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BUS RAILWAY REPLACE STREET CAR

President of Germany Succumbs To Attack of Peritonitis

BUS AT HIGHER FARE WOULD DEFEAT PLAN TO BATTLE RAILWAY

Cleveland Report Points to Scheme to Bring New Vehicles to London—Would Increase the Service in Inadequately Covered Districts—Franchise For Buses Is Believed Available at Favorable Terms.

CURRIE REFUSES TO DENY OR CONFIRM PLAN

Speculation in London Rife as to Result—Point to Cost Needed to Improve Line at Present—Many Cities Adopting Plan to Meet Rush Hour Traffic.

Special to The Advertiser.
Cleveland, Feb. 28.—Electric railway and financial circles here are interested in a rumor that the Everett Syndicate of Cleveland, majority stockholders of the London, Canada, Street Railway Company, will at an early date establish a new subsidiary company in London for the operation of a motor bus system.
Charles Currie, of Akron, Ohio, and Cleveland, president of the London company, is said to be in charge of the arrangements, though it is probable that the bus company will be an entirely separate corporation. Mr. Currie is associated with the Northern Ohio Traction and Light Company, which has for some time made extensive use of motor buses in various urban centers, especially Akron.
It is explained here that the status of the London Street Railway Company is in a somewhat confused state in relation to franchise rights, track extensions and fares. Ohio Traction interests were among the first to recognize the trend toward the use of buses and to test their value as a street railway auxiliary.
The claims made for the bus auxiliary include the fact that buses provide accommodation in growing districts, ward off the enforcement of demands for street railway track extensions, and enable the street railway company to tap a new source of revenue.

Special Advantage.
Your correspondent is informed that the company has an especial advantage in view, bearing upon an impending compulsory adoption of a low scale of street car fares. It is understood that the company will restrict street railway service to avert financial loss, but that the bus system will be immediately introduced in number sufficient to carry heavy traffic through the city at higher fares. Those approached here have been advised that informal negotiations have been carried on with London authorities, and that a bus franchise is available on favorable terms. The buses would be individually licensed, and would not be subject to severe regulation as to fare fluctuations or service. It is also stated that the bus franchise would not require reference to the electric railway company, but that the street railway franchise would be retained.
The purpose of organizing a separate subsidiary company is to avoid clouding the negotiations by introduction of the issues now at stake between the street railway company and the London (Ont.) municipal government.

Manager Leonard Tait of the London Street Railway Company, however, declared today that he has no knowledge of any such projected undertaking on the part of the Everett syndicate.
President Charles Currie of the London street railway, was reached by the Advertiser by long distance telephone at his office at Michigan city, Indiana, where he has been in charge of an electric railway system controlled by the Everetts, for some time.
Mr. Currie bluntly refused to state whether or not there is any truth in the Cleveland report. He had no comment to make whatever.

The refusal of President Charles Currie of the London street railway, either to confirm or deny the Cleveland report that his company is planning to inaugurate a motor bus system in this city, leaves an unusual field for speculation in civic circles.
By some it is held that if there were no truth in the story, Mr. Currie would have no hesitancy about registering a denial. Others, however, find it difficult to attach such significance, because of the absence of any manifest reason why the company should turn to buses.
The company would, of course, be merely following a continental trend if it were to make more extensive use of buses in London as an auxiliary to the street railway system.

Bonds and the Market

Six special articles by London bondbrokers are appearing each Saturday on The Advertiser's financial page.

"PUBLIC UTILITY BONDS," BY E. C. CUMBERLAND OF HARRIS, FORBES & CO. APPEARS TODAY.

Next Saturday's article will cover the field of Realty Bonds by R. Cottrell of R. A. Daly & Co.



C. S. AVERY, who will be known as secretary of state for imperial affairs, after the colonist office becomes the department of imperial affairs.

BIG 4 MARKED BY ANARCHISTS

Compers Autobiography Shows Wilson, Morgan, Schwab and Coleman Picked.

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Feb. 28.—Saying that J. P. Morgan, Charles M. Schwab and T. Coleman Dupont, as well as President Wilson, were listed for assassination by anarchist groups before the entrance of the United States into the war, Ralph M. Easley, head of the national civil federation, yesterday confirmed and added to the revelations made public by publication of the autobiography of Samuel Compers yesterday.

