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Bylaws To Legalize City Council Money Grants Urged

RESCUE CREW CONFIDENT OF SUCCESS

Collins Will Be Reached At Any Hour, Diggers at Cave Claim.

FEW FEET AWAY
Expectation That Imprisoned Man Alive Stimulates Efforts to Reach Him.

Associated Press Despatch.
Cave City, Feb. 14.—Only a few feet of earth today separated the Sand Cave rescue party from the cavern they believe will lead to Floyd Collins, imprisoned in the sand hole for two weeks by a boulder on his foot. The shaft was more than 55 feet down and at 60 feet a diamond drill has indicated a cavern approximately nine feet high, although the depth of the shaft is small, due to accumulation of mud and sand.

Collins is still alive, the members of the rescue party declared last evening. One of the miners on the rescue squad said he heard coughs or groans from Collins some time yesterday morning, though the crevice located in the shaft wall, and two of the miners heard them from the upper side of the cave-in down in Sand Hole.

Ed. Brenner of Cincinnati and Alex. Bailey of Louisville convinced General H. H. Denhardt and others of the military board that they had really heard these sounds from Collins and the court collectively and individually expressed their convictions that Collins is still alive. The last official word of the situation at the bottom of the shaft said that it was 52 feet deep, and three feet more was about to be timbered.

BREATHING SOUNDS HEARD.

Associated Press Despatch.
Cave City, Ky., Feb. 13.—Floyd Collins has survived two weeks imprisonment in a natural trap in Sand Cave.

Brig.-Gen. H. H. Denhardt, in supreme command of the situation at the Sand Cave, announced this afternoon that the military board of inquiry had decided to make a final attempt to reach Collins this afternoon, that they heard the entombed man breathing when they entered the main passage to the cave this morning.

It was the first indication in two days that Collins is alive, and came on top of a discouraging report from those in charge of digging a rescue shaft into the cave, that a natural tunnel found at the 55-foot level of the shaft, which was expected to lead to the early extrication of Collins, was a "blind passage."

Ed. Brenner, a miner of Cincinnati, and A. Blevens, of Louisville, testified that they heard Collins breathing when they went into the natural passage of the cave this morning. Their statements were put into the records.

HEARD COUGHING.

Blevens said he heard Floyd Collins cough twice at 4:30 o'clock this morning. Blevens this afternoon told of going into the main passage to Sand Cave with several other men, and said that while there he heard faint coughing. He called to Collins, he said, but received no answer.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Today—Fair.
Sunday—West to north-west winds; fair, with stationary or low temperature.
Pressure is low from Lake Superior eastward to Newfoundland, and relatively high on the south Atlantic coast and over the Mackenzie valley.

Local snow flurries have occurred in Ontario and Quebec, while in the west the weather has been fair.

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

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	54	36	Clear
Calgary	34	16	Snow
Winnipeg	14	0	Fair
Port Arthur	16	8	Fair
Sault Ste. Marie	20	8	Fair
Toronto	32	16	Clear
Kingston	28	14	Fair
Ottawa	30	14	Fair
Montreal	28	18	Clear
Quebec	22	16	Clear
St. John	35	28	Clear
Halifax	38	28	Clear

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 30; lowest, 19. The official temperature for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 28; lowest, 18.

Barometric Readings.

Rises—8 p.m., 29.16.
Today—8 a.m., 29.16.
Sun rises at 7:20 a.m. and sets at 5:46 p.m.

Britain Delays Building Of New Warships Pending Parley On Disarmament



ARTHUR HILL,
South London college boy representative in the district oratorical contest, who carried off the first award last night.

FRUIT MAN URGES TARIFF BY WEIGHT

Duty Is Now Placed According To Value Of Product.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Feb. 14.—Claiming that the change in the method would eradicate many evils, Walter J. Cooke of Kingston, the new president of the Ontario vegetable growers' association, urged the placing of a tariff on vegetables and fruits on the basis of so much per pound instead of according to value, at the annual meeting of the organization here last night.

The convention agreed that his suggestion was worth while and an appeal will be made to the federal government to institute the change. Mr. Cooke declared that the tariff worked a hardship in the case of partly spoiled produce. According to the present arrangement the importer, who was able to show that the produce was spoiled, was able to get a reduction in the tariff, but if the federal government would refuse to allow rebates in such cases, a big step would be taken in the direction of overcoming the tendency of the American growers to flood the market with inferior goods.

