ELEGANCE SCORES IN BRESCIA HALL

New Buildings of Girls' College Now Being Constructed.

GOTHIC DESIGN

With the completion of the new Brescia hall building on Richmond street north, the Roman Catholic diocese of London will have a beautiful modern full course girls' college under the direction of the Ursuline Sisters.

The new building, which is now in process of construction, is of collegiate Gothic design, built of Port Credit stone of varied colors—light gray, yellow and purple, with variegated limestone trimmings for doors and windows.

The main entrance will be strikingly beautiful, opening as it will into a large vestibule, done entirely in light colored marble, with the excention of the vaulted ceiling. The lobby opening off the vestibule, is to be built in the shape of an octagon, and will extend the full height of the building. Panels are being left in the design so that the history of Ursuline religious may be depicted in mural paintings. Arches will lead into the chapel, parlors and administration offices. Statues are to be placed in other portions where doors do not occur.

To the left of the main entrance will be found the chapel, which will be two stories in height, and finished in white oak, with wood beam ceiling. The floor in the sanctuary and choir loft will be of white marble.

Chaplain's Suite.

To the rear of the chapel will be found the chaplain's suite and sacristy.

In the rear of the corridor will be found visitors' parlors, private refectories, etc.

To the left of the corridors will be large bronze gates, leading to the sisters' cloister, community room, etc.

To the right of the entrance lobby is the administration section of the building. From the main corridor a large circular marble stairway will lead to the second floor. From this same corridor an electric elevator will serve the entire building.

Adjoining the parlor will be the offices of the dean and registrar. The remainder of the first floor will be taken up with a large social room, with bay window overlooking the valley of the University of Western Ontario.

At the end of the corridor will be the library, done in paneled oak, with wood beam ceiling and rubber tile floor inlaid in imitation marble. A large stone fireplace and large bay window, facing the grounds of Western university.

Six Lecture Rooms.

The second floor portion of the administration section is to be taken up with the faculty room and six large lecture rooms.

The third floor is to be given over to students' sleeping rooms, showers, toilets, rest rooms, open-air balcony, hospital section, diet kitchen, music rooms, etc.

The basement will contain the kitchen and service portions—sisters' refectory, sewing-room, treasurer's offices and supplies, plant room, laundry, storerooms, etc.

Under the administration section will be the students' refectory, playroom, students' laundry and trunk room.

By way of summing up the arrangement of the building it may be said to be divided into four units, embracing a public unit, adminstration section, students' unit and sisters' community. The plan of the building provides that the four units, while under the same roof, are practically separated from each other.

C. N. R. ATHLETES BOWL FOR FIFTEEN TURKEYS

Bowling for 15 turkeys, 132 members of the Canadian National railways amateur athletic association last night held one of the most successful meets in the history of the organization. The event was held at the National alleys and was the first of its kind held by the association.

The two highest scores made without handicap were bowled by G. S. Stevenson, express, who made 744, and W. Doherty, station, 693.

The 20 highest scores with handicap were as follows: J. Dicks, car, 763; T. Clitt, freight, 712; D. Mills, stores, 703; D. H. Finlayson, superintendent's office, 698; H. Harrison, express, 696; J. B. Scott, superintendent's office, 692; G. Hammond, switchman, 688; H. Knight, freight, 688; E. McGee, cartage, 687; R. J. Martin, freight, 680; W. Nichols, yard office, 679; C. Arnold, reclamation, 674; F. Harris, carman, 669; A. Bowen, express, 666; F. Scarborough, rippers, 658; R. Clark, express, 655; B. Kinsey, apprentice, 653; L. A. Butler, car dept., 652.

MOTORIST GOOD SPRINTER, SO AUTO IS CAPTURED

A runaway motor car caused no little excitement on the market square yesterday afternoon, and that it did not enter the London Hardware company premises at King and Talbot street is due to the fact that the owner is a real sprinter.

The man cranked the car on the market square, when it was in gear, and it shot across the pavement in a bee-line for the hardware store. The owner ran after it, jumped on the running-board and swerved the car along the sidewalk on King street, and finally landed on Talbot street without doing any damage.

EXECUTIVE DRAWS PLANS FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Members of the executive of the Ontario and Quebec boys' work association met at the Y. M. C. A. in Hamilton yesterday to draw up plans for the annual conference which will be held in Toronto Jan. 27-28-29. W. H. Spearman of the Y. M. C. A. here was present.

Arrangements were started for the big conference which will take place in Colorado next year.