Mr. Easley, who was named by Mr. Compers as one of the active in uncovering the anarchistic plots, said that the plans for General Dupont's assassination in Wilmington, Del., had progressed to a point of culmination before they were thwarted by the government. When anarchistic leaders learned that their plans were known, they became frightened, recalled the men despatched to commit the murder and abandoned the plots against Mr. Morgan and Mr. Schwab, Mr. Easley declared.

President Wilson, Mr. Easley declared, was unable to explain just what Mr. Compers meant in saying in his autobiography that "extreme pacifists concocted the plot to murder the president."

All Mr. Easley would say of the fate of the plotters was that "the government was not long in getting hold of the plot leaders."

The company could not save any money on operation account by taking street cars off such unprofitable runs as the North Belt and Richmond lines, and substituting buses.
The company would be a big part of the burden of cost are already there and cannot be disposed of. In that situation they will cost about as much in use as out of it. The company would rather abandon the Richmond line north of the city limits than bear the expense of reconstruction and paying in connection with provincial highway work. As a result, Broughtdale has half a pavement, and the street car tracks are in their old location out of conformity with the proposed improvement plan. This is a doubtful instance in which the company would be as well pleased to never made a dollar since it was built.

Hold Field.
Rather than have a competitor enter the field there the company would doubtless be glad to operate a bus on the Quebec street principle, and thus hold the field.

Throughout America the street railway companies have been able to hold their own in bus operation by granting transfer privileges between cars and buses, as is done on Quebec street. This is a convenience competitors are unable to provide.

Buses, however, admittedly, seldom hold their own with street cars. A recently given bus would cost from \$12,000 to \$15,000 laid down in London. A modern street car costs from \$15,000 to \$18,000 or \$19,000, but the life of a bus is so short that the investment has to be written off in as low as three years, while the London Street Railway company has proved to the people of London that an electric car can still keep going after 30 years of use. All the old open rear platform cars, and cars re-ramped from that model will celebrate their 30th birthdays on March 8. There is probably not a street car with so long a record in service in any other city in America as large as London.

The reason of long life is largely the fact that electric motors do not tear themselves to pieces in use, as do gasoline engines which derive their power from internal explosions and a racking reciprocal motion. The motor bus which has been in use on Quebec street gave up the ghost recently after 30,000 miles driving. London has two dozen street cars.

FARMERS LAUNCH OIL FUND

North Middlesex and Huron Start Action as Result of \$300,000 Investment.

DEMAND RETURN

Some Mortgaged Homes in Order To Invest in Texas Company.

Farmers of North Middlesex and South Huron who invested \$300,000 in the Drury Petroleum Company with wells in Texas have already put up \$500 with the attorney-general's department to fight the company in an effort to have at least part of the money paid out for shares returned to them, it was learned today.

Some of the farmers even mortgaged their farms to purchase shares after glowing stories had been related to them by smooth oil stock salesmen from Detroit.
The matter was taken up with the crown-attorney of Middlesex, Albert M. Judd, and as a result a special officer will be sent by the provincial police to Texas in the very near future.

CLERKS FOUND GUILTY IN \$8,000 FRAUD CASE

Former Ontario Government Employees To Be Sentenced Next Friday.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Feb. 27.—A jury in the assizes before Mr. Justice Lennox tonight brought in a verdict of guilty in the case of E. V. Donnelly and Harold Thomson, former clerks in the provincial secretary's department, charged with conspiracy to defraud the Ontario government of more than \$8,000.
The jury was out about eight hours.
The accused will be sentenced on Friday next.

ENDS LIFE BY HANGING.
Winnipeg, Feb. 28.—George T. Parkhurst, aged 70, whose wife died last Monday, committed suicide at his home here yesterday by hanging.

POLITICAL LEVY SYSTEM IN BRITISH LABOR TO STAY

Baldwin Government Will Not Stand Behind Conservative Member's Motion.

STAND APPROVED.
By HENRY SOMERVILLE.
Special Cable to The Advertiser by a Staff Correspondent. Copyright.
London, Feb. 28.—The Baldwin cabinet has decided not to give any support to the Conservative private members' bill by which F. A. MacQuisten would abolish the existing rights of trade unions regarding the political levy.

The decision was forecast in The Advertiser, but it has been taken in opposition to the general views of the Conservative press and the Conservative rank and file, both in parliament and in the country.
The cabinet has shown courage in taking its stand and it has shown itself better advised than the bulk of the party.

If the trade unions are to be allowed to have any political funds, the present methods of levy are as fair as any that can be devised. There are undeniable individual grievances, but they are not serious. The only way of remedying them would be to prohibit all political levies and expenditures by trade unions.

