

REFUGEE FUNDS ASYLUM FROM ARMY OF CZAR IN DOMINION

Friends' Intercessions Win His Release From Deportation and Death.

NOW ON WAY TO LONDON

Young Russian Jew Held at Halifax by Immigration Department Released.

WAS HELD FOR DESERTION

Officers Refused to Allow Him to Enter Canada Without Investigation.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Halifax, Jan. 13.—Benjamin Greisoch, the young Russian Jew, whose admittance to Canada was questioned by the immigration authorities because he is a deserter from the Russian army, has gained his freedom, and this morning he en-trains for Toronto.

Greisoch stepped down the gangplank of the Tunisian arriving from Liverpool yesterday morning, with the intention of joining friends in London, Ont., but when the immigration officials were advised he was wanted by the Russian Government, they felt compelled to keep him in custody pending a decision to either deport him at the pleasure of the Russian Government, or to allow him to proceed to London. Intercession by friends in Ontario accomplished the release of the young deserter at a late hour yesterday, although he remained overnight in the immigration quarters.

Friends Heard At Noon. News of young Benjamin Greisoch's release by the immigration authorities at Halifax was received in London at noon today. A telegram addressed to his brother, Harry Grace of 93 Maitland street, in care of P. B. Clarke, local steamship agent, stated that he would be released at once and asked that the amount of his railway ticket from Halifax to London be telegraphed at once. The money was immediately wired.

Passed Medical Exam. Benjamin Greisoch passed the medical examination at Antwerp, Germany, required by the steamship company bringing him to Canada. At Halifax he discovered that he was short a part of the \$20 required for his transportation to London. Had it not been for this he would probably have been allowed to pass the immigration authorities without the careful medical examination which showed that he was afflicted with endocarditis, an inflammation of the membrane of the heart.

Desertion Did Not Figure. So far as his friends in this city are aware, there was no question of him being refused admission because he had deserted from the Russian army. That is recognized as a political offence and political offenders are not denied a refuge in this country. Were To Circulate Petitions. Fearing that he would not be so

Young Russian Jew Saved From Death By London Friends



BENJAMIN GREISOCH.

Sunday Cars to Make Their Bow On January 25

Council to Give Final Reading to Bylaw, Monday Night.

Providing the city council at its meeting next Monday night gives the third reading to the Sunday car by-law passed by the ratepayers at the recent municipal elections, the street-day service will be commenced on Sunday, Jan. 25. C. B. King, manager of the street railway, told The Advertiser this afternoon, that a Sunday schedule is now being drawn up and he saw no reason why the cars should not be operated on the first Sunday following the final reading of the bylaw. Under the agreement proposed some time ago, the company is only bound to run its cars until 10:30 at night during the winter months, and eleven o'clock during the summer months. However, it was stated by Manager King, at the conference with the aldermen, that if the company found it advantageous and the business warranted it, the cars would be run later than the hours named.

ESTHER SUTHERLAND LEAVES FOR TORONTO

Young Wife Waited in Vain for Relatives to Come.

Esther Sutherland, the female member of the counterfeiting trio set at liberty by Magistrate Judd Monday, left unaccompanied for her home in Toronto on an evening train.

Throughout the entire day, the young wife waited for some of her parents or relatives to come to London for her, but in the last moment all failed, and she started on the journey alone.

During the afternoon she paid a visit to her husband, the latter being locked up in the county jail. The visit was short one, and when Mrs. Sutherland was on the point of bidding her husband good-bye both broke down and wept for some moments.

Beyond saying that she had received the best of treatment from all the police officials in London, Mrs. Sutherland refused to give out any statement.

As the train pulled out of the depot she half-turned in her seat and gave a last look towards the station platform.

There were few persons at the station recognized the woman as the wife of one of the counterfeits.

Frederick Sutherland and Valentine Phillips, the two self-confessed counterfeits, will appear before Magistrate Judd Friday for sentence.

BOARD OF TRADE TO DISCUSS IDEA OF SEPARATE ZONE

Will Talk of Parcel Post and Formation of Retail Section Tonight.

The retail members of the board of trade are to meet at the city hall this evening to consider the advisability of forming a retail section of the board to deal with matters of special interest to the retailers, and, in all probability, to discuss ways and means for bringing pressure to bear on the Government with the idea of making London the centre of a Western Ontario parcels post zone. The Advertiser's demand that London and Western Ontario be so treated by the postal authorities, has received the support of retailers and wholesalers throughout the district, and Major T. H. Beattie, member for London in the House of Commons, has stated his belief that London should be the centre of such a zone, instead of giving the Toronto wholesalers a monopoly of the mail order business.

