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Sealer Kite, Missing for Some Time, Is Safe--- Saskatchewan Farmer Found Guilty of Murdering Brother-in-Law Is Sentenced to Death---Abolition of Western Fair Grant Serious, Says Secretary --- Colt Endeavors to Enter Jewelry Store.

ADMINISTRATION USES "CLUB" TO INCREASE TAXES

Orders Assessment Commissioner to Boost Assessments of All Property.

A JUMILIATING POSITION

Capable Official Is Forced to Place Excessive Values to Recoup Finances.

London's honored and capable assessment commissioner, Stephen Grant, is in a most humiliating position.

Mr. Grant, as ever one knows, has striven to give London an equitable assessment. He has seldom, if ever, been tecused of unfairness, and his decisions gave held with a long succession of courts

Today Mr. Grant finds himself forced to raise the assessments on London property in such a manner as to bring a heavy burden on many citizens, and with which he himself has no sympathy.

Left to himself, Mr. Grant would have provided a normal increase in assessment such as would have come from year to year with natural growth.

But this would not do for an administration that was beset with the fruits of an unprecedented program of wild spend-

Mr. Grant was "called in" and told to raise the assessment so many million dollars. It has been intimated that this order ranged all the way from \$4,000,000 to \$10,000,000. Grant was not anxious to make

and he told "the boss" so in so many Then the club came out.

"You get so many millions' increase in assessment or someone else will," was the order. Now, Mr. Grant and his assessors take nent or someone else will," was

their orders from the bodies in control. But when they go about raising assessments from \$500 to \$2,000 at one shot, they feel their positions keenly. And the men who are responsible are striking at the prosperity of families in the name of "boosting izens are becoming alive to the fact that

CLEAN-UP PAINT-UP CAMPAIGN MONDAY

Spotless Town Movement To Be Launched-Mad Rush For Cleaning Utensils.

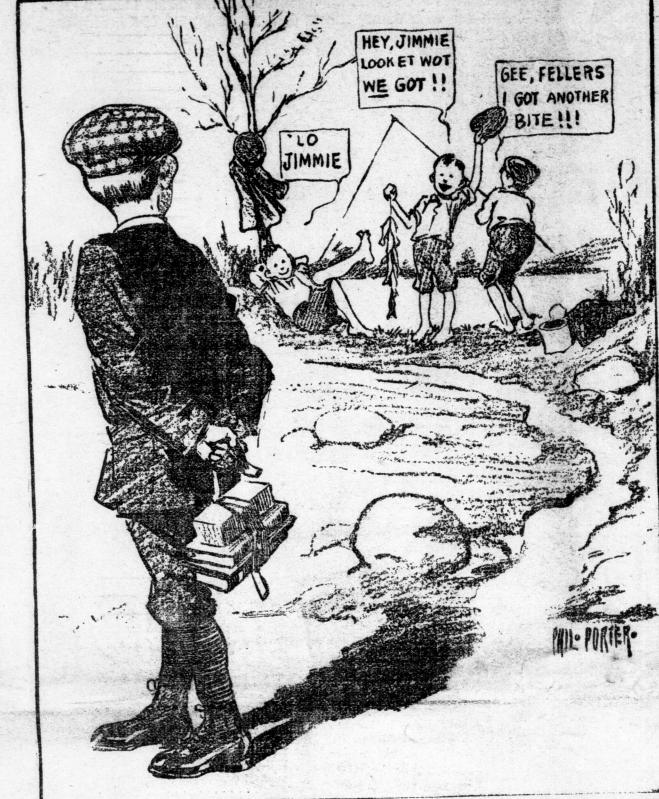
Clean-Up and Paint-Up Week- com mences on Monday, and a mad rush to purchase brooms, brushes, paints, dusters. rakes, hoes, spades, shovels and other things necessary to the work is expected. Mayor Graham and Chairman Dr. F. L. Burdon of the board of health have issued a joint proclamation calling upon all citizens to do their share toward making London a spotless town, and a universal response to the request is expected. The movement will mean more or less work but the latter will be more than justified HUERTA MUST SALUTE FLAG REFUSAL OF GRANT

joint session Monday and ask for author-

White House.

