

GAS OVERCOMES THREE FAMILIES

FUMES OF GAS PERMEATE WYATT STREET HOUSES

Workmen Try To Locate Leak Responsible For Serious Gas Illness in Three Households—Gas Company Claims City To Blame.

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Residents of Wyatt street, West London, and vicinity are in a highly nervous state as a result of gas escaping from the mains and over-coming three families on the street. Just one year ago the same thing occurred. One family—the Clark's, on the corner of Wharncliffe road and Wyatt street—was taken to the hospital last year, having been rendered unconscious by the fumes, which entered the house. Today, workmen are trying to locate the latest break, which is said to have caused the trouble.

Two weeks ago the James' family, of 10 Wyatt street, and the family of 12 Wyatt street, became violently ill. Dr. Norman F. Schram, who resides near the scene of the break, was called. After investigation, he found the sixteen patients had been gassed.

Gas came through cellar. Odor of gas was first noticed in the cellar of the Conley home. Then it spread to other parts of the house and made Mrs. A. and Mrs. Conley, their two children, Cecil and Leona, and Clifford Hunter violently ill.

Mrs. Conley stated this morning that they were feeling much better, although a faint odor of gas still pervaded the house.

Clifford Hunter, who resides at the Conley home, is the most seriously ill, but Dr. Schram told the family that he was also suffering from influenza.

All three homes were affected simultaneously. In the McLachlin home, E. McLachlin and his three small children, Mary, Edward and a baby, were taken ill, suffering from violent headaches and biliousness.

In the home of Fred James there are six residents. Soon after the escaping gas was detected, workmen were sent to the scene. Since Monday they have been excavating in an attempt to find the root of the trouble.

Legal Action Pending.

Legal action is pending as a result of last year's trouble. According to W. G. R. Bartram, who has been acting as counsel for residents who have instituted suits to recover the amount of their hospital and doctor bills, the City Gas Company claims it is not liable, charging that city workmen punctured its mains in the autumn of 1921, when work on the West London sewers was begun. It is alleged the sewer pipes were laid close to the gas pipes, and that no packing was placed between the two lines of pipe.

Ald. Albert M. Judd, one of Ward 2's representatives, has been acquainted with the matter by residents of the vicinity who were affected by last year's break, and has promised no effort shall be spared to adjust matters properly, these residents say.

The matter will likely be brought to the attention of the board of works at the next meeting.

Residents Anxious.

Both this year and last year it is alleged the escaping gas has filtered through the ground and into the basements of the houses, finally making occupancy of the houses affected dangerous, if not impossible.

Although an attempt is being made to locate the source of the latest trouble, residents of the vicinity are in a state of anxiety, and when another break will occur, with perhaps disastrous results.

LAW GIVES CITY ACCESS TO LIST OF UTILITY PAY

Copy of the Required Salary Schedule Now in Hands of Mayor Wenige.

WHAT ACT PROVIDES

Legislation of 1873 Gives Members of Council Right To Examine and Audit.

While the Free Press throws up its hands in despair and suggests in mournful tones that Mayor Wenige has "chucked up the sponge," leaving the public utilities commissioners as the victims of a bloodless engagement, his worship gives the impression that he is far from vanquished.

"We have the public utilities commission pay list," he stated this morning, inferring, therefore, that it would have been misdirected energy and a play to the gallery had he precipitated a verbal riot at yesterday's session of the commission by demanding a copy of the same.

May Be Published.

"Whether the list will be published, as directed by the city council, has yet to be determined. In any event, the following extracts from the London Waterworks Act of 1873, under which it is claimed the public utilities commissioners are bound to act, were available at the city hall this morning:

36 Victoria, chapter 102, section 9 and 10:

Clause 9—"The said water commissioners shall be and are hereby required to keep, or cause to be kept, regular books of accounts for recording their proceedings; and the commissioners and the clerks employed in their service shall be sworn before a justice of the peace to the faithful performance of their duties; and all such books shall be open to the examination of any alderman of the City of London, or any person or persons appointed for that purpose by that corporation; and shall annually, on or before December 31, in each and every year, submit a report to the corporation of the condition of the works in their charge, accompanied by a statement of their receipts and expenditures on account of the same."

Permits An Audit.

