THREE CENTS.

BANEDSANS ELGHIT

London Motorists Claim Three-Cent Gasoline Tax Too High

TRUE BILL OF MURDER **BROUGHT IN AGAINST** BARNED AT WELLAND



FRANK BARNED

REV. J. H. SLIMON TAKES CALL HERE

Adelaide Street Baptist Church Cor Obtains Walkerville Pastor.

this morning over long distance though, and I ran away.

He will assume his duties here on Sunday, March 29, and in doing so will succeed Rev. T. Floyd Holland,

four children, one daughter

COMMONWEALTH LINE IS PLACED ON MARKET

Must Be Retained in Australian Trade, Though, Government Stipulates.

Melbourne, Australia, Feb. 23.for publication today the balance game at the Falls last night sheet of the Commonwealth line of steamers for the seven months ending March 31, 1924, showing a loss when told that the Falls had won. of \$1,225,000, in addition to losses of \$5,860,000 for the years 1921-22 and specified by the picture of health? Well. Toronto, Feb. 24.—The Ku Kiux S8,130,000 for 1922-23. The board of certainly feel fine. I weigh 186. Klan of Canada has nothing what-

The government, therefore, is imtained in Australian trade with a and freight rates and no arrange

ENGLISH SHIP OFFICIALS WOULD WELCOME PROBE

shipping of the United Kingdom and Liverpool Steamship Owners' ciation, in a letter drawing the association, in a letter drawing the association, in a letter drawing the association of Sir Philip Cunliffe- away from the cell door which he extend its dectrines beyond the con president of the board of to the charges against the "I expect you will be in court to-Lister, president of the charges against the North Atlantic shipping conference contained in the report of W. T. R. Preston, state that the lines interested in this traffic would cordially ested in this traffic would cordially a searching investigation of the charges against the morrow, and I'll be seeing you then, won't 1?"

BRANTFORD ESCAPES FLOOD.

Canadian Press Despace.

Canadian Press De welcome a searching investigation of the charges to be made by the imperial shipping committee which was formed at the instance of the domin-Canadian government.

Londoner Declares Running Away Greatest Mistake of His Life.

TELLS OF TRAVELS

Frott, Also Facing Murder Charge, Plays Cards in Same Cell.

By PURDOM F. LOVE. Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Reporter.

istake I ever made in my life was A true bill of murder was bro

the spring assizes convened tere at 10 o'clock this morning be-ore Mr. Justice Logie. The evidence of three witnesses only was taken by the jurors yesterday, as this by the jurors yesterday, as this was all that was deemed necessary by W. C. Mikel, K.C., crown prosecutor. Standing at the door of his cell, Frank Barned met The Advertiser reporter. Pushing two fingers through the grating, he squeezed the hand of the reporter and stood smilling against the door. Behind smiling against the door. Behind him six others were bent over a table playing cards. Included in the group was the Italian, Trott, who faces a charge of murder this after-

few seconds, followed by a frown leg.

Mr. Slimon is a Scotchman.

In Edinburgh, came to Canada 17
don't mind telling you that I went of the realization of his ideals. He spared himself no personal sacrifice.

SMUTS UNABLE TO MAKE and even sat in prison for his chamcollege and was ordained to and from there to New Orleans. I Bible college and was the Baptist ministry at Glenville. Have yet to see California, although the papers insisted that I was there. Que., in October, 131.

date Mr. Slimon has held pastorates at Brantford. Paris and Walkerville. I am not worrying about it. Why should 1? I am not guilty."

is present charge.

Mr. Slimon is married, with a famhospital at Niagara Falls last night," observed The Advertiser.
"How is she?" asked Barned, an interested expression fitting over his face. "I didn't know that she had been taken back to the hospital, till Sunday. She had her leg broken at time the car struck Muirhead. "No, I didn't think she would," re-plied Barned. "I feel very sorry

"How is everything in London.
see that the L. A. A. A. and
Orients are still battling over
amateur ball stuff. Naturally sympathies are all with the Orients
"I would have liked to see the
London hockey team in action this Melbourne, Australia, Feb. 23.— London Indexes team in accept winter. I always took an interest hockey. Do you know who won

Picture of Health.

close euchre game.

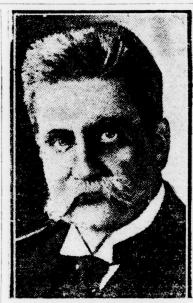
The reporter stepped closer to look into the long cell where Barned and have no connection with that organi-

terview must terminate. "Come on, Frank, take up your cards again," urged the Italian Trott,

who will himself be on trial for the murder of Constable Joe Trueman of Thorold, this afternoon. passing, and we got to finish this America. No one, individually or colcard game.'

ons and to which several questions ing rotted the ice and sending the affecting Canadian interest have quite recently been referred by the ing it easy for the ice to get away.

There were no reports of damage.



Long Illness Following Lung Attack.

