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MERCHANTS BANK HEAD FACES COURT

STORM HOVERS OVER CITY HALL, IS PREDICTION

Joint Conference Aims To Break Deadlock Over School Cuts.

IS STILL HOPEFUL

Mayor Thinks Trustee Will Change When Financial Straits Are Explained.

A state of deadlock exists between Mayor Wilson and the board of education over the estimates of the latter body.

This has resulted in the mayor side-tracking his city commission and calling in the finance committee of the council to try and bring pressure to bear upon the school board.

The two bodies are scheduled to meet this Friday afternoon. There are those who predict a stormy session.

The gathering is to be what is termed "a star chamber" one. The press has been invited to stay away.

The mayor some time ago issued what has been referred to as an ultimatum that all bodies should cut their estimates as low as those of 1921. On top of that salaries were to be reduced in the aggregate by 10 per cent.

Indirectly the mayor threatened to resign and go to the electors if the boards did not meet up with his demands.

The Board's Cut.

The board of education estimates were $102,000 above 1921. A meeting was held to reduce them as per the order of the mayor. All the trustees would take off was $7,500, leaving the total $94,500, or one and a half mills in excess of the total fixed by the mayor.

The mayor has negotiated quietly with Chairman Smith, but to no end.

The new commission had one fling at the school board on Wednesday, and some hot shots were fired by commissioners at the methods which the board has in vogue.

There are some members of the school board who are no more reluctant to firing hot shots than are the critics of the school board, and the danger of an open breach, if these two warring factions met, evidently caused Mayor Wilson to abandon his commission to fall back on the finance committee.

The mayor has been warned, however, to hope for little from the board of education when it meets.

The commission met Thursday night, and during the discussion T. W. McFarland of the utilities asked, that providing the school board can't or won't cut its estimates, if it was fair that other bodies should be cut to the bone? He asked if these other bodies should not get a crack at the estimates again after the final decision with the board, that they might increase theirs if the board does not cut.

Shatter All Hopes.

Chairman Smith of the board started in to shatter all hopes, including those of the mayor, in regard to further reduction by the board, when he was interrupted. However, he did say: "Gentlemen, there is no use of figuring on that."

The attitude of the chairman has been one of conciliation and hope, and officials interpreted his few words to mean that he has found it impossible to bring the other members of the board around to seeing things the mayor's way.

It was Mayor Wilson who interrupted the statement of Chairman Smith. He stated that the members of the board of education might be made to see things in a different light when the finance committee laid before the board the financial position of the city.

Ald. John Ashton, one of the council representatives on the commission, cannot see how the board of education will be able to do anything in regard to the mayor's demand for a salary cut, if as is reported, all the teachers are hired on a yearly contract.

"To endeavor to break those contracts would be just as bad as the effort of Ald. Ashplant to break the annex agreement, and we all know how vigorously the mayor contends that that agreement should not be made a scrap of paper. There is no

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The Weather

FORECASTS.

Today—Fair.

Saturday—Cool; easterly winds.

Pressure is high over the Western Provinces and over Northwestern Ontario, and is lower over Southern British Columbia and the Southwestern States.

The weather has been fair in the West, but is becoming unsettled.

Fair weather is general over Eastern Canada.

Temperatures.

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

	High.	Low.
Victoria	48	38
Calgary	24	10
Winnipeg	36	10
Pt. Arthur	46	18
S. S. Marie	40	14
Toronto	36	24
Kingston	32	28
Ottawa	32	24
Montreal	28	20
Quebec	30	22
F. Point	30	18
St. John	40	26
Halifax	44	28

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 40; lowest, 14.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 32; lowest, 29.

Barometric Readings.

Thursday—8 p.m., 29.40.

Today—8 a.m., 29.42.

Sink Million Gallon Water Well In City

DRILLERS SURE OF INCREASE OF DAILY OUTPUT

Hope To Fulfill Contract By Boring Well On Second Site.

FIVE TESTS CONDUCTED

Commission Pleased With Flow in East and South-east London.