Clause 10—"The commissioners and their successors shall from time to time in each year deliver to the council of the said corporation, such other statement of the affairs of the said corporation as the corporation may require; and which will afford the citizens full and complete knowledge of the state of affairs in the department, and such information as may be required by the corporation, and all accounts may be audited by the auditor of the said corporation in regular course."

The latter portion of clause 10, dealing as it does with the audit of the commission's accounts, dispels the idea that the city auditor could be prevented from access to the accounts, in the event that the commission decided to appoint a new auditor. The city council still retains the right, it states, to again audit the books, after a public utilities auditor, if such was appointed, had completed his task.

STATE COLLECTS \$257,000 ON ESTATE OF R. B. ANGUS

Associated Press Despatch.

Athens, March 2.—The Greek cabinet announces that the view of the continued deportation of Pontus Greeks by the Kemalists, it has decided to suspend the exchange of Turkish civilian prisoners, which was to have started yesterday.

This action was taken after H. C. Jauch, director of the Near East Relief, informed the ministers that 25,000 Greek refugees were concentrated in the mountainous region of the Black Sea, in inadequate barracks. M. Jauch said the refugees were suffering from disease.

SEND FOODSTUFFS INTO RUHR.

Associated Press Despatch.

Berlin, March 2.—According to Der Tagliche Arbeiter, hundreds of foodstuffs, including butter, eggs, bacon and flour, have been sent into the Ruhr. The foodstuffs were collected under the plan instituted a month ago by the farmers.

Empress Avenue Mothers Petition For New School

Ask Trustees for Modern Accommodation Instead of the Present Rattletrap Structure in West London.

Empress Avenue School may be down in this year's building estimates of the board of education but it is by no means out. Whether or not a new school is to be erected may be decided definitely at a meeting of the trustees to be held on March 13.

At a committee meeting during the week, members of the board, while realizing the great necessity for a new building in London West, decided to lay over the proposition another year to appease members of the board who are in a minority on the high tax rate. Now other forces have arisen to be reckoned with and the question will likely be re-opened.

From the Union Mothers' Club, which really forms an important link in the educational system of this city, comes a resolution today urging the trustees to reconsider their action and if possible build in the west end of the city during the coming year.



GRAND CHAPTER HONOR LONDON MEN. Oliver Ellwood (left) and Edwin Smith (right) elected to responsible offices by Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in convention in Toronto.

MAGISTRATE NON-COMMITTAL AS TO FULL TIME PROPOSAL

Mr. Graydon Does Not Know Whether He Would Give All His Time to Work at Present Salary—Says He Has Not Heard From Attorney-General.

Upon the amount of salary involved depends Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon's willingness to serve as a full-time magistrate. And at that time I was not as busy in connection with my court duties as I am now," Magistrate Graydon declared. Sir Adam Beck was in no way to blame for the creation of the present situation, made possible by the amending the statutes. At the time the appointment was made, Hon. I. E. Lucas was attorney-general.

Attorney-General Raney told Dr. H. A. Stevenson, member for London in the Legislative Assembly, that he had already taken up the matter of a full-time magistrate with Magistrate Graydon. The Advertiser was informed.

2 Hockey Titles Decided Tonight

Tonight Granites, in Hamilton, will battle the Tigers for the senior championship of the O. H. A. and Guelph, in Stratford, will battle the Hawks for the junior title.

The Advertiser will have special reports on both these big games, written by men you know.

From the Hamilton Arena, C. S. Grafton, sporting editor of The Advertiser, will telegraph his version of the senior title, and Charlie Grafton, sports editor of The Advertiser, will telegraph his version of the junior title.

From Stratford, Lou E. Marsh of Toronto, who is refereeing the intermediate game, will send one of his limited reports.

Reading the hockey reports in The Advertiser tomorrow is the next best thing to seeing both yourself—and that's impossible.

ELECT G. W. V. A. HEAD OF SASKATCHEWAN

Col. James McCra Honored For Seventh Time by Provincial Convention.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Regina, Saskatchewan, March 2.—Col. James McCra was elected president of the Provincial Command, G. W. V. A., for the seventh time at the concluding session of the annual convention here yesterday. John Cameron, Saskatoon, was re-elected to represent the province on the Dominion Command for another year.

Resolutions asking that the federal government be petitioned to enact such legislation, that will debar members of the Chinese and Japanese races from entering Canada, and also to debar Chinese and Japanese from owning or renting property in the Dominion, which policy is not to be applied to present owners or renters, were passed.