An appeal for adequate tariff protection for the vegetable growers, which would enable them to retain the home market for the sale of home-raised vegetables, was made at the gathering, and a general resolution to this effect was endorsed by the vegetable growers as a body.

TWO ARE DROWNED AS BOAT SUNK BY ICE

Prominent Sportsman and Manager of Timber Co. Perish Off B. C. Coast.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Prince Rupert, B.C., Feb. 13.—Charles A. Hancock, for many years prominent in sport in Vancouver, and H. F. Dunning, manager of the Massett Timber Company at Buckley Bay, Queen Charlotte Island, were drowned last Wednesday when their motor launch, Kathleen, was sunk by ice on Jushkhal Inlet, according to word received here today. The men made desperate efforts to reach shore through the thin ice and then perished.

GOVERNMENT PRINTERS HOLD UP LEGISLATURE

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Feb. 13.—Because of a failure of the government printers to prepare some of the dozen government bills for submission to the house, the legislature will be unable to sit on Monday next.

Premier Ferguson, in discussing the matter afterwards, indicated his intention of making some vigorous inquiries as to the reason for the falldown in the printing arrangements.

COMMERCIAL FAILURES.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Feb. 14.—Forty-three commercial failures were reported in the dominion during the week ended yesterday, compared with 77 for the corresponding week of last year. By provinces they were as follows: Quebec 17, Ontario 9, Manitoba 6, Saskatchewan 4, Alberta 2, Nova Scotia 2, New Brunswick 2, and British Columbia 1.

Program Postponed Pending Call to Next Disarmament Conference.

LOOKING TO U. S.

Winston Churchill Willing To Allow Postponement to Await American Action.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Feb. 14.—Hope by the British government that a new disarmament conference will be called before long, and preferably by the United States, is believed to be causing the cabinet to delay its decision regarding fresh warship construction.

The position outlined in previous despatches, with the treasury resisting an increase of nearly \$50,000,000 in the naval estimates said to have been demanded by the admiralty, has not yet been cleared, although it has been discussed at length by the cabinet.

Winston Churchill, the chancellor of the exchequer, who is credited with opposing the admiralty's demand for an increased building program, is said to be banking on the prospect of another disarmament conference to strengthen his viewpoint, which is considerable knowledge of the British view with regard to a prospective conference, which has already been requested by President Coolidge and the United States senate.

Meanwhile it seems certain that the British naval estimates, which must be framed before March 31, will provide for some shipbuilding, and in consequence will show an increase.

BRACKEN IS UNDECIDED ON REDISTRIBUTION BILL

Manitoba Premier Declares the Question Will Be Taken Up at Later Time.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Winnipeg, Feb. 14.—The long-drawn-out wordy warfare waged on the constitutional point raised by opposition members relative to the government's procedure in connection with the estimates for the current eight-month period ending April 30, ended in the Manitoba legislature yesterday. Premier Bracken announced the house would be permitted to deal with all estimates, and this meeting with the approval of the opposition members the constitutional crisis was passed.

J. T. Haig, Conservative, Winnipeg, during the session, asked whether the government intended to introduce a redistribution bill before a general election took place and whether the government contemplated a general election during the coming summer.

Premier Bracken stated no decision yet had been made, but was non-committal on the election subject.

HANDICAPPED NURMI BEATEN IN SYRACUSE

Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 13.—Paavo Nurmi was beaten for the second time in his invasion of the United States tonight when he trailed Al Gottlieb, Syracuse university star, to the tape by ten yards in a handicap mile race in which Gottlieb started with a 65-yard allowance. Despite his defeat, Nurmi was credited with lowering the track record for the Syracuse University gymnasium.

Bonds As An Investment

The first of six weekly articles by London bond brokers appears today on the financial page.

Today's article is "Bonds as an Investment" by W. T. Bartlett, of Wood, Gundy & Co.

Next Saturday's article will deal with "Government Bonds, Municipal Bonds, and Provincial and Municipal Bonds," by H. I. Smith of the Dominion Securities Corporation, Limited.

CHALLENGE TO CRITICS STILL HOLDS

Sir Adam Beck's Denial of Experts' Charges Brings No Response.

DR. WYER SILENT

Smithsonian Institute Officials Maintain Question Open to Different Interpretations.

Special to The Advertiser.
Washington, D. C., Feb. 14.—Sir Adam Beck's vigorous analysis of the recent statement issued by the Smithsonian institute here criticizing as "economically unsound" the hydro-electric power commission will probably go unanswered.

