

LLOYD GEORGE OUTLINES IMPERIAL DEFENCE SCHEME

WHAT IS THE USE OF TEN SPECIAL COMMITTEES AT WORK ON CIVIC AFFAIRS?

Aldermen Wenige and Ashton Both Opposed to This Method of Handling Affairs and Will Ask For Their Abolishment.

With nearly ten special committees working on various phases of city business at the present time there is a strong feeling growing amongst some members of the council against this method of handling the city work. Ald. George Wenige and Ald. John Ashton are both openly opposed to it and at the next meeting of the city council there may be an effort made to require the two standing committees of the council to handle all the work.

"This delegation of power to a committee of two or three men is entirely wrong," Ald. Wenige declared. "The members of the special committees appointed do their best to deal with the work assigned to them, but it stands to reason that the rest of the council is in ignorance of it. On some very important business only two or three aldermen are fully acquainted with the facts and at least six of them should be, as they would if one of two standing committees handled the work."

"I don't see why No. 1 committee as a body can't handle all the work that comes before it and No. 2 committee do the same with its business. It would make our regular meetings a little longer, but that would be better than spreading the business over two or three weeks as is often done with a special committee which has to report to the standing committee and then to the city council."

BUILDING OF NEW COLLEGE MAY BE COMMENCED WITHIN FEW WEEKS, SAY TRUSTEES

Positive Action Will Be Taken by No. 3 Committee, Board of Education, at Meeting This Afternoon—Will Hardly Be Completed by Fall.

A special meeting of No. 3 committee of the board of education this afternoon may mark the first real step in procuring collegiate accommodation for London. Having obtained the approval of the department of education for the erection of a sixteen-room school immediately on the old site, the trustees are now in a position to get down to business.

Trustee A. Langford, chairman of the committee, said that there was every prospect of positive action being taken this afternoon. The committee's recommendations this afternoon will be submitted to a special meeting of the board Thursday.

Trustee W. T. Clark, another member of the board, sees no reason why it cannot be made within the next few weeks, and the building completed by the end of the year. Some of the trustees are hopeful that it can be ready for the fall term, but trustee Clark does not consider this possible. The whole energy of the board should be concentrated on getting the building on the old site completed, he said. When that is done there will be time to consider the rest of the program, as plans for the problem will be solved and classes will be handled more efficiently than at present.

Whether plans for the building shall be prepared by an outside architect or by the official architect for the board will be an important decision. The committee will make this afternoon. The question was referred to them from the last board meeting. Some of the trustees favor an outside architect, as they think that public school work will keep the board's architect busy. Others suggest the appointment of an assistant for him, claiming that a considerable saving can be effected in this way.

DEBATE LIKELY TO RUN WEEK BEFORE VOTE

D. D. McKenzie Will Lead Off For Liberals This Afternoon.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—(Canadian Press).—The debate on the address is expected to run along until the middle of next week at least, a vote probably being reached about Thursday or Friday.

This afternoon D. D. McKenzie (Cape Breton) will lead off for the Liberals, and he may be followed by Sir George Foster, minister of trade and commerce.

PROGRESSIVES DISCUSS KING'S AMENDMENT

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—The first caucus this session of the National Progressives (farmer's party) was held this morning when that party's stand on the amendment, offered by the leader of the Opposition, was discussed. It is continued on page nine.

TONG MEN RENEW FEUD AT NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATION

San Francisco, Feb. 16.—Guns of Chinese, tong men, were heard in a new wave of tong coincident with the Chinese New Year today, leaving three dead and five wounded in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Stockton.

Two Chinese merchants were killed in Los Angeles. Another was wounded. In San Francisco a man was shot three times in the head, but it was said he will live.

In San Francisco the feud broke loose in a room at 324 Grant avenue. According to stories told police six men in the room, taking advantage of the crackle of firecrackers and roar of the celebration, drew revolvers and began firing at each other.

Go Poin staggered from the building with a smoking revolver in his hand and fell dead.

Police hurried to the scene and found three wounded men on the floor of the room.

