

## ASKS FOR NEW POLICE STATION

Commission Recommends Request of Chief Birrell To City Council.

Discusses Routing of Motor Busses To Serve Whole Community.

London will possess a brand new police station before another year if first the city council, and then the ratepayers of the city accept a recommendation that will be laid before the next meeting of the council as the result of a meeting of the police commission.

The urgent need of a new and enlarged station was outlined before the commissioners by Chief of Police Robert Birrell. After long discussion it was moved and seconded by Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon and Judge Talbot Macbeth that Mayor J. C. Wilson, the third member of the commission, take the matter up with the city council with a view to having a bylaw prepared in time for the civic elections.

If the citizens will vote to provide better accommodation for the police force the old and dismal building on Carling street, which has been in continual use for almost half a century, will go the way of other landmarks which now are but memories.

Time Long Overdue. The commission as a whole, felt that the time for a new station is long overdue for the present building is far too small to allow a proper administration of justice. As the chief pointed out, the present building was erected to care for a city of about 20,000 population, and a police force of 15, and so falls far short of adequately protecting 65,000 people and housing a force of 55 officers, exclusive of court officials.

The many inconveniences which the crowded quarters impose upon the administrators of justice were outlined by the chief. He spoke of the lack of provision for witnesses. Many times the witnesses were forced to stand in hallways and the crowded courtrooms. The lawyers had no place to interview clients; female witnesses were forced to use the offices of the clerk, and police officers, many of whom were scheduled for night duty, were forced to stand in the crowded room for hours at a time when appearing as witnesses.

In addition to the lack of space it has long been known that the building has lacked proper ventilation and lighting. The lack of ventilation is especially noticeable in the cells and the courtroom which fairly reeks with smells and foul air when crowded during court sessions. Facilities for the use of court officials are noticeably lacking. Many rooms even lack hooks upon which to hang articles of wear.

The hallways and stairways are dark and musty. The commission fully appreciated all the shortcomings of the present building and the handicap they place on the members of the force, and so they dealt with the recommendation immediately. It will be passed on to the council so that a money bylaw can be prepared before the municipal election.

Officers Promoted. Police Constables John Mackey and Percy Last were appointed patrol sergeants to fill the vacancies caused by the recent deaths of Sergeants J. Monaghan and Thomas Fish. Mrs. J. Monaghan, widow of the late Sergeant Monaghan, was recommended as a participant in the benefit fund of the police force, who will probably be instructed to draw up bylaws.

It is the intention of the commission, if possible, to graduate fees according to the carrying capacity of the bus. It was considered fair to charge a bus with a greater capacity a larger fee than a bus with a limited capacity.

Efforts will be made also to control the routing of the busses to insure all parts of the city an equitable service.

An effort will also be made to replace the busses now running, and which often inflict hardships on bus owners with liability insurance.

LANDLORDS MAY BE PROSECUTED

OTTAWA, Sept. 25.—In future, not only "blind-piggers" in Hull will suffer when convicted, but the proprietors of the establishments in which the illicit liquor traffickers carry on will also be rigorously dealt with by the Quebec liquor commission.

GERMANS DELIVER NOTES FOR 96,000,000 MARKS

PARIS, Sept. 25.—The German Delegation today delivered to the reparations commission notes for 96 million gold marks in payment of the August and Sept. 15 allotments due to Belgium. The difference between this amount and the 100,000,000 marks due, was made up by coal deliveries and deliveries of dye stuffs for the textile alliance. The payment was split into ten notes, in accordance with a desire expressed by the Belgian Government in order to facilitate discounting them.

JAPAN REFUSES SOVIET DEMANDS IN FAR EAST

CHANG CHUN, Manchuria, Sept. 25.—The conference between Japan, the Chita government of the Far Eastern republic of Siberia, and representatives of the Moscow Soviet government ended in failure today with Japan's refusal to fix a date for the evacuation of Northern Sakhalin.

## REDUCE PETROL PRICE IN BRITAIN

LONDON, England, Sept. 25.—(Canadian Press Cable).—With the end of the summer the oil firms make the long expected announcement that the price of petrol has been reduced 5 1/2 pence a gallon. The new price is two shillings a gallon for grade No. 1.

## OTTAWA CHILD KILLED WHEN STRUCK BY TROLLEY

OTTAWA, Sept. 25.—Charles Hiram Shaver, aged 4 years, was instantly killed by a street car in front of his home tonight. The little boy was running across the street right in the path of the oncoming car. S. W. Rombough who was passing, saw the danger and yelled at the child, and also attempted to drag him to safety. He was too late, however.

