

## EDWARD FORMS A LEAGUE OF PEACE; BRITAIN, ITALY, FRANCE JOIN HANDS

Form a Defensive Agreement to Go Into Force Upon Expiration of Triple Alliance  
Will Assure World Peace—What Will Kaiser Do?

New York, Oct. 27.—A London dispatch to the Sun says that close secrecy which for a considerable time has surrounded an event of first magnitude in international politics is broken by an announcement that a military convention, which in effect amounts to a full defensive alliance, has been made between Great Britain, France and Italy. This momentous instrument has not nominally come into effect as yet, but in reality it is already an almost dominating factor in the European situation. It becomes operative whenever the triple alliance between Germany, Austria-Hungary and Italy, or rather the three treaties usually grouped under that designation shall expire, "either by expiration of time or by other cause."

This regrouping of great powers is a natural outcome of the destruction of the balance of power in Europe consequent upon paralysis of Russia in the Japanese war. It is an important step in the formation of a league of peace—the great object which King Edward has labored to achieve ever since he came to the throne of Great Britain. It has behind it the cordial support of Spain and Portugal. There is good reason for believing that it commands also the sympathy of the United States Government, which has been well aware of its inception and purposes.

Edward's League of Peace.  
The creation of this new international compact has been accompanied and followed by serious difficulties and even dangers. First and obviously, was the fact that Germany would regard it not only with natural resentment, but as a direct menace. It was negotiated on the eve of the Algeiras conference and it can be hardly denied that it was designed to some extent to act in restraint of Germany at that time. Its purpose, however, is in every respect non-aggressive, and it was and is impossible for the German Emperor to criticize it except by abandoning his official professed love of peace.

What Will Kaiser Do?  
The political situation in Europe as a whole is more satisfactory today than it has been for several years. Pessimists point to the fact that the death of the Sultan must be expected within a few months, and that the demise of Emperor Francis Joseph may create a crisis at any time. But the safeguards of peace grow stronger day by day. King Edward's League of Peace should be able very soon to bear any strain that may be put upon it.

### PROVINCIAL W. C. T. U.

Two Hundred Expected at Convention Here Next Month.

The day sessions of the convention are to take place in the Dundas Street Methodist Church, and they will be devoted almost entirely to consideration of departmental reports. A prominent member of the local W. C. T. U., however, stated today that the local option situation may be discussed and some attention given to the new license legislation passed by the Legislature at its last session. If this is the case, the Provincial Government may receive severe criticism, as some of the clauses of the bill are not at all to the liking of the temperance people.

The evening meetings are to be given over to the "Y" work, a gold medal elocution contest, a lecture and a "demonstration night."

### BROKE JAIL

Two Prisoners in Brampton Lockup Make Easy Get-Away.

Brampton, Oct. 26.—Two prisoners charged with attempted murder escaped from Brampton jail tonight. Just about dark the back corridor door was inadvertently left open leading to the jail yard, and slipping through, they pulled up an iron pump about 25 feet long, stood it against the wall, climbed to the top and dropped over.

The sheriff offers a substantial reward for recapture.

### TO SQUELCH HOLY WAR

Moroccan Authorities Will Put a Stop To Religious Fanaticism.

Paris, Oct. 27.—The French Government has been advised that the Moroccan authorities, as the result of the energetic representations made by the French officials at Morocco City, have agreed to send aid to Southern Morocco for the purpose of calming the fanatical tribes there, and persuading them to abandon their project of declaring a holy war after the Ramadan festival. No change is reported in the situation of affairs in the northern part of Morocco.

## Committee Drafts Plan For License Revision

Circuses, Plumbers, Lunch Counters, Etc.—Rinks May Contribute.

No. 3 committee of the city council held a special meeting last night and drafted a plan for the revision of the license bylaw of London.

Before the business of the meeting commenced, Mr. J. W. Jones, auctioneer, waited on the committee, and protested against the manner in which he had been treated during the recent prosecution, in which it was sought to hold him guilty of a breach of the transient traders' bylaw.

Mr. Jones pointed out that he is a resident of London and a taxpayer, and that he has a right to buy goods and sell them on his premises the same as any merchant. Mr. Jones also drew attention to the fact that frequently outside auctioneers are brought in to sell goods, but the local auctioneers have never entered a protest. All things taken into consideration, he thought the prosecution a very small piece of business.

