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COUNCIL ANGRY—MAY FIGHT L.S.R.

Year-Old London Baby Brutally Beaten With Straps

TAIT WAS TOO DEFIANT AND COUNCIL IS READY TO FIGHT BACK TONIGHT

Aldermen's Sympathy For Street Railway Company Vanishes
After Yesterday's Conference—Council May Insist
Tonight on Lower Fares and Accept Fight.

CITY'S RIGHTS TO SERVICE NOW INVOLVED

Condemning the obstinate and dictatorial attitude taken by Manager Tait of the London Street Railway Company at yesterday's conference, city aldermen today veered over from a conciliatory policy to the lower fares faction. Tonight's council meeting is now quite likely to favor fighting the company to the last ditch.

Sharp reaction was evident in council circles today, following the demands made by the street railway company yesterday afternoon. Aldermen who have been included in the "doubtful" column came out emphatically in favor of making no concessions to the L. S. R. under present conditions.

Stick to Bylaw 916.
Aldermen McKay, Douglas, Cliff, Carswell, Smith, Bottrell, Linnell and Neely favor sticking to the requirements of bylaw 916 and demanding a fare of seven and nine tickets for a quarter. Ald. Doug's sympathy with the street railway company has waned considerably and he is not in favor of a five-cent fare unless the company promises to improve service immediately.

A vote against the five-cent fare proposal of the street railway is expected, and seems assured, unless a last-minute proposal comes from the company. Such a possibility was suggested by several members of the council today. Ald. Bottrell thinks a new fare price may still be presented by the road at the last moment. Ald. McKay is confident that an attitude in favor of reversal to the old rate of fares will be adopted.

Demands made by the company last night provided a bold front for the railway. General Manager Tait refused to give a new purchase price, declared that a five-cent rate of fare would have to be continued, and promised no improvement in service unless a new agreement is offered. These demands lost the company much support that it appeared to have amongst the aldermen.

Has Lost Sympathy.
"I fully realize that the position of the company is not easy and that conditions are not the same now as when their fare was first secured," Ald. Thomas Cliff declared today. "Up until now I have felt rather friendly to the company and I was ready to support some kind of compromise satisfactory to the city and to the company."

"But if the company has assumed the attitude such as reported in the morning papers, I for one, will support any motion or resolution compelling the company to live up to bylaw 916 to the letter. I say that because I feel that the city cannot be very sympathetic to a corporation that assumes such an attitude as the street railway has taken."

Ald. Cliff's plain-spoken attitude sets at rest some doubt concerning his attitude. He points out that the company's defiance has been too high-handed and that the city cannot be not one of five-cent fares but of the city's rights in the matter.

Carswell Feels the Same.
"I'm inclined to think that the company is demanding too much altogether, from what I hear today," Ald. Robert Carswell commented, and placed another vote in the seven and nine ticket column. "I am now absolutely in favor of having the company carry out the bylaw. If this is their attitude."

"I can't say that five-cent fares are exorbitant," Ald. Carswell said, "but I think the company ought to promise improvement in equipment and service. I'll wait a decision until I hear the full report of the committee, but will service promised definitely before I vote for five-cent fares."

Ald. Homer Neely and Ald. Charles Linnell have already made statements favorable to seeking fulfillment of the bylaw regarding lower fares and support from them is assured. The vote of Ald. McKay, Douglas, Smith and Bottrell have been consistently opposed to making any concessions to the street railway this year.

Probable action in the event of the street railway attempting to charge five-cent fares on Monday morning is not anticipated by city aldermen. They are inclined to leave discussion of such an emergency for the time.

MINING EXPERTS PROTEST
HIGH TARIFF ON MACHINERY
Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, March 5.—Baby mines are being destroyed. I call it the slaughter of the innocents," declared Louis Simmon of Ottawa, in an address on the operation of the tariff on machinery used in prospecting, developing and operating mines, delivered at yesterday afternoon's session of the 27th annual meeting of the Canadian institute of mining and metallurgy.

CREW ESCAPES WHEN TUG
SINKS AFTER COLLISION
Associated Press Despatch.
Manila, March 5.—The naval tug Camia was sunk after a collision with the naval tug Genesee off Sangley Point, near Cavite, yesterday. The crew of the Camia was taken aboard the Genesee. No one was injured.

LABORITES WALK OUT OF HOUSE

Ramsay MacDonald Heads Delegation That Resents Putting Out Kirkwood.

HALTS CHAMBERLAIN

Chancellor of Exchequer Comes Out in Favor of Gold Standard Return.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, March 5.—The entire Labor delegation in the House of Commons, led by former Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald, walked out of the House of Commons today when the speaker ordered David Kirkwood, Scotch Labor member, to leave the chamber, after having interrupted the speech of Foreign Secretary Chamberlain was delivering. The ministerial benches cheered as the Labor members left the House.

