

Fire Probe Is Still Uncertain :: Dominions Will Adopt Gold Basis

WENIGE REFUSES TO TALK ON PROBE

Will Not Say Whether He Has Written Charges For Macbeth.

Probability of a judicial inquiry into city fire department affairs has been held up again. The mayor today declined to make any statement on the matter. He will not say whether or not he is ready to meet Judge Macbeth's request for written charges concerning the chief and fire department.

Friends of the mayor state that Mr. Wenige has already promised to supply written charges.

A letter from Judge Macbeth, asking for charges in writing, will be ready at tonight's meeting of No. 1 committee. If the mayor and committee are ready to accede to the request of the judge, the inquiry will be proceeded with.

FIRE DESTROYS SLAUGHTER HOUSE

\$1,500 Damage Is Estimate of John Gwul, Owner of Building.

Fire destroyed a slaughter house on Third street, near the C. N. R. tracks, owned by John Gwul, shortly after 9 o'clock this morning, and threatened a nearby frame house and barn. Through the work of No. 2 station of the fire department, headed by Captain Robert Haylock, a number of hogs in an adjoining pen were saved. The loss is placed at \$1,500, only part of which is covered by insurance.

The blaze is believed to have started from a spark of a passing engine. The alarm was telephoned into the central fire hall at 9:10 o'clock and instructions were given to proceed to Second street, bordering on the city limits. Had the correct location of the fire been given, it would have been necessary for the fire department to receive permission from city authorities before responding. Third street is outside the city limits.

The slaughter house, an old frame structure and burned rapidly once the fire gained headway. Efforts of firemen were confined to saving adjoining homes. Hay in the building, which suddenly burst into flames, handicapped their work for a time.

No. 2 station succeeded in extinguishing the fire without aid from other stations in the city. The blaze was under control shortly after the arrival of firemen.

BOYS' FINAL DEBATE WILL BE HELD FRIDAY

London South Collegiate Competitors To Meet Kitchener Team Here.

London South Collegiate boys will debate with the Kitchener Collegiate boys' debating team on Friday night next in the auditorium of the Victoria public school.

The debate will attract unusual interest in view of the fact that it is the final in the W. O. S. S. A. debating competition. The London boys, Arthur Hill and Archie Knapp, will have the negative side of the debate: "Resolved that the federal government should proceed immediately with the deepening of the Great Lakes waterways to permit the navigation of ocean-going vessels."

The feature of the evening, in addition to the debate, will be an address by Dr. E. J. Pratt, professor of Toronto university, well known as a poet and author of "Newfoundland Verse." Dr. Pratt will speak on "Seafaring People," and during the course of his remarks will, by request, interpret his poem, "Iceboes," which has been placed on the junior matriculation course this year.

Principal E. A. Miller, M.A., of the collegiate institute, will present to the winners of the debate the London Baconian club shield as exemplifying first honors in the boys' Wossia debating competition.

WM. M. KNOTT FUNERAL IS HELD THIS AFTERNOON

Funeral services for William M. Knott, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Knott, 845 Maitland street, who died on Monday, were conducted this afternoon by Rev. L. W. Reid of Hale street Methodist church at his parents' home. Interment was made in Woodland cemetery.

ROBINSON BROS. TRUCK IS DAMAGED IN COLLISION

A fruit truck belonging to Robinson Bros. was slightly damaged and some merchandise tossed out on the street today at 12:15 noon when the truck collided with a Ridout car at the corner of Wharncliffe road and the Pipe Line road. No one was injured.

The Theatres

CAPITOL
"New Toys," starring Richard Barthelmess.

LOEWS
Richard Dix in "Men and Women" and three acts of "Sideville."

Runaway British Dirigible Returns



DAMAGED BRITISH AIRSHIP HO ME AGAIN
Above is the first picture to reach this country showing the British airship R-33 as it appeared when being towed by ground crews into its hangar at Foulham, Norfolk, after it had been buffeted about for twenty-eight hours over the North Sea.

