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"SPORTING GREEN"
ON THE STREET AT 5:00
WITH LATE NEWS.

THREE CENTS.

LIBERALS MAY STRENGTHEN DURING SESSION

Williams Nearly Escaped When Murrells Made Getaway

U.F.O. GROUPS MAY RETURN TO RANKS OF LIBERALISM

Hon. Manning Doherty Will Precipitate Red Hot Debate This Afternoon.

SINCLAIR'S ATTITUDE

Liberal Chieftain Will Not Stand Idly By and See Place Usurped.

By WILLIAM SHARMAN.
Special to The Advertiser.
By a Staff Reporter.

Toronto, Feb. 12.—Before the termination of the current session of the Ontario Legislature several supporters of the late Drury administration, if not a majority of them, may gravitate back to the Liberal party. In any event a closer bond of understanding between the Liberal and United Farmer groups is anticipated. It is not difficult to understand that all the "supporters of the late government," as they are known to their leaders, are not a unit when the Drury "broadening out" policy is enunciated, and a clear division as to the future policy of the organization would not come as any surprise packet. Whether the Liberal chieftain, W. E. Sinclair, will be enabled to deliver his reply to the speech from the throne, this afternoon, depends entirely upon circumstances.

Doherty To Open Debate

Probably the first order of business will be the debate, precipitated by Hon. Manning Doherty, Progressive leader, as to whether he has not been recognized as the leader of the official opposition. It is whispered in U. F. O. circles that Mr. Doherty is preparing to speak for more than an hour.

Premier Ferguson stated his opinion yesterday that while the Progressive leader is all out of order, he should allow him ample opportunity to "air his grievances." In all probability the premier will speak a half hour or more if Mr. Doherty is not ruled out of order and speaks at all.

Then the Hon. W. E. Raney will give the indulgence of the house, it is understood, while other members of the government may desire to. Please See Page 6, Column 4.

JUDGMENT RESERVED BY JUSTICE LENNOX

Will Decide Amount of Damages Due Howlett Brick and Tile Company.

The Howlett Brick & Tile Company of Petrolia are entitled to some damages from the Peninsula Sugar Company for the breaking of a contract for the supply of 1,000,000 bricks, but judgment is reserved until it is definitely ascertained by Mr. Justice Lennox what the rate of the loss is.

This case was brought before Justice Lennox in a motion for judgment in the supreme court of Ontario this morning. Evidence showed that the Howlett Company had delivered 500,000 bricks to the Peninsula Sugar Company and had on hand, ready to deliver, 300,000 more. The Peninsula Sugar Company bought another 100,000 bricks from another firm, which, it is believed, is contrary to the contract drawn up between the two companies.

J. W. G. Winnett for the plaintiff and R. G. MacKenzie, Petrolia, for the defendant.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.

Today—Northerly winds and colder.

Wednesday—Fair, stationary or higher temperature.

Stations. High Low Weather

Victoria 52 42 Cloudy

Calgary 58 36 Fair

Winnipeg 26 6 Cloudy

Port Arthur 34 4 Clear

Cochrane 8 — Fair

Toronto 34 18 Snow

Kingston 28 6 Cloudy

Ottawa 18 — Fair

Montreal 10 — 2 Cloudy

Quebec 14 — 8 Fair

St. John 32 4 Fair

Halifax 32 24 Cloudy

(—) 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, 34; lowest, 14.

The official temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 30; lowest, 26.

Barometric Readings.

at 5 p.m.—28.89.

at 8 a.m.—28.85.

Williams Gave Up Scheme To Escape From His Cell When Little Saw Gave Out



Plan of Melbourne Bandit To Escape With Murrells Revealed.

"TRUSTY" ASSISTED

Indian Is Alleged To Have Secured Saw To Do Work.

That "Slim" Williams almost succeeded in saving his way to freedom from the Middlesex County jail one month after the Murrell brothers had pulled off the trick in September, 1921, is a fact that has never been brought to the attention of the general public.

There is an old saying that lightning never strikes in the same place twice, but "Slim" and his cell companion thought there was more than an even chance of saving the jail bars in two, and emulating the deeds of the two Murrells, and had their saw been made of pre-war material their chances of escape would have been of the best, according to information received by The Advertiser.

Williams, as he sits in his cell at the county jail and thinks of the two short months he has left on this earth, may ponder over the facts of his attempted escape, and may wonder why he did not try to secure a second saw to complete the job, but the fact remains that he did not, or if he did was unsuccessful.

The elusive "Slim" and his jail pal talked the matter over at some length before a plan of campaign was decided on. A five dollar bill was handed over to an Indian prisoner at the jail, it is stated, to be handed in turn to a friend who was to be the "trustee" of the Indian.

The next day he received a small steel saw, guaranteed to cut the most stubborn iron bars. The "trustee" found opportunity to pass the saw to Williams, and the supreme effort to gain liberty was commenced by the two men.

Bars Fell Prey.

