

GROOM TESTIFIES IN COURT TRIAL

Judgment Reserved in Case of
United Typewriter vs. the
Chatham Gas Company.

The stately courtroom of Middlesex resounded to the businesslike click of the typewriter this morning when two of the prettiest of the bevy of court house stenographers typed out "Now is the time all good men should come to the aid of the party" in order that his honor Judge Macbeth could decide if the typewriters were in good running order, as claimed by the plaintiff and denied by the defendant.

The court finally reserved judgment in the action brought by the United Typewriter Company for \$335 against the Chatham Gas Company, Limited. The plaintiff company submitted that the machines sold the defendant were O.K. and wanted the money for them.

Martin Smith who postponed his wedding trip in order to give evidence for the plaintiff, said he was quite satisfied with the tests shown him by counsel for the defendant.

"Isn't it mucky and unclear?" demanded W. G. Richards, of Chatham. "I can't say that it is," replied Mr. Smith.

W. F. Marshall, principal of the Westwell school, and Norman Stonehouse of the London Business Institute both gave evidence for the plaintiff. The latter said he could find nothing wrong with the typewriter.

Both W. B. Henderson, counsel for plaintiff, and Mr. Richards, counsel for defendant, thought would help the court in arriving at a decision.

LONDON LABOR MEN WILL GO TO TORONTO

Provincial Convention Will Be
Held in Queen City This
Week.

London labor delegates to the provincial convention on Friday and Saturday will leave the city on Thursday night and Friday morning. A large party will represent London in Toronto. From the Labor party there will be Alderman Frank McKay, A. Foxcroft and A. Brown. From the Canadian Women's Labor party there will be Mrs. F. Wells, Mrs. William Stinson and Mrs. Camwell. The Communist party will send two delegates and the Independent Labor party will be represented as well as several of the larger locals in the city.

This convention in Toronto is interesting because a delegation from the U. F. O. will wait on it with a suggestion to co-operate in elections where ridings are part city and part urban.

URGES FIRE-POLICE MERGER OF FORCES

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ing to bylaw, only through the chief.

On the other hand the police, with a smaller staff of men and officers, is handled not only by a chief but by a commission as well, a commission which has rather extensive powers and which is considered one of the most important administrative bodies in the city.

Merger Is Legal.

"Legislation could be secured, I believe, to permit the linking up of the two departments," said Noyce, decided today. "Just now there is too much responsibility allocated placed on the fire chief. A department of public safety would change on that and improve conditions greatly."

Meanwhile some progress is reported in the council move to have a judicial investigation of the fire department. It is likely that City Clerk Samuel Baker will late this afternoon bring to the notice of County Judge Macbeth the resolution passed in council, that an investigation of the department be held.

The official attitude is that the county judge and that is all action for which authority has been given.

Mayor May Change Mind.

Charges made by Mayor G. A. Wenige, in which incompetence of the chief was claimed, were made only verbally before the council while the body sat in committee. There is no authority to forward these charges in writing. It would appear doubtful that Judge Macbeth would consider the request of the council unless charges are made in writing.

Mayor Wenige's attitude appears to be against any investigation by the county judge, though he states that he has more to say than has already been uncovered.

Judge Macbeth may refuse to commence a probe until charges are laid in writing. The mayor may refuse to make such charges in writing. The investigation would then fall through. Such a situation is not impossible, according to feeling expressed in municipal circles today.

MRS. WALLACE REID, who is appearing in person in conjunction with latest starring vehicle, "Broken Laws" at the Capitol, twice daily at 3:45 and 8:45. Mrs. Reid is accompanied on her tour by her mother and her two small children, aged 5 and 7 years.

Military Notes

General King Expected in London About May 15—Not Improved in Health—Grass Fires Threaten Barracks.

Brig.-Gen. W. B. King, C.M.G., D.S.O., will sail for England, it is expected, about May 15. He will be accompanied by his wife, the Hon. Mrs. Shuttleworth King, and family.

Letters from the general to friends here bear the news that he has not improved greatly in Los Angeles, and the trip to England will be made in the hope that complete recovery will result.

Before going to England, General King will spend a few days in London.

Fire threatened several buildings at Wolsley barracks yesterday afternoon. Grass fires set by children east of the garage and grocery bar, and for a time endangered 12 cars in the military garage. The total damage was the loss of 150 feet of fence.

Brigade Worked Hard.