It would be hypocritical to say that the labor party should give no support to the Conservative private members' bill, which would be purely voluntary contributions. The Conservative and Liberal parties have lived by the sale of titles and by contributions from various interests, such as the British landed interests, the liquor interests and the free trade interests.

The financing of the labor movement is cleaner than that of any of the parties.
The trade unionist may individually grumble at the political levy. Some of them may even be guilty of the inconsistency of paying their shillings to the labor party and giving their votes to the Conservatives. But they know that the question is a domestic one for the trade union members themselves and they would turn against the party if it ventured to interfere.
The labor party would have been only too delighted if the government had been rushed by its die-hard in a quarrel with the trade unions.

ALBERTA'S FINANCIAL POLICY IS CRITICIZED

Canadian Press Despatch.
Edmonton, Alta., Feb. 28.—The methods employed by the government in conducting the business of the province were severely criticized in the legislature yesterday in the debate on the speech from the throne by C. Mills (Independent, Calgary), who declared that no proper effort had been made to keep down indebtedness.
The speaker contended that many expenditures by the government were not in keeping with the results obtained.

AUSTRALIA IS WARY ABOUT EXPORTS OF GOLD

Associated Press Despatch.
Sydney, Australia, Feb. 28.—Premier Bruce announced yesterday that the commonwealth government had decided to permit the export of gold under license to the Commonwealth bank, provided such export does not reduce the gold stock which the bank held Jan. 1 last.



SIMON GUGGENHEIM, who has set aside \$2,000,000 for the establishment of international scholarships similar to the Rhodes scholarships, except that both men and women students are eligible.

ISLAND BLAST KILLS SCORE

Powder, Gasoline and Oils Explode in S. American Storehouse.

Associated Press Despatch.
Rio Janeiro, Feb. 28.—Although it was impossible early this morning to estimate the casualties, it is believed that more than 300 persons were injured and a score of lives lost in the explosion yesterday afternoon on Cajuia Island, near Niteroi.
Forty tons of powder, imported from the United States, and quantities of gasoline and kerosene were stored on the island, and the explosion is believed to have been caused by ignition from two lighters, which caught fire yesterday morning while anchored near the storage house.
A fleet of ambulances was despatched last night from Rio Janeiro to Niteroi on ferry boats.

Waitress Bangs 'Ty' With Tumbler

Detroit Baseball Club Manager Lands in Atlantic Police Station.

Associated Press Despatch.
Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 28.—Tyrus Raymond Cobb, erstwhile "Georgia Peach," dropped his title here last night for the more simple one of "Tyrus Cobb, 28, Augusta, Ga.," with the further appellation of "disorderly conduct," when he inscribed his name on the police blotter. Cobb was taken to the police station after an argument with a waitress at a restaurant over the size of a lunch check. The manager's wife was called to assist the waitress in the argument. She struck Cobb over the head with a glass and called "he police."

HATCH HITS EFFORTS TO HURT RELATIONS

Ontario and Quebec Natural Friends, Manufacturers Chief Declares.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Hamilton, Feb. 28.—Addresses of interest on national problems were delivered by prominent Canadians last night at a dinner tendered by the Hamilton branch of the Canadian manufacturers' association to Colonel A. F. Hatch, president of the dominion body.

Quebec and British Columbia were represented, and the different speakers appealed for a united Canada in industrial and all other activities.
W. R. Drynan presided and referred to the fact that Col. Hatch was the third Hamiltonian to occupy such a distinguished position, the other two being Robert Hobson and Cyrus H. Bon, Phillips J. Paradise, M. L. A. Quebec, spoke on the industrial relations of Ontario and Quebec.

"Whilst through the course of our country's history and the evolution of the provinces of Ontario and Quebec have ever been closely bound to each other, it is not long since attempts were made to put them in opposition in more than one field and amongst others on the economic ground by the pretence that the province of Quebec was essentially agricultural and the province of Ontario mainly industrial," said the speaker.

"As Canadians we are all anxious to promote the developments of our country not only for our own personal interests, but also in obedience to the instinct of patriotism, a characteristic that Canadians have not lacked throughout the various stages of their history," said Colonel Hatch in his address.

London Gradually Grows Into Beer-Drinking City, Made In Quarter of Homes

Wines and Hard Cider Also Show Signs of Increased Popularity.

WITHIN THE LAW

Police on Investigations Report Large Quantities Are Stored.

