Increasing in Occupied Area.

MINERS ON STRIKE

French Soldiers Start To Disarm 10,000 Security Police.

Special to The Advertiser.

Berlin, Feb. 16.—The economic blockade of the Ruhr, which cuts off certain essential products from Am-Franco-German embroglio according to persons in non-German diplomatic

The French, it was explained today, are demanding a ten per cent ad valorem duty on all goods shipped from the occupied industrial area. Inasmuch as the United States obtains creosote, tar and chemicals from the occupied area, it is conceivable that American businessmen will bring pressure to bear on the Washington Government to protest against the embargo.

Reports from the Ruhr whch fill the newspapers declare that disorders are increasing and that several German inhabitants have been slain by the French and that the invaders are throwing many natives into prison for disobediance to orders ssued by the military.

The French, it was reported, have

arrested the manager of the Kaiserhof Hotel at Essen, because he cut off the current which supplied the electricity. The hotel is used to quarter French The government is in receipt of in-

formation that miners walking out by the thousands not only in the tuhr and Rhineland but also France. Officials are jubilant over the a number of letters, reported to have strike of French miners which is to start Friday. It is pointed out that France, not being able to get large supplies of coal from the Ruhr, will alleging that the Ontario temperance out was alleging that the Ontario temperance out was not record to nave been sent by certain Fingal residents to the Ontario license commission, alleging that the Ontario temperance be fuelless because of the strike act was not properly enforced in that of miners in France. Six thousand district, following the imposition of a miners in the Battrop area struck on fine in connection with the recent Thursday, because the Belgians have death of a resident, Chief Inspector According to information from the A. J. Ayearst of Toronto arrived in Ruhr, French soliders have started St. Thomas yesterday to hold an in- A. to disarm the 10,000 Green Security police in the occupied area.

SAYS GRAIN BROKERS

Witness At Commission Inquiry Denies Allegation of Under-Bidding.

ONLY ONE INSTANCE

H. E. Sellers Suggest Plan To Avoid Speculation in Cargo Space.

Canadian Press Despatch. Winnipeg. Feb. 16.—Competition among the three Winnipeg brokers dealing in cargo space in Canadian boats is competition only in service, so H. E. Sellers, a witness before the lake freights commission, stated in evidence this afternoon. Mr. Sellers was manager last year for the firm of Gooderham and Melady, grain dealers. He said he could recall only one incident where brokers had un-der-bid one another. On one occasion iast spring one broker had quoted him a rate of 12 cents per bus Montreal, and a rival broker had offered him 111/2 cents.

"I couldn't say," he stated, "that there was much competition last fall." Mr. Sellers said he saw no reason the shippers direct with the ship owners, through the brokers. This, he thought, would prevent speculation by brokers in cargo space.

The maximum rate whih he had charters to that port were at three prior to his assignment. Fraudu- roof over the sorting-room. ernment-owned boat on which they had paid the Toronto firm 4%c for the fendants.

Wilson, Pike & Stewart for the de-out of all the offices of the fendants.

building. had paid the Toronto firm 4%c for the fendants.

first half of October, 4%c for later A settlement out of court will be building.

The bracket adorned the top carriage to Georgian Bay ports.

ORANGE CRUSH FIRM TO BUILD NEW PLANT

Let Contract to John Hayman the grounds that defendant did not and Sons for \$60,000 Bottling House.

The Orange Crush Bottlers, Limited, have let a contract to the construction firm of John Hayman & Sons for the erection of a new botling plant on Princess avenue, east Willcox of Niagara Fails was found guilty in the police court of that city The new factory will be the main of using obscene language to a giri

of Quebec street. distributing point for Western On- telephone operator in the course of tario.
R. B. Lindsay, president of the

company, in conversation with The Advertiser late yesterday, said: We expect construction to start as Fraser heard the case. soon as this severe weather moderates. The new factory will cost around \$60,000, and will contain the very latest and most modern mahinery for the manufacture and bot tling of soft drinks. We will have special machines for sterilizing all pottles before re-filling. We expect the plant will be ready for occupancy by May 1."

