WILL MEET JUDD BEFORE DECIDING ON POLICE PROBE

Mayor Will First Ascertain What Chairman of Finance Committee Wants.

THINKING IT OVER

Takes No Action in Reply to Stand of Alderman and Magistrate.

Mayor Wenige declines, as chairman of the London Police Commission, to order an investigation of the department, as urged by Ald. Judd, until "he sees Judd first."

He gives no definite assurance that he will or will not call for a complete probe, as urged yesterday by the chairman of the finance committee, and welcomed by Police Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon, one of the three members of the commission.

"Ald. Judd urges investigation of the police department to clear up the charges made at Wednesday's session of the finance committee." The Advertiser told the mayor yesterday afternoon.

"Well, let him go ahead and have it, if he wants it," replied his worship.

"But will you order it?" questinoed The Advertiser, further, appreciating the fact that the mayor is chairman of that body.

"Not until I see Ald. Judd first," he explained. "What does he say?"

"He states," elucidated The Advertiser, "that charges leveled by you and Ald. Colbert against the police chief and the department last night were unfair, and should have been in writing."

"Well, I'll read it later on," stated the mayor. "I want to see what he wants."

"That is what he wants and says, briefly," reiterated The Advertiser.

"Well, I'll read it later," concluded the mayor.

Ald. Leonard Douglass, chairman of the board of works, lined up this afternoon with Ald. Judd in the belief that "an investigation would be the best move to clear the air."

"I think it would be the best thing possible in view of what has transacted," the chairman stated. "Any department should be investigated when there are any charges made as were made last night."

FRANCE AND BELGIUM DISAGREE OVER RUHR

Belgium May Demand Loan of France in Lieu of Reparations.

Special Cable to The Advertiser.

London, March 15.—France and Belgium are in serious disagreement over several phases of the Ruhr occupation, according to multivarious reports from a variety of sources today.

The Daily Express Paris correspondent understands the Belgians are dissatisfied with the present situation where they are receiving nothing in the way of reparations, and that at a forthcoming conference here, Belgium will demand of France a loan in lieu of German payments.

Le Peuple of Brussels insists that despite official denials, serious dissensions exists between the two countries, especially over the question of whether the armies of occupation are being used to collect reparations or to establish a separate Rhine state.

The German government views with satisfaction signs of a rife in the Franco-Belgian entente, and is willing to widen the breanch. It is understood, therefore, that Germany will make certain payments to Belgium today, by way of emphasizing what the country might expect to receive were it not for the occupation of the Ruhr. These payments will be paid through Great Britain.

SON MURDERS FATHER IN QUARREL ON STREET

Police State the Elder Man Threatened to Kill the Other.

Associated Press Despatch.

Bluefield, W. Va., March 15. — Charles Mitchell, a widely known businessman, was shot and killed by his son Oscar Mitchell, a contractor, in the street here yesterday. The elder Mitchell, according to the police, quarreled with his son and threatened to kill him.

When the father fell, with four bullets in his body, the son dropped to his knees, kissed the dying man's forehead and wept.

More than 100 citizens accompanied the son to jail and signed his bond of $5,000.

The trouble between father and son came to a head on February 15 last, when the elder Mitchell was released from jail after serving a sentence for possessing moonshine. According to the authorities, the father accused the son of "turning me up."

After being released on bail, Oscar declared he fired when his father made a motion as if to draw a pistol.

TORONTO GIVES ROUSING WELCOME TO ROTARIANS

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, March 16.—Not even the proverbial March lion could compare with the roaring welcome extended to the 1,200 visiting Rotarians who from midnight Wednesday and early yesterday arrived in Toronto and were met by a special reception committee under Rotarian H. J. Terry and the police band.

The visitors came from 15 cities in New York state and from 18 in Canada. Buffalo special coaches numbered 14. One hundred and eighty motor cars, donated from all the city clubs, were on hand to convey them to the hotel, where the twenty-seventh district Rotary international conference is being held.

COUNTESS OF WARWICK.