One by one the bars fell prey to the muscular effort behind the little saw. It was only at favorable opportunities that a few strokes could be made. The men took turns at watching for turnkeys when their Please See Page 6, Column 4.

Robber SECURES \$13 IN CITY HOME

Walks Into Home on Waterloo Street and Takes Money Off Table.

Calmly walking in the back door of the home of R. Thompson, 431 Waterloo street, at 11:20 this morning, a daring individual picked up \$13 off the kitchen table, walked on through the house and out the front door, which he left wide open.

The robbery was discovered a few minutes later when people in the upstairs part of the house went down stairs to find both back and front doors open and the money removed from the kitchen table. There were three one-dollar bills and a ten, the police were told on their arrival.

Much mystery surrounds the affair, no person having seen the thief. A man working outside next door at the time told detectives he did not notice any person entering or leaving the house, which is situated between Queen's avenue and Dundas street on the west side of Waterloo.

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The boulevarding of Wellington street south will also be discussed. Other matters taken up will be in the nature of routine.

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M'KNIGHT DEFINITELY COMPANY MANAGER

Former Manager Will Assume His Position With Reorganization.

STRUGGLE IS ENDED

Control of Insurance Company Now Completely Adjusted Again.

R. C. MacKnight has finally been reappointed manager of the Northern Life Assurance Company here, The Advertiser learned this morning.

For months ownership and supervision of the Northern Life has been in doubt following the skirmish for control between the Purdon interests and Mr. MacKnight.

Last month it was announced that Hon. Manning Doherty had become president, but this was followed by a statement that Mr. Doherty had sold his interests to Gairdner, Clarke and Co., brokers, of Toronto.

Today it is definitely established that this concern holds control over the company, and Mr. MacKnight is manager. An important announcement in connection with the new board of directors and possible changes made will be forthcoming about the 25th of this month.

Mr. MacKnight, in conversation with The Advertiser today, confirmed the statement that he had been selected to manage the Northern Life.

That the department of education, Toronto, will not agree to changing the supervision of the school nurses from the board of education to the board of health was the opinion given this morning by a prominent educationalist, when informed that the suggestion had been made at a meeting of the latter body last night.

The objection to the scheme, as the department would see it, would be the dual control in the schools, which would tend to dissatisfaction among the teachers.

In Toronto the change was made following the request of the people who voted on the question and since that time there has been friction between the two boards.

In addition to proving unsatisfactory as far as the teachers go, it would also mean that the board of education would lose a grant of some \$600 made in respect of these nurses.

QUEEN'S AVE. CHANGE WILL BE CONSIDERED

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KITCHENER CHIEF DENIES SLACKNESS

Head of Department Declares Raney Is Jumping at Conclusions.

HAVE ADVANTAGE

Canadian Press Despatch.

Kitchener, Feb. 12.—Chief of Police George O'Neill of this city emphatically denied that the local police force had ever refused to enforce the O. T. A. in the city because of the existence here of a branch of the provincial police. The chief's denial was given in connection with the query of Hon. W. E. Raney in the house yesterday, in which he intimated that he had been informed the city police of Kitchener had refused to enforce the O. T. A.

Chief O'Neill stated that the provincial police are able to gather information from express offices and customs here as a result of their connection with the government.

This information is not available to the local police, who have to depend on the information gained from citizens, and from covering the ground.

He declared that he was not bothered about any statements Mr. Raney might make. "Mr. Raney has never been here officially, and does not know what the Kitchener police are doing," the police chief concluded.

All Workers To Receive Reward In Prize Contest

Cash Commission Protect Everyone, While Bigger Prizes Also Await.

CANDIDATES STILL SIGN

Clubs and Other Organizations Have Representatives in the Race.

"I've decided to enter The Advertiser contest today because I know I'm going to win one of the big prizes. I've studied the whole thing from every angle and figure I'll be a lot of money in pocket by the end of the campaign. It doesn't matter if I'm two weeks late. In big contests like this there are only about a dozen real winners, and I'm going to be one of them."

Thus spoke the latest convert to The Advertiser's \$20,000 prize contest. He entered the office early last night and announced his intention of "signing up."

This new candidate hit it right. There is more than a kernel of truth in his statement that a real worker is bound to win. A man or a woman who does the job well cannot help winning.

This is the week to join the contest as a representative of some club or social organization. Every society of that nature in Western Ontario should nominate a candidate in The Advertiser contest, and when he wins a big cash prize it can become the property of the society that has backed him up. By following this plan, any organization which works hard for its particular candidate is certain to profit handsomely.

Some candidates are going into the contest for the commission they get on every dollar brought in. Of course they are working for one of the big awards, but whether they prove successful or not, the money earned on subscriptions sent in will be substantial.

Every prospective candidate is urged to read the full page advertisement in this issue which describes the contest in detail.

INDORSES ALLOWING PRISONERS TOBACCO

Crown Attorney Judd States, However, Matter Rests With Toronto.

GOLDIE MAY HEARKEN

Central Smoking Room Only System of Permitting Step.

