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DRURY IS WARNED BY OWNERS OF HYDRO

Ontario Municipalities Oppose Government's Plan For Radial Legislation.

RECOMMEND THERE BE NO CHANGE IN THE LAW

Sir Adam Believes Millions Could Now Be Knocked Off Radial Estimates.

TORONTO, Feb. 10.—(Canadian Press Dispatch.)—Representatives of the Ontario hydro municipalities, meeting in Toronto this afternoon, adopted a resolution condemning the proposal of Premier Drury to bring in legislation making the municipalities solely responsible for the construction of hydro-radials.

The Hamilton delegation, consisting of Mayor Copley and all the members of the Board of Control, declined to vote on the resolution.

Mayor Maguire, of Toronto, who called the meeting of the hydro delegates, presided, and also made a vigorous plea for the carrying out of the hydro radial program, as proposed by Sir Adam Beck.

Sir Adam also addressed the meeting and repeated his criticism that the findings of the Sutherland commission, which had condemned radial, were unsound. Regarding the estimates of costs prepared by his own engineers, Sir Adam said present-day costs were from 25 to 30 per cent. lower than when the estimates were made. This factor would involve a saving of at least \$10,000,000 on 325 miles of radials. In addition there would be a saving of \$600,000 a year on the annual charges. From this reduction of interest charges would arise a further increase in earnings of from 6 to 5 1/2 per cent.

AGAINST POWER MINISTER. Mayor Maguire said that in view of this prospective legislation the question should be considered seriously. The appointment of a minister of power would mean bringing this great enterprise into politics.

The question of vital importance, that of radials, was linked closely with the power project. This city should not have embarked on the purchase of 60 miles of radials unless they were to be linked up with the larger system.

"If the Government makes a political department of hydro, then it is fair for me to say that, so far as this great enterprise is concerned, public ownership is concerned, public ownership." (Continued on Page Three)

CONTINUE EFFORT TO RAISE RATES

Bell Telephone Company Regrets Railway Commission Decision.

WILL DELAY EXTENSIONS

Officials Say Would-Be Subscribers Will Suffer.

The following statement was issued to-day by officials of the Bell Telephone Company with regard to their extension program now that the railway commissioners have denied them rate increases requested.

"Our failure to convince the majority of the railway commissioners that our appeal for relief was just and reasonable is to be regretted, most by the thousands of would-be subscribers, who are expecting to receive service so soon as the necessary financing can be arranged to build the needed plant, work will be proceeded with, but the adverse decision just received means still further delay. Meantime the public must accept the situation. Our existing rates are taxed to the utmost, our plant margins exhausted, and to provide needed construction will take a lengthy period of time after financing is arranged. The statement in the majority judgment that our tariffs are somewhat out of line is admitted. Partially because of this we have been endeavoring without result for the past three years to secure a proper adjustment of rates. We shall now make a further attempt to convince the commission that reasonable and nondiscriminatory rates should be established with their approval."