The Countess of Warwick has given her Essex estate for use as a country house for the Labor party in the British Parliament.

FRENCH DENY OFFICERS KILLED BY OWN MEN

Ridicule Charge That Shooting at Buer Was Done by French Soldiers.

By A. R. DECKER.

Special Cable to The London Advertiser and Chicago Daily News. Copyright.

Essen, March 16.—The assailants of the two French officers, who were killed in Buer, are still unknown, but the French ridicule the version that they were killed by their own soldiers. They say that the slain officer, who commanded the railway station, had left his post but twice during the detail in Buer.

Three civilians, it is stated, were shot on the streets after the hours fixed by martial law. Two others were shot while trying to escape after being captured by the French. These two were strongly suspected of killing the two officers. They were taken from their homes, where one was found concealed in a wardrobe.

The two officers were buried Wednesday with impressive ceremonies. The city hall was decorated with flowers. General Degoutte addressed the troops, which were drawn up in a hollow square.

MONTREAL VICE SQUAD RAIDS "TENDERLOIN"

Five Houses Visited in "Red Light" District and 27 Arrests Made.

Special to The Advertiser.

Montreal, March 16.—The newly-created morality squad opened its anti-vice activities Wednesday, when in two hours five alleged disorderly houses were raided, 5 women, 22 girls and 2 men arrested and taken to the cells.

Flying units under Lieut. Gregoire and Sergt. Archambault, acting under directions from Inspector Egan, who heads the new force, swept the district where Capt. Sauve of No. 4 station and his men hitherto have operated. The constables were split up. Hauls went on at full speed for two hours, resulting in the biggest mid-week bag that Montreal has seen for many months.

News that there had been a switch in the direction of morality activities had, of course, spread throughout the underworld, and the hesitation which the vice force has always seemed to display whenever police changes occur was demonstrated, according to the constables themselves, by the fact that only two men were captured in the five houses.

Before Recorder Semple today the lonely males pleaded guilty and got the usual fine of $25 and costs or one month. The women denied culpability and were remanded for trial.

OFFICERS LOCATE STILL, BUT IT WAS LADIES' DAY

Dry Agents Raid Turkish Baths in Philadelphia Establishment.

Special to The Advertiser.

Philadelphia, March 15.—Dry agents had long suspected that all the complexions customers of Abe and Max's Turkish baths on Carpentier street acquired were not due to steam heat.

They decided to raid, and picked Wednesday. Sweeping in at front door and rear, they went through the establishment with thoroughness and despatch.

Shrieks and screams arose in their wake, reverberating in deafening clamor from the tiled walls. The occupants of the swimming tank room went into the pool like bullfrogs off a bank. The agents emerged with their own complexions rosier than any of the suspects. They had done their duty and they had a still, but—Wednesday is ladies' day at Abe and Max's.

FEET GET SORE, SPOIL NEW DANCING RECORD

Special Cable to The Advertiser.

London, March 16.—Dancing continuously for 21 hours and 16 minutes, two Edinburgh couples have established a new world's record, beating the French record by 1 hour and 10 minutes.

Sore feet forced a London aspirant to quit after holding out for 18 hours and 34 minutes.

EXTINGUISH OIL FIRE.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Calgary, March 16.—Fire which had been burning at the Illinois-Alberta oil well since Wednesday morning was extinguished yesterday afternoon. Three lines of steam were played on the blaze of burning gasoline. The valve has been turned off. It is now said that the damage will be less than $5,000.

GUELPH LABORERS DECLARE STRIKE FOR BETTER PAY

Employees of International Malleable Iron Company Quit Work.

100 MEN WALK OUT

Await Return of General Manager To Settle Grievances.

Special to The Advertiser.

Guelph, March 16.—About 100 day laborers employed at the International Malleable Iron Company are out on strike as a result of a wage grievance which was aired with the management of the plant. According to a statement made by one of the workers yesterday, laborers at the works have been receiving from $2.70 to $2.90 a day, but as the married men have found it very difficult to keep their families on this allowance, they are asking for a 25-cent increase in pay. There are also a number of single men among the strikers.