SAYS UNCONSTITUTIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

Canadian Press Despatch.

Regina, March 2.—The proposal of George Robertson, Opposition member for Wynyard, that the province enact legislation to provide for the appointment of trustees to distribute available assets of debtor farmers among their creditors, was unconstitutional in the opinion of Hon. J. A. Cross, attorney-general.

PRISONER ELECTROCUTED FOR MURDER OF OFFICER

Associated Press Despatch.

Ossining, N. Y., March 2.—Anthony Rabasouch was executed in Sing Sing Prison last night for the murder of Patrolman John McMail, in Brooklyn, a year ago. He shot and killed the officer while being pursued, after he had robbed a house.

Rabasouch went with the Canadian troops overseas during the war.

EXPLODE MINE OUTSIDE IRISH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Associated Press Despatch.

Dublin, March 2.—A mine exploded outside the Roman Catholic Cathedral here last evening during a mission service. Many women in the congregation were injured.

The building was not damaged, but a telegraph pole was toppled over.

TRIES TO MURDER BABIES AND SELF WITH HUGE KNIFE

Woman Near Peterboro Cuts Throats of Two Children—Attempts Suicide.

BELIEVED INSANE

Doctor States All Three Will Recover From Their Injuries.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Warkworth, March 2.—Mrs. Hebert Minor, wife of a farmer living near Bures, a town across the lake, 20 miles southeast of Peterboro, last night attempted to kill her infant by cutting it with a huge knife. She also slashed the throat of the 4-year-old daughter of her brother, George Bull. She then slashed her own throat with the knife, and was overpowered by friends after a hard struggle, before she did herself serious injury.

Both children will recover. It required six stitches to close the wound in the throat of the elder child, and four for the one inflicted on the baby.

For the past three or four months Mrs. Minor's friends have noticed that her conduct was peculiar. She is about 25 years old, a hard worker, and an excellent housekeeper, and has always been devoted to her husband and children. She has two children besides the baby she attempted to kill. She and her husband attended the Free Methodist Church at Warkworth, but she never joined the society, and never made much of a profession of religion. It was the pastor of the church, Rev. W. H. Gregory, who first suspected that Mrs. Minor was insane, and he warned his friends to watch her constantly. She was attended by Dr. A. Armstrong of Warkworth, and also received treatment from an expert in mental disease.

Since Tuesday last, Mrs. Minor had been at the home of her brother, George Bull, her friends thinking that the change and the rest would benefit her. Mrs. Bull was with her in the house at the time of the attempted homicide. Mr. Bull having just gone to the bank, Mrs. Minor's baby was sleeping in the cradle, and her brother's little girl was playing around the house. Mrs. Minor got a butcher knife from the kitchen and attacked her sleeping child. The injury to the babe consisted of nothing more serious than an abrasion of the skin. The cut in the throat of the little girl who was attacked next was deeper. The unfortunate woman was hacking wildly at her own throat with the knife. Medical aid was at once summoned, and the children were driven out to attend to the children's wounds. Mrs. Minor, however, was not deterred from her homicidal mania, and for all eternity, and that her children would meet a similar fate.

DON'T FORGET INCOME RETURNS.

Municipal income tax returns are being received in more satisfactory numbers, reports A. S. Glass, chief of the department, but in order that the better opportunity to file, the office will remain open until 9:30 tonight.

X-Ray Eyes See Through Silver

Sons of Spanish Nobleman Have Extraordinary Gift.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, March 2.—Two sons of a Spanish nobleman are gifted with X-ray eyes, according to an article in the Madrid Imparcial, quoted by the Daily Mail.

The article shows that the youths are able to see through silver and read through silver, brass or iron, but they cannot see through porcelain or paper.

QUEBEC WILL CONSIDER PERCENTAGE ON BETS

Taschereau Will Take Up the Matter on Return From South.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Montreal, March 2.—Intimation was received today from semi-official circles to the effect that one of the issues which the provincial cabinet will deal with on the return of Premier Taschereau from Florida, is the question of the percentage on money bet on the pari-mutuel machines at the race tracks.

Reference was made to the license law last session, referring to the direct appeal to Attorney-General W. E. Raney from the Brantford mayor and council. "You will note that Mr. Raney told the Brantford deputation that the act would be changed if a majority of the municipalities were of the same mind."