## REDUCE CIVIL LIST OF COURT CASES

Postponements and Settlements Leave Only Six Suits To Be Heard.

Postponements and settlements have reduced the list of civil actions entered for the fall assizes, which opened here Monday afternoon, to three jury cases and three non-jury suits.

Of this number several cases hold promise of being settled or postponed within the next few hours before being heard in court. It was stated Monday afternoon that the suit of Charles Clarke of this city against the county of Elgin for \$10,000 damages and costs, as the result of a collision between a truck owned by the county and plaintiff's auto July 31, 1920, will likely be settled.

The collision occurred on the London and Port Stanley gravel road, and plaintiff alleges negligence, which defendants, through C. St. Clair Leitch, deny. Meredith & Colledge represent Mr. Clarke.

The action of A. H. Burrows against the Grand Trunk Railway for \$1,500 damages and costs following destruction of plaintiff's auto by a train which backed into it at the Adelaide street crossing on Oct. 27, 1921, will likely be postponed, owing to illness. The plaintiff, through J. M. McEvoy, alleges that the crossing was unprotected at the time of the accident. W. H. Chisholm of Toronto is defending.

Settled Out of Court. The case of Robinson versus Pound to recover \$5,000 damages for alleged seduction, set down for the jury, was settled out of court Monday.

Of the non-jury suits one was settled Monday. This was the action of the Starr Company Limited of London, against the Berliner Gramophone Company Limited, for \$4,556.25, the price paid by plaintiffs for motors purchased from defendants alleged to have been defective and unsatisfactory. Gibbons, Harper & Braden acted for the Starr Company and Blake, Lash & Company of Toronto, for defendants.

Three non-jury actions will likely be postponed until assizes at a later date. The Dominion Savings and Investment Society asks for payment of \$40,345 and interest as money owing under a covenant mortgage. Owing to the present status of the plaintiffs a postponement has been asked.

Will Be Postponed. A postponement will be granted in the action of the Commercial Acceptance Trust against Alton Petch of Strathroy, for \$2,822.53 and interest as the maker of two promissory notes. Owing to illness of a material witness the action of James Jenkins of London against the Ontario Crockery Company has been laid over. Plaintiff claimed \$1,336.47 damages for alleged wrongful dismissal as a salesman for defendants in 1920, and commission alleged due him.

Defendants through McKillop & Douglas, solicitors, alleged that the plaintiff flagrantly failed to perform his duty.

This leaves two non-jury and three jury cases to be heard at the assizes under Justice Mowat at the courthouse this week.

## FACE CHARGES OF RESISTING OFFICER

Indians From Muncey Reservations Will Be Placed On Trial At Assizes.

True bills on charges of obstructing a police officer in the discharge of his duty were brought in against Cecil Cadu and William Burch of Muncey by the grand jury sitting at the Middlesex county fall assizes, which opened here Monday afternoon.

In addition, the grand jury returned a true bill against Cadu on a charge of theft of some automobile tires. These two men, who are Indians, will be placed on trial immediately following the conclusion of the hearing of Gordon Didsdale on a charge of murder, which is scheduled to start at the courthouse Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

STEAMER ARRIVALS. LIVERPOOL, Sept. 24.—Adriatic (British) New York, Victorian (British) Montreal, Canopic (British) Montreal.

GALSGOW, Sept. 24.—Corsican (British) Montreal.

STEAMER SAILINGS. LIVERPOOL, Sept. 23.—Cedric (British) New York, Megantic (British) Montreal.

SOUTHAMPTON, Sept. 23.—Aquitania (British) New York.

FUR-TRIMMED PILLOWS. Fur-trimmed sofa pillows have a suggestion of winter as well as of coziness about them. While this trimming is most usually seen on velvet or brocade materials, it is shown on some of the newest lingerie pillows—used, however, in moderation.

## DECLARES THAT DE VALERA HAS CHANGED VIEWS

British Paper States Provisional Government Will Publish Surprising Disclosures.

DISPATCHES SEIZED

Communications Were Being Taken by Young Woman To Liam Mellowes.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—Extraordinary disclosures respecting Eamonn De Valera will be published by the Irish provisional government tomorrow week, according to the Dublin correspondence of the Daily Express. A series of confidential communications from De Valera to Liam Mellowes, who was taken prisoner when the Four Courts building was surrendered and is now in Mountjoy, was being conveyed to the prison by a smartly-dressed young woman, says the correspondent, when she was arrested and the dispatches confiscated by government agents.