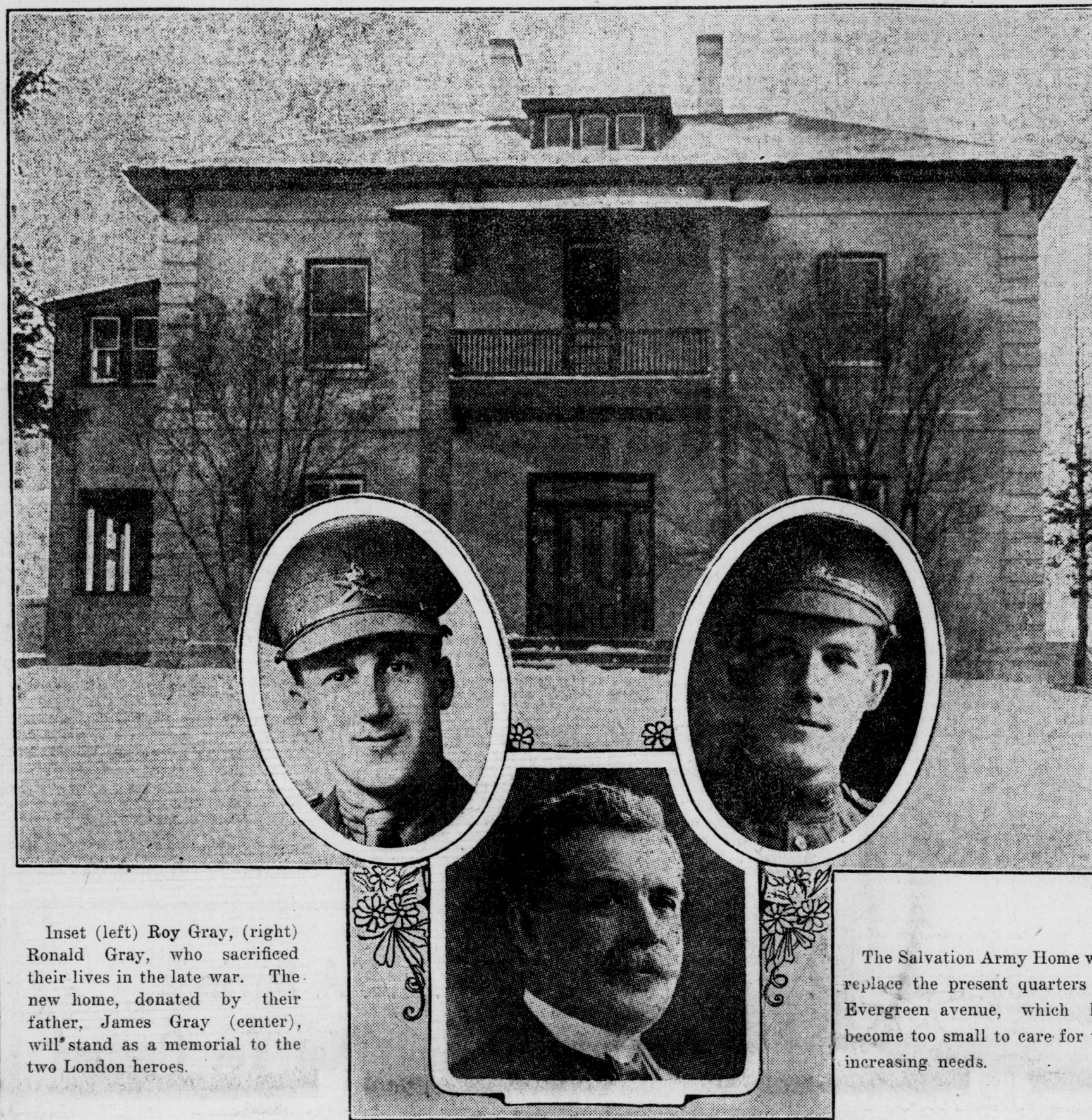
Co-Eds Hotly Deny Luring College Men With Kisses and Say "Cave Man Stuff Is Bad"

All Smacks Withheld For Man They Expect To Wed, Is Reply To Editor's Charge.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—A majority of the co-eds at Columbia and New York universities on Friday denied and characterized as a libel the published contention of H. L. Ingraham, editor of the University of California "Joeh" paper. The Pelican, that "college women universally desire to be kissed and they expect every man who takes them out to attempt it." A majority of Harvard girls also cried out against the charge.

True, a rather negligible minority merely smiled when the matter was called to their attention, refusing to comment either in the affirmative or

New Ronald-Roy Gray Memorial Children's Home On Windsor Ave. To Be Opened Soon



Inset (left) Roy Gray, (right) Ronald Gray, who sacrificed their lives in the late war. The new home, donated by their father, James Gray (center), will stand as a memorial to the two London heroes.

