

THE WEATHER:
NORTHWEST WINDS, FAIR AND COLD.
WEDNESDAY—COLD.

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KLAN REFUSED ONTARIO CHARTER

Council Demands Inquiry Into Present Price of Gasoline

KLAN PLANS BLOCKED IN PROVINCE

Goldie Refuses to Grant Ontario
Charter to Secret
Organization.

TWO APPLICATIONS

Mayor Believes Organization
Has No Place in Cana-
dian Life.

Special to The Advertiser by a
Staff Correspondent.
Toronto, Feb. 17.—The Ku Klux
Klan has been refused a charter by
the Ontario government today, Hon.
Lincoln Goldie, provincial secretary,
told The Advertiser today, that the
K. K. K. had applied for a charter,
and "we have refused the applica-
tion."

Yesterday two organizations, the
Invisible Empire Knights of the Ku
Klux Klan of the Dominion of Cana-
da and the Hidden Knights of the
Midnight Sun of the Dominion of
Canada applied for registration at
the city registry office, the applica-
tion being made by a local barrister,
J. R. Code. The application stated
that they intended carrying on the
business of a fraternal society. Ex-
ception to the applications was taken
at the registry office, and the applica-
tion for a provincial charter fol-
lowed.

Mayor Wenig has not changed in
his mind on the K. K. K. in Canada.
He still maintains that this organiza-
tion has no place in Canada, and
that it is a danger to the province.
"As I have already said there is no
rightful place in our country for any
organization of this kind," he said.
"I did not imagine for a moment
that this charter would be granted.
Every other body and society in On-
tario, and probably in Canada, would
register its strongest opposition, and
the general public does not need of
wanting anything of this kind in its
daily life."

Robert Birrell, chief of police, is
non-committal, and tacitly, "I've
nothing to say about it," he volun-
teered, "and what's more if I had I
wouldn't tell anyone."

FOUR PASSENGERS DIE WHEN PLANE CRASHES

Associated Press Despatch.
Buenos Aires, Feb. 17.—Four pas-
sengers in an aeroplane were killed
and the pilot was seriously injured
when the plane crashed yesterday at
Ceres, in the province of Santa Fe.
The crash was due to a frightened
passenger in the plane seizing and
pulling the rudder control.

MANUFACTURER DROPS DEAD.

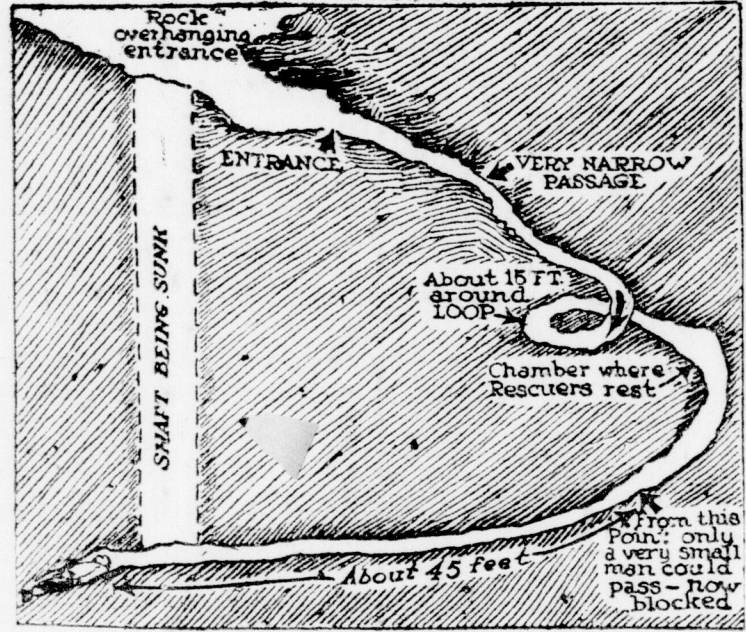
Associated Press Despatch.
Chicago, Feb. 17.—Daniel C. Cab-
bins, former president of the Daniel
Boone Woolen Mills Company, dropped
dead today. On the announce-
ment of his death, the company's stock
fell 2 1/2 points net. Death was due to heart dis-
ease.

The Weather

FORECASTS.
Northwest
winds; fair and
cool tonight and
Wednesday.
Pressure is high
from the Mack-
enzie valley
across the west-
ern provinces and
northwest states
to the Missouri
valley and rela-
tively low on the Atlantic coast. Light
local snow falls have occurred in
western and eastern Ontario and Quebec,
while in the western provinces and
northern Ontario it has been fair and
mildly cold.