"The documents, which came through Mrs. De Valera, reveal," the correspondent asserts, "the hopelessly chaotic state of the republican organization and also contain confessions by De Valera that his errors of judgment brought about civil war."

He admits that he ought to have repudiated the occupation of Four Courts, and deals lengthily with his republican theories, many of which have been completely changed since he last publicly expounded them.

## TURK NATIONALISTS ACCEPT PEACE TERMS

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Other Guards, which left last Friday, will, on their arrival in Turkey, form a brigade. Other troops will follow on Saturday.

Powerful Fleet Ready. The Highland Light Infantry and the King's Scottish Borders have left Alexandria for Chanak, and a powerful fleet is simultaneously assembling in the straits. The super-dreadnought Revenge leaves Malta today with seaplanes for Constantinople. The super-dreadnoughts Ramillies, Centurion and Malaya, and the light cruisers Ceres, Caledon and Carysfort, and a third destroyer flotilla also are expected at Malta, bound for the Near East.

The vindictive and other vessels have left Gibraltar for the Dardanelles.

The Woolwich arsenal will be kept unintermittently busy until the Kemalists have definitely shown their hand.

While the Russian factor must be borne in mind, the ministers of the government are said to be more than pleased with the result of the Paris conversations, and it is believed Kemal Pasha will consent to attend the proposed conference. A reply from him on the matter is expected in the next 24 hours.

Military More Active. Military matters are becoming more active, as shown in the engagement yesterday of more men for temporary work. The news that men were being engaged brought large crowds.

A coalitionist newspaper puts the expenditure on the warlike preparations to date at £20,000,000. The Independent and Liberal press are already beginning to demand a cessation of war activities, even the withdrawal of the troops being suggested. The Daily News contends that if Mustafa Kemal Pasha did not attack last week when the British were weak, he will not attack now when the British are comparatively strong, and when virtually all that he could fight for has been promised him on the sole condition that he does not fight. The Daily News adds: "Lord Curzon made our peace on the diplomatic front. Of what use are these continued demonstrations on the military front?"

However, the preparations are likely to continue.

## VIOLATE NEUTRAL ZONE.

Constantinople, Sept. 25.—Simultaneously with their occupation yesterday of Erzurum, it is learned, the Turkish Nationalists also took possession of Kuma Kalei, at the mouth of the Dardanelles. The occupying forces consisted of cavalry.

Seizure of these places constitutes violation of the neutral zone of the straits—Erzurum between Kuma Kalei and Chanak, which latter place is held by the British.

The Kemalists have an entire cavalry corps at Adramytti, 50 miles southeast of Chanak.

Two divisions of Turkish cavalry, or about 3,000 men, have occupied Erzurum, which lies but ten miles southwest of Chanak, the main British position on the southern shore of the Dardanelles, and eight miles east of Kuma Kalei, from which heavy guns can dominate the entrance to the straits from the Aegean Sea.

Brigadier-General Charles Harrington, British commander, has sent a request to Mustafa Kemal Pasha, Nationalist chief, for the withdrawal of the cavalry. Pending receipt of his reply, a British mobile column has been stationed between Chanak and Erzurum, ready for eventualities.

CONSTANTINOPLE DISTURBED. London, Sept. 25.—Reports of disturbed conditions in Constantinople itself, with the secret mobilization of men and munitions in Stamboul, the Turkish quarter, were capped late last night by a bulletin stating that a fire was raging in upper Pera street, one of the capital's main thoroughfares. No details were given, but the population was said to be in a state of panic.

Previous dispatches said Lady Harrington and the wives of sixteen other superior officers had left the city, and that the remaining officers' wives were preparing to leave today.

## Hi, Folks! Here's a Good Way To Pay Income Tax

YOUNG WOMAN REVEALS METHOD

PONZI may have been a financial wizard in his day, but in the minds of the local income tax officials the Windsor lady, who is credited with paying her income tax a la mode Canada, and yet has had the money refunded, could show the American Yankee "shekel shaker" a trick or two.

The case, according to George Tambling, income tax inspector for the London district, is one of the most peculiar that has come to the attention of the officials in this city.

The lady in question, who possesses a name that would dare the average person to pronounce, sent in a post-office money order to the London office, presumably to pay her income tax, but neglected to file a return in the proper way. After yards of red tape had been unwound and thrown away by the local inspector, at the end of three months he managed to ascertain the firm where the woman was working, the amount of her taxable income and all other miscellaneous data required by the department. The case was made more perplexing by the fact that the mysterious fair one took no notice whatever of the many pleas for explanation sent out at intervals by the London office.

