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FLEE WITH LIQUOR AS GUNS "SCARE" LAW

To Fight Gas Bills If Boost Isn't Retroactive

CITIZENS STATE OLD RATE NOW IN OPERATION

Declare 90-Cent Charge Became Effective When Agreement Expired May 8.

WILL NOT DISCUSS ACTION

Company Officials Await Return of Solicitor From Legislature.

Despite the fact that the City Gas Company succeeded in obtaining the sanction of the Ontario Legislature for a continuance of the \$1.25 per thousand cubic feet rate early Friday morning, consumers in London will not receive their bills until next week.

Cause for the delay in billing consumers is attributed to the fact that until authority to charge \$1.25 per thousand feet becomes law the company is only allowed to charge 90 cents per thousand cubic feet.

The franchise agreement permitting a charge of \$1.25 expired May 8, after which date the price automatically was reduced to 90 cents, pending the action of the legislature.

Without Bills.

Rather than send out bills at the 90-cent rate, and thereby forfeit a possible 35 cents on every thousand feet consumed, the company early this week decided to withhold the bills, which have been made out at the rate of \$1.25 per thousand feet, to be sent out when legislative sanction for this rate had been received.

Although the legislature gave a third reading to the bill for continuance of the \$1.25 rate early Friday morning, the bill does not become law until signed by the lieutenant-governor.

Unless the bill permitting the company to charge the \$1.25 rate is made retroactive to May 8, many Londoners assert that they will only pay 90 cents per thousand feet for gas used from May 8 until the bill is signed by the lieutenant-governor or such other time as the high rate is specified to take effect.

One such citizen is A. M. Judd, who states that he will only pay at the high rate over the period specified by the legislature.

"They may take out my meter," he said Friday. "And I only hope they do. Then there will be some fun, because I know I am right according to law. I would not mind them having increased rates if they would refund the \$65,000 which they took from the people on 'readiness-to-serve' charges. They could pay it back by reductions on bills or any way that they liked, provided that they paid it back."

Refuse to Discuss Action.

Officials of the City Gas Company refuse to discuss their action in withholding the bills to consumers, declaring that Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon, who is the company's solicitor, is the only person authorized to make any statements for publication.

Magistrate Graydon has not yet returned from Toronto, where he has been acting in the interests of the City Gas Company before the legislative assembly.

However, an Advertiser reporter asked a member of the staff at the City Gas Company headquarters Friday afternoon if bills to consumers were being sent out.

"No," replied the employee. "We are not sending them out until the first of next week."

By that time it is expected the bill granting continuance of the \$1.25 rate will have been signed by the lieutenant-governor, who usually performs such tasks over the weekend.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Light to moderate winds; mostly fair and decidedly warm today and on Saturday; thunderstorms in some localities.

Temperatures.

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

	High	Low
Victoria	64	48
Calgary	64	36
Winnipeg	62	36
Pt. Arthur	70	52
S. S. Marie	70	54
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Toronto	58	44
Kingston	80	62
Ottawa	80	56
Montreal	82	54
Quebec	82	58
P. Pointe	84	58
St. John's	68	50
Halifax	58	58

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 59; lowest, 64.

The official temperature for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 75; lowest, 64.

Barometric Readings.

Thursday—5 p.m., 29.15.

Today—8 a.m., 29.16.

Pupils of London Separate Schools Make Merry On Glorious June Day At Springbank Park



ST. MARY'S AND ST. ANGELA'S.

HAPPY and carefree children caught by The London Advertiser cameraman at the separate school picnic at Springbank. In the group are: Annie Carney, Helen Conroy, Madeline Conroy, Margaret McLaughlin, Irene Reeves, Edna Potter, Phyllis McRoberts, Helen McRoberts, Joseph Gorman, Bernard Laddy, Norman Robson, Mary Dodd, Kathleen Kelleher, Agnes Orendorff, Margaret Lake, Dorothy Dodd, Lena Mascell, Annie

Keeley, Jessie Chisholm, Teresa Clifford, Winifred Charlton, Jessie Rastin, Joseph Pebler, Harold McHarguey, Joseph Mackey, Joseph Mitchell, Celestine Goss, Mary Sheridan, Jack Jones, Brian Sweeney, Kathleen McDowell, Lawrence Goss, Marjorie Talant, Helen Kelly, Theima Smith, Jean Haines, Antoinette Haines, Marie Fitzmaurice, Eleanor Johnston, Irene Chisholm, Margaret Delaney, Reta Johnston, Jean Mezza, Alice Fitzgerald, Marjorie Orendorff, Kathleen Jones and Father Weber.