BACKS GOLD STANDARD.
London, March 5.—A return to the gold standard was advocated in an address to the commercial committee of the House of Commons yesterday by Reginald McKenna, former Liberal chancellor of the exchequer, and now chairman of the City and Midland Bank.

Mr. McKenna saw immediate dangers for Britain in returning to a gold basis, but declared there was nothing compared with the permanent benefits which would follow. Though he always had shown a lively appreciation of the theoretical advantages of a "managed" currency, Mr. McKenna declared that "the superhuman wisdom which so delicately a handling of the machine would be, I am afraid, to be found only in theory."

Mr. McKenna said the recovery of the gold standard would stimulate or depress commerce according to whether the world's output of gold at its current value, was above or below the world's demand. The continual increase in population meant increased production, he said, and the need for slowly expanding there would be a drop in the price level with the corollaries of stagnant trade and unemployment.

CZECHO-SLOVAK CRISIS
AMICABLY ADJUSTED

Associated Press Despatch.
Prague, Czecho-Slovakia, March 5.—The crisis with which the coalition government was faced in consequence of the socialist interpellation regarding the separation of church and state and the subsequent pastoral letter on the subject by the Slovak bishops, has been settled. Members of the Catholic and other parties returned in the cabinet, after protracted negotiations, came to an understanding which was endorsed by the parliamentary groups.

A committee comprising delegates of the five coalition parties met last night to formulate the government's reply to the socialist interpellation.

DELHI REJECTS MOTION
FOR RESTRICTION OF OPIUM
Delhi, India, March 5.—The council of state yesterday rejected a motion proposed by a native member, recommending a government inquiry with a view of restricting the use of opium for medical purposes only.

Speakers for the government opposed prohibition and urged temperance as the best policy. It is announced that Bengal was contemplating drastic measures to reduce opium smoking.

AMERICAN PILGRIMS HEAR
CARDINAL FOR FIRST TIME

Associated Press Despatch.
Rome, March 5.—For the first time in the history of the Catholic church, a cardinal archbishop, Merry Del Val, this morning addressed in English five hundred American pilgrims. The address was delivered from an altar chair in St. Peter's after the cardinal archbishop had received the pilgrims.

Cardinal O'Connell, of Boston, who headed the party on its holy year visit, expressed his gratitude to Cardinal Merry Del Val for the honor bestowed upon the pilgrims.

Does Your Neighbor Read Thackeray or "The Sheik?"

You can't tell from appearances what kind of books people like—A. J. Dalrymple tells of human nature in the library.

Does a man reveal his true character in the books he reads?

A. J. Dalrymple has written a story for The Advertiser's magazine section this Saturday which advances an exactly opposite idea. From his observations at the public library many people seek books that contrast with their temperaments.



ARTURO ALESSANDRI, who is now on his way to Chili to assume the presidency. A near civil war is in progress in the country, with a state of siege declared in three provinces.

FOX APPEALS TO SEE JUDGE

Prisoner Asks Right To Present Case Personally at Toronto.

GRANT IS UNLIKELY

Thomas Fox sentenced to 14 years and 20 lashes in Kingston penitentiary by Mr. Justice Riddell last October, wants to be present when the appeal from the judge's decision is heard by the appellate division at Osgoode hall. It is not likely, however, that Fox will be taken to Toronto to hear the case argued.

Fox's request for an interview with Crown Attorney Albert Judd on the matter was granted by the crown attorney shortly after 12 o'clock today, when the prisoner, looking hale and hearty, was ushered in to the crown's office by Governor Byron Dawson. Fox had both hands shackled and one-half of the coat being black and the other gray. He has put on considerable weight since the time of his trial.

His companion, Sylvadore Sansone, who was sentenced to two years in penitentiary as well as lashes, has not yet asked for an interview with the crown.

Fox's ground for appeal is that the sentence imposed by Mr. Justice Riddell was not justified by the evidence produced at the trial. Except when a question of law alone is involved, a prisoner has a right to be present. In the case of Fox, his counsel will have to take the matter up at Toronto before he can be removed from his cell at the county jail.

It is expected that the appeal will come up tomorrow or Saturday at Osgoode hall.

\$6,000 NOW ON HEADS
OF BOMB MURDERERS
Total Reward Offered For the Conviction of Customs Agent Slayed.

Associated Press Despatch.
Niagara Falls, N. Y., March 5.—A total of \$6,000 is now offered in rewards for the arrest and conviction of the bomb murderers of Orville Preuster at Niagara Falls last Sunday. Yesterday the Niagara county organization of the Ku Klux Klan offered a reward of \$1,000, while last Monday the city council offered a reward of \$5,000.