Temperatures.
The highest and lowest temperatures
previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Stations. High Low Weather
Victoria. 30 28 Cloudy
Calgary. 24 22 Fair
Winnipeg. 24 14 Cloudy
Fort Arthur. 36 18 Snow
S. S. Marie. 14 8 Fair
Toronto. 20 14 Fair
Kingston. 36 20 Cloudy
Ottawa. 36 18 Snow
Montreal. 42 20 Snow
Quebec. 28 22 Snow
St. John. 38 28 Cloudy
Halifax. 42 30 Cloudy
() Below zero.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures
previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Highest. 24; lowest, 22.
The official temperatures for the 12
hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Highest. 24; lowest, 16.
Barometric Readings.
Monday—8 p.m., 29.32.
Tuesday—8 a.m., 29.35.
Sun rises at 7:15 a.m. and sets at
5 p.m.



TRAP BECOMES GRAVE FOR FLOYD COLLINS.

A visual explanation of how it proved so difficult to reach Floyd Collins in his tunnel-like prison, Sand Cave, Kentucky, is shown above. The fox-burrow entrance to the big new cave not only drops down into the earth at a sharp incline, but also corkscrews around. In places it has a diameter of little more than two inches, so that only the slimmest of men could attempt to reach Floyd Collins. Here the body of Floyd Collins will remain—the trap that held him becomes his grave.

Collins' Body Will Remain In Death Pit As Perils Make Its Recovery Impossible

Bobbed Heads May Be Taxed

Associated Press Despatch.
Bath, Eng., Feb. 17.—A tax on
bobbed heads, to assist the
municipality of Bath in bal-
ancing its budget, is proposed
by city councillor S. R.
Lewin. Quite an income was
derived here by a tax on the
powdered hair of the ladies of
the seventeenth century, he
points out.

The money derived from
the bobbed heads tax, he sug-
gests, might be considered a
kind of "poll tax."

FEDERAL AID FADING IN HEALTH CAMPAIGNS

Government Reluctant to Grant
\$200,000 to Provinces—
"Should Take Care of
Themselves."

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Feb. 17.—A delegation from
the Social Hygiene council of Cana-
da, which waited upon the govern-
ment yesterday requesting contin-
uation of the annual grant of \$200,000
to the provinces for health purposes,
did not receive much encouragement,
it is understood. The view of the
government, according to the dele-
gation, was that the provinces should
take more of their responsibility on
their shoulders instead of asking fur-
ther aid from the dominion.

In this connection a decrease of
\$50,000 in the amount voted for com-
bating venereal diseases is noted in
the main estimates tabled in the
house of commons last night. Last
year the sum of \$50,000 was voted
for this purpose. This year, provi-
sion made in the estimates of the
department of health for this purpose
is \$100,000.

G.W.V.A. ASSESSED \$1,000 FOR BEER SALE LAXITY

Canadian Press Despatch.
Victoria, Feb. 17.—A fine of \$1,000
was imposed on the Great War Vet-
erans' Association of Canada by
Magistrate L. Jay, in police court
yesterday, following conviction on a
charge of supplying beer to minors.
The court was bound by the
statutes, Magistrate Jay explained
when remarking that in this case the
amount of the penalty prescribed was
a little harsh considering all the cir-
cumstances, but he believed that the
association had not been as particu-
lar as it should have been in the
sale of beer.

KILLED AT HUNT.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Feb. 17.—Lieut.-Col. H. W.
Cinch was killed at a hunt of the
Grafton hounds at Preston Capes, in
Northamptonshire yesterday. He was
a Canadian.

PROBE WILL BE MADE IN OIL FAKE

Attorney-General's Department
Ready to Assist Middlesex
Farmers.

AWAIT INSTRUCTIONS

Shareholders in Texas Field
Must First Accept Govern-
ment's Conditions.

Special to The Advertiser
by a Staff Correspondent.
Parliament Buildings, Toronto, Feb.
17.—The Ontario government through
the attorney-general's department is
taking action in the matter of the
Middlesex farmers who invested nearly
\$300,000 in Texas oil stock. The
government is quite prepared to send
a criminal investigation officer to
Texas, providing that certain arrange-
ments are made with the shareholders.

It is stated at Queen's park that
some time ago the attorney-general's
department had offered to do certain
things in the matter including the
sending of an officer to Texas if the
shareholders consented to certain
arrangements. To date the share-
holders, it is understood, have not
ratified the arrangements, and to date
the officers have not left for Texas.