Two Chinese merchants, members of the Hop Sing Tong, Chinese secret organization, were shot and killed, and another merchant was wounded in the Los Angeles Chinatown district last night by another Chinese, who, the police declare, were members of the Bing Kong Tong.

Lem Goey Fong was shot dead behind the counter of his store. So Hoo Long was killed as he sat at a card game. At another resort Low Hing was shot through the leg.

Three Chinese were held by the Los Angeles police for questioning. One was arrested here.

GARFIELD BROS. ARE REMOVED TO WOODSTOCK JAIL

Appear Before Magistrate Ball—Remanded One Week.

CLOSELY GUARDED
Special Steel Cells Are Being Installed to Prevent Escape.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Woodstock, Feb. 16.—Norman and Denton Garfield, charged with the murder of Ben Johnson here on the night of January 20th, were brought here from London at an early hour this morning and lodged safely in the local jail. Chief of Police Moore, W. C. Killing and Provincial Detective Glesby, brought the prisoners here. They were brought before Magistrate Ball and remanded for a week, although it has been definitely decided the preliminary trial will be held here on Friday. Monday Nesbitt appeared on behalf of the prisoners today. The Garfield boys gave their ages as 26 and 20 and their homes as Toronto.

The crime for which the Garfields are held was committed on the night of January 20. Ben Johnson, proprietor of a confectionery store, was in his shop with three other men about 11 o'clock at night when two masked men entered the store. One made for the cash register while the other, with two revolvers ordered the occupants of the store to throw up their hands. Johnson replied "all right" and simultaneously made a lunge at the man with the guns. The latter with an oath let go at Johnson, the bullet going through his skull. The bullet caused a fracture of the skull and Johnson died twelve hours later. The bandits left the store, jumped into an auto and made their escape.

Two days later the Garfields were arrested in London charged with a number of holdups and the Johnson murder. The Oxford County jail has had three or four prisoners escape in the last year or so, and with this in mind the authorities are installing two steel cells, each with a guard to look after the Garfield brothers.

MANITOBA IN GRIP OF REAL BLIZZARD

Wire Communication and the Railway Service Are Interrupted.

Winnipeg, Feb. 16.—A large part of Manitoba, extending from Winnipeg to beyond Brandon, is in the grip today of the first real blizzard of the season. With a high wind from the north driving before it a heavy fall of snow, transportation of all kinds was paralyzed. All trains and mail coaches were delayed. Telegraphic communication was interrupted and press wires west of this city had not been recovered at noon.

Brandon reports an eight-inch fall of snow last night, with a 35-mile wind.

CLEVELAND JUDGE TO TAKE STAND ON OWN BEHALF

Cleveland, Feb. 16.—Wm. H. McGannon, chief justice of the municipal court on trial for the second time for the second degree murder of Harold C. Gray was to take the witness stand in his own behalf today. An agreement was reached between counsel for McGannon and the prosecution to begin late today and be completed tomorrow when the case will be given to the jury.

EXPECT FINAL VOTE ON FORDNEY BILL IN SENATE TODAY

Washington, Feb. 16.—Proponents of the Fordney emergency tariff bill were hopeful that the long-debated measure would be brought to a final vote before adjournment of the Senate today. While five of the finance committee amendments to the bill still remained to be considered yesterday, during which four amendments were taken up and adopted, the Senate held the definite possibility of final action today.

BASILIAN STUDENTS ORDAINED SUB-DEACONS

Solemn Ceremony This Morning Witnessed by Large Congregation.

