

COUNTY RESIDENTS WILL SEEK JAIL PROBE

Herbert Wilson Escapes Jail At Los Angeles

SHOOT DOWN 2 GUARDS BARRING WAY TO LIBERTY

Makes Sensational Getaway From Prison With Two Desperate Companions.

POLICE SCOUR COUNTRY

Believe Powerful Criminal Friends Have Aided Prisoners to Disappear.

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 17.—Shooting down two guards who barred their way, Herbert Wilson, former evangelist of London, Canada, convicted of first degree murder, and two companions escaped from the Alameda county jail here today.

After first shooting the gate-man at the jail, Wilson turned and shot one of the turnkeys, appropriated his keys, and opening the doors, fled to liberty. Two other prisoners accompanied him, both considered equally "hard" men, Adam Ward, convicted murderer, and Fred Spagnoli, alleged bank bandit. It is believed that a third man also escaped.

Wilson had been convicted of shooting his pal, Herbert R. Cox of Detroit, during an attempted "get-away" in April last.

Gaining the outside of the jail grounds, the trio held up a post-office employee, using his automobile to effect a complete disappearance.

The jail break was carefully timed for seven a.m. when the guards were being taken from the guard house. The shifts were changing. Henry Purrier, night turnkey, was also badly beaten. It is thought the revolvers were smuggled into the prison.

Federal, state and city police are scouring Los Angeles and neighboring country for the men. They have disappeared as from off the face of the earth. It is known that they have many powerful friends and associates among the "master" criminals of the Pacific Coast.

For several years Herbert Wilson was in charge of the City Mission, at London, Ontario. He left the city in 1914, proceeding, it is claimed, to the Pacific Coast.

One of the most daring jail breaks in the annals of California crime, the attempted "getaway" of April 9 last, was only eclipsed today.

Herbert Wilson was first held on a charge of robbing the United States mails of more than \$1,000,000 on the night of March 3, 1921.

He was considered the "brains" of a gang of "master" crooks, which included, federal authorities alleged, his brother Lewis, Herbert R. Cox, and two others who subsequently escaped.

On April 9 last Wilson, Cox and a third prisoner, Eddie O'Brien, arrested in connection with a mail robbery at Toledo, Ohio, also in 1921, had made a successful "getaway" from the jail proper, and were stealthily making their way across the "Bridge of Sighs," a passageway leading to the hall of justice, when deputy sheriffs closed in on them, hopelessly.

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Cut One Cent a Gallon Off Price of Gasoline in Toronto

TORONTO, Oct. 17.—Gasoline prices in Toronto have taken another drop. Dealers in the city dropped the price wholesale to 32 cents yesterday, a decrease of one cent a gallon. The retail price today is 36 cents at most of the service stations.

This is the second drop in price within two weeks. On October 11 the gas price was cut 1 cent a gallon.

"This has no direct relation to the drop in New York prices yesterday," said an official of the Imperial Oil Company. "It is indicative of a general softening of prices all over."

FIGHT TO KEEP LIQUOR ON SHIPS

Companies Take Appeal Against Daugherty's Ruling to U. S. Court.

Brilliant Array of Lawyers to Wage War Involving Millions.

New York, Oct. 17.—Wet and dry forces face each other today before Federal Judge Learned Hand in the first pitched battle between United States federal prohibition enforcement authorities and foreign and United States steamship lines over the validity of Attorney General Daugherty's liquor ruling.

The calendar of Judge Hand's court was cleared for the hearings of temporary injunctions returnable today enforcement of federal authorities from putting into effect the ruling forbidding United States and foreign ships leaving port after Oct. 21, from carrying liquor under seal to or out of U. S. ports.

A distinguished array of counsel was seen today representing the federal prohibition authorities and the Cunard, Anchor, White Star, French, Holland American, American, Red Star and United American lines, and the International Navigation Company.

