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CHARGES JOHN COTTAM WITH CRUELTY

ROLLO LAUDS ACTIVITIES OF GENEVA BODY

Ontario Government Minister Addresses Canadian Club of City.

PREDICTS PROGRESSION Expects Switzerland Congress Will Promote Interests of Workers.

No progressive nation or the wage-earners of any nation that is a member of the league of nations need hold the slightest fear as to the activities of the international trade congress such as was recently held in Geneva, Switzerland.

Such was the opinion expressed by the Hon. Walter R. Rollo, Ontario's Minister of Labor, during his address before the members of the Canadian Club at the Tecumseh House Wednesday. Mr. Rollo has but lately returned from the Geneva gathering, where he attended as the adviser from this province to the Canadian delegation.

"If the wage-earners of the world never gain a single thing," asserted Mr. Rollo, "from the international conference, they will certainly never lose anything. It is not the intention of the league that the workers' general conditions should be rendered worse. Every step that has been or will be made will be one of advance."

Will Maintain Office. "The wage earners certainly have nothing to fear from the international labor office, which will be still maintained in Geneva, nor from any one of the 24 countries affiliated with the conference or the League of Nations. As I can see it, the forward progressive nations have nothing to lose, while the backward countries have everything to gain. If we can elevate the backward nations to the standard of the more aggressive countries, the world will be a better place for everyone in it."

"It would also tend to promote keener competition even to the detriment of the manufacturer in this country. It has been said that the Canadian industries cannot compete with those in Europe. It may be that there is some truth to that, but if we can improve some of these other countries we believe that many difficulties in this respect can be improved."

Describes Procedure. Describing in interesting detail the procedure at the international conference, Mr. Rollo explained that unlike the first gathering of this nature at Washington, the greatest discussion was devoted to the condition of the agricultural employees of the world. For this reason, he said, Canada did not become greatly involved except as a matter of reference or comparison.

It may not be so generally known here, he explained, that the condition of the farm hand generally in this country is much better than in most of the countries in Europe. Investigation has shown in Canada that as a general rule the farmer treats his help about the same as he does his family. If he is considered for his own circle the greater chance that he will take good care of his help. The reverse was true of the mean farmer.

In European countries the farm employee, for instance, while they eat in the house, must invariably sleep in barns and outbuildings with the cattle. The need for general improvement of their conditions is naturally greater there.

Germany Sent Full Quota. The speaker referred to the fact that the Geneva conference was the first gathering at which Germany was represented, and he pointed out.

The Weather

FORECASTS. Fair and cold today and on Thursday. Pressure is high over the Great Lakes and the Rocky Mountain States, and low over the northwestern portion of the continent.

The weather has moderated in the Western Provinces, but continues cold over Ontario.

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

High, Low.	
Victoria	42, 30
Calgary	35, 19
Pt. Arthur	2, 14
P. Sound	2, 29
Toronto	20, 10
Kingston	8, 8
Ottawa	2, 15
Montreal	2, 10
Quebec	6, 14
P. Point	8, 14
St. John	4, 12
Halifax	2, 12
Below zero.	

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 16; lowest, 1 below.

One below at 8 o'clock. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 12; lowest, 2 below.

Barometric Readings. Tuesday—8 p.m., 29.84. Today—8 a.m., 29.83.

High Officials of Church Want Italian Pope

Belgian Prelate's Chances As Next Pontiff Are Considered As Overshadowed.

BENEDICT'S FUNERAL SET More Than 500,000 Persons Pass by Bier of Dead Churchman.

Rome, Jan. 25.—The funeral of Pope Benedict will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday. It was announced at the Vatican this morning.

With the funeral set for tomorrow, pilgrims today continued to arrive from all parts of Italy, camping in the open air before St. Peter's, in the hope of getting a glimpse of the body. More than half a million persons have filed past the catafalque in the two days on which the body has been exposed, the crowds, though orderly, taking the gendarmes charged with keeping them in line.

Meanwhile the foreign cardinals continue to arrive for the conclave of the Sacred College, at which the new pontiff will be elected. Cardinal Mercier of Belgium, who is looked upon as somewhat of a "dark horse" in the election, is expected in time for the funeral. It is acknowledged on all sides that he is going to poll more votes on the first ballot, than any other foreign cardinal, but as the result of preponderance of Italian cardinals at the conclave, little hope is held out by them for the ultimate election of the Belgian prelate.

Interest in the election centers greatly upon its possible effect on the relations between the Vatican and the Italian government. Cardinal Magli is represented as being supported by the group favoring a rapprochement, while Cardinal Gasparri, now acting head of the church, favors continuation of Benedict's policies of tolerance without recognition.