Mr. Lindsay said his firm had en-

Mr. Lindsay said his firm had endeavored to secure a location in London a year ago last March, but had been unsuccessful at that time. Through the co-operation of the Chamber of Commerce, however, the present location was secured, and when the new factory is completed the Orange Crush Company will be able to give better service to the soft drink consumers of London and district than has been possible heretofore.

London and district than has been pos-sible heretofore.

The building will be 90x125 feet, and will have a capacity of 1,500 cases a day.

The Orange Crush Company has re-cently built a two-story addition to its main plant in Toronto, and has a new factory in course of construction in Hamilton.

U. S. MAY BE COMPELLED REPUBLIC FAILS TO CORRECT TO INTEVENE IN RUHR TROUBLES OF GERMAN PEOPLE

Disorders Are Reported To Be Support of Industrial Workers Was All That Saved New Government At Time of Its Inception-Monarchist Idea Finding Favor With Certain Classes.

> By DR. WIRTH Former German Chancellor. (Copyright, 1923.) Special to The Advertiser.

of the population, in addition to the industrial workers realized it, and which, as a result of Germany's possible to champion a cause of a for Germany, the sympatolicy against the workers or withderstanding of the world.

vestigate Following Criticism

of Residents.

Special to The Advertiser By a Staff Reporter.

vestigation

St. Thomas, Feb. 16.-As a result

The matter appears to have arisen

chiefly through the imposing of a

fine of \$15 and costs on William Be-

lore, who was convicted on a charge

of drinking liquor in a place other

than his private dwelling, following

derstood that a second charge against him, for having liquor in a

place other than his private dwelling, the penalty for which is a fine

IN COURT AT CHATHAM

dard Bank Decision in Ac-

tion Over Estate.

Special to The Advertiser.

Haining estate.

The old national Liberal party which the revolution had dissolved Berlin, Feb. 16.—The German Republic would have been destined to name and the middle class democan early end had not large sections racy has suffered severe losses. Moreover, the monarchist idea once more finds root in the hearts from After the revolution large sections of Germany joined the German Democratic Party, being convinced persistent threatening of German terms. fortunes, it had been banished. certain essential products from American manufacturers will force the
United States to intervene in the ty for the national disaster. Morethat the monarchy in Germany was done for, because of the responsibility from without. In wide circles of the German people a republic had been welcomed, because it was hoped over, people had come to the con-clusion that henceforth it would be impossible to champion a cause of a for Germany, the sympathy and unout their support. And the overwhelming majority of the workers, appeared from Germany and a re-

sections of the public once more turn-ed their thoughts to the past.

WILL PROBE FINGAL CANDIDATES QUALIFY IN NORTH ESSEX CONTEST

Canadian Press Despatch. Windsor, Feb. 16.—A. F. Healy, Liberal candidate for election to the House of Commons in the March 1 by-election, and Col. Sidney C. Robinson Conservative standard-hearer Chief Inspector Ayearst To Ininson, Conservative standard-bearer, filed their papers of qualification with the returning officer at the nomination meeting in Sandwich courthouse this morning. No surprises developed and very little interest was exhibited by the electors. The empty benches discouraged the of considerable criticism, followed by candidates, and they confined themselves to a few commonplace re-

marks when called upon to speak. SOUTH OXFORD M. P. P. INTENDS TO RETIRE

T. Walker Declares He Will Not Contest Pro-Will Not Contest Pro-

vincial Election.

Special to The Advertiser. Woodstock, Feb. 16 .- It is reported from a reliable source that A. T. the sudden death of a resident on the roadside between Frome and intends to retire from active politi-The feeling prevails that a more candidate at the provincial elections, serious charge should have been pre- which are predicted to be held next ferred against Belore, while it is unsecond charge are in close touch with Mr. Walker is private dwelling priva It is known that the U. F. O. leadleast \$200 and costs, will be ers in South Oxford are scouring heard Wednesday, Feb. 21.

