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# LONDONER LEAVES MILLION-DOLLAR ESTA Germany Charges Treaty Violation In Reply To Allied Note

## ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO PROBATE ESTATE

Lieut.-Col. A. M. Smith Leaves Fortune Estimated at Million Dollars.

GOES TO FAMILY

Business Associates Also Are Expected To Receive Certain Bequests.

A. M. Smith and Company

Died Suddenly.

tive ability the business was bup from a small grocery establi ment to its present size, one of largest wholesale grocery conce

**NEW SCHOOL PLAN** 

DENIED BY COURT

Irregularities Seen in \$13,500

Vote by Sandwich West

Ratepayers.

INJURED IN SHOOTING

NORWEGIAN GOVT. HONORS

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, Jan. 7.—E. W. Beatty, K.C., president and chairman of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and F. L. Wanklyn.

Lieut.-Col. Smith was always generous in his endowments to London institutions. In 1916, when the city was taxed for the accommodation of soldiers injured through war he offered his large home on Wortley road as a hospital. For a year the residence of the disposal of the disposal of

## NO BLAME ATTACHED IN DEATH OF 6 BY GAS

Brockville Tragedy Was Accidental, According to the Coroner's Jury.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Brockville, Jan. 7.—A verdict of accidental death from illuminating larities, which were not disproved. gas poisoning, caused by a break in would be to ignore the safeguard which legislation has provided for the elbow of a gas main situated the outside the house, was returned by the coroner's jury which last night completed its investigation of the tragedy which took six lives here on Friday night last and left but one survivor in the family of Jesse W.

Associated Press Despatch

Jack McNaughton, for some years artoonist for The Advertiser, was lled yesterday in an automobile ident in New York. Word to this ect was received last night by Miss ra McNaughton of 650 King street, rom 1901 to 1906 Mr. McNaughton

The meagre news which has been ceived by Miss McNaughton says at the wife of the victim of the action is suffering from shock to such extent is suffering from shock to such

Available as to how the accident took place, place,



Director Testifies Home Bank Annual Statements "Cut and Dried."

MANY BAD DEBTS

More Sensational Evidence Is Adduced at Trial of R. P. Gough.

Canadian Press Despatch Toronto, Jan. 7 .- J. F. M. Stewart continuing his evidence this morning in behalf of his fellow director of the Home Bank, R. P. Gough, who is charged with making false statements of the bank's affairs to the department of finance, swore that the dend had no statements of the con dition of the bank before them. "We just took the assurance of the manager that the profits were sufficient for the dividend," said Mr. Stewart, and added that there was no statement presented to substantiate the

big Pellatt loans that enough me was coming in to pay the interest and ut, there was no reduction but in-tead the debt had increased. Wit-ess thought Pointe Anne quarries nd Port Credit Brick company, two Haney companies, were good con-cerns and capable of meeting all ob-ligations to the bank. In these two companies he thought the adding of unpaid interest on their loans to the profits of the bank was quite proper.
Witness said that bank investments
never came before the board, and he
had never seen a list of such investments. "They were never placed be-fore the board," said Mr. Stewart. "Did you ever ask for a list of

No. I did not. were brought to our attention as they Anderton, respectively, for a man-damus requiring the township of statement of bad debts in branches West to pass a bylaw for the fadebentures of \$13,500 for se of erecting a school-

It is held that owing to irreg- inspector's report, nor any report of Witness said that when the annual statement came before the board it of the ratepayers were of French extraction, and some of them did not understand the proceedings, which were in English, nor the nature of the vertice.

# **HUNT MILLS FIRE LOSS**

Start Is Made To Clear Away Debris-Walls To Be Used.

The verdict also states that the finding had been reached in accordance with the evidence submitted Laura Palmer instructions in the control of the control Laura Palmer, instructress in ro-mance languages at the university of Wisconsin was in a serious condiby members of the jury of hade of that complaints had been made of that complaints had been made of to at a hospital as a result of a shooting early today in the receiving-room of the French house, was attached to any person.

JACK M'NAUGHTON KILLED

IN NEW YORK ACCIDENT

Wisconsin, was in a serious condition at a hospital as a result of a shooting early today in the receiving-room of the French house, was shot through the arm and through the abdomen. The body of the man, said to be a student, was found on the floor, a built wound found on the floor, a built wound by the Hunt Company to commence of the huge mills on Nightingale avenue was completely swept by fire building on the burned site, but it is their hope to get back to business as soon as possible. Work was started in the clearance of debris in the C. N. R. CHIEF AND HIS AIDE

> HUGE SNOWDRIFTS BRING CALL FOR ROAD FOREMEN

County road foremen were ordered day, when they were decorated with the Order of St. Olaf for signal services rendered to that country. Mr. Beatty received the insignia of knight commander, first class, and Mr. Wanklyn first time this winter that the county first time this winter that the county first time this winter that the county is necessary to call out

### Neighbors Aid Couple Who Lost Their Home In Blaze



# U.S. NAVY STRENGTH IS INVESTIGATED

Alarm Need Be Felt Over Ratio Drop.

