grand Traverse Bay and upper Lake Michigan, it was reported here. This will make the mercy flight all the more perileus officers said, and orders through ice off Grand Traverse Bay and upper Lake Michigan, it was reported here. This will make the mercy flight all the more perileus officers said, and orders have been given Lieut. Meredith not to attempt a landing on the storm-swept island, but to drop the proviwas attempted.

A De Haviland bombing plane, laden with food for the starving to the mainland.

### KITCHENER GIRL KILLED POCOCK WILL APPEAR WHEN STRUCK BY TRAIN

Child in Baby Carriage Is Be- Asked by Gregory To Explain lieved To Have Fractured Skull.

Canadian Press Despatch. Kitchener, April 20 .- Miss Ada Layburn, a nurse girl, while crossing appear before the Gregory Commister street this morning, was struck by the 11:40 westbound train and instantly killed.

She was propelling a perambulator n which was a small baby, the child of George Lang, jun.
The child was taken to the hospital where it is reported the baby is suf-fering from a fractured skull. Cor-oner Kalbfleisch has ordered an in-

### ALDERMAN'S DEATH BRINGS ELECTION

By-Election in Ward 4 Will Follow Demise of Ald. Patterson.

An aldermanic by-election in Ward four is inevitable following the death last night of Ald. Thomas Patterson. City Clerk Sam Baker explained this morning that the responsibility for setting the date for the contest rests upon the mayor, who will issue the warrant. A period of not more than fifteen days must then elapse

before the date of the election.

It is just possible that the seat can be filled without resort to a ballot, the various resort to a ballot, the various prospective nominees being willing to allow one of number to win by acclamation. Ex-Ald. William Boss and ex-Ald. L. S. Holmes finished fourth and fifth re-spectively at the last election, but whether they will choose to again enter the field is problematical at this juncture.

STATE MONTREAL MAN IS IN SERIOUS CONDITION

Associated Press Despatch. Los Angeles, April 20.—Bertie J Ambrose of Montreal, found unconof a local hotel, is in a hospital, where physicians said his condition was critical and could not forecast They said he was apparently under

LUNATICS AMONG EMIGRANTS Associated Press Despate bourne, Australia, April 20 Melbourne, Australia, April 20.— The Melbourne Age complains of the "disgracefully lax methods" employed in the inspection of emigrants em-barking from London for Australia. The Age asserts that there were three cases of lunacy among the immi-grants who recently arrived here on the steamer Hobson Bay.

## BEFORE COMMISSION

His Support for Recent Resolution.

Philip Pocock, of the public utilities commission, has been invited to

At a meeting of the Municipal Electrical Association at Hamilton two weeks ago a resolution was passed asking the government to hand over the affairs of the Ontario Hydro Commission to the various municipalities involved. Mr. Pocock supported the resolution, and now the commission desires to know why he favors such a plan.

Mr. Pocock accepted the invitation extended by the chairman of the commission, W. D. Gregory, and will leave for Toronto on Wednesday.

### Big Features in Saturday's Advertiser

. Lloyd George Cables another exclusive article predicting fundamental changes in England's class

distinctions.

Togo The famous Japanese school boy writes a letter about radio that will make you

laugh all next week. Twenty-Five Cents Is the daily wage of German

workmen. Carpenter tells all about it in another brilliant

Golfing Days

Are here, and two Canadian champions tell you their ideas of how the royal game should be played.

Britain's Glory -Ypres and Zeebrugge are two glorious names in British annals. This week-end sees their anniversary, and tomorrow's Advertiser has two pages of special articles and

# REACHES LONDON

St. Thomas Man Applies to Winter Gardens for Permission To Prove His Mettle.

MAY REMAIN OPEN Chief Birrell Knows of No Law

To Prevent Dance Hall Remaining Open All Night. The marathon dancing craze has

The hit, however, is not a very

strong one. It comes in the form of an application from J. Condon of St. Thomas, who thinks he can become the champion marathon dancer of the world. Records of 99 hours constant dance

ing have not phazed the redoubtable Mr. Condon. He says he can overme all previous marks. Yesterday he asked W. H. Baines, manager of the Winter Garden, for permission to stage an individual dance next week. Mr. Baines is considering the proposal.

