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TOMORROW—RAIN.

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HAGERSVILLE SWEEPED BY FIRE

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FIRE RAZES BUSINESS SECTION

Town of Hagersville Suffers Loss of \$200,000 Early Today.

PROBE IS ORDERED

Inadequate Water Supply Proves Severe Handicap To Firemen.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Hamilton, June 15.—Almost the entire business section of Hagersville was razed by fire which swept through the town early this morning, causing a loss of over \$200,000. Handicapped by lack of modern equipment, the town brigade labored in vain to check the spread of the flames, which, originating in a Chinese laundry, quickly extended to the important buildings of the downtown section.

The alarm was sounded shortly before midnight, when Lee Fung's laundry was found ablaze. The local volunteer fire fighters were summoned with a single chemical engine and a bucket line was organized. The firemen found themselves unable to cope with the rapid spread of the flames and half an hour later an appeal was sent out over the district for reinforcements. The Hamilton department dispatched a pump with eleven men, headed by Chief James, and the Cayuga force also sent apparatus.

Water Supply Inadequate.
Lack of adequate water supply proved a severe handicap and, with pumps attached to wells, the firemen found themselves able only to prevent further spread of the flames. Hope was abandoned for a score of buildings in the heart of the town, by this time a raging inferno. Only a few were occupied at the time and there was no loss of life.

Buildings completely destroyed by the fire included: The plot works of David Leving's, two seed houses owned by D. N. Adams, the shoe repair shop, Le Fung's laundry, the furniture store of L. B. Gowans, W. J. Smith's hardware store, and the residence above the Regal theatre, the Masonic temple, the town feed barn operated by T. E. Margalit, John Ling's blacksmith shop, and feed barn owned by Alex Marshall and W. J. Smith.

Fire Being Probed.
The Masonic temple was built only last autumn and was the finest in the district. Loss to the town was total \$16,000. Investigations were under way today into the cause of the fire and to date no cause has been ascertained beyond the fact that the flames originated in the laundry.

PARCHED FIELDS SAVED BY RAIN

Week-End Showers Are of Inestimable Value to District.

Middlesex crops benefited to the extent of thousands of dollars by the half-inch of rain that fell on parched fields Saturday afternoon and evening. J. F. Andrews of the department of agriculture states.

With the barometer falling steadily since last night, and the atmosphere intolerably close this afternoon, thunderstorms with additional welcome moisture are promised for tonight by the weather bureau.

Last night the barometer read 29.38. At 8 o'clock this morning it had fallen to 29.27, while at 2 o'clock this afternoon it read 29.18 and was still falling. The thermometer registered an even 85 degrees at 2 o'clock.

"I took a short trip into the country yesterday afternoon and I was surprised to see such a wonderful change in the crops," said Mr. Andrews. "The rain will stretch the timothy and alfalfa and will set the pastures going again."

"The hay crop will be light, there is no doubt about that. The moisture arrived too late to help the clover to any extent. The showers will fill out the wheat and will be of inestimable value to the oats, which were badly in need of moisture. Corn, potatoes, roots, in fact, every crop that grows, will be helped by the rain. We could stand more, however. The farmers would welcome a twenty-four-hour soaking, and I hope we get it, and get it soon," declared Mr. Andrews.

12,000 Hear Rotary Call

Cleveland Welcomes Members From All Parts of the World.

Associated Press Despatch.
Cleveland, Ohio, June 15.—Thousands of Rotarians are here for the 16th annual convention of Rotary International. Twenty-five of the thirty nations, where there are Rotary clubs are represented in what officials predicted will be the organization's largest convention.

Judging by the registration which continued today, more than 12,000 delegates will be on hand, officials predicted, when the convention gets under way tonight with a pageant entitled, "Rotary." The cast will number 500, all professionals. The spectacle depicts the development of the Rotarian ideal.

Business sessions begin Tuesday. Nineteen Blackfoot Indians from the Glacier National park reservation are guests of the International. They pitched their tents in the public square. Donald A. Adams, New Haven, Conn., and Paul S. King, Detroit, are candidates to succeed Everett W. Hill as president.