Millions of dollars in property, trade rights and goodwill are said to be at stake, while counsel for foreign lines have claimed that infringement of treaties between United States and foreign countries and violation of foreign laws are points involved.

CLAIMS SURPLUS IN CITY WATERWORKS

Officials Believe 1922 Will Possibly Eclipse Record of 1921.

The London waterworks department of the public utilities department will finish 1922 with a substantial surplus, it was predicted by city officials today.

Just what the figures will be at this moment, however, is somewhat difficult to determine precisely, but it is firmly believed that the sum will certainly be gratifying to the officials of the department and to the general public as well.

This announcement will be particularly reassuring at this time, and it is calculated that the record of 1921 will be easily maintained, if not eclipsed.

As last year, it is thought, at this time, that a considerable portion of this amount will be devoted toward the purchase and installation of new meters and similar equipment, essential for the work. These expenditures are to be considered, however, more in the light of an investment than otherwise.

London's public utilities are certainly in a flourishing condition this year, the officials maintain.

ASK THEATRE IN QUEBEC TO PLAY FRENCH DRAMA

Montreal, Oct. 17.—Encouragement of the French drama by the provincial government to the extent of subsidizing or building a theatre in Montreal which would educate the people in the works of Moliere, Corneille and Racine, was the request which a delegation laid before Premier Taschereau on his visit to Montreal yesterday.

SENT TO JAIL FOR ASSAULT.

Halifax, Oct. 17.—Louis Finestone, Ferguson avenue north, was sent to jail for one month by Magistrate Jeffs for indecently assaulting several girl pupils of Victoria avenue school. The magistrate said imprisonment was the only adequate punishment for such offences. Finestone is a young married man.

Many Eminent Surgeons Visit London For Convention



DISTINGUISHED medical men from all over the continent are attending the annual meeting of the Ontario branch of the American College of Surgeons, held at the Western University Medical School this city. The cut shows from left to right: Front row—Dr. Coutts, Kitchener; Rev. C. B. Meulnier, S.J., president of Catholic Hospital Association of America; Dr. George McNeil, London, chairman of the Ontario section of the American College of Surgeons; Dr. Franklin H. Martin, Chicago, director-general of the American College of Surgeons; Dr. E. R. Secord, Brantford, president of the Ontario Medical Association; Dr. M. T. MacEachern, president of the American Hospital Association. Second row (left to right)—Dr. D. A. Craig, provincial commissioner of the Canadian Red Cross, Nova Scotia; Dr. John O. Polak, Brooklyn, head of the Long Island Hospital; Dr. Robertson, Stratford; Dr. Roy Kingwood, chief resident intern at Victoria Hospital, London; Dr. F. B. Mowbray, Hamilton; Dr. J. J. Walters, Kitchener; Dr. Fisher, Stratford; Dr. David Smith, Stratford; Mayor J. Cameron Wilson, M.D., London.

CUNNINGHAM SCORES OPPONENTS OF TUBERCULAR CATTLE TEST

Points Out Government Report Shows Out of 108 Animals Slaughtered in London District 101 Were Definitely Infected.

Scoring the critics of the federal government tubercular test for cattle, Ald. Dr. O. I. Cunningham, a member of the board of health, reiterated Tuesday the determination of that body to stand behind the city council's move in this respect.

In a public statement, Dr. Cunningham, 8-ham divulges facts and figures, which he contends most emphatically to be correct, declaring that certain of them has just been furnished for the first time by the officials at Ottawa.

"A certain milk dealer has written to The Advertiser disputing my previous figures relative to the slaughter of infected cattle," Ald. Cunningham declared Tuesday. "I have the statement, as made by the federal authorities. One hundred and eight head of cattle were slaughtered in the London district."

"Of this number, 101 showed definite traces of tuberculosis. The other seven were in the incubative stage. The disease had not progressed sufficiently to reveal definite traces on any one organ. Of the entire number eight were unfit for human consumption, as I have already claimed."