Cardinal Merry Del Val, also mentioned as a possible choice, is supported by the faction favoring absolute separation. This group is thought to have more than a majority in the conclave. A two-thirds vote, however, is necessary for election.

OPPOSES SECRECY IN IRISH CONGRESS

Newfoundlander at Celtic Conference Makes Vigorous Plea.

Paris, Jan. 25.—After a heated debate, the world congress of the Irish race decided today to hold secret sessions for the organization of the International Irish League, the project for which was favorably passed upon by the congress yesterday. This action was hotly contested by several delegates, and much speculation as to its purpose was provoked.

W. J. Brown of Newfoundland, one of the youngest of the delegates, made a vigorous fight for open meetings, when it was declared that the question was one of discussing in public or private "the promotion of trade, commerce and industry of Ireland." Brown was outvoted, however, the majority of the delegates favoring secrecy for such sessions.

Delegate Cleary, of Australia, in discussing the subject, severely criticized the press. Eamon De Valera, who was presiding, smiled at the members of the press present during the delegate's attack, as if he deprecated this attitude, but Mr. De Valera indicated later that he favored secrecy on the question of trade promotion.

Delegate Brown, during his fight against the secrecy motion, criticized the general attitude of the congress, which he said had been run in a manner worthy of a backwoods camp.

AVIATORS SEARCHING FOR MAHAR GET LOST

Duluth, Minn., Jan. 25.—Two Minnesota National Guard aviators today were lost in the wild Lake Superior country, 60 miles northeast of here. They were returning from the abandoned search for James Mahar, Cook County, Minn., commissioner, last seen in an open motorboat on Lake Superior on December 27. The hunt for Mahar was abandoned yesterday.

The flyers, Major Ray Miller and Lieut. Joe Westover, left Port Arthur, Ont., yesterday afternoon for Duluth, a 220-mile trip. They were reported to have made a forced landing at Lax Lake. In the event the ice holds up their airplane, the officers would have to march 16 miles to a telephone to report their safety, an all night trip, as settlers in that vicinity have neither horses nor automobiles.

Several guardsmen planned to leave here today to search for the missing aviators.

Honored by Lodge

Popular London Woman Elected to Office of Worthy Matron of Forest City Chapter, O. E. S.



MRS. EMMA COUSINS.

CASES IN CITY POLICE COURT INCREASE 1,020

Figures for 1921 Show Crime Growth Maintained in London.

FEWER O. T. A. BREACHES Property Loss Through Theft \$50,949.45 For Year, Mostly Recovered.

Cases in the London police court show an increase of 1,020 over 1920, according to statistics compiled by Constable Walter Harpur for Chief Robert Birrell.

During 1921, 4,530 cases came before the court, with 3,614 convictions, while in 1920, there were 3,510 cases, and 2,717 convictions. There has been a steady increase in crime since 1917, when 1,897 cases were heard, with 1,428 convictions.

During 1921, 3,275 summons were served, an increase of 1,147. Adults arrested without warrants were 1,179, a decrease of 127 over 1920. Twenty-one persons were arrested for other police departments.

O. T. A. infractions, other than drunks, showed a decided decrease over 1920. Ninety-seven convictions were obtained from 178 cases in 1921, while the figures for 1920 were 262 cases and 155 convictions. Drunks numbered 40, with 426 convicted.

The report of the detective department on criminal offences, involving property loss during 1921, showed the amount to be \$50,949.45, of which \$41,386.50 has been recovered and restored to owners. Only \$9,562.95, or 18.77 per cent was lost, \$2,850 being accounted for by four automobiles not yet recovered. While the amount under the head of theft may appear large, it is due to the number of autos stolen, 40 of them being valued at \$40,390.

Bicycles stolen were 91, valued at \$3,055. Twenty-eight "bikes" have not yet been recovered, and are valued at \$735.

In the juvenile section, practically everything was recovered, either in the goods themselves or through restitution by parents.

That London businessmen are more or less careless is shown from the fact that during the year, the police found unlocked doors in the business section on 766 occasions, and windows left open on 124.

116 Accidents Reported. The total number of accidents reported to the police were 116, automobiles being responsible for 47 calls.

During the year 639 persons came to the police station and asked that they be allowed to sleep there. Naturally they received a real welcome and went on their way next day rejoicing.

The patrol was called 1,025 times, carrying 1,781 prisoners in the 2,902 miles traveled.

The ambulance answered 98 calls and carried 80 persons.