The Royal Canadian regiment fire brigade answered the alarm, and worked hard to kill the blaze.

Col. A. J. Windell, commanding officer of the Second Infantry brigade, has inaugurated a system of inter-battalion sports. The object is to bring the officers of the different units together.

The first inter-battalion sports were staged at Galt last month. The officers of North Waterloo regiment, the Highland Light Infantry, and the Oxford Rifles were represented. Baseball and other

ONE HOUR'S PAY PER MONTH OFFERED BY EMPLOYEES

One hour's pay per month for a year has been offered by the employees of the wholesales and industrial plants of the city to the welfare of the city.

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FINAL ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR BANQUET

Members of G.W.V.A. Preparing For Big Time on April 15.

Final arrangements for the Great War Veterans' associations annual banquet, to be held on the evening of April 15, will be made at a general meeting of the local committee tonight. Plans for the holding of the Ypres Day parade on April 25 will also be discussed.

The G. W. V. A. celebrates its 5th birthday on April 15. Every committee in the dominion will arrange a banquet and celebration. All service men and their wives will be invited to take part in the local banquet.

DOUGLASS CONFIDENT SOLUTION IS IN SIGHT

Alderman Believes Street Railway Tangle To Be Cleared in Fortnight.

Satisfaction is expressed by Ald. L. H. Douglass and other members of the council regarding the street railway situation. There is little change in the program to bring the company to time, so far as official announcements are concerned, but Ald. Douglass asserts that the situation will be cleared up inside a fortnight and there will be no loophole then for the street railway to wiggle out of.

"I know action has been promised along, and it would seem that the delay seems uncalled for," admits Ald. Douglass. "But there is no rushing ahead with proceedings until there is every assurance that no loop-hole will be left. I am quite sure, too, that the matter is being properly attended to by the solicitor, and that much satisfaction for the city will result."

Details of the city's program to make the company carry out regulations will not be made known until the end of next week.

"We must see that the company is ready to carry out the present agreement before we talk about any other agreement," one alderman declares. "If they will not abide by promises in one case, we have no assurance that they will live up to other agreements."

MRS. GRAHAM'S FUNERAL HELD TO ST. MARY'S CHURCH

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Graham, who died at St. Joseph's hospital on Sunday, was held this morning at 10 o'clock from her late home, 279 William street, at St. Mary's church. Solemn requiem high mass was sung by Father Brady. Interment was made in St. Peter's cemetery, Father Foxwell conducting the services at the grave.

The pall bearers included C. Liley, senior, C. Liley, junior, J. Johnson, A. McKenna, B. Fitzmaurice and John McCaughy.

LABOR TEMPLE EUCHRE IS LARGELY ATTENDED

It required 23 tables last night to accommodate every person who attended the euchre party in the Labor temple. These parties will last until the middle of May this year when the grand aggregate prizes will be awarded for the highest scorer during the season.

The winners last night were: Mrs. Edward Baxter and P. Ferguson. The consolation prize was won by Frank Gower. Refreshments were served after the cards, and several solos were contributed by Mrs. Appleyard, accompanied by Mrs. Greenslade. The hostess president was in the city.

FARMERS' MEETING CALLED.

A meeting of the farmers of Delaware township will be held in Delaware tomorrow, at which further plans will be discussed for the improvement of live stock in Delaware and Middlesex. R. A. Finn and J. A. Andrews of the department of agriculture will be present at the gathering.

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What the board is likely to do at tomorrow's meeting, which promises to be a most important session, includes the following items of business: Appointment of Inspector Geoffrey A. Wheable, B.A., M.C., as inspector-administrator; confirmation of the board's plan to tear down Rectory street public school to make way for the new \$215,000 east end college; instruction to proceed with the purchase of cadet uniforms for the public schools to the amount of \$2,500; decline to adopt the recommendation of the medical committee of the board that an academic and vocational class teacher be placed in the War Memorial Victoria children's hospital; granting of approval to the action of the advisory-vocational committee in changing the name of the technical high school to the London technical and commercial high school.

Discusses House of Letters.

Administrators V. Kenneth Greer, M.A., leaves May 1 to assume the department of education position of chief inspector of public and separate schools for the province, stated from J. P. Hoag, B.A., Toronto, intimating the unsatisfactory condition of his health and asking that he be relieved from his acceptance of the administrative position would be tabled for discussion.