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Condon, if his proposition meets favor, will wear a black mask. He wants to be known as the "Masked Wonder," and believes he can perform a dancing feat heretofore un-Perhaps he can. And perhaps Mr. Baines will give him the chance. In conversation with The Advertiser to-

day, however, Mr. Baines labeled this long distance dancing vogue as "darn foolishness." Nevertheless, if there appears to be a demand for it, Mr. Baines will

let the St. Thomas Mercury carry out his exhibition. Marathon dancers of the past hav been showered with bouquets, feted by eminent persons, photographed, lauded, dined, and adorned with laurels. It's really a wonderful thing to be able to dance a long time. The man or woman who finally establishes a record will go down to posterity along with Washington, Nelson and Lloyd George. It has even been suggested that the first person to succumb while attempting terpsihorean feats should be laid to rest

beside poets and other great figures n Westminster Abbey.

Dance halls in London can keep open as long as they wish. There is no law which provides for closing at certain hours. At least, Chief Birrell hasn't heard of any.
"If there's any law against dance

halls remaining open all night, we will enforce it. But I don't know of any," said he.
"What will you do if the dancers "What will you do it the dancers die during the ordeal?" he was asked. "Nothing." shot back the chief. "That's their own lookout."

According to Mr. Baines, marathon

dancers are allowed three minutes rest every seven hours.

If the festival is held, London girls will have the opportunity of tripping the toe with Mr. Condon. He says he does not care with whom he dances, so long as he dances. Any girl will do. Don't crowd, girls. The date hasn't

## C. N. R. NEGOTIATING

Rumor \$800,000 Is Price Offered for Shaughnessy Structure, McGill Street.

Montreal, April 20.-Canadian Naional Railways are negotiating for the purchase of the Shaughnessy Building, McGill street, to provide additional offices accommodation for

### BABY OF BELLEVILLE **ACCIDENTALLY SHOT**

Three-Year-Old Son of Adam Hall Killed by Nine-Year-Old Brother.

Special to The Advertiser. Belleville, Ont., April 20.—Harold Carman Hall, aged 3 years, son of Adam Hall, fourth concession of Thurlow Township, was last evening accidentally shot and killed by his brother Robert, aged 9 years. It was a case of not knowing a gun was

TORONTO CITIZENS FIGHT ORDER TO LEAVE HOMES

Canadian Press Despatch, Toronto, April 20.—The residents on the peninsula south of Woodbine race course on the shore of Lake On-tario have decided to fight the board of health's order to vacate their

About 40 families are affected. The boards order is based on "failure of the harbor commission to provide proper sanitary conveniences and a me supply of drinking water."
The land on which the house stand

### MARATHON DANCE, LOCAL LIBERALS SCORE **FERGUSON OPPOSITION**



APPOINTED TO TORONTO. Prof. Theophile J. Meek, who has been appointed to the Department of Oriental Languages, University of He is well-known in St. Thomas, being a former student at the St. Thomas Collegiate Institute, and a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Meek, Union road, Southwold.

MAY DELAY SESSION

Representative of 21 ridings, the Conservatives are this afternoon staging a general war council in their

local clubrooms. bers of the Western Ontario Liberal-Conservative Association. The executive committee members went into conference at 1:30 p.m. but at 2 o'clock the session was declared open to all visiting dignitaries. While it was first believed that a regular session of the local association could be held this evening, appears now as though this event will

be postponed until next week, at the earliest.

Submit Reports. Exclusive of the election of officers. the greater portion of today's gathering comprises the submission of reports from the several constituen cies, affiliated with the Western Ontario Association, and addresses from party chiefs, calculated to arouse the bers into some semblance of en-

thusiasm. The premier's withdrawal of his redistribution bill throws a long shadow of disappointment over the district, and there are those, even in the local Conservative encampment moting the opposition to the project. emanating chiefly, according to re-ports, from G. Howard Ferguson and a handful of his associates in

Chance Is Lost.

