FRENCH NEWSPAPERS CALL FOR ABOLITION OF POLITICS

Want Dictator To Save Country From Ruin or Revolution—Lose Faith in Present Form of Party Government—Declare People Call For Drastic Action.

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, Dec. 13.—The campaign for the dissolution of parliament and extra-constitutional methods for solving the present financial and economic crisis in France, which has been going on steadily and stealthily for some weeks, appeared for the first time in the open, when the Matin, in a leading article, which was not signed but was given such prominence as to lend the responsibility of the management of the paper, says: "We have had enough of politicians. This country, still bleeding from war wounds, is not ready to face the great adventure of revolution.

"Enough of politics—let a committee be formed outside of politicians and comprising staunch and courageous men to save France. Let them proclaim that France is in danger and that the hour for the sacred union has come."

Leon Bailby, editor of the independent newspaper L'Intransigeant, follows up the demand voiced by the Matin.

"Let us not despair," writes M. Bailby, "politics has had its day. Whether evolution, dissolution or liquidation, the country is going to take into its own hands the direction of its affairs. If it is the parliament the parties and their hankers-on who suffer, let us be happy for the fact, for then we will be saved."

The Temps takes a milder tone, but solemnly warns parliament that it must abandon political shiftings and make possible "a national government, embracing all parties and representing all except those that deliberately exclude themselves."

Every sign, the paper says, points to a universal desire throughout the country for the end of politics and the establishment of a new concord like the sacred union of war days. Meanwhile there is a concrete step in the direction of a wider accord in the decision of a group of the radical left to seek a reunion with the centrist group of the republican right as a means of enlarging the government's majority in the present crisis.

COUNCILS UNITE TO AVERT TIE-UP

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definite period, and it may even be permanently.

Over 1,000 Londoners, taking into account the wives and families of the street railway men, are dependent for a living upon the operation of the street railway. They face the prospect of a complete shutting off of income just at the hardest season of the year.

Ald. Ashton's View.

This is one of the most serious phases of the situation, in the view of Ald. John Ashton, a member of the Street Railwaymen's union. He stated this morning that the men still had hopes that some way would be found out of the impasse, and that Thursday morning would find "business as usual" at the street railway barns.

Tuesday night's special council session will be a unique affairs in several ways, as it will be attended by two mayors and fifteen aldermen. The new council thus gets its baptism of fire even before it is officially inaugurated, and is launched right at the beginning of its term into one of the most difficult problems the city faces.

All conductors were supplied this morning with strips of seven and nine tickets for sale at a quarter, the so-called workingmen's tickets being accepted between the hours of six and eight in the morning. Unless specially requested otherwise, conductors proferred the regular strip of five tickets for a quarter, and there were no instances, as far as could be learned of any passenger asking for the seven tickets, although the information that they were avaiable was given front-page prominence in morning papers.

R. G. Ivey, vice-president of the street railway company, on his return from Toronto Sunday issued a statement outlining the company's position in the dispute.

Mr. Ivey's Statement.

"We have no alternative," stated R. J. Ivey, vice-president of the company. "When the agreement was made, the general wage paid was about nine dollars a week. Our own employees received 12 cents an hour, as compared with 48 cents today, or an increase of 400 per cent. Other overhead costs have increased in proportion. Last month we operated at a substantial loss. No person had any idea of the startling increase in costs that would take place in the past twelve years when that agreement was made. We cannot ask our 250 employees to go back to the old conditions. That of course would be nonsense. Think of a man and his family trying to live on twelve cents an hour.

"We have no money to operate at a loss, the banks will not loan us, and I do not think the citizens would care to provide it. They have heavy enough taxes now. So you can readily see that the order of the board drives us off the streets.

5 Cent Fare Unprofitable.

"What the public believes in a fair wage for our employees, and also that the agreement is unfair, has been proved by their willingness to pay a five-cent fare, but even with a five-cent fare we have operated at a loss. I personally am sorry that the board was forced to issue the order at this time, the Christmas holidays. There are about 1,000 people depending on the company—that it the 250 employees and their families. Some of them have been with us since the days of the horse cars. They are a fine, loyal, and efficient group of men, and it is a cause of regret that we are unable to show some appreciation of their long service.

