

London Evening Advertiser

ST. JAMES CHURCH VOTES AGAINST UNION

Convicted Director Weeps As He Tells of Bank's Failure

LUMP SUM MAY SOLVE U.S. CLAIMS

Inter-Allied Financial Conference Opens in Paris Tomorrow Morning.

CHURCHILL'S PLAN

British Chancellor Hopes To Make Tentative Agreement With Americans.

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, Jan. 6.—Plans for an inter-allied debt conference at Brussels next March, to which the United States probably would be invited to send a delegate, are declared to have been formulated by Winston Churchill, British chancellor of the exchequer, who is due to arrive here this evening at the head of the British delegation to the conference of allied finance ministers which opens tomorrow.

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, Jan. 6.—The inter-allied financial conference begins today, in fact if not in form. With the official opening set for tomorrow, Premier Theunis of Belgium is having a conversation with Premier Herriot this afternoon, and it is understood that the British chancellor of the exchequer and the French and Italian finance ministers are also to have a preliminary consultation, at which the question of inter-allied debts will be discussed.

As to the conference proper, while it is fully realized here that it is confronted with a highly complex task, bristling with controversial matters, optimism prevails that it will close its labors next week with a general agreement which will clear the financial atmosphere for some time to come.

A solution which finds most favor at present would be to fix a lump sum for the American claims and to arrange for its repayment over a long period of years so as to make as slight a drain on the reparation pool as possible.

The composition of the French delegation to the conference has not yet been finally decided, but it is expected that Finance Minister Clementel, as chief, will be supported by M. Seydoux, chief of the commercial section of the foreign office, and several other experts, including Jean V. Parnetier.

Most of the other delegates and experts making up the forty persons of which the conference will consist are expected to arrive during the course of the day.

JEWELER'S FEAR OF FIRE WITH WIFE AWAY IS TRUE

Canadian Press Despatch.
Rockland, Ont., Jan. 6.—Fearing a fire during the absence of his wife, Armand Pommier, jeweler, had two friends stay with him over night Sunday in his home, over which yesterday morning fire broke out in the store and the three men only barely escaped with their lives. The building and its contents were completely destroyed at a loss of \$30,000.

LAPORTE LEAVES TO SIGN EXTRADITION TREATY IN U.S.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Jan. 6.—Hon. Ernest Laporte, minister of justice, will leave for Washington on Wednesday to sign the extradition treaty on behalf of Canada. The treaty, which was negotiated some time ago, provides for the extradition of persons trafficking in narcotic drugs.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Today—Light winds and clouds.

Wednesday—Southerly winds; mild with light snowfalls.

The rather deep depression which was in northern Alberta yesterday is now passing eastward over the Great Lakes.

Manitoba and another is developing near the middle Atlantic coast. The temperature is moderate throughout the Dominion. Light snowfalls have occurred in Manitoba and Ontario.

TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations. High. Low. Weather.

Victoria. 40. 28. Fair.

Calgary. 34. 8. Cloudy.

Winnipeg. 18. 8. Cloudy.

Port Arthur. 20. 20. Cloudy.

Sault Ste. Marie. 26. 22. Cloudy.

Toronto. 30. 24. Cloudy.

Kingston. 20. 22. Snow.

Ottawa. 26. 16. Cloudy.

Montreal. 26. 16. Cloudy.

Quebec. 24. 12. Clear.

St. John. 24. 18. Cloudy.

Halifax. 24. 21. Cloudy.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 26; lowest, 12.

The official temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 25; lowest, 23.

Barometric Readings.
Today, 8 p.m.—29.23.
Today, 8 a.m.—29.27.



PRINCESS PATRICIA.

The above portrait of Princess Patricia, as painted by Sir James Shannan, has been lent by the Duke of Connaught for an exhibition being held in New York soon, under the auspices of the English-Speaking Union. Princess Patricia made many friends in the dominion at the time her father, the Duke of Connaught, was here as governor-general. She was honorary colonel of the famous Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

GREAT DOME OF ST. PAULS IN DANGER OF COLLAPSE

50,000 Affected By Amnesty Bill

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, Jan. 6.—The court records in the cases of 50,000 persons cleared by the amnesty bill voted in parliament last week, are promulgated in the Journal today. The foremost of the beneficiaries is former Premier Calixte. The list includes deserters, criminals and persons charged with minor offences, not excluding speculators.

Among those pleased by the passage of the measure are the state prosecutors, who are now able to shelve 50,000 documents, which weighed on their over-charged hands.