Inspector McCallum explained that he was but doing his duty, and Chairman Matthews backed up the statement. The matter was then allowed to drop, and the revision of the license bylaw was taken up.

Get After the Circus.

First the committee went after the circuses with a deadly hate.

When the members got through, it was decided that in future the license for a circus and menagerie shall be \$250, instead of \$120 as formerly. And that in addition, the sum of \$25 shall be charged for each side show.

If the circus holds a procession in the city, but shows outside the limits, the fee will be \$125 for the procession. If the circus carries no menagerie, the fee will be \$75 to show in the city.

In all cases, when a circus unloads the bill-poster clause was amended to must be deposited with the city treasurer, as a guarantee against the breaking of sidewalks and injury to pavements.

Lunch Counters.

Quick-lunch counters and restaurants.

Looks Bright

FOR MR. TOLMIE

The North Bruce Liberal Candidate Has Encouraging Campaign.

Kincardine, Oct. 27.—The campaign in North Bruce is nearing its close. Despite the presence in the riding of Hon. A. B. Aylesworth, Mr. R. L. Borden, Mr. W. F. Maclean, M. P., Mr. Hugh Blain, M. P., Mr. C. M. Bowman, M. P., and several other members of the House of Commons and the Legislature, comparatively little interest in the contest appears on the surface. It will therefore be surprising if the majority of the successful candidate will be large, since normally the riding is quite evenly divided in its political allegiance, and honors have been about even in the past two decades. "It is a battle between the north and the south," said a prominent local politician. "The north, including Warton and the peninsula, we expect, will give about its normal Conservative majority of seventy-five. In the south the Liberals look for a lead of one hundred and fifty, which would carry the election for Mr. Tolmie. There are, of course, some considerations that may affect the result next Tuesday. If the weather is fine it is feared that the lack of interest may keep at home many farmers who are busy plowing and taking up the root crops. Kincardine town has usually been loyal to its home candidates, and may be expected to support Mr. Tolmie strongly. This locality feeling may also operate in favor of Mr. McLellan in Kincardine township, but Liberals here claim that it will not neutralize Mr. Tolmie's strength in the south end." If current political issues have affected the result, it is not apparent on the surface. A number of North Bruce electors are absent in the west, and this, with the rush of work on the farms, may press a smaller vote.

Mr. Tolmie expresses the utmost confidence of victory. He has conducted an effective personal canvass, and as the result of vigorous work, the electors believe that his election is beyond question. He has the advantage of experience in public life, and is well known to the electors and fully appreciated.

Roosevelt Is 48.

Washington, Oct. 27.—President Roosevelt is 48 years old today. He was the recipient of many congratulations.

Catro Very Ill.

Carcaras, Oct. 27.—President Castro, who has been in ill-health for a long time past, is still exceedingly weak.

ants combined, of which there are quite a number in the city, will be charged a fee of \$20 per annum. In the past there has been no fee.

A restaurant which runs the usual business with no quick-lunch counter will pay, as usual, \$10 per annum. Roller and ice skating rinks will pay a license of \$20 per annum. This is a new fee.

Shooting galleries will be charged \$1 a day, or \$5 a month, or \$20 a year, according to the length of time for which they take out the license.

One for the Plumbers.

The committee also got after the plumbers, and slapped on a new fee of \$5 per annum.

Theaters and opera houses will pay the usual fee of \$80 per annum for places of amusement, such as the auditorium, will be charged only \$40 a year. Pawn shop fees will remain the same, as the license is now as high as the law will permit—\$60.

Intelligence office licenses were run up from \$1 to \$5.

The bill-poster clause was amended to take in pamphlet and sample distributors, and the fee was placed at \$10 or \$5 for a month.

Milk vendors will pay the usual license of a dollar a year, but the city will furnish a brass plate, with a number, and this must be nailed to the left side of the wagon. The milkman will be compelled to put up a deposit for the plate.

A kennel of ten dogs or over will cost the man who maintains it \$10 per year. Bowling alley licenses will cost \$30 for the first two beds, and \$5 for each additional bed. At present the license is a flat one of \$40.

Cigarette licenses remain the same as formerly, \$15.