United States.

SPRING FEVER!!



HORSE ENTERS JEWELRY STORE FAVORS MILITARY VIA PLATE GLASS WINDOW

Colt Passes Up Vanity Boxes as It Plays Leading Role in Exciting Corner Drama.

corner of Parke avenue and Dundas street at noon today, which brought Officer James Oakley off his beat and attracted the attention of a large crowd of people who were on the streets. McCartney, in company with a friend, was driving a colt west on Dundas street when he encountered a car at the corner of Park avenue. The animal

A colt, a street car, and James Mc-Cartney enacted a little drama on the corner of Parke avenue and Dundas. Standard with its front feet and shat-tering a globe. McCartney, nothing daunted, turned around and made another attempt to pass. left line broke, and the thoroughly maddened equine made for the doorway of W. J. Young's jewelry store, passing the east window, filled with vanity boxes, it crashed into the west one. Had it not en for the adeptness with which P. would have broken loose.

The horse, which was a valuable one had its right fore leg badly cut, necesrefused to pass and when gentle persitating the attention of a veterinary.
The window was valued at \$30, with
no insurance. suasion was brought to bear by Mc-

SCHOOL TRAINING EXPECT VERDICT IN

Inspector Edwards Declares It Has an Excellent Effect on Boys.

RELIES ON THE TEACHERS

Should Adapt Education to Individual Needs of School and Community.

he attended the sessions of the Ontario ceived serious injuries that have incapa-Educational Association, declared this work. BEFORE SIX O'CLOCK SUNDAY IS SERIOUS TO FAIR morning that he believed military training in the schools to be an excellent The question was discussed by the O. E. A. and is a bone of conten- a claim for \$8,000. tien with school boards throughout the

Province. Mr. Edwards was shown a copy of a newspaper editorial in which it was family. stated that "the notion that a boy's nature can be transformed by a few hours of military drill is a militarist superstitition.

"Why all this kick, then" commented the inspector, "if the drill has no effect on the boys. I certainly think that it has an effect and an excellent committee together to consider the mat- effect. It straightens them up, and possesses a great physical and moral value. The moral value comes in the developed ability to work with others and to learn obedience to the officers the boys themselves have chosen. The real value of a man to society is the freedom with which he works

Favors It Anyway. certainly favor giving the boys Continued on Page me, en.

STREET CAR DELAYS

Yesterday's Records of "Hold-ups" at Level Crossings.

R - Rich......6:49-6:56 a.m. R - Rich.....6:50-6:59 a.m. R - Rich.....2:30-2:37 p.m. R.-Rich.....7:05-7:11 a.m. R.-Rich.....7:00-7:10 a.m. R.-Rich..

FAIR AND UNIVERSITY ROBBED OF CITY GRANTS

PAYING THE PIPER

Certain to inflict upon the taxpayers the largest tax rate in the city's history, they are striving in every way to KEEP UNDER THE LIMIT ALLOWED BY LAW.

In order to achieve this they find it necessary to strike a serious blow at the Western Fair and the Western University. Neither of these institutions is to receive a cent from the city's taxes. Last year the city gave the University only \$5,000 of the \$10,000 grant

provided through the efforts of ex-Ald. Richter. This great clamor has been made for assistance, and the Ontario Government has made a grant, the city refuses to give the university a cent. It must take what it got last year and be content. This will be a serious handicap to the institution on the eve of its expansion, and every effort should be made to prevent the unjust curtailment of what, by precedent, the university understood it was to receive each year.

The Western Fair, which got \$5,000 out of the people's taxes last year, is denied anything. A part of insurance money, collected on burned buildings last year, which should be devoted to the restoration of the same buildings, is to be thrown as a sop to London's greatest institution for the attraction of visitors. 'This year the fair will receive for its maintenance \$2,500 out of the insurance that should go to replacing buildings. The rest of the insurance money went into temporary buildings, which will have to be replaced at large expenditure. The controllers are piping and citizens are dancing.

ROYAL COMMISSION WILL INVESTIGATE N. B. CHARGES

Hon. Dr. Landry's Name Included, After a Scene, by Mr. Dugal in Those Against Whom He Has No Accusations to Make.