Other police cars travelled 1,780 miles or a total of 8,900 miles for all. During these trips 1,600 gallons of gasoline were used and 111 gallons of oil.

Three hundred and eighty-three juveniles appeared in court during 1921 as against 295 in 1920. Convictions were registered against 200, while 159 were discharged. Only eight of the children were girls. Juvenile cases of theft were 35.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EVIL.

LANCASHIRE, England.—The Lancashire Football Association reports that out of 655 players ordered off the field for using "bad language," 60 per cent were members of Sunday school league football clubs.

TOWN PLANNING DEPUTATION TO CALL ON DRURY

Ontario Premier Sets February 1 As Date For Hearing Representations.

MAY ALTER HOUSING ACT London Delegates Will Support Resolution Local Commission Recently Passed.

Premier Drury has set Wednesday, Feb. 1, as the date to receive a deputation from the Ontario Town Planning and Housing Commission with reference to proposed changes in legislation. Gordon Philip, managing secretary of the London Chamber of Commerce, was notified to this effect Wednesday morning.

The delegation, which will probably include Secretary Philip or representative from London, and other local interested parties will present the premier with a copy of the resolution recently adopted by the Town Planning Commission.

The resolution reads as follows: "Whereas legislation relating to town planning and housing is now scattered through the municipal act, the assessment act, the land survey act, the public health act, the local improvement act, etc., etc., with the town planning and development act and its amending acts, and whereas the involved and puzzling condition of such legislation is retarding the planning and developing in the province it is resolved that the Ontario government consider the whole question, hear the representatives of the municipalities of the province, and bring in an early report with a view toward satisfactory changes in the same."

W. C. T. U. TRIES TO BUY HYMAN HALL

Liberal Club Official Believes Organization Will Not Sell Home.

The local Women's Christian Temperance Union is negotiating with the London Liberal Club for the purchase of Hyman Hall. Andrew Robinson, of the Liberal Club, says that the W. C. T. U. first approached the Liberal Club about two years ago in an effort to secure the building. The Liberal Club was at that time unwilling to sell, and negotiations went no further.

However, a recent offer to the W. C. T. U. for their building on Clarence street has changed the situation and the members have again approached the Liberal Club with a view to purchasing Hyman Hall. Mr. Robinson is of the opinion that the Liberal Club will not part with their present quarters, but points out that he cannot speak for the whole organization.

For some years past the W. C. T. U. building on Clarence street has been very much too small for the work of the organization, which has been on the outlook for new quarters. A few days ago a deputation of the W. C. T. U. members went through Hyman Hall with a view to opening negotiations again.

Senator Boyer Dies While Visiting Doctor

Montreal, Jan. 25.—Senator Arthur Boyer died with tragic suddenness yesterday shortly after 5 p.m. while visiting Dr. E. J. Shepherd, at his office at 152 Mansfield street. The senator collapsed and died almost immediately.

Senator Boyer was born in Montreal, February 9, 1851. About ten years ago he was operated on for cancer and had experienced poor health and recurring illness for several years since then. Last year, however, his health was much improved and he appeared to be in the best of health at noon yesterday.

The trouble over the sewer arose from the excessive cost when the work was undertaken by contract. The estimate of the city engineer was much lower, but he was unable to undertake the work at the time, and so the contract was let.

The ratepayers, as a result, face a much larger annual cost than they contemplated, and are asking that the Lyall be set aside.

It is generally agreed that if their effort was successful, the result would be that the excess cost would be charged to the city at large, and the amount of the engineer's estimate would be the bill against the ratepayers of Knollwood Park.

Knollwood Ratepayers and City Representatives To Meet.

CHICAGO'S CRIME WAVE RENEWED

Chicago, Jan. 25.—Chicago's criminal record yesterday and last night showed the first serious wave of 1922 in crime. The city was hit by a fatal, two jewelry stores burglarized, twenty-eight holdups, and more than a score of minor crimes were reported. The criminals escaped virtually unscathed, police doubling importance of numerous arrests.

Early in the evening, Michael Hughes, chief of detectives, ordered every available police motor car and squad to the streets.

The most serious crime of the evening was perpetrated by four negro bandits, who in the past two months have gained the name "The four black knights," and whose loot in money, cash and other valuables is estimated as exceeding \$25,000. They invaded the drug store of E. L. McMicken and shot him down when he resisted. They fled without obtaining anything.

To Be Bridesmaid at Royal Wedding



PRINCESS MAUDE.