"If it were at all possible, we would like very much to avoid the inconvenience that will be caused the public in doing their holiday shopping, and the loss to the merchants.

Quality of The Service.

"The street railway, like all public service companies, has been criticized for the service given. The criticisms have been just and reasonable as far as the facts have been known. We have tried to give, and especially is this true in the past few years, the best service possible with the limited money at our disposal. We firmly believe that the city of London is deserving and entitled to a better service, but it has been impossible to give it on the revenue received.

"Hamilton is having difficulty with the street car company there. It has been found impossible to operate on a five-cent fare, in spite of the fact that that city has twice the population of London, and about the same trackage.

"We are extremely sorry that there is nothing to do but to cease operations."

INDIAN YOUTH TAKEN TO SARNIA FOR TRIAL

High Constable Whiting and Detective William Brierley of Sarnia left London this morning, taking with them Isaac Ireland, 14-year-old Indian boy, arrested for the Sarnia police on the Muncey reservation. Ireland faces charges of stealing bicycles in the St. Clair river city. He has been attending a school on the Muncey reserve.

NEARLY $800 SURPLUS ANNOUNCED BY BOARD

Health of City Very Good at Present, States the Chairman.

The London board of health will have a surplus of between $700 and $800, Chairman C. H. Mitchell stated this morning. The last meeting of the board will be held tonight at the city hall at 8 o'clock.

"This means that we have operated during the year for $800 less than we did last year," said Mr. Mitchell. "We have economized where we could, and still give efficient service. The health of the city, as a whole, is very good."

Yearly reports will be given tonight, including those of Chairman Mitchell and Dr. Downham. Members of the board are Mr. Mitchell, Ald. W. J. Ashton, Ald. Douglass, M.D., Dr. Downham and Mayor Wenige.

STEAMER BATTERED FOR FIVE DAYS ON LAKE

Grain Boat Has Hard Time on Lake Huron—Crew Loses Belongings.

Canadian Phess Despatch.

Midland, Dec. 14.—Running into very heavy weather on Lake Huron, the steamer Belvoir had a rough time and was five days making the trip from the head of the lakes. On Thursday morning about 11 o'clock the vessel experienced the roughest weather of the trip, and the heavy seas striking her forward forced the water through the hawse-pipe, wrecking the crew's quarters. The men lost all their personal belongings. Captain Heffernan put back to Detour, and four of five thousand bushels of grain were taken off in order to put the vessel on an even keel. The Belvoir arrived here yesterday, and after discharging left at 11:45 p.m. for Collingwood drydock. The vessel is canal size and a quantity of her cargo was damaged.

TURKS DENY BLOCKING MOSUL PEACE EFFORTS

Premier Issmet Declares No Offer For Mediation Has Ever Been Made.

Associated Press Despatch.

Angora, Dec. 14.—Premier Issmet, addressing the assembly today and making reference to reports that Turkish obduracy was preventing a settlement of the Mosul difficulty at Geneva, said he was obliged to state that up to the present no serious offer of mediation has been received. Nor, he added, had any proposal been put forward furnishing a basis for an understanding.

AMERICAN DOLLAR BASIS FOR ASIATIC RAIL FARES

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Moscow, Dec. 12.—After several days of deliberation the suggestion of the Japanese delegation that American dollars be used as a basis of fares in the nine countries traversed on the through rail line from Paris to Vladivostok was adopted today at the plenary session of the inter-allied conference.

The Russian delegation withdrew its suggestion that the chervonitz be the basis of fares.

Each country will collect in its own currency, according to the day's dollar exchange.

The meeting attempted to obviate the passport nuisance by requesting each country to establish a vise office at the railroad station in its largest city.

