

TRAVELLERS' AID SOCIETY HELPS 9,000 EACH YEAR

Splendid Work May Be Encouraged by Generous Welfare Fund Contribution.

MEETS ALL TRAINS

Few citizens of London who pass the small desk and other modest equipment of the Y. W. C. A. Travellers' Aid service at the C. N. R. station realize the volume of good-will and helpfulness which flows each day through that channel. This station renders aid to more than 9,000 travellers in the year. During January there were 860, and during the shorter month of February, 735. The most of these are women, 810 during the former, and 691 during the latter month.

The service would be needed even if it were only for that occasional grandmotherly little soul of 70, who was stranded in London on her way from Hamilton to Windsor, and for whom a call to the mayor brought enough funds to buy a ticket to her destination, or that sprightly young matron who reached London via an upset in a snowdrift on a county road, who left her purse, and who was sent on her way to her husband in a nearby town in Ontario.

Constant Service Needed.

But there is constant need of service to the thousands of Canadians arriving from overseas. There is the case of the young Holland maiden, who had come to take a place in domestic service in a London home, and landed on the station platform, sans letter of introduction, sans command of an English vocabulary beyond the announcement that she could speak no English, and sans any other information to guide her, except the fact, finally extracted through the medium of a German-speaking interpreter, that she was to be employed in a home with three children.

The Y. W. secretary in charge of the Travellers' Aid station was temporarily at a loss, but only temporarily so. The girl was speedily located, not in a London home with three children, where domestic help was desired—that might have been no difficult task—but in the London home where she was expected.

All Kinds Aided.

How was that done? Oh, that is one of the tricks of the business of helping all kinds of travellers out of all kinds of predicaments. These workers are resourceful. And they are there all the time. At the C. N. R. station they meet the trains and the trains a month. They do not merely sit in a corner waiting for trouble to come their way, but they go all the way to the train to meet it, and conquer it in the name of the Y. W. C. A. and London's reputation for helpfulness and kindness to all the needy. Travellers' Aid, which spells help to more than 9,000 bewildered or destitute folks in the year, is only a small division of the program of one of the fourteen agencies to which every citizen of London will have the chance next week to contribute in the United Welfare fund canvass which begins Monday, March 31.

CHIMNEY BLAZE.

Firemen responded to a chimney blaze at the home of A. Harvey, 336 Ridout street, this morning at 10 o'clock. The fire was extinguished with chemicals and little damage done.

SEVEN OUT OF TEN HEADACHES ARE CAUSED BY EYESTRAIN

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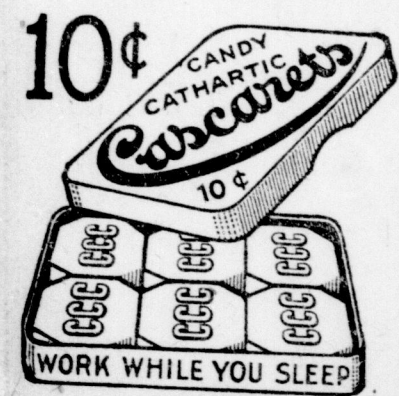
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BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS NOW NEARLY DAILY OCCURRENCE

20 Years Ago

In The Advertiser.

West Londoners are driven from their homes by great flood. Most of West London is covered with from two to six feet of water. The police and men of the fire department are working to save life and property. At least \$25,000 worth of property damage is already estimated.

WELFARE CHIEF POINTS OUT FUND IS UNITED DRIVE

Shortage in \$125,000 Total Means Shortage All Around, Says G. Reid.

THREE MAIN POINTS

"There are three main points which I wish to emphasize, and which I think every citizen should get fixed in his mind this year," declared Mr. G. Reid, president of the London United Welfare Fund, when asked what is the strongest appeal to London citizens in the campaign for contributions to the 1924 Welfare Fund.

"These points may be put in one-two-three order," continued Mr. Reid, "and they are: first, the need of the fund; second, the need of the fund; and third, the need of the fund."

"First—This is a united fund, has been formed in response to the united sentiment of the city, and calls for the united effort of every citizen. Acting independently, each citizen would give greater importance to some of the fourteen agencies than to the others. But acting together, all will realize that all of the fourteen are important and all deserve hearty, united support. Combined, they are the means by which the whole city and all the citizens press their good will and show that they care for the needy."

\$125,000 Needed.