In the absence of W. H. Burgess, manager of the factory, two interviews were obtained yesterday with J. B. Smith, assistant general manager, but no settlement was arrived at. No assurance was given by Mr. Smith that the strike would be ended on Mr. Burgess' return to the city.

The walkout has effected the molders and coremakers, but the machine shop at the plant is still in operation. As the laborers at the Malleable factory are not members of the labor union, it is understood that a representative from the headquarters of the labor organization will come to the city to endeavor to get them organized. Mr. Smith stated this afternoon that the management of the firm had offered the laborers an increase, but as it was not up to their demands, it was not accepted by the strikers.

PREMIER'S RESOLUTION CALLS FORTH PROTEST

Members Do Not Take Kindly To Proposal Ending Private Members' Day.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, March 16.—Protest came from all parts of the chamber when Premier King yesterday afternoon moved his resolution to end private members' day on and after Monday next.

Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, opposition leader, did not think the government should take both Monday and Wednesday. He thought that for the time being Monday should be preserved as private members' day.

E. J. Garland, Progressive, Bow River, agreed with Mr. Meighen, and P. C. Casgrain, Liberal, Charlevoix, said that he would ask that the motion be amended so as to give private members at least one other day. J. J. Denis, Liberal, Joliatt, remarked that the government proposed to take private members' day much more early this season than last. Last year private members were allowed ten weeks in which to discuss their resolutions. This year they were being given but six.

J. F. Johnson, Progressive whip, protested on behalf of members who were prepared to proceed with discussion of their resolutions.

T. L. Church, Conservative, Toronto North, said that Progressives had used up 90 per cent of the time allowed for resolutions so far. He was sure that 90 per cent of the people in Canada were interested in his own resolution calling for a national policy relative to fuel.

After further discussion the prime minister agreed to amend the resolution to read "On and after March 26," and it was carried thus amended.

M. C. R. PROPOSED WORK REQUIRES EXTRA LABOR

Additional 700 Men Needed To Consummate Company's Plans.

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, March 16.—J. Salter, chief clerk of the engineering department of the M. C. R., stated Thursday that if present plans are followed between six and seven hundred extra men will be employed by the local division of the M. C. R. during the coming weeks for repair work and the construction of the proposed new yards.

Two gangs of fifty men each will begin laying rail at Essex and Cornell the first of next week. One hundred men will be put to work in about ten days doing stone ballast work, and eighty more will be engaged in tie spacing in the near future.

The section gangs on the entire division have now been increased to their summer quota.

RUSSIAN PREMIER MAKES FIGHT AGAINST DEATH

Special Cable to The Advertiser.

Moscow, March 16.—Premier Nikolai Lenin is holding his own in his up-hill fight against death.

This was indicated in the official bulletin, which was issued by the Russian government Thursday.

The communique, which gave the temperature as 36.7 degree Centigrade, pulse at 88, declared that Lenin's speech had improved, but that he was still partially unable to use one arm and one leg. The temperature and pulse in the latest bulletin was interpreted as showing general improvement in the premier's condition.

FRED H. GOFF.

Sarnia, Ont., March 15.—Word has reached the city of the death at Cleveland, O., of Fred H. Goff, president of the Dominion Salt Company, here and vice-president of the Cleveland-Sarnia Sawmills Company. Mr. Goff, who was 65 years of age, died on Wednesday of complications following an operation for appendicitis which was performed last Friday.

STEEL COMPANY STORES MAY KEEP ON IN CANADA

Canadian Trustees Plan to Co-operate With American Receivers to Reorganize and Place Business on Profitable Footing—Canadian Assets $3,400,000.

Special to The Advertiser.

Toronto, March 16.—The Canadian receivers and trustees of the L. R. Steel Company and the U. S. receivers of the L. R. Steel Company are united upon a policy, it is said, to co-operate and assist each other to try and reorganize the whole thing and place the business upon a profitable footing to endeavor to pay the creditors and save the shareholders' money.

