

THE WEATHER:
FINE, MODERATELY WARM,
SUNDAY—FINE.

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THREE CENTS.

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SMITH AND JARVIS ASK PENDING APPEAL Russian Red Plot To Start British Revolt Is Disclosed

MAJORITY FOR O.T.A. OVER 40,000

Latest Provincial Summary Shows Temperance Lead as Still Mounting.

MANY TO COME YET
Premier Ferguson Definitely Announces No Concessions to "Wet" Cities.

LATEST SUMMARY.
6,591 subdivisions out of 7,332 show:
For the O. T. A. 542,196
For government control . 501,828

O. T. A. majority 40,368

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Oct. 25. — Very little change in the standing of the vote in the Ontario temperance act was apparent this morning. The majority for prohibition hovered around 40,000, with several hundred polls still to be heard from. It is not likely that any close estimate of the majority can be formed until the chief election officer announces the official count.

The result of the vote will be that the Ontario temperance act will remain on the statute books. This was made clear by Premier G. H. Ferguson last night, when he announced that the government would accept the verdict of the majority and enforce the act to the best of its ability.

The provincial prime minister was asked if the government would bring in a local option bill, in view of the fact that most of the bigger centers of population had voted against prohibition. "The government cannot give any concessions to 'wet' cities," replied Mr. Ferguson.

The vote is apparently and the issue was one clearly defined and agreed upon by both parties before-hand.

O.T.A. MAJORITY RISES IN EAST MIDDLESEX
Official Count Shows Act Is Sustained by 2,404 — 66 Rejected Ballots.

An official count of the ballots cast in the plebiscite in East Middlesex conducted by Returning Officer T. W. Merriam of Byron and Election Clerk William Boler adds 50 more votes to the O. T. A. column and 7 for government control, making the O. T. A. majority 2,404. There were 66 rejected ballots.

Two dry votes were gained in Nisour township, while in Westminster the O. T. A. gained 48 votes, and the wets 6. Government control gained one vote in Dorchester township.

Figures for the other townships and the annex were the same as published in Friday's edition of The Advertiser.

The Weather

FORECASTS.
Moderate west to south west winds; fine and clear; moderate to warm today and Sunday.

Pressure continues high from the Great Lakes southward and relatively low over the western provinces and British Columbia. The weather has been fine from Alberta to the Maritime provinces.

Temperatures.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations. High. Low. Weather.
Victoria 50 Cloudy
Calgary 72 Clear
Winnipeg 60 Clear
Port Arthur 58 Clear
Perry Sound 58 Clear
Toronto 62 Clear
Kingston 58 Clear
Ottawa 54 Clear
Montreal 46 Clear
Quebec 54 Cloudy
Father Point 44 Clear
St. John's 54 Clear
Halifax 54 Fair

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 64; lowest, 41.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 64; lowest, 32.

Barometric Readings.
Friday, 8 p.m.—29.74.
Today, 8 a.m.—29.65.

APPEAL FOR SMITH WILL BE STRONGLY OPPOSED



PETER SMITH.

Former provincial treasurer, who yesterday was sentenced to three years in Portsmouth penitentiary, and with Amelius Jarvis, Sr., Toronto broker, was fined \$500,000, when they were found guilty by a jury of conspiracy against the province of Ontario. Chief Justice Meredith imposed the sentence. Appeals have been entered.

Efforts Are Being Made by Friends of Convicted Men to Secure Freedom of Former Provincial Treasurer and Amelius Jarvis, Sen., on Bail.

HEAVY SENTENCE IS IMPOSED ON EACH

Special to The Advertiser.
Toronto, Oct. 25.—Chief Justice Latchford this morning fixed Tuesday next at 11 a.m. as the day and time for hearing an application for the release on bail of Peter Smith, former provincial treasurer, and Amelius Jarvis, Sen., head of the bond brokerage house, pending the appeal of their cases to the appellate court.