PERSIA QUILTS ARMS PARLEY

Decision Permitting Search of Ships Leads to Definite Break.

Associated Press Despatch.
Geneva, June 15.—Persia today withdrew from the arms conference because of the conference's decision that Persian ships in the Gulf of Persia should be searched if suspected of engaging in arms traffic.

General Habibullah, Persian delegate, said Persia withdrew from the conference because she felt a blow had been struck at her sovereignty. He said Persia had been treated unfairly, first, by the decision to include the Gulf of Persia in the zone where arms shipments would be forbidden and, second, by the insistence of the conference that native Persian vessels should be searched for contraband arms in the Gulf of Persia, which he said was practically Persian territorial waters.

MAN IS BADLY INJURED AS MOTOR CAR RUNS AWAY

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, June 14.—Edward Day, aged 40, had his legs fractured late Saturday night, when crushed in a small doorway by his motor car. Day was cranking his automobile in the runway which leads to the back of his home, not knowing it was in gear. As the engine started, the car shot forward, and before he could escape it pinned him in the doorway. People in the house heard his cries and exclaimed him.

Luther Burbank Scores Bryan's Evolution Views

SANTA CRUZ, CAL., June 14.—Luther Burbank, world famous plant scientist, tonight arrayed himself on the side of the evolutionists in the Tennessee controversy. And, incidentally, he declared that the skull of his friend, William Jennings Bryan, was not the Neanderthal type.

Burbank doesn't think much of the Tennessee law forbidding the teaching of evolution. He doesn't think much, either, of the forthcoming trial of Prof. J. T. Scopes of Dayton, Tenn., for violation of the law.

"As soon legislate against the law of gravity," Burbank said. "Bryan, one of evolution's bitterest denouncers, came in for a mild attack from the noted horticulturist."

"Mr. Bryan is an honored personal friend of mine," the scientist declared, "yet this need not prevent the observation that the skull with which nature endowed him visibly approaches the Neanderthal type."

"The laws and the use of geotaxonomies and words are more according to the nature of this type than investigation and reflection." Continuing with his protest against the Tennessee law, Burbank said:

"Those who would legislate against the teaching of evolution should legislate also against gravity, electricity and the unreasonable velocity of light."

"Also they should introduce a clause to prohibit the use of the telescope, the microscope and the spectroscope or any other instrument of precision which may in the future be invented."

While holding that "religion is as natural to man and as important to each human being and to the welfare of society as breathing, Burbank believes the word of the Bible, taken literally, should not be accepted as indisputable controversy of the history of evolution."

NEW L.S.R. FRANCHISE ORDER TO QUIT STREETS

High Spots In L. S. R. History

1873—Company incorporated.
1875—Fifty-year franchise to operate horse cars granted by city council.
1889—Company's capital stock increased from \$40,000 to \$250,000.
1895—Original agreement amended, with 30-year franchise for operation of electrical cars granted.
1896—Capital stock increased to \$750,000.
1914—Sunday car service commenced.
1919—Council grants increased fares for eight-month period.
1920—Employees' strike and operation of road by Ontario railway board.
1921—Railway board administration concluded on May 1.
1922—Act of legislature permits five-cent fares.
1923—Company offers city complete holdings for \$1,425,000. Offer refused.
1924—Company requests extension of franchise and offers sale of road for \$1,295,000, plus value of stock supplies. Offer refused.
1925—Franchise expires. Company notified to revert to seven and nine fares for a quarter rate. Operation five-cent rate continues. Railway board called in.

GAS BLAST, FIRE WRECK 21 HOMES

Many Buffalo Families Are Made Homeless As Result of Explosion.

Associated Press Despatch.
Buffalo, N. Y., June 15.—Twenty-one families are homeless here today as the result of an explosion from a gas leak in the center of the city. The house in which the explosion occurred is so badly wrecked that the cause probably never will be determined. The police say, although they are inclined to believe it was due to a gas leak. Damage is estimated at about \$20,000.

The flames spread so rapidly that several persons narrowly escaped death or serious injury, but the police and firemen rescued the few who were slow in making their escape.