License Inspector W. Ross stated today that owing to the fact of reports circulating that Belore's wife is a victim of mental trouble a conports circulating that before s wife is a victim of mental trouble a condition with which the general public is not familiar, will probably result in the second charge not being the second charge not being made to find a candidate who would be able to make a good run in the north and south ends of the riding.

BY FALLING BRACKET

Justice Mowat Allows Stan-Detroit Postal Workers Escape Death As Heavy Marble Crashes Through Roof.

Special to The Advertiser. Chatham, Feb. 16.—Justice Mowat Detroit, Feb. 16.—Louise Dodd, a dismissed with costs the action of mail distributor, was injured, the lives show the patience exhibited by the F. H. Brisco versus the Standard of a score of other women workers Allies in Memel. why charters should not be signed by Bank tried before him Wednesday. endangered, and the entire postoffice The action was a hang-over of the and federal staffs thrown into a panic late today when a 100-pound marble The plaintiff claimed a sum of bracket fell from a marble post on over \$4,000, which he alleges Haining he second floor of the postoffice buildpaid to Buffalo last season, said the paid to Buffalo last season, said the paid to the bank within three months ing and crashed through the glass

cents. His company had allotted to lent preference was alleged. Arnold The impact of the marble on the

arrived at in the case of William Faubert versus Vital Gervais. This one of the huge pillars surrounding the court in the centre of the buildwas an action to set aside a chattel mortgage. After hearing the outline ing. The bracket, loosened in some of the plaintiff's case the judge suggested the settlement. W. C. Lamarsh appeared for the plaintiff, V. T. Foley manner, fell first into a corridor on the second floor, and then bounded to the glass roof. Miss Dodd was injured by flying The judge also suggested a settle-to the Receiving Hospital. Judge The judge also suggested a settlement in the action of W. S. Campbell versus W. S. McNaughton. This was emptied when the crash resound-

is an action to set aside a lease on have a full title. W. C. Lamarsh appeared for the plaintiff, Arnold & Hanna for the defendant.

MAN "SWEARS" AT CENTRAL,

Fred L. Woodworth, collector of the postoffice building, said he would order an investigation immediately, as there are a number of other brackets, which he believes, may be loose.

PAYS FOR HIS PLEASURE TEACHERS WHO MARRY

St. Catharines, Feb. 15.—Harry London, Feb. 16 .- Women school teachers in London who marry must Action was taken by the Bell Telephone Company, under section 98 of edict to this effect has been issued resign their positions as teachers. An that the government did not show the Ontario railway act. Magistrate by the London county council and has aroused intense opposition by the teachers' organization and other

bodies representing women's interer Kewanee reported by wireless this cil who is not married raised a laugh A lady member of the county counmorning that a ship supposed to be by declaring that teachers were im the steamer Nika was apparently in fire south of Cape Flattery. The glare of the flames could be seen plainly, according to the message replainly, according to the message re-

ceived at a station in Everett. If You Feel Dull and Far From Bright Moonshine Massage Will Set You Right Dr. C. J. O. Hastings, M. O. H. of

Special to The Advertiser.

her duty, and was fined \$10 and costs

REPORTED TO BE AFIRE.

Associated Press Despatch.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 15-The steam-

of these treatments is said to be close-Windsor, Feb. 16.—"Moonshine massages" are something new, even in bizarre Windsor, where few thrills

The said to be close-ly akin to the effect produced had the same amount of liquor been taken via the esophagus route.

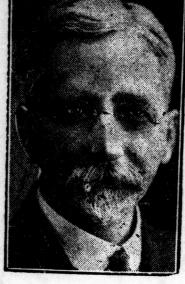
Beneraff in police court today man cently built a two-story addition to its main plant in Toronto, and has a new factory in course of construction in Hamilton.