G. T. Clarkson of the firm of Clarkson, Gordon & Dilworth, Canadian trustees and receivers, told this to a representative of The Advertiser upon Mr. Clarkson's return from Buffalo today. Mr. Clarkson, with Peter White, K.C., of Bain, Bicknell, MacDonnell & Gordon, solicitors to the receivers, visited Buffalo yesterday to hold a conference with the United States receivers of the L. R. Steel Company in liquidation.

Mr. Clarkson stated that he did not now know just how the assets and liabilities stood in the United States at the present time, pointing out that the affairs of the company were so widespread there that it would take some time for the receivers to obtain the required information and to summarize assets and liabilities.

From the Canadian receivers, The Advertiser learned that there are in Canada about $3,400,000 in assets of the company. Amongst these assets are between $1,500,000 and $1,750,000 real estate equities, $600,000 worth of merchandise and $750,000 worth of fixtures, furniture, etc. Against this there is claimed by trade creditors to date about $200,000. It is likely that the assets of the company enumerated above would decrease in value considerably if subjected to a forced sale. It is also pointed out that if an attempt to sequestrate Canadian assets were made, Ontario's share, after other provinces had been considered, would amount to about $400,000 only. The Canadian receivers are operating the stores in Canada and hope to continue them in business.

The L. R. Steel Development Company will be closed out at once.

James Stuck Safety Pins In Door To Keep Wife At Home In His Absence

Special to The Advertiser.

Detroit, March 16.—Safety pins played a great part in the married life of Ella and James Brown, Ella told Judge Webster in circuit court yesterday in her suit for divorce. James was in the habit of putting one in the door jamb when he went downtown in the evenings, so he would know whether his wife had been out while he was gone. The pin was stuck on the outside of the door so that when it was moved it would fall to the floor.

Then there was another characteristic of James that worked a hardship on the family. He bought enough stale bread every Monday to last out the week, and he would not use butter nor permit his wife or children to use it, the court was told. He once bought 13 loaves of bread, and when she gave one away he beat her for it, Mrs. Brown said, and then the meals were made miserable because James did not use tea or coffee.

There are four children, but when James left, he took the oldest with with him, leaving her the two youngest, five and seven years old.

Owing to a slight irregularity in filling of the suit, Judge Webster withheld decision until this is remedied.

DROP CHARGE AGAINST INSPECTOR AT WINDSOR

Complainant Withdraws Information—Officer Censured for Lack of Diplomacy.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Windsor, Ont., March 15.—After hearing the evidence in the case of James S. Jones, provincial license board inspector, charged with assault and using abusive language, James H. Clark, acting for James Kane, the complainant, withdrew the information against the officer in police court today.

Magistrate Gundy, however, censured Jones for his lack of diplomacy in dealing with Kane, who was evicted by Jones from the local dispensary while trying to get a liquor prescription filled. The magistrate also asked Jones why he had kept the prescription which Kane presented, and the inspector replied that he wished to take the matter up with the license board, believing the liquor order to be suspicious.

The magistrate gave it as his opinion, however, that the prescription should either be filled or returned to Kane.

Employees of the dispensary testified that Jones did not assault Kane, but simply led him to the door. They also denied that any abusive language was used.

FREE STATERS OBTAIN RIGHT TO HOLD PARADE

New York Mayor Warns Irish Republic Sympathizers To Behave St. Patrick's Day.

Special to The Advertiser.

New York, Marh 16.—The St. Patrick's parade here Saturday will be a Free State affair. If Irish republicans interfere police will arrest them.

Mayor Hylan made this clear Thursday to 30 rebel sympathizers who called at the city hall and objected to a permit giving Free State Irish the right to stage the demonstration.

When told by the protesters that there might be trouble unless the permit was revoked, Hylan rose to his toes and yelled: "This is not a government of threats. If you make trouble you'll pay for it. We'll surround the parade with police protection."

Peter H. Holloran, head of the republican committee, had declared the granting of the permit put the city administration on record as "favoring the Free State and the murders of prisoners of war."

GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL GIVES TALK ON SEEDS

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, March 16.—W. J. W. Lennox, of the seed branch, Dominion department of agriculture, Ottawa, addressed the members of the Elgin County Junior Farmers' Club yesterday in the rooms of C. W. Buchanan, agricultural representative, Royal Bank building, on the selection and development of pure seeds. Mr. Lennox will be a guest of the club at the annual banquet in the Y. M. C. A. building tonight.

YORK COUNTY BOYS WIN STOCK JUDGING FEATS

In Annual Contest They Prove Victors Over Grenville Trio.

The stock judging contest between the boy teams from York and Grenville Counties has resulted in another win for the York County team. This is the third team from York County to win this yearly contest, and as a result the splendid silver cup donated by the Union Stock Yards, Toronto, becomes the property of the York County team, and will be placed in the office of J. R. Rogers, district representative for York County, at Newmarket.

The visiting teams left London on the 4 o'clock train yesterday.

BRITAIN DENIES OFFER TO MEDIATE IN RUHR

Bonar Law Declares Germany Must First Propose Reparations Plan.

Special Cable to The Advertiser.

London, March 16.—Semi-official denials of reports flying about Europe that Britain was preparing to offer mediation between the French and Germans on the question of the Ruhr were made Thursday.

It was stated on good authority that, should the occasion arise, Britain would reaffirm her decision not to make an offer of mediation, as the matter is at present of no direct concern to the government. The German government, with the backing of the industrialists, it was stated, must first suggest a reparations plan satisfactory to the French and Belgian governments.

Bonar Law in the House of Commons, backed up this semi-official information, by declaring that it was up to Chancellor Cuno of Germany to submit proposals.

IRISH DISREGARD ORDER TO CURTAIL AMUSEMENT

Associated Press Despatch.

Dublin, March 16.—The proclamation by the "home minister of the republic Wednesday night, ordering the essation of all sports and amusements for an indefinite period of mourning, was not published today by any Dublin newspapers, and, except in cases where notice was individually served, proprietors of amusement houses are unaware of it. In these cases it is being ignored, the only effect being to increase the vigilance of the Free Staters.

The feeling prevails that the republicans may concentrate their efforts to prevent the Siki-McTigue fight in the Scala Theatre on Saturday, but the promoters of the affair say they do not share this apprehension, and that thus far they have received no communication from the irregulars.

EASTBOURNE MEMBER RECEIVES APPOINTMENT

Associated Press Despatch.

London, March 16.—R. S. Gwynne, Conservative member for Eastbourne, has been appointed financial secretary to the war office, in succession to Hon. F. Stanley Jackson, who was recently appointed chairman of the Unionist party.

Premier Bonar Law has appointed Viscount Younger, former chairman of the party, to be treasurer in succession to Earl Farquhar.

Girl of 17 and Man Aged 40 Held By Police Who Suspect Elopement

Special to The Advertiser.

Sarnia, March 16.—What is believed to have been an elopement was nipped in the bud yesterday, when Charles Carr of Brantford, and Edna Bonbrook of Brantford, were held up by American immigration officials as they were attempting to cross the border from Sarnia. The couple were taken from a train at the tunnel station and despatched to the county jail at Port Huron, where they gave evasive replies to the questions of the officials.

Carr is about 40 years of age, and the girl about 17, and officials claim that the man is married, and has a wife and two children in Brantford. The pair were headed for Chicago, but will be detained until replies have been received from the Brantford police.

SAYS ALL WATER ROUTE FOR GRAIN CUTS EXPENSES

Expert Declares Fort William-Montreal Most Economical Method For Overseas.

COMBINE IS ALLEGED

Royal Commission Told Exporter Suffers If Shipping Rates Are High.

Montreal, March 16.—To get wheat from the Canadian West to Liverpool or a continental port costs $395.51 per 1,000 bushels, or 39.551c per bushel, and of this amount freight charges by water from Fort William to Liverpool are 14.4c per bushel, was among the statements which A. A. Wright of Toronto, manager for ten years of the St. Lawrence Chicago Navigation Company, made yesterday to the royal commission which is here investigating an alleged combine of Canadian shipowners.