SPEEDERS FINED

Two speeders who stretched out on the Delaware-Mount Bridge road last evening before Magistrate Hawkshaw this morning and each paid \$10 and costs. High Constable Wharton overtook one speeder who was under way at 50 miles an hour.

Leading the Attack.
Ald. L. H. Douglas, one of the strongest advocates for the "fear" rate of fare or the purchase of the road, outlines today the following possible course for the council, assuming that the railway board on Wednesday decides in favor of the city:

That the company revert to the old rate of fare; declare bylaw 916 and all its additions null and void; call for a new agreement with the company, starting out on entirely fresh ground, all of which three measures he declares highly improbable and impractical because of the inability of the company to fulfill obligations under the old agreement.

Ald. Douglas would favor a definite order to the company to "Get out, bar and baggage," to clear its rolling stock and tracks from the streets of London, and to consider any previous agreement at an end.

Loses Her Race Against Death

Detroit Immigration Officials Detain Toronto Woman While Husband Dies.

Associated Press Despatch.
Detroit, June 15.—A Toronto woman's race against death was defeated by hospital authorities yesterday when she died of a heart attack. She had been detained by immigration officials for three hours for questioning. Mrs. Mabel Mott, who operates an apartment hotel in Toronto, died at the Detroit hospital when she was advised that her husband, a traveling salesman, was dying in the Receiving Hospital.

Arriving here at 2 p.m., she was detained by immigration authorities at the Michigan Central station, although she had a valid passport. Hospital physicians advising her of the critical condition of her husband. When she was finally permitted to leave at 5 o'clock she found her husband had died forty minutes earlier.

Real Estate More Active

Better Market For Commercial Properties Here, Dealers Say.

Commercial real estate in London has made a rapid recovery from the low level of a year ago and is now leading the lists of several local realtors.

Small businesses, particularly grocery stores, seem stable at present and the number in "For Sale" and "Lease" columns has shown a big decline in recent months.

As an instance of the new status of the small store, one realtor said this morning that he had been busy in finding a grocery business for a client seeking a lease. A week ago he had half a dozen stores on his list, but the business outlook has brought the withdrawal of all of these.

Realtors predict that general real estate is far more active this year than in 1924. One Dundas street firm has already passed its sales total for the entire month of June last year.

Unanimity as to the desirability of a bus terminal for London, but a diversity of opinion as to the best location for it, characterize the comment on the proposal that the city should provide a place, and if possible a building, which could be used as a union terminal station by all motor bus lines entering the city from outside points.

Discussing the project with The Advertiser, Ald. Edwin Smith recalled the efforts put forth by the agricultural section of the chamber of commerce to have such a building provided either on or close to the market, which would also serve as a restaurant for farmers' wives. The latter proposal did not bear fruit because of lack of financial co-operation on the part of the county, he recalled, but he could see no reason why the bus terminal could not be gone on independently of the restaurant idea.

Market Is Crowded.
One of the proposals in connection with the restaurant was that the present comfort station on the market could be remodelled and enlarged to suitable proportions at comparatively small cost. While the location of this building would make it an ideal terminal for bus lines, Ald. Smith points out that the crowded condition of that section of the market would make the problem of parking the large buses a very serious one, and he does not think a site on the market would be feasible.

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RAILWAY BOARD AT ILBERTON ON TUESDAY

Order For Centralization of Rural Lines At That Point Sought.

The Ontario railway and municipal board will tomorrow night hold a session at the Ilberton town hall to hear the London township request for changes in the township telephone exchange. The meeting will be held at 8 o'clock.

Commissioners of the telephone system have petitioned for an order authorizing them to close the Lobo central office, and the centralization at Ilberton of all lines now connected at Lobo. The exchange also requests permission to carry out reconstruction work and replacements, for which purpose an \$8,000 debenture issue would be needed.

Donald McIntyre, K.C., chairman of the board, and A. B. Ingram, vice-chairman, will represent the board. They will come to London on an afternoon train tomorrow.