BOARD MEETING POSTPONED.

Owing to the illness of the chairman, Ald. Leonard Douglass, we see sion of the board of healt') set for list night was postponed indefinitely.

Sages" are something new, even in bizarre Windsor, where few thrills are left for the populace. Abe Beneraff in police court today was charged with purchasing liquor illegally. He told the magistrate he bought the stuff to give Mrs. Beneraff a massage. The court fined Beney was for people to stay in the house soon as they felt an attack coming over one's body and then have one's husband knead the fiery stuff into the pores of the skin. The result of one last night was postponed indefinitely.





Pass.

Canadian Press Despatch.

pickets. Police Chief McCormick was

and they were permitted to go

Earlier in the morning the pickets

COMMUNIST PARTY.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Promotions Will Come From

Within the Ranks.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa. Feb. 16.-Although the

headquarters of the Canadian Na-

tional would always maintain execu-

to travel this country from the At-

lantic to the Pacific. I have never

seen on any railway so fine, so in-

telligent and faithful officials as are

ables us to officer the new road from

those who have had experience, and

tive office in Ottawa.

Ottawa, Feb. 15 .- Hon, James Mur-

several steel company

the riot act.

officials

Sydney, Feb. 16.—Disregarding

POLITICAL ETIQUET.

Dr. Forbes Godfrey, Conservative member for West York (left), called E. Raney, attorney-general (right), a "liar" in the Ontario Legisla-

whelming majority of the workers, as indicated, were demoratic and republican in sympathy. The German middle class hoped through the Democratic concession to ward off dangers of political extremism and communism. But as soon as the terrors provoked by the revolution began to fade away large. All Germans now see that this hope had been dissipated. Speaker. Speaker. POLES EXPECT TROUBLE PICKETS REFUSE TO LET. WITH THE LITHIANIANC CANDOS FINTER PLAN WITH THE LITHUANIANS **GOODS ENTER PLANT**

Believe Armed Forces May Steel Strikers Disregard Threats ents maintain that reconciliation is Resist Occupation of by Chief To Read

Recent Mandate of League of President of Union Counsels Nations Gives Poland the Peace-Permit Trucks To Authority For Move.

By WILLIAM E. NASH. pecial Cable to The London Advertiser and Chicago Daily News, Copyright. Warsaw, Feb. 16.—Polish military refused today to allow three truckmen, who as a rule are cautious and loads of material en route to the steel trouble with Lithuania today, when strike, to pass through the lines, unin accordance with the recent man- til orders were issued from the steel date of the council of the League of workers, headquarters permitting Nations, the Polish authorities begin passage of the trucks. to occupy their half of the neutral A steel company truck with a load ronto," she said, "and have been with

In Paris last month the Lithuanian summoned and tried delegate announced that his govern-ment would never consent to the ment would never consent to the abolition of the neutral zone mentioned. A town called Orany, on the main road from Warsaw to Vilna, is regarded as the crucial point in the situation, because in Lithuanian hands or as a neutral zone, it inter-Steel Workers' Union was summoned and Chief McCormick awaited his arrupts the quickest means of communication between Poland's two largest cities, while in Polish hands it tears another link in the state of the McCormick awaited his arrival. Mr. McIntyre counselled the pickets to allow the trucks to pass it tears another link in the chain which used to bind Vilna to Lith-

"We look for clashes at first with irregular troops, such as those that seized Memel, rather than with regular army troops," said a prominent military authority to the correspondent today.

"There are at least 20,000 riflemen dock, minister of labor, in the house armed and maintained outside the this afternoon, declared the steel government jurisdiction of Lithustrike in Sydney was part of the ania. Of those, according to our instruction, 1.000 have been concentrated in the printle of the workers' party of trated in The first skirmish with these irregulars, of course, is liable to lead to guerilla warfare, and after that nobody can tell what will happen.