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## Flat Contradiction Given Ellis Charge by Mr. Reid

Transcontinental Railway Commissioner Denies Statement Made at Toronto.

The National Transcontinental Railway commissioners were in the city for a short time today en route to Ottawa from Winnipeg, where they have been on a tour of inspection. During their stay here Hon. S. N. Parent, the chairman of the commission; C. F. McIsaac, C. A. Young, and H. DeMartigny, the secretaries, were the guests of Mr. Robert Reid, also a member of the board, at the London Club.

The commissioners left Ottawa on Oct. 16 for the west, and in the interval they have made a very careful inspection of the work which is now in progress east of Winnipeg. The contract for 250 miles of the road has been let to J. D. McArthur, of Winnipeg, who is making as rapid headway as possible under the circumstances. The commissioners were satisfied with the manner in which the contract is being carried out, the only room for objection being that the number of men employed is not as large as they considered it should be. This matter was brought to the attention of the contractor, who explained that it has been absolutely impossible for him to secure more help owing to the scarcity of men in the west.

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The board some time ago inspected the section of 150 miles in Quebec, which is now in course of construction, and they found everything satisfactory. This work has been let to Messrs. Hogan & McDonald, of Montreal.

Dennis Ellis' Statement.

On being interviewed by The Advertiser, Mr. Reid, who is a former Londoner, and a brother of Mr. George M. Reid, was asked if he had seen his name mentioned in the evidence given at the London election conspiracy case at Toronto. Mr. Reid replied that he had been following the evidence closely.

"I noticed," he said, "that Mr. J. H. Pritchett had repeated the old affidavit wherein he made charges against me. This I have already denied through the press, and am prepared to do so again. It is simply a case of his word against mine. I also saw that Mr. Ellis, of the Barber & Ellis Company, Toronto, had attempted to connect my name with a supposed deal in supplies, which were purchased through the Monroe Commission Company, of which Mr. John O'Gorman is an agent."

"This matter is new to me, and I have not had an opportunity to give my side of the case. I will say, however, that it will not only bring a flat contradiction from me, but that documentary evidence will be produced to prove that Mr. Ellis has willfully gone out of his way to malign the commission. As a matter of fact, the purchases were all made through our purchasing agent and documents will corroborate this. I hope to have the opportunity of giving my evidence at the proper time and in the proper place."

Big Standard Oil Men To Be Prosecuted

New York, Oct. 27.—A Washington dispatch to the Herald says that on very high authority it is announced that Attorney-General Moody will within a month bring proceedings against prominent members of the Standard Oil Company under the terms of the Sherman anti-trust law, which provides penalties of fine and imprisonment for its violation. This action, which will be the most notable of all ever undertaken by the Government against a commercial organization, will be Mr. Moody's valedictory as a cabinet member.

It is impossible to draw from the department of justice the names of those members of the Standard Oil Company whom the initial proceedings will be launched. It is known, however, that the prominent members of the corporation will be the target of the proceedings, and that the names believed to include especially those who have been identified with the company through the 35 years of its steady development.

MADE CLEAN SWEEP.

Carcaras, via Willensstad, Oct. 27.—The cyclone which did so much damage on the Island of Curacao and in its vicinity about the middle of October, struck Puerto Cabello, and going south destroyed every house in its path, including all the buildings in the village of Trincheras. During the progress of the storm, it rained heavily for 26 hours without intermission.

STREET RAILWAY CO. WILL PLACE EXTRA CARS ON TWO LINES

Wellington Street and Oxford Street Services Are To Be Much Improved.

Engineer Royce, of the Ontario Railway Board, has completed his inspection of the London Street Railway, and leaves for Toronto this evening.

He called on City Engineer Graydon at the city hall today, but he was very careful as to what he said. He asked for a map of the city and for a copy of the city's agreement with the company, and both were furnished him by Mr. Graydon.

It is known that while Mr. Royce devoted much time to the inspection of the bridges of the street railway, and it is hinted that he is not well satisfied with them and will have something to say to Mr. King on the matter shortly.

This afternoon he visited Dundas street bridge and made voluminous notes.

In the morning Mr. Royce went over the western end of the street railway and afterwards had a long talk with Manager King.

The street railway people are not waiting to be told by Mr. Royce what to do to improve the service. They are going ahead themselves.

