

A. J. SMALL, MISSING THEATRE MAGNATE REPORTED FOUND

TWELVE HUNDRED SMALL LONDONERS ENTRAIN FOR PLAYGROUND PICNIC AT PORT

Generosity of Philip Pocock Is Duplicated by Another Citizen, But Too Late To Be Effective—East-Enders Win Closely Contested Ball Game Against West-Enders—Two Special Five-Coach L. and P. S. Trains Used.

Rivalling the annual school picnic for merriment and general noisiness, a picnic of the children who frequent the eight city playgrounds is being held at Port Stanley today. At 10 o'clock this morning two special trains of five cars each loaded to the brim with 1,200 shouting boys and girls, and not a few parents and several officials, left the Richmond street station for the lakeside.

The children were the guests of Philip Pocock, who supplied them with free transportation. It was first planned that 1,000 kiddies would be given an outing, but so keenly did the little patrons of the playgrounds enter into the spirit of the occasion it was found that far more than that number were gathered at the station when the trains pulled in.

The children were so filled with excitement that it was only with the greatest difficulty that Prof. M. L. Brock and his staff of sixteen helpers kept them in a semblance of order. Separate cars were allotted to each playground, but with the crowd of youngsters resembling a small melee when the cars were first sighted, it was a prolonged and an impossible task to separate the different factions. Despite the general excitement and confusion, however, no one was injured.

Public Health Nurse Reviews History and Work of Soldiers' Aid

As part of the assigned study set by the faculty of public health in connection with the recent post-graduate course for nurses and doctors at the Institute of Public Health, the students were each asked to prepare a thesis on some local public institution. This formed a feature of the course in "Social Hygiene," the lectures on which were given by Col. W. J. Brown.

All the papers were of special interest and were judged on the information which the student had collected rather than on the literary merit. Among the public institutions selected for a basis of these theses was the local soldiers' aid commission, and the paper prepared by Miss Waugh provides such an excellent general review of the history and work done that it is given in full here.

(Thesis Written by Miss Florence Waugh, Student 1920-21, Public Health Class, Western University.)

THE SOLDIERS' AID COMMISSION.

In 1915, at a conference of provincial premiers with the Federal Government, it was decided that each province would appoint a commission to co-operate with the Federal Government in the re-establishment of ex-servicemen.

On November 15, 1915, this association engaged Mr. Ed. Lance to take charge of the work among ex-soldiers for London.

The first office of the commission in London was in the club rooms of the S. P. A. over the Majestic Theatre on Dundas street.

The S. P. A. organized a reception for the first party of returned soldiers to reach London from overseas and tendered them a banquet at the Teacup House. This was done for each succeeding party up to the end of 1916, when a change was made, and the men were taken to the hospital, where a luncheon was served.

In July, 1916, the work became too great for the S. P. A., who felt they were unable to do justice to it, and they asked the provincial commission that the branch be properly organized to take care of the ever-increasing demands for assistance.

August 3, 1916.

On August 3, 1916, an organization meeting, called by His Worship Mayor George, took place at the Teacup House, taken over by the Soldiers' Aid Commission from August, 1916.

The officers of the commission were: Chairman, George T. Brown; vice-chairman, J. M. Moore; secretary, Ed. Lance; treasurer, Lieut.-Col. A. A. Kingston.

Administrative Staff—J. Warwick.

PREDICTS CITY WILL BE GOOD HUSTLING PLACE

Harry Fowler, Former London Newspaperman, Addresses Rotary Club.

SEES IMPROVEMENTS New Spirit of Service and Co-operation Very Noticeable To Him.

"I am certainly glad to be back in the old town, where exists such a spirit of good friendship, service and co-operation," declared Harry Fowler, addressing briefly the members of the Rotary Club at their weekly gathering at the luncheon hour at the Teacup House today. The speaker, well-known Londoner, has been visiting in the city for the past few days after two years in Philadelphia and other centres of the western states.

"You have a good old town," continued Mr. Fowler emphatically, "and there exists here a good spirit of friendship that I am glad to be back among you. I fancy that old Londoners wherever they may be scattered (Continued on Page Three.)"