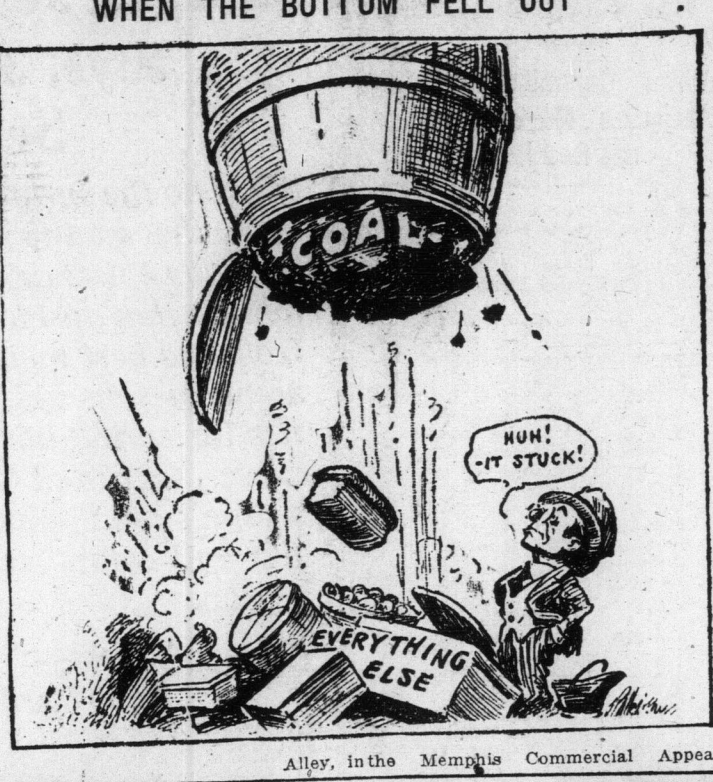
Basil Sullivan, Mount Carmel, and Sylvester Nicholson, two young students from the Basilian College at Sandwich, were ordained sub-deacons in St. Peter's Cathedral at the 8 o'clock mass on Wednesday morning. Right Rev. M. F. Fallon officiated, and the solemn ceremony was witnessed by a good congregation.

Rev. Father Forster, provincial of the Basilian Order, was among the clergy present.

These young men will be advanced to higher orders later in the week, Friday and Saturday being ember days.

LORD HUGH OCEIL GOES OVER TO OPPOSITION

London, Feb. 16.—As has been intimated recently, Lord Hugh Cecil yesterday followed the example of his brother, Lord Robert, and crossed the floor of the House of Commons, taking his seat on the Opposition bench.



Alley, in the Memphis Commercial Appeal.

ESSEX'S HIGH SCHOOL BURNS; LOSS \$60,000

Fire Believed to Have Originated from Overheated Furnace.

SIX-ROOM STRUCTURE
Provision for 160 Pupils To Be Made in Other Buildings.

Windsor, Feb. 16.—As a result of a disastrous fire which broke out about 7:30 last evening, presumably from an overheated furnace, the high school at Essex, a six-roomed structure, valued at \$60,000, is in ruins today.

The amateur fire brigade, called to the scene by a citizen who noticed the flames in the basement, put forth every effort to save the building, but, after a half-hour's work, gave up the task as hopeless, and turned their attention to the nearby buildings. The only thing saved belonging to the school was a pile of coal, some 30 tons in all, which was at the back of the building.

The building was erected in 1883, and a \$5,000 addition was built last year. It was covered by insurance to the extent of \$18,000. E. W. Deurmeine is the principal.

The 160 pupils registered were from Essex, Kingsville, Comber, Woodstock, Cootam, Maitland, and Sandwich South Townships.

Provision will probably be made for them in the Orange Hall, the Methodist Church or the Palm Hall, but, as all the equipment was destroyed, it will be impossible to resume teaching until the first of next week.

PARLIAMENT SUMMARY

PARLIAMENT YESTERDAY.
Ottawa, Feb. 16.—House of Commons.—Discussed the speech from the throne.

Adoption of the reply was moved by James McIsaac, King's P. E. I. and seconded by James McKelvie, the new member of Yale-Caribou, B. C.

Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King moved an amendment expressing lack of confidence in the Government, asserting that the present parliament had no mandate to deal with such domestic issues as tariff revision.

The prime minister made a reply, disavowing the Government's position.

House adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Senate.—Adoption of the address in reply to the speech from the throne was moved in the Senate by Senator Lorne Webster and seconded by Senator Gerald White.

The Senate adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

PARLIAMENT TODAY.
House of Commons.—Debate on the speech from the throne will be resumed with D. D. McKenzie, Cape Breton, north, as first speaker.

There are many questions on the order paper, many of which will necessarily go unanswered today. House will open at 2 p.m. instead of 3 p.m. and there will be no night sitting.