A decrease or an increase in the all-water Canadian water route on grain makes no difference to the Canadian farmer, emphasized Mr. Wright, who claimed that though he had dropped out of lake steamship operations for five years, he had been constantly consulted by both shippers and steamship men since that time, and knew as much of the 1922 situation as did T. R. Enderby, the operating manager of the Canada Steamship Lines, Limited, who has been the star witness before the commission during the course of the present week.

Completes Evidence.

Mr. Enderby completed his evidence after an additional two hours on the stand today, and was succeeded by Mr. Wright, who, in turn, was followed by Walton H. McGean, Cleveland, manager of the Hutcheson Liners.

The all-water route, Fort William to Montreal, was the cheapest way to get grain to the seaboard of all the routes, said Mr. Wright, while the route to Buffalo and then by rail to New York was the most expensive way. The price of wheat is fixed in Liverpool chiefly, said Mr. Wright, or at any continental port where it was landed, but, he said with emphasis, it was the buyer of wheat who fixed the price.

Exporters Gets Benefit.

The grain exporter made his contract with the buyer, and the matter of rates then became a matter of concern to him only, since by that time the Canadian farmer had already disposed of his wheat to the middleman. If the rates were low the exporter got the benefit, if high he suffered.

Mr. McGean said the suspension of the Canadian coastal law would be disastrous to the Canadian lake fleets. The American fleets, said he, made ore and coal their chief cargoes, and grain came third. Coal and ore cargoes fell off in the middle of November, and if the Canadian coastal law was suspended, the American boats would make a bid for the Canadian grain after Nov. 25, when the rates were the highest.

LEAPS FIVE STORIES WITH BABY IN ARMS

Mother Dead, But Infant Still Lives—Was Not Normal Mentally.

Associated Press Despatch.

Cincinnati, Ohio, March 15.—Mrs. May Cullion, 21 years of age, died at a hospital here today, two hours after having leaped five stories to the street, with her eleven-days-old son in her arms. The baby is alive, but probably suffered a fractured skull, physicians say.

Mrs. Cullion's husband said he was preparing a bottle of milk when the young mother, who was standing at the window of their apartment, swayed and vanished over the sill. She had just been brought home from a hospital with her baby, and was not quite normal mentally as a result of her illness, her husband said.

NAME SPRINGSTEAD FOR DUNDAS OFFICE

Assistant to R. A. Finn Receives Promotion in Agricultural Department.

Word has been received at the office of the department of agriculture announcing the promotion of A. E. Springstead to be district representative for Dundas County, with headquarters at Morrisburg. Mr. Springstead has been assistant representative for Middlesex under R. A. Finn since June, 1922.

During his term of office in this district Mr. Springstead has been an enhusiastic worker in rural extension activities and the advancement of better agriculture generally.

Mr. Springstead's promotion and appointment to the Morrisburg office is expected to take effect within the next week. Those in contact with Mr. Springstead and his work, while congratulating him on his appointment, will agree that Mr. Finn is losing a capable assistant.

ST. THOMAS MAN STRUCK BY A PASSENGER TRAIN

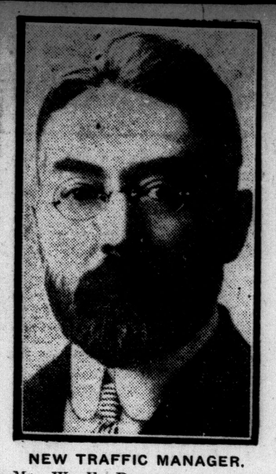
Associated Press Despatch.

St. Thomas, March 15.—Fred W. Gadsby, employee of the interlocks department of the M. C. R. here, is in Amasa Wood Hospital, in a critical condition, as a result of having been struck by a passenger train in the yards here this morning. He did not see the train approaching.

THREE GERMANS KILLED.

Special Cable to The Advertiser.