"About six divisions of regular tion today as being "serious indeed," and that every effort was being made leighborhood of Oran. Lithuanian troops have been camped near the border for years. Feverish attempts are now being made to complete the fortifications of Kovno.

large scale raid on Vilna, but from a common sense point of view, it is hard to see how a small, weak country like Lithuania. Would do not be the control of try like Lithuania, would dare to provoke in this way a powerful military nation like Poland. We regard the seizure of Vilna as a formal cause of war. We would not "As proof of pacific intentions or our side we intend to start the oc-cupation of the neutral zone with police forces and frontier guards calling in the assistance of

soldiers only in case of trouble LABOR OPPOSES POLICY OF LAW'S GOVERNMENT

Amendment To the King's Address.

Special Cable to The London Advertiser possessed by the Grand Trunk Rail-London, Feb. 16.-The Labor party way and by the former Canadian -His Majesty's opposition in the Northern lines, now amalgamated in House of Commons-has come out the Canadian National Railways. against the foreign policy of Bonar This is a valuable asset, and it en-Law's Tory government. Edward Clynes, Labor M. P., Thursday moved an amendment to the King's address, which outlined the government's position.

The amendment demands increased The amendment to the King's address, which outlined the decision as to the location of the National headquarters are being arrived at the decision was arrived at the decision as to the location of the National headquarters are being arrived at the decision as to the location of the National headquarters are being arrived at the decision was arrived a

MUST RESIGN POSITION

The amendment demands increased power be given the League of Nations to deal with problems such as the Ruhr, and asks that the treaty of Versailles be reconsidered at the earliest possible moment.

The amendment demands increased without any suggestion, interference or communication with the government or members of the government. Whether our decision in this respect will be acceptable remains to be seen. The decision, however, represents the indication of its intention to check

WOULD NOT PLACE BAN

Toronto Medical Officer of Health Advises Persons To Use Precaution.

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, the influenza epidemic is cake was cut by Mrs. Ryckman. not serious enough to warrant the officials forbidding the holding of public gatherings. He declared yesterday that a recent gathering of officials of health had been of the opinion that little would

ORDER OF EASTERN STAR CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY Special to The Advertiser By a Staff Reporter.

St. Thomas, Feb. 16.-The Thomas Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star celebrated its first anniversary with a splendid at-home in the Shriners' Hall last night. The evening was the scene of thoroughly enjoyed euchre, five hunfollowed.

During lunch an immense birthday

WILL TRANSACT ESTATE. Special to The Advertiser By a Staff Reporter.

Thomas, Feb. 16.-The estate of ex-Mayor McCulley of St. Thomas, who died in May, 1915, valued at approximately \$100,000, will be transacted in Judge Ross's chambers Feb. 21. Owing to a large amount of real estate being involved, the executors of the will experienced a considerable delay in the disposing of same.

TWO M'CLARTY CHILDREN RETURN TO STRATFORD PREFERS CHURCH UNION

Donna and John, Stolen From Hamilton Hospital by Their Winnipeg Pastor, Famous as Mother, Arrive in Home City With Her Last Night After "Visiting" in Toronto.

not arrive until late. I do not wish to say more about the matter. I have my children back again, and I am

going to keep them. That is all I

Mrs. McClarty was asked if the children could tell anything of their experience. "No," she replied. "They

are too young to understand any-

thing of it."
"Have they recovered from their

illness?"

tions were.

illness?" "Yes," replied Mrs. Mc-Clarty, "their colds are nearly better." "What are your plans for the fu-ture?" she was asked. "Information

regarding that will have to come from

my solicitor," she said.
When she was asked if Mr. Mc-

olled: "I have not seen Mr. McClarty.

I have not spoken to him."

Members of the Collinson family

with whom Mr. McClarty had spoken

did not care to say what his inten-

Would Not Tell Plans.

made his arrangements by telephone.