LOCAL G. W. V. A. MARKING TIME ON AMALGAMATION

Wait Further Information From Provincial Headquarters On the Matter.

GENERALLY FAVORABLE

The Local Advocates of Unity Claim It Is Urgent and Essential.

No definite attempt will be made by the local officials and executive of the Great War Veterans to sound the feeling of their members on the question of amalgamation until further advice is received from the provincial secretary at headquarters in Toronto, W. E. Turley. Following that, a general meeting will be called for an open discussion of the issue, when no doubt the feeling of the members will be expressed.

All of the four or five returned soldiers' associations throughout the county recognize the fact that a big percentage of the boys who came back from "over yonder" are without identification with any particular organization, and it is felt that a special drive for membership will bring into the ranks as many as 50 per cent of them.

Unity is Essential.

In a recent official statement the provincial committee in Toronto, which is endeavoring to further the amalgamation project explains that the report spread broadcast that they are attempting merely to form a political party is highly erroneous and calculated, they say, by their opponents to defeat unity of all the returned men irrespective of whether they belong to an organization or not.

That they desire to become a "political power" and not a "party" is their insistent contention. That such unity should proceed as speedily as possible, they point out further, is desirable in the possibility of a general election in the near future, when that power can best be used to advantage. "It is pure and simple a case of now or never," explains a defendant of the amalgamation scheme. "If our opponents, and there are several at headquarters, delay the move until a few months hence we may as well give up the project."

An unofficial casual survey of the local rank and file appears more than favorable toward unity.

RANEY DECLARES RUM - RUNNERS' HARVEST WILL SOON FINISH

Department Will Take Immediate Action To Stop Traffic at Border.

Test Case May Be Tried To Establish Exact Interpretation of Act.

Toronto, Aug. 15.—That the 9 per cent beer runners on the Essex border are to have a short season in which to reap their harvest of American dollars is the firm intention of Hon. W. E. Raney, attorney-general for the province of Ontario.

Mr. Raney is confident that the law as it stood conferred upon his department all the authority needed to cope with the international beer and liquor traffic, despite the recent ruling of Magistrate Gundy at Windsor.

The attorney-general stated that steps were to be taken immediately to stop the traffic on the Detroit River. He admitted that this action would involve the co-operation of the law enforcement officers, but he would not state whether a test case would first have to be introduced into the courts to re-establish the authority of the license inspectors and special constables in this matter.

OFFICERS HAVE POWER

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PRELIMINARY REPORT ON TOWN PLANNING IS MADE BY EXPERT

Thomas Adams Will Not Return to City Till the Spring.

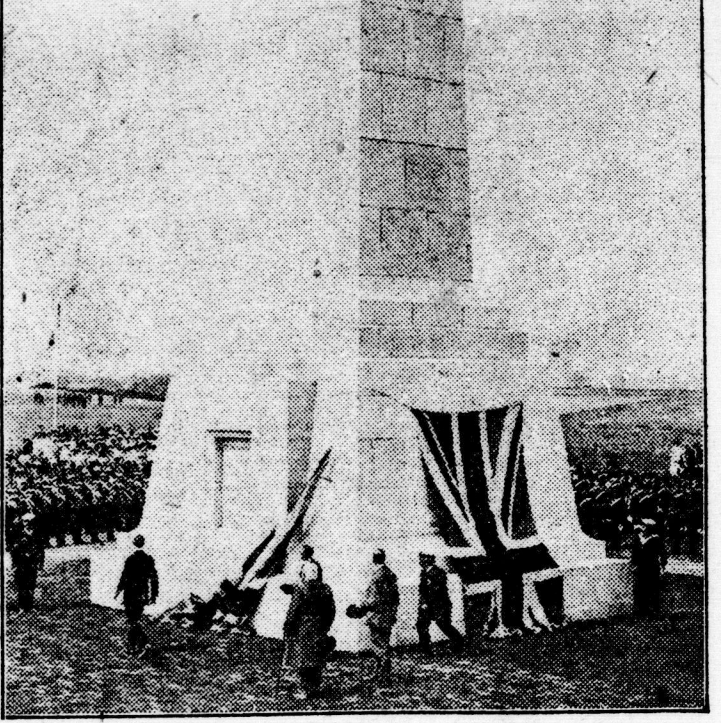
Following a conference with City Engineer Brazier Saturday, Thomas Adams, town planner, who was summoned to this city by the town planning commission, returned to Ottawa, and it is not expected that he will again visit London until the spring of 1922. A preliminary report for this city will be submitted to the commission by him this week.