Extra Cars on Two Lines.

Manager King informed The Advertiser today that beginning Monday next the company will place an extra car on the Wellington street line and also one on the Oxford and Hamilton road line.

This will make five cars on the former and six cars on the latter line. On Wellington street the service will be an eleven-minute one, and on Oxford street it will be ten minutes.

No More Kicks.

Mr. King explained that the company has been desirous of placing the cars in commission for some time, but that for a while they were delayed through being unable to secure the new cars from Ottawa. Then when the cars arrived one of the generators at the power house gave out, and it had to be replaced. Now, however, the cars are ready, the power house is in good shape, and the result will be a vastly improved service on two lines which have been greatly complained of by citizens for some time.

The putting into commission of the extra cars has resulted in a revision of the routes and hours, with the result that some spare men will be given steady work. Four new crews will be added.

## LONDON MAN WINS HEAVY SUIT AGAINST THE ONTARIO GOV.

Administration Canceled Mr. T. S. Hobbs' Contract and Must Pay the Piper.

The Ontario Government was given a black eye yesterday by a decision of Chief Justice Meredith in favor of Mr. T. S. Hobbs, ex-M. P., of this city.

The Ontario Government in 1895 entered into a contract with one O'Connor for the manufacture of binder twine in the Central Prison. This was ratified by the Legislature. In 1897, the Government, by order-in-council, made another contract, which later passed into the hands of the Independent Cordage Company, of which Mr. T. S. Hobbs was the chief owner. When Mr. Whitney became premier, his administration summarily cancelled this last contract—apparently on political grounds—representing that it had not been ratified by the Legislature and was therefore illegal.

Mr. Hobbs, on behalf of the Independent Cordage Company, entered action against the Government for \$8,216, the balance of an account, and for \$5,000, being the amount of the company's deposit in connection with the contract. The Government then filed a counter-claim of \$31,000, alleging that the company owed this amount for machinery installed in the Central Prison after the original plan was destroyed by fire.

In his evidence Mr. Hobbs said that \$45,000 had been spent by his brother in installing new machinery, which

was necessary to produce the required amount of rope and twine. Mr. Hobbs had nothing whatever to do with the number of prisoners employed, or the hours.

John A. Smith, machinist at the Central Prison until 1901, testified that the charges for repairs by the Independent Cordage Company were very fair, even cheap.

Chief Justice Meredith gave judgment for the company for the full amount of \$13,216, and dismissed the Government's claim with costs. Every single item of the Government's claim was pronounced untenable.

An interesting argument took place on the question of the validity of the order-in-council ratifying the second contract, which was assigned to the Independent Cordage Company. Mr. F. H. Hodgins, K.C., who appeared for the crown, argued that where a contract has once been approved by the Legislature it cannot be altered by the Government without the consent of the Legislature.

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The chief justice further instanced the way in which the Government from time to time sold large blocks of land. The Independent Cordage Company was represented by Mr. George C. Gibbons, K.C., London.

SHOOTS WIFE IN PUBLIC SQUARE

George Lecouteur, Quebec City, Kills Wife While Mentally Deranged.

Quebec, Oct. 27.—George Lecouteur shot and instantly killed his wife on the Esplanade here this morning. The pair, it seems, were sitting on one of the benches facing St. Louis street, near the Garrison Club, when Lecouteur suddenly drew his revolver and fired, the bullet entering his wife's left cheek and passing through the brain, causing instant death. No cause is assigned for this dreadful act, but it is said by his friends that Lecouteur has been acting strangely of late, and it is thought he was mentally deranged.

Lecouteur is under arrest. He is about 65 years old and his wife was about 60. Ronald Lecouteur, who was killed in the Transvaal at the termination of the South African war, was a son.

The annual convention of the Provincial Women's Christian Temperance Union is to be held in this city on Nov. 13, 14, 15 and 16. In the neighborhood of 200 delegates are expected, but it is quite likely this number will not attend. Mrs. McKee, of Barrie, is the president for the Province, and Mrs. Thornley, of this city, first vice-president.

A \$3,000 BLAZE

Residence of Mr. J. H. Elliott, Westminster, Destroyed.