SEVER BRITISH RELATIONS CRY OF CHINESE STUDENTS

Associated Press Despatch.
Peking, June 15.—Chinese students, merchants, shop-owners and workmen, in the largest demonstration held here during the present troubles, today went to the foreign office and demanded that the Chinese government sever relations with Great Britain and instruct the Tsuchun of Hankow, forcibly to take possession of the British concession there.

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Port Arthur	48	48	Cloudy
Parry Sound	72	60	Cloudy
Toronto	55	48	Cloudy
Kingsport	72	58	Cloudy
Ottawa	52	40	Cloudy
Montreal	52	41	Cloudy
Quebec	76	58	Clear
Patric Point	74	52	Clear
St. John	62	50	Fair
Halifax	40	58	Fair

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

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London	73	52	Cloudy
St. John	62	50	Fair
Halifax	40	58	Fair

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Barometric Readings.
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Y. M. C. A. MEMBERS IN STRANGE CONTESTS.

Novelty races featured the annual picnic of Y. M. C. A. members and their families and friends held at Silver Beach on Lake Erie Saturday. The upper picture shows contestants in the newspaper race endeavoring to run a certain distance without stepping off a newspaper. In the lower illustration the plinkers are seen in an effort to guide to victory fractious steeds in the blind horse race. The events included also a Scotchman's 4.4 race and an outdoor volleyball game.

Sid Inspected Gas Pumps, Told Death Jokes, Kiddled the Cops and Lands In Jail

Associated Press Despatch.
Berlin, June 15.—A monster demonstration for the liberation of the Rhineland territories was held in front of the Reichstag yesterday. Many thousands assembled conspicuously among them some Germans in the national and historical dress of the Black Forest residents of Schleswig-Holstein and west Prussians, and also numerous student fraternities in the medieval gala dress.

Several planes circled overhead during the demonstration.

FORMOSA EXPERIENCES 79 EARTH SHOCKS IN DAY

Associated Press Despatch.
Tokio, June 15.—Despatches from Kurembo, Formosa, report severe earthquake shocks beginning Sunday morning at 2:30 o'clock and continuing into the afternoon. Extensive damage to houses and buildings was reported and the inhabitants were terrified. Seventy-nine shocks were noted.

Many Buildings and Homes Damaged, But No Casualties Reported.

No casualties were reported.

REV. J. H. BOYD RESIGNS TORONTO PASTORATE

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, June 15.—Rev. J. H. Boyd, pastor of Waverly road Baptist church, where he came from London Ont., seven years ago, has resigned. Differences between Rev. Boyd and the board of deacons of the church are thought to be the reason for his resignation.

Macedonian Rebel Chief ASSASSINATED AT SOFIA

Sofia, Bulgaria, June 15.—Pancho Mikhailoff, Macedonian revolutionary leader, was assassinated in the street here last evening. The murderer of Sofia, the police believe they have a clue to his identity.

Harry, With a Past, Denies Bruins Have No "Tails"

Bears are popularly supposed to have no tails—that is, none to speak of. But the latest bear to take up his abode at Springsbank has a tale which seems worth telling. He is a bear with a past, although he is still of very tender years. Despite his past, he bears a very good name, being known as Harry Gignac, after his late owner, who until recently was president of the Brantford chamber of commerce, but now a resident of Windsor.

It seems that Harry (that is Harry the bear) first saw the light of day in the foothills of the Rockies and after his capture as a cub came into the possession of parties residing in Calgary, who immediately decided that he would make a fitting pet for the genial Brantford president. So they wrote asking him if he would like a bear cub. Being a business man and accustomed to doing things in a business way, he despatched a wire in reply with the laconic message, "Yes, ship him to Brantford."

Well, they shipped him, all right. Neatly crated, he arrived about a week later having traveled the whole distance by express. The resulting express charges made the recipient of the present gasp. They amounted in all to \$18 C. O. D. But there was no help for it; the bear had been shipped as per instructions. Mr. Gignac accepted the situation and the bear and paid the whole shot.

When the cub had grown a little larger he was presented to the Kiwanis club of Galt, which was duly alerted over his acquisition until the problem of keeping him cropped up. Then the suggestion was made that London having just lost a venerable bear might be glad to acquire Harry Gignac and so it was arranged. He is now installed in his new home.

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