TORONTO GIRL IS HELD BY DETROIT OFFICERS

Muriel Gilmour Alleged To Have Violated U. S. Immigration Laws.

Associated Press Despatch.
Detroit, Jan. 6.—Before she accepts again an invitation from a man to accompany him on a combination business-pleasure trip—if she ever does—Muriel Gilmour, 21-year-old daughter of C. H. Gilmour, chief purchasing agent of the Canadian Locomotive Company, will consult her own judgment as to the propriety of the venture, she said today in her cell in the women's division.

OIL TANKER IS AGROUND OFF COAST OF FLORIDA

Associated Press Despatch.
West Palm Beach, Fla., Jan. 6.—The Standard Oil tanker, William Rockefeller, which has been aground off Point Jupiter, about eleven miles north of this city, since early Saturday morning, was pulled off the bar late yesterday. The steamer is now lying at anchor off the shore to permit a thorough examination of the extent of her injuries, and to make necessary repairs.

FORMER SAILOR DIES.

Canadian Press Despatch.
St. Catharines, Jan. 6.—Capt. Cecil Milligan, who when he received his master's papers was the youngest captain on the great lakes, died suddenly here yesterday morning. He retired ten years ago to conduct a retail business, and was only 40 years of age at the time of his death. He was born in Kingston.

BEATTY IS BLAMED FOR BLUNDERS

Sir Reginald Bacon Claims Jellicoe Has Been Unjustly Accused.

REVIEWS BATTLE

Declares Beatty's Tactics Resulted in Loss of Ships at Jutland.

By HENRY SOMERVILLE.
Special Cable to The Advertiser.
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London, Jan. 6.—The controversy as to who was responsible for the battle of Jutland has taken a new turn as the result of the publication of a book by Admiral Sir Reginald Bacon, who commanded the Dover patrol during the war. He asserts that, contrary to the common impression, Jellicoe "led his fleet with much skill" and that it was Beatty "who blundered." Sir Reginald examines the tactics of the battle in detail. Beatty commanded the battle cruisers and four Queen Elizabeth battleships.

He dashed ahead with his six cruisers, instead of delaying the action until the four battleships, which were only a few miles distant, could join his line. The result was the British lost two ships against the much slighter injury to the Germans, when by waiting for the four battleships, Sir Bacon, Beatty could have annihilated the Germans.

The second mistake alleged against Beatty is that he raced northward so that he lost all touch with the German fleet. Jellicoe, however, was unable to inform Jellicoe as to what the enemy was doing.

FIRE LOSSES FOR CITY WILL TOTAL \$750,000

Hunt's Mill Blaze Puts December on Top in Monthly Totals.

The largest fire loss in London during the year was suffered in the month of December, according to a report issued today by Chief John Aitken.

The local fire department responded to 37 alarms, 24 of which were actual fires, and in which heavy damage was caused. The total loss will amount to almost three-quarters of a million dollars. The greater part of the damage, however, was caused when Hunt's mills on Nightingale avenue was wiped out a week ago.

Of the 37 calls answered during the month, seven were false alarms, three were chimney fires, and three were emergency calls.

Although the loss at the Hunt mills has not been actually established yet, it is believed it will not exceed \$500,000. Damage to the extent of \$200,000 was caused through fires at the Greer building on York street, and the Orth building on Dundas and Clarence streets.

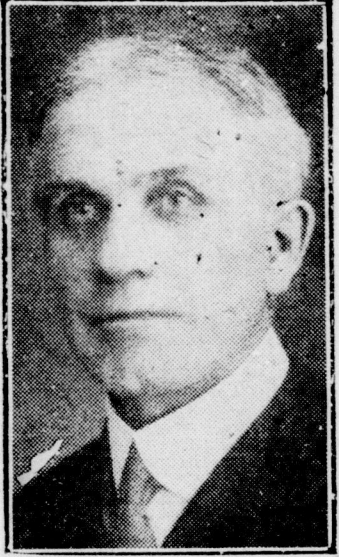
DR. N. SMYTH, WELL-KNOWN UNIONIST OF U. S., PASSES

Associated Press Despatch.
New Haven, Conn., Jan. 6.—Rev. Dr. Newman Smyth, pastor emeritus of Center Congregational church of this city, died at his home early today after a brief illness. Dr. Smyth was probably best known as an advocate of church union. He had written extensively on the subject, and taken an active part in the consideration of the union of Protestant churches in several sessions of the Congregational national council. He was 83 years of age and a native of Brunswick, Maine.