The following committee will have charge of the program for the Toronto conference: E. Cameron, Toronto, chairman; Royal Moulton, Stratford; Henry Hall, Montreal; John Miekle, Toronto; W. H. Spearman, London.

THE FAMILY ALBUM — CLEANING UP.

POULTRY SHIPMENTS ACROSS LINE CONTINUE

Exporters Are Unhampered by Embargo—Turkey Prices Are Fair.

The shipping of Christmas poultry to the United States will be continued on to the end of this week. This is the statement of numerous wholesale poultry dealers who are busy exporting at the present time.

One dealer pointed out that no embargo is placed on Canadian birds entering the United States, the chicken plague being only prevalent in eight of the mid-west states.

Dealers also say that under present conditions the turkey market will stay firm until a few days before Christmas, then, due to the increased supply always brought in, the price will undoubtedly drop to a much lower figure.

Turkeys at present are bringing from 30 to 32 cents a pound wholesale, which is considered to be quite a fair quotation. No further change is expected in other fowl.

The lower prices this year are due to the fact that there is a much larger supply of turkeys throughout the dominion.

BRANTFORD OFFICIALS STUDY METHODS HERE

Recently Appointed Assessor and Retiring Mayor Consult Local Men.

Fred Brillo, retiring mayor of the city of Brantford, and Frank Adams, city engineer, were in London this afternoon conferring with Assessment Commissioner Harry Bennett. Mr. Adams, who trained here during the war with the 186th Kent regiment and went overseas as an infantry officer, has just had the office of assessment chief added to his duties in Brantford.

The Brantford men were anxious to inquire into the details of assessment operation here with a view to improving conditions in Brantford. The former assessor recently resigned following charges of irregularities in the conduct of his duties.

Mr. Adams also met City Engineer Near and appeared interested in the nature of relief work being undertaken here. He discussed with The Advertiser recent large works undertaken at Brantford, including the building of a huge bridge at a cost of several hundred thousands of dollars and the construction of new dykes to protect low-lying lands. The Brantfordites went on to Windsor to look over assessment systems there.

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT WILL BE DISCUSSED

The most important item of business to be considered by the public utilities commission at its regular meeting this afternoon is a report on the electrical equipment which is to be purchased from the Westinghouse company for the new sub-station on Carling street.

At its last meeting the commission authorized Chairman Jared Vining and Manager E. V. Buchanan to purchase $33,600 worth of equipment for the new station as the initial step toward the establishment of what is known as "a ring main system," connecting the different substations throughout the city.

The meeting this afternoon will be the last regular session the commission will have during the current year.

CONDUCTS ENTERTAINMENT.

Adj. Spooner of the Salvation Army citadel, Clarence street, took charge of a Christmas entertainment at the St. Marys corps last night. Adj. Spooner returned to the city today. There was a varied program of songs, recitations and instrumental selections.

NURSES WILL HELP.

Volunteering to help with the Salvation Army Christmas appeal, the nurses of Bethesda hospital will take their places at the entrance to the theatres tonight, where they will collect money to provide hampers for the needy families of the city.

Twenty-Four Die In Earthquake

Associated Press Despatch.

Manila, Dec. 18.—An earthquake which rocked Surigao province, on Mindanao Island, killed 24 persons Monday, it became known today.

The 'quake destroyed 28 houses on four small islands situated near the northern coast of Surigao province. Forty-seven persons were injured. Although the tremor occurred on Monday, first news of the situation was received here today from the ex-governor of Surigao province.

CHURCH BUILDINGS ARE HEATED BY ONE PLANT

Large Steam Boiler Has Replaced Furnaces and Stoves.

Cronyn Memorial Anglican church buildings are now heated by a central heating plant in the basement of the new parish hall, not yet completed.

The large steam boiler, which will heat the church, parish hall, rectory and sexton's residence, replaces five furnaces, one hot water heater and several stoves, and at the same time will keep all buildings heated all the time.

Since the rectory has been heated by a hot water system a converter has been placed in the basement to heat the water by steam from the central boiler.

The cost of heating the church buildings has been in the neighborhood of $1,800 per annum, but it is hoped to effect a saving of nearly $1,400 each year by means of the new system. It is estimated that the new plant will heat the buildings on 60 tons of soft coal at a total cost of $420 for fuel.

The central heating plant was installed at a cost of approximately $9,500.

YOUTH WHO KILLED FOXES MAY FACE OTHER CHARGES

The wholesale slaying of pheasants in the vicinity of Byron the last few weeks is being laid by county police at the door of the young man suspected of having killed the two red foxes at the Springbank zoo.