FEARS SPLIT IN EMPIRE IS NEAR IN IRISH CRISIS

British Member of Parliament Declares Future of Isle Was Never So Dark.

WILL SPEAK IN LONDON

Claims Many Loyalist Families Will Seek Haven in Canada.

That the future of Ireland was never in that country's history more dark than at present, and that unless Sinn Fein "settles down to civilization, the country will go bankrupt and split the British empire," was the declaration of Hon. William Coote, D.L., M.P., of Tyrone, Ireland, in an exclusive interview with The Advertiser Friday afternoon.

Mr. Coote, who will address a meeting in the Masonic Temple Friday night, is a member of the British House of Commons, and also a member of the Ulster Parliament.

"I am here to explain the position of Ulster in these terrible times through which Ireland is passing," said Mr. Coote. "I will also explain the provocative attacks of the Sinn Fein party on the liberties of Ulster, and the treatment meted out to the Loyalists in the south of Ireland."

"I am going to explain the position of these Loyalists as we find them now that the constabulary is removed from Southern Ireland."

Studies Conditions.

"I am also studying the conditions under which the people of Canada live, because many loyalist families who are being driven out of their homes would like to locate in some part of Canada."

"If the Sinn Fein would confine its efforts to the 26 counties that it has, all well and good. But they cannot function their own parliament, and are trying to ruin the country and split the empire."

"The future of Ireland cannot look darker than it is now. If the Sinn Fein go on murdering and plundering, and do not settle down to civilized life, Ireland will become bankrupt."

Concluding, Mr. Coote declared that interference of the Sinn Fein with the South of Ireland is the prime cause of all the trouble in his native land.

"GET AWAY" DAY AT QUEEN'S PARK

Toronto, June 9.—Today is "Get-Away Day" at Queen's Park.

Entering upon the 80th day of the present session, the Ontario Legislature this morning bent its efforts toward insuring a winding up of the session's business tonight, or sometime before sunrise tomorrow.

A bulky order paper still lay before the house. Twenty-one bills now await third reading, six others must receive second reading, and yet be dealt with in committee of the whole. Sixteen notices of motion remain also to be dealt with.

Birrell Warns Careless Law Violators

CITIZENS of London who do not appear in police court sharp at 10 o'clock when they are summoned will have warrants issued for their arrest in the future, Chief Birrell stated Friday morning, after several names had been called in vain.

"They are asked to appear at 10 o'clock on the date set, and if they do not do so they will be arrested and brought here," declared the chief.

SAYS 4 POWERS CAN SAVE CHINA

Dr. Wallace Crawford Addresses Kiwanis Club Friday Noon.

Declares Honest Christian Businessmen Can Help Eastern Country.

"The salvation of China lies in the hands of the four-power pact at the Washington conference, which includes Japan, France, United States and Great Britain. China does not need any more exploitation; she does not need any underhand loans which have been made to her in the past, but she does need the conscientious advance of civilization such as the honest business Christian men of the western countries can give her," said Dr. Wallace Crawford, who has returned from more than eight years missionary work in China, to the members of the Kiwanis Club Friday noon, while discussing the Chinese question.

Dr. Crawford gave a brief history of China and explained how western civilization has played a prominent part in the molding of the future of China for the past two hundred years.

The Chinese, he said, wore silks and satins, had costly pottery and scrolls, beautiful homes and educational systems, while our ancestors Turn to Page 17, Column 3.

FATHER BRISSON ALLAYED FEAR THAT FUNNY NICKELS WOULDN'T BUY ORANGEADE

And So Little George Fox Quickly Began a Day of Pleasure Unalloyed With His 1,100 Companions at Separate School Picnic at Springbank, Which Happy Kiddies Claim Was All Too Short.

BY OLIVIA HOGG.

T IRED and bedraggled and dirty, the tiny pennies of weeks of thrift vanished, only the radiant buoyancy of spirit, which came as a result of a day of unalloyed pleasure, saved the eleven hundred children of the Roman Catholic separate schools in the city, who returned Thursday night from their annual picnic at Springbank, from being but a sorry contrast to the group who set out, shining with cleanliness, for that same picnic, Thursday morning.

It had been the day of all days, when examinations so perilously near, became a thing of the distant and intangible future, and for the kiddies there wasn't a care in the world, a day much too short, even if it lasted from nine in the morning to nine at night and was crammed with excitement from beginning to end.