"Second—The total amount of the proper conduct of the city's welfare work for the year, \$125,000. A shortage in the total means a shortage all along the line. The citizens of London would not realize a shortage of the old methods whereby fourteen or more separate drives for funds were organized in financing these agencies. Since the citizens have themselves endorsed the united method of appeal, they are under plain obligation to see that the full requirements of a budget which has been carefully scrutinized by the association's budget committee, and has been concurred in by the citizens, are actually needed to conduct their welfare work properly."

"Third—The present industrial and business conditions of this city can be reached only if every citizen does his share. The situation this year demands the giving of every citizen. In the past, numbers of citizens feel themselves able to give but little better able to carry the load. This year each should remember that those 'better able' will be under too heavy a burden when they are compelled to carry the load. The cause will be saved this year by the united effort of all citizens which have not given at all in former years or who have given too little, roll into the common treasury."

Industrial Canvass.

"So imperative is it that all shall help this year that the canvass has been organized among the industrial plants, and the business houses, generally throughout the city, so as to appeal to every worker for the wage of other workers, as to his per month for twelve months, his or her contribution to the fund. This furnishes a ready gauge for other citizens also. Let each give a definite amount in proportion to his ability, and up to the limit of his or her share."

"All together, we can reach our objective and maintain our united work on an adequate basis. If any fail to do their share, the whole cause will be defeated. The Welfare Association appeals to every citizen of London more than sixty thousand to do his share."

FRENCH GOVERNMENT IS FORCED TO RESIGN

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took because of the sensational decline of the franc, the government commanded by President Poincaré, both houses, especially of M. Poincaré's well-known policy toward Germany and the reparations issue.

VOTE RULED OUT. Associated Press Despatch. Paris, March 25.—A motion for vote of confidence in the Poincaré government was ruled out of order in the chamber of deputies this afternoon.

POINCARÉ SUMMONED. Associated Press Despatch. Paris, March 25.—Raymond Poincaré, whose ministry resigned today after a defeat in the chamber, was summoned to the palace late this afternoon by President Poincaré. It was understood the president desired to urge him to reconsider his determination not to attempt the formation of another ministry.

ST. JOHN'S GUILD.

The Ladies' Guild of St. John's Church held another of their series of Lenten sewing meetings yesterday afternoon when they entertained at the home of Mrs. F. L. Gosselin, 2500 St. John's street. There was a large attendance.

London Doctors Report Action Is Quite Common in Hospitals.

NUMEROUS PATIENTS

Operation Is Mild Affair, With Little Danger Attached To It.

The giving of blood to save or extend the life of patients whose supply is depleted has become an almost every day occurrence in local hospitals. When blood transfusions were uncommon, it was considered quite an heroic action to volunteer quantities of one's own life fluid, but the operation is actually a very mild affair, with practically no danger attached.

Numerous patients brought into Victoria Hospital have, within the past year, been given blood from internes and nurses. The rule is that a nurse who offers a pint of her own blood for a suffering patient may lie down for two hours, but after that she is supposed to continue with her duties.

The average blood supply is seventeen pints. Frequently, two and three pints are taken from persons, sometimes relatives of the patient, without the slightest bad effect. If a man or woman is healthy, the supply is regained within two weeks.

In cases of pernicious anemia, it often becomes essential to refuse several quarts of blood into the patient. In fact, this is the only effective form of treatment in advanced cases, and has the effect of prolonging life sometimes as long as twelve months. In other cases, however, blood transfusions are temporary requirements designed to strengthen persons, whose loss of blood through hemorrhage makes their condition precarious.

"Transfusions are very simple," a member of the staff stated. "The blood is taken through a needle from a vein at the crook of the elbow. Two pints can be taken out in less than thirty minutes, and the person who volunteers his blood hardly knows what has taken place. In a few hours he is perfectly normal and can go about his business the next day."

WILL INVITE W. M. S. CONVENTION HERE

City Delegates Attending Presbyterial To Point Out London's Advantages.

London delegates who attend the annual provincial Presbyterial W. M. S. meeting to be held in Hamilton next month will bear with them an invitation to the provincial executive to hold the next annual meeting in this city.

The executive of the London Presbyterial W. M. S. holding their March meeting in the First Methodist Church yesterday, decided to extend an invitation for the next executive session and it is confidently hoped the officers will see fit to bring it here. The executive elected their delegates yesterday. They are: the president, Mrs. J. M. McEvoy; the treasurer, Mrs. M. B. McEachren; the corresponding secretary, Mrs. John Gemmell; the secretary of the Girls' Work Board, Mrs. J. Dewar; and the Mission Band secretary, Miss Hattie Ferguson of St. Thomas. Three district vice-presidents will also attend.

