

London C. of C. Advises Smaller Legislature :: Pacific Coast Defences Are Urged

FEAR OF WAR ON PACIFIC RESULTS IN RESOLUTION CALLING FOR ARMAMENT

Member For British Columbia Publishing Picture of Grave Dangers—Declares Costly Public Works Are Exposed To Possible Attack—Hostile Force Could Land at Many Points.

URGES PROTECTION FOR OCEAN COMMERCE

By E. C. BUCHANAN.
Special to The Advertiser.
Ottawa, March 11.—Canada's lack of defence on the Pacific in the event of war was urged upon the attention of parliament today by A. W. Neil, Independent member for Comox-Alberni, who presented a resolution proposing that the question of providing defence for the sea coasts and ocean-borne commerce should be considered. Mr. Neil believed that it was desirable to have a national defence policy formulated, and wanted a committee appointed to take up the matter with technical experts.

Visit To Police Brings \$20 Fine

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Chatham, March 11.—F. Allen, a local man, called at city police headquarters to apply for a suspended sentence to be raised. It was registered against him six months ago, when convicted on a charge of drunkenness. Unfortunately, Allen was worse for liquor when he paid the police a visit. They were compelled to lay a charge against him, which resulted in a fine of \$20 and costs being imposed.

AERIAL TRUCKS' SPEED LIMIT RAISED 10 MILES

Machine May Be Driven Safely at 30 Miles an Hour, Tom Terry Finds.

The big aerial ladder truck of the city fire department is capable of attaining a speed of 30 miles an hour without straining a ligament. That is the decision of Tom Terry, auto mechanic, after driving the fire department's bus out to Glamis and back. He tested the machine several times and declares that injury will not be caused to the motor if a speed of 30 miles an hour is not attempted.

Orders have been up to now that the truck must not be driven faster than 20 miles an hour. However, the truck went over the speed limit. At the request of city aldermen experimental drives were made.

MIRRORS ARE USED TO LIGHT NEW TOMB

Placed at Bottom of Deep Shaft to Reflect Sun's Rays Into Interior.

Associated Press Despatch.
Cairo, Egypt, March 12.—Crowds of people, including many newspapermen, visited yesterday the scene of the discovery of the tomb of Cleopatra. It is hoped that the tomb will be an important personage in the reign of the Ptolemies, if not that of the monarch himself.

It was learned that mirrors placed at the bottom of the deep shaft to reflect the sun's rays into the tomb showed the contents much more clearly, especially the alabaster coffin, which appears almost transparent. Several articles are resting on the top of the sarcophagus, on the sides of which lies the cartonnage.

AIRMEN FIVE MILES APART, CONVERSE FOR FIRST TIME

Dayton, Ohio, March 12.—For the first time in history, according to army aviation officers here, two men several thousand feet in the air and more than five miles apart, held conversation yesterday.

Flying in ships equipped with broadcasting and receiving instruments, the men talked with each other with perfect ease, it was said, while going through the air at 120 miles an hour, in different directions. It is said the equipment is still in the experimental stage.

ISSUE WRIT.

McEvoy & Henderson have issued a writ of habeas corpus on behalf of Frances Goble of this city against Sam Miller, also of London. The writ is a declaration that she is the owner of a half interest in certain lands and premises on Adelaide street.

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LONDON OFFICERS' HEARTS IN DANGER

Old Boy With Knife Brought to Court to Tell About It.

The dangers some policemen face in protecting the laws of the land was aptly illustrated in court today when a sergeant nonchalantly related how he and a brother officer were threatened with having their hearts cut out with a pen knife when they attempted to round up an aged man who was terrorizing his boarding house domain.

The prisoner, for he was caught, leapt upon the officers as they denounced him before a crowded room, was spurred on in his wild antics by occasional shouts of "Sergeant, Midaugh told the magistrate, locking himself in a room, the man dared anyone to venture the sanctity of his retreat, punctuating his threats with the avowed intention of "knifing somebody," according to the sergeant's testimony.

The door was met by no other stalwart than Sgt. Oakley who wrestled the miniature spear from his hands.

The miscreant was doubly charged with keeping liquor in other than a private dwelling and with being disorderly. His statement that he was a sick man and had purchased the healing fluid from a "per" given by Dr. Cameron Wilson, was accepted by the court and he assessed \$10 and costs for making too much noise.