Washington, Jan. 7.-After exam-

Well-Known Resident Was issues."

grandmother of 17.

A mother of nine children, grandmother to 17 great-grandchildren and great-grandmother to 18 great-grandchildren and great-grandmother to 19 great-grandchildren and great-grandmother to 19 great-grandmother to 19 great-grandchildren and great-grandchildren and great-grandchildren and great-grandmother to 19 great-grandchildren and great-grandch Thursday afternoon at 2:15 o'clock by Rev. A. A. Bice of All Saints' church. Interment is to be made at Woodland

#### cemetery. MILK AND GRUEL FED TO BIG BEAR AT ZOO

The big bear—he is sick.
Chas. McConnell, caretaker at the Springbank park zoo, is busy these days taking special care of the big, brown bear at the zoo. He is coaxing the sick animal back to normal by the aid of milk and gruel. His mate died several years ago.
There has not been a "permanent" casualty at the zoo for several months, the last animal to shuffle off this mortal coil being a deer. nd floor of the destroyed building

> CENTRAL EXAM RESULTS ARE VERY SATISFACTORY John C. Day, 328 Hamilton road, that

The marks and the results of the Class A, in a safety poster competi-Christmas examinations at the col-legiate institute are being sent out today with the students for the par-"The results, on the whole, are very satisfactory," remarked Principal E. A. Miller, "but there are a number of ndividual students whose showing s not what it should be."

public school pupils of the province. Maurice, who is only 12 years old, is a pupil of Chesley avenue school.

The poster he entered depicted an automobile accident at a plant.

# **AUSTRALIA** CALLS FOR **ALL FACTS**

Establishes Nucleus of Foreign Office Branch to Obtain Essential Information.

OTHERS MAY FOLLOW Correspondence Between Inter-Empire Governments Pro-

duces Light Results. By HENRY SOMERVILLE.

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iwanis club. He is a firm of Scott & Mc- of the correspondence between and has been a direction. In his inaugural he leed for expansion in the club among understanding the club among understanding the statesmen or the official experts any new ideas to contribute to lence has been debated for years by hose interested in the subject. The eal originator of the correspondence

Secretary Wilbur Declares No practiced at industrial and political conferences for many years and he

It is notable that on Aug. 21, South Washington, Jan. 7.—After examining secretary of the navy Wilbur ence unlikely to be of any advantage ining secretary of the navy Wilbur and other high officials of the navy department, the senate finance committee concurs in the view of the nouse that the United States "need the South Africa and had talknouse that the United States "need the South Africa government the United States navy has fallen below the 5-5-3 ratio. Adopting a report similar to that of the house, the senate committee today declared that, with the exception of the battleship Florida, laid up for re-fitting, "no one can say that as to capital" metals to be of any advantage and refused to send representatives. A fortnight later Thomas had arrived in South Africa and had talknow the South Africa and povernment in the south Africa and povernment in the south Africa and had talknow the south Africa and had talknow

"We consider that with respect to all imperial conferences, resolutions or proposals, each government must accept the responsibility for its attiide and the opposition or opposi-ons must be free to criticize, with ne parliaments—and if occasion

Well-Known Resident Was
Grandmother of 27, Greatgrandmother of 17.

issues."

The abortive attempts made by the Labor government would have produced scathing comments from the Conservative press today and not the Conservative press today and not the conservative pressure the conserva

LONDON BOY STANDS THIRD

Maurice Day, 12 Years Old,

Awarded Safety League

Prize.

HOLDS FOUR OTHERS

Notification was received yesterday from the Ontario Safety League by

Maurice Day, son of Mr. and Mrs.

he was the winner of the third prize,

The competition was open to all

automobile accident at a sharp curve due to the driver of the car having

## FEARING LIVES OF INMATES PRISONER IS SENT TO JAIL

John Hebden Smashes Down Door of Room and Breaks Bed.

THREATENED FIRE

Admitted to Strathrov House of Refuge Recently—Placed in Cell Here.

But for the quick work and braver; f Alex. Anderson, keeper of the County House of Refuge at Strathroy on Sunday night in overpowering John Hebden, alias Arthur Hebick the 65 inmates of the institution might have been burned in their beds. Hebden, who was admitted to the Strathroy institution three weeks ago don township, had been acting strangely for several days and refused to work about the farm. Sunday afternoon he threatened to burndown the buildings that night.