May Their Names Be Perpetuated In Memory of Children Forever

The Ronald-Roy Gray Memorial Home for Children on Windsor avenue, to be opened soon, given by James Gray as a memorial to his two sons, Ronald and Roy, who sacrificed their lives in the Great War, the new home will replace the Evergreen avenue home which is too small to take care of the kiddies. The home will be in charge of the Salvation Army.

It is five years ago to-day that Ronald

Gray, one of the sons of the donor of the new home, was killed in action. The young Londoner enlisted in the 70th Battalion and there are three acres of ground in connection with the building, which will provide ideal surroundings in which to rear the children in charge of the army.

The present home on Evergreen avenue has become too small to take care

of the increasing work in the children's department. Its location likewise was not all that could be desired to make for healthy children, as the grounds were not large and the home was situated in a fairly crowded district. The house on Evergreen avenue will become a home for the nurses of Bethesda Hospital when the children's work has been transferred to the Windsor avenue property.

The Salvation Army Home will replace the present quarters on Evergreen avenue, which has become too small to care for the increasing needs.

EXECUTIVE OF STREET RAILWAY MEN WILL DECIDE ON ACTION

Meeting Will Be Held In Few Days To Plan Opposition To Cut In Wages.

In order to decide definitely what steps should be taken in the event of the London Street Railway Company attempting to put the proposed wage reduction into effect on March 1 a meeting of the executive committee of the union will probably be held some time next week. It was stated to-day that the members of the executive believe there is no necessity for taking any action as they are of the opinion that the company will not attempt to cut the wages. On the other hand, some of the executives think the committee should stand before the time arrives for action. An interpretation of the law governing the operation of utilities should be asked, say these members.

That the company cannot and therefore will not try to lower the wages on March 1 is the expressed opinion of the president of the union. The law is quite clear on this point, he intimated to-day. So far as he is concerned there is nothing further to be done. He insists that he has not even considered what steps will be taken if the company tries to reduce the wages because such a move is out of the range of possibility.

In any event, the committee will probably meet some time next week to discuss the question. Legal opinion on the powers of the company and the union may be asked for.

FORMER LONDON LADY SUCCUMBS AT DETROIT

DETROIT, Feb. 10.—Mrs. Jennie D. Jackson, widow of Joshua Jackson, of London, Ont., is dead at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hester L. McMillan, 5045 Lincoln avenue, here. She had been ailing for some time. The funeral will be held to-morrow.

STORM HITS DISTRICT EAST OF SUDBURY

OTTAWA, Feb. 11.—A snow, sleet and windstorm, which hit the district east of Sudbury last night, knocked down 30 or more telegraph poles and did other damage, according to railway officials here. Telegraphic communication between here and the West has been completely suspended since about 9 o'clock last night.

Labor Leaders Are Invited To Royal Wedding

LONDON, Feb. 11.—A number of the labor leaders and representatives of trades unions are being invited to attend the wedding of Princess Mary, in accordance with the wish of the King, who says The Daily Mail desires the guests to be as representative as possible of all classes. In view of the national economy and the widespread unemployment, the authorities are urging that there be no costly public illuminations on the occasion of the wedding.

TWO ARE MISSING AFTER FARM FIRE

Home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tyo At Maxville Destroyed.

ANOTHER MONTREAL FIRE

OTTAWA, Feb. 11.—(Canadian Press Dispatch.)—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tyo, a young married couple living on a farm about three miles from Maxville, Ont., are missing following a fire which completely destroyed their home early this morning. Volunteer fire-fighters called to the scene by telephone succeeded in saving the outbuildings but a diligent search of the neighborhood failed to locate the owner of the farm or his wife, who were the only occupants of the house. The nearer details reaching here this morning by telephone did not disclose the cause of the fire or the possible loss.