CITY LODGE WILL MARK BIRTHDAY

Golden Anniversary To Be Celebrated by Corinthian Lodge.

A gala event in local Masonic history is scheduled for next Tuesday, Corinthian lodge, No. 330, G. R. C., A. F. and A. M., will celebrate its fiftieth birthday, the anniversary of the lodge's birth in London and the conclusion of its first milestone upon the highway of Masonry.

All members have been invited to attend the regular communication of the lodge, which is to be held in the blue room of the new Masonic temple. General business will commence at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, when the lodge will be opened in the first degree by Wor. Bro. Bennett. First and second degrees will be conferred upon candidates. At 4 o'clock, the Master Mason degree is to be conferred upon Bro. Gordon A. Thorne, with the following past masters officiating: Wor. Bros. Arthur Borland, W. A. Hunter, James Ferguson, Lew Davies, H. J. Childs, W. H. Irvine, James E. Ives, W. J. Kilpatrick, R. E. Mines and J. W. Metherall.

A notable program has been arranged for a banquet following the afternoon's program. The following will offer and respond to toasts: Rt. Wor. Bro. J. Bernie Smith, D.D.G.M., of London district No. 3; Rt. Wor. Bro. J. W. Metherall, P.D.D.G.M.; Wor. Bro. H. J. Childs, and Rt. Wor. Bro. E. T. Essary.

Following the banquet, a dance is to be held in the Masonic temple auditorium with music furnished by the all-Masonic orchestra of nine pieces.

SEVERAL AMBITIOUS TO SUCCEED WHEABLE

Applications Received by Education Board in Answer to Advertisement.

Three or four applications have been received by the board of education in answer to its advertisement of the position of assistant inspector of London public schools.

Those who have applied for the position vacated by reason of the appointment of Inspector Geoffrey A. Wheable, B.A., M.C., as senior inspector-administrator, are: Robert H. Roberts, M.A., London South Collegiate staff; Easson McGregor, B.A., principal of a large public school, Ottawa; J. C. Stothers, M.A., B. Paed., Bracebridge, inspector in Northern Ontario.

The advertisement in the press stated that applications would be received until May 5, and that the applications then on hand would be considered on May 14, the date of the next regular meeting of the board.

RETIRING TEACHERS WILL GET BACK CONTRIBUTIONS

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, April 29.—The inspectors and teachers' provincial superannuation fund of the province, at a recent meeting, decided that teachers who have withdrawn one-half of their contributions from the fund, having retired from the teaching profession, will now be paid the remaining half of their contributions, with interest to date. Checks for the balance are now being prepared by the department of education.

Permits Needed While In Woods

Canadian Press Despatch.
Quebec, April 29.—Permits are now required to travel in the woods of the province of Quebec, an order-in-council having been signed establishing once more the rule that has been in vogue for the last couple of years, and which has resulted in a great decrease in the number of forest fires in Quebec.

FIVE APPEAR IN RACE FOR CITY'S BOY MAYOR

Nominations Sent In At Council Meeting Held Last Night.

The nominations for 1925-26 C. S. E. T. boys' council were held last night.

From the nominations sent in, it looks as though one of the most interesting campaigns for the boys' council will be held.

There are five candidates for mayor as follows: Hiles Templin, Knox Obweges, Howard Obway, Dundas Centre Nikators, Charles Gladman, St. Andrews Arrows, Willard Gray, Knox Wingfoots, Alex Knox, First Presbyterian Church.

Twelve candidates for alderman are: Hugh Webster, St. Andrews Vikings, Jack White, Dundas Centre Nikators, Jack Millman, First president, Optimates, Alex MacArthur, Knox Olympics, Bert Russell, Knox Wingfoots, Lincoln Orchard, Askin street Grayhounds, Harold Newell, St. Andrews Pilots, Maurice George, Askin street Meteors, Hollis Coleridge, First Methodist Beavers, Art Glen, Talbot Argonauts, Hugh Scratch, Dundas Centre Nikators, Warren Smith, Askin street Hawks.