Smith and Jarvis were yesterday sentenced to three years and six months, respectively, with a collective fine of \$800,000, on conviction of conspiracy in connection with government bonds. The prisoners will remain in the county jail till Tuesday.

It is understood that the counsel for the defendants, in addition to the argument that the presiding justice misdirected the jury, will say that the court had no power to impose the fine under the statutes.

Twenty-One Die In Shipwreck

Associated Press Despatch.
Riga, Latvia, Oct. 25.—All the passengers and crew of the motor vessel Bolinder, a total of 21 persons, perished yesterday when the boat ran ashore in a heavy gale. The boat was on the way to Salsumende, about 50 miles north of Riga.

HOMES FOR MENTALLY DEFICIENT ARE URGED

Rev. Dr. Shearer, Toronto, Addresses Winnipeg Social Welfare Congress.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Winnipeg, Oct. 25.—In advocating homes for the care of mentally deficient persons, Rev. Dr. Shearer of Toronto, speaking at the final meeting of the provincial social welfare congress here last night, said it was Canada's great duty to look after these unfortunate.

The government, he said, seemed to look upon the care of the mentally deficient as a more or less useless expense. He pointed out the great danger in not controlling such people, and said that about one-tenth of one per cent of the population belonged to this class, either in an extreme or in a more modified degree.

TEMPLE LODGE MEMBERS HOLD ANNIVERSARY EVENT

Temple lodge, A. F. and A. M., held its second anniversary of dedication and consecration at the Masonic temple last night.

The chairs were filled by past masters and the fourth degree took the form of a halloween banquet. Rev. Bruce Hunter, Rt. Wor. Bro. Rowe and Rt. Wor. Bro. Essery were the speakers.

Many visitors were present from other lodges of the city and from outside points.

SEEKS DIVORCE.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Oct. 25.—The following notices of applications for divorce appear in this week's Canada Gazette: R. J. Ellis, of Parkhill, from Kathleen Ellis of Forest.

BAPTISTS WORK BEST IN 30 YEARS

Report on States of Religion Is Presented at Morning Session.

GROWTH IS SHOWN

Membership in Two Provinces Now Stands at 60,103.

The Baptist church in Ontario and Quebec has experienced the most successful year for 30 years, according to the report on the states of religion rendered this morning to the annual Baptist convention of Ontario and Quebec now in session in the Talbot street Baptist church.

This report, which was the subject of wide discussion in the convention, shows that 1,450 new members have been added to the church, which now has a membership of 60,103 in the two provinces.

It especially commends the growth of the church in Toronto where in ten years the membership has increased from 1,017 to 13,746 and the per capita collections from \$1.94 to \$3.66 per year.

The Jarvis street church in Toronto proves the banner church of the district with 250 baptisms in the year.

A feature of the report upon which a great deal of the following discussion was concentrated was to the effect that of all increased membership the church 50 per cent was lost through emigration.

Several delegates stated that this loss was one of the most serious facing the church, while Dr. Smith, president of the convention, said that the most attractive opportunities for support was that the committees appointed to conduct examinations of prospective candidates be selected with greater discernment and that they be adequately fitted to conduct such a searching and important investigation.

Plan Not Favored.

It was observed that in the Baptist church in the Southern States entrance to the church by baptism was stressed very much following every evangelistic campaign, and several delegates thought this was not a plan to be commended as far as the church in Ontario and Quebec was concerned. They thought that a greater number of emigrants than was the case at present.

Personal evangelism was a point recommended in this report on the state of religion in the church. It was advocated as representing the greatest field for work and expansion in the most attractive of all the church's activities.

Lack of interest in the church's work, lack of church attendance and an inordinate love of gain and pleasure were cited as the main obstacles to the progress of the church today.

The financial side of the year has been one of improvement. Last year's contributions amounted to \$1,580,000, and the contributions this year to date are \$1,516,000.