BOTTRILL TO BE HOST OF NO. 2 COMMITTEE

The 1925 number two committee of the city council will be dined by Ald. Bottrill at his home on Wednesday night, it was announced at the city hall this morning.

Ald. Bottrill presided over number two committee as chairman during the year, and the fact that he handled all business in a capable and thorough manner is testified by the fact that he was again elected to the council by a large majority.

DOG MAKES SHORE.

New York—A collie dog which appeared on the Maine coast near Biddeford following a storm has been identified as belonging to a New York man and is thought to have escaped from a rum ship which went down in the storm.

FLIM-FLAMS FOUR, MAY TACKLE MORE

Ancient Art Succeeds For Time While Police Seek Four-Flusher.

Beware of a "flim-flammer," the police department warns today. Be on the lookout for a short, stocky man, who, as a dexterous player of the ancient game of "flim-flam" has four times swindled clerks of London stores.

By way of explanation detectives point out that flim-flaming is better known as short-changing. Entering a Dundas store Saturday a man purchased several small articles and as payment profferred a $20 bill. Then when he had been given his change he found in his pockets a bill of smaller denomination and declared he would rather break the smaller amount than the $20 bill.

The bill was given back and he also received again change for the smaller sum of money. With the original $20 bill, its change, change after payment of the smaller sum, and his purchases, the man sauntered slowly out of the store and was lost in the streets before the bewildered clerk could puzzle out the sale. Even with pencil and paper the clerk could not figure out the trick, but a near-empty cash register gave positive assurance of a loss of $15.

A few hours later a London East store was relieved of a similar amount of money in the same manner. Four complaints regarding the man have been received at police station.

"It's an old game, but one that is generally worked successfully," Detective-Inspector Thomas Nickle said today. "Clerks are always reluctant to accuse too quickly and by the time they realize their loss the purchaser is gone with the money."

CALLS FOR RELIEF NOT SO NUMEROUS

Inspector Sanders Makes Gratifying Report—Every Case Investigated.

The city relief department has not been called upon for help this year as much as in 1924, Relief Inspector Richard Sanders stated today.

"We are not issuing as much relief this month as we did in November," said Mr. Sanders, "and it has not cost the city as much as it did last year. This can be attributed in no small degree to the co-operation that has existed between my department and that of the city engineer.

"When an able-bodied man applies for relief I send him to the city engineer, and if there is a chance for a job at all Mr. Near gives it to him. The man gets work and is satisfied, and the city is saved the expense of providing for him and his family."

Mr. Sanders declared most emphatically that every case was investigated by him before an order for relief was forwarded to the city treasurer.

"I have investigated every case in which relief was given, and they were all deserving," assured Mr. Sanders.

WOOD-CUTTER ADMITS SLAYING 3 RELATIVES

Texan Burns Body of Women—Chops Off Youth's Head.

Associated Press Despatch.

Stephensville, Texas, Dec. 13.—A triple murder mystery was cleared up early today when F. M. Stone, a wood-cutter, confessed that he killed his wife, his mother-in-law, Mrs. A. Olds, and Bernie Connally, son-in-law.

At a coroner's inquest today a verdict was rendered holding Snow responsible for the killings. Standing over the headless body of Connally on the lonely eminence of Cedar Mountains near here, Snow broke down under the questioning of officers and admitted the slaying. He took the officers to the mountain to point out the body.

Snow asserted the killings followed a quarrel at his farmhouse, in which he was attacked by Connally, who had a revolver. He said he shot the three and then burned the bodies of his wife and mother-in-law in the fireplace, where officers found human bones.

The body of the youth was taken to the mountain-top, where Snow chopped off the head with an axe.

I. B. S. HAS SURPLUS

Sum Will Be Divided Among Charitable Organizations of City.

The entire surplus of the Irish benevolent society picnic at Port Stanley last summer will likely be divided among charitable organizations of the city at a meeting of the Irishmen tonight at the Tecumseh hotel.

The usual surplus is between $400 and $500, one of the officials stated this morning.