But his mind was not on his M. Branting, thrice premier of He hardly looked at the re- Sweden and one of the most active

"Yes, I should never have done it," of the league of nations, was taken continued Barned, in an exclusive seriously ill with inflammation of the interview with The Advertiser. His Jungs about the middle of December.

rville will be the next pastor rville will be the next pastor Muirhead, I should have stopped and ler, but was retained in the cabinet as When the car I was driving struck Jan. 24, being succeeded by M. Sand-

"I Devoting virtually his entire time will succeed Rev. T. Floyd Houston, will succeed Rev. T. Floyd Houston, which the papers are paster of Park avenue Baptist church. Norfelk, Pa.

Mr. Slimon is a Scotchman, born Mr. Slimon is a Scotchman Mr. Slimon is a Sco pionship of the cause of those whose

During the world war, Dr. Branting

BEER PLAN INADEQUATE SAYS WETS'

Moderation League Must-Insist on Govt. Sale

OF ALL BEVERAGES

Convention in Progress at Toronto Will Draw Up Definite Program.

vention of that organization here today that he "could not see eye-toeye" with Premier Ferguson and the government of Ontario in the matter of 4.4 per cent beer.

"The moderation league must in Hjalmar Branting Succumbs to have that, we should have the privilege of local option," said Mr. Hell-

Continuing, the president of the league said that while differing with er beer meeting the urgent necessites of the present situation, he would admit that "it was one step in the direction of true temperance." It was Thames were today flowing freely "I have no desire," said Mr.

WORK OF AMATEUR SHINES IN \$7,000 STORE THEFT

despite abvious attempts to impart of \$7,000 ably. "Well, I wasn't in all the places dream of universal peace by universal was discovered yesterday and presents the mouth of the south branch. ow working on the assumption that

TRIP TO UNITED STATES

Cape Town, South Africa, Feb. 24. was outspoken in his criticism of Germany, and in May, 1917, he made that Premier Smuts planned to visit Owing to a revival of the report a bitter attack upon the German government for its submarine warfage. the United States, it is announced he has been obliged, regretfully, to clique as "the common enemies of being unable to spare the time for

Imperial Wizard of K.K.K. Denies Parent Body In U.S. Behind Canadian Klansmen

Effort To Get Ontario Charter Did Not Have Official Sanction of Headquarters.

EXPOSES TRUE PLAN

Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Correspondent. Toronto, Feb. 24.—The Ku Klux

directors, in its report to the government expresses the opinion that the line cannot run without further loss while the ships are on the Australian large transported by the ships are on the ships are on the Australian large transported by the ships are on the The government, therefore, is immediately inviting tenders for the purchase of the line as a going concern, on the condition that it is refour prisoners gave a whoop of joy, heralding the finish of a particularly Empire," at Atlanta, Georgia.

> into the long cell where barned as its others had been sitting around a long table. The jailer motioned him back and signified that the insurposes, its plans and its principles purposes, its plans and its principles. are inherently American. It is distinctly an American institution. American ideals. The very character "Time's truly confined to the United States boundary lines of the

> > short of shirking a responsibility." except with reservations,

Gloria Swanson Suffers Relapse

Associated Press Despatch Paris, Feb. 24.-Notwithstanding statements made at the clinic where she was operated on that Gloria Swanson is making normal progress, the newpapers maintain that Miss Swanson has suffered a relapse. They assert that another specialist was called in consultation and a change in reatment was ordered. They also declare that it may be necessary to have recourse to blood transfusion.

The doctors admit that the patient's condition is grave, but far from hopeless.

DRUG PACT ACCEPTED PARTIALLY BY GERMANY



FLOOD AVERTED AS ICE GOES OUT

Danger to Homes Along Bank of River Now Believed

not adequate, he said, to the need a with no danger of an ice jam in or indicated by the recent plebiscite. Hell near the city, but high level rose "I have no desire," said Mr. Hell muth "to join in the chorus of abust which the recent prohibition convert of our stock in trade, the south branch the waters rose four the I do not impute his integrity in lands. In many cases a few inches the rail of

of the flood is past. Ice at the junction of the south branch and the main stream near the foot of Dundas of a remarkable journey taken by rjob. street jammed yesterday and sent pop bottle.
part a the level of the water up considerquickly but subsided early

FORMULATED IN WEST

Involving Settlement of 300 Families.

Canadian Press Despatch Winnipeg, Feb. 24.—Development distinctly dairy community within fifty miles of Winnipeg and lacob, M.L.A., legal representative of

n ready-made farms within the next

or crop, a comfortable home, barn, silo and ten head of grade milch cat- coastline of California.

buildings, stock and implements will and possibly around the whole of be in excess of \$1,000,000, exclusive South America will probably remain

TWO AVIATORS KILLED IN CAMP BORDEN CRASH

Lieut. White and R. H. Cross Falling to Death.

LONE POP BOTTLE CRUISES MANY SEAS SINCE 1923

London Boy Gets Note From "Gob" on Tennessee, Telling Him of Find.

