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Drastic Action Is Taken When Brussels Ultimatum Is Ignored by Berlin.

FOLLOWS SHOOTING

Associated Press Despatch. Brussels, Nov. 26.—The Belgian government today seized German rolling stock at Duisburg and Hamborn, in view of Germany's failure to reply to Belgium's ultimatum demanding an indemnity of 1,250,000 francs for the assassination of Lieut. Graf, near Dueseldorf, in March, 1922.

The time limit fixed by the Belgian ultimatum expired last night. Belgium had previously rejected an offer from Germany to submit the question to the Hague tribunal for arbitration, and the Berlin government was notified that the amount claimed as indemnity would be confiscated in the occupied region should Germany fail to pay.

The shooting of Lieut. Graf occurred when he was riding in a street car between Ruhrort and Walsum. His slayers, four members of the German gendarmes, pleaded mistaken identity, declaring they believed the lieutenant to be a Belgian they were seeking in order to avenge a German police officer whom he had killed.

JUDGED INSANE, SENT TO ONTARIO HOSPITAL

Frank Pierce, Picked Up in the C. P. Yards, Willing To Go Back to Institution.

Frank Pierce, who says he hails from St. Clair Beach and was found wandering in the C. P. R. yards November 20, was committed to the Ontario Hospital today by Magistrate Graydon, having been judged insane by Dr. James D. Wilson, jail physician.

Pierce told the court this morning he had been staying with his father at Tecumseh and had three sisters and one brother. He had been lumbering, but couldn't do the work any more. His wife lived in Kingsville.

"Anybody ever try to do you any harm?" asked the magistrate. "No, sir."

"Do you want to go back to the hospital?"

"Yes, sir," concluded the court. "We'll see if arrangements can't be made."

LAYING OF CONDUITS CONCLUDED FOR 1923

Ridout and Horton Corner Will Be Safer When Work Completed.

The conduit laying of the public utilities commission is concluded for this season, with the exception of No. 1 substation Ridout and Horton streets where completion is held up by the scaffolding surrounding the new arena.

As soon as the work is completed the task of taking down the many scaffolds from the tower on the corner and laying them in the conduits will commence in order that this may be removed and the corner made safer.

Alterations to the substation will begin shortly, the machine shop being transferred to the old garage and the water meter department to the old machine shop. This work will take considerable time.

REV. W. M'INTOSH, NEW HEAD OF BACONIAN CLUB

London Branch of Unique Organization Chooses Year's Officers.

Rev. W. R. McIntosh of King Street Presbyterian Church was elected president of the London Baconian Club for 1924 at the annual election of officers held on Saturday night.

Other officers are: Chauncey Jarvis, honorary president; Dr. H. W. Hill, vice-president; J. E. MacGee, secretary-treasurer. The following members form the executive for the coming year: Dr. W. F. Tamblin, Col. W. J. Brown, and Dr. F. White.

The London Baconian Club, which is the oldest "intellectual" club in the Dominion, having been founded over 40 years ago. The club meets once a week for the reading of a paper by one of the members on a topic of general interest, which is followed by a general debate and the membership is limited to 40 members. The annual dinner is held in May and is the only social function in the year's activities.

C. N. CARSHOPS EMPLOYEES TO HEAR MAYOR TUESDAY

Arrangements have been completed for an address by Mayor Wenige at noon tomorrow at the Canadian National carshop. His worship will deal exclusively with the city hall bylaw but is ready to reply to any questions concerning the council's record during the current year.



DR. H. F. ALBERT ACCEPTS REQUEST TO FORM CABINET

German Minister Under Cuno Accepts President Ebert's Invitation.

Associated Press Despatch. Berlin, Nov. 25.—Dr. Heinrich F. Albert, minister of the treasury under Chancellor Cuno, has accepted President Ebert's invitation to form a new cabinet.

The decision to ask Dr. Albert, who was minister of the treasury in Cuno's cabinet, was reached after a prolonged conference which President Ebert had with Heinrich Brauns, minister of labor; Dr. Jarres, minister of the interior, and Dr. Otto Gessler, minister of defence. It is assumed that these three men will be members of the new ministry if Dr. Albert is successful in forming it, and it is possible that the other outgoing ministers also may remain in office.

Former Chancellor Stresemann, however, has refused the foreign ministry. The attitude of the Socialists toward an Albert ministry would, it is said, depend not only on its program but also on its composition.

ROYAL WINTER FAIR PLEASURES MARSHALL

Commissioner of Agriculture Has High Praise for the Toronto Show.