B. Y. P. U. Increases.

The B. Y. P. U. increased its membership by 1,835 in the last year. In the matter of education it is announced that the circulation of the Canadian Baptist was 9,000, the largest in the history of the church. At McMaster university there are eighty more students than at any previous time, and there are thirty-three more students for the ministry than in 1923.

The report shows a revival in evangelism and prayer throughout the church, and it was declared that an evangelical pulp was the general demand of all churches. In material things, such as the building of churches and repairs to churches, the year shows a large gain. Dr. Smith, in concluding the report, pleaded for members of the church to show by a life consistent with the teaching of the New Testament that they were ready to put the practice of their faith in every day usage, carry to the letter the report of the pastoral settlement.

Morgan Steps From Train And In Pulpit In 9 Minutes

At 11:04 o'clock this morning, just exactly nine minutes after he had stepped off the C. N. R. train from Toronto, Dr. Morgan stepped into the pulpit of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church for a brief one-hour service.

The spacious auditorium of St. Andrew's church was comfortably filled to greet Dr. Morgan, who so enthusiastically and inspired London congregations while conducting one of his celebrated ten-day missions here last fall.

The opening hymn was "O Worship the King" and the large congregation sang it with enthusiasm, having in mind the address to follow.



ALBERT MATTHEWS, president of the Ontario-Quebec Baptist association, which is holding its 36th annual meeting in the Talbot street Baptist church.

TARIFF TO FAVOR DOMINIONS URGED

Lord Derby Would Support Reductions If Empire Trade Is Aided.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Oct. 25.—Lord Derby, a Lancashire Conservative free trader, says he would not be a party to any tariff for the introduction of tariff reform, but would be willing to support a reduction of the existing tariffs in favor of the dominions.

Winston Spencer Churchill says he is still a free trader and is opposed to protection, taxation of food, and guarding of the industries against German competition does not violate the principles of free trade.

A definite 35-40 on the question, however, probably will be given by Stanley Baldwin in a few days.

The Daily Express pleads for the clarification of the tariff situation and regretfully asserts that there is no chance in this election of obtaining any kind of imperial preference which the dominions would value and which would form the basis of a great imperial policy in trade development. The Express, therefore, pleads for the government to pledge themselves against food taxes and concentrate on social reform and thus defeat the Labor party.

REPARATIONS PARLEY SCHEDULED MONDAY

Philip Snowden Will Act For Britain at Financial Conference in Paris.

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, Oct. 25.—The international financial conference called to settle the distribution of reparations and to revise the costs of the armies of occupation will meet Monday.

The various delegations and experts will outline the work of the first day to the local press. The British and the finance ministers themselves will meet on Tuesday, since M. Clementel of France will be at Lyons, France, on Monday.

M. Thureau, representing Belgium and Philip Snowden, chancellor of the exchequer, will act for Great Britain.

CONDITIONS AT REFUGE PLEASE COUNTY RESIDENTS

A visit to the house of refuge at Strathroy yesterday afternoon by five women of the county interested in Middlesex affairs and County Clerk John Stuart proved to the satisfaction of all that the institution was functioning in the best possible manner.

The county clerk, who was one of the most successful farmers in the county before moving to London, was delighted with the thoroughbred Hilsen herd and their surroundings.

Miss Mary Grant, clerk of London township, Mrs. John Stuart, Mrs. Joseph Marshall and Mrs. Robert Graham of the mothers' pension board, were all high in their praise of the manner in which the inmates of the house of refuge were being looked after.

MISSING BROTHERS SOUGHT AT BEDSIDE OF SISTER

Special to The Advertiser.
Detroit, Oct. 24.—"Ever" effort is being made to locate William and George Garley, brothers, formerly of Stratford, Ont., and anyone knowing their whereabouts is requested to get in touch with Ernest Laing, 5752 Washburn avenue, Detroit, as a young woman, believed to be his sister, calling herself, Bernice, and sometimes Alice calls for him in her illness.

GETS TEN YEARS AND LASHES.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Nanaimo, B. C., Oct. 25.—"Spud" Meredith was last night sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary and fifty lashes after being found guilty of felonious assault upon a 14-year-old girl.

