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## REBELS FORMALLY CHARGED WITH MURDER

### COULD GIVE FRANCHISE TO MOTOR BUS LINE

**City Has Ample Power To Establish Independent Transit System.**

**JOKER IN L. S. R. FRANCHISE FOUND**

**Street Railway Co. Restricted To "Surface Cars On Trolley System."**

The City of London has the right, under by-law No. 916, to inaugurate at any time any system of transportation other than the surface electric trolley system, despite the fact that the London Street Railway Company has what may be called a perpetual franchise for the operation of the present street railway. This is the opinion given by several legal men after carefully perusing the said by-law for a considerable period. In view of this situation it is probable some action will be started in the Council shortly leading to the installation of a motor bus or some similar system of transportation. Some have held that the city can do nothing along this line without first taking over the present system but this is not the case, according to the latest interpretation of the by-law.

**ELECTRIC LINE ONLY.**

In this connection it is pointed out that the company has the franchise for the operation of a surface electric street railway on the trolley system only. It is thus prevented from operating any bus lines. Nor could it run the cars by gasoline. Electricity must be used. It is also stated that electric cars operated on the storage battery system could not be used by the company. There is some doubt as to whether the company could even operate any trackless trolleys.

Section 1 of by-law No. 916 states in part: "The consent, assent and authority of the corporation is hereby given and granted to the company to construct, complete, maintain and operate, during the remainder of the term of 50 years, from the 8th day of March, A. D. 1872, a surface electric street railway, consisting of double tracks, with necessary cross-overs, or single tracks, with necessary side-tracks, turn-outs or switches."

While motor buses were not dreamed of when this by-law was passed in 1897, the regulation above noted automatically reserves to the city the right to operate any transportation system other than the one now in use. Thus there is nothing to prevent the Council from inaugurating a system of motor-operated street cars, or trolleys, or gasoline electric cars, which are used to a small extent in some places.

It is stated that the city could save nearly \$1,000,000 by installing a bus system. The cost of taking over the London Street Railway property would reach one and one-quarter million dollars, it is believed, while a motor bus system could be inaugurated for but little more than one-quarter million. This question will probably be discussed in the Council meeting on Monday night next. There are several members of that body who are absolutely opposed to installing a street railway system, and it is possible some steps may be taken shortly leading to the inauguration of a civic bus system. In any event it is the consensus of opinion that the rights of the city are properly safeguarded in the by-law.

### GIRL SHOT BY HER REJECTED LOVER DIES

**Parallel of London Case Ends By Being Double Tragedy.**

**TORONTO, June 1.**—Miss Annie Weingarten, the 22-year-old girl, who was shot through the back of the head by Samuel Burger, who afterwards turned the gun on himself and suicided, died in the Western Hospital this morning. From the time she was admitted to the hospital until the end came early this morning Miss Weingarten never regained consciousness. The bullet shot by Burger lodged in the brain and the hospital authorities from the first could see little hope for recovery.

### Turfman Sues Sheriff For \$50,000 For Alienation Of His Wife's Affections

**Maid Tells of Party At Which Mrs. R. D. Williams Manifested Liking For William E. Ross.**

LOUISVILLE, Ky., June 1. — Evidence offered yesterday by R. D. ("Dick") Williams, turfman, in the first day of the trial of his \$50,000 alienation suit against William E. Ross, former sheriff of Jefferson County, purported to prove that Ross and Mrs. Alice Williams, wife of the turfman, were frequently seen in compromising situations.

### Denounces Gambling, O. T. A. Critics and Sabbath Violators

**Conference Head Urges Methodists To Unitedly Oppose Forces of Evil and Intemperance.**

Race track gambling, propaganda against the O. T. A., and violation of the Lord's Day each came in sharp denunciation from President J. W. Hibbert, of Kingsville, in his pastoral address before the London Methodist Conference this afternoon. He urged the Methodist church to present the impact of a united front on these vital issues and vindicated as in earnest days and that liquor may be obtained anywhere. These are conditions that call for vigilance and devotion.