Our convention here on the one hand, to date, twelve communities have given official assurances that their delegates will be in attendance. This is ample evidence of the interest that has been aroused throughout the province. London is not alone in this matter. It is quite evident that the feeling is growing in the present form of police commission.

EXPECT TO AGREE.

"While certain of the municipalities hold different ideas as to how the act should be amended, I feel that we should arrive at an amicable understanding, following which we can make direct appeal to the pro-



VETERAN OF THE CRIME.

The Advertiser's staff photographer snapped Robert Howe, fine old Crimean veteran, as he enjoyed the spring breezes at his home, 141 Price street, this morning.

LOWER TAX RATE THAN 1922 SURE, IS MAYOR'S VIEW

Estimates To Be Finally Considered by Council Early Next Week.

EXPECT RATE FRIDAY

Spending Bodies Will Have Little to Say When Figures Are Slashed.

The first three days of next week have been set aside for the final consideration of the estimates and when the tax rate is struck Thursday, as anticipated, or Friday at the latest, it will be lower than 34.9 mills.

On Monday night the councilors meet in regular session, while on Tuesday night they will meet again to consider their own proposed expenditures, those submitted by the finance committee, and the city engineering department.

Another session of the entire council is set for Wednesday, when it is expected to consider the estimates from all other spending bodies. These will have to be reduced, the mayor assures, to a figure corresponding, and in certain instances, lower than the 1922 figures.

From present indications representatives of the several spending bodies will not be asked to be present in regular session, while they are considered. It was Mayor Wenige's belief, voiced today, that this should be left to the council entirely. "Let the aldermen do it," he advised.

CARRY POLICE BOARD REFORM TO PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE

Mayor Wenige Determined to Press to Conclusion Campaign for Elective Police Commission—Pleased With Convention Prospects.

Concentrated appeal from numerous municipalities to the Ontario Legislature for enactment of legislation to permit the inauguration of the elective form of police commission will be made during the present session of the legislature.

Mayor Wenige voiced the opinion today that there would be sufficient time available for such procedure, following the convention scheduled for March 13, in this city. Encouraging advice to this effect has been received at the city hall from Toronto.

His worship is particularly optimistic as to the movement, now evidently general throughout the province.

THE MAYOR'S PLAN.

"I do not care if the county judge was to render one of the commission," Mayor Wenige stated today. "Let the county judge remain as the representative. Let the mayor or an alderman sit as the connecting link with the city council, and as one who would be familiar with the city's financial resources. Then let the people who foot the money have a say, through their elected delegates, as to how this money should be expended."

There is a general feeling abroad that in view of the approaching provincial election, the Drury government will strive to please, inasmuch as it may be possible, the majority of the urban constituencies. Therefore, it is only logical to presume, say the local advocates of the elective police commission, that the third member be elected each year by the people as their direct representative. That would be a fair way to bring business to my mind. Let the people who foot the money have a say, through their elected delegates, as to how this money should be expended."

URBAN TRUSTEES MEET IN KINGSTON FOR NEXT SESSION

Dr. Hastings Urges All Teachers To Guard Health of Pupils.

OPPOSE NIGHT CLASS

Urge Salary Grant Be Made to Towns and Small Cities.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Brantford, March 2.—Belleville, Kingston, Guelph, London and Toronto presented invitations to the Ontario Urban Trustees' Association this morning, with the result that Kingston was adopted as the meeting place for next year.

An address prepared by Dr. Hastings, M. O. H., Toronto, on "The Physical Welfare of the Child," was the feature of the morning session. It was read by Dr. Grant Fleming, Toronto. Sanitation could only be effected by organized effort in the community, he noted. Pre-natal care and school health service were needed.

Public health was purchasable and preventive health work meant stronger children and happier communities. The paper presented in detail the work carried on in Toronto.

By resolution of F. N. Rutherford, St. Catharines, the association went on record favoring the establishment of a board of education in every urban center, petitioning the department of education for legislation to make it effective. Ottawa opposed on the ground that in that city there was a very large proportion of separate schools, and the better way for separate boards for public schools and colleges.

Favors Motion.