Since at least six members of the board have expressed to the Advertiser their intention to resign, the time was run up to Mr. Hoag at the time he was appointed several weeks ago, should now be given the post. It is almost certain that the action will be taken by the board tomorrow.

With regard to the tearing down of Rectory street public school the board will consider the petition signed by ratepayers of the east end and against the demolition of the school. No change is anticipated, however, as the board's expressed plan to raise the school.

Question of Uniforms.

The question of cadet uniforms will again occupy the attention of the board. In this connection the board has expressed the intention to empower the cadet instructors to proceed with the purchase of the uniforms immediately to the extent of \$2,500, the amount approved in the board's estimates. A secondary consideration, and one which has developed within the last few days is the offer of Major Gordon Ingram, of Smallman & Ingram's, to guarantee an additional sum of \$2,500 until the board can decide on the matter.

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British Fliers Still Missing

Associated Press Despatch.

London, April 8.—No trace has been found of the two British flying officers who have been missing since a large bombing plane fell into the sea off the coast of Kent, near Birchington yesterday, and it is feared they are lost.

Two other men were rescued at the time of the accident. They are in a hospital, one of them in a critical condition.

SCORNS NUT DIET, IMBIBES CREAM

Little Gray Squirrel Beats the Family to Milk Bottle Each Morning.

You may pay for a milk-fed chicken in any London eating house, but you can get a milk or cream-fed squirrel for the catching. The squirrel is an automatic feeder too. It is not a hot-house or a forced bird.

Every morning on one of London's busy streets outside a house where cream is used a good deal, a small but fat grey squirrel waits in lurk for the milkman. As soon as the wagon moves off about half a block the cream tester starts his day's work. To be sure he wastes more than he drinks, but he seems to thrive on what he gets.

He has been seen by the owner of the house and of the cream, for he was suspicious when the cream bottle was lying on its side empty for four consecutive mornings. The modus operandi, as the experts say, is for the squirrel to pull out the cardboard covering while the milkman is drinking as much as he can by direct suction, and when the cream gets too low he tips the bottle over and drinks while the drinking is good.

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BYRON REPORTED IN GOOD CONDITION

London Health Association Holds Fifteenth Annual Meeting—Sir Adam Complimented.

At the fifteenth annual meeting of the shareholders of the London health association this morning, the report for the year was approved, and several bylaws dealt with. The report showed the Byron sanatorium to be in good financial condition and the tremendous work being carried on was outlined. An expression of sympathy was conveyed to Sir Adam Beck because of his present illness.

At the adjournment of the shareholders' meeting a directors' meeting was held and with an election, all former officers were returned. Sir Adam Beck again being chosen president.

A unanimous vote of praise was passed for the work of Dr. F. H. Pratt, M.B., superintendent of the Byron hospital. Dr. Pratt, in replying, expressed his pride in being a part of so great an institution as the London health association, and stated that it was not excelled in size or efficiency in the Dominion.

R. H. Dowler was elected to the directorate to fill the vacancy made by the death of the late A. M. Smith. The other directors are: Hon. C. S. Hyman, Col. T. S. Hobbs, Col. W. M. Garsshore, H. E. Gates, Charles R. Hunt, A. M. Smart, F. E. Parrnell, Philip Pocock, George T. Brown, Thomas Stevens, J. H. Chapman, Robert Greene, W. N. Manning, J. L. Sherif, D. M. Cameron, Dr. W. J. Tillmann, Major Hume Cronyn, A. E. Silverwood, C. R. Somerville, George Belton, Arthur Little, Thomas McFarland.

The card, which is pale blue in color and five inches by eight inches in size, embraces questions to be answered by the medical examiner which will permit of a thorough examination being made and much useful information being secured.

The board of education has placed the sum of \$1,500 in the hands of the medical examiner to be used by him to provide for the medical examination of all the new pupils entering the public schools next fall. The pupils are to be examined by their family physicians at a cost of \$1 each, which fee is to be paid by the board. The committee which drafted the card included Trustees J. Thornley Bowman, M.D., representing the board, and Dr. E. D. Rusby, Dr. George Ramsay and Dr. F. J. H. Campbell, representing the Western Ontario Academy of Medicine.

The kindergarten room in which the gathering was held, had been attractively decorated with plants and flowers, while the supper tables were resplendent with the school colors, dark and light blue, and flowers donated by the mothers.</