Hon. Duncan Marshall, commissioner of agriculture for the Dominion of Canada, has nothing but the highest praise for the Royal Winter Fair and fat stock show being held in Toronto at the present time. Marshall was a week-end visitor in London, the guest of Dr. McNally, brick street.

Interviewed by The Advertiser, Mr. Marshall stated the show was the best of its kind ever held in Canada. Animals were shown well up to the standard, and Canadian breeders of livestock were to be congratulated on the quality of animals shown.

The most pleasing feature to Mr. Marshall was the number of small breeders who were showing stock. There were a great many men who were showing one, two or three animals, and the increased number of exhibitors was undoubtedly due to the interest being taken by fat stock clubs from one end of Canada to the other.

"They have the greatest poultry show in the world," said Mr. Marshall, enthusiastically, "and there is a wonderful showing of vegetables, fruit, grain and flowers."

In order that he might not miss the fat stock judging, which commenced at 3 o'clock this morning, Mr. Marshall left London for Toronto at 5 o'clock this morning, via C. N. R.

W. D. EULER, M.P., of the Kitchener Record.

"Please accept sincerest congratulations upon the attainment of your diamond jubilee. The Advertiser is not only an excellent newspaper but is thoroughly sound and sensible in its editorial attitude."

"Again congratulations. May The Advertiser survive another sixty years and more."

"W. D. EULER."

Board of Control Better For London, Says Speaker

J. G. Richter Says Commission Government Would Not Bring Best Results Unless All Expenditures Controlled by One Body.

Speaking to the Men's Brotherhood of Askin Street Church yesterday, J. G. Richter recommended strongly the commission form of civic government. "Unless something is done," he said, "to curb the civic expenditures the taxpayer will find themselves forced to pay attention to civic government."

Commencing with a history of commission form of government, Mr. Richter explained how it had first started in Galveston, Texas, at a time when the flood caused such disaster that it was deemed wise by the Government to appoint a commission to take over the reins of civic administration. That commission was so successful that other cities have since adopted a similar form, but with this exception, that these other commissions are elective.

The speaker advised that municipalities could not expect the same success under elective commissions as might reasonably be anticipated under a commission appointed by some higher body. In the latter instance the commissioners would be chosen for their ability, while that might not be the case in the elective commissions.

Mr. Richter further pointed out that a board of control would be as effective as a commission in London under present conditions. There are so many spending bodies in the city that are not under the control of the city council that a commission could do but little to curb the expenditures. Those boards outside the pale of the council expend slightly more than 75 per cent of the city's total income. This the commission could only control about 25 per cent of the total outlay.

Should Control All. You can't expect any great results from commission government unless a change is made in the legislation to bring all the spending bodies under control of that commission," the speaker asserted. "We have now the right to elect a board of control, and under existing conditions I believe that body would be as effective as a commission. You will remember we had a board of control seven or eight years ago, but the electors said they did not want it. It has passed out of existence. I think the main reason that body did not measure up to expectations was because it had no control over the larger portion of spending bodies of the city."

He also suggested that the aldermen should be elected by the city at large. This was done for some years previous to the inauguration of the board of control, but when the controllers were elected at large it was

believed the wards should be represented by the aldermen. When the board was abolished the ward system of choosing the aldermen was allowed to continue in effect.

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Dealing with conditions from that time to the current year, the speaker pointed out that with an increase of population of 24 per cent the taxes have actually increased by 214 per cent since 1910. This latter percentage he based on the increase in tax rate and not in assessment. He explained, however, that the increase in the assessment had been caused partially by the natural growth. But he impressed the audience with the necessity for economy if the taxpayers are not to be so burdened in a few years that they will find it impossible to carry on.

There was a fair attendance, and some of the members thought the question was important enough to merit a special evening meeting for its proper discussion. A hearty vote of thanks was moved to the speaker.

JOHN SCOTT of the Montreal Gazette

"The Montreal Gazette in its hundred and forty-fifth year felicitates The London Advertiser on the attainment of its diamond jubilee, and hopes the career to its centennial will be useful and prosperous."

"JOHN SCOTT."

FLORIDA WATER LOOSENS TONGUE OF ACCUSED DRUNK

Protests of Innocence Did Not Avail Against Evidence of Two Policemen.

PECULIAR TIPPLE

Another intoxicated individual "knocked off" by the police at what is known in police circles as "drunkard's corner" (Clarence and Horton streets), was fined \$10 and costs in police court this morning, despite violent protests of innocence.