NAME IN BOTTLE

Was Thrown in Detroit River by D. McElhinney, High School Student.

tossed it far out into the Detro Donald McElhinney, who

years old, studies at central col egiate. It was during his holidays egiate. It was during his holidays that he last William street, who started ote a note to the finder of the bot le and asked him to say where i

wrecked sailors inclosing a letter in a S. Capital Behind Scheme bottle with the forlorn hope that it would be cast upon some friendly beach and so bring aid. The tales told of the Gulf stream, the ocean ing the messages for a thousan earth.

Threw It in River. The young romanticist decided to the settlement of from 300 to 400 give a ginger ale bottle a chance to families, involving an expenditure see the world and bring the tales of approaching \$2,000,000, within the adventure home. Late one night he next few years is assured, according wrote the note, corked the bottle tightly and threw it far out into the an announcement by Robert dark waters of the Detroit river. A week ago yesterday, J. W. Hey

he Manitoba Dairy Farms, Limited. Financed by St. Paul, Minn., capial, some 70,000 acres of land south-Mr. D. McElbinney, 135 William West of Winniper on the Consideration. west of Winnipeg on the Canadian street, London, Ontario: Dear sir, 1 National railway, near Marchand, wish to inform you that I found your have been acquired and plans have been developed to such a stage that at least 25 families will be installed.

S. S. Tennessee S.-C. Div. care. S. S. Tennessee, S-C., Div., care

The scheme calls for the allocation to each settler of 160 acres of land, with twenty acres broken and ready of the card is a picture of the rocky How the pop bottle navigated at The investment of capital for least half-way around North America

a mystery.

shoals and rocks in summer

inter to be picked up off the coast

Its journey took in the navigation of a thousand miles of lakes and rivers, canals and rapids before rears it made a safe cruise amor

of California. Machines Crash in Midair, Starting from Windsor it made its way through the Detroit river to Lake Erie, thence to Lake Ontario, It may have negotiated the locks of Welland canal or taken a flying

Camp Borden, Feb. 24.-Flight tumble unscathed through the whirlfax, N. S., and Flying Officer R. H. tario to the St. Lawrence river to Cross, a pupil, met death here today when their machine collided in midor the safer trip through the locks.



S. War Secretary Casts lieve that three cents is mentioned by the government so that they will be able to reduce it to two cents and

Weeks has virtually sidetracked all the projects before him, including for the time being even the case of Brigadier-General Mitchell, assistant army air chief, in order to reach from Lake Michigan for sewage and The degree of priority given the Chicago application, added to the statement by the secretary that he intended to expedite a decision while the data collected in the two-day hearings which ended Saturday still basis today of estimates by war department officials that an announce-ment would be forthcoming probably rain in Ontario and the mar before the week-end and not later inces and snow and rain in Quebec. It

TORONTO EXCHANGE CLOSES

Canadian Press Despatch afternoon out of respect to the mem- S. S. Marie suddenly in Ottawa on Saturday. Ottawa Camp Borden, Feb. 24.—Flight tumble unscathed through the whirlLieut. J. L. M. White, D.F.C., of Halifax, N. S., and Flying Officer R. H.

Then the trip through Lake Ontario to the St. Lawrence river to

Particulars of the tragedy are not forthcoming, pending the holding of an official court of inquiry now going on.

through the Panama canal to reach district last night and this morning that an attempt had been made to assass sinate Premier Ferguson in Toronto by told, but Donald has written to his and newspaper offices were deluged.

Highest Santa Barbara.

Sun reach district last night and this morning that an attempt had been made to assass sinate Premier Ferguson in Toronto by told, but Donald has written to his and newspaper offices were deluged. Flying Officer Cross belonged to friend aboard the Tennessee to get and newspaper offices were deluged bis opinion.

THREE-CENT GAS TAX TO BE FOUGHT

Secretary Bernard of London Motor Club Claims Levy Is Too High.

RAISE \$3,000,000

Provincial Officials Will Stand By Plan To Raise Highways Revenue.

Favor U. S. License System

bounds for a truck. We regard the

Alliliam street, who so all all bottle on a long voyage ears ago. He tossed the bottle e Detroit river at Windsor in 1923. It was found by J. W. art, a United States marine on the government in Toronto yesterday. This delegation represented forty-one motor clubs in Ontario, and was one of the largest which ever presented of the delegation which waited on the government in Toronto yesterday. Toronto.
"We have heard the reply of the

government on the matter," he says "but we shall still fight the three ent tax. Both through our members and through the Ontario motor league

show some sympathy toward ever pass a three-cent tax on gaso

Please See Page 2, Column 2. The Weather



and Wednesday, local snow flur-ries tonight.

The depression which was over

IN RESPECT TO MEMBER

The highest and lowest temperatures.

The highest and lowest temperatures.

Stations.

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The highest and lowest temperatures. Victoria

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

ures recorded in London during the The official temperatures for the 11 nours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Barometric Readings. Monday-8 p.m., 28.99. Today-8 a.m., 29.17.