When the youth is eventually caught, he will be charged with a number of offences, county police state.

WILL ENTERTAIN VETERANS.

P. R. Spence, member of the Brunswick trio, will have charge of a Christmas entertainment which will take place at Byron sanatorium Monday night. The program provides for a supper and a musical entertainment. Members of the "Y" staff will assist in serving the refreshments. The Brunswick trio is made up of J. Ballantyne, P. R. Spence and W. Spence.

THIEF NOT FOUND.

County police are following several clues in connection with the slaying of two red foxes at the Springbank zoo on Sunday night or early Monday morning. Beyond this information, county police had nothing for publication on the matter today.

Scene from Mary Roberts Rinehard's great mystery drama, "K-The Unknown," now showing at the Capitol. 49a

TREE-PLANTING IDEAS PROMISED BY P. U. C.

C. of C. Will Co-operate in Plan To Advise Citizens on Best Species.

The public utilities commission and the chamber of commerce are likely to co-operate in providing citizens with "the right kind of trees at the right price" for boulevard planting during the coming spring.

The commission advises that the right kind of trees to plant are the Norway elm and the American maple, and that the right time of year to plant them is in the latter part of April or the early part of May.

It is pointed out by the commission that neither white birch or poplar trees are suitable for boulevard planting, since the birch are apt to die because of lack of water, and the poplars tend to choke up the sewers in the fall of the year with leaves, etc.

It is understood that the commerce board intends putting on a drive in this regard, and then pass over to the commission the list of trees desired, the co-operation of the commission to consist of the securing of the trees at "the right price."

While no definite price has as yet been worked out, it is believed that elm and maple trees can be supplied at the rate of $1.25 and $1.50 each.

YOUTH GIVEN REMAND TO JAIL FOR SENTENCE

Pleading guilty to a charge of having committed a grossly indecent act, contrary to the criminal code, a local youth, 22 years of age, was remanded this morning until Monday by Police Magistrate Graydon for sentence.

F. H. Curran, appearing for the defendant, sought to influence the court, prior to the passing of sentence, by intimating that there was something mentally wrong with a man who would do what the defendant had done.

Pointing out to Mr. Curran that he was on dangerous ground the magistrate declared that either the youth was or not responsible for his action and that in any case he should be placed in some institution under restraint, either the reformatory or Ontario hospital.

In remanding the defendant, Magistrate Graydon said that he would discuss the youth's condition with Dr. Wilson, the jail physician.

DR. MACGREGOR SPEAKS ON CHURCH UNION TONIGHT

The congregation of Knox Presbyterian church, South London, will hear the question of church union discussed tonight by Rev. D. C. MacGregor, D.D., pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church.

Dr. MacGregor will deal with the question in a general way and will deal with the arguments against union which were advanced at the anti-union meeting held at Knox church earlier in the week, at which Rev. D. T. L. McKerroll and Mrs. H. R. Horne, both of Toronto, were the speakers.

With the exception of next Sunday morning in his own pulpit the address to be made by Dr. MacGregor this evening, will bring to a close a lengthy and energetic campaign on his part throughout almost every town in Western Ontario.

J. C. LINNELL CHIEF RANGER OF COURT FOREST CITY

Jos. C. Linnell was elected chief ranger of Court Forest City, A. O. F., No. 5744, at the annual meeting of the court last night. Other officers elected were: Past chief ranger, Wm. Hoskett; sub chief ranger, Frank H. Evans; secretary-treasurer, Walter Richards, (42 years re-elected); senior woodward, Albert Freeman; junior woodward, Vivian J. Rogers; senior beadle, Thos. Owen; junior beadle, Fred Stanton; medical officers, Drs. E. Seaborn and D. D. Ferguson; trustees, Chas. M. Linnell, Thomas Beer, Thos. C. Bartlett; juvenile committee, T. C. Bartlett, W. Foskett, S. Page, H. Porter, F. H. Evans, V. J. Rogers, F. Stanton, W. Richards, H. Wiggins, J. C. Linnell; auditors, Thos. J. LeSeellur, H. Porter; hospital board, J. C. Linnell, H. Wiggins.

POULTRY EXHIBIT PLANS PREPARED

Pet Stock Will Have Place in Association Show.

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, Dec. 17.—The twenty-third annual show of the Elgin Poultry and Pet Stock association will be held the last week of this month in the Nobility Building. Entries will be received on Friday, the 26, and the show will open to the public on Saturday, continuing till December 31. The executive have every confidence in claiming that this will be the biggest and best exhibition yet.