Questioned as to whether he thought there was any connection between the blowing up of the First Baptist church last spring and the Preuster bomb outrage, George A. Callinan, chief of city detectives, said he did not.

Search is being made for two cases of dynamite, stolen from a freight car at East Hamburg last week. The Erie county sheriff's office was called into investigation in an effort to trace the stolen dynamite.

BRITISH WOOL COMPANY
PLANS BIG MILL IN B. C.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Victoria, B. C., March 5.—A large British wool manufacturing company plans construction of a woolen mill in British Columbia. It was announced today by D. W. Martin, provincial commissioner of industries.

RECTORY SCHOOL WILL GO

Board Decides To Tear Down Old Public School Building.

PLAN FOR FUTURE

Pottersburg District Will Get New Institution in Another Year.

By tacit consent the board of education has decided to tear down the Rectory street public school to make way for the new collegiate institute building.

Having decided several days ago that the proposed collegiate should be erected upon the Rectory street school site action taken by the board yesterday afternoon means that the present Rectory school is to be torn down.

The action referred to lies in the board's adoption of a request to be sent to the city council for the issue of \$354,000 of debentures to cover the building and land-acquiring program formed by the board for the current year.

Included in the sum of \$354,000 is provision for the purchase of the Rectory street school site by the collegiate institute department from the public school department at the price of \$50,000.

Closely knit with the proposal to tear down the Rectory street school and the provision of accommodation for the eight rooms of pupils now attending the school, is the problem of accommodation for the Pottersburg public school district.

Providing the board's program is endorsed in its entirety by the city council Rectory school naturally will be closed.

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COURT DEFERS TAX DECISION

Appeal of Windsor Bootlegger Is Heard by Highest Judicial Authorities.

WAS ASSESSED \$28,000

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, March 5.—The supreme court of Canada today reserved judgment on the appeal of Cecil R. Smith, the Windsor garage proprietor, who claimed that profits he made from bootlegging are not liable to income tax. He was assessed \$28,000, and went to the exchequer court for relief.

He took the ground that bootlegging profits were made illegally and, as such, were not taxable as a business under the income tax act. He lost in the exchequer court and appealed to the supreme court.

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IN SKATING CLUB'S BIG CARNIVAL.
Above is Miss Doris Belton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Belton, whose skating will be a feature of the London skating club carnival in the arena on Friday, March 20. Miss Belton will skate in a pair exhibition with K. R. Mallen, professional instructor of the club. In addition to pair skating events, the carnival program will include solo figure and speed performances by Mr. Mallen, children's exhibitions, waltzing numbers and various comedy features, one of which is a mysterious bull-fight.

WET AND DRY FORCES PREPARE FOR BATTLE

Rebels Plot Is Revealed

Associated Press Despatch.
Manila, March 5.—A plot to overthrow the government of the province of Nueva Ecija, seize the treasury, burn the government buildings and kill government officials was discovered after a fight between constabulary and fanatics known as colorums, near San Jose, that province, in which seven of the fanatics were killed.

Both moderates and dries have taken the vote in the provincial house in favor of amending the O. T. A. as a challenge to further organization. While the prohibitionists are inclined to criticize the premier and accuse him of double dealing, the moderates are confident that further amendments will come and that in time they will attain complete revision of the act.

In both cases, however, personalization has been shelved and organization for the real business of achieving their aims will be pushed throughout the province. A serious question of the position is taken by both sides, now that the die has been cast and intensive propaganda and constructive work will be undertaken to cope with either a plebiscite or an election whenever it may come.

Dealing With Principles.
"We are dealing with principles not with politicians," said David Ross, president of the London branch of the prohibition union today. "All I want to say is that if Premier Ferguson had as much regard for the truth as prohibitionists have for the principle of temperance there would be no trouble. It will act simply as an incentive to us to work harder and organize more thoroughly throughout Ontario, that's all. It has not come altogether as a surprise to us, but it shows clearly how the London branch of the prohibition league of Ontario, is satisfied for the time being with the result of the vote in Toronto."

Satisfied So Far.
"Yes, we're satisfied so far," he says, "but it does not go far enough to suit us. We shall still work and organize to carry out our fullest plans for a revision of the O. T. A. What we desire is another plebiscite in which the people will be given a more complete statement of the facts of the case and in which they will have greater choices. We want to eliminate the difference of opinion between the city and the country districts. It is not a matter for one government to decide in our opinion, but for the people of the province as a whole. The moderation league is about to start a thorough organization in Ontario so that when we have another plebiscite we shall be in a position to achieve our aims. As for the actual vote in the house, we fully expected it and are satisfied in that respect."