[Canadian Press.] the New Brunswick Legislature decided last night to appoint a royal commission to investigate the charges of L. A. Dugal against Premier Flemming and Hon. H. F. McLeod, formerly provincial secretary, now a member of the House of Commons, an exciting

It started when Mr. Dugal undertook. in response to a request by letter from Acting Premier Clarke, to give details however, and Mr. Dugal then ampliof his charges. Mr. Dugal said he expected to be able to prove that John Scott, of the firm of Scott and Kelley paid to J. K. Flemming the sum of \$10,000 as the price of contracts on the Valley Railway and to H. F. Mc-Leod the sum of \$1.500 for the same curred during the year 1912, and before the contracts had been awarded. Dr. Landry's Objects.

When reading his charges, he named Hon. John Morrissy, Hon. George Hon. James E. Murray, and Hon. John E. Wilson, as members of

The dual suit of the city of London and

he was pleased to exonerate. Hon. Dr. Fredericton, N.B., April 18.—Before Landry's name was omitted from the New Brunswick Legislature decid-list, and this precipitated a scene as Dr. Landry demanded that he either be charged formally or else exonerated. Mr. Dugal went into conference with F. B. Carvell, who was in the House, and also with P. J. Veniot and E. S. Carter, Liberal organizers, and after a few minutes hesitation, said he had no charge to make against Dr. Landry.

fied his statement and the incident end-ed, amid applause.

tion be by royal commission instead of House committee. The Government of New Brunswick, he declared, desired no whitewashing. If there had been The payments, he said, oc- wrong doing they wanted to know it, let the blame fall where it might. They had nothing to hide and nothing to

Mr. Clarke's montion was carried It was rumored today that Mr. Justice Ezekial McLeod and Mr. Justice P Landry, of the New Brunswick Supthe Government against whom he had reme Court, will be members of the no accusation or suspicion, and whom Royal Commission.

Percy Summers against the Grand Trunk Railway was resumed in the jury assizes this morning, many employees of the railway being called to testify that the fire New York, April 18 .- The arraigntruck, which was smashed up by an engine at the William street crossing could have escaped injury by an exercise of proper care in approaching the tracks. The evidence taken today was largely accumulative, and threw no new light on the accident on the night of August 5, when the city's No. 2 motor fire truck from the central station was completely School Inspector C. B. Edwards, who destroyed, and young Summers, who was returned yesterday from Toronto, where on the running-board of the truck, re- returned, making it possible to bring citated him for anything but the lightest

> Percy Summers asks for damages to the amount of \$5,000, and the city, through City Solicitor T. G. Meredith, has entered

The case is proceeding this afternoon and a verdict will likely be brought in tonight, as Mr. Justice Keily wishes to return to Toronto to spend Sunday with his

THE WEATHER.

YEP' I FELL OUT OF MY BALOOM; BUT LUCKILY MY FALL WAS BROKEN BY A TEMPERATURES The following were highest and BARS WIRE FENCE the iowest temperatures recorded in London

during the 24 hours preceding 8 a.m. yesterday: Highest, 70: lowest, 39. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to a.m. today were: Highest, 55; lowest,

LOCAL

TOMORROW-WARM, SHOWERY. Toronto, April 18-8 a.m. Forecasts.
'Today-Fresh southerly winds; fair and

warm.
Sunday—Strong southwest and west winds; warm and showery.
Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 2 a m. today:

Stations. High. Victoria 60 Port Arthur..... Parry Sound Toronto

Father Point......38 30 Cloudy
Weather Notes
The western disturbance now centred in the Missouri Valley is likely to move slowly to the Great Lakes.
A fairly heavy rain has occurred in Manitoba and in parts of Southern

[Canadlan Press.]

ment today on a charge of assault with intent to kill of Michael P. Mahoney to whose erring aim Mayor John Purroy Mitchel owes his life, marked the first move in the program outlined by District-Attoreny Whitman for the quick trial of the would-be assassin. On Monday Mr. Whitman will present the case to the grand jury and an im mediate indictment is expected to be Mahoney before a Supreme Court Justice for trial at an early date. Mahoney faces a possible prison sentence of funds. twenty years, but should he be adjudged insane he will be committed to an asylum for the criminal insane.