The election will be held in connection with the closing C. S. E. T. banquet on May 15, about 600 Ranger and Tuxis boys in the city will be eligible to vote.

GIRLS' SHIELD WILL BE PRESENTED SATURDAY

Award to Feature Final Debate Between Central Collegiate and Sarnia.

London central collegiate girls will debate with the Sarnia collegiate girls' debating team in the central collegiate auditorium next Saturday night.

The debate carries added significance in view of the fact that it is the final in the W. O. S. S. A. girls' debating competition. The London girls, Miss Louise Wyatt and Miss Dorothy Brown, will uphold the affirmative side of the debate. "Resolved that heretofore is a greater factor in man's success than is environment."

Mrs. F. W. Hushes will present to the winners, the London women's Canadian club shield as first honors for the competition.

In addition to the debate a play will be given by students of the central collegiate, as well as a number of musical selections. Jack White, president of the central collegiate literary society, will preside at the meeting.

CADET INSPECTION PLANS COMPLETE

Program For May 27 To Be Held At Victoria Park.

Arrangements have been completed by local authorities for the program to be carried out on the afternoon of May 27, when Col. Harry Cockshutt, lieutenant-governor of Ontario, comes to London to review 1,000 public school cadets.

His honor will inspect the cadets at 2:02 p.m. at Victoria Park, following the general salute and "God Save the King."

After a selection from the school choir and band and a physical training exhibition by a detachment of ten boys from each school, Col. Cockshutt will be introduced and will give an address.

Addresses are also to be made by Trustee S. F. Lawson, chairman of the board of education; his wife, the mayor, J. C. Elliott, K.C., and Rev. (Major) J. Bruce Hunter, B.D., M.C., pastor of First Methodist church.

The program, which will include additional numbers by the school choir and exhibition drills by different schools, will be brought to a close at 3:20 p.m. by the march past, the saluting point being at the soldiers' monument.

The arrangements for the inspection were made by Lieut.-Col. George H. Gillespie, chief cadet officer, M.C., and local financial houses anticipate that this interest will be much more marked from now on.

ST. PETERSBURG PAIR VISIT TOURIST CAMP

Improvements at Wonderland Are Rushed to Completion.

Though the Wonderland tourist camp is not yet officially open to the public, two tourists, a man and his wife from St. Petersburg, Fla., spent the night within the shelter of the camp last evening.

Improvements to the accommodation provided at the camp are being rushed to their conclusion by E. A. Gray, head of the construction department of the public utilities commission, and it is confidently expected that the camp will be in readiness to receive visitors at the beginning of next week.

Since the camp was not completed, last night's visitors were welcomed free of charge and were not asked to pay the fee of \$1, which the commission has decided will be levied at the camp this year.

THOMAS HUSSER DIES AT HOME OF BROTHER

Thomas Husser, for many years a farmer at lot 12, con. 4, London township, died last night at the home of his brother, William Husser, 755 Quebec street, where he had been visiting for the past few days. He was born in England 71 years ago. For 20 years he resided in London township.

The funeral will be held on Thursday afternoon, with interment in Siloam cemetery.

GOLD STANDARD IN CANADA NEXT

Return to This Basis Would Do Away With Violent Exchange Fluctuations.

The big financial news of the British budget is the return of Great Britain to the gold standard and the raising of the embargo on gold shipments out of Britain.

The return of Great Britain to the gold standard does not mean any visible change to the people of England, but it means much in the sterling exchange market. When Sir George Paish was in Canada recently he stated that the sovereign would not likely circulate again from pocket to pocket as it did in the old days. The people have grown used to using the paper currency.

Sterling exchange could now return automatically to par if the British government cared to let it. The gold standard and permission to make gold payments abroad, when profitable to do so, will stabilize the old days' fluctuation of sterling, strictly speaking, will be within what are known as the "gold points," or the actual cost of importing and exporting gold, which is said to be approximately two points.