Past President Jack Greer will be presented with the past president's jewel, and a presentation will also be made to past president Philip Pocock, Jun. President Chas. Pinney will preside at the meeting.

BETTER VIEW POSSIBLE WITH TOWER REMOVED

Underground conduits have permitted the tearing down of the long-standing hydro tower at the corner of Ridout and Horton streets.

The dismantling of the steel superstructure of the tower has been completed and the breaking down of the huge cement block base, 8 by 10 feet, will be proceeded with by the public utilities commission without delay.

When the cement base is finally cleared away traffic at that corner will be greatly facilitated since the view at that corner for motorists has been badly abscured in the past.

VOTERS IGNORE COURT.

Mexico City, Dec. 14.—Notwithstanding a court ruling postponing the municipal elections for 72 hours, balloting took place yesterday under instructions from President Calles. There were no disorders.

Peace Without Bitterness

GERMANY SIGNS TREATY.

Germany signs without bitterness. The photograph shows Dr. Stresemann, German foreign secretary, signing the Locarno treaty in London. On his left, Dr. Luther, the German chancellor.

ROTARY CLUBS SEND HUNDREDS OF NAMES

Mayor Receives Thirty Letters in One Day in Connection With Centennial.

Rotary clubs all over the world are getting behind London's centennial celebration in August, 1926. Mayor Wenige received 30 letters this morning from Rotary clubs from Seattle to New York and Halifax to Vancouver.

Several of the letters contained the names of former Londoners that were not listed at the city hall, and these men and women will receive personal letters next week from the mayor.

"We have received hundreds of names as a result of writing to Rotary clubs," said the mayor, "and we have over 30,000 names on file at the city hall now. The centennial will be the greatest event in the history of London, or I miss my guess."

Every day sees new additions to the list of towns and cities where London Old Boys are organizing.

Mayor Wenige received this morning a letter accompanied by newspaper clippings from Lethbridge, Alta., reporting the formation there of a London Old Boys' association. This live Alberta town plans to be well represented here next summer.

Officers of the association, all former London residents, are as follows: Hon. president, Dr. R. B. C. Thomson; hon. vice-president, Mrs. D. A. Simpson; president, J. H. Westbrook; 1st vice1 president, J. Gilmore; 2nd vice-presitreasurer, E. Risler; chairman of transportation committee, Robert Routledge; chaplain, Rev. Robert Pearson.

Among others already enrolled in the organization are Mrs. Conybeare, Mrs. Rev. Robert Pearson; Mrs. Dr. Galbraith, Mrs. H. A. Westbrook, Mrs. George Blunt, Mrs. R. Routledge, Mrs. R. Routledge, Mrs. J. Murray, Mrs. H. C. Westbrook, Mrs. George E. Blunt, V. Harrison, R. H. Bowles, H. E. Routledge, Dr. Rivers, D. Tom.

NO IMMEDIATE ACTION INTENDED BY WORKERS

A policy of watchful waiting will be followed by the employees of the Murray Shoe Company of this city in the matter of the company's recently declaring its shop an open one.

S. J. Mandell, president of the local shoeworkers' union, said today that at present there were no plans being made for a strike, as had been rumored in some quarters.

Nothing in the nature of a reprisal is intended immediately, according to Mr. Mandell. The union is staying together, however, and will continue as a body.

The action of the company was made known about ten days ago when orders were issued to cease placing the union label on manufactured goods, and the dies for the labels were returned to the union headquarters.

D. S. MESSEROLL RETURNS.

D. S. Messeroll, superintendent of the C. N. R. carshops, returned from New York yesterday where he was attending a convention of the American Railway association last week. The convention dealt with several arbitration questions brought up by the various railroads.

CANADIANS IN GOTHAM PLAN BIG SOCIAL EVENT

Prominent Men From Every Province To Be Guests of Club.

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, Dec. 13.—Prominent Canadians from practically every province in the dominion and many distinguished citizens of the United States are to be guests of the Canadian club of New York at the club's supper dance, to which much lustre is added by the fact that it will be held immediately following the international hockey match in the new Madison Square Garden here on Thursday next, when the Montreal Canadiens meet the New York Americans.