CONTROLLERS TO HAVE "PRIVATE" BOARD MEETINGS

Will Hold Public Sessions on Alternate Days to Receive Deputations.

ORGANIZE TOMORROW Preliminary Arrangements for Year's Work Made at Conference This Morning.

The organization and first regular meeting of the new board of control will be held on Wednesday morning at ten o'clock. These meetings will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays of each week at this time when the controllers will be prepared to receive deputations and transact general business. On Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, private meetings of the board will be held at eleven o'clock.

These matters were decided at a meeting of the board this morning, at which the members' private business was put through, but tomorrow morning the board will probably apportion its members to personal charge of the several departments of the city. Controller J. P. Moore is expected to look after the finances. Controller W. G. Coles, after city hall and Federal Square matters. Controller Hubert Asplund after the fire, water and light departments and Controller G. E. Rose, the works department.

Make Tour of Inspection. The controllers made a tour of inspection through the temporary city hall this morning and examined some hydro pile kindly placed at their disposal by General Manager H. J. Glau-bitz of the hydro-works department. The consumption of the pastry was not by any means the least enjoyable part of the morning's programme.

The new wiring inspector, W. B. Legate is at present occupying Assistant City Engineer H. A. Brazier's office, Mr. Brazier being away, but on the return of the latter will have to find new quarters. The controllers decided to give Inspector Legate deskroom in the main office of the engineering department, for the time being, there being no other quarters available.

To Use Council Room. The controllers met this morning in the mayor's office, but in future will hold their sessions in the council chamber. A telephone and a telephone cabinet provided for the convenience of the members.

SUCCEEDS RAMPOLLA. Rome, Jan. 12.—The Pope has appointed Cardinal Merry Del Val, arch-bishop of St. Peter's, to succeed the late Cardinal Rampolla, according to the official announcement made tonight.

THE WEATHER.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London for the twelve hours preceding 8 a.m. today: Highest, 7; lowest, 8 1/2. The official temperatures for the twelve hours previous to 8 p.m. Monday were: Highest, 28; lowest, 5.

TOMORROW—FINE. Forecasts. Northerly winds, fine, very low temperature again tonight.

Wednesday: Fine and slowly moderating. London, Jan. 13, 1914.

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	50	40	Cloudy
Calgary	42	22	Cloudy
Winnipeg	30	zero	Clear
Port Arthur	4	-22	Partly Cloudy
Barry's Bay	12	-22	Clear
Toronto	13	-22	Clear
Ottawa	10	-28	Clear
Montreal	10	-28	Clear
Quebec	10	-28	Clear
Father Point	4	-2	Clear

Weather Notes. The disturbance which was centred near Montreal yesterday has moved to the Atlantic and the Western area of high pressure with severe cold wave is now passing across the Great Lakes. Northwest-erly gales prevailed yesterday in Ontario and are now blowing in Quebec and the Maritime provinces. Storm signals are displayed along the Atlantic Coast.

Former Londoner Whose Sudden Death Occurred in Ottawa



A. J. NIXON. Dispatches received in London today announce the sudden death at Ottawa yesterday of A. J. Nixon, formerly superintendent of the Grand Trunk Railway system in London, who has been with the N. T. R. for some time. Mr. Nixon was one of the most popular men in the employ of the road. He was identified with a number of fraternal societies, and was a member of Mocha Temple in this city.

London Woman Asks Heart Balm In \$1,000 Portion

Sues G.T.R. Man for Failure to Keep Promise of Marriage.

Percy Edgington, an employee of the Grand Trunk, who boards on Talbot street in this city, is made the defendant in a breach of promise action filed in the county court Monday. Priscilla E. Midland, also a resident of London, is the plaintiff, and in a writ issued by her solicitors, Messrs. Blackburn & Weekes, she asks \$1,000 damages for breach of promise of marriage. The case will probably come to trial at the spring sitting of the county court, commencing April 14.

MEXICO DECIDES TO DEFAULT INTEREST

Cabinet Decides It Will Not Pay Money Now Due on Semi-Annual Bonds.

[Canadian Press.] Mexico City, Jan. 13.—The Mexican Government will default in the payment of the semi-annual interest on the bonds of the internal and external debts due this month, according to a decision reached at a cabinet council held yesterday. The decision of the council was announced by