Mr. McEvoy opened yesterday's meeting with devotional exercises. After which business resolved itself into reports from various secretaries' departments. Mrs. Peterman, the literary secretary, introduced a new pamphlet which is expected to be of great assistance in the work and which is called "An Argument with Myself." Mrs. Dewar, the supply secretary, reported letters of warm thanks from the mission stations in Northern Ontario for bales recently sent. Mrs. Middleton, the library secretary, reported also that much appreciation was shown for the books sent to the mission stations and for the careful and suitable manner in which they had been selected.

An important feature which comes up at the April meeting is the election of officers and the Montreal jubilee convention in May. It is conceded that Mrs. McEvoy, the president, will be one delegate. The other is yet to be chosen.

HAVING AMERICAN FAGS BRINGS FINE OF \$100

Officers Find Three Cartons in Fruit Store Where T. Nopper Is Employed.

For having in his possession four cartons of American cigarettes without the necessary inland revenue stamps attached, Thomas Nopper was fined \$100 and costs in police court this morning. Nopper and a man named Samuel Fangras were jointly charged with the same offense, but the former assumed full responsibility. Nopper was also charged with having cigarettes for sale. To this, his counsel, Edward Spencer, pleaded not guilty. Detective evidence was taken, but the second charge was dismissed when Cecil Webb, inland revenue officer, and J. C. Elliott, K.C., failed to establish definitely that the tobacco was purchased for selling purposes.

The defendant brought the cartons from Detroit recently. He works at a local fruit store and took them there yesterday against the advice of Fangras, who manages the shop. Police officers came in and searched the store, finding three of the cartons covered up by a layer of sawdust in a barrel. Nopper was apprehended in his home, and five packages were found there.

Next Week Is Their Week and Yours



THEY'RE BACKED BY YOUR WELFARE FUND.

When the Welfare Drive opens next week, the health and safety of the little people at St. Joseph's Orphanage will rest again in your keeping. Look at the six little children above and decide to give generously.

HUGE RUM-RUNNING PLOT IS REVEALED

Toronto Woman and Confederates Believed Implicated in Cleveland Deal.

Associated Press Despatch. Cleveland, Ohio, March 26.—Unearthing of what is believed to be a huge rum-running plot was revealed today in the arrest here by government officials of Mrs. Minnie Sack, 30, of Toronto.

Federal warrants have been issued here, charging two men, alleged companions of Mrs. Sack, with a conspiracy to smuggle into Cleveland wholesale quantities of Canadian liquor. A huge quantity of bonded liquor has been seized, and is being held in a United States warehouse, it was learned today.

Arraigned before United States Commissioner Martin J. Monahan, Mrs. Sack denied any knowledge of the plot. She was held in county jail in default of \$5,000 bail.

Court Disbelieves Mr. Riley's Tale and Assesses Usual \$10.

"How can you tell when a man without legs is drunk?" queried Patrick Riley in police court this morning. "I can't help wobbling all over the place when I walk, and the policeman think I am drunk."

Despite Riley's rather original defence, he was fined \$10 just costs. Officers stated he was frightening women and children at Mill and Richmond streets. Riley said he hadn't taken a drop and waxed very emphatic in his explanation of the incident to the court.

"I'm living at Mount Hope," he said. "If I have to go to jail they won't take me back. I'll just have to live the rest of my life in the county prison if you find me guilty."

The prisoner declared that he was going to a sham trial to have his legs fixed. Both limbs were lame years ago and Riley gets about on wooden ones.

P. C. Shaw said he saw Riley acting queerly and arrested him.

"You thought I was going after a bottle, didn't you?" the prisoner said. "I wasn't drunk. If I was how could I get about on my wooden pins?"

Sergeant Middaugh said Riley "lost control of himself," when taken into the police station. He thought the prisoner was very drunk.

"I've been going to church for two months, but all my good behavior will get me nothing if you send me to jail. I can't pay a fine."

Notwithstanding his plea the court decided to fine him \$10 and costs or ten days in jail. Riley heard the sentence with a look of futility and a gesture of despair.

WELFARE FUND PRIZES

Three prizes every day for the best answers to the question: "Why give to the London United Welfare Fund?"

Each day this week until next Saturday, March 29, The Advertiser will give three prizes each day for the best answers to the question stated above: "Why Give to the London United Welfare Fund?"

The prizes will each be two seats in Loew's Theatre, and each day will end at noon, the following day commencing at once.

The contest is open to all citizens of London. Answers are limited to 150 words. Brevity is an advantage.