The completion of arrangements
may be made any day and then the
investigation from the government
will proceed. It will be remem-
bered that farmers in Middlesex
county were persuaded to part with
many thousands of Victory bonds for
oil stock in Texas, and the whole
matter has left a feeling of great
unrest in that district.

The government is prepared to
move, but the next move, it is under-
stood, is up to the shareholders. The
matter has been the subject of cor-
respondence between the department
and those involved in the oil trans-
actions.

ELGIN PAYS TRIBUTE TO HIGH CONSTABLE

Appoints A. J. Wharton, Mid-
dlesex, to County Force to
Facilitate His Work.

High Constable Wharton of Mid-
dlesex county will now have power
to arrest criminals in Elgin county,
having been appointed county con-
stable of Elgin by His Honor Judge
Duncan Ross.

Mr. Wharton was sworn into of-
fice by Judge Ross at the St. Thomas
courthouse yesterday afternoon.

"Appointing the high constable as
an officer of the law in Elgin will
facilitate his work very much," com-
mented a county official this morning.
"Frequently in the past, Mr. What-
son has had his hands tied more or
less owing to the fact that he had no
jurisdiction in Elgin. A man com-
mitting a crime in Middlesex and who
fled to Elgin would be perfectly safe
until the Elgin police got on the
trail. Whatson will now be able to
follow his man into the next county
and effect an arrest without calling
on the police of that county."

"It is a good move, and a tribute to
our high constable," concluded the
Middlesex official.

MABEL NORMAND FIGHTS TO CLEAR WOMAN'S CHARGE

Associated Press Despatch.
Los Angeles, Feb. 17.—Mabel Nor-
mand, motion picture actress, filed
an appeal in the state supreme court
from recent superior court decision
in which she was denied intervention
in the divorce suit of Mrs. Georgia
W. Church against Norman W.
Church, and in which her suit for
\$500,000 damages against Mrs.
Church was dismissed.

The actress alleged that her good
name had been impugned by false
allegations in Mrs. Church's divorce
complaint, in which Miss Normand
was accused of improper friend-
liness with Mr. Church.

WINNIPEG WHEAT PRICES AGAIN SUFFER DECLINE

Canadian Press Despatch.
Winnipeg, Feb. 17.—Bearish senti-
ment seized control of the wheat
market this morning and a strong
selling wave carried prices down
2 1/2 cents below yesterday's close.
May declined to \$1.93 1/2 and July to
\$1.59. While the coarse grains also
were lower, the price recessions were
of a narrower range, flax and rye
suffering the most drastic losses of
2 1/2 cents and 2 cents respectively.
Absence of export demand and lower
Liverpool cables combined to bring
about an easier condition in the mar-
ket.



HOWARD HARTRY.

London horticulturalist, who was
made first president of the Canadian
Peony and Iris society, which came
into being at the convention of the
Ontario Horticultural societies at
Toronto.

KING SUFFERING FROM BRONCHITIS

Bulletin From His Majesty's
Physician Indicates Con-
dition Not Serious.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Feb. 17.—A bulletin issued
at Buckingham Palace this afternoon
on the condition of King George, who
was announced yesterday to be suf-
fering from a feverish cold, said his
majesty had an attack of bronchitis,
due to influenza. Despite a restless
night, it added, his general condi-
tion was satisfactory.

The bulletin was signed by Lord
Dawson, physician extraordinary to
the king, Sir Milson Rees and Sir
Frederick Stanley Hewitt. The fact
that they visited the palace this
morning raised fears that the king's
illness was worse than had been
thought. It was pointed out, how-
ever, that these physicians invariably
have a consultation when the king's
condition is anything but normal,
and the assurance of the bulletin
allayed the uneasiness.

RANEY WOULD SPIKE GUNS OF GOVERNMENT AMENDERS

New Amendment With 'Punch'
Expected in Tory Beer
Bill.

MEMBERS RETURN

Special to The Advertiser.
Parliament Buildings, Toronto, Feb.
17.—A renewal of the "beer battle"
was in prospect at Queen's Park to-
day as the members of the legislature
resembled after a protracted
week-end spent among their constitu-
ents. The effect which the week-
end, and its attendant deliberations,
would have upon the lineup of the
parties was admitted that they had
"talked things over" with their
home organizations, they were re-
turned as to what influence, if any,
such heart-to-heart parleys would
have upon their attitude towards the
projected government bill. Some of
those who have been disposed to re-
main until now "on the fence" were
today looking to Attorney-General
Nickle for pointers which might be
of benefit to them.