Will Canada in years to come develop into a beer-drinking nation? And will Canadians acquire the corpulent physique characteristic of the inhabitants of countries where beer and ale are as common as water?

If London is a typical Canadian center, then the dominion is doomed to such a condition, for all varieties of beer, ale, stout and lager are being manufactured and consumed in this city at an ever-increasing rate.

Londoners are becoming habitual beer drinkers, according to local enforcement officers of the provincial liquor laws. The "home brew and drink your own" habit has steadily grown since the Ontario temperance act came into existence until it has now reached a state where 25 per cent of the cellars of city homes have been turned into veritable breweries.

To brew your own beer is not against the law, and consequently Londoners have taken advantage of this clause in the Ontario temperance act. The advantage has been taken to such an extent that there are 2,000 London homes equipped with permits to install complete brewing apparatus, and the police say they are in operation almost constantly.

Fine Brewers.
Londoners are becoming "fine brewers," according to the police. During their rounds of investigation they have come to realize the popularity of the worker, in many homes, they say, hundreds of bottles have been stored away to gain strength and maturity in the process of being issued and consumed as strong as 12 per cent has been made by the amateur brewer of the city.

In the years before prohibition beer was a popular drink, but the extent of its consumption was small in comparison with the present day. Each month sees an increasing number of permits being issued and each month sees an increasing amount of beer being manufactured for home use.
In recent years home-made wines and hard cider have jumped in popularity. When people realized the possibilities that lay in the skillful preparation of wines made from home fruits, they sought information on the subject. Now they have reached a point where they are rivals of the champagne makers of the south of France.

Excel at Cider.
In the making of potent apple cider Londoners particularly excel. Many persons have recently installed apple cider mills in their homes. With little practice they have become past masters at the art of concocting a bubbling clarified beverage, typical of the best cider. This drink can lawfully be made in homes and no restriction is placed on its alcoholic content. Obviously possibilities in the manufacture of apple cider are unlimited. One man declares that he has a keg full of the liquid which still gains in strength, now registers as high as 20 per cent. "Three glasses and out" is his boastful slogan.

Dandelion and rhubarb wines have also become popular beverages of the home within the past year or so. They probably require more skill in the making than cider and beer, but they amply reward by developing with age into a palatable beverage.

Wines and Canada's native drinks are becoming more and more popular. The wine is delectable, the cider potent and the beer refreshing. Each type of beverage is fast growing in public popularity, but beer is in the lead.

NEW HYDRO BOND PLAN BRINGS FERGUSON PROTEST

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Feb. 27.—Premier Ferguson said today that he could see objections to the proposal put forth by Toronto city council that municipalities should be allowed to guarantee hydro bonds to finance construction projects and extensions without any provincial guarantee. "I have not gone into the matter thoroughly as yet," said the premier, "but I can see certain objections to it."

OVER MILLION GRANTED FOR GRAIN ACT PURPOSES

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Feb. 28.—Estimates totaling \$1,135,500 were passed in committee of supply in the House of Commons yesterday. The amounts were for the department of trade and commerce and were divided as follows:
Administration of crude petroleum bounty, \$1,500; administration of copper bounties act, \$1,500; administration of hemp bounties act, \$500; British and foreign news service, \$32,000; Canada grain act administration, \$1,100,000.

Gambling Dives Make Millions

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, Feb. 28.—France's gambling casinos made profits of 204,000,000 francs during 1924, it was announced in the chamber of deputies yesterday when the house voted an amendment raising the percentage accruing to the state treasury and municipalities from such profits. The percentage was raised from 25 per cent to 40 per cent.

ASSAULT CASE IS DISMISSED

William Webster Ordered To Pay Docker's Hospital Bill.

William Webster of St. Johns, who assaulted George Docker of the same village two weeks ago, following a dispute over lights in the Anglican church, was allowed to go on suspended sentence by County Magistrate Hawkshaw this morning.

Homer Neely, acting on behalf of Webster, stated that his client was willing to place guilty to the charge of common assault and was prepared to pay Docker's hospital and doctor's bills if the charge of assault occasioning actual bodily harm was reduced.

Crown Attorney Judd agreed to this when questioned by the court. "On the other charge you would be liable to three years imprisonment," declared the magistrate. "Anything that I have heard about you, Webster, has been in your favor. It is too bad that this ever happened. I am told that you are a good worker, honest and industrious, but that you have an ungovernable temper. For this assault, in view of the fact that you have already served a week in jail I am going to suspend sentence on you, provided you pay the court costs and hospital and doctor's bills."