While the officials were being led a merry chase trying to clear up the matter, the cause of all the trouble, evidently thinking her money was in danger, and needed her protection, applied to the postoffice for a refund and obtained it, all these developments taking place without the knowledge of the income tax officials.

As previously mentioned, after a quarter of a calendar year had elapsed the London office sent in the customary report to Ottawa, the money order had been credited to the office account at a local bank, and Mr. Tambling heaved a sigh of relief and no doubt indulged in a smile of satisfaction, thinking everything was settled.

A peek up back-stage, however, disclosed another drama—the bank tries to cash the money order at the postoffice, and that department promptly retorts that it has not the "wherewithal," as a refund has been made, and avers that the income tax department has no right of restitution. Tambling, however, declares that if the postoffice wishes to refund a money order properly made out and just as properly dispatched and cashed, it is no business of his, and it is up to the postoffice to iron out all difficulties.

Meanwhile the lady has the satisfaction of knowing that her income tax is paid without making a dent in her pocketbook.

Bringing in True Bill. After reviewing the evidence in the case, the grand jury in session at the fall assizes which opened here Monday afternoon, brought in a true bill of murder against Gordon Didsdale, who will stand trial for his life Tuesday, charged with shooting to death Christina Near, his 16-year-old sweetheart.

The jury considered the evidence for about one hour, bringing in the true bill on the capital charge at 4:38 p.m. A large crowd of spectators was anxious to catch a glimpse of the London man who discharged the contents of a double-barrelled shotgun into the body of Christina Near, last May, but they were disappointed when Mr. Justice Mowat, who is presiding at the assizes, announced that the case will not be started until 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Meanwhile Didsdale, unconcerned with the fact that within a few hours he will be placed on trial for his life, is in the cell in the county jail awaiting the summons to go to the prisoner's box and hear the story of the fatal shooting of his sweetheart, retold by eyewitnesses of the tragedy.

Witnesses Heard. These witnesses were heard by the grand jury Monday afternoon prior to returning the true bill against him. In instructing the grand jury in their duties shortly after the assizes were opened at 2 p.m. Monday, Justice Mowat congratulated them on being selected to act.

"You are men of substance," he pointed out, "and if anybody doubts you just tell them you were on the grand jury."

The grand jury stood between the monarch and the people. We are getting away from that now, yet the grand jury is in existence to guard the rights of the people. You can bring in an indictment if you like against any person without any advice from the crown.

"So you see you have great powers, but fortunately the law in this province is enforced in such a manner that this action is not necessary. However, there is your power."

"There is some agitation to abolish the grand jury," continued the judge. "I am opposed to that. It would be a pity that an institution that has served satisfactorily for hundreds of years should be abolished, because some of the people want a change. Your duties are to pass on the bills of indictment against persons charged with offences."

Judge Addresses Jury. "You must treat every case coming before you as if the accused man were sane. As is for the defence to show later if the accused is insane. You have a serious charge to consider which is murder or culpable homicide. The grand jury must be presented to you. If there is enough to put the case on trial you must enjoin you to observe secrecy in regard to your deliberations," continued Judge Mowat, "and I speak to all jurymen present in addition to the grand jury. It is absolutely essential that the juryroom be sacred and secret. If you give out information you cannot tell to what use it may be put, and a perversion of justice be brought about. It is essential that you keep information to yourselves."

"The court of appeals of England recently found it necessary to issue a public statement on this matter, because some jurymen had gossiped in London, England. This information, if given out, may later be used to the part of the jurymen. Keep a tight upper lip on the whole thing and be masters of the whole proceedings. Do not allow anyone to inveigle you."

Must Inspect Jail. In conclusion Judge Mowat informed the grand jury that they must inspect public institutions of the county before they will be discharged, and enjoined them to perform this task diligently. He presumed that the county jail at London is efficiently operated, but asked the jurors "How is the grub? Are the prisoners properly fed, because there are some men there not convicted of offences. The food should be plain, but proper."

The grand jury withdrew shortly before 3 o'clock under the direction of Robert S. Douglas, foreman.

It is expected that the trial of Gordon Didsdale will conclude Wednesday. His parents were present in the courtroom Monday afternoon, but the prisoner remained in his cell.

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"I was asked to permit Dr. Fisher, another alienist, to examine accused, and consented also. In addition, we have the doctor who attended the prisoner at the time of the offence and for some time afterwards in the hospital. I mean Dr. Hoffman. The grounds are quite clear for postponement, and do not include the grounds here. The offence was committed last May."

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