Delegation Makes Representations at Ottawa Regarding Bill For Indemnification.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, March 5.—Another delegation representing Home Bank depositors interviewed Premier Mackenzie King and Hon. J. A. Robb, acting minister of finance yesterday. The interview was in private, but it is understood that the delegation made representations with regard to the bill for indemnification of the depositors which the government proposes to introduce this session.

Laughrin, K.C., and W. T. J. Lee of Toronto, both of whom acted for Home Bank depositors in the inquiry before the McKeeven royal commission, were members of the delegation.

Million-dollar plant to locate in Winnipeg

Canadian Press Despatch.
Winnipeg, March 5.—It was announced last night that a dominion charter has been granted to a million-dollar company which plans to operate a cannery in the Winnipeg district.

The company will be known as the Allied British Cannery and Distributors, Limited, and it is controlled by United States capitalists. Operations probably will be commenced next fall.

In addition to the Winnipeg plant, the company will establish canneries in Quebec and British Columbia, according to present plans.

Former Captain of Giants Dies in Augusta, Georgia

Associated Press Despatch.
Augusta, Ga., March 5.—John M. Ward, former captain of the New York Giants, died of pneumonia here yesterday afternoon. His body will be sent to Babylon, N.Y., for burial.

Mr. Ward took up the study of law while still a diamond star and won distinction as an attorney. His death came without warning on the day following his 65th birthday.

FATHER OF SIX KILLED
BY HEAVY LUMBER WAGON

Canadian Press Despatch.
Quebec, Que., March 5.—Edmund Lacroix, a resident of St. George de Beauce, was instantly killed on Tuesday when he was struck in the abdomen by a heavy lumber wagon as he was working in the Maine woods. Lacroix was 38 years of age and the father of six children.

TWO CHILD BEATERS REMANDED

Stepfather and His Mother Are Charged With Brutal Attacks on Baby.

MARRIED MONTH

Magistrate Says "Most Abominable Nest Ever Brought to His Attention."

For brutally battering a one-year-old baby, Mrs. Elva Mason and her son, George Stover, were remanded to jail for one week in Magistrate Graydon's court this morning to await sentence.

A sordid story of how her baby child had been ill-treated was told by Mrs. Florence Stover, George Stover's stepmother, who was married to him last month. Since that time with her one-year-old baby boy she has been living with her husband and her mother-in-law at 232 Clarence street.

After Mrs. Stover had told how they had whipped the baby with a long strap, choked it until it verged on suffocation and threw it to the floor, Magistrate Graydon declared the house in which Mrs. Mason and her son lived was "the most nefarious, sordid and abominable nest that has ever been brought to my attention."

Woman Testifies.
Mrs. Agnes Reidy also gave evidence against Mrs. Mason and Stover. She told the court the same story as that related by Mrs. Stover, that the baby had been horribly beaten.

On Monday night, according to the evidence, the baby was crying. Mrs. Mason, in an attempt to stop the child from "making too much noise," snatched it out of its cradle, threw it on the floor, and then took a strap to beat it. The baby cried all the more. She then picked it up and threw it on a bed and thrust a rag in its mouth. She left it lying there in this condition until it almost went into convulsions.

Later she called her son to see if he "could stop the brat." "He licked it cruelly," Mrs. Reidy declared. "He took a belt from his waist with a steel buckle on the end and commenced to thrash it. The baby cried and cried, and then he doubled the strap and beat it all the more."

Used Metal Band.
The mother of the child also declared that her husband had often used a strap to stop the baby from crying. "Once," she said, "he took a shirt band covered with metal and beat the kid with that."

The little baby was brought to court in the arms of its grandmother, Mrs. Stover's mother. Its face was badly scarred and bore bruises about the neck.

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The Weather

FORECASTS.
Today—Moderate winds; partly cloudy.
Friday—Southerly winds; fair, with much the same temperature.
The pressure is high from the great lakes eastward, and low in the western provinces.

The weather is very cold in Northern Ontario, and fairly mild in other parts of the dominion.

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

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	45	25	Clear
Calgary	28	23	Cloudy
Winnipeg	32	23	Fair
Port Arthur	24	9	Cloudy
Sault Ste. Marie	26	19	Cloudy
Toronto	37	26	Snow
Kingston	39	24	Cloudy
Ottawa	33	6	Fair
Montreal	25	23	Cloudy
Quebec	24	22	Cloudy
St. John	35	32	Cloudy
Halifax	35	29	Cloudy

Minus 3 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, 33; lowest, 24. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 27; lowest, 22.

Sun. rises at 6:42 a.m. and sets at 6:11 p.m.

Barometric Readings.
Wednesday—3 p.m., 29.27.
Today—8 a.m., 29.41.