London's chances for increased representation are reduced overnight tion. We have practically none now to nil, but had the Drury overtures been realized, there was every indication that the Toronto authorities and awarded the citizens another

The Conservatives dashed frantitheir customary slogans and predictions of sweeping victories from Ottawa to the Lake of the Woods. Offididate chosen. Wellington Hay, Libcers of the association are credited "reports" that conditions are brighter than ever before, and that "it is all over but the shouting."

### Spelling Winners on Page 4

Today's returns in The Advertiser's big Spelling Match in all the city schools give five more lists of winners from Lord Roberts, Riverview, Wortley Road, Aberdeen and Tecumseh.

See the Names on Page 4

### London's Hope of Extra Seat Delayed by Defeat of

Redistribution. DR. STEVENSON, TOO

Opinion That Member Should Have Done More To Promote City's Interest.

Failure of Premier Drury to pass he redistribution measure, which would probably have awarded two seats in the Ontario house to London; was severely condemned by prominent members of the local Liberal party today.

Censure was not confined to the Farmer leader, however. London Liberals blame G. Howard Ferguson more than anyone else for alleged insincerity and political demagogy in balking the bill. They also take Dr. Hugh Stevenson, M.L.A., to task for not standing up for London's unde-

niable rights Edward Grange, Liberal publicity chairman and former Liberal candi-date for Lennox and Addington in the 1917 federal election, stated Conservatives of the provincial house were to be denounced for their reactionary attitude with regard to pro-

portional representation

Ferguson to Blame, "Ferguson is to blame for London not receiving her just representation." Mr. Grange said. "Now we shall have to wait another four years hefore adequate provision in modern before adequate provision is before adequate provision is made for this city. It is quite evident Ferguson's tactics were not so much to secure an expression of opinion, but rather to stop passage of the bill. Drury advocated sending the bill into committee to wrestle with This committee had no government majority, and Mr. Ferguson certainly could not object to it on that point. "Premier Drury shoul? also have brought the bill up earlier in the session. It looked much like an attempt at camouflage to submit it before the house when parliament was to be

house when parliament prorogued on May 4th." prorogued on May 4th." Ed. Hayden, prominent Ferguson was directly responsible for the redistribution break-up "It's a shame London has been cut off from proper representation," Mr. Hayden said. "This city should be represented in the provincial parliament, and the fact that she is no speaks badly for Toronto politicians. Our local member should have taken

part in the fight for redistribution but I didn't hear of him speaking a word for it.

Playing Politics "Ferguson is playing politics," C. R. Somerville, Liberal candidate in the 1921 Dominion election, said, "It is the duty of every member from Western Ontario to battle for London's rights. Justice has been allow the Conservative opposition wanted to get powder for the coming paign. He will probably be a twist the issue around to such an extent that it will look like good work on his part in balking the measure. Conservative strongholds such as Toronto, will be pleased to learn of his success."

Mayor Wenige was frankly dis-gusted with the latest development. He questioned quite sharply who "blocked" the contemplated redistribution. whereby London was promised another seat.
"I think it's a shame," he replied then informed that the Fergusonites

had registered uncompromising objection. "It is certainly not right that London should have to go another four years at least with but one memare entitled to increased representa-Others were equally emphatic in

censoring Mr. Ferguson.
One feature of the redistribution at Queen's Park would have listened attentively to local demands killing is that it will clear the atmosphere as far as local Liberals are concerned. Now they know the situfor the campaign. In the course of eral leader, will be asked to attend.

### CHATHAM SOLICITOR DIES, ILL SHORT TIME

O. L. Lewis, Prominent and Able Criminal Lawyer, Is Called by Death.

Special to The Advertiser. Chatham, Ont., April 20.-O. L. Lewis, K.C., city solicitor, and one of the most prominent and able criminal lawyers of Western Ontario, died of heart trouble late last evening, fol-lowing a comparatively brief illness. The late Mr. Lewis was a member of the firm of Lewis & Richards, and has handled the legal affairs of the city of Chatham for many years. Ar-rangements for the funeral have not as yet been made.

NEW COMMISSIONER IN SYRIA Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, April 20.—Gen. Maxime Wey-gand, assistant to General Foch, and former member of the inter-allied supreme war council, has been ap-pointed French high commissioner in Syria in the place of Gen. Gouraud,