Placed in Room. The news was conveyed to Mr. Anderson, and the latter hurried to put the man in close confinement. Hebden, who is 43 years of age, and short but powerful, fought Mr. Anderson, who finally landed the man hear private room used entirely for

derson, who finally landed the mar in a private room used entirely for unruly prisoners.

Hebden objected to being confined in the room, tore the bed apart and battered the door down yesterday This was more than Mr. Anderso

uld stand, and he sent for ilson of the Strathroy police

Given Three Months. The prisoner appeared before Mas morning, and was sentenced to three months in the county jail. He was brought to London at noon and lodged

in the cells here. Hebden will be examined as to his sanity by jail physician Dr. James D. Wilson.

According to Mr. Anderson, Hebden will be a supported by the support of the control of the support of

### 1,000 BRITISH READY TO SETTLE IN CANADA

New Party Will Consist of 200 Families—Each Farm Gets \$1,500.

IN BIG DRAWING CONTEST

# PRINCESS ILEANA WESTERN FARMERS ARE OPTIMISTIC

Higher Prices and Good Crops her Have Brought Prosperity to Prairies.

racken government, which had, it was suggested, as an alternative suggested.

burned when her clothing caught fire future attitude will be.

The dogs had been left with the whittaker when other members of the family left to go shopping.

organization returned from the boys' parliamen in Toronto, has outlined the bons selling campaign to the members.

#### DAMAGE IS \$250,000 THROUGH FIRE ON SHIP

New York, Jan. 1.—Fire of indetermined origin in the hold of the British steamer, Glenbank, of Belfast, at the Bush terminal docks in South Brooklyn last night, caused a loss estimated at between \$250,000 and \$300,000. Three alarms were turned in and fire-boats assisted in fighting the flames. Part of the cargo, taken on board during the ship's journey here from Calcutta, India, was destroyed.

Today — Fresh southwest winds; fair and mild. Thursday — Fair.

The depression, which was in Manitoba yesterday, is passing eastward over northern Ontario, while that off

#### FLIER IS CUT IN TWO, SERIOUS INJURIES NONE other provinces.

Associated Press Despatch.
Chicago, Jan. 7.—Four persons were jured, none sectiously, last night hen the crack Washington Limited Victoria. 42 38 Cloudy the Baltimore & Ohio railroad was ruck and cut in two by a Western without a section of the property of the property

# **BRITAIN IS** DETERMINED

Winston Churchill Presents Government's Attitude at Opening of Conference.

VIEWS DIFFER

rench Finance Minister Blames Allied Governments For Delays.

Associated Press Despatch, Paris, Jan. 7 .- A highly important talk between Finance Minister Clementel of France and Winston Churchill, British chancellor of the exchequer, was held this forenoon in advance of the opening of the finance ministers' conference.

A communique on the subject, islight on the discussion, merely de-claring there had been an unofficial exchange of views on the general aspects of the inter-allied debts. It

Canadian Press Despatch.

Brandon, Man., Jan. 7.—Farmers of
Manitoba are facing 1925 with fresh
hope and courage as the result of a
better crop in 1924, and higher prices

Bronneshity for the diminution in reparation payments which france may expect from Germany, charging it to the other allied and associated powers. France, in his view, had yielded to the demands of Great Britain and the United States in acceptation. ster crop in 1924, and higher prices in their products, it was stated in the uport presented by the directors of the inted Farmers of Manitoba to the interest convention today.

"The entire country," it was added, in it is reason to rejoice because of the plains coming to the farmers in the plains."

In an exhaustive report the directors eviewed the year's policy and achievent where the plains is a necessary measure to restore the economic situation, not only in Germany, but in all Europe, and

### GERMANY'S PROTEST.

through the elimination of pensions

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, Jan. 7.—The German note in reply to the allied communication on the continued occupation of the Cologne area was received in Paris to-day. It declares the action of the al-lies is a reprisal and violates clauses of the treaty of Versailles. French official circles regard it merely as a note of protest, which does not call

for a response.

It is thought likely the allied powers will allow the matter to stand as outlined by their note to Berlin, giving notice of non-evacuations on Jan. 10, until the final report of the

#### MENTORS' CLUB MEETS.

The Mentors' club of the Y. M. C. A. held their first meeting of the her. She was removed to a hosting later. tors' manual has been started, Will-did died a short time later.

The dogs had been left with Mrs. organization. Frank Adams, recently

### The Weather



the Atlantic coast is passing far south of Nova Scotia. The weather is mild in Ontario and moderately cold in the