Among the distinguished guests who are expected to attend the ball are Right Hon. George P. Graham, E. J. Archibald, Thomas L. Church, M.P., Hon. Athanase David, Senator C. P. Beaubien, Hon. H. A. Belcourt and A. L. Caron, Frederick C. Hudd, Canadian trade commissioner to the United States, heads the receptilon committee.

The Governor-General's Foot Guards band, which is coming to New York from Ottawa to provide music at the grand opening of the new Madison Square arena will also play at the ball. The West Point Cadets band is also to attend.

MEIGHEN WILL VISIT MANITOBA THIS WEEK

Conservative Leader To Thank People of Portage La Prairie For Election.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, Dec. 13.—With the special object of thanking electors of Portage la Prairie constituency for returning him to the federal house at the recent elections, Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, Conservative leader, will pay a visit to Manitoba this week.

Mr. Meighen will arrive in Winnipeg Wednesday night. He leaves Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock for Ericsdale, where a reception will be held in his honor, at which the Conservative leader will give an address. He will return to Winnipeg Friday morning, when he will leave for Portage at 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

He will arrive in time for the public reception which the Portage Conservatives are organizing, and in the evening he will discuss political issues at a meeting to be held in the city. Saturday morning Mr. Meighen goes to Brandon.

KILLED BY BELT.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Victoria, B.C., Dec. 14.—Claud Deare, boilermaker, aged 40, was instantly killed at the plant of the Marine Iron Works Saturday when he was caught in a revolving belt. He sustained a fractured skull and a broken back.

Society Girl Walks 44 Miles In Eleven Hours and Wins Bet

Associated Press Despatch.

Boston, Dec. 14.—Miss Eleanora Sears, Boston society leader, tennis player and all-around athlete, today completed a walk from Providence to her home in Boston to win a wager. She covered the 44 miles in a little over 11 hours, although the time limit set by the terms of the wager was 15 hours.

The wager was made more than a year ago in Paris with Howard O. Sturges that she could cover the distance in 15 hours.

The rail distance to Providence is 44 miles, but the walk in mileage is at least several miles greater. With Miss Sears when she left the Sturges home in Providence at 1 o'clock this morning were Roger Cutler and Albert Hinckle, both of Boston. They planned to accompany the hiker on foot as long as they were able, and an auto beach wagon trailed along behind ready to pick up any who might falter.

Miss Sears herself set the pace, striding along in her characteristic vigorous fashion. Over silk-clad ankles, which were heavily taped with super-gauze, she wore woolen hose and big hiking shoes. She wore a wide walking shoe, a shirtwaist sweater, suede jacket, and capping her gray, unbobbed hair was a hat.

A thermos bottle full of hot coffee, together with other provisions, were on the relief car, and the walkers ate and drank without stopping.

WAY MADE EASIER FOR IMMIGRANTS

Canada Signs Agreement With Great Britain—Governments To Give More.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Dec. 14.—The new overseas settlement agreement between Canada and Great Britain has been signed and will be published later in the week, according to information obtained by the Canadian Press.

While the details of the new immigration agreement are being withheld for the time being the Canadian Press is credibly informed that the main feature thereof will disclose the fact that a substantial reduction had been made in the amount of money which an approved migrant from Great Britain to Canada will have to put up under the assisted passage scheme.

The agreement involves larger payments by the two governments. The emigrants themselves will furnish approximately £3 10s each for passage to Halifax, £ to Winnipeg, £7 to Edmonton, and £9 to Vancouver.

Of the extra amount required the British government is to provide the greater portion.

SPRINGS SITE SALE RATIFIED BY MAYOR

Possibility of Injunction Passes With Signing of the Agreement.

Any chance of the public utilities commission or a private citizen issuing an injunction against the city in an effort to stop the sale of the sulphur springs at the foot of Dundas street to Mrs. Moorehead passed today with the signing of the agreement by Mayor Wenige ratifying the sale.