Efforts thus far to obtain from either Dr. Charles D. Walcott, secretary of the institution, or Dr. Samuel S. Weyer, who is author of the pamphlet, any response to Sir Adam's denial of the conclusions reached by the American investigator, have been unsuccessful.

Dr. Walcott also indicated a desire to treat the matter as a closed incident. Mr. Weyer has made his statement, and Sir Adam Beck has made his answer. The Smithsonian official pointed out significantly.

Asked if Sir Adam's statement that Mr. Weyer made flagrant errors in his recital of the Ontario system did not require a response, Dr. Walcott said that it was possible for two persons to take different interpretations of a given subject.

The suggestion was made to Dr. Walcott that perhaps Canada would take the matter through diplomatic channels, and ask that the Weyer report, in as far as it is declared to be erroneous by Sir Adam Beck, be repudiated. No response was forthcoming to this suggestion, but it is known here that if this course is pursued by the Ontario officials, a reply from the U. S. government would undoubtedly be made.



RUTH LAWTON,
girl speaker from the South London college, who last night carried off the oratorical honors in the W. O. S. S. A. district contest.

SPURIOUS AMERICAN BILL REPORTED IN CIRCULATION

A bogus American five-dollar bill in circulation has just come to the notice of the American consul here. Notification of this spurious bill received from Washington shows that it is a bill of the 1899 series, the check letter is B, the plate number 4, and it bears the names of Frank White, treasurer of the United States, and H. V. Spielman, registrar of the treasury. The letter dealing with this bill says that it has the appearance of a "washed or bleached bill, and that the numeral 5, which is in the form of the Roman V, has the appearance of being hand-worked."

WORKMAN SERIOUSLY HURT BY FALL INTO SHIPHOLD

Canadian Press Despatch.
Prescott, Feb. 14.—Falling headlong into the hold of the Hall company's steel steamer, Adrian Izlan, upon which he was working at the St. Lawrence marine railway yesterday, Merrill L. Derick, shipwright, escaped with a broken arm when he landed sixty feet below on the steel cargo floor. An X-ray examination disclosed the right forearm broken in two places and the bone splintered. Two other men were instantly killed when they fell under similar circumstances in recent years.

Gruelling Fails To Alter Story

Associated Press Despatch.

Los Angeles, Feb. 14.—The direct testimony of Herbert Wilson, former minister, confessed mail robber and convicted murderer, offered in the government's behalf against three former "pals" in mail truck raids, stood unshaken under the fire of cross-examination in federal court here yesterday.

Defense attorneys failed to puncture the story he had told involving the defendants—one a brother—in mail truck plundering here and in Cincinnati, Ohio, and "smaller jobs" of from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

THREE ARE DEAD IN EAST FLOODS

New England Sees Many Hardships as Ice Jams in Rivers.

Associated Press Despatch.

Boston, Feb. 14.—Three deaths, injuries to four men by gas explosion at Montpelier, Vt., caused by the carrying away of a cellar wall, the destruction of bridges and dams and the destruction of rail telephone, telegraph and highway communication in various sections, were listed this morning among the results of the floods and ice jams that have occurred throughout New England during the last few days.

Carl H. Hooper, a lumberman, was drowned while trying to prevent logs from being carried away by the high water at Didsford, Maine, and Alden Loring, 9 years old, was drowned in a brook which flooded at Stondon, Mass. The total property damage could not be estimated.

A drop in temperature checked the floods in Northern Vermont, and New Hampshire yesterday, but Central and Southern New Hampshire and Vermont were badly hit last night.

New Hampshire, Vermont, and Massachusetts roads were blocked by huge cakes of ice deposited by the floods and the traffic on the Bristol division of the Boston and Maine railroad was at a standstill.

TROTSKY LOSES CARD.

Moscow, Feb. 14.—Leon Trotsky, who was recently removed from the post of war minister, has been rejected by the Soviet government as a candidate for labor and defense, it is officially announced.

He will be succeeded in the council by M. W. Frunze, the new war minister.

Successions To Be Freed Of Double Taxation Load

Ontario and Quebec Co-operate in Relieving Unreasonable Legislation.

BILL PLANNED

Canadian Press Despatch.
Quebec, Feb. 13.—Relief appears to be in sight for those in the province of Ontario or Quebec called on to pay double taxation on successions. Following upon several conversations held between the ministers of the two provinces, some in Toronto and others in Montreal, the decision has been arrived at whereby the double taxation will be done away with.