"But you are taking them away,

"And what else was there?" he

"I am just taking my clothing

was going to Toronto this afternoon

but would not divulge his plans. Be-fore Mr. McClarty knew that The

Advertiser had found his wife, he

Asked if he could get in touch with

her, he said: "I might; I am going to Toronto." He did no imply or

say that he knew she was in Strat-

formation from Mr. O'Reilley," said

Mr. Makins, counsel for Mrs. Mc

"You will have to get all your in

are you not?" he was questioned by The Advertiser, "for in the hall of

the Collinson house there was

he beginning of the interview.

dropped," replied Mr. McClarty.

Mr. McClarty, when interviewed by

Special to The Advertiser
By a Staff Reporter.

Stratford, Ont., Feb. 15.—Mrs. William McClarty, Donna, aged seven, and John, aged six, have returned to and John, aged six, have returned to the home of her parents at Stratford. They arrived on the Toronto train last night in the midst of a heavy snowstorm. They were taken by motor to the home of John Collinson, Mrs. McClarty's father, on Cobourg street. Here they were kept in seclusion, their location a mystery, guarded with that care which has marked all the movements of Mrs. McClarty since getting possession of ner children. It was here, after a continuous search, that The Advertiser located

Early this morning, J. C. Makins, Clarty had spoken to her as to the removal of his possessions, she resolicitor for Mrs. McClarty, was in-terviewed again by The Advertiser and once more refused to divulge his client's whereabouts.

William McClarty, the father, who first had possession of the children, also came to Stratford yeserday. But today he is returning to Toronto,

having taken away his belongings from the Collinson home. Both parnot being considered Trunk Blocks Way. On entering the Collinson home The Advertiser found the way blocked by a large trunk in the hall. On top of it lay a long black cane, silver-

banded. These belonged to the father of the children and by taking them away from his late residence he was exemplifying the parents' statement that there would be no reconcilia-When interviewed, Mrs. McClarty was reticent in telling how she got

possession of the children.
"All I can say," she said, "is that threats to read the riot act, pickets of all the versions as to how I got the children, Mr. Makins' is the nearreserved in their judgment, expect plant where 2.500 union men are on Mr. Makins gave me no advice in the matter at all. I was not acting according to his instructions." "Where did you go when you got the children?" she was asked.

them ever since."
"Were these the people who informed Mr. Makins?" she was asked. Was Guest in Toronto.

"No," said she. "They had nothing to do with it. I was simply a guest in their house."

Clarty, though keeping silent about the future, says that he is prepared to continue defending her in her pos-

trucks passed. He threatened to read "Were there any arrangements session of the children. BRITISH LABOR FIGHTS

EAST ELGIN LIBERALS POSTPONE BIG RALLY

ing at Aylmer.

Special to The Advertiser

By a Staff Reporter.

roads become clear.

J. C. Dance of South Dorchester,

Special to The Advertiser By a Staff Reporter.

St. Thomas, Feb. 16.-The death of

his home, 23 aEst avenue, following a

resident of St. Thomas and a valued employee of the local Pere Marquette

TO REMEMBER THE MAINE

Special Cable to The Advertiser.

Havana, Feb. 16.—Cuba remembers

the Maine. The twenty-fifth anni-

ship which precipitated the Spanish-

participated in by the U. S. Marine

CUBAN OFFICIALS HELP

and four sisters.

TO CUT GRANT TO DUKE Conservatives Raise Violent Ob- Storm Blocks Roadway and jections When David Kirk-Keeps Delegates From Meetwood Puts Question.

Special Cable to The Advertiser. London, Feb. 16 .- The "dole" of the Aylmer, Feb. 16.-Ontario's worst Duke of York-which will be increased by a mere £15,000 when he all intents and purposes, was the Communist party marries Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon Elgin Liberal Association to postpone in Canada, the party in control of Russia at the present time.