On motion of Frank Springer, Welland, the association went on record as follows:

"That whereas general generous special provincial grants are now paid on the salaries of rural school teachers, such that a salary of \$1,000 costs the local board no more than \$800, or, in other words, amounting to an increase of salaries by about \$200 to meet the demands, and whereas rates for school purposes are invariably higher in the rural districts than in the cities and towns, and justice a corresponding grant should be made to boards in towns and small cities, say up to 25,000 population."

Score Night Classes.

Mrs. Groves and H. M. Douglas of Toronto objected strongly to a clause in a resolution seeking to amend the 400 hours of study in part-time classes required of employed adolescents between 14 and 16 years of age, to be taken in night classes.

The resolution calling for changes in the law to enable boards of education to make a period of strained studies for school buildings approved by a two-thirds vote of school trustees to be left over for the executive to consider until the next convention.

The resolution, which was finally passed, also asks that the proposed changes in the ages of adolescents from 16 to 18 years be deferred, and that the government establish schools of instruction for part-time teachers. Dr. Merchant expressed pleasure over the treatment given, and was glad that the period of strained relations between the department and educationists throughout the province was no longer existent.

Kingston was adopted for the convention next year unanimously, despite the pre-meeting for London.

Officers were elected as follows:

President—F. B. Edmunds, Toronto.

Vice-President—Captain (Rev.) C. E. Jones, Brantford.

Executive Committee—J. N. McKendrick, Galt; Mrs. Caroline E. Hunt, London; A. M. Cunningham, Hamilton; T. S. Kirby, Ottawa; Arthur McGie, Belleville.

The convention then closed.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.

Today—Fresh southwest winds; fair and very mild.

Saturday—Showers at first, followed by strong northerly winds, and turning colder.

Temperatures.

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

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	42	32	Fair
Calgary	34	16	Cloudy
Winnipeg	32	18	Fair
Port Arthur	33	20	Cloudy
Sault Ste. Marie	32	24	Cloudy
Toronto	36	24	Cloudy
Kingston	34	26	Fair
Ottawa	38	26	Cloudy
Montreal	38	26	Cloudy
Quebec	39	29	Cloudy
Father Point	39	22	Cloudy
St. John	39	20	Cloudy
Halifax	28	10	Clear

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest 38; lowest 23.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest 36; lowest 23.

Barometric Readings.

Thursday—5 p.m., 29.94.

Today—8 a.m., 29.91.

ECLIPSE OF THE MOON IS VISIBLE TONIGHT

Not Necessary To Stay Up Late To View Lunar Phenomena.

Blue skies this morning hold promise of a double treat in the heavens tonight, the radiance of a full moon, and rarer still, a glimpse of the moon's partial eclipse.

An extra delight is that the eclipse will occur at no untoward hour of the night, but between 9:30 and 11 p.m., when most folks find it easy to be abroad.

Although it is possible for a whole year to pass without an eclipse, 1923 will be featured with two eclipses of the moon, the second one to occur on Aug. 26. It is possible to witness only two eclipses in a year, according to Western University authorities, and they must be six months apart.

The eclipse tonight should commence at 9:30, when the moon will pass into the shadow of the earth and be partially eclipsed.

U. S. WILL NOT ENTER INTERNATIONAL COURT

Senate Foreign Relations Committee Reaffirms Stand for This Session.

Associated Press Despatch.

Washington, March 2.—The decision not to act at this session of Congress on President Harding's proposal for United States membership in the International Court of Justice was reaffirmed by the Senate foreign relations committee today, after it had received a further explanation of the administration's position from President Harding and Secretary Hughes.

ICE-BREAKER CAUGHT ON TRIP OF SUCCOR

The "Stanley" Is Now Frozen Fast, Southeast of Louisburg.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Halifax, N.S., March 2.—The Canadian government ice-breaker, Stanley, which sailed yesterday afternoon from Louisburg to aid the distressed Transatlantic Line steamer Propetia, stuck in the ice 70 miles from St. Pierre, was reported this morning as hard and fast about 50 miles east-southeast of Louisburg.

TO CIRCULARIZE SAVING ON DAYLIGHT SAVING PLAN

Special To The Advertiser.

Quebec, March 2.—In a circular letter to be issued by Mayor Sampson in a few days, addressed to the city of Montreal and other cities and towns, official inquiry will be made as to the stand to be adopted by the other municipalities regarding the daylight saving. The prevailing opinion here is that in the event of Montreal adopting this system, Quebec will immediately fall in line, though there has been already a strong campaign started to oppose the system.