Constable McMaster, who responded to a call to the corner yesterday, stated the prisoner had a lot to say when taken in, and did considerable swearing.

"Was I drunk?" demanded the prisoner. "You smelled very strongly of Florida water," replied the constable. "You told the sergeant you wouldn't say I was drunk," declared the accused.

"Bring the sergeant up," ordered Chief Birrell. "He was very much intoxicated," stated the sergeant in the witness-box, could tell by the way he was talking. He smelled strongly of some kind of a liquid that I couldn't call liquor."

"The last time the defendant was here," said Chief Birrell, "he was charged with others with having done."

"Yes, I know," replied Magistrate Graydon. "He was at Victoria Hospital for a short time, and then back here again."

"Do you want to go to the reformatory?" questioned the court, addressing the prisoner.

"No, sir."

"Three constables say you didn't make the statements you say you did. What do you say to that?" queried the court.

"The majority rules, I guess," was the reply.

"The other men went to the reformatory when you were here before, and that's where you will land, evidently. I'm going to fine you \$10 and costs, or ten days in jail, this time."

EXPECT LIVELY MEETING IN WARD THREE TONIGHT

It looks like a big night tonight in Ward Three.

The municipal battle has extended to Southeast London and aspirants for the respective offices will tell their troubles to the Labor people tonight. The Chesley Avenue School-house is the scene of the engagement and the "zero" hour is to be set for 7:30 p.m.

Increasing interest is being manifested for the public utilities commission. Nine aldermanic candidates are battling in Ward Three for seats around the city council table, including two members of the present council. It is fully anticipated that the famous "annex school tax" issue will demand considerable attention by the people and candidates in Ward Three.

CLAIMS SOCIETY AIDS IN HEALING SICK BY PRAYER

Rev. G. Q. Warner Relates First Year's History of Society of the Nazarene.

POWER OF SUGGESTION

The test of a year's time put to the Society of the Nazarene, a small association which has been working quietly and steadily in connection with the Cronyn Memorial Church, has, according to the an announcement by the rector, Rev. G. Q. Warner, during his sermon last evening, resulted in establishing proof of the efficacy of prayer in the healing of the sick to the extent that 92 persons credit in a measure their restoration to the agency of this group of persons, who, to include the rector, who is their leader, number only 28.

In forming a local group of this organization, which has other branches on the continent, it was made known at the outset that the importance of the doctor and the physician were not to be deprecated. The society meets each week, and a list of the sick of the parish is commended to them. They not only pray for a restoration of the sick, but each member brings to bear the power of the mind on a suggestion of the importance of the doctor and the physician.

In his sermon last evening, which dealt specially with the occasion of the first anniversary of the Society of the Nazarene, Mr. Warner related the work accomplished by the society during its twelve months of existence, and the method by which it worked.

In connection with the society, Mr. Warner said, the laying on of hands is practiced, and the anointing with oil, but these only as symbols of healing, and for their value in strengthening suggestion, rather than for any virtue of direct healing. Summing up the work of the society in his parish, and pointing out that it was in accordance with the service for the visitation of the sick in the Prayer Book, "Know ye certainly that this is a visitation from God," Mr. Warner urged that the whole church become, in effect, members of the Society of the Nazarene, believing, as it believes, for the soul and body of all mankind.

IMPORTANT TOPICS FOR UNITED BOARDS

Annual Meeting of Western Ontario Boards of Trade in St. Thomas.

Several important resolutions and a number of outstanding speakers will contribute to the interest of the sixth annual meeting of the Western Ontario United Boards of Trade to be held in St. Thomas Thursday and Friday of this week. The Thursday session opens at 2 p.m., and there is a complimentary dinner by the St. Thomas city council, followed by an evening session at 6:30 p.m.

Friday's session commences at 9:30 a.m. Luncheon is at 12:30, and the afternoon session starts at 2 p.m. Addresses will be delivered by:

Sir Adam Beck, K.B., M.P.P., chairman Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, Thursday evening session, on "The Present Position and Future of Hydro."

W. H. Baltzell, chief engineer, Canadian Steel Corporation, Ojibway, on "Chicago's Division of Lake Waters."

Dr. W. Sherwood Fox, dean of the Arts Faculty of the University of Western Ontario, on "The New Unitarity—Its History, Present state and Prospects."

J. Clark Keith, chief engineer, Essex Border Utilities Commission, will report upon effort which is being made to secure town planning legislation.