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"We worked out preliminary plans Saturday," City Engineer Brazier informed the commission this morning, "for the information of the commission. Mr. Adams will work in conjunction with us, and will submit a preliminary report this week. This report covers the whole city, including parks, grades, railways, highways, and assessment values."

"That will be all the town planning that we will do this year, and this report will deal with all the existing features of London. With these completed we can go ahead. Town Planner Adams will not come back here until early next spring."

TO THE DOVER PATROL



The Prince of Wales unveiled this beautiful memorial to commemorate the gallant deeds of the Dover Patrol.

PEOPLE OF IRELAND PIN LAST HOPES ON THE DAIL EIREANN TO AVERT WAR

Informal Meeting of the Irish Republican Parliament Is Held Today—Utmost Efforts Are Being Put Forth To Prevent Break in Negotiations—Military Element in Ireland Not Optimistic of Settlement and Look for Early End to Truce.

Dublin, Aug. 15.—The people of Ireland, who have enjoyed a month of peace, found it had today to believe that negotiations between Eamon De Valera and Premier Lloyd George were at the breaking point. They were placing their hopes in the Irish Republican Parliament, which will meet tomorrow to consider the whole correspondence and frame a reply to the prime minister's latest letter.

Suggestion has been made that the Dail Eireann may propose submission of the question to a plebiscite, but this proposal may not come from the Irish Republic, which would prolong the truce as long as possible.

EARLY END TO TRUCE EXPECTED BY MILITARY

Dublin, Aug. 15.—An informal meeting of the Irish Republican Parliament was the chief manifestation today of the activity observable in both Sinn Fein and Dublin Castle quarters as the result of the new turn in the Irish negotiations following the disclosure in the correspondence between Mr. Lloyd George and Eamon De Valera.

The meeting was held at the Menagh House at noon to give the members, many of whom had never met, an opportunity to become acquainted and exchange notes prior to the summoned meeting to be held tomorrow to consider the whole question of the negotiations.

Some of the members of the Dail Eireann have been in prison, others have been fighting with the army of the Irish Republic, and still others were making their first appearance in Dublin since their release from prison or internment camps. They were in all sorts of attire, but all bore the same marks of earnestness on their faces, and showed eagerness to glean any information regarding the negotiations which had not been made public, while discussing among themselves with the greatest interest the letters of the British premier and their own leader.

Four-Day Session.

Sir John Anderson, under secretary for Ireland, on whose shoulders rest the greatest responsibility for the civil administration in Ireland, and who, therefore, had much to do with the initiation of the negotiations, hurriedly returned today from Scotland, where he had been on a holiday to use his influence against a definite break in the parleying. He immediately went into conference with General Sir Nevill MacCreedy, commander of the forces in Ireland, and other officials, in an apparent effort to imbue them with his optimism—for he is represented as still believing that there is a probability of an end to the agreement to give 48 hours' notice of the ending of the truce might commit acts that would jeopardize the continuance of the negotiations.

The military element, on the other hand, is not so optimistic as it is credited with feeling, that the truce is nearing an end. This fear on the part of the soldiers is considered a great danger, one official saying that a soldier with a gun who fears his opponent will not adhere to the agreement to give 48 hours' notice of the ending of the truce might commit acts that would jeopardize the continuance of the negotiations.

The optimists in the Dublin Castle body base their hopes on several factors. The first is that a four-days' session of the Republican Parliament has been arranged for if the Republican cabinet had decided to recommend immediate rejection of the terms, they argue, one day would have been sufficient, whereas if persuasion and delay were necessary, some days would be required.

LLOYD GEORGE'S OFFER REGARDED BY PRESS AS A GENEROUS ONE

London, Aug. 15.—Reports from Dublin which might indicate what the Irish cabinet had decided to recommend were necessary, some days would be required.