MEXICO CUTS OFF TRADE IN BRITAIN

All Consulates of Mexican Government in London, Liverpool and Glasgow Closed.

CLAIMS ADVANCED

Decision Will Remain in Effect Until Present Strained Relations Are Improved.

Associated Press Despatch.
Mexico City, Oct. 25.—The most transcendental step in Mexican diplomacy was taken yesterday when the foreign affairs department ordered the closing of the Mexican consulates in London, Liverpool and Glasgow, as well as all the honorary consular offices throughout Great Britain.

This step means the complete suppression of commercial relations with Great Britain.

This drastic step was decided upon in the words of Foreign Minister Saenz, not to show hostility to Great Britain, but because the Mexicans believe it "unworthy" of themselves "to maintain consular representatives under a government which does not maintain official relations, thus implying that it does not consider Mexico has the moral and legal capacity inherent to sovereign countries."

The foreign minister added that the decision would remain effective while the present "abnormal relations between the two nations endure, but that British consuls would continue to have the same guarantees as before in the event the London government did not see fit to recall them."

CATHOLIC CHURCH FIRE CAUSES \$300,000 LOSS

Stately Stone Edifice at Hawkesbury Falls Prey in Mysterious Blaze.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Hawkesbury, Oct. 25.—Fire of unknown origin completely destroyed the Roman Catholic church at Hawkesbury early this morning, and for some time threatened the existence of the whole town. The loss is set at \$300,000, only \$150,000 being covered by insurance.

The entire church with all furnishings was a total loss, only the walls remaining.

When discovered the blaze was so far advanced as to make entry into the church for the purpose of rescuing altars or sacred vessels impossible.

The fire, which is believed to have been smoldering from early last night, was not discovered until 1 o'clock this morning, when the greynoway house was a mass of flames, and the interior a roaring furnace, with flames leaping high into the sky.

DECORATIONS "TOO PRETTY" FOR HIM, PRINCE AVERS

Beaverbrook Buys Stornoway House

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Oct. 25.—Lord Beaverbrook has chosen an historic corner for a new town residence. He has purchased Stornoway House, which is amidst distinguished surroundings, and is almost within the precincts of St. James Palace.

Stornoway House is noted for its beautiful decorations and its charming garden.

YOUNG AUTO DAREDEVILS ARE FINED BY CITY COURT

Three young boys, summoned to appear in police court this morning, paid fines for the privilege of "hooking" rides on motor trucks and wagons on busy streets. Two of the boys were assessed \$3 and costs. The other lad, being a minor, was taken to the juvenile court.

The boys had been playing on the streets, trailing along behind trucks and subjecting themselves to grave danger. A policeman stopped the boys, took their names and addresses and warned them of the dangers of playing on the streets.

WILLARD WILL AUCTION HIS FARM IN KANSAS

Associated Press Despatch.
Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 25.—The farm of Jess Willard, former heavyweight champion boxer, near Grantville, Kan., will be sold at auction on Oct. 28, and Willard will make his permanent home in California.



LORD DERBY, Conservative candidate in British elections, who pledges his support for tariff reductions if trade with the dominions will be benefited.

DE VALERA DEFIES ULSTER THREATS

Republican Leader Arrested, Released, But Will Return North.

Associated Press Despatch.
Belfast, Oct. 25.—Eamon de Valera, the republican leader, who was taken into custody at Newry yesterday when he attempted to address a meeting, was sent across the Ulster border this morning, having promised to leave quickly.

There was no demonstration when de Valera departed. He was warned that he would incur two years' imprisonment if he returned.

The authorities took the precaution of stationing armed police outside the bedroom in the head constable's quarters in the Newry barracks, where the republican leader slept. He refused to eat breakfast when it was brought to his room, but a fellow prisoner disposed of the meal.