Wednesday's Best Answers

The following are the three best answers received on the third day. They are submitted by Mrs. R. Rodda, 452 Ottawa avenue; Mrs. Oliver Ellwood, 69 Beach street, and Mrs. J. White, 184 Emory street, each of whom will receive two seats in Loew's Theatre on application at The Advertiser office.

MRS. R. RODDA: "Because the money given is used to care for and teach the people how to look after the sick and feeble-minded, also homeless and crippled children; therefore, by preventing much unnecessary suffering and misery so that the future generation may grow up to be healthier and more intelligent citizens, as by having the knowledge of knowing how to prevent sickness, so it could be entirely stamped out."

MRS. OLIVER ELLWOOD: "Because it is the finest institution that ever asked for public support and does wonderful work towards making the future generation healthy."

MRS. J. WHITE: "It's a worthy cause for good fellowship and unity." Other good answers received are as follows:

T. J. MURPHY: "We are cold, or hot, or lukewarm. (Rev. Ill., 16-17)."

LONDONERS ARRESTED ON MANN ACT CHARGE

Taken Into Custody by Immigration Officials At Detroit.

Detroit, Mich., March 25.—Hubert Brown, 21, and Mrs. Mary Fortner, 25, both of London, Ont., were taken into custody here today by United States immigration officials on a Mann act charge. The couple were found at 2910 Fort street east.

The arrest was brought about by the woman's husband, who told the authorities that Brown induced his wife to leave him and their four-year-old child. Brown is said to be a married man and has a wife and young son living in London. After leaving London the couple went to Kentucky, the police say. Brown told police he "felt sorry" for Mrs. Fortner because her husband, he said, had neglected her.

Obituary

MISS ETHEL FOX. The funeral of Miss Ethel Fox, who died in Halifax last week, was held from the home of A. G. Hewton, 231 Hyman street, today at 2 o'clock to Delaware for interment, the former home of Miss Fox.

MRS. M. J. McFADDEN. The remains of Mrs. Mary Jane McFadden, who died at her home, 32 Beaconsfield avenue, on Sunday, in her 57th year, were forwarded to Sarnia today on the 11:50 C. N. P. train, where interment will be made. The pallbearers were W. Claris, W. Powell, L. R. Anderson, A. Noble, H. Billings, B. Wheatley. Rev. Mr. Storie officiated.

Besides her husband, Charles McFadden, she is survived by four sons, Harold and Gordon, of this city; Edgar, Detroit; Garfield, of Toronto; three daughters, Mrs. S. McFalls of this city; Mrs. L. Kekao of Detroit; Mrs. J. Andrews of Chatham; one sister, Mrs. F. Yerkes of Loraine, and a son, Charles McFadden.

LONDON WOMEN URGE PARENTS DECIDE QUESTION

Protest Step To Place Medical Direction of Pupils With Government.

AGITATION IS STRONG

Local women are not yet ready to see the entire responsibility of the welfare of school children shifted from the home to the government, according to interviews this morning with two of the "most prominent."

Mrs. J. A. Hunt and Mrs. John Gemmell were questioned as representative women and as women keenly interested in all matters educational, whether they approve of the new bill 111, which is proposed, respecting medical and dental inspection of pupils in public and separate schools, which is now before the legislature. Opponents of this bill insist that it is a piece of class legislation proposed as the thin edge of a wedge which the Ontario Medical Association has been trying for years to drive into the province.

According to a report from Toronto, ministers and members of the House have been deluged during the past week with messages calling upon them to insist that a clause be inserted in this bill guaranteeing that no medical or dental treatment shall be given to children without the consent of their parents. Christian Science organization and Rotary and Kiwanis clubs throughout the province are forming a strong opposition to the terms of the bill, although no action has been taken by either of the London clubs, nor has the matter been introduced at any meetings.

Firm Clause. Opponents of the bill are asking a firm clause to the effect that no dental, medical or surgical treatment shall be undertaken without the written consent of the parent or guardian of the pupil.

"And they are perfectly right," Mrs. Hunt stated. "All treatment, and especially of a surgical nature, should be undertaken with the consent of the parents. The government should not try to take control of the child away from the parents. They should rather try to educate the parents in their responsibility for their children. If they are ignorant of what medical care can do for their child, then they ought to be taught. But we should not try to override them in everything."