LONDON, England, Jan. 25.—Princess Maude, younger daughter of Princess Royal, is one of the eight bridesmaids who will attend Princess Mary when she marries Viscount Lascelles. Princess Maude is one of the many who have been mentioned as the possible bride of the Prince of Wales.

Early Morning Blaze At Melbourne Destroys \$45,000 School

(Special To The Advertiser.) MELBOURNE, Jan. 25.—The Melbourne Public and Continuation School was completely destroyed by fire this morning at 5 o'clock. The fire started in the furnace-room and rapidly spread throughout the structure.

The loss is estimated at \$45,000. Insurance of \$23,000 is carried on the building.

A house nearby, owned by Mr. Gough, caught fire, but plenty of help being around, the blaze was quickly extinguished.

SEEK COMPROMISE IN SEWER DISPUTE

An effort to reach a compromise on the Knollwood Park sewer dispute will be made tonight at a conference between representatives of the city council and of the ratepayers.

The matter is now in the hands of the courts, and is slated for a hearing at the assizes opening the end of the month. It is hoped to save legal expenses which are bound to pile up, by reaching an agreement of some kind.

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REPORTS DEMAND FOR LOWER GRADE WOOLS

Regina, Sask., Jan. 25.—There is an increasing demand for lower grades of wool, for which there had been no market for some years, declared G. E. O'Brien, general manager of the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers' Limited, Toronto, at the annual meeting of the Saskatchewan Sheep Breeders' Association here, yesterday.

The public are beginning to demand a cheaper fabric, he said. If the manufacturers want to fill that demand, they will have to turn their attention to the low-priced wools, the quantity of wool surplus will be gradually taken up, and as the surplus is taken up, the price will reflect.

Last year at this time the city was suffering from a series of diseases, smallpox, chickenpox, 500 cases of measles, besides a number of other minor outbreaks, that usually travel in the slight epidemic form.

PRAISES WORK CITY HOSPITAL ACCOMPLISHES

Dr. Franklin Martin Sends Commendations of American College of Surgeons.

NEW TRUSTEES MEET Superintendent Heard Reports Fifteen More Rooms Are Urgently Needed.

The inaugural meeting of the Victoria Hospital Trust Tuesday was featured by the reading of a letter of high commendation for the hospital, received from Franklin H. Martin, M. D., director-general of the American College of Surgeons, Chicago.

Particularly gratifying to the trust, the members of which, with the exception of Mayor Wilson, have been in harness for some time, was one sentence which read: "Your splendid work, and the fruits of it, which are apparent in your community, must afford you more gratification, than the stamp of your approval can."

Lieut.-Col. W. M. Garthshore, was again elected chairman of the trust, and James Gray, chairman of the House committee.

Doctors J. H. Lewis and J. H. Fisher have completed their terms as house surgeon, Supt. T. H. Heard, reported, and after commenting favorably on the satisfactory service the two doctors had given, announced that the next meeting would be asked to appoint their successors.

Favor Commissioner. The matter of a finance commissioner for the city was approved by the meeting without discussion, all the members believing that the change was desirable.

Following the meeting the members of the trust took a short tour through parts of the hospital, finding everything shipshape, and the household members all enjoying good health.

Supt. Heard's report for the month showed 369 patients submitted and 398 discharged, with 261 receiving treatment at the end of the month. The free dispensary handled 525 during December.

Births in the hospital during the month 29, exceeded the total deaths by eight.

Supt. Heard reported that the hospital at the present time is crowded, and there is urgent need of fifteen more rooms and 50 beds. "There is quite a waiting list of people desiring to come into the hospital for treatment, but we cannot seem to get room for them," he said.

Dr. Martin's Letter. The letter from Dr. Martin, under date of Dec. 29, reads: "My Dear Mr. Heard: 'You are aware of the fact, no doubt, that your hospital appears on the 1921 list of hospitals meeting the minimum standard of the college. This recognition by the college is, we feel sure, a well-deserved one. Hospital standardization in essence is the desire for the welfare of the patient and the combined medical and hospital professions—a desire put into action and made practical. Your splendid work and the fruits of it, which are apparent in your community, must afford you more gratification than the stamp of our approval ever can. However, it gives us real pleasure to recognize and commend the stand for better hospital service which you have made."

"There are yet further advances to be made in the hospital, just as in medicine itself. With the co-operation of the medical and hospital professions, however, these advances cannot fail to become realized."

"With every good wish for a successful year, I am,

"Very sincerely yours," (Signed) F. H. MARTIN.