Sergeant Oakley's assertion that he was sticking the penknife in the wall of his room as if to emphasize his dire intentions, seemed to tickle the humor of the prisoner, and he also smiled tolerantly when the officers told of the threat to cut out their hearts. He voiced no objection to any of the charges and took the fine as a matter of course.

Sam Harris might have been a solved of the charge that he crossed the intersection of Fullarton and Richmond streets on the morning of March 9 at more than ten miles an hour if he had not told the court that he was travelling about 25 miles an hour before P. C. Pope flashed his light at him.

Harris' cross-examination by two policemen in quite an expert manner and brought from P. C. Pope the admission that he just "guessed" that the coupe Harris was driving was going 25 miles an hour.

Constable Letch thought that the speed was between 20 and 35 miles and Magistrate Graydon lined himself up with the force when it came to judging the speed of automobiles. If anyone is in the position to judge the speed of a vehicle, a policeman is, he said.

Harris made a good effort to build a defence on the fact that he interpreted the flash from the officer's pocket light as a warning that his car lights were too dim. He showed respect for the court by waiting an hour, when accosted, but this was still five miles too much, as the law calls for a "ten limit" at crossings, and he was fined \$10.

"I had the intention of going back to New York," was Morris Steiner's last remark, when queried why he left the metropolis of London. The court tried to understand the philosophy of Morris, but failed, so the youth was remanded to jail for a week, during which time he will be given a chance of communicating with relatives.

PROTECTION IS URGED FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

Coroner's Jury at Chatham Has Recommendation For City Council.

Special to The Advertiser.
Chatham, March 11.—Accidental death was the verdict of a coroner's jury which investigated the circumstances surrounding the fatal injury of Timothy F. Doyle, a 14-year-old Harwich lad, who was struck by a switching freight train at the C. N. R. crossing of Queen street, after dodging under the gates, last Wednesday. The jury recommended the city council to urge railroad companies to provide better protection for school children at crossings between 12 and 1:30 p.m., and 4 and 5:30 p.m. in the afternoons.

HUGE COUNTERFEIT SCHEME IS DISCLOSED AT TORONTO

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, May 12.—A bold attempt by counterfeiters of bank bills working on both sides of the Atlantic to defraud financial institutions and the public on an extensive scale has just been disclosed here through the remission of bogus bills to Toronto banks from correspondent institutions in London, Eng. The notes purport to be \$100 bills of the Imperial Bank of Canada, and are remarkable reproductions of the genuine document. Some of them bear serial numbers up to \$5,000 and are practically perfect counterfeit of the 1917 issue of the Imperial Bank bills turned out by the British American Bank Note company at Ottawa.

CREW IS DISTRIBUTED AMONG SEALING FLEET

Canadian Press Despatch.
St. John's, Nfld., March 12.—Capt. Geo. Whitley and his crew of 83, rescued yesterday by the tender Prosper, after their own steamer, the Stella Maria, had been crushed in the ice off the northeast coast, will be distributed among the sealing fleet now engaged in the annual hunt, it was announced today.

The Sabie Island, with the minister of marine aboard, which yesterday set out to assist in the search for the missing seal killers, is returning to port.

McNAIR ADAMANT IN HIS RESOLVE

London Presbytery Clerk Will Appeal Dismissal Before the Synod.

Rev. John McNair, D.D., has not yet tendered his resignation as clerk and treasurer of London presbytery. On the contrary, he has notified Rev. T. A. Symington, B.A., moderator of the presbytery, that he is appealing to the synod against the action of the court in requesting his resignation on the ground of "manifest inefficiency."

Despite the attitude assumed by Dr. McNair with regard to handing in his resignation, Rev. John Richardson, B.A., Chalmers church, London, has been offered the position of clerk, and has accepted temporarily. Mr. Richardson will begin his new duties immediately as the appointees of the presbytery commission empowered to secure a new clerk.

Dr. McNair's communication to Mr. Symington, while not definitely stating it in so many words, implies that he still considers himself clerk, and will continue to do so until his appeal is heard by the synod. Holding that he is still clerk, he refuses to surrender the books and documents of presbytery now in his hands as clerk.

Mr. Symington rules that there is no ground for an appeal, and that, therefore, the decision of presbytery stands as law until set aside by the synod.