In addition to poultry of all kinds, there are classes for pigeons, rabbits and cavies, 173 classes in all and about 200 special prizes are offered.

School children are given more encouragement to take an interest in good breeding-stock, by the inclusion of two special classes. Birds are to be shown in pairs.

As usual there will be a government exhibit from Ottawa with an expert in attendance, who will give advice to fanciers and useful information to prospective breeders.

The judges will be: Poultry, A. W. Tyson, Guelph, and Richard Oke, London; pigeons, A. B. Warder, Wiarton; rabbits, P. J. Slatterie, St. Thomas. Harry Martin is supervising the show.

James Haggard, a garage employee of the city, was arraigned before Magistrate Maxwell charged with indecently assaulting Barbara Begg. He pleaded not guilty and was remanded till Thursday for a hearing.

A dozen men are busily engaged in renovating the old Star Theatre building, to be opened on January 12 as the Tivoli theatre.

No word has been received from Toronto regarding the distribution of the 1925 auto markers. Some weeks ago announcement was made that the distribution would be made from the department headquarters in Toronto, but many municipalities sent deputations to the minister of highways to have the distribution done locally.

Aged only two days, Wilma Williamson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. "Sandy" Williamson, died at their home, 98 Erie street. There are three other girls and one boy in the family. Interment took place this afternoon from P. R. Williams & Dond's parlors to St. Thomas cemetery. Rev. D. C. Soules officiated.

Ship Will Miss Christmas Day

Drops One Day From Calendar On Western Trip.

Special to The Advertiser.

Vancouver, Dec. 17. — Passengers, who sailed for the Orient today aboard the Canadian Pacific Empress of Russia, will have to celebrate Christmas either a day before or a day after the customary date. The vessel drops one day from the calendar when she crosses the 180th meridian, and consequently there will be no December 25 in the calendar aboard.

TEACHER IS ABSOLVED IN ANNEXATION SCARE

Story of War of 1812 Reaches Downtown in Distorted Form.

Controversy raged for a time today among downtown merchants following a report that a school teacher in a South London public school had informed the scholars under his care that the destiny of Canada lies in annexation to the United States.

Though it seemed certain that no teacher would place his head under the official axe in such a manner an inquiry was launched. It developed that the story had been distorted from a very innocent beginning. Recently the teacher in question had been telling his class about the war of 1812. In this connection he had related the circumstances of the ebb and flow of battle and had reminded the scholars that if it had not been for the effective measures taken Canada might today have been a part of the United States.

WINTER COURSES WILL SOON BE ESTABLISHED

It is the intention of the public utilities commission early in the new year, to establish winter courses of instruction for supervisors of the civic playgrounds.

The commission, having found a regrettable lack of continuity as to point of service of those acting as supervisors from year to year, has arrived at the conclusion that the way out is to provide winter courses of instruction from which intending supervisors will be required to secure certificates.

The commisison will rule, in all probability, that no person may become a supervisor next year unless either having graduated from the winter courses provided or having had previous experience.

General talks and demonstrations will be given by Manager E. V. Buchanan, Gerald N. Goodman, and Miss Edythe Winn-Pryce, as well as lectures by out-of-town speakers, authorities on playground activities.

The commisison thus hopes to materially improve the effectiveness of the civic playgrounds during the coming summer.

CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS.

Orville Trott was elected president of the Com-Tec club at the members' luncheon at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday. W. H. Spearman was made honorary president, J. Kennedy vice-president, C. Skinner secretary, and Albert Evans treasurer. The executive meets tomorrow for lunch at the Y. M. C. A. when the January program will be drawn up.

COUNTY CLERK BETTER.

County Clerk John Stuart, who has been confined to his home on Becher street for several days with an attack of grippe, is reported as being considerably improved.

CITY BLUE BOYS QUAVER AS JUNE ELECTION LOOMS

One Conservative Bloc Fears Frank White's Power Has Faded.

MANY DISGRUNTLED

Lack of Clubrooms and Meetings One of Party's Many Worries.

London's blue boys are a bit disgruntled. Their organization is not what it should be, in the opinion of some of their number, and the next federal election is giving them food for thought as well. According to several members of the London Conservative association who talked to The Advertiser this morning, their lot is not a happy one. They are split in twain from the top to the bottom and the rift in the lute of co-operation and harmony is deep and unfathomable.