On thirteen acres of city property just east of the Vauxhall bridge, south-east London employees of the Ohio Well Digging Company have commenced to sink a well guaranteed to produce 1,000,000 gallons of fresh water daily.

This is the first report to be announced by the public utilities commission since the American experts commenced operations in this vicinity last August.

With water already reported to be flooding the lowest section of the property three feet in depth, the drillers and the commissioners express undisguised pleasure with the result.

While favorable reports of progress had been made from time to time in past weeks, no details were divulged in accordance with the agreement between the city and the Ohio company.

Now, it is explained, there is no further need for concealment. It has been declared most fortunate that, while the experts tested considerable private property, it finally developed that abundance of fresh water is to be had on land already owned by the city.

This will naturally obviate the necessity of paying increased rates for any land that might have been desired.

Intended for Sewerage.

The location in question was originally purchased for a sewer farm, but the project was subsequently abandoned for the present site near the proposed Dakin Street School.

Five tests were conducted at this point, and water is now flowing from three holes. The commission has another site under contemplation, which it is practically admitted will also yield 1,000,000 gallons daily. With these two locations the Ohio company will have adhered to the provisions of their contract, that 2,000,000 gallons be guaranteed daily.

Had they failed the burden of expenditure was destined to rest upon them.

Hold Optimistic View.

Despite all opposition to the undertaking from its very inception the commissioners have maintained an optimistic attitude throughout, confident that beneath London was sufficient fresh water to supply its citizens for years to come. Today with operations commencing upon a 1,000,000-gallon yield in East London, and another in the course of a few weeks, they witness the fulfilment of their plans.

As Manager E. V. Buchanan terms the result, "Everything has measured up to our expectations."

While considerable comment emanated at frequent intervals from certain quarters, condemning the expense of the testing activities in the city and district, the commissioners point out that millions of dollars would otherwise have to have been expended to bring water, as was first suggested and is still advocated, from either Lake Erie or Lake Huron, miles away.

Others had urged that the water be obtained from the River Thames. In any event water obtained from either of these three sources would have necessitated the construction of filtering plants at enormous expenditures.

ADVISE PIGMY SKYSCRAPERS

London, March 24.—London will not emulate New York in the matter of erecting skyscrapers, if the ideas of the Royal Institute of British Architects are carried out. The architects have voted against a report of their building act committee advocating alteration of the London regulations to allow the erection of buildings 120 feet in height instead of 80 feet, as at present.

Claims Spiritualism Has Pierced Walls of Great Beyond!

Special to London Advertiser.
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LONDON, March 24.—"After 30 years' investigating, I am as convinced of the truth of spiritualism as I am of my own existence. I myself have experienced communication by direct voice with 23 deceased friends and relatives, including my mother and my son whom I lost in the war."

This is the statement of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, famous English novelist and creator of Sherlock Holmes, who is sailing for Canada and the United States to spread the gospel of spiritualism.

Sir Arthur sails April 1, accompanied by his wife and three young children. Lady Doyle assists her husband in talks to large crowds.

Sir Arthur will deliver his first lecture on April 12. He expects to deliver about 11 others. Then he will take his family for a rest in the Adirondacks, sailing for home in June.

"Death is merely a wall between the people we call 'living' and those we call 'dead,'" says Doyle.

"Spiritualism has pierced this wall. It is widening the gaps. After a while the wall will be down and there will be free communication between the 'living' and those who have passed.

"It will make this a different world. It will reinforce all religions except the purely materialist.

"It will diminish sin, because who would sin when the spirit of his beloved mother was at his side, communicating with him, showing him her grief?

"I began the study of spiritualism in 1886 and since then have read everything I could find on the subject, keeping an open mind, and experimenting with mediums wherever possible.

"I am absolutely certain of the possibility of communication with those who have passed. I have had such clear and definite evidence that I would consider myself insane if I did not accept it and a moral coward if I did not proclaim it.