There were games and races and the safety of the amusement park and the thrilling pleasure of merry-go-round and ferris wheel, and all the time there was just a touch of suspense as they watched the trees, with the leaves blowing in the wind, and showing the whiteness underneath, indicating that there was a nice friendly rain, which sent its clouds about to shield the youngsters from some of the sun's heat, but kept its moisture until the picnic was safely over.

Not a youngster at Springbank but thought that ten minutes at school was worth this one hilarious day of pleasure, when care was cast to the winds and joy reigned supreme.

They watched the ball games all morning. At noon they ate as many of the good things as they could possibly tuck away, and then in the afternoon there were the exciting sports.

Of course, there were little mishaps, youngsters losing their tickets and losing their mothers and losing their lunches and losing themselves and their money, in fact, losing everything that was loose but, it Turn to Page 4, Column 1.

Canada Leads World In Volume Of Exports

OTTAWA, June 9.—Canada Press.—Canada leads the world in volume of exports per head of population. Computations made by the department of trade and commerce show that Canada's exports now amount in value to \$150 per capita, as compared with \$98 for the United Kingdom and \$65 for the United States. In 1922 Canada was exporting products to the value of \$23 per capita, as compared with \$40 per capita for the United Kingdom and \$15 per capita for the United States.

DEMAND RULING ON BANDIT AUTO

Counsel For Edward McMullen To Ask Civil Courts to Settle Ownership.

Prisoner Insists Oldsmobile Was Bought From Reputable Toronto Firm.

Denying strenuously that the machine is stolen property as claimed by the provincial police, Edward A. McMullen, one of the four alleged Wyoming bank bandits now in the Lambton County jail, will move through his counsel, A. M. Judd and John M. McEvoy, K. C., in the weekly high court Saturday morning, for a distinct ruling in the question of the Oldsmobile touring car bearing license number 69-601, in which he was riding when arrested, and which he still claims as his property.

The defence will ask the court to give directions that will facilitate the issue being transferred to the civil courts to be threshed out, claiming that it is not a matter within the jurisdiction of the criminal courts.

Counsel for McMullen claim further that when the time arrives the defence will be able to produce in court a legitimate bill of sale for the machine.

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POPE TO HOLD CONSISTORY.

Rome, June 9.—Pope Pius has decided to hold his first consistory for the creation of new cardinals in November, according to reliable information obtained in Vatican circles.

REPORTS DECREASE OF CHILDREN IN WARD 3

ALTHOUGH officials of the board of education have pointed out that there has been a marked increase in public school attendance since the adolescent school attendance act was put in force, the report of Assessment Commissioner Stephen Grant for ward three shows a decrease in the number of children between the ages of 5 and 21 years, also between the ages of 5 and 16.

Aside from the adolescent school attendance act, those who have scanned the report are asking if ward three is being threatened by race suicide. In 1921 the assessors on their

rounds recorded 3,357 people between the ages of 5 and 21 years. This year they only recorded 3,179, showing a decrease of 178.

The above figures are for ward three proper, which does not include the annexed district. However, in the latter section there is also a decrease in the number between the ages of 5 and 21 years but it is only to the extent of four residents.

In ward three proper there was a decrease of 112 children between the ages of 5 and 16 years, while in the annexed district there are six children less than in 1921 between these ages.

Held As Slayer



GORDON DIBSDALES.

THE preliminary hearing of Gordon Dibsdales, the London youth who shot Christina Near to death on the afternoon of May 30 last, has been set for Tuesday next.

ASK REMAND IN DIBSDALES CASE

Counsel for Defence Absent When Prisoner Arraigned in Court.

Preliminary Hearing On Murder Charge Is Set For Tuesday.

Looking quite fresh after the long hot session of the coroner's inquest in police court Thursday night, Gordon Dibsdales, charged with the murder of Christina Near, at 5:30 o'clock on the afternoon of May 30, appeared in police court Friday morning, but was not asked to answer to the charge as his counsel, W. R. Meredith, was not present.

He was remanded to jail till Tuesday when the preliminary hearing will take place in police court.

Dibsdales seemed more or less indifferent as to what was going on in the court, but when Acting Crown Attorney A. R. Douglas spoke his name there was an instant change in his demeanor and he listened intently to the conversation between Mr. Douglas and Deputy Police Magistrate P. H. Bartlett.

When his case was called, Dibsdales sprang to his feet in the prisoner's box with his injured right arm held across his breast inside his coat. An instant later he placed his hand on the edge of the rail and did not move it until he was led away to the cells.

Clad in a blue suit and a clean white shirt with soft collar, but minus a tie, Dibsdales looked anything but a criminal as he stood quietly waiting for the machinery of the law to move. His general appearance showed that he had had a good night's sleep at the county jail and appeared quite ready for anything that might happen.