It was learned on good authority that there had not been a regular annual meeting of the associaton called in the last two years. Dr. Cameron Wilson, president of the association, said that this meeting was usually called soon after the new year, but added that it was up to the executive to call it, and not up to him. Tom Scandrett, a member of the executive, said he was trying to arrange a meeting of the executive for Friday night, to make arrangements for the regular annual meeting.

"What'll I Do?"

"What'll I do" in the next federal election is the slogan of the blue boys today in the highways and byways of London Conservatism. There is a split in the party on this question, said to be irrevocable and awe-inspiring. There is a well-defined, though largely unspoken, feeling that Frank White, the present member, will not be able to carry the blue banner to victory at another battle of the polls. Added to this is the belief that an independent Conservative will arise in the might of his personal popularity when the election draws near next June and split the city vote.

"Just imagine," said one of the boys, "if this man stood as an independent Conservative. He has proclaimed himself a protectionist already, and he is sure of a large following on any vote. If the Liberals put a man in the field, any man at all, it would split the city vote and probably this independent would go to Ottawa. Think of that."

Another Wound.

Then right in the heart of the association there is a wound. One faction is more or less openly in favor of such an independent candidate if he should present himself, and is strongly, though silently, opposed to the old-line members of the very true blue variety, who will stand solidly behind Frank White in any event.

Said another boy today: "The association is frightened to call a general meeting. It has been so for two years. In the last few weeks the members have begun to doubt whether a straight Conservative could hold the city at the next federal election, and they are sitting waiting and holding off the annual meeting as long as they can."

Little Tong War.

There is still another view of this little tong war, and that is in the social side of the party. Why were the Conservative club rooms closed so abruptly in the spring, and when are new club rooms to be found and opened?

Chris Hawkens, president of the club, says that the club rooms were closed following the usual custom to close them for the summer months. He declares that the executive is looking for new quarters and hopes to open them in the early part of the new year.

"We have all been too busy with our various businesses," he said, "to give much thought to the question of club rooms."

This, however, does not meet with the wishes of those who opposed the closing of the rooms, and they will want to know at the meeting why they should remain closed through the fall months. It is hinted that a falling off of club fees is the real reason.

Money in Fight.

Another member put it this way: "It's a fight between the money of the old-line chaps and the votes of the more progressive men. There is a determined opposition on the part of the men with new ideas against the absolute domination of the old-line men with their unlimited money, and that is the real wedge in the log, which will bring a split. Everyone in the association knows it, and that is why a general meeting is not looked on with favor."

The London Liberal association is not at present concerned with any such internal strife. It is spending the time in watching the tactics of the blue boys and wondering who it will send into the political lists to divide the vote with the herculean independent and the regulation Tory candidate.

DANCE WILL BE GIVEN TO HELP RELIEF CIRCLE

A dance in aid of the Sunshine relief circle will be given on the evening of Jan. 5 in the Ritz gardens.

The use of this hall has been made possible through the kindness of Jas. McCormick, and the Ronnie Hart orchestra has offered its services free to the committee for the night.

A ton of coke has been presented by the London gas company to be drawn for, and half a ton by the Southcott coal company. The Hollins Press has made a donation of the printing of 500 tickets, and the committee has met with a generous response from everyone it has approached in the cause. Tickets may be had from any member of the committee or from Mrs. Floyd Wells, 491 Horton street.

CHARGE OF SERVICES.

Brig. McAmmond of the Salvation Army will have charge of the Sunday services of the Salvation Army Rectory street corps this week. The program includes a visit to the outpost at Pottersburg.

TREES ON MARKET.

Ten loads of Christmas trees were brought to the city this morning. The main varieties were balsam and cedar although spruce trees were also offered in comparatively large quantities.

The smallest trees were three feet high and the largest about ten feet.

Thos. Ince Left Large Estate

Associated Press Despatch.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 18.—Thomas H. Ince, motion picture producer, who died here last month, left an estate valued at $1,666,000, according to his will, filed for probate here yesterday. Ince's widow and three sons are named as beneficiaries.

MRS. SWEETIN WILL BE PUT ON STAND

Woman Charged Jointly With Murder Called to Play Final Card.

Associated Press Despatch.

Mont Vernon, Ills., Dec. 18.—Mrs. Elsie Sweetin was ready to be put on the witness stand today in her joint trial with Lawrence M. Hight to tell of circumstances leading to the death of Wilford Sweetin and Mrs. Anna Hight, Attorney R. E. Smith announced.

The state rested its case yesterday. Attorney N. Layman, representing Hight, plans to summon alienists to show that his client was mentally deficient, suffering from a senile dementia and not responsible for all his acts.