As far as he personally is concerned, Crown Attorney Albert Judd sees no reason why prisoners at the county jail should not be allowed an occasional smoke.

"That's just my own personal opinion," stated the crown attorney. "The recommendation of the grand jury that more leniency should be allowed prisoners in the way of tobacco is a matter for the department at Toronto."

The Hon. Lincoln Goldie, provincial secretary, enjoys a good cigar, and it may be that he will hearken with an appreciative ear to the plea of the Middlesex grand jury.

At the present time tobacco is not on the list of jail rations. Before a prisoner can hope for a drag on a cigarette or pipe, the jail physician, Dr. James Wilson, must issue an order for it.

According to the prisoners, it is harder to get tobacco in the jail than it is to purchase a "crook" of whiskey outside, and then some.

The only possible way that prisoners could enjoy a smoke, would be to have them brought to a central smoking-room, where they could all be under the watchful eyes of turnkeys.

"It would never do for them to be allowed to smoke in their cells. The turnkeys could not watch them all at the same time," submitted one man in touch with jail matters.

"You would be liable to have another Murrell episode. You will remember that the Murrell boys, cut a hole in the ceiling, shoved in a piece of paper on the lathing, and set it on fire. We couldn't take a chance on anything like that."

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

Tuscania, New York, Glasgow, Samaria, Naples, New York, Franconia, Colombo, New York, Baltic, Cadiz, New York, Cameronia, Liverpool, New York.



SIR ARTHUR CURRIE, principal of McGill University, who has issued an appeal to students to discontinue the practice of hazing.

Sir Arthur claims the practice has gone beyond reasonable bounds, and is affecting the efficiency and imperiling the reputation of the university.

WARN MOTORISTS FRIDAY LAST DAY

Only 1,600 Markers Have Been Secured in the City to Date.

Friday, February 15, is the last day motorists will be allowed to use the 1923 auto licenses. The new yellow and black markers for 1924 will have to be bought before that date or motor owners will be subject to fine.

According to J. H. Childs, local issuer of motor licenses, to date, only 1,600 markers for passenger cars have been issued, and 350 markers for trucks have been supplied.

Last year more than 11,000 licenses were issued in this district, and although many cars are now in storage for the winter months, Mr. Childs estimates there are still at least 7,000 markers to be issued before next Friday.

Mr. MacDONALD maintained that gilded securities had increased in value since the advent of the Labor government.

The government, he said, would place before the house every one of the economic conference resolutions for a free vote. It would also carry on the lines of the social measures mentioned in the speech from the throne.

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It was pointed out that lines in St. Catharines, Toronto and Hamilton were being electrified, and the advantages of the electrification of branch lines in this district were explained. It is expected that Sir Henry Thornton will visit London in the near future, and the Chamber of Commerce will take up the question with him.

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These figures are for the care and maintenance of buildings and grounds coming under the control of the board and include janitor services, fuel, light, heat, repairs, renewals, decorating, etc.

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Welland, Feb. 13.—Mrs. Lily Bantraskia is lying in the hospital with a broken neck suffered when struck by an engine in the M. C. R. yards at Main street Saturday night. The gates were closed, but she with an escort endeavored to cross the tracks.

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The meeting is to be held to form a joint organization of the London and St. Thomas alumni. Chancellor Whidden will be present.

MACDONALD APPEALS TO BRITISHERS, KEEP STEADY

The New Labor Prime Minister Declares Sane Conditions Must Prevail.

WILL HOLD POWER

Premier Warns Government Will Not Give Up On Any Snap Decision.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Feb. 12.—Ramsay MacDonald, Great Britain's new Labor prime minister, rising at 4:15 o'clock this afternoon for his first speech in the house as head of the government called attention to the fact that no party had a majority. The new conditions, therefore, would necessitate alteration in the habits of the members, as individuals they would have to vote more and more on their personal responsibility and not merely as party partisans. The Labor government, Mr. MacDonald declared, was not going out of office as the result of any snap decision. It would only go out if it were defeated on a substantial issue. It was expected the premier's speech would consume about an hour and a half.

Mr. MacDonald thanked the "calm and sane-minded businessmen" who had warned investors not to make fools of themselves because of the advent of a Labor government. He appealed to the country to keep steady.

The prime minister defended Health Minister Wheatley's order by which the guardians of the Poplar district of London had been given a sort of free hand in the distribution of relief to the unemployed. This, he declared, was an insignificant mechanical operation. It was not an indication that the Labor government was going to encourage uneconomic extravagance by any of the expending department.

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Newsy Bits From Today's Classified Ads.

Picturesque bungalow set among 14 maple trees is offered for sale.

General store business for sale.

Practical nurse is open for engagements.

Blacksmith wanted for village.

Teacher wanted for country school.

Bulk detector radio set for sale.

Room and board in private home for a lady.

Three-roomed heated flat for rent.

Two salesmen wanted.

Brindle bulldog was lost.