Mr. Murdock described the situation today of the s definite period. and that every effort was being made duke started when David Kirkwood, the convention, 25 from the town, chancellor of the exchequer, whether and the remainder from outside Conciliatory Attitude of Oper-York would automatically get the points, but the association officials £15,000 upon his marriage or felt that this would not make a rep-

whether the Commons had to sanc-OFFICES IN OTTAWA tion the grant.

Amid the din of objections, Baldwin answered that the increased pensions will be made to secure Sir Henry Thornton Declares Kirkwood interrupted, asking: "Isn't the government anxious to effect economies; isn't this a case—

when workingmen are having their should be made to reduce expenditures at the top?"

Newbold, a communist, demanded Tories before he could continue his

speech.
G. D. Hardie, a Laborite, complain- ST. THOMAS RESIDENT, "My work so far," said Sir Henry, ed that thousands of people were unas been entirely of an education able to marry because of economic Edward Clynes Moves An "has been entirely of an educational conditions, but the government was nature. I have had the good fortune taxing them for the benefit of another couple—the Duke of York and Lady Elizabeth.

> REBEL LEADER IS MARRIED WHILE SOUGHT BY TROOPS

Belfast, Feb. 15 .- The Irish Irregular leader, Bofin, against whom the shops. He was 65 years of age and a member of the Church of England. He is survived by his wife, one son tains of County Cavan, was married on Monday in the village church at

Leitrim, according to a report from The sweeping of the hills where the insurgent leader and his followers have taken refuge was being vigorously pressed, said today's port from the vicinity. Some of the best military brains among the Free State forces are behind the big sweep, it was declared.

The decision, however, represents the unprejudiced decision, free of all in-FOR THEFT OF HIGH WINES

> Brantford, Feb. 15.—Charged with the theft of 15 gallons of high French wines valued at \$600, Edward Mawines valued at \$600, Edward Matalion of artillery and a band to take score monies which were loney was arrested and placed in the part in the ceremonies, which cells Tuesday afternoon. ells Tuesday afternoon.
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> It is alleged that the thefts have Corps.
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> The ceremonies were under Corps.

wreaths on the site where a monu-ment is to be erected to those who Special to The Advertiser.

been going on for some time, but the local citizen who owned the wine did auspices of the Spanish-American not discover the fact until yesterday. War Veterans, Havana Camp, No. 1. gathering of over one hundred and twenty members and friends, who

Succumbed From Natural Causes take the chair tiring president.

Detroit, Feb. 15.—The death of Francis E. Allum, 68 years old, wealthy Walkerville businessman, was not caused by negligence of members of the family when he lied February 7 without medical aid, according to the verdict of a coroner's the inquest held at Walker.

W. C. Pepin testified at the inquest that death was due to cancer, and medical assistance would not have saved Allum's life.

Mrs. Allum and friends testified that Allum had refused to have a doctor when he became ill several weeks ago.

The investigation was ordered, Mr. Urgubart, said, because the public Special to The Advertiser. W. C. Pepin testified at the inquest

REV. C. N. GORDON

"Ralph Connor," Denies He Is Opposed.

SENDS OUT CIRCULAR

To Make Known His Deep De sires For Unity of Christianity.

Rev. Charles N. Gordon (Ralph Connor) in a letter to The Advertiser from Winnipeg, dated February 12, denies reports published recently that he believed that the church was not ripe for union. Dr. Gordon declares that any other scheme than organic union would seriously hinder the well-being of the church in Canada. Following is a copy of the letter: Sir:

"It has been intimated to me that a report is being circulated that I recently stated that I believed the church was not ripe for union. I desire to categorically deny the cor-

rectness of any such report. "Ever since the meeting of the assembly of 1921 I have held firmly The Advertiser, refused to say what to the opinion that not only is the he was going to do. He had not been in the Collinson home and had church ripe for union, but that any delay for delay's sake, or any delay "What do you intend to do, since you are taking your belongings away?" "I do not care to say; I wish that the whole matter were in the hope of bringing together the negotiating churches in any other scheme than that of organic union would seriously endanger the being of the church and the interests

of true religion in the country "There was a time during this long period of negotiations when f con fess I was impatient with the antiuniorists, and regarded them as pur suing a course not only unjustified asked, showing his first interest since but wholly mischievous. I want to frankly say that I have changed m mind on this point. I do not think that the long delay has been wholly injurious. The church, in thus proaway," he said, and stated that he ceeding with extreme deliberation has shown its desire to consider the feelings, and indeed, the f I may use the word without offense-of the brethren opposed to

union. But now while I am unwilling to wound or grieve brethren in our church who do not see eye to eye with me regarding the necessity for church union and while I would do everything possible to win them to my way of thinking I have come to the solemn conviction that the limit of delay has been received. of delay has been reached, and that ere is nothing now for the church to do but to march steadily forward, along lines of constitutional procedure, to consummate what I believe will be an event which will be fruitful in spiritual life and vigor, and which will greatly advance the Kingdom of God in our country and the land

I am going to resolutely cherish the hope that however deep may be their affection for the old church in whose history and whose service we glory, the vast majority of those whom we now call Anti-Unionists glory, the vast majority of those whom we now call Anti-Unionists will come to feel that on the whole they will gain infinitely they give up by moving into union.

Yours truly (Signed) CHARLES N. GORDON

Aylmer, Feb. 16.—Ontarios worst blizzard in five years forced the East Elgin Liberal Association to postpone which was to AGREE TO RAISE WAGES

ators Taken On Eve of

it wise to postpone the convention till Special Cable to The London Advertiser Paris, Feb. 16 .-- The coal operators of France announced Thursday evension was already authorized under various acts dating back to the time of George I.

Strong efforts will be made to secure ing, on the eve of the strike called by the Unitary Federation of Miners. within the next two weeks, if the that they were willing to discuss the demands of the miners for a 25 per The roads running north and south cent increase in pay. in this district are suffering the most from the storm and the majority of them are impassable with snow

Despite this concilitary attitud the federation, which comprises the packed in drifts five and six feet high, extremists and radicals in the minneadquarters of the Canadian National Railways are in Montreal, Sir
Whether or not the government was
Henry Thornton told the board of
Willing to amend the royal grant act,
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St. Etienne stated that agents of the
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Deceased was a highly respected president of St. Thomas and a valued

The funeral will take place at 2 Newport News, Va., Selected o'clock Sunday afternoon. As New Meeting Place of Organization.

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, Feb. 16.-The many im portant items of business before the western section of the World Presby versary of the destruction of the war- terian alliance yesterday included the selection of Newport News, Va., as American war was commemorated the meeting place next year, and the American war was commemorated here Thursday, when hundreds placed president for the coming twelve

were America. He succeeds as presiding officer of the alliance, Rev. Dr. R. P. Mackay of Toronto, general secretary for foreign missions for the Pres-byterian Church in Canada. The new vice-president is Hon. C. P. Janney of Leesburg, Va., a former judge. Because the president-elect was not able to attend the Toronto convention. Hon. C. P. Janney was called on to take the chair by Dr. MacKay, re-

SARNIA G. T. R. CONDUCTOR BADLY HURT AT DUMFRIES

Special to The Advertiser.

Sarnia, Feb. 16.-Word has been received in the city that Charles L. Delmadge, local Grand Trunk Raillied February 7 without medical aid, according to the verdict of a coroner's jury at an inquest held at Walker-ville last night.

Investigation of Allum's death was referred by Crown Attorney Urquhart, when the town clerk at Walkerville refused to issue a burial permit. Dr.

weeks ago.

The investigation was ordered, Mr. Urquhart said, because the public should know the cause of death in all cases where medical attention was not given. Allum was a profound believer in the tenets of Christian Science.