Mr. Raney, it was learned au-
thoritatively today, will follow his
predecessor, W. E. Raney, in the de-
bate on the speech from the throne.
In past years it has been the in-
variable custom of the prime minis-
ter to take up the cudgels after the
opposition leaders, but for once Mr.
Ferguson has decided to sidestep that
policy, and to leave the task of
replying to the chief of his legal ad-
visers.

Mr. Raney in his address this af-
ternoon is expected temporarily to
spike the government's campaign in the
matter of dealing with the Sinclair
amendment. The Progressive leader
will probably bring in an amendment
to the amendment with a vigorous
"punch" in it.

"This will forestall for the time
being at least, a Conservative at-
tempt to 'amend to death' the Sin-
clair amendment, for it will have to
be voted upon before a further
amendment can be introduced, and in
the event of an amendment by Mr.
Raney being defeated, it is understood
that others of his followers may
bring in further amendments."

MUSSOLINI HAS FLU.
Associated Press Despatch.
Rome, Feb. 17.—Premier Mussolini
is suffering from a slight attack of
influenza.

BATTLE AGAINST BEER PLAN OPENS AS TEMPERANCE ARMY LAUNCHES COUNTER-ATTACK

Two Thousand Delegates
Assemble in Toronto To
Decide on Course of Action.

FERGUSON SCORED

President Fleming Takes Pre-
mier to Task For Not Car-
rying Out Promises.

Special to The Advertiser
by a Staff Correspondent.
Toronto, Feb. 17.—Ontario pro-
hibitionists plan to carry the war
into the camp of the enemy.

Integrity of the Ontario temperance
act and governmental sincerity in the
enforcement of the same, are the
questions uppermost in the minds of
two thousand delegates gathering here
this morning for the convention of the
Ontario prohibition union. Registra-
tions are from all parts of the
province. Preliminary local meetings
last week and the "stronger beer"
amendment proposed by the Ontario
government have given a stimulus to
the convention opening today, and it
is expected that the gathering will
be one of the most important in the
temperance history of the province.
Undoubtedly the discussions will
center considerably on the announce-
ment in the speech from the throne
of the intention of submitting to the
legislature an amendment to the O.
T. A. permitting the legal sale of 4.4
per cent beer. Along that line Dr.
Harvey Wilkey, U. S. scientist, will
address the delegates tomorrow on
the subject of "What Constitutes In-
toxicating Beer."

Suicidal Policy.

Aggressive suggestions placed be-
fore the Ontario prohibition conven-
tion in Massey hall today, includes
the following:
1. That instead of increasing the
alcoholic content of permitted beer
it should be decreased.
2. That all sections of the O. T. A.
saying to do with the prohibition of
native wines should be eliminated.
3. That liquor prescriptions should
be limited to six ounces.
4. That the permit system by which
no medical practitioner may issue a
prescription for liquor without tak-
ing out a permit, be adopted.
5. That in all major offences against
the O. T. A. imprisonment should be
substituted for fines in cases of
second offences.
6. That foreigners guilty of re-
peated offences be deported.

The executive committee of the spirit
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LABORITES SPLIT ON FREE TRADE

Clydesdale Group Remains
Away While Parliament
Discusses Issue.

By HENRY SOMERVILLE.
Special Cable to The Advertiser
by a Staff Correspondent, Copyright.
London, Feb. 17.—The debate in
parliament yesterday proved flat,
because there was nothing about
which to debate except procedure.

The government keeps both friends
and opponents guessing as to whether
many, or any, industries which desire
safeguarding will be able to get their
demand through the bottleneck of
the new procedure.

It was once again proved that the
Labor party is not united in its af-
fection for free trade. The Clydes-
dale group stayed away from the de-
bate, which they said, did not inter-
est them. Dr. L. Haden Guest, Labor
member for South Lanarkshire, at-
tacked Ramsay MacDonald more
fiercely than any Tory.

Thorough-going protectionists like
P. J. Hannon and Sir Newton Moore
frankly stated they accepted the gov-
ernment scheme only on the principle
that half a loaf is better than no
bread at all.

Some free traders have argued
that the final word as to the im-
position of duties rests with the chan-
cellor, and that Winston Churchill is
still a good free trader. But every-
body knows also that Stanley Bal-
dwin is a good protectionist.