Recklinghausen, March 16.—French sentries killed three Germans here Wednesday, when the latter attempted to enter a railway roundhouse. Recklinghausen is near Buer, in the most disturbed area of the Ruhr.



NEW TRAFFIC MANAGER.

Mr. W. E. Duperow, newly-appointed passenger traffic manager for the central region, Canadian National Railways.

WEAR CORSETS AGAIN AND BOLDLY SHOW EARS

Dragged Back Coiffeur and Straight Backs Bring About Fashion Revival.

HANKIE DOMINATES

Flaring, Stiff Ruffle At Hip-Line Is Upstanding Feature.

By AILEEN LAMONT.
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New York, March 16.—"Here they come with their ears and their corsets." That gibe of Vassar at her old grads bids fair to become an adequate description of the fashion parades on Fifth avenue, the Atlantic City board walk, Connecticut avenue, Michigan Boulevard, and other noted thoroughfares this spring.

Of course, ears are not yet appearing in what Trilby called the "altogether," and corsets are not the steel reinforced atrocities of old, but both are apparent in modern style tendencies.

Ears have been dragged into view by the heavy pendant creations of the jeweler, and left in the open by a coiffeur, which has assembled every obedient hair as far from the brow as brilliantine and brush can compass.

The corset, so say the English and French designers, is coming into its own at the call of the new silhouette, which demands flatter backs and straighter hips.

Ye Jackette.

Now that the weather, even in the north, is moderating, furs have again become a dominant note in apparel. The fur jackette is pre-eminently a factor in the spring styles. This garment lends itself gracefully and readily to the sport suit, which in reality means for wear either in town or country, on any except formal occasions. Mole is the favored medium for the expression of this vogue, which seems sure to maintain its prestige even in the face of exploitation in the cheaper and imitation furs. Caracul, however, is almost equally popular, when dyed in the soft and charming shades of tan, beige and gray.

These jackettes, loose, straight, short, and falling in graceful folds to the single button fastening at the waist line, find charming concomitants in pleated skirts of canton crepe of contrasting shades. There was a time when the skirt was only a background for the blouse and jackette, but with the beautiful and artistic designs of the printed crepes of today, that time has passed.

Fur on Hankie, Now!

A fur collar on a handkerchief! That sounds impossible; but it is not only an accomplished fact, but a popular one. The vogue of the Leauville kerchief has only dawned, and the latest method of utilizing these bits of flaming color is as a neckpiece. Diagonally across the gorgeous piece of silk is imposed a straight band or a crescent of mole or caracul. The fur does not extend to the corners, which are thus left free to knot loosely when the kerchief is thrown about the neck. A third corner is turned back over the fur.

These kerchiefs also are worn about the waist, about the collar of a blouse, about the hair, about the hat, and in a hundred other different ways. They are even being worn as lingeries, one or more being caught into the most attractive, if startling of combinations and two-piece sets.

One of the most outstanding and upstanding features of the more formal frocks now worn is a stiff and flaring ruffle, which marks the line of the hips, and which is so placed as to catch a pearl of wisdom dropped from the lips, or the ashes from a cigaret.

TORONTO FIRE LOSS IS HEAVY THIS MORNING

Yonge Street Block in Danger of Destruction by Flames.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, March 16. — A general alarm at 1:20 this morning called the fire fighters to Adelaide street, just west of Yonge, where a blaze which had started at number 34, a four-story brick building was already spreading east and west to adjoining buildings, several of which seemed doomed, including the premises occupied by "My Valet" Cleaners, and the Toronto Electric Supply Company's six-story building.

The Dominion of Canada Guarantee and Accident Company's building, a modern eight-story office building at Number 28 Adelaide street, adjoins the cleaners' building, and the firemen are attacking the blaze from that side in an effort to save it. There are probably a dozen concerns in the three buildings already ablaze.

At 2:30 a.m. it was reported the firemen had the blaze under control. The loss is estimated at $100,000.

ADD TO CHARGES BROUGHT AGAINST UNITED SHIPPERS

Magistrate Hollands of Rainy River District Sets Date For Hearing.