"I was going to ask for a remand till Tuesday," stated Mr. Douglas, when the case was called. "Mr. Meredith is not here. I spoke to him about it last night and the remand was satisfactory to him."

"You don't want the charge read to him then?" inquired Mr. Bartlett. "I don't think he is prepared," replied Mr. Douglas.

"Gordon Dibsdales, I have just been told by the crown counsel that your counsel is not here this morning, and on your behalf he asks a remand in your case till Tuesday next," stated Mr. Bartlett, addressing the prisoner. "On account of that fact I will not ask you to plead this morning."

Whispers Answer.

"All right," whispered Dibsdales, in a voice that could hardly be heard. He inclined his head in the direction of the bench and had barely time to sit down before he was whisked from the dock to the cells below by two constables.

Dibsdales' father, mother and sister were in court, listening anxiously to the proceedings. The Dibsdales were the last to leave the crowded court-room, Miss Dibsdales and her father supporting Mrs. Dibsdales as they slowly made their way down the stairs.

Dibsdales shot and killed his 15-year-old sweetheart following a lover's quarrel near 7. James and Adelaide streets. He then turned the shotgun on himself, but only sustained slight wounds.

He was removed to Victoria Hospital for treatment and later to the county jail.

FIVE MEMBERS OF WATERLOO GANG ARRESTED

David Ross of London Jailed Following Raid On Farm.

GET 79 OF 272 CASES

Officers Lose 193 When Prisoners' Friends Come to Rescue.

Kitchener, June 9.—One of the most sensational skirmishes that has ever occurred between officers of the law and alleged rum-runners in the county took place early this morning at David Such's farmhouse, immediately west of Waterloo.

The amazing and daring part of the whole episode was the sensational comeback of members of the gang to hold up two officers of the law at the muzzle of revolvers, and take away the greater portion of the liquor right under the officers' noses.

Firing was indulged in by the rum-runners, and Provincial Officer Watson was clubbed by the gang, it is alleged.

Five of the alleged rum-runners were rounded up by the officers and taken to the Kitchener jail, where they spent the remainder of the night.

This morning, the five men, D. L. Coplin, 617 Filisere street, Windsor; Abe Krauss, 29 East King street, Kitchener; Dave Ross, 312 Oxford street, London; L. Raymond O'Leimick, East King street, Kitchener, and Alfred Such, of the township of Waterloo, were in court here charged with having liquor in other than a private dwelling.

None of the quintet pleaded, but they retained P. J. Haverson from Toronto to defend them. They were all remanded, bail of \$1,000 each being demanded by the magistrate. This is being arranged for by friends of the accused.

The cases were adjourned until next Thursday morning, and the police expect by then to have more men in their net for the magistrate's disposal.

So many persons wanted to gain admittance to court this morning that the court door had finally to be closed. License and provincial police officials are not talkative about the raid, but so far as could be learned the following are the main features of the cases:

Officers Gardiner and Watson of the provincial police, in company with License Inspector Sinkank and Island Revenue Officer Peick, visited the Such farm and found a vast quantity of liquor in storage there.

They raided the place and placed the five men who appeared in court today under arrest, but one of the men in the barn got away.

Evidently the fugitive aroused the anger of the men created or the owners of the whiskey, for while the officers were transporting their prisoners and a part of the liquor to the Kitchener jail, he came back, accompanied by several other men, and, producing a revolver, covered the remaining officers.

Then the gang got busy and loaded the remaining 193 cases of liquor on trucks and disappeared.

The local officers got 79 of the 272 cases, and these are now in the city hall here.

REQUESTS BYNG TO AID IRELAND

Montreal, June 9.—Lindsay Crawford, on behalf of the Self-Determination for Ireland League, of which he is national president, has sent a telegram to Lord Byng, governor-general of Canada, asking that he convey to the British government on behalf of the Irish race in Canada, "the feeling of deep indignation which has been aroused by the failure to afford protection to the Catholic minority in Belfast."

DENY LENINE SERIOUSLY ILL.

Riga, June 9.—A statement denying that Lenin, the soviet premier, is suffering from apoplexy or is seriously ill, was issued by the soviet legation here upon receipt of detailed telegram from Moscow.

Honor Paid To Memory Of Charles Dickens

LONDON, June 9.—Many members of the Dickens Fellowship, including representatives of branches in Toronto, Montreal, Boston and New York, met this morning, and placed wreaths on the tomb of Charles Dickens, who died on Friday, June 9, 1870, at 6:30 o'clock in the evening.