"This first test is known as the inter-dermal (between the skin), and is used by the United States and Canadian governments as the most satisfactory preliminary tubercular test. I maintain that these authorities would not employ this test if it were not considered adequate."

"This is not the only test, however, as 60 days later they undertake the sub-cutaneous test. If deemed imperative a third test is made as all cattle do not react toward the same test. Thus it can be readily understood that no cow is passed as tubercular free until after several tests."

Never Been Passed.

Touching upon an incident of the last week-end referred to Monday by Mayor Cameron Wilson, whereby it was claimed a certain cow, which died after being proclaimed fit, was subsequently discovered to be overcome with tuberculosis, Dr. Cunningham asserts that this animal had never been passed as tubercular-free by the government officials.

"Only one test was undertaken and the cow would have revealed traces of tuberculosis on the second test, more than likely," he explains. "Soon or later the inspectors would have been passed as tubercular-free by the government officials."

RAILMEN REFUSE 2-CENT WAGE RAISE

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 17.—The United Brotherhood of Maintenance-of-way employees and railroad shop laborers will not accept the two cents an hour wage increase announced by the labor board Saturday without a protest, according to Frank Finnson, spokesman for the brotherhood's convention, now in session here. A new request for an increase of at least ten cents an hour is being drafted by the convention, Finnson said last night.

CRUMLIN PARISH held a mass meeting Monday night in aid of their fund for re-shingling the church roof. The Rev. A. L. Beverley of St. Mark's Church, London, addressed the meeting.

Fire Destroys Dirigible Which Flew Across Continent

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Oct. 17.—The United States army dirigible C-2, which recently completed a transcontinental flight and had reached San Antonio on its way back to Washington, took fire this morning while being taken from its hangar at Brook's Field, preparatory to a flight over the city.

Several members of the crew were hurt, one seriously. The dirigible was destroyed. It caught fire on the framework of the hangar as it was being taken out. The bag split, and the gas ignited. In the car of the dirigible at the time were members of the crew and several passengers.

ONTARIO SURGEONS HOLD DOCTORS' DAY

Series of Clinics in Two Hospitals Mark Interesting Day.

On Tuesday, "Doctors' Day," the morning program of the Ontario Congress, American College of Surgeons, was marked by clinics held in St. Joseph's and Victoria Hospital, with local and visiting medical men in charge.

Those who gave clinics to the many visitors included Drs. Alex. Primrose and Herbert Bruce of Toronto; Dr. Leonard Rowntree of Rochester, Minn., a former Londoner, and Drs. Hadley Williams, E. Hodgins, A. J. Grant, E. Seaborn and Septimus Thompson of London. Luncheon in the War Memorial Sick Children's Hospital, with the hospital trust as host, followed the clinics.

Through the action of Hon. R. Grant, minister of education, Ontario, a splendid school hygiene exhibit, including posters and types of meals most favorable for nutrition of growing children, has been forwarded to London, and is on view at the Memorial Hospital for Sick Children. This exhibit, which is in charge of Miss Laidlaw of the school domestic science department, was arranged by Dr. J. P. Fair, chief inspector of public schools in Ontario.

The exhibits at the Children's Hospital will be on display to the public of London and district Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 2 to 5 p.m.

WINSTON CHURCHILL ILL WITH ACUTE GASTRITIS

London, Oct. 17.—Winston Churchill, secretary for the colonies, who was taken ill yesterday, was somewhat better today. The colonial secretary took to his bed yesterday with an attack by a motor car driven by George of acute gastritis.

HAS MONEY FOR NEW CITY HALL

Treasurer Shows No Need for Debentures If Erection Decided On.

Question Will Again Be Submitted to Ratepayers for Approval.

Should the citizens of London at the next civic election decide that 1923 is the ideal time for the construction of a new city hall, there will be no need to appeal to them for the approval of further debenture issues, City Treasurer James Bell explained Tuesday.

For the benefit of the ratepayers who will be asked to again express their approval of this proposal, the city treasurer reviews briefly the city hall issue of the past few years.