MONTREAL BLAZE

MONTREAL, Feb. 11.—Fire believed to have originated through an explosion in the furnace at a flat in the Hotel de Ville spread until three floors were badly damaged by fire and six more or less by water. The occupants were all able to escape, some in their night attire. The fire, which was not under control until about 2 o'clock, proved so stubborn that help from the city fire brigade had to be called in. Estimated loss could not be ascertained this morning.

CANCEL BONUSES GIVEN TEACHERS

Rumored Proposal Made At Trustees' Secret Meeting.

DENTIST IS APPOINTED

London Teacher May Spend Year In England.

Trustees of the Board of Education are gradually widening the scope of their sessions from which the press is excluded or not invited to attend. The finance committee of the trustees, of which Trustee A. Udy is chairman, yesterday held a session unembarrassed by the presence of reporters.

At this meeting, it is understood, a matter of concern to high and public school teachers was discussed, and it was proposed in the interests of economy that bonuses granted teachers in the past two years called "cost of living" bonuses—now being withdrawn in every case where such bonuses gave individual teachers more than their maximum salary under the board's salary schedule.

The committee decided to permit one teacher of the public school staff, on application, to proceed to England for a year's tour of duty under the imperial exchange of teachers plan.

It was decided that the establishment of a thrift stamp savings scheme for the whole school should be left in the hands of Chairman Smith, Chairman Udy and Inspector Greer, who are to report back to the entire board before recommendations as they may be prepared to make.

Miss Isabelle Davidson, of Vancouver, formerly a teacher in this city, was engaged for the household science department. Miss Hazel Cunningham is filling the position temporarily.

Dr. J. E. Giffen was appointed to the dental clinic staff and he will begin his duties as soon as a clinic is opened in Riverside School. This makes the third school dentist to be appointed. A fourth will probably be appointed by next fall. The committee also approved of the appointment of a fourth school health nurse.

A plot for gardening purposes for Wortley Road School will be rented. The department of education will bear the expense.

GANDHI IN BOMBAY

BOMBAY, Feb. 10.—Mahatma K. Gandhi, leader of the non-co-operation movement, has arrived here. He is being strongly urged by Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya, one of the chiefs of the non-co-operationist movement, to postpone his departure in view of the recent occurrences in India.

FIND MOST CITIZENS AT CHURCH ON SUNDAY

Methodist Census Shows Reports of Nonchurchgoers Much Exaggerated.

START BIG DRIVE ON THE UNAFFILIATED

Expect Large Increases In Church Membership Through Individual Canvassing.

That the census recently completed by the Methodist Church of the city will result in between 20 and 30 per cent. of the nonchurchgoers locally becoming affiliated with some church is the opinion expressed by William Heaman, president of the London Methodist Council. A meeting has been called for next Tuesday to discuss the survey report together with other matters of interest to the laymen of the denomination.

"I don't know of any city that shows up better than London in the matter of church attendance," declared Mr. Heaman to The Free Press. "We have found out through visiting the 14,000 homes of the city that there are quite a large number of persons who do not go to any house of worship regularly but that they very neglect church altogether."

The work of compiling accurate figures concerning the religious affiliations of the people of London has been a large undertaking as it was found necessary to call on the great majority of the houses within the city limits. Hundreds of persons have borne the responsibility of the census, however, through their various churches, and this has expedited the work. Definite areas have been mapped out and each have been divided into blocks, over which one or more individuals were given supervision.

Special committees are now active in tabulating the records which have been handed in by the church workers. Not until the meeting on Tuesday, it is estimated, will it be possible to have definite figures regarding the number of Methodists in the city and the number of people who are attending no church whatever. From the information which has been secured it will be possible to get 20 or 30 per cent. of the people not identified with any church to become regular attendants, is the belief.

ASK COMMISSIONER BE DISQUALIFIED

Action to Remove William D. Yelf From Ailsa Craig Hydro Electric Power Commission.