Bullet Removed.

Frank L. Polk, corporation counsel, who was struck in the jaw by the bullet, intended for the Mayor, spent a restless night and suffered much pain. night and the patient is expected to recover rapidly. His physicians an-Continued on Page Eleven.

BOLD TACTICS TO CUT RATES

Not One Cent From This

Year's Taxes Provided

For Them.

Assessment Commissioner Forced to Effect Enormous Increase.

A WILD CAT ERA

No Provision for L. and P. S. R. Funds Will Be Made by the City.

Faced with the problem of raising enormous increases in taxation and assessment, the present board of control of the city of London is pursuing tactics of a kind never before known in the city's history.

A club has been held over the head of the assessment commissioner. He has been told to produce so much infactory reasons. Though the assessment office was hitherto conducted with fairness and good judgment, from his superior officers the commisstoner has been told to put the jack under every assessment that will

INCREASE IN ASSESSMENTS AS HIGH AS 50 PER CENT.

As a consequence increases of \$2,000, \$1,500 and \$1,000 have been placed on every house that will stand it. In some s with frontage taxation the properties will be taxed to the limit allowed by the law. "Put it on every one who can stand it," has been the or-

der, and the owners know the result. Meanwhile in order to keep the tax rate below 27 or 29 mills London's finest institutions are being robbed of their legitimate grants. It is all right to spend money in any manner so long as the cry of "for the people, by the people, and with the people," can be shouted by certain persons. What the cry means is, "We are doing the people good." The people appear to be standing it, but from murmurings everywhere they are making wry faces over the medicine that is being handed out. But the tax doctors seem to have them by the nose and all they can do is to make a wry face.

BOTH WESTERNS ARE ROBBED OF GRANTS.

Do the people of London realize that the grant to the Western University s likely to be cut off this year? Do the people realize that the Western Fair will not receive one cent out of this year's taxes?

Last year the Western University, he first institution behind which citizens wish to stand, was voted \$10,000. It received only \$5,000, apparently because the city was not flush with

THIS YEAR ALL THE WESTERN UNIVERSITY IS DUE TO RECEIVE IS THE \$5,000 IT FAILED TO RE-CEIVE LAST YEAR. IT WILL CER-TAINLY NOT GET THE \$10,000 FOR WHICH A PRECEDENT HAS BEEN The bullet was removed early last ESTABLISHED UNLESS A DETER-MINED STAND IS MADE.

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LADY-FROM-CARADOC TALKS ON FASHIONS AND FARMS-

"Thirty-two cents a pound for butter! Oh, what a nerve your farmers have!" said the workingman's wife who was doing her shopping on the Saturday market, and had priced the neatly-wrapped rolls the lady from Caradoc, "but it's hard of golden butter from Willowbank Dairy work on a farm, and don't you forget Farm, somewhere out in Caradoc, that the farmer's wife was offering for sale in

the dairy pavilion. "Well," said the quiet little plainlydressed lady from Caradoc, "It largely depends on the angle you look at things from as to where the 'nerve' comes in, and who has the big share of it. You city folks think we are robbers because we take 32 cents a pound for our butter when we can get it; but if you had to help to milk eighteen cows, and wash and clean a cream separator with two dozen disks, and break your back over a churn that isn't a daisy by any means, and hasn't got ballbearings either, maybe you'd want 32 to wait a while. I think an old country, got hydro on our concession yet, and the the city. I never could learn to dress milking machines like they've got 'way out in Wisconsin aren't in general use down in Caradoc. Have you ever lived in the country, lady?"

No Country Life For Her. "Not much," sniffed the city woman whose husband drives a grocery wagon at \$12 per and takes her and the children to see "Thorns and Orange Blos-

soms," whenever May K. Bell Marks "Well, you might do worse," retorted.