"My wife and I realized early in wartime that the world urgently needed this message and that the only way to break through the mixture of levity and stupidity, with which people had met the nearer approach of the spirit world, was to speak face to face with audiences and give them our own personal experiences.

"We determined to devote the rest of our lives to that object and I needn't say we take no money for so doing, all profits being handed over to the cause.

"I have spoken to more than 200,000 people in Great Britain and have every reason to believe that I have convinced many materialists of the continuity of life and brought consolation to a great number of stricken people who felt they had lost their dear ones forever."

SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE, WHO CLAIMS TO HAVE HELD ACTUAL COMMUNICATION WITH 23 PERSONS WHO HAVE PASSED ON, AMONG THESE HIS MOTHER.

FOUR ARE KILLED BY CLOUDBURST

Burlington, Kas., March 24.—Four persons were killed, and property damage estimated at $750,000 done at Burlington last night by a cloudburst which flooded Rock Creek and sent it swooping down upon the city without warning.

Ten inches of water fell last night between 5 o'clock and midnight, sending through the streets in the business section streams which at the crest ran ten to twelve feet deep. For several blocks storefronts caved in and about 25 homes were swept away.

Much damage was done also to stock and crops in this district. Streets here were piled high with debris.

Although several other towns near here reported heavy rains, none is believed to have suffered much damage. Burlington is the seat of Coffey County, and has a population of about 3,000.

BANK DEPOSITS OFF IN FEBRUARY

Ottawa, March 24.—Canadian Press.—A slight decrease in both current loans in Canada and savings deposits during February, is shown in the bank statement issued by the finance department today. Deposits outside Canada increased from $254,777,696 at the end of January to $267,435,578 on Feb. 28. Current loans outside Canada rose from $148,733,747 on Jan. 31 to $155,706,861 at the end of February. There was an increase in the total of call loans outside Canada from $157,913,228 to $172,530,600. The note circulation, which stood at $162,645,115 on Jan. 31, increased to $164,490,301 by the end of February.

TREAT INDIGENT SICK IN HOMES

New System Will Save City $20,000, It Is Estimated.

BLAMES MEDICAL MEN

Mayor Claims Patients Sent to $3 Rooms in Unnecessary Numbers.

A revolution of the system of taking care of the poor and sick of the city is under way. Instead of sending them to occupy $3 a day rooms at the hospitol, an effort will be made to treat them at their homes.

In 1921 free patients spent 23,650 days in the hospital, occupying rooms, the charge for which is $3 daily. In the same period patients occupied semi-private rooms for 22,000 days at a cost of $1.50 a day.

To cut down this heavy toll on the ratepayers, it is proposed to have all such cases reported to the medical health officer. If it is possible, these patients will be treated at home instead of being sent to the hospital.

Mayor Wilson stated that the medical men of the city were in the main responsible for the present situation.

Poor patients called them. Perhaps they lived a long way out. There was no money in it for the doctors to treat them. It would save the doctors much time and traveling to have them in the hospital, and so they ordered them to the hospital.

When the new system is put into effect the doctors instead of ordering these patients to the hospital, will report them to Dr. Downham, the M. O. H. This city official will then find time to visit these people in their homes and will, if possible, treat them there instead of sending them to the costly and palatial hospital.

The mayor says the new scheme will save the city close to $20,000 a year. It may mean that Dr. Downham will have to be given an assistant, but at that there would be a large saving.

CHILDREN COACHED PARENTS.

London, March 24.—(Canadian Press Cable).—A statement issued by the registrar-general on the recent census shows that the working class schedule was better prepared than that of the middle class. This is attributed to propaganda in the schools, which enabled the school children to advise their parents as to how to fill up the forms.

NEED ONLY SIX MORE TEACHERS

Inspector Greer Estimates Demand by Adolescent "Part Time" Classes.

WOULD SOLVE CONFUSION

Patriotic Attitude by Industrial Firms Urged by Educational Authorities.