Senate.—Hon. Senator Bostock will be the first speaker in the resumed discussion of the address in reply. The Senate will meet at 2 o'clock and there will be no night session.

TEST IT YOURSELF!

If you will try solving The Advertiser puzzle you will soon discover it is more of an effort to put it aside than it is to work out a solution. That is the opinion of those who are seeking to unravel the mystery of the inviting problem. Solvers of the puzzle are passing many pleasant evenings in studying out the various combinations which lead to the best results. You may start at any time with the assurance that no matter when you register your solution, if submitted by March 19 it will stand on an equal footing with any others. This contest offers you an opportunity to increase your bank account a sizable amount.

AGREES TO SERVE TERM IN ORDER TO ASSIST HIS HELPLESS SON

Father of Port Burwell Youth Will Remain in Jail.

UNIQUE SITUATION
Governor of St. Thomas Institution Had Refused to Take Prisoner.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
St. Thomas, Feb. 16.—Wallace Crawford, the father of Lawrence Crawford, Port Burwell, who was given six months yesterday for a breach of the O. T. A., agreed today to go to jail with his son because of the youth's infirmity, and will remain there until otherwise directed by the attorney-general. The situation is unique in the annals of the local prison, and harrowing for the father, who is a respectable resident of the village. Mr. Crawford was reluctant to place himself behind the bars for no offence whatever and be compelled to associate with the inmates, but as no attendant could be secured, he would not see his son suffer, and consented to be locked up. The governor of the St. Thomas jail refused yesterday to accept the prisoner because no provision was made for his care. Crawford is helpless, due to paralysis.

CITY DEPARTMENTS IN ANNUAL BATTLE WITH ESTIMATES

City Fathers Will Work Over-time Next Week.

MANY, MANY MEETINGS
Must Be Held Before the Tax Rate Can Be Struck Early in March.

All departments of the city will begin their annual battle with the estimates in earnest next week. A few preliminary rounds have been fought already, but both the city and the council are holding off this week with the intention of devoting their whole efforts to them next week.

The city council will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday night, at which time City Engineer Bradley expects to have most of his figures prepared. The aldermen will stick right with the job that night. If they cannot complete the work they will hold another meeting some time next Wednesday afternoon, and may follow this up with an evening session. They have a long list of estimates from the fire department and other city departments to go through. Every effort will be made to get the work completed by the first week in March, but it is doubtful if this can be accomplished.

BURIED MOTHER IN BACK YARD AMONG FLOWERS

Chicago, Feb. 16.—The body of Mrs. Nancy M. Chamberlain, 91 years of age, whose mysterious disappearance from the home of her daughter and granddaughter in an artists' colony, has been under investigation by the police, was found early today buried in the back yard of the apartment on Fifty-seventh street, where the family lived.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following are the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 41; lowest, 20.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 42; lowest, 35.

TOMORROW—TURNING COLDER.

Forecast.
Today—Fresh to strong south to southwest winds; fair and very mild today; a few scattered showers tonight.

Thursday—Strong west to northwest winds; turning colder, with some light snowfalls and frosts.

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

Station	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	42	20	Clear
St. John	41	19	Clear
Calgary	39	23	Clear
Edmonton	38	23	Clear
Sault Ste. Marie	32	24	Cloudy
Port Arthur	32	23	Clear
Perry Sound	32	26	Clear
Toronto	38	20	Clear
Kingston	32	25	Fair
Ottawa	30	14	Fair
Montreal	18	15	Cloudy
Quebec	8	8	Cloudy
Halifax	24	16	Cloudy
Minus (—) below zero.			

Weather Notes.
The important depression which was centred over the West Coast of North America yesterday morning is now centred over Lake Superior, while high pressure covers Alberta and British Columbia.

Snow has fallen heavily in many portions of the West Coast Provinces. Elsewhere in the Dominion the weather has been fair, and in Ontario quite mild.

DOMINIONS MUST RELIEVE MOTHER COUNTRY OF SOME OF BURDENS OF DEFENCE

Lloyd George Declares Task Is Becoming Too Great For the Home Government Alone—Question of Imperial Defence Will Be Fully Considered at June Conference of Premiers—Assurance That Colonies Will Always Assist, As They Did in the World War, Is One of Soundest Guarantees of Peace, States British Premier.