De Valera arrived in Dublin at 11 o'clock this morning, and immediately visited republican headquarters, where he made arrangements for visits to Sligo, Sunday; Derry, Monday, and Tyrone and Armagh, Tuesday.

He declared that he intended to keep these engagements, notwithstanding the threats of arrest by the Ulster government.

THRESHING ENGINE SPARK CAUSES BIG BARN FIRE

Canadian Press Despatch.
Pembroke, Oct. 25.—Fire started by sparks from a threshing engine in a barn on the farm of G. Ryan, councillor of Alameda Island, completely destroyed his home, outbuildings, and the entire contents of the house, barn and stable, besides a threshing outfit and all farm implements.

This is the second misfortune of this nature that Mr. Ryan has experienced, the first being some twelve years ago. A small amount of insurance was carried.

On the other hand, there is a suggestion that the government should publish the documents as demonstration of its independence and as proof that it is not, as its enemies allege, under Moscow's heel.

Russians Claim It Forgery.

There is a disposition in some quarters to make something out of the fact that the protest was signed by Gregory instead of Mr. MacDonald, and this disposition is aided by the statement in some of the papers that the premier and foreign minister, who is conducting his electoral campaign in Wales, "was in touch" with the foreign office in connection with the publication of the Russian documents last evening.

Meanwhile it is stated in behalf of the accused Russians that the offending document is a manifest forgery, and that M. Rakovsky was so amused by its absurdity that he burst into laughter upon reading it. The charge is quoted as saying that forgery was evident from the heading of the letter, "Third Communist International," as such a title had never been made use of.

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PETER MACARTHUR NOW IN SERIOUS CONDITION

Little improvement has been shown in the condition of Peter MacArthur of Ekfrid, who underwent a serious operation at Victoria hospital several days ago. Although the first day following the operation, Mr. MacArthur showed signs of a successful and rapid recovery, improvement has been slow and disappointing.

At Victoria hospital his condition is reported to be "quite serious" and "not very good."

Mr. MacArthur is well known in Canada through his writings, especially in this district, where he has been termed the "Barclay of Ekfrid." He has gained wide distinction through his novels and poetical works.

SOVIET HAD DESIGNS ON GT. BRITAIN

Publication of Moscow Plot by Labor Government Creates Sensation.

RUSSIANS DENY

M. Rakovsky Declares Document Is Nothing But a Cunning Forgery.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Oct. 25.—Publication of a foreign office document supposedly revealing a red Moscow plot against Great Britain started the public today. The document includes the text of an alleged letter marked "very secret" from M. Zinovieff, president of the executive of the communist internationale, to the central committee of the British communist party, containing, in the words of the foreign office, "instructions to British subjects to work for the violent overthrow of existing institutions in this country and for the subversion of his majesty's armed forces as a means to that end."

A communication from the foreign office to the Russian charge d'affaires, M. Rakovsky, calls attention to the alleged Zinovieff letter and protests against this "violation of the specific and solemn undertakings repeatedly given to his majesty's government."

The foreign office letter was signed by J. D. Gregory, one of the permanent officials, in the absence of Premier MacDonald, who is also foreign minister.

Made Haste to Protest.
Publication of the letter has aroused some curiosity as to why the official manner of an action campaign was chosen for their issuance. The opponents of the government, whether Conservative or Liberal, contend that the reason for the dramatic appearance of the correspondence was that the government became aware that the "very secret" letter was in the hands of the press, and was to be printed today in any case; accordingly it made haste to rush its protest.

The hostile newspapers taking this view consider it the severest terms. They connect the incident with the suppression of the prosecution in the case of the communist editor, Campbell, and with the Labor party's contention that the Labor party is under the sway of the communists. They profess to be shocked at the government keeping the matter dark so long.

They also argue that Premier MacDonald, being "forced" to publish the documents, has shattered his Russian policy, and has shown the country that it cannot again trust its international relations to the hands of a season's crop here yesterday. The man "who on his own confession allowed himself to be calmed and outwitted by the country's worst enemies."

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