That six classrooms with six additional teachers will suffice to handle adequately the "part time" classes for adolescents which the department of education, Toronto, declares must be inaugurated next September, was the announcement Friday morning by V. K. Greer, senior school inspector, after a careful survey of the situation.

"Although the report has gone abroad," explained the inspector, "that we would need at least fifteen teachers, we have given the matter consideration and believe that six teachers will be ample."

"While Major Cowel, the provincial attendance officer, has estimated that London will require two attendance officers and a competent stenographer, this does not necessarily mean that it will actually be an added expense to the city, since the efficiency in school attendance effected by these officers will result in a vast saving in the other departments of the board's expenditures."

"There are two chief reasons why the adolescent attendance act should be enforced. First, the apprenticeship system has broken down within the past few years, and for that reason the danger of a child drifting into a line of work that he or she is not prepared for is greatly enhanced."

"These 'part time' classes will enable adolescents, those between the ages of 14 and 16 years, who have not attained a matriculation standard, to make a fair living, incidentally receiving such education as will enable them to get into the right groove later on should they find their present occupation unsuited to them."

Questioned as to the possible confusion as to the hours of labor and school, as the department absolutely refuses to recognize night tuition in the same schools, the inspector held that the industrial concerns should be willing to adopt a certain patriotic attitude and co-operate with the

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COSTS $11 HEAD FOR PRIVILEGE OF BEING SICK

Dr. Hill Tells Kiwanians London's Illness Prevention Bill Is $1,800,000.

CONTRASTS IT WITH WAR

Latter Is Harmless Pastime When Compared With Ravages of Disease.

"We are paying $11 a head in London for the privilege of being sick every year," was the startling message of Dr. H. W. Hill, of the Institute of Public Health, to the Kiwanis Club at their weekly luncheon Friday.

Speaking on public health, Dr. Hill said that in the old days when the matter of public health was referred to, people thought that it only meant to clean up the backyard or to clean off the streets, and the question had been solved, but today it had been proved that public health had to do with the health of every individual in the country, and that the cause of the disease was not outside a person but inside.

"It costs the city of London in money alone $1,800,000 every year in sickness, and we still have the sickness. If we could pay the money and not be sick it would not be so bad.

"The British Empire lost through the war 765,000 men, and Canada lost more than that number in disease alone for the some period. Compared with preventable disease war is a harmless pastime.

The only way to stamp out any disease is to get hold of all the people that are suffering from it and prevent them from coming into contact with others, and that is why I recommend that a regular annual medical inspection be given every person.

Medical men know that in nearly every case of cancer they have to deal with that they are not consulted until a year too late, and the same thing applies to tuberculosis and other diseases.

Through humane intervention since 1909 typhus has been reduced by 78 per cent, and in Ontario to 90 per cent, there is only 10 per cent typhus now as compared with 13 years ao.

Since 1918 infant mortality in London has been reduced from 116 in ever thousand to only 80, and when the pasteurization plant is put into operation, as I believe it is going to be next fall, another big cut will be made.

Of all the men examined for the army during the war, 30 per cent were rejected, but that was not all who should have been turned down, but we could not turn them all down as physically unfit because in reality 75 per cent were unfit, and the same is true of other countries.

"Canada is just getting down to work on the school question and the medical inspection of the pupils. 15 years ago Mexico had a more up-to-date medical inspection for the schools than we have anywhere in Canada."

Most of the sickness that is prevelant today could be prevented of the proper measures were adopted.

D. George Clarke outlined the work of the various clubs who are interested in the work among boys for the Boys Week that is to held during the week of April 17. A committee was appointed to attend to the details for the London Kiwanis Club.

The doctors of the club were the boosters for the day and provided the speaker and the entertainment.