As successions have been subject to Quebec taxes since 1912, it occurs quite often that when a citizen of Ontario dies and leaves property in Quebec as well as in Ontario, the executor of the estate is called upon to pay duties on the property both in Ontario and Quebec, and the province of Quebec charges succession duties on that part of the property held in the province of Quebec, hence on part of the estate the heirs are obliged to suffer double taxation.

LONDON HISTORY TEACHER USES CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Walter C. Johnston Prepares Many Unique Methods of Study.

NEVER MONOTONOUS

Laws Learned by Choosing Parliament For Pupils in Class.

The crossword puzzle as a means of teaching and reviewing history. That is what Walter C. Johnston, of the staff of the Central college, sees in what has been a family and an individual pastime for some months. Mr. Johnston has a reputation of being original in his methods of teaching history, and the records of his pupils show that he can be trusted to keep his originality from taking on the form of fads.

"I have tried it out," admitted Mr. Johnston to The Advertiser, "and all I can say is that the scholars took to it at once. And that for the purposes of reviewing it makes them think; they are all attention at once because they want to be the first to supply the answers."

"The problem of the history teacher," remarked Mr. Johnston, "is to vary the methods in order to prevent monotony, to discover new methods that are stimulating and interesting, and to connect history with the past."

Before trying out the crossword puzzle Mr. Johnston has followed the idea of making his class live the periods of which they are being taught, and for this purpose has followed what he calls a parliamentary method of teaching history. Johnston's explanation of the system is interesting.

The class is organized into a parliament following the lines that would be in practice during the period in which the lesson is treated. If it is Canadian history, there would be the governor-general, the prime minister, cabinet, government party and opposition. The subject to be dealt with would be regularly introduced into the pupils' parliament. If it is a bill it will be moved, debated, accepted or rejected to conform to what actually took place.

The scholars discuss the reasons for the enactment, the various points and their probable effects. If it were the Quebec act that was up for study the debate for the day would be entirely dealing with the problems that faced the country at that period. This method also gives a training in impromptu speaking, and an understanding of parliamentary methods. The method is also used in discussion of the growth of the present-day parties, and the various stages of the development of our governmental institutions.

"But what led to the introduction of the crossword puzzle idea?" Mr. Johnston was asked.

"Simply this. It has possibilities that will make people think. It has the effect of increasing the use of words, and why should it not be made use of in schools? In history it is stimulating and interesting. It requires concentration and gives cerebral exercise."

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Defence Moves From Sea to Air

Associated Press Despatch.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 14.—Brigadier-General Lord Thomson, former British minister of air in the cabinet of Ramsay MacDonald, declared in an interview published here yesterday that Great Britain's first line of defense had moved from the sea to the air.

"England appreciates the importance of a strong air force," Lord Thomson was quoted, "and even when other appropriations were denied, the air service was granted \$18,500,000 to continue its construction program to strengthen England's first line of defense."

DOG AWAKENS MASTER AS FIRE SWEEPS HOUSE

Canadian Press Despatch.
Brantford, Feb. 13.—William Wade, night watchman at the Canada Biscuit Company, owes his life to his dog. He was asleep alone in bed about noon today when his house caught fire. He was awakened just in time to make his escape by the dog jumping on his bed and barking at his head.



WALTER C. JOHNSTON,
history master at the Central college, who uses crossword puzzles and other interesting plans to hold the pupils' attention to the subject.

\$1,500,000 IS LOSS IN CAR SHOW FIRE

Kansas City's Oldest Fireman Dies Fighting Big Blaze Early Today.

Associated Press Despatch.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 14.—Motor-dom's newest offerings for 1925 were reduced to a mass of charred and twisted wreckage early today in a fire that ended the Kansas city motor show by destruction of the American royal live stock pavilion. Three hundred pleasure cars, approximately 75 motor trucks, two aeroplanes, and accessories destroyed were valued at \$1,500,000. The \$650,000 building was leveled.

Captain John Krane, 65, Kansas City's oldest fireman and head of the city's fire department, was burned to death. He was caught on an incline between the main building and an annex while attempting to work a hose.

NAVAL BUDGET OF U. S. TOTALS \$30,000,000

Request Calls For \$17,000,000 to Further Aircraft Construction.

Associated Press Despatch.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Budget proposals to carry out naval construction and other work already authorized by congress were presented to the house yesterday by Director Lord of the budget bureau, the request totalling \$30,000,000, of which \$17,000,000 would be made available at once for work on the battleship Florida.