The sum of \$100,000 was obtained from the sale of the old Richmond street building and site.

Then upon two subsequent occasions the citizens sanctioned the issuance of debentures aggregating \$325,000.

Of these sums, totalling \$425,000, between \$60,000 and \$70,000 was expended on the present site and buildings, while \$265,017.73 was spent on the federal square.

The city treasurer points out that should the citizens agree with the proposed sale of the federal square and the construction of a new office on the present site, there will be approximately \$350,000 now available for the purpose.

It is fully believed by the mayor and councilors that this sum will be sufficient for the contemplated undertaking. In any event they do not propose at this time to ask for further assistance.

RECORDS SHOW 21,827 LONDONERS ABLE TO VOTE

Londoners to the number of 21,827 are entitled to vote at municipal elections, according to a complete detailed statement announced Tuesday by City Clerk Sam Baker. While this is an increase of 1,366, it is not as great as was anticipated.

The votes, compiled in wards, are as follows, revealing the increase over 1921:

Ward	Men	Women	Total
Ward 1	4273	1385	5658
Ward 2	2829	1009	3838
Ward 3	4757	1449	6206
Ward 4	4449	1676	6125
Totals	16308	5519	21827
1921	15046	5055	20101
Increase	902	464	1366

A second division of the vote is as follows:

Starts War on Smuggling of Wearing Apparel at Frontiers

TORONTO, Oct. 17.—A special squad of customs officers has started operations along the Windsor-Niagara-Sarnia frontier to watch attempts at smuggling wearing apparel, raw silks, and other textiles, according to Hon. Jacques Bureau, federal minister of customs, who is in Toronto today.

This action follows statements made by prominent manufacturers that textiles to the value of a million dollars annually were being smuggled onto today.

SEEK MINIMUM FOR PREACHERS

London Presbytery Moves to Secure \$1,800 Stipend in All Churches.

Committee Instructed to Lay Matter Before Congregations Paying Less.

Moving toward the enforcement of the General Assembly regulation of the \$1,800 minimum stipend, the London Presbytery, at its regular meeting in the First Presbyterian Church, Tuesday morning, empowered its home missions committee to visit all congregations within its bounds, which are not already paying the new minimum, with a view to laying the situation before them and urging, where possible, that the minister's salary be raised to the required amount.

Although there were none in the presbytery who felt that \$1,800 was any more than a fair and adequate amount for the support and education of their families, there were several who felt that the present was not an opportune time for pressing the question, and stood ready to consider the welfare of their congregations in preference to the new minimum.

"We are dealing with a matter of grave importance," Rev. Dr. William Beattie said, "and there are ministers who rather than stir up trouble with their congregations would rather do with the old minimum, in spite of the feeling that they really needed a higher stipend. Are we prepared to enforce regulations which were protested against by ministers who were more interested in the spiritual welfare of their congregations than over their own pockets?"

Holds Same View.

Holding the same view, Rev. Mr. Geddes of Alisa Craig said: "The furthest we can go is to say that the market is so tight that they cannot get loans, and for that reason, I believe it would be a grave mistake to insist on the new minimum."

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LOOK FOR CUT IN FORD CAR PRICES

Windsor, Oct. 17.—The cut in prices of Ford cars in the U. S., announced today, will be followed by price reductions on the part of the Ford Company of Canada. The management of the Canadian company expect to announce their new prices on the various types of Ford cars later this afternoon.

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 17.—The Ford Motor Company today announced a cut of fifty dollars in the price of all passenger cars, establishing record prices. No change has been made in the price of Ford trucks. Hereafter five-passenger touring cars will list for \$298; roadster, \$269; sedan, \$235; coupe \$330 and sedan \$355.

The price of the self-starter remains at \$70 and demountable rims are unchanged at \$25.

CHARGE DAWSON MADE POSITIONS INSUFFERABLE

Former Night Turnkey Claims Lengthening of Hours Forced Resignation.