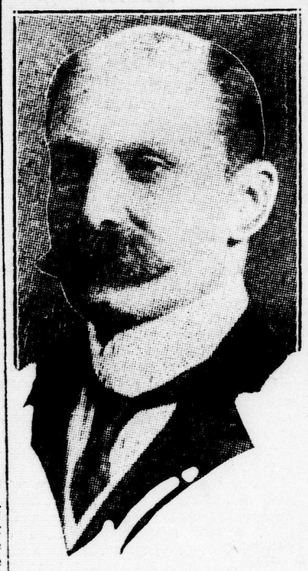
WILL INQUIRE INTO SUBMARINE LOSS

London, England, March 23.—In the House of Commons tonight, a dispatch from Gibraltar was read announcing that a court of inquiry had been ordered to meet on Friday to examine into the sinking of the submarine H-42 in the Mediterranean.

Details of the disaster show that the submarine came to the surface 30 or 40 yards ahead of the destroyer Versatile, which, steaming at 20 knots, rammed the submarine at right angles in the region of the conning tower.

The government has received a list of the H-42's crew, but is withholding publication until the relatives are notified.

Faces New Charge



SIR MONTAGU ALLEN.

MONTREAL, March 24.—Summonses issued by Judge Cusson here today charge Sir Montagu Allen, former president of the Merchants Bank, with "falsely and negligently concurring" in the preparation of the October financial statement of the defunct bank.

THREE SLAIN IN IRISH ATROCITY

Raiders Riddle Bodies of Four With Bullets in Belfast At Early Hour.

ACT IS IN REPRISAL

Bloodshed Occurs On Tyrone Border Following Recent Terrorism.

Belfast, March 24.—Three murders were reported today from the Fermanagh-Tyrone border. The victims were Frank Kelly, Edward McLoughlin, and William Cassidy. All were found shot to death. It is believed the murders were in reprisal for the recent terrorism at Trillick, County Tyrone, in which Samuel Laird, an Ulster special constable, was shot and killed, and two Unionist houses were burned.

Joseph Campbell, a Belfast city official, was shot and killed by a sniper in New Lodge Road this afternoon.

A six-hour running fight occurred between Ulster special constables and Sinn Feiners in the vicinity of Carrickmore, County Tyrone, yesterday.

The fighting started when 50 of the police in two motor lorries, were ambushed outside the town. The ambushing party was concealed behind a gorse bank on the roadside and opened fire at a distance of 1,000 yards.

Repulsed Attack.

The police immediately jumped out of their cars and engaged the attacking band, which retreated across the hills, leaving a small party to halt the pursuit which continued for several hours, nevertheless, with frequent exchanges of shots.

At least five Sinn Feiners are believed to have been hit. One, with a bullet in his leg, was found under a bed in a house which was raided during the chase. Bullets pierced the capes of several of the specials, but none of them was wounded.

A quantity of equipment dropped by the ambushing party was captured.

A band of men forced their way into the home of Owen MacMahon, a Belfast saloon-keeper, early this morning and shot several members of the family. News of the raid has profoundly stirred the entire city.

MacMahon and three of his sons were killed outright, another son died of his wounds, and two others are near death. The crime is thought to have been in reprisal for the shooting of a number of special constables in May street yesterday.

Riddled With Bullets.

At about 1:20 o'clock this morning the raiders, who are reported to have worn uniforms, smashed the door of the MacMahon home in the north end of the city and rushed upstairs, where the occupants of the house were sleeping. The male members of

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SIR H. MONTAGU ALLAN SERVED WITH SUMMONS

D. C. Macarow, Former General Manager, Also Subpoenaed To Appear.

FACE DIFFERENT CHARGES

One Is "Concurring" In and Other "Making" Deceptive Returns.

Montreal, March 24.—After consultation between representatives of the federal departments of finance and justice, Judge Victor Cusson, district magistrate, this morning issued summonses to Sir Hugh Montagu Allan, president of the defunct Merchants Bank, and D. C. Macarow, general manager of that institution, to appear in the police court to answer charges in connection with the October report, made under the bank act, on behalf of the Merchants Bank.

Both Sir Montagu and Mr. Macarow appeared with their lawyers before Judge Cusson in the course of the day. N. K. Laflamme, K. C., M. P., is acting for Mr. Macarow, and Aime Geoffrion, K. C., for Sir Montagu Allan. Mr. Macarow's case was set for March 31, and Sir Montagu Allan's for March 29. C. A. Wilson, K. C., is acting for the government departments.