London, Feb. 16.—Canadian Associated Press.—Premier Lloyd George, speaking in the Commons last evening, declared that it was too much to ask of these small islands that they undertake the whole burden of the defence of the gigantic Empire in every sea, and that at the forthcoming conference of prime ministers of the dominions in London the whole problem of imperial defence must be considered. There must be the prime minister went on co-ordination not only between the various services, but between the several parts of the Empire.

Mr. Lloyd George stated that the conference of Empire premiers to be held in London in June would be the most momentous event in the history of the Empire. General consent was now given to the principle that the mother country and the dominions must make common cause to defend the liberties of the world and the interests of the Empire. This did not mean that it was the intention to involve Canada, Australia and India in all the quarrels of the mother country, but it did mean that when there was some great stake at stake as in the late war, the knowledge that the Empire was quite prepared in future to repeat the great common effort of the past would be one of the soundest guarantees of peace.

THE CITY GAS COMPANY BILL WILL NOT COME BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE TILL NEXT WEEK

Opposition Will Now Have More Time to Prepare Case Against Any Increase in Gas Rates—Information Is Received by Ald. Watkinson.

Owing to last-minute changes in the orders of the day, the City Gas Company's bill to authorize increasing the price of gas to \$1.40 a thousand cubic feet will not come up for its second reading in the Ontario Legislature this week. Official notice was received by City Clerk Barker this morning that the bill was on the orders of the day for Thursday, but, according to information received by Ald. F. R. Watkinson of the special gas committee at a later hour this has been changed.

He expects that the measure will be brought up early next week. The change will make little difference to the parties opposing the measure except to give them more time to prepare their case. The sanction of No. 1 committee will likely be given this afternoon to the plans of the special committee on gas as has made for opposing the bill.

BOLSHEVIK GOLD IS FOUND ABOARD ITALIAN STEAMER

Naples, Feb. 16.—Police authorities have deposited in the Bank of Italy the 1,000,000 gold rubles found on board the Italian steamer Ancona when it was seized by the British navy. The money was discovered hidden in the chain of Russian commercial mission, and the agent for the steamship company stated the gold was intended to be spent in Great Britain for the purchase of machinery and merchandise for the Russian revolutionaries. Authorities here, however, suspect it was destined for the carrying on of Bolshevik propaganda in Italy and Britain.

FUNERAL ORATORS ASSAIL BOLSHEVIKI

London, Feb. 16.—In his account of the funeral at Moscow of Prince Peter Kropotkin, Russian author and revolutionary leader, the Herald's Moscow correspondent says that some of the speakers used the occasion to criticize the Russian Bolshevik Government. Particularly bitter, he adds, were the Anarchists, but the Social Revolutionaries also spoke freely.

Emma Goldman was among the orators.

WT. BRITAIN BREAKS ALL RECORDS FOR SHIP CONSTRUCTION IN 1920

London, Feb. 16.—All records for the construction of merchant vessels were broken by the yards of Great Britain during 1920, when 618 vessels, of 2,655,634 tons were completed. The total of 1919 was exceeded by 435,182 tons, and the previous record figures of 1913 by 145,371 tons, says Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

For the 1920 output of United States yards—509 vessels of 2,476,253 tons—shows a decrease of 1,659,132 tons compared with 1919, this decrease accounting for over 92 per cent of the total reduction in tonnage launched abroad during 1920.

A steady decrease took place during the whole of 1920 in the work in hand. At the beginning of the year the tonnage under construction was 4,470,862 tons, or a decrease of 1,336,252, due to the enormous decrease in the shipbuilding industry in the United States. The world's output for 1920 was 1,769 vessels of 6,961,666 tons, against 2,483 vessels of 7,144,449 tons in 1919, and 1,760 vessels of 3,332,382 tons in 1918.

A feature of the year has been the launching of 1,825,000 tons of vessels to be fitted with steam turbines, these figures representing one-third of the total world's output of steel steam tonnage.

The tonnage launched by Japan, Norway and Sweden during 1920 also shows a decrease, but the output of other countries increased in comparison to 1919.