ALLEGED MISMANAGEMENT

Will Ask Raney to Investigate Governor's System of Hiring Help.

County ratepayers have instituted steps toward an investigation into the whole conduct of affairs at the county jail since Governor Byron Dawson was appointed, and particularly into the question of conditions under which some of the officials under Governor Dawson's control were engaged.

Apparently Dissatisfied.

Last week, Night Turnkey John Burdon and Mrs. Fred Last, matron, resigned. Little information as to the cause of their quitting was given out at the governor's office, excepting a general statement that they were "apparently dissatisfied."

"Conditions became unbearable," Turnkey Burdon stated. "When I started I was allowed two nights a month off. Then I was cut down to one night a month. I worked about ten and a half hours a night at first, and later I had to work eleven and a half hours a night. At the time I resigned I was working an average of 345 hours. I simply had to quit."

Conditions for Mrs. Last, the matron, were also described as "unbearable" by those who are pressing for the investigation.

Aid of County Crown Attorney J. C. Elliott and Attorney-General W. Z. Raney will be sought in the matter.

Disclosures Promised.

Other startling disclosures are promised when the evidence, which several prominent Middlesex men claim they have at their finger tips, is brought out.

Governor Dawson, of whose management of the jail this group of county men is asking a probe, has held office several months, succeeding Governor James Carter, who held down the post in an efficient manner for fourteen years, and who resigned last fall. Dawson was appointed on the recommendation of Sheriff Donald A. Graham, who also was appointed to office at the first of the year.

Mrs. Last, the former matron, who had been living in the matron's quarters from which Miss Minnie Harris, assistant matron was evicted last May by Sheriff Graham, has left the premises since her resignation. Her husband, Turnkey Fred Last, had also been residing there. Their household effects are still at the jail. A matron has not been appointed yet to succeed Mrs. Last, the officials declaring there is no need for haste in this matter, as there is only one female prisoner in the county jail at the present time.

James Gumb, who has been acting as relief man at the jail, was appointed to take Night Turnkey Burdon's place temporarily.

DELAY OCCURS IN BRITISH EMPIRE STEEL SITUATION

Officials Declare No Serious Hitch Attached To Proceedings.

Montreal, Oct. 17.—There was no announcement forthcoming yesterday regarding negotiations in the British Empire Steel situation, but it is understood that the delay is not significant of any serious hitch.

Principals in the deal involving proposed changes in the corporation and the new financing upon which the public and the financial community seems to be depending for the placing of this great industrial enterprise upon an economic and confidence-inspiring footing, are in Montreal today.

It is understood that there remains but one step to complete negotiations satisfactorily, the financing having been arranged for and other important arrangements having been completed.

REDS THREATEN VLADIVOSTOK CITY

Tokio, Oct. 16.—Special dispatches from Vladivostok report that city in imminent danger of invasion by Soviet troops. Members of the Vladivostok "White" government have boarded a steamer ready to depart. General Dietrichs, commander of the "White" army, is reported to have retreated to the Russo-Chinese border.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.

Today—Northwest: west winds, gradually decreasing; mostly fair and colder.

Wednesday—Moderate fresh west and southwest winds; fair and cool.

Pressure is lowest in the Ottawa Valley and highest in the Western States.

Some local falls of rain or snow have occurred in the Lake Superior district and a few scattered showers from Lake Huron to the Maritime Provinces, but the weather in the Dominion on the whole has been fair and cool.

Temperatures.

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

High	Low
Victoria	48 46
Calgary	60 32
Winnipeg	36 28
Pt. Arthur	36 26
P. Sound	60 36
Toronto	66 47
Ottawa	62 44
Montreal	70 46
Quebec	62 44
P. John	54 48
Halifax	64 52

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 65; lowest, 49.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 53; lowest, 42.

Barometric Readings.
Monday—5 p.m. 29.67.
Tuesday—8 a.m. 29.13.