The charge against Sir Hugh Montagu Allan is for having "falsely and negligently concurred in the preparation of the October financial statement made by the Merchants Bank to the department of finance," which did not show that the bank's reserve fund was impaired.

The charge against Mr. Macarow is for having "falsely and wilfully made a deceptive return to the federal government on the bank's standing."

The Merchants Bank was compelled to accept an offer from the Bank of Montreal to sell out when it was found that owing to enormous bad debts incurred in loans made to the brokerage houses of Thornton, Davidson & Company, and Fairbanks, Gosselin & Company, and a number of commercial concerns, its reserve of $8,000,000 had been seriously impaired.

The sale was ratified by the shareholders of both the Merchants and the Bank of Montreal and also by the minister of finance.

The complaint against Sir H. Montagu Allan reads: I am credibly informed, have reason to believe, and do verily believe, that Sir H. Montagu Allan, of the city of Montreal, district of Montreal, being then and as such president of the Merchants Bank of Canada, a chartered bank having its head office in the city of Montreal, said district, contravention of the provisions of section 153 of the bank act and other provisions, negligently prepared, signed, approved and concurred in a monthly account, statement, return, document and report for the month of October, 1921, respecting the affairs of said bank containing false and deceptive statements relating to current loans and overdue debts, and as to the asset, financial position, condition and affairs of the said Merchants Bank, the said return made and sent by the said Sir Montagu H. Allan as such president aforesaid to the minister of finance and receiver-gen-

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Arranges Strike!

JOHN L. LEWIS.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 24.—The general policy committee of the United Mine Workers of America met here today to complete arrangements for putting into effect what International President John L. Lewis declared will be "the greatest strike in history."

The meeting was held behind closed doors, but it was understood steps would be taken to finance and conduct the strike from the time it starts April 1.

DEAD SCIENTIST "ATTENDS" ANNIVERSARY BANQUET IN SPIRIT

LOS ANGELES, March 24.—Dr. James Martin Peebles, physician and scientist, who died in Los Angeles on Feb. 15 last, was present in spirit last night at a banquet to celebrate the 100th anniversary of his birth, it was announced to 300 men and women who assembled to honor Dr. Peebles' memory, by Dr. Guy Bogart, head of the Longer Life League, who arranged the gathering.

Standing beside a chair left empty in a row otherwise occupied by speakers of the evening, Dr. Bogart announced the arrival "from beyond" of the departed scientist.

"He is with us, sitting in this chair," Dr. Bogart said. "Some of you who are clairvoyants may be able to see him. He has been under the care of nurses and teachers since he left us in the flesh, and is not yet able to communicate with all of us."

Later, Dr. Bogart read a message, he stated, he had received from Dr. Peebles since the latter's death, through the late Herman Kuehn, publisher of Chicago. He explained that because of Dr. Peebles' short life "beyond" he was unable to communicate directly.

"A word to Guy and the Longer Life League friends," the message said. "I knew in my innermost vision that I would celebrate my centennial beyond the gates—but that I would be with the Longer Life League 'in the spirit' as well. It made little difference to me on which side of the gate I made the celebration. Guy recalls that I told him a couple of years ago that I was anxious to explore the moon and go journeying among the stars. Well, I am getting my wishes gratified. And the old rheumatism is a thing of the past.

"In the service of love you will find excuse for living. It will make your life full and overflowing. Watch the physical side—the diet and exercises—to lengthen the years.

"It is a crime to die under a hundred years.

"This one word more; I am glad to add my testimony to the fact that there is no death."

Dr. Peebles before his death told friends he intended to attempt to communicate to them, as he had been deeply interested in various forms of psychic research.

A memorial service for Dr. Peebles was held last night at a Los Angeles auditorium. During the day his ashes were scattered, according to a request in his will, over a rose garden, the location of which was kept a secret.