The city woman passed on to look at some eggs at 22 cents per dozen. Then, the lady from Caradoc turned to the sympathetic listener. women," she said, "who haven't any. thing to do but wash their dishes and, gallivant round to picture shows, seem to think we ought to give our produce away. My old man wants to come to town to live. Thinks we've got enough, saved up in the bank at Mount Brydges to keep us going in town, along with) the rent from the farm. But I tell him, cents a pound for your butter. We haven't body like me would be out of place in like some of the city women.

> Styles Getting Outrageous "Aren't the styles getting outrageous?
> Take those pegtop skirts for instance.
> Make me think of the Hans and Leta
> advertisements in the street cars. They
> look like a Dutch boy with his hanca
> in his pockets."
> "Ever out Caradoc way? We've a very

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patches were communicated and the journey was continued to the White House. The President went at once to his study. Huerta until 6 o'clock Sunday night. He writer, as is his custom with important afficial documents. Then he decided that,

masmuch as there probably would be no

started for Washington.

Washington, D. C., April 18 .- Huerta action before tomorrow night, he would will salute the American flag at Tampico change his plans and go to White Sulphur before 6 o'clock Sunday afternoon or Pres- Springs, W. Va., anyway, and bring Mrs. ident Wilson will go before Congress in a Wilson back to Washington.

U. S. A. Is Firm.

ity to take such measures a may be necessary. This statement was issued at the Washington, D. C., April 18.-Huerta "General Huerta is still insisting upthat his representatives were entirely must accept it.

Secretary Bryan prepared President have put upon the Government of the Wilson's answer, which was immediately revenue and the balance of the insurance sent to Mexico City. It set forth that unless Huerta accepts the American dedevelopments was very dramatic. Presi- mands immediately, the plan for seizure feel justified in using the insurance money dent Wilson had gone, as is his usual Sat- of Tampico and Vera Cruz will be carurday habit, across the Pomotomac to a ried out without waiting for Admiral secluded little club, where he plays golf. Badger to reach Mexican waters.

When Charge O'Shaughnessy's dispatches were deciphered and their import became known to Secretary Bryan and Mr. Tumulty, a hurried attempt was made to the railway from Vera Cruz to Mexico will not be final. get the President on the telephone. Secre- City as far as a trestle about 20 miles tary Bryan and Mr. Tumulty started in a away from Vera Cruz. fast automobile, and while they were

rushing across the Virginia hills the White House telephones had succeeded in reach-City, orders were flashed out from the ing the President, who hurried back and navy department, setting all the forces already in Mexican waters in readi-Secretary Bryan and Mr. Tumulty met ness to enforce its terms. There were the President, and the important disno orders to the troops at Texas points. White House officials announced that unless Huerta saluted the flag acordwhere he wrote his statement, giving ing to President Wilson's demand as soon after receipt of today's message typed it himself upon his personal type- as was physically possible, action would be taken without further exchanges.

Members of the cabinet were sum-

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would constitute an acknowledgment of Rear Admiral Mayo and that he in the wrong in the indignities they The scene which attended the morning

> Selze Railway Too. The plan for seizing Vera Cruz and Tampico also includes the seizure of hope that the board of control's action

If This Ultimatum Is Not Obeyed Congress Will Be Asked Secretary Hunt Declares Cutto Sanction Necessary Measures to Enforce It. ting Off of Usual \$5,000 Will Hurt Exhibition - Willing To Take \$2,500.

"I am calling the grounds and buildings has refterated his counter proposition ter on Wednesday afternoon," said Secrefor a simultaneous salute; President tary A. M. Hunt, of the Western Fair, on doing something less than has been Wilson has informed him that the United when asked for his opinion as to the prodemanded, and something less than States stands on the original demand posal to cut the fair from any share in the city's revenue this year.

> "We were content to accept \$2,500 for money from the burned buildings this year," said Mr. Hunt. "But we would not for maintenance. Therefore, we would be cut off from any grant for running the show. For the last two years we have been given \$5,000 each year for running expenses. It would be a serious matter for the fair if it did not get any grant.

While President Wilson's final message was in transmission to Mexico MISSING SEALER KITE

[Canadian Press.]

St. Johns, Nfd., April 18.-The sealing steamer Kite, from which no tiding had been received for more than a month, was reported safe today. The Kite is the smallest vessel in the sealing fleet,