The residence of Mr. John H. Elliott, of the 6th concession, of Westminster, was burned to the ground yesterday morning, the fire resulting from a defective chimney.

All the furniture and fixtures were lost. The loss amounts to about \$3,000. The insurance will scarcely cover this.

BUCKINGHAM INQUEST

Women Witnesses Testify That Strikers Started the Trouble.

Ottawa, Oct. 27.—The Buckingham inquest may conclude today. A large number of witnesses were examined yesterday, but nothing sensational came out except that the strikers positively assert that Alex MacLaren fired the shot which hit Belanger. A number of women testified, and all seemed to be against the strikers, asserting they were armed and had also gathered a large number of stones before entering the mill property. Detective Picard, who assaulted Mr. De La Breure, the La Patrie reporter, on Wednesday, was fined \$5 and costs today.

ABANDONED AT SEA

British Steamer Havresham Grange Burned En Route to Australia.

Cape Town, Oct. 27.—The British steamer Havresham Grange, from New York, Sept. 23, was abandoned on fire Oct. 24. The passengers and crew were all saved, and landed here by the steamer Matavia.

The Havresham Grange was bound for Australia, and was owned by the Empire Transportation Company, a British concern.

RELAY RACE POSTPONED.

The one-mile relay foot race for teams from the townships of London, Delaware and Westminster, which was to have been held today at Victoria Park, was postponed, owing to the unfavorable weather. A meeting will probably be held this afternoon for the purpose of fixing another date for the event.

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Two Men Jump From the Third Story of Building and Are Slightly Hurt.

In a fire which resulted from some cause at present unknown, Arthur Moran and John Mullins, employees of Stroyan's Livery, in the rear of the Spencer Block, were hurt last night by jumping from the third story window in the ground. Both men are now in Victoria Hospital, but beyond a few cuts they are uninjured. Dr. H. A. Stevenson is attending them.

At 11:30 o'clock Moran and Mullins were sleeping in their bedroom on the third floor of the barn, next to the hay mow, when they were awakened by the smell of smoke. They jumped out of bed and attempted to make their way downstairs, but the moment the door leading to the stairway was opened a volume of smoke and flame rushed in. The hay was burning fiercely, and it appeared as though the entire barn would be lost in a few minutes. The men then hurried to the window and cried for help. Their shouts attracted passersby, and soon quite a crowd had gathered. At the first call, some one sent in an alarm from the box at the corner of Dundas and Wellington streets, and the department responded with commendable promptitude.

Moran and Mullins were greatly frightened, and though some people shouted to wait until a ladder arrived, they took the advice of others who told them to jump. They were 20 feet from the ground, and they landed in heap, bleeding somewhat, and almost dead. They were taken to the Metropolitan Hotel, where they were sheltered until the arrival of the ambulance.

In the meantime the firemen arrived on the scene, and inside of an hour minutes three streams of water were playing on the flames.

There were over 20 horses in the barn and they were all on the second floor, but as soon as liberated by a number of men who showed great presence of mind, the frightened animals lost no time in getting down the gangway to safety. Galloping around the yards in the glare of the burning stable, they made a weird picture.

The firemen fought the flames scientifically, and succeeded in confining the blaze to the hay mow where it was subdued in half an hour, although Chief Clark and his men did not leave the scene until 2 o'clock this morning.

Mr. A. G. Stroyan owns the building and contents. The loss will be in the neighborhood of \$1,000, fully insured. It is said the loss is confined to the upper story of the building, the hay burned and slight damage to carriages.

HEADED THIS WAY

Severe Storm Now in Michigan and Sweeping Eastward.

New York, Oct. 27.—The local weather bureau has received the following special from Washington:

Southwest storm warnings are displayed from Norfolk to New York. Severe storm central over Lower Michigan, moving eastward. A southerly wind along the middle Atlantic coast this afternoon, increasing to high tonight or Sunday forenoon.

FALLIERES UNAFRAID.

Paris, Oct. 27.—When President Fallieres received the members of the new cabinet shortly after its formation, he made the following statement to M. Viviani, the minister of labor: "No doctrine, no reform, no matter how bold, frightens me. The Government as constituted must march at the head of the democracy. Consequently, I look with pleasure on the creation of the ministry of labor. In the present state of the economic evolution in France, such a ministry is absolutely necessary."