And he and Churchill sat together
on the treasury bench yesterday and
exchanged confidences like brothers.
Churchill supplied Baldwin with his
notes, which the latter wrote in his
notes. But Churchill did not speak
himself, so the house is left to wait
and see whether his attachment to
free trade has cooled.

FIRE BRINGS SUSPENSION OF NEW ENGLAND SERVICE

Associated Press Despatch.
Boston, Mass., Feb. 17.—Fire last
night in the toll test room of the
mine office here of the New England
Telephone and Telegraph Company,
completely suspended the New Eng-
land toll service and caused damage
of \$125,000, which will require weeks
to replace. The boards which handle
an average of 50,000 calls a day were
dead last night, with little likelihood
of service today.

Besides the regular toll service the
burned section housed leased wires
of the Associated Press and three
other news organizations.

ELECTIONS ACT AMEND PASSES FIRST READING

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Feb. 17.—An act to amend
the Dominion elections act received
first reading when the House of
Commons met Monday afternoon.
William Irvine, labor, Calgary East,
explained that the purpose of the bill
was to repeal sections 10 and 11 of
the Dominion elections act. Section
10 dealt with those companies and as-
sociations which were prohibited from
contributing to election expenses.
Section 11 dealt with persons non-
resident in Canada, who were pro-
hibited from taking part in election
campaigns.

CITY COUNCIL ASKS NICKLE FOR PROBE

Questions Recent Advance in
Price of Gasoline in
London.

WINTER COST HIGHER

Oil Firm Head States Overhead
Continues During Colder
Months.

Application is being made to the
attorney-general's department by the
city council to secure an investiga-
tion of gasoline and oil prices in
Ontario. According to Ald. F. E. Kil-
bourne, whose resolution was unani-
mously endorsed by the council last
night, a government investigation
will be needed to satisfy the motoring
public in regard to gasoline prices.

Copies of the resolution are being
sent to Ontario cities today, and sup-
port is being given to action already
started by the Toronto city council.
"I haven't a great deal to say on
the matter," Ald. Kilbourne said to-
day. "The resolution asks for in-
vestigation. The resolution asks for in-
vestigation. The resolution asks for in-
vestigation. We believe that gas prices may
not be justified, and we want to find
out the reason for the present rate
asked. Taking the matter to the
attorney-general is the action recom-
mended by the Toronto council, and
we think it is the only way to get
the matter proper attention."

Motion Passed.

Ald. Kilbourne's motion, seconded
by Ald. James McConnaughey and
supported by every member of the Lon-
don council, reads:
"That this council respectfully re-
quest the attorney-general for the
province to investigate the recent
increase in the price of gasoline and
oil to see if they are justified by con-
ditions in the crude oil markets, and
also for the purpose of ascertaining
if there exists in the gasoline and oil
business a combine in restraint of
trade, in violation of the law; and
that a copy of this resolution be sent
to all urban municipalities in On-
tario with the request that their
councils be asked to co-operate with
the city of London in this application
to the attorney-general's depart-
ment."

While only half the members of
Please See Page 3, Column 4.

BOARD OF 30 TO RULE UNDERPRIVILEGED HOME

Province Will Establish Insti-
tution For Boys at Bow-
manville.

Special Cable to The Advertiser.
Parliament Buildings, Toronto,
Feb. 17.—The Ontario government's
reclamation home for underprivi-
leged boys to be established at Bow-
manville, will be governed by a
board of 30 members, to be appointed
by the cabinet under legislation
brought down in the house by
Premier Ferguson.

Members of the board will include
representatives from various welfare
organizations and will be appointed
for three years. They will act as
guardians over all boys admitted to
the institution and will have powers
of management covering the erection
of buildings, the employment of
superintendents and other officials,
the financing of the institution, and
the regulation of conditions govern-
ing the inmates.

Property held by the board will be
exempt from all provincial and
municipal taxation.

Antiques

Antiques are the world's best
boost for the modern system of
salesmanship. They make one's
home so refined. They may cost
a lot, but, really my dear, are
necessary.

Think of the joy of telling in a
hand-carved solid wood chair for
three hours' pleasant plating. An
Indian chief made it with a knife.
What fun in having before you
grandfather's mirror. You can't
see a thing, but it's grandfather's.

How jolly to drink tea from
clay bowls some squaw used to
mix herbs in. It is unique.

Think of the thrill in dozing in
one of those dear old board-bot-
tomed beds of the eighties. A
general sleep in it once.

Just try to think of antique
dresses. —A. W. J. B.