Similar Opinion. Mrs. Gemmell entertained a similar opinion. "I don't believe in shoving any sort of legislation through hurriedly, and though I understand the need for medical care and medical treatment and examination in the schools, I can't quite see that there is a need to put through any law so suddenly. It is a matter of time. Any action taken with the consent of that child's parents. If we find out that the parents are ignorant of proper treatment and in so doing prevent their children from the enjoyment of perfect health, then some action would be given. In that case, we should owe it to the children to see that they are given proper care. But I haven't heard of any agitation which goes to show that parents would oppose proper treatment, and until we have some evidence that they would, I think the parents should be consulted in every case."

ONE WOULDN'T PASS UP A BOTTLE IN A STABLE

Thomas King Has Novel Tale in Court, But "Two Hundred and—"

Thomas King had a novel explanation regarding the manner in which he came into possession of a bottle of alcohol yesterday. In police court this morning he claimed he found the bottle in a manger of a stable. He was arrested, charged with having liquor in other than a private dwelling. When approached he was reeling and had apparently been drinking heavily of rubbing alcohol. "I saw it in a stable and picked it up," King said, referring to the bottle. "When a man sees a bottle in a stable he wouldn't overlook it, would he?"

"It's very dangerous not to do," said the court. "Two hundred dollars and costs."

EIGHT FINS ARRIVE. Eight husky residents of Finland arrived in the city late yesterday afternoon and were sent to farm positions secured for them this morning. Immigration Officer Farrell expects a number of immigrants toward the end of the week, he states.

25 Years Ago

In The Advertiser.

John Ruskin reaches his 80th birthday today.

The German cruiser Buzzard arrived in Tangier yesterday to enforce the demand for indemnities for Germans killed in Morocco some months ago.

Mitchell, Ont. now has a real scare in the presence of a "Jack the Hugger," who is accosting women in the streets.

Chicago painters strike and are asking for 37 cents an hour.

The New York board of lunacy in its annual report says that 7,000 persons in the state became inmates of asylums for various periods owing to lack of clothes and food.

The coal miners of Washington, Indiana have resumed work following a 22-month strike.

PUBLIC UTILITIES OUTLINES SCHEME FOR GOLF COURSE

None of Ratepayers' Money Will Be Expended On Project.

SEEK SIGNATURES

None of the ratepayers' money will be spent by the public utilities commission in the building and maintenance of the proposed civic golf course. This is a feature of the proposal which all the commissioners and the general manager wish to emphasize in their efforts to give London another health and recreation center this summer.

The money necessary for the scheme, a matter of some \$6,000, will be raised entirely by public subscription. Already forms of subscription are being sent out by the commission and will be on view and ready for signatures in most of the larger stores in the city, in the Hydro Shop and in many banks and public buildings this week.

E. V. Buchanan, the general manager, pointed out that what is needed primarily is a course on which to play. He says: "As for the clubhouse that can wait for a bit. The thing is to have a place where the Londoners can get a game. All that is absolutely necessary to start with in the way of a house is a covered shed where players can change their things. We are asking for signatures to our civic golf course forms, promising a subscription fee of ten dollars for the year. If we can get 600 signatures, and I have no doubt we will, then we can go ahead and try out the idea for one year at least. This will take care of the greens through the season, and allow of the erection of a shed, as a temporary clubhouse."

"These scheme does not entail the expenditure of any public money in any way, but the public utilities commission is taking care of the grounds and control the course. The green fee will be 50 cents, so that the first subscription of \$10 for the year is a great subsidy to the enthusiast, who is sure to play more than twenty games in a season."

RAILWAY IS PREPARING FOR SPRING CLEAN-UP

Local officials of the C. P. R., expect to place painting and maintenance-of-way gangs at work on this division beginning the first of next month.

It will consist of the usual spring clean up, and where necessary, new ties will be laid. The bridge building gang will start on a tour of the London division about the same time. No new rails will be laid.

SENIOR CLEANERS. Miss Annie Milloy entertained the Senior Cleaners' Auxiliary of Knox Church last evening at a social and sewing meeting, held at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Campbell, Beaconsfield avenue. A solo by little Miss Bernice Lettich, introduced by the hostess, was a delightful feature. Refreshments were served. The conclusion, the members spending a pleasant time together.

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From Portland, March 29....Cassandra. April 12....Saturnia.
From Halifax, March 29....Cassandra. April 12....Saturnia.

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May 2, June 7, 21, 26....Andania.
May 15, June 21, 26....Antonia.
May 24, June 28, Aug. 2....Ausonia.
Montreal to Glasgow.
May 8, June 12, 19, 26....Athens.
May 15, June 19, 26....Cassandra.
May 22, June 26, July 18....Saturnia.

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