Resolutions on the following subjects will be submitted: The affiliated boards: Chicago's Drainage Canal; Workmen's Compensation; Immigration; Canadian Customs; Official at New York; Commission-Manager; Government; Standard Information Bureau for Tourists; Ontario Business Tax; Tax Conference of Federal, Provincial and Municipal Authorities; Aid for Medical Research Work; Conservation of Great Lakes Waters; Canadian Coal for Canadian People; Development of Domestic Trade of Dominion.

PUBLIC UTILITIES BOARD ROOM BEING RENOVATED

Workmen are busy making minor repairs to the board room of the public utilities building, where the plastering on the ceiling has been coming off in flakes. It is likely that the whole building will be gone over, and the little defects that occur from time to time remedied.



RUM-RUNNER KING CAUGHT, TO FACE CHARGE IN STATES

"Rummy" Bill McCoy Taken From Schooner Tomako—Had \$60,000 Cash.

SIX MONTHS SEARCH

Associated Press Despatch. New York, Nov. 26.—"Rummy" Bill McCoy, whom government agents call the "King of Rum Runners" appears before a United States commissioner today with eight British seamen, crew of the schooner, Tomako, charged with smuggling liquor inside the territorial waters of the United States.

The men who surrendered yesterday only after a coastguard cutter Seneca had fired twice at the Tomako's bow had \$100,000 in cash in their pockets and 200 cases of liquor in the hold. They will make their defence, McCoy said, on the fact that the ship was six and a half miles from shore when captured, despite the fact that the twelve-mile limit agreement with Great Britain had gone into effect.

McCoy, who is said to be under federal indictments, for violation of the prohibition law and who has been sought for five months along the Atlantic coast from Maine to Florida, had \$60,000 with him when captured. Government agents said this amount was received for 4,000 cases of liquor already sent to United States bootleggers. The cargo was taken on in the Bahamas. As he was locked in his cell McCoy stated defiantly that "the British government will have something to say about the matter."

The Tomako, formerly known as the Arctura, at one time was reported anchored off No Man's Land, Massachusetts, receiving visits from many small boats.

MODERN LIFE NEEDS FAITH LIKE ELIJAH

Talbot Street Pastor Heard in Powerful Sermon On Prayer.

"We need a big and stalwart faith," stated Rev. Dr. Green at Talbot Street Church on Sunday morning. "We need a faith like that of Elijah when he asked for the life to be returned to the widow's son, with asking God to do for us what he has already given us power to do for ourselves."

"Men pray when in trouble, and when they do pray in those circumstances there are no extra or unnecessary words thrown in. Peter, when he felt himself sinking, prayed a brief prayer for immediate deliverance. The publican who went in to the temple to pray simply said: 'Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner. Jesus went out into the night to pray for himself and his followers, but after his resurrection he never prayed for himself, as he was then ready to take up the work of intercession.'

"It is when we get concerned about the souls of other people that a revival will come to us. The widow went to Elijah with her problem, and Elijah went right straight to God. 'Every real prayer is answered in some way,' declared Dr. Green. "It may not be possible for us to understand that answer, but we shall love and patience parents seek to deal with the requests of their children. They do not ignore them, neither do they always grant them. God is even more anxious to hear the prayers of His children than are the earthly parents."

The meeting was to be held on Wednesday and Saturday evenings, and several of the members have volunteered to coach anyone desirous of joining, the club wishing to enroll new members.

F. P. BETTS ELECTED HEAD OF CHESS CLUB

Local Organization Meets For Annual Election of Officers.

F. P. Betts was elected president of the Chess Club in connection with the Y. M. C. A. at the annual election of officers, held on Saturday evening. The other officers elected were: Honorary president, Hon. C. S. Hyman; first vice-president, Dr. J. R. Armstrong; second vice-president, M. Davis; recording secretary, C. Fish; secretary-treasurer, W. F. Sherwin; tournament committee, G. R. Lamont, E. E. Switzer, membership committee, E. Mackenzie, W. Cummins, J. W. Kells.

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ALERT CLUB TO HOLD DANCE WINTER GARDENS TUESDAY

The Alert Club will hold a dance in the Winter Gardens on Tuesday night, the music being provided by the orchestra of Dan McCauley. "The dance of the millions," a special novelty dance, will be put on for the first time in Canada, members of the Alert Club state. Other novelty dances will also be featured.



YOU CAN INCREASE YOUR BANK ACCOUNT

Christmas is coming and with it the many extra expenses involved in the season of cheery gift giving. Why not use the Want Ads to help you sell many of the odds and ends of furniture, clothes, etc., which you do not need?

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