**HEADS CONFERENCE.**

**REV. J. E. MILLYARD, Sarnia, elected president of the London Methodist Conference at today's first general session. Mr. Milliard was formerly pastor of the Hyatt Avenue Methodist Church, in this city. He follows in the footsteps of his father, the late Rev. R. Milliard, who had occupied the highest office in the gift of local Methodists.**

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**CRUCIAL TIMES.**

"We are facing crucial times during these uncertain days," said Mr. Hibbert. "We have watched with keen interest the Washington and Genoa conferences, and with equal eagerness of soul and the reality of winning experience."

**TO CUT MILLIONS FROM PAY ROLLS**

**Shop Crafts In United States Affected By Reductions.**

CHICAGO, June 1.—A wage reduction of approximately \$50,000,000 affecting 400,000 railway shop crafts employees is momentarily expected from the railroad labor board as a sequel to last Sunday's slash of \$48,000,000 from the wages of railway operating and way employees, according to The Herald and Examiner this morning.

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**MONTREAL, June 1.**—The grand jury of the court of King's bench this morning began consideration of the case of Rev. Adolphe Delorme, accused of murdering his half brother, Raoul, a student attending Ottawa University, on January 7, after being charged by Mr. Justice Monet, presiding judge, not to consider the accused as a priest, but as a man.

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### LENNOX CHARGES AGAINST RANEY ARE NOT PROVEN

**Public Accounts Committee Passes Resolution To This Effect.**

**AMENDMENTS FAIL TO DELAY THE DECISION**

**Means Attorney-General Not Guilty of Knowingly Employing Thugs As Spotters.**

**TORONTO, June 1.**—The public accounts committee of the Legislature this afternoon passed a resolution declaring that Col. T. H. Lennox (North York) had not proven in his evidence before the committee his charges made on the floor of the House that Attorney-General Raney had knowingly "employed thugs and criminals" to enforce the Ontario Temperance Act. By a rather unexpected succession of circumstances the vote was unanimous.

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### MAN WHO KILLED 16-YEAR-OLD SWEETHEART WITH SHOTGUN IN HOSPITAL STEEL CAGE

**Murderer and His Victim**

**Will Recover From Self-Inflicted Wounds of Which X-Ray Made To-Day.**

**CRIES AND INQUIRES IF VICTIM DIED QUICKLY**

**Coroner's Jury Views Body of Pretty Little North London Girl.**



GORDON DIBDALE, 284 Oakland avenue, who shot 16-year-old Christina Near.



CHRISTINA NEAR, of 886 1/2 Adelaide street, shot and killed yesterday afternoon by Gordon Dibdale.

Gordon Dibdale, who yesterday afternoon shot and killed Christina Near, his 16-year-old sweetheart, has been formally charged with murder. The information, laid this morning by Inspector of Detectives Thomas Nickle, charges that the young Londoner, who is now lying in Victoria Hospital with a self-inflicted shot wound in his shoulder, "did unlawfully kill and murder Christina Near."

The alleged murderer and attempted suicide will recover. He is confined in a steel cage in the left shoulder about the size of a man's hand and about half an inch in depth, where the flesh was torn away by the charge of buck shot. An X-ray photograph of the wound was taken this morning by physicians.

As a matter of form, the police have issued a warrant for Dibdale's arrest. This is not necessary, as he has been and is under constant guard in the hospital detention room.

**COOTE APPROVES BRITISH THREAT**

**Tyrone Member Says Military Action Would Be Best.**

**SAYS CONDITIONS BAD**

**Ulsterman Declares Cables Give No Idea of Situation.**

**OTTAWA, Ont., June 1.**—(Free Press Staff Correspondent.)—Announcement yesterday by Winston Churchill, secretary of State for the Colonies, that military operations would follow an attempt to set up a republic in Ireland is commented upon with approval by William Coote, M. P. for Tyrone, in the British and Ulster Parliaments, who is in Ottawa prior to delivering a series of addresses throughout Canada on the Irish situation.

**PROPERTY CHANGING HANDS**

**LAST MONTH IS VALUED AT RECORD TOTAL OF \$564,000**

**Two Hundred Individual Transfers Bring Amount For Year Up To Over \$1,600,000.**

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