MICHIGAN POLICE TO INCREASE ACTIVITIES TO KEEP OUT LIQUOR

Plans Under Way To Patrol River Front For Miles.

MOTOR CARS SEARCHED

Speed Boats Being Watched by the American Authorities.

FORTY-FIVE JAPANESE SEAMEN DROWNED IN WRECK OF FREIGHT SHIP

Kobe, Japan, Aug. 15.—Forty-five seamen are believed to have been drowned following the wreck of the freight steamer Shosha Maru, which was disabled by a typhoon and battered to pieces on the rocks of the Loochoo Islands. Only one of the ship's personnel is known to have survived.

FIVE LOSE LIVES WHEN ITALIAN RIVER OVERFLOWS

Rome, Aug. 15.—Five persons lost their lives, and a few houses were destroyed, when the Isarco River, a mountain stream emptying into the Adige, overflowed its banks last week.

FREIGHT TRAIN PASSED OVER MAN'S BODY

Robert W. Eairth, C. P. R. Brakeman, Instantly Killed At Hyde Park.

ACCIDENT IS UNSEEN

Train Was Taking Switch At 11:25 For Passenger To Pass.

Robert W. Eairth, 42 years of age, residing at 865 Queen's avenue, this city, and for twelve years employed by the C. P. R. as a brakeman, was instantly killed at 11:25 o'clock this morning at Hyde Park, when C. P. R. train No. 74, composed of 48 freight cars upon which he was working, passed over his body. It is believed that Mr. Eairth slipped beneath the train while attempting to board a car while the train was moving slowly.

There were no eyewitnesses to the accident as far as is known. The body of the dead man was discovered by Conductor D. Fleming of this city, who was in charge of the train, and who at the time was riding on the van.

According to a message received at the local divisional headquarters, the freight train, eastbound, was under orders to pull into the passing-track at Hyde Park to give westbound passenger train No. 21 the right-of-way. Brakeman Eairth was riding the front end of the train, and so got off to turn the switch, which would allow the freight to back into the siding.

It is believed that after he had turned the switch, he attempted to board the train while it was slowly passing and that in some manner he missed his footing, and fell beneath the wheel. After the train had passed Mr. Fleming discovered the body completely severed.

Mr. Eairth was unmarried. For some time he has been boarding at the home of Mrs. M. Cockburn. As far as it could be ascertained by the officials of the C. P. R., he was a native of Scotland.

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ART TREASURES FROM OTTAWA, DETROIT AT FAIR

National Art Galleries Loan Ten Pictures—Detroit I. of A. Sends Three.

Especially fine pictures are being secured for the art exhibition at the Western Fair this year. Matters pertaining to the securing of the extra features are under negotiations with the Detroit Institute of Arts and in a letter received by the secretary of the fair board, they have promised to loan three of their most valuable pieces of work.

W. H. Abbott, director of art exhibits, is corresponding with C. H. Burroughs of the Institute of Arts, Detroit, as to the three selections to be made.

Secretary Hunt has also written to the National Art Galleries at Ottawa, who have always been good in rendering assistance in anything regarding art, and in a letter received from Eric Brown, director of the Art Gallery, ten valuable pictures, the titles of which appear below, have been offered for showing purposes:

"On the Beach," by M. Alberta Cleland.

"Danville Roses," by Frederick S. Coburn.

"Marigolds Cove, Late Evening," by Leon Dabo.

"Maison de Cavalier de la Salle," by Georges Delfosse.

"The Way," by Parquhar McGilivray Knowles, R. C. A.

"The Shining River," by James E. H. Mad.

"Solitude," by Fanny G. Plimmsell.

"Study in Rose and Green," by Mary H. Reid, A. R. C. A.

"The Little Bridge," by Mary E. Waugh, A. R. C. A.

"A Meeting of School Trustees," by Robert Harris, C. M. G. R. C. A.

Two pictures by Paul Peet, a former Londoner, will also be on view.

LORD BYNG PAYS VISIT TO OFFICE

Governor-General Ready To Assume His Official Duties.

Ottawa, Aug. 15.—His Excellency the Governor-General, accompanied by Capt. O. H. C. Balfour, secretary, and Arthur F. Sladen, private secretary, paid his first official visit to his office in the east block of the Parliament Buildings this morning. The prime minister called upon him at noon.