46 WORSHIPPERS STONE INTRUDERS OF CHURCH

Excitement Runs High as a Result of Religious Friction in Mexico City.

Associated Press Despatch.
Mexico City, Feb. 18.—Religious excitement is still acute here with the "Knights of Guadalupe" followers of the new Mexican Catholic Apostolic church striving to seize the church buildings. A group of Separatists approached La Palma church in the east and Thursday afternoon for the alleged purpose of ejecting the Roman Catholic priest. Crowds of worshippers immediately gathered and the police were called. The intruders fled under a hail of stones, but there were no casualties reported.

THREE M. P.'S TO ATTEND LETHBRIDGE FUNERAL

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Feb. 28.—Three Progressive members of the Ontario legislature, Messrs. Widdifield, Ross and Freeborn, on Monday next will attend the funeral of Mrs. Lethbridge, wife of J. G. Lethbridge, Progressive member for West Middlesex.

When the news of Mrs. Lethbridge's death was received Friday the legislature paused for a few moments while the group leaders paid a tribute of respect. Premier Ferguson read a copy of a telegram which the legislature had sent to Mr. Lethbridge expressing sympathy.

Cash Prizes

are offered by the Ontario fire prevention league for the first correct solutions of the crossword puzzle appearing on page two of this edition.

Send your solution to The Advertiser and watch for results of the contest next Saturday.

EBERT DIES FOLLOWING OPERATION

President of the German Republic Is Victim of Peritonitis.

ILL SINCE MONDAY

Much Political Confusion Is Anticipated Because of His Death.

Associated Press Despatch.
Berlin, Feb. 28.—Friedrich Ebert, the first president of the German republic, died at 10:15 o'clock this morning, succumbing to the ravages of peritonitis following upon an operation for appendicitis five days ago.

The former saddle-maker, whose skill in guiding the infant republic through the first turbulent years of its existence was acknowledged even by his bitter enemies, made a gallant fight for life. But his system had been undermined by an attack of influenza preceding the operation and his heart was not equal to the burden imposed by the poison, which had spread throughout his system.

Around his bedside when the end came were grouped his wife, their daughter, Allalie and her husband, Dr. Wilhelm Jenecke, and their sole son to survive the war, Friedrich Jun. Secretary of the Reichstag, Meissner was the only other person present, aside from the doctor and nurses.

After a brief period of apparent rallying from the operation, peritonitis developed and a relapse came Wednesday night. This was followed, however, by another rally, which was so pronounced as to create general optimism that the patient had passed the crisis successfully. Concern was expressed by many prior to the operation, because it was known that Herr Ebert's nervous system had been badly shaken by the Madgeburg trial affair and personal attacks against him in connection with his alleged illegal loan of government funds to the Barmat brothers.

In the Madgeburg case the judge, while convicting a newspaper editor of libelling the president, had pronounced criticism of the president's attitude during the war, virtually charging him with treason.

The political storm upon the president, which culminated in the Madgeburg trial and the efforts to connect him with the Barmat loans scandal, had developed and a relapse imposed upon him as chief executive of a new republic, whose people have not been trained in constitutional government and whose loyalties have changed almost with the moon because of inter-party strife.

The Weather

FORECASTS.
Today—Fair, with rising temperature.
Sunday—Partly cloudy; light snow; probably somewhat colder at night.

The pressure is high on the middle Atlantic coast and over the northwestern part of the continent, while a shallow trough of low pressure extends from the Lake Superior district to the southwest states.
The weather is now fair and cold in nearly all parts of the dominion.

TEMPERATURES.				
The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:				
Locations.	High.	Low.	Weather.	
Victoria	50	40	Cloudy	
Calgary	25	6	Fair	
Winnipeg	12	—4	Fair	
Port Arthur	4	—12	Cloudy	
Sault Ste. Marie	0	—14	Cloudy	
Quebec	12	6	Clear	
Toronto	12	6	Fair	
Kingston	14	6	Fair	
Ottawa	12	2	Clear	
Montreal	16	6	Clear	
St. John's	20	12	Fair	
Halifax	28	18	Cloudy	

Minus (—) means below zero.
LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 6; lowest, 2.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 6; lowest, 0.
Sun rises at 6:59 a.m. and sets at 6:04 p.m.
Barometric Readings.
Friday—8 p.m.—29.42.
Today—8 a.m.—29.52.