The sale of the property was authorized by the city council last week for $1,800, and while the city will receive this amount, it is pointed out that $200 has been spent in fees for legal and survey services. The P. U. C. has spent approximately $400 on the property, which would leave the net profit at $1,200.

"I have sometimes thought that the P. U. C. could upset the sale," said one man interested in the deal." However, T. G. Meredith acts for both the city and P. U. C. and it looks as if the utilities commission didn't have any authority in the matter or it would have been pointed out to the members by Mr. Meredith."

YOUNG MEN OBSERVE BIG BROTHERS' NIGHT

Plans Under Way For More Pretentious Entertainment at Next Meeting.

Big brothers' night was held by the members of the young men's Hebrew association Saturday night at their club rooms in the Imperial bank chambers. President H. L. Goldford acted as chairman for the occasion, and in his opening address welcomed the young guests.

A very interesting version of the Channkah festival was given by Rev. Mr. Ruthberg of this city, who was extended a hearty vote of thanks by Vice-President D. J. Cohen.

Several amusing recitations were given by Viola Leff. Secretary V. M. Haft stated that special plans were under way for a bigger and better entertainment at the next meeting. M. Zankin emphasized the need of more social meetings for the boys of the city. Violin and saxaphone instrumental were rendered by R. Ginsberg and S. Ruben. At the close of the program refreshments were served.

GIRL FROM TORONTO IS MARRIED TO PRINCE

Miss Beatrice Sankey Becomes Bride of Prince Constantine of Georgia.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Dec. 14. — Miss Beatrice Sankey of Toronto was married to Prince Constantine M. Nakashidze of Georgia, in London on Saturday. There were two services in connection with the wedding, the first being in the Church of the Annunciation, Anglican, and the second in the Russian church.

Charles Camble, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce here, gave the bride away. The bride's gown was trimmed with silver bugles and diamente and the train was of silver tissue, and she wore a Honiton lace veil.

LONDON'S CITY CLERK TO SPEAK IN CHICAGO

City Clerk Samuel Baker leaves Wednesday night for Chicago where he will lattend the gathering of the Association of American Municipal Organizations.

Mr. Baker, who is looked upon as one of the outstanding municipal officials in Canada, has been asked to give a paper on "The Work and Future of Canadian Municipalities."

This paper will likely be given Thursday afternoon. The convention will conclude on Saturday and is one of the biggest affairs of its kind in the United States.

Missing Oxford Man Found Dead In Empty House Near Port Huron

Canadian Press Despatch.

Sarnia, Dec. 14.—"In case of accident I am William Pritchard of Burgessville, Ont." was the terse message on a note found in the pocket of the coat of an aged man whose dead body was found in an untenanted house about three miles outside of Port Huron, Mich., on Sunday.

The discovery of the body was made by prospective tenants who went to inspect the house. Coroner Falk was notified, and his investigation indicated that the man, who had apparently died of exhaustion, was William Pritchard, who had been reported missing from his home in Oxford county since Dec. 1. The remains were brought across the river today and shipped to Burgessville. It was not determined how long he had been in the vacant house. He was 82 years old.

Once Hostler Now Is Ruler

Associated Press Despatch.

Teheran, Persia, Dec. 14.—The constituent assembly yesterday transferred the crown of Persia to Reza Khan Pehlevi, once a hostler in the Cossack stables, and then dissolved. Reza will take the oath before the majliss, or national assembly, on Tuesday, and will hold his first public court on Wednesday.

The constituent assembly on Saturday approved amendments to the constitution, under whicr Reza Kran was to be named shah to replace the deposition of Ahmed Kajar, who is an exile in France. Under the change in the constitution the new dynasty will take Reza's family name of Pehlevi, and the eldest son of the shah becomes crown prince.

PASTOR APPROVES CURING BY PRAYER

Rev. G. Q. Warner Declares New York Minister Fundamentally Right.