JAPAN RECEIVES INVITATION TO U.S. CONFERENCE

Formal Message Is Sent From U. S. Government to Tokio Officials.

Tokio, Aug. 15.—Formal invitation to Japan to send representatives to the conference on disarmament and far eastern questions, to be held in Washington late this autumn, has been received from the United States capital.

B. C. HARVEST IN FULL SWING.

Vernon, B. C., Aug. 15.—The harvest of the Okanagan Valley is moving out rapidly, most of it destined to prairie points. Peaches, apricots, plums and early apples comprise the shipments. Vegetables are a good crop.

LONDON'S BIG BARGAIN DAY ON THURSDAY

Much has been heard recently of the optimistic outlook which the merchants of London have as to the conditions of business and the welfare of the city generally, and it is with this thought and spirit uppermost that the leading retail merchants have set about the making of the preparations for the holding of the 1921 Fall Dollar Day sale.

Recognizing the enterprise and optimistic spirit of the London merchants, the manufacturers and wholesalers have heartily co-operated in the idea of giving to the people of London and district an opportunity to purchase goods at real bargain prices, in many cases at and even below the original cost of production.

In addition to the bargains made available by this fact the local merchants are slashing the prices on goods in stock so that Thursday, August 18, 1921, will long be remembered as a red letter day by the patrons of their stores.

There has been the same old previous similar occasions to provide some additional attractions, but for this occasion the merchants' committee in charge of the organization of the Dollar Day program has decided to cut out this feature and to give the citizens the advantage of the elimination of this expense in better bargains than has been possible to offer before.

BYNG THANKS CITIZENS FOR THEIR MESSAGE

Regrets He Cannot Attend the Western Fair, But Will Come Later.

A second telegram from Governor-General Lord Byng in response to a wire sent him on Saturday by Mayor E. S. Little on behalf of the citizens of London, asking him to attend the exhibition on Tuesday, September 13, was received by the mayor this morning.

"Many thanks for kind message. I most heartily appreciate it. Please convey my grateful thanks to your citizens for same."

In the telegram received on Sunday night the governor-general sent his regrets, and stated that he would be unable to attend the exhibition, but looking forward to a visit to London very soon, when he would renew old acquaintances with his comrades of the great war.

The mayor's wire was as follows: "London, Ont., August 12, 1921. "His Excellency Lord Byng, "Ottawa, Ont.

"Citizens of London, Ont., extend most hearty welcome and good wishes to your Excellency, and wish to assure you of their loyal support.

"On behalf of the council of the corporation and the Western Fair Association, we would respectfully request that if you can find it at all possible you visit London and open our exhibition on Tuesday, September 13, and thus give our people of London and Western Ontario the opportunity of making, and the veterans of the great war of renewing your acquaintance."

"W. M. GARTSHORE, President. Will Come to London."

On Saturday evening a telegram was sent to Lord Byng, signed by Mayor Little on behalf of the city of London, and Col. W. M. Gartshore, on behalf of the Western Fair board, asking his excellency to attend the Western Fair on Tuesday, September 13.

Last night the following reply was received: "Very many thanks for your kind message and invitation. Regret that it will be impossible for me to attend your exhibition on Tuesday, September 13, but am looking forward to visiting London as soon as I can and renewing acquaintance with my comrades of the great war."

BYNG.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following are the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 72; lowest, 50.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 68; lowest, 47.

BAROMETRIC STANDING.

Saturday—8 a.m., 29.35; 6 p.m., 29.21. Sunday—8 a.m., 29.31; 6 p.m., 29.36. Today—8 a.m., 29.45.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND WARMER.

Forecast.

Today—Moderate northwest and west winds; light rain; fair and somewhat warmer.

Tuesday—Southerly winds; fair and somewhat warmer.

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

Station	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	58	52	Fair
Calgary	54	48	Fair
Winnipeg	51	42	Fair
Port Arthur	51	48	Fair
Toronto	51	43	Fair
Kitchener	52	42	Fair
Ottawa	55	46	Fair
Montreal	56	42	Fair
Quebec	59	46	Cloudy
St. John	60	46	Cloudy
Halifax	61	50	Fair

An area of moderate intensity is centered this morning over the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and pressure is highest over the Lake Region.