SHOW INCREASED FISH CATCH ON SEABOARDS

Ottawa, Jan. 25.—(Canadian Press). Weather conditions on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts were not very favorable for fishing during the month of December. Notwithstanding this, however, a number of kinds of fish show increased catches over the same period last year. These increases are chiefly on the Pacific coast.

The total catch of fish on both coasts during the month was 553,926 hundredweights, valued at \$1,213,625, compared with 473,716 hundredweights, valued at \$964,143, during December, 1920.

TAKE STEPS TO COMBAT OUTBREAK OF FLU IN N. Y.

New York, Jan. 25.—City health officials were today taking steps to block the further progress of a threatened influenza and pneumonia epidemic which was feared, they claimed, by the rapidly-growing number of such cases in Greater New York since the first of the year.

Dr. Royal S. Copeland, city health commissioner, said today that 123 cases of "flu" and 102 of pneumonia had been reported in Greater New York in the previous 24 hours.

WIFE STARTS COURT ACTION FOR ALIMONY

Claims Husband Frequently Struck and Used Abusive Language Toward Her.

ALLEGATIONS ARE DENIED The Defendant Businessman States He Has Always Been Kind and Indulgent.

Charging her husband, John Cottam, with cruelty, Mrs. Della Lavinia Cottam, will sue him for alimony at the winter assizes, which commence next Monday before Mr. Justice Mowat at the courthouse.

Mrs. Cottam, who was married in 1893, in her statement of claim, alleges that her husband began to show cruelty towards her shortly after they were married, and continued to do so until she left him last July. She claims that he frequently struck her and used abusive language towards her.

Mrs. Cottam charges that on July 9 last her husband violently assaulted her, choking her and almost smothering her. She further alleges that her husband accused her on July 1 of stealing money that had belonged to their dead son, who was killed overseas, knocking her about in such a cruel manner that she struck her back against the rockers of a chair. She further maintains, in her statement to the court, that he choked her and slapped her on this occasion.

Claims She Was Terrorized. She goes on to claim that in April last her husband threatened to knock her brains out with a wrench, and secured a leather strap with a noose in it with which she thought he was going to hang her. She points out that she was so terrified at his threats that she was ill for many days afterwards and had to have medical treatment.

Mrs. Cottam alleges that another furious attack upon her was brought about by her discovery of certain letters written by her husband to a woman. She says that he attacked her furiously in an endeavor to get the letters from her, tearing all her clothing off of her. She goes on further to state that after this treatment, she left him in order to save her life.

Helped Amass Property. During all this time the plaintiff claims that she had discharged faithfully the duties of a wife to the defendant, and by her personal exertion contributed greatly to the accumulation of property which he now owns, consisting of a house at 187 Ridout street, valued at \$8,500, a warehouse and factory on Grey street, and a thriving business known as Birdland Society, household goods, furniture, and ten acres of land near Port Stanley.

Mrs. Cottam claims that her health has been impaired and would have been completely shattered had she not left the house on July 14, 1921, after having put up with the situation as long as she could to avoid public scandal.

The plaintiff declared that she has no means of maintaining herself, except by daily labor, and owing to her age, which is 53 years, and lack of special training she is not capable of maintaining herself and says that unless relief be afforded by the court she will be reduced to great distress.

Denies Charges Made. Mr. Cottam, in his statement of defence denies that he ever displayed any bad temper towards his wife, or that he ever assaulted or abused her. He claims that on July 9 last she assaulted him while he was suffering from an attack of appendicitis. He denies having accused her of stealing money, and says his wife had no clothes, and that he was obliged to prepare his own meals.

Mr. Cottam declares that he has suffered serious losses in business, owing to the war and has always been a kind, loving and indulgent husband. He also says that in 1920 he provided funds for a trip to England and France for her.

Mrs. Cottam's health has not been impaired, he declares, by any conduct of his, and she is able to earn money, being a paid servant of the W. C. T. U. He goes on to say that she has retained the money from this source for herself.

He claims that she left his house without a just or lawful cause, and has refused to return. The defendant claims that his wife is of an insanely jealous disposition, and has slandered him to friends and strangers alike.

Jarvis & Vining for Mrs. Cottam, and G. N. Weekes for the defence.

HOUSEWIVES OF BERLIN WOULD TAX FOREIGNERS

Berlin, Jan. 25.—The Housewives' League has petitioned the city council to levy a tax of 1,000 marks per person on foreigners who remain in Berlin more than five days. A heavy luxury tax also is requested on eating and drinking, particularly with reference to those places where people are charged as much as a thousand marks for a bottle of French champagne.

The league desires an assessment per pound on family consumption of caviar, truffles and pineapples, as well as a general tax on "too high family life."