Rev. Elliott White, New York, in the opinion of Rev. G. Q. Warner, B.D., Cronyn Memorial church, is "fundamentally right" when he states that "if we pray and have faith the hospitals may be turned to some other use, and doctors will seek another profession, since prayer can heal all our ills of body or of spirit."

"While I believe that Mr. White is fundamentally right," observed Mr. Warner, "I do not think that hospitals will be done away with for at least two centuries. Doctors themselves are working away from hospitals because they teach people the value of looking after themselves and what to do to avoid disease. Part of the doctors' work today, aside from curing people, is in informing people how they may avoid sickness.

"Undoubtedly prayer is powerful in healing sickness," pursued Mr. Warner, who is deeply interested in the question by reason of his conducting a branch of the society of the Nazarene in his own church.

"The basis of the society of the Nazarene," observed Mr. Warner "is that the healing gifts of God are mediated to those who are sick by other people, by doctors and others, and thus there is no conflict or denial of doctors or hospitals in the society's beliefs."

Mr. Warner expressed interest in a despatch from London, England, to the effect that the Bishop of Southwark is heading a committee there, under the Archbishop of Canterbury, as a permanent committee to advise the Church of England on all questions of spiritual healing and healing missions.

The committee, to consist of six surgeons and physicians and six clergymen, is to deal, among other things, with health questions, birth control and the spiritual care of the insane.

Rt. Rev. Williams, D.D., bishop of Huron, regards the English committee as "a good thing to get all the information possible about such a subject."

"It is quite true that there is a psychological effect of the mind on sickness," remarked Bishop Williams, "but how far that effect goes I am not prepared to say. The question of spiritual healing is a vexed one among men and women today, and we do not yet know a great deal about it."

$10,000 IN DIAMONDS STOLEN AT TORONTO

Thieves Steal Jewels From Ellis Brothers During Saturday Night Rush.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Dec. 14.—Valuable diamond rings of a total value of $10,000 were stolen from the showroom of Ellis Bros. in the downtown section of the city on Saturday night, it became known today, the thieves making their escape while customers filled the store. Two members of the staff were engaged with patrons at different sections of the store, the thief actually picking two locks on a door leading to a small room where valuable gems were exhibited. The pieces stolen had been left in their mountings on the table in this room by a clerk who had just left a few minutes previously.

The diamonds stolen include one valued at $4,000, a ring set with diamonds and emeralds worth $3,800 and another set with smalled diamonds said to be worth $2,200.

CAR HITS TWO CHILDREN, BOY DIES FROM INJURIES

Canadian Press Despatch.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 13.—Nine-year-old Jack Ferguson was fatally injured and four-year-old Eva Marlowe received serious injuries late this afternoon when they were struck by a motor car driven by Ford Jento at Carrick and Dunsmuire avenues. The boy died tonight in the general hospital; the girl is expected to recover.

THEATRE IN MANITOBA IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Canadian Press Despatch.

Portage la Prairie, Man., Dec. 14.—The Princess theatre, a motion picture house, and an adjoining garage were gutted by fire, which broke out in the theatre late Saturday night.

The damage is estimated at $20,000. Exploding drums of gasoline in the garage hampered the firemen, who worked in freezing weather.

MANAGER EXPLAINS GROWTH OF STORES

Volume of Woolworth Business Expected To Exceed $240,000,000 This Year.

"Bill" Christianson, manager of the local branch of the F. W. Woolworth store, was the chief speaker at the Rotary club luncheon at the Tecumseh house this noon. Mr. Christianson gave a very interesting "classification" of his business and a short history of his life.

"I was brouhgt up with three of the toughest characters you could imagine," sttaed Mr. Christianson. "Until I was twenty-one I lived in the mountains, twenty miles over a pack trail from a town. I never saw a big city or a train or anything like that until I was twenty-one. I have been a lumberjack and I've ridden the range for several years and when all is said and done I had a pretty tough time of it in my youth."