"The presbytery has the right to appoint its officers," points out the moderator, "and has the right to change them at any time in the best interests of the presbytery. The appointments are neither for life nor for any stated time, and any officer, from the moderator down, can be changed at any time by the presbytery."

Mr. Symington stated that Dr. McNair will be communicated with directly, informed of the appointment of a new clerk, and asked to hand over the presbytery books and all papers and documents in his possession. Dr. McNair, however, in refusing to hand over the books, proceedings would have to be taken by presbytery to secure possession of them.

Rev. William Beattie, D.D., who moved the motion in presbytery that Dr. McNair be asked to resign, holds that there is no ground for appeal to synod. Dr. Beattie explains that Dr. McNair was not accused of any wrongdoing, but with manifest inefficiency. He does not believe that Dr. McNair is a bad man, but that because of very fact, Dr. Beattie sums up the whole affair as being the dismissal of an unsatisfactory employee.

Seen this morning by The Advertiser, Dr. McNair maintained the attitude he has adopted since the meeting of presbytery on Tuesday last. He reiterates that he has not resigned, and does not intend to resign until his appeal is considered by the synod.

"I know what they intend to do," said Dr. McNair. "They intend to disregard me entirely, but I've got the books, and they can't take them from me. They can't take the books, so just let them fiddle away."

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By HIRAM K. MODERWELL.
Special Cable to The Advertiser and the Chicago Daily News. Copyright.
Rome, March 10.—By mail to Paris, March 11.—In spite of optimistic bulletins regarding Premier Mussolini's health, and repeated announcements that he will be able to be present at the reopening of parliament, this correspondent is informed that the premier's condition has taken a sudden turn for the worse.

Although the physicians are silent as to the nature of Mussolini's illness, it is believed that he is suffering from intestinal ulcerations requiring delicate operations.

On account of the serious state of his health, Mussolini's trip to Taormina has been postponed indefinitely.

COOLIDGE TO PUT WARREN THROUGH

U. S. President Will Re-Submit Name of Detroit Man as Attorney-General.

Associated Press Despatch.
Washington, March 12.—The nomination of Charles Beecher Warren to be attorney-general will be resubmitted to the senate today by President Coolidge.

REDUCTION OF MEMBERSHIP IN LEGISLATURE IS ADVISED

Directors of London C. of C. Ask That Reduction Be Made This Session.

AGREE WITH WINDSOR

Encouraging Report On Membership Drive Received at Meeting.

The number of parliamentary members in the Ontario government should be cut in half in the opinion of the directors of the London Chamber of Commerce, who discussed the matter at some length yesterday afternoon.

The Border Cities C. of C. passed a resolution urging a wholesale reduction in the number of members in view of the urgent necessity for economy, and it has been endorsed by the local directors. Hopes were expressed that the government will take this into consideration in framing the redistribution bill at this session.

Coins Unmolested.
The directors did not support the resolution of the Calgary C. of C. asking the minister of finance to call in all the old issue of coppers and five-cent pieces.

Encouraging reports were received regarding the canvass for members of the chamber, a large percentage of businessmen canvassed signifying their intention of taking out memberships.

Gerald Pearson and D. McEachern were appointed a committee of two to look into proposed government legislation amending succession duties in connection with government bonds.

Government plans to increase automobile traffic from Windsor and Sarnia to Niagara Falls during the summer months, as well as those proposed by the Brantford C. of C. will be discussed when the highway department makes a memorandum on policy, the directors decided.

The efforts of the Lions' club to finance the erection of a bandstand in Victoria park were commended. Alex. Morrison of the Lions' club explaining the matter to the directors.

Want Duty On Peanuts.
The directors were in favor of increasing the duty on peanuts from United States to Canada, when it was pointed out that under present conditions it is impossible for local interests to compete with the American product, on which there is but a duty of two cents a pound.

Dr. Grant, president of the Rotary club, was present at yesterday's meeting as an ex-officio director. The presidents of the Kiwanis, Lions and Travellers' association, who are also ex-officio directors were unable to be present.

New Track Work On C.N.R. Lines Limited Amount Planned in Stratford Division.

Special to The Advertiser.
Stratford, March 11.—Twenty-five extra gang men will be taken on by the Canadian National Railways here with the opening of spring work. There will also be a gang of 25 men on the Stratford division at Guilford. The spring work will consist largely of ballasting and laying new track.