AILSA CRAIG, Feb. 11.—(Special to The Free Press).—Steps are being taken by Albert P. McEwen, of this village, to have William D. Yelf, disqualify as a member of the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ailsa Craig. Commissioner Yelf was elected to the commission for the years 1921 and 1922.

The commissioner's removal is being asked for on the grounds that at a meeting of the commission on January 22, this year, Mr. Yelf was appointed to his services in accordance with the amount of work done. It is claimed that he is disqualified on the ground that at the same meeting his wife, Lily Yelf, was appointed meter reader, at a salary of \$85 a year and secretary of the commission at a salary of \$75 a year, but that Mrs. Yelf was employed at \$85.

The Weather

COLD. PROBABLES. Strong breezes to moderate gales, westerly to westerly, partly fair and becoming decidedly colder, with some light snow and rain. Sunday—Fair and decidedly cold.

NOTES. The disturbance which was in Minnesota yesterday is now centered to the northward of the Georgian Bay, and a severe cold wave covers the Western Provinces. Snow has fallen over the southern portions of Saskatchewan and Manitoba and a few Ontario.

TEMPERATURES

Station	High	Low
London	37	35
Calgary	8	24
Winnipeg	16	26
Pary Sound	24	28
Toronto	38	36
Kingston	28	22
Ottawa	24	18
Montreal	20	12
Quebec	18	14
St. John	14	14
Halifax	24	24

(*) Below zero.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

Steamer. Arrived at. From.

Pannonia.....New York.....London
Panhandle St.....Plymouth.....New York
Montenap.....Liverpool.....St. John, N.B.
Bosworth.....Liverpool.....St. John, N.B.

Middlesex Trustees Begin Big Campaign

Object the Improvement of Rural Schools Throughout the County.

DISCUSS PROBLEM OF CONTINUATION SCHOOL

Committee Appointed To Bring In Report and Make Recommendations.

County school matters, especially in connection with consolidation and continuation schools, were discussed this morning at the annual meeting of the Middlesex County School Trustees Association in the Normal School.

On the motion of Miss Ethel Robson, of Denfield, seconded by Mrs. Gray, it was decided to appoint a committee to be named by the inspectors of the county to consider these questions in detail and bring in resolutions as to what shall be done.

Inspector P. J. Thompson, who presided, congratulated the association on the splendid success of its first meeting. It was a most hopeful sign, he said, to see so many people taking an interest in the school problems. This, he believed, would make for excellent progress.

Charles Macfie, of Appin, led a discussion on "The Present Status of Continuation Schools." He felt the continuation school is to a very large extent the solution of the rural educational problem. Formerly such a school had to be recognized by the County Council. In connection with the present system pupils attending a school from outside points are paid for by the County Council.

PLENTY OF WORK. Public school teachers, he said, have all the work they can look after, and any attempt to have them do more in the way of continuation work would be at the sacrifice of efficiency.

"Is the continuation school on a fair basis," he asked. "This is a matter that opens up a large problem and it is impossible to say what the future holds. Some fairer means of distribution of schools and means for their sustenance might be provided, I think."

A delegate asked how many pupils are needed for the establishment of a continuation school and was informed that there were a dozen pupils.

A delegate gave it as his opinion that the county board take over all the work done by the local board. It was asked and it was pointed out that there is as yet no regulation covering the matter.

Chairman Thompson stated that when the county gave \$2.50 for every \$1 given by the Government, there was no doubt that a county board, however, has been reduced to \$1.75. This figured out to almost \$3,000 for the average two-room school.

A delegate gave it as his opinion that the county had reduced their grant at an inopportune time and suggested that the matter of increasing it be taken up with the County Council.

The township rate is set by the department of education.

DISTRICT FORMATION

"Can parts of sections amalgamate to form a district?" was asked, and the reply was that it is not possible.

A delegate gave it as his view that the Government, by its new plan, is trying to throw the onus of establishing continuation schools and maintaining them on the County Councils.