Rain has fallen in most districts of Eastern Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

The weather has been fine and warmer in the West, and is now fine and rather cool in Eastern Canada.

LEGLESS MAN BELIEVED TO BE A. J. SMALL

Mysterious Individual Is Found On a Farm Near Des Moines.

IS UNDER SURVEILLANCE

Injured by Train and Not by Gunshot Wounds, As Reported.

Toronto, Aug. 15.—Police and relatives here of Ambrose J. Small, missing theatre magnate, are not inclined to take seriously the dispatch from Des Moines, Ia., stating that John Brophy, head of the Brophy Detective Agency of Iowa, has found a man believed to be the missing millionaire.

Des Moines, Ia., Aug. 15.—A man of mystery, who, according to Frank Hart, former assistant chief of police, has been under surveillance here for six months as Ambrose Small, missing Toronto theatre owner, may be brought from his place of hiding today, Hartly announced.

Hartly said he was certain that the man is the Toronto millionaire, for whom a world-wide search has been in progress since his disappearance in December, 1919.

Hartly said he had been in communication with Toronto authorities, and that someone would be here from the Canadian city either today or Tuesday to verify the identity of the man. He said Mrs. Small might come to Des Moines.

Hartly refused to discuss the condition of the man he claims to be Small, but John Brophy, former chief of detectives, who, with Marshall Miller, former superintendent of the Iowa State Police, assisted Hartly in his investigation, said that the man is living in an isolated farm house just outside of the city limits, and that he could be reached in an hour or two by automobile.

Brophy substantiated reports that the man is legless, and said he appears to be dazed. Brophy intimated, however, that he was injured by a train, and not by gunshot wounds, as previously reported.

Brophy said the man believed to be Small was brought to Des Moines more than a year ago. He intimated that he was brought here by John Doughty, Small's former secretary, who is serving a term in a Canadian prison for the theft of some of the millionaire's stocks and bonds.

Brophy said the man was fairly well supplied with money and that he was left in the care of a private family, who promised to keep his whereabouts a secret.

Brophy says it is impossible to engage the man in lucid conversation. He says his replies invariably are "Yes" or "No," and frequently meaningless.

KING STREET CLOSED FROM RICHMOND TO TALBOT ST. FOR WEEK

Bricks Are Being Replaced by Asphalt Paving—Rushing Work.

READY BEFORE FAIR

Watchmen Only Employed Where Danger or Damage to Work Require.

Traffic, which has been partially restricted on King street, between Richmond and Talbot streets, during the past few days, while the old bricks were being torn up to pave this thoroughfare, was entirely prohibited today, according to Engineer H. A. Brazier, who has ordered barricades erected for this purpose.

In addition to this block the pavement on Talbot street, from King to Fullerton streets, will also be resurfaced. It is hoped that the King street block will be opened within a week's time.

Following complaints received to the effect that the street is dangerous to vehicular traffic with no watchman on duty, The Advertiser asked the city engineer for an explanation this morning.

He said: "There are barricades on this thoroughfare, and red lights at night, and there is no need for a watchman at present. We always have a watchman on duty where there is danger to the public and of damage to the work, such as sewers where pedestrians may fall in, or hoodlums may break tile, or for sidewalks where damage may result to green cement work."

"Is it right that you are tearing up this busy street in preparation for Fair Week, as is the time-honored custom?" asked the reporter.

"O, that used to be the custom," replied the engineer, "but for the past years has a main street been torn up at that time of the year. This job will be completed before Fair Week. It is regrettable, but we will hurry up the job. As the College St., Adelaide, Market, Sudbury College, Sudbury, St. Boniface College, Manitoba, and Edmonton College, Alberta."

MAKE CHANGES IN STAFF.

Montreal, Aug. 15.—The Jesuit Fathers of Canada have made a large number of changes in the personnel of the educational institutions under their control. Among the staffs affected are those of the College St. Adelaide, Market, Sudbury College, Sudbury, St. Boniface College, Manitoba, and Edmonton College, Alberta.