Leaves will be allowed to be done at various division points, while new track will be laid between Weston and Malton. It is not expected that anything large will be attempted on the Stratford division this year.

PLANS FOR BANQUET TO JUSTICE READY

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LAW SCHOOL SUIT WON BY MINISTER

Dismiss Appeal of Institute To Secure Payments On Note.

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Toronto, March 11.—The appellate division has dismissed the appeal of the federal division court of the fifth division court of Ontario, which dismissed the minister's action against Rev. Donald McIntyre, a Baptist clergyman of Ingersoll to recover \$128.40 alleged due on a promissory note.

Mr. McIntyre had accepted the undertaking of the American extension university of Chicago to give him a correspondence course which would qualify him to pass the bar exam for Ontario. He signed a contract and the document now presented as a promissory note for \$140. Payments were to be made by installments.

When Mr. McIntyre discovered that the "university" had withheld from him the fact that it would be necessary for him to be articled to a solicitor and to attend the Osgoode hall law school before he could write the bar exam, he stopped payments and suit was entered by the plaintiffs to whom the claim was assigned.

The appellate division this morning held that there was no proof before the court of the assignment of the note and the appeal therefore failed.

SUBMITS TO POLICE, BUT DENIES THEFT

George McGarvey Places Self Under Arrest as Protector of Thief.

George McGarvey, one of the four pals in a "stag" party Sunday night, named by Robert Ralph, 315 King street, in court yesterday when he was convicted of stealing a photograph from the offices of Chantler brothers, voluntarily placed himself under arrest last night as the real thief.

In court this morning, however, George started out by pleading not guilty to the charge. His case was delayed a day to allow the crown to again lay out an offensive.

Although stoutly maintaining his innocence, Ralph told such a weird and wobbly story to the magistrate that he was branded one of the most untruthful youths that ever stood in the witness box. He was stopped by two constables early Monday morning on Richmond street when his desire to avoid all things in blue uniforms became too apparent.

The check-marking machine was found under his coat, and in court he declared that he found it in his father's room on Ridout street when he arrived there with his companions Sunday evening for a social hour. Ralph claimed that he was quite drunk when he was on his way home with the machine, but the constables did not think so and their version of the arrest was accepted.

Many paid a last tribute to Fred W. Parkinson, for 42 years an employee of the London Free Press, as his funeral services were conducted at his home, 262 Piccadilly street at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Mr. Parkinson died suddenly Tuesday night in his 58th year.

A. L. G. Clark, of the church of St. John the Evangelist, conducted the services at the time and at the grave at Woodland cemetery.

Members of the printing staff of The Advertiser and Free Press and Typographical Union were present for the services. The party here included six members of the Free Press mechanical department.

Mr. Parkinson is survived by his wife two daughters, Mrs. S. W. Drake of Brantford and Mrs. M. R. Barkwell of Toledo, Ohio, and two sons, Melville T. and Fred W. Jun., both members of the Free Press staff.

PNEUMONIA CAUSES DEATH OF BLANCHARD PIONEER

St. Marys, March 11.—John Bailey, aged 68, and a well-known resident of Blanchard township, died today after a brief illness with pneumonia. He spent his entire life on the farm on which he was born.

For three years he served the township as a member of the council. He was a director of the South Perth Agricultural society and the A. O. E. and took an active interest in all matters which meant progress for the community. In politics he was a Conservative.

Survivors are three brothers, Isaac and William of Blanchard, and Fred of St. Marys, and three sisters, Mrs. A. Wolfe of Blanchard and Mrs. W. Robinson and Mrs. George Gregory of St. Marys.

The funeral will be held on Friday afternoon at St. Marys cemetery, with Rev. A. B. Farney officiating.

TASTE OF COAL OIL IS NOTICED IN CITY WATER

The latest mystery which the public utilities commission is being called upon to solve is the presence of a distinct taste of coal tar oil in the water being used by certain residents in the vicinity of St. George street and Central avenue. Two complaints have been made and the waterworks officials are busily engaged in ascertaining if a coal oil gusher has been found or just what is the trouble.

NO SUPERSTITION HERE.
Throwing superstition to the winds, the members of arts '27, University of Western Ontario, are holding a class party in the auditorium tomorrow (Friday) night at 8 o'clock. Miss Marg Goodwin and Ken Smith are in charge of the program.

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