Classifying his business, Mr. Christianson told the story of the work and history of F. W. Woolworth, the founder of the five and ten cent store. Mr. Woolworth, he explained, had never had an ability as a salesman or in the retail business, but he had a knack for choosing men who were experts in these lines. The idea for a five and ten cent store was discovered by Mr. Woolworth from a special bargain counter in the store in which he worked. After he had taken a lot of old dead merchandise, and put it on sale at exceptionally low prices, the phenomneal success of the venture gave him the idea for his first store.

With assistance from his employer, Mr. Moore, he opened a five-cent store in Utica, N. Y. This was not a success, but later, in 1912, he opened a store in Lancaster, Penn., which proved successful. This was the beginning of his chain of stores. All the members of the original firm were friends and old employees of the same man, Moore. They would open a store somewhere and all would assist in the success of it. Later they amalgamated under the name of F. W. Woolworth & Co.

The story of the success of the organization and the statistics of its success was interestingly told. The first year of the business the amount of money that was received exceeded 57 million dollars. Last year 215 millions were taken in, and this year it is expected that the business of the concern will exceed 240 million dollars.

"The period during the war was the hardest time for the five and ten-cent business," declared Mr. Christianson. "Our prices were no higher and yet the price of merchandise was greatly increased. We had difficulty in managing then, but now everything is running smoothly."

"Eighty-five per cent of the goods handled by Woolworth's is of Canadian make," said the speaker. "Our buyers in Canada are independent of the New York offices and they try to help the Canadian merchants all they can."

In closing, Mr. Christianson pointed out the enormous number of people that can be handled by one store. "When the Fifth avenue store in New York city was opened over 45,000 people shopped there in one day," he said.

Before the speeches the Rotarians who were successful candidates in the gratualteed and those who were unrecent municipal elecions were consuccessful were applauded heartily.

The musical numbers consisted of the singing of choral numbers that are to be sung at the Christmas services. "Ken" Green led the singing.

PIPE LINE ROAD DEATH TO BE PROBED MONDAY

Jury Empanelled To Hold Court on Cause of Fatal Motor Smash.

Evidence obtained by police bearing upon Friday's fatal motor accident on the Pipe Line road, in which Orville J. Smith, 80 Edward street, was killed and Joseph Dutton and David Fields were injured, will be given before a coroner's jury at an inquest nevt Monday.

David Fields, driver of the car, who is at Victoria hospital suffering from an injured hip and serious cuts and bruises, has shown considerable improvement in his condition. It is unlikely he will have sufficient strength to appear at the inquest on Monday, however, and his absence may cause an adjournment until the following week.

The body of Orville Smith was viewed by a coroner's jury, empanelled by Sergeant of Detectives Harry Down, at the A. L. Oatman funeral home on Saturday afternoon. It is likely the jury will visit the scene of the accident this week that evidence Chief of Police Robert Birrell intends to offer at the inquest might better be unedrstood. He will show, through measurements taken by Sergeant William Middaugh, that the death car travelled a distance of 65 feet along the mud between the pavement and the ditch and another 100 feet in the ditch before coming to a stop.

Coroner Dr. Robert Ferguson's jury includes Percy Ashton, P. W. Rice, Cecil Mann, George Louch, William Richmond, G. W. Thomas, J. Bourne and David Dores.

LAD WOUNDED IN LUNG, IS EXPECTED TO RECOVER

Continued improvement is shown in the condition of Harold Fawcett, 15-year-old West Lorne boy, who was accidentally shot while on a rabbit-hunting expedition near his home two weeks ago. He has every chance for recovery, according to St. Joseph's hospital authorities, despite a serious wound in the left lung.

COMMISSION TO STA[illegible] REVISION OF RA[illegible]

Canadian Press De[illegible]

Toronto, Dec. 14.—The [illegible] way commissioners wi[illegible] hearings in Windsor a[illegible] in January as part of [illegible] general revision of f[illegible] dates are: Windsor, [illegible] Toronto, Jan. 14 and [illegible]

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Boston—Fifteen [illegible] by automobiles i[illegible] week, eleven less [illegible]