DEFENCE ABSENT

None of Principals of Company Were Present From Winnipeg.

Special to The Advertiser.

Fort Frances, March 15.—Formal application by N. L. Croome today in police court here, resulted in C. J. Hollands, magistrate for the Rainy River district, definitely settling the hearing of charges against the United Shippers, Limited, of Rainy River for Tuesday, March 20, at 10:30 a.m.

Today two more charges were laid against the defendant company, with a possibility of others being added before Tuesday's hearing. The United Shippers, as matters now stand will be called on to answer charges of having liquor in their possession for illegal sale; for having false labels in their possession, and the third charge is under the transportation liquor act, known also as the Sandy act, dealing with the transportation of liquor over highways.

When the case was called by Magistrate Hollands this morning, there was no appearance for the defence, none of the principals of the company having come from Winnipeg, as had been expected. Witnesses for the prosecution were ready, but no evidence was taken. Proceedings lasted but a few minutes.

REQUIRE SUBSTITUTE FOR AMERICAN COAL

Canada's Fuel Problem To Replace U. S. Anthracite, Says Expert.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, March 16.—Canada's principal fuel problem is to find a substitute for American anthracite coal for domestic use, said Dr. Charles Camsell, deputy minister of mines, this morning, giving evidence before the special fuel committee of the Senate. Dr. Camsell is also chairman of the Dominion Fuel Board, constituted last November to investigate and report upon the whole problem of fuel. Since the furnaces in Canadian homes have been most generally constructed for burning anthracite, Dr. Camsell said that the most feasible scheme appeared to be reducing bituminous coal to coke.

He believed that the agitation in the United States against exporting anthracite would ultimately result in an embargo, so that Canada would be forced to burn something else. Senator J. S. McLennan, Sydney, chairman of the committee, said the problems seemed to be: First, the desirability of using as much Canadian coal as possible; secondly, to import coal when necessary so far as possible from countries with which reciprocal trade was possible, and, thirdly, to help the situation by all forms of economy in the use of fuel.

DRIVER ESCAPES DEATH IN ALYMER RUNAWAY

Herman Smith Rendered Unconscious When Thrown From Wagon.

Special to The Advertiser.

Sparta, March 16.—Herman Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Smith, met with a serious accident, which might have proved fatal, while unloading cans of milk at the Aylmer evaporator Wednesday at noon. The blowing of the whistle frightened his horses, which made a dash for liberty. At the bottom of the gangway they swerved suddenly, throwing Smith onto the frozen ground, the impact of which rendered him unconscious. He was rushed to St. Thomas Hospital.

A meeting was held in the town hall yesterday afternoon under the auspices of the department of agriculture, which was presided over by J. Buchanan, the department representative in Elgin County. Mr. Waddle of St. Thomas gave an interesting address on the science of pruning apple trees. Fred Carpenter of Fruitland spoke on spraying, dealing especially with the apple scab and the codling moth. Mr. Gable, inspector of fruit grading in Western Ontario, spoke on the proper grading and packing of fruit and marketing of vegetables, and Mr. Radcliff dealt with the question of better stock raising. All the addresses were interesting, and much valuable information was imparted.

ASSESSABLE EARNINGS DECLINE IN ST. THOMAS

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St. Thomas, March 16.—The assessable earnings in St. Thomas show a considerable decrease in 1922, due to the cuts in railroad wages, according to Assessment Commissioner Freek's report on income assessments. The total assessment in 1921 was $633,735, while in 1922 is dropped to $538,200, a decrease of $95,535.

Mr. Freek points out that St. Thomas is no exception to the rule, as similar income assessment decreases are reported in other towns and cities of the province.

This year income and general assessment appeals total 23, and will be heard at the sitting of the court of general revision called for April 2 in the city hall.

WILL OFFER RECITAL.

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St. Thomas, March 16.—A private car will be operated by the L. and P. S. next Thursday for the accommodation of Miss Marion Beck, daughter of Sir Adam Beck, and Miss Helen Little, who are presenting a recital in this city in the evening.