Gold Basis Approved.
As far as Canada is concerned the Royal bank has advocated the return of the gold basis in this country for the past two years. The Canadian dollar is at par now, but the gold basis would mean that the premium on the Canadian dollar in New York funds, for instance, would not exceed the cost of shipping gold, which is one-eighth of one per cent.

During the past five years there have been some violent fluctuations in the exchange. The gold basis does away with that. It is good for trade. It is a sign of normal conditions. The question now naturally arises, what will Canada do? Early cable despatches this morning said that the dominion would follow suit.

Australia having actually decided to take the step at once. South Africa is expected to resume the gold standard on July 1st. There has been a great deal of talk of resumption for some time, but little has been heard from Ottawa. It is almost certain now that the Canadian dollar will be at par or better in New York. At the time a resumption would make little difference in our exchange market.

Aid Canadian Financing.
Immediate benefits to Canada of a return to par by sterling will be that the British market will again be open for Canadian financing. Since the war the sterling discount drove Canada to the United States for loans. In the past year, however, despite the discount handicap, London has been displaying a much keener interest in Canadian issues, and local financial houses anticipate that this interest will be much more marked from now on.

C. N. R. TRAINS CHANGE SCHEDULE ON SUNDAY

C. F. Forrester Announces New Timetable This Morning.

Changes in the arrival and departure of Canadian National trains were announced by C. F. Forrester, superintendent, of the London division today. Changes go into effect at midnight Saturday night.

Train No. 10, Detroit to Toronto, now due here at 4:18 a.m. and out at 4:35, will arrive at 3:10 and leave at 3:30. It will arrive in Toronto at 7 a.m. or 8 o'clock daylight saving time.

No. 14, Chicago to Montreal flier, now due here at 5:25 a.m. and out at 5:35, has been altered to arrive at 5:05 and leaves at 5:15. It is due in Toronto at 8:40.

The Forest City Limited, train No. 20, is cutting off 15 minutes between here and Toronto. It will leave at 6:15 p.m. instead of 6 o'clock. It arrives in Toronto at 9:37, the same time as formerly.

The Bruce train, due here at 6:20 p.m., will arrive at 6:14 to give Toronto passengers a chance to connect with the Forest City and the L. and P. S.

No. 6 from Chicago, due here at 12:20, will arrive at 12:10 and leave at 12:20. No. 25, the Sunday train from Stratford will arrive here at 1:50 p.m. instead of 1:30 p.m. The Commercial Travellers' Special out of here Monday morning only, will leave at 7:10 instead of 7:30. It was intended to leave on Sunday, but it is now in Detroit, but this was not done.

WINNERS ANNOUNCED IN LABOR EUCHE PARTY

Winners at the Labor euche last night in the Labor temple were Mrs. V. Walton and J. Mitchell. The consolation prizes went to Mrs. B. Gow and F. Gore. A pair of all-wool blankets were the first prizes.

They were appreciated by the winners. The final euche of the season will be held next Tuesday, when the season's grand prize, a silver flower bowl, will be presented to the grand winner.

BICYCLE THIEVES BUSY.
Harry Proctor, 635 King street, reported to the police today that his bicycle, serial number C-24632, was stolen from Park avenue last night. G. M. Hay, 152 Kent street, also informed the police of the theft of a bicycle owned by him. The thief was of Red Bird manufacture with serial number 703-414.

McKENNA DUTIES WILL HIT CANADIAN CARS

British Manufacturer Will Be Worried With Less Competition.

FRUITS PROTECTED
Tobacco and Sugar Producers of Canada Will Also Be Affected.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, April 29.—Restoration of the McKenna duties in England will affect passenger automobiles, musical instruments, clocks and watches. The McKenna duties were first imposed during the war, and under their provisions the articles mentioned were subject to a duty of 33.1-3 per cent. Empire products, which, of course, included Canadian, had a preferential rate of 22.2 per cent. The duties were allowed to lapse by the British Labor government of last year.