"The situation is a critical one," he said, "and it is arousing the greatest interest in this district."

John V. Prevost, in changing the act, to help finance high school districts and in any way hurt continuation schools. The aim was to give all districts the best service possible.

"If county boards are established they will be in a better position to place schools to advantage," said the chairman. "I can see where a county board can do good work."

FIND MISSING WITNESS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 11.—Zey Prevost, witness in the Roscoe Arbuckle manslaughter case, for whom authorities have been searching, is believed by District Attorney Brady to be in New Orleans. Brady said information had been received by his office that she told friends she was going to the southern city. He declared a determined effort would be made to return Miss Prevost to San Francisco before the third Arbuckle trial began next month.

Fall Downstairs Kills Man Who Claimed Gambling Title

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IRISH IN CUSTODY GRANTED AMNESTY

British Colonial Office Announces Release of All Political Prisoners.

COLLINS RETALIATES BY FREEING BRITISH

Ulstermen Kidnapped Are Not Yet Located, But Government Is Hopeful.

POLICE HELD UP.

CORK, Feb. 11.—A lorry load of police traveling from Macroom to Brandon this morning was held up by armed men. The attackers captured the car, together with rifles and equipments, but there were no casualties.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—The colonial office announced to-day that pursuant to authority granted by the British Cabinet steps were being taken to release the prisoners who were taken into custody for offenses committed in England from Irish political motives prior to the Irish truce.

ALSO IN IRELAND.

DUBLIN, Feb. 11.—To all members of the British troops and police who have served in Ireland amnesty is granted by the Provisional Government of the Irish Free State, over the signature of Michael Collins, head of the Provisional Government, in the following proclamation:

"Now that a treaty of peace has been concluded between the peoples of Ireland and Great Britain, the Provisional Government hereby declares a general amnesty with respect to all acts committed in the course of recent hostilities. The amnesty extends to all members of the naval, military, police and civil services of the British Government and to all other persons by whom acts of hostility against the Irish people were committed, aided or abetted, whether in Ireland or elsewhere, during the past six years, and full protection of the law will be afforded such persons against violence or injury of any kind."

"The Provisional Government appeals to all citizens to respect this amnesty in spirit and letter. In this, as in other matters, we must not allow ourselves to be outdone by our late enemies in seeking that the wrongs of the past may be buried in oblivion."

SIR JAMES RETURNS.

BELFAST, Feb. 11.—Sir James Craig, the Ulster premier, returned this morning from his visit to London, announcing on his arrival that before leaving London he had secured a four additional battalions of troops would be sent to Belfast immediately. Sir James said he had set no time limit on the British action in the event of the release of the Unionist prisoners taken in the recent raids. This statement was supplementary to his declaration before leaving for home that in the event of the release of the prisoners, the British would be prepared to take any action.

REMAND MEN HELD FOR RODNEY CRIME

Three Prisoners Demand Hearing At St. Thomas Without Avail.

ALL CLAIM ALIBIS

Court Fixes Bail At \$4,000. Crown Not Ready To Go On.

ST. THOMAS, Feb. 11.—(By Staff Report.)—Edward J. Barry, Ernest McGregor, Earl Fisher and William Meredith, held in connection with a robbery at Rodney, to have a hearing for the men proved unavailing this morning, and a crowded courtroom of spectators was disappointed.

He was told that the crown had authority in the matter and did not propose to disclose its hand. He intimated, however, that he was acting on orders from the inspector at Windsor, who was believed to be rounding up evidence. The crown had no witnesses ready.

The story is that the three men have alibis which will free them from suspicion in the case. William Meredith asked the court why they could not be given a hearing, but was informed that the crown could keep them in custody, although Lawyer Davidson heard this procedure to the old-time "sweating" method.

Bail was fixed at \$4,000 in each case and the men decided it would be useless to try to raise the money.

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