In addition to the provision for construction of cruisers and gunboats, the budget request calls for \$14,000,000 to complete the naval aircraft carriers Saratoga and Lexington in process of conversion from battle cruisers, \$3,000,000 for procurement of additional naval aircraft. Each of the new aircraft carriers will carry 27 planes of various types, and the aircraft appropriation will be for the purpose of providing these machines, "be ready when the ships are commissioned."

ASIA MINOR IS HERALDED AS BIG WHEAT COUNTRY

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Feb. 13.—Lieut.-Col. J. Nockells-Horlick (Conservative, Worcester) drew attention in the house of commons this evening to the possibility of encouraging production of wheat in Asia Minor with a view to increasing the world supply and thereby reducing the price of bread. Arthur M. Samuel, minister for overseas trade, replied that last year's wheat harvest in Asia Minor was apparently insufficient to supply even that country's needs, and it was importing. He pointed out the transportation difficulties from Central Anatolia to the coast, which would practically prevent any export from Asia Minor, even if crops improved.

VETERAN AUTHOR DIES.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Feb. 14.—The Rev. William L. Watkinson, D.D., English Wesleyan minister, editor and author, died at his home here today, aged 86 years. For many years he was editor of the Wesleyan church, and wrote extensively on religious subjects.

ASK BETTER CONTROL OF CITY MONEY

Solicitor and City Clerk Seek Plan of Bylaws to Legalize Grants.

MAKE IT FOOL-PROOF

Objection to Red Tape Has Held Up Action in the Past.

Bylaws to ratify and legalize all city council proceedings will be called for shortly if plans now under contemplation are fulfilled.

According to efforts now being put forward by T. G. Meredith, city solicitor, and Samuel Baker, city clerk, a fool-proof system of handling and ratifying proceedings of the council will likely be evolved and put into operation.

Objection to red tape in municipal business has prevented putting such a plan into operation before, notwithstanding the fact that the municipal act calls for the ratifying of important proceedings by passing bylaws. Many matters have gone through the council in the past, without any other authority being given except a resolution.

Bylaws Necessary.

In legal circles, resolutions of councils are sometimes declared to not be worth the paper they are written on. That bylaws are necessary to make transactions legally satisfactory is the contention held today.

A defeated council may, in the last hours of office, pass resolutions by a narrow majority, which will prove enormously satisfactory to the incoming legislators. But the harm has been done, in the eyes of the new council, and no end of work will be necessary to overcome the fault.

By calling for bylaws in all transactions this would be partly overcome. A two-thirds vote would be required to pass a bylaw, as is now the case, and many resolutions which now squeeze through by a majority of one or two would be defeated.

Increase Work.

At the same time it is pointed out that the work of the council would be increased enormously by the demand for bylaws, and trouble would be encountered in getting business transacted. Questions sanctioned in committee would be quashed in council, through the necessity of a two-thirds vote.

It now takes some questions six weeks to get to the council and another six weeks to get through the council. With the demand for bylaws, it would be a longer time for questions under fire, though the matter would provide an almost invulnerable front if finally sanctioned. However, such matters as the mayor's salary question could never have reached its present unsatisfactory state if a bylaw had been called for originally. It is pointed out.

DEPUTY TEMPTS FATE WITH 13 PRISONERS

Associated Press Despatch.

Detroit, Feb. 14.—Richard Labelle, federal deputy marshal, left Detroit yesterday in charge of thirteen prisoners destined to Fort Leavenworth. Transportation arrangements were made before authorities noticed the date, or Mr. Labelle declared he would not tempt fate to start with thirteen on Friday the 13th. Ten of the prisoners violated the parole law, two robbed postoffices, and the thirteenth, John Singstock, violated the prohibition enactment, for which the judge sentenced him to thirteen months.

Nice

The word nice means—I'm polite. It is as common as cold meat on Sunday.

Nice dog is the favorite remark of the terrified pedestrian to the owner.

Nice cigar says the recipient, puffing feebly with eyes glued on the gutter.

Nice hat says hubby eyeing the three-fifty one.

Nice sermon say all to the minister.

He flecks the kids with a whip, but is nice.

Nice morning, nice afternoon, nice night, nice tomorrow, the niceness of everything is nicely nauseating. The nice people we see, the nice ones we hear about, the nice things they do.

Now what could be nicer?

—A. W. J. B.