So far as Canada is concerned restoration of the duties will chiefly affect the export of passenger automobiles and motorcycles. But here, tariff experts observe, the point arises whether the Canadian car will have to meet in the British market the most severe competition from the English or from the foreign product. So far as the Canadian car is concerned, competition in Great Britain is concluded Canadian, had a preferential rate will be a decided advantage to the Canadian exporter. But if competition comes from the English car, reimposition of the preferential rate will be a disadvantage.

Means Less Competition.
Without the McKenna duties, it is pointed out, the Canadian car, as well as the foreign car, entered the British market free, the English car having no tariff protection. But with restoration of the McKenna duties, the English car will be protected both against the foreign and the Canadian car, and the latter's competition against the latter is less.

Under the further preference proposals of Mr. Churchill, Australia and South Africa, as producers of fruits, are likely to be chief beneficiaries. The proposals as interpreted here, imply the putting into effect of the first part of the Baldwin preference scheme submitted by the Baldwin government at the last imperial conference. In this category came dried fruits, raisins, plums and currants, and other fruit and wine. On these, the British government already imposed preferential duties, and the offer was that the preferential rates would be either increased or stabilized.

Other Products Affected.
That offer apparently is to be given effect, it is pointed out here, however, that the labor government of last year reduced the duty on sugar, thus automatically reducing the preference. This is a source of some curiosity as to the exact intentions of the British government in regard to the duty on sugar. Official advice has not as yet been received. Tobacco and sugar are most likely to be affected, so far as Canada is concerned. The Baldwin government made a further offer of preference at the imperial conference. This would have involved levying new duties on certain food products, and in view of the verdict in the recent British general election was dropped. Canadian dried apples, pears and peaches, green apples, canned salmon, canned lobsters and honey would have benefited had this offer been given effect.

MOTOR CLUB OFFICES REMAIN AT TECUMSEH

Will Not Leave Hotel With Transfer of Chamber of Commerce.

The London Motor club will still retain quarters in the Tecumseh hotel, Secretary G. A. Bernard stated this afternoon. The club at the present time leases its office from the London chamber of commerce, which is moving next month to the former Merchants Bank building at Queen's avenue and Richmond streets.

"We will still have our headquarters in the Tecumseh, but it has not yet been decided just what space we will occupy," said Mr. Bernard.

The club has had a number of new signs painted which will direct tourist traffic to the tourist camp at Wonderland. "We haven't had many inquiries about the camp as yet, but once the warm weather comes to stay, we will be very busy," declared Mr. Bernard.

"JUST FRESH PICKED" FAILS TO SELL BERRIES

Several Boxes of Strawberries Exhibited For Sale, But Club Member Doubts.

Despite the fact that local strawberries are just beginning to show signs of blossom buds, one enterprising fruit merchant of the city displayed a few boxes of berries this morning with a pretty red ticket stating that they were just "fresh picked."

An advertiser reporter caught a member of the Advertising club peering at the berries and wondering if they were really worth 20 cents a box.

"Fresh picked," he remarked, "Look to me as if they were fresh picked from one box to another. I guess I won't buy, for you know our motto is 'Truth in Advertising'."



AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN,
British foreign secretary, who is being closely guarded as the result of a plot against his life which has been discovered by secret service men.

GOES ABROAD TO STUDY SALVATION ARMY WORK

Adjutant Spooner of This City Sails For England on May 15.

Adjutant Spooner, young people's secretary of the Salvation Army here, sails for England on the Steamship Montrose from Montreal May 15. The officer has the distinction of being the one Salvationist in Ontario to be sent abroad to study the work carried out by the army in England this year.

The Salvation Army Jubilee will be held in Crystal Palace, London, in July and it will be a part of Adjutant Spooner's mission to attend the event. In addition to this he will spend ten weeks attending to the general business of the army and making a survey of the scout and guard work of the army as done in the British Isles.

WILL NEW BEER SET CITY CLOCK A-GOING?

Ticked Its Last When O.T.A. Made Its Bow in 1916.