The prosecution closed its case against Mrs. Sweetin with the testimony of Columbus C. Sweetin, aged father of Wilford Sweetin, who said "Elsie told me she gave my son poison three times."

Sweetin testified his daughter-in-law told him she poisoned her husband three times and said that Hight had given her the poison, handing it to her with notes which he passed to her with presents of apples and bananas.

Snow Worm Bores Way Through Ice

Special to The Advertiser.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 17.—Snow worms have been found in the Cascade mountains of Washington and on glaciers and mountains in Alaska, Trevor Kincaid, professor of zoology in the university of Washington, declared yesterday after an investigation. "The snow or ice worm is not really pink, as many assert, but is more of a brownish hue," said Prof. Kincaid. "The brown pigment in its skin is a source of heat which enables the worm to bore its way through glacier ice like a heated wire. It grows to a length of about an inch, feeding on debris in the ice."

AGED BOTHWELL WOMAN OVERCOME BY COAL GAS

Special to The Advertiser.

Bothwell, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Mary Jerome, over 80 years old, was found overcome by carbon monoxide gas from the coal stove when Mrs. McLellan, a neighbor, called at her home. Mrs. Jerome lives alone, and it is not known how long she had been unconscious when found. She is critically ill.

FORD BUYS RAG DOLL.

Special to The Advertiser.

Boston, Dec. 17.—While Henry Ford was in Boston on a recent visit he spent $15 for an old rag doll girls of the present generation would scorn, it was disclosed today. The motor king bought it in a Newbury street antique shop, where he spent $14,000 for antiques in two hours of browsing.

LONDONER STATES BUSINESS BETTER

Clifford Gray States Sales on Increase and Future Bright.

One business man at least in the city is optimistic over his business record in the last few months and can prove his belief with facts of sales made, and that is Clifford Gray, district manager of Heintzman and Company. He told The Advertiser today that times were especially good for the sale of all kinds of musical instruments, as far as his firm was concerned, and added that in the last week more than $1,000 worth of gramophones had been sold in the London store.

He also stated that after the new year the Heintzman company would go into the radio business and that an interesting announcement to radio fans would be made in the early part of January.

"Since Sept. 1," he said, "we have been particularly busy and sales have been good and steady. The demand for musical instruments in general and gramophones and pianos in particular seems to be strengthening. For the last three months for instance we have doubled and in some instances trebled the scale, as compared with the same three months in 1923."

Generally speaking Mr. Gray looks on the season and on the future through rosy spectacles. He refuses to be downcast or pessimistic and holds firmly to a creed of expanding business in the new year just as soon as the first hint of spring is in the air.

SOCIALISM MAY KEEP PRINCE FROM THRONE, MARRIAGE

Special to The Advertiser.

Philadelphia, Dec. 17.—In a half facetious, half serious speech before the Philadelphia branch of the English-speaking union delivered here, Cosmo Hamilton, noted British author and playwright, and brother of Sir Philip Gibbs, declared the reason the Prince of Wales refuses to marry is that he believes he will never be king of England.

The prince, he claimed, has been exposed to the doctrines of socialism so much that he has had the germ injected somewhat in his own veins.

"The Prince of Wales is a great chap, a charming fellow and very human," Mr. Hamilton said. "He loses his head from time to time, but that doesn't matter. Just at the present he is suffering from a very extraordinary state of affairs, which is undermining every step he is taking toward the throne.

"The fashionable hobby in London right now is socialism. One can't be smart unless one is one, so to speak. It is like the cross-word puzzle here.

"The prince is up against it. He doesn't marry because there has been injected into him from all sides the virus of socialism. He has had it rubbed into him so much that he will never be king, that he doesn't see why he should perpetrate a royal marriage with some near-reigning beauty for reasons of state, and have children he doesn't want and be unhappy the rest of his life."

GIRL SWALLOWS VIPER EGG WHILE DRINKING AND DIES

Associated Press Despatch.

Berne, Switzerland, Dec. 17.—An autopsy held to determine the cause of the mysterious death of a girl here revealed a viper in her stomach. Physicians said the girl had swallowed a viper egg while drinking from a stream in the hills.

VISIT DANCE HALLS.

High Constable Wharton and License Inspector Walter Bolton visited dance halls at Wardsville and Woodgreen last night and reported everything running smoothly and in good order. "Everyone was having a good time and there was nothing going on that any person could possibly take any exception to," stated the high constable today.

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