WINNIPEG UNEMPLOYED ARE AGAIN IN TROUBLE

Canadian Press Despatch.
Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 6.—The "out of work" continued their invasion of local restaurants today, and as a result, Austerlitz, of Picton, N. S., Benjamin Ebon of Toronto, and Edward Fortin of Gravelbourg, Sask., tonight are in jail awaiting a hearing on false pretence charges.

A dozen men, declaring they had been sent by the mayor, invaded a restaurant on Main street, were given a meal and attempted to leave without paying. The police were called and nine of the invaders paid, while the three arrested refused.



JOHN T. MAY,
former alderman, who is being
hoisted for a post on the London
railway commission of 1925. Two
members are retiring this year, but
are eligible for reappointment.

MOTOR LICENSES TO BE ISSUED HERE

Department Reports That No Change Will Be Made in Present System.

Special to The Advertiser.
By Staff Reporter.

Toronto, Jan. 6.—From the department of the registrar of motor vehicles for the province there comes the announcement that the registration offices outside the city of Toronto are not to be discontinued, as was suggested some months ago. Mr. J. P. Bickel said today: "There is nothing new in the statement that there are to be registrars appointed outside the city. I believe there are arrangements under way for one appointment for each county, and it may be that there will be more. Just where or who they are has not yet been announced."

The new license plate for 1925 are all in hand, and show a much better color combination than those now in use. They are made up of yellow figures on a black background. The 1924 plates are good until Feb. 1, 1925. The extension of time is believed to be a concession of a pending re-adjustment of license fees for certain types of heavy vehicles.

Extensions of the 1924 licenses seen to be quite the order of the year. The state of Ohio, on account of defective plates has extended its year up to Jan. 20. Michigan, pending legislation, has made its 1924 plates good until Feb. 5, or possibly until March 1. Virginia's season's extension is extended to Jan. 30.

ANTI-UNIONISTS IN REGINA PLAN TO FORM NEW CHURCH

Canadian Press Despatch.
Regina, Sask., Jan. 6.—At a meeting last night the dissident members of the five Presbyterian churches which have voted to enter union it was decided to proceed with the formation of a Presbyterian church of Regina. The first services will be held on Sunday in the city hall, and it also was decided that a call would be sent out for a new minister in due course. It was decided to attempt the formation of a Regina presbytery.

Courtesy Karoly, wife of the former president of Hungary, who became ill of typhoid fever before Christmas, remains in a serious condition.

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CANADIAN MOUNTAINEERS READY FOR LOGAN DASH

Attempt To Scale the Second Highest Peak in America To Be Made in Spring.

FUNDS ADEQUATE
A. H. McCarthy, of Wilmer, B. C., Will Lead Scaling Party of Seven.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Jan. 6.—An attempt to scale Mount Logan, highest unclimbed mountain on the North American continent, will be made in the coming spring. It was officially made known last night. Up to the present lack of funds has prevented the party from making the attempt. Sufficient funds to provide supplies and equipment have now been secured.

Mount Logan stands 19,550 feet and is the second highest peak on the continent. It is located in the southwestern corner of the Yukon territory. The party will leave Ottawa about April 15, proceeding to Seattle, where they will embark on May 2 for the Yukon. It is expected the attempt, if successful, will be completed by the end of July.

The party will be under the leadership of A. H. McCarthy of Wilmer, B. C. Other members of the party are: H. F. Lambert, Ottawa; Col. W. W. Foster, Vancouver; Alan Carpe, United States representative; a photographer, his assistant, and two reporters.

Record For Convictions Under O.T.A. In London Made During December

Fines Imposed During Month Amount to Nearly \$4,000.

CRIME DECREASES

Only One Penitentiary Sentence Handed Out During Period.

More O. T. A. convictions were registered in London during December than in any other period since the temperance act came into being. This fact is revealed through the monthly police court statistics tallied today by Police Court Clerk John Moule.

Fines imposed for O. T. A. infractions during the month amount to almost \$4,000, half of which will go to the Ontario government as fines for illegal sale of liquor.

Unpaid fines for breaches of the temperance act total almost \$1,500. Under the inland revenue act several were charged with having a still suitable for the manufacture of liquor and an additional amount of \$1,000 was collected, both in the police court and county court.

Ten Convicted.

Ten persons were convicted on charges of selling liquor, eight of whom paid fines amounting to \$400 and costs in each case. Two others are serving a four months' term in the county jail. Ten persons were found guilty of having liquor in a place other than a private dwelling, and the minimum penalty in each case, \$200 and costs, was imposed. The remainder of the O. T. A. convictions were made on persons charged with intoxication.

Ninety-eight convictions were made, out of all cases which appeared before Magistrate Graydon. This amount is considerably less than that of the preceding month, but is accounted for by the fact that fewer breaches of the highway traffic act are made during wintry weather.

Crime Decreases.

Crime in the city during the past few months has shown a substantial decrease. Criminal cases in December were few, and those which did appear were more or less of a petty nature. Only one penitentiary sentence was handed down, but a number of persons were sentenced to the Ontario reformatory for indefinite periods on minor charges.

The total fines imposed for December amount to \$4,777, which is \$1,500 in excess of the previous month.

Money was apparently scarce in London during the latter part of the year, for unpaid fines for the period are considerably larger than for preceding months.

MARTELLI, OPERA SINGER, NEWEST TYPHOID VICTIM

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Jan. 6.—Giovanni Martelli of the Metropolitan Opera Company, has been added to the list of prominent persons who are ill with typhoid fever. He is dangerously ill, according to latest reports on his condition.

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Scarlet Fever Takes Three

Canadian Press Despatch.
Montreal, Jan. 6.—With the death yesterday of Angelina Naimoni, aged seven from scarlet fever, the Naimoni family suffered its third similar loss since Christmas. The little girl was the last of three sisters to succumb to the disease. The first child, Virginia, aged two, died on Christmas day, and the second, Marie, aged eight, died two days later.

WRECKAGE IS BELIEVED OF LIQUOR-LADEN SHIP

Associated Press Despatch.
Atlantic City, N. J., Jan. 6.—Wreckage found floating in the ocean off Seagriff is believed to indicate loss of one of the liquor-laden vessels of run row during the terrible northeast gale of last week. The wreckage included nothing by which the ship might be identified.

VETERAN DIES SUDDENLY.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Niagara-on-the-Lake, Jan. 6.—While shaving himself at the home of his brother here yesterday, Fred Stiven, 82, collapsed and died before medical aid could reach him. He served overseas in an American unit and had been severely gassed.

DALY AGREED TO ASSUME ALL BLAME

J. F. M. Stewart Weeps as He Testifies on Gough's Behalf.

TELLS OF CRASH

Witness Declares President Admitted He Was Responsible For Failure.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Jan. 6.—In giving evidence in behalf of R. P. Gough, vice president of the Home bank, which failed in August, 1923, on trial on charges of making false statements of the bank's affairs to the minister of finance, J. F. M. Stewart, another director who has already been convicted on a charge of negligence, broke down this morning. He was telling of the dramatic meeting of the Home bank directors on Aug. 7, 1923, when A. E. Calvert presented the report of the bank's affairs, which brought out the fact that the bank was broken.

"I hadn't been there five minutes after the Calvert report was read when I knew the bank's bust," said Mr. Stewart, and then broke into tears. A glass of water was brought, and when Mr. Stewart recovered slightly he said in broken sentences that he knew then the reserve was gone, the capital impaired, "and that wasn't all. We were told there were other big accounts."

Mr. Stewart broke down again when he told of the actions and words of the late H. J. Daly, who was president of the bank's committee. "Daly said he would take the responsibility. He said he would take the punishment for the crowd. He said 'I know my mess, and he would see it through. It ended up with Daly making a worse show of himself than I am now. He had to be taken home, but I won't have to be.'"

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MacPherson of Glencoe or Calvert of Dorchester Most Likely Candidates.

Now that the personnel of the Middlesex county council for 1925 has been settled at the polls, county councillors are already speculating as to who will be elected warden.

A perusal of names shows that the council is pretty well divided as far as politics are concerned. If anything, there are one or two more Conservatives than there are Liberals, but of later years the warden's ship has not been fought on party lines, and an endeavor will still be made to keep politics out of the warden's election.

Allan MacPherson, reeve of Glencoe, and Dave Calvert, reeve of Dorchester, were the two logical candidates for the position, but there are several dark horses to be considered before the position is won, several of the councillors state.

Chief among the "dark equines" are A. C. Hodgins, London township; R. T. Ryeffer, Biddulph; Allan McDougall, of Carleton Place; and Bill Boler of Westminster.

Mr. Haney, who made a name for himself overseas, and who is one of the youngest members of the Ontario government, toured Northern Ontario with Premier Ferguson, and is in a position to give the members first-hand information of the natural resources of Northern Ontario. Mr. Haney's subject will be "Cashing in on Ontario's Natural Resources."

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