On the 17th. day of September, 1916, a large clock in a downtown grocery store automatically stopped on the dot of midnight. It hasn't run since. The best jewelers in the city cannot put it into operation.

But it will go again, the owner hopes. It will start at midnight of May 14.

The significance is this: Affixed to the bottom of the clock is a large label advertising a certain brand of pre-prohibition whiskey. Simultaneous with the cessation of the clock's mechanism, the Ontario Temperance act came into force.

The clock died with liquor. But beer is expected to revive it.

LOCAL S. A. OFFICERS HEAR TALK AT CLINTON

Several city officers of the Salvation Army went to Clinton last night to hear Commandant Hurd, local financial secretary, deliver an address on the "Underworld." The meeting was under the auspices of Reeve Middleton and the clergy of the town.

Among those who went from here were Adj. Uraski, Captain Hawkes, Lieut. Dickson, Ensign and Mrs. Lutton, Captain Roland of Exeter, and Lieut. Kingdom of Goderich were also present.

EUREKA LODGE IS HOST OF BANQUET

Entertains Ivy Lodge of Parkhill at Successful Dinner.

Eureka lodge, No. 30, I. O. O. F., of London, entertained Ivy lodge, No. 90 of Parkhill last night, some 75 members being present. As well as the visitors from Parkhill there were Oddfellows from New York, Boston, Mass., Toronto, Buffalo, St. Thomas, Ilberton, Dorchester, St. Marys, and Kerwood. P. D. G. M. Bro. George Chandler of Boston was the speaker of the evening. Other speakers included D. D. G. M. William Cosby of London, district No. 14, Grand Conductor R. Walton of Kerwood, P. G. Chaplain Rev. A. Cummer, P. G. M. James Tully of Calgary, Divisional Superintendent H. A. Clements, and D. D. G. M. Finnan of Alisa Craig.

Following the degree work a banquet was held in the dining hall, served by members of the Rebekah lodge, No. 1. The work of the visitors, speeches and addresses, were the subject of several compliments from Londoners and visitors during the banquet. The ladies in charge of the banquet were under the supervision of Miss L. Bice, noble grand of the Victoria Rebekah lodge.

One of the outstanding addresses of the evening was that given by James Tully of Alberta, who gave an outline of the work in the jurisdiction of Alberta showing that it has made vast progress and increased largely in the past year.

AMPUTATIONS CLUB IS BEING ORGANIZED HERE

Expect Fifty Veterans at First Meeting. To Be Held May 11.

Soldiers who suffered casualties which resulted in amputations during the great war will form a branch of the amputations' association of the great war in London.

Through the efforts of V. A. Burt, a meeting has been called for May 11, when the executive from Toronto and local men who are interested will meet in the Peoples Loan building.

For some time negotiations have been afoot to have a branch of the association in London and between the association headquarters in Toronto. Many of the 200 amputation cases in Western Ontario have signified their intention of joining the organization. It is expected that at least 50 will be present at the first meeting.

A. Sutcliffe of Toronto, dominion secretary of the association, has written stating that most of the members of the executive will be in London to talk over the future plans for this district.

Asked if the local branch would open clubrooms, Mr. Burt said today that he could not say at present. The first thought would be to aid all amputation cases and help ex-soldiers who are totally blind.

MRS. THOMAS PRENTICE DIES AT HOME IN CITY

Mrs. Thomas Prentice, a resident of London for the past eleven years, and formerly of Scotland, died yesterday morning at her home, 11 Steele street. Besides her husband, two sons, William and Thomas, and two daughters, Annie and Mary, survive.

The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon from her late home. Services will be conducted by Rev. William Beattie of the First Presbyterian church. Interment is to be made in Woodland cemetery.

RECONSTRUCTION WORK STARTED AT HUNT MILLS

Work has already started in the reconstruction of the Hunt Flour Mills on Nightingale avenue, London East and the contract for the machinery will be let within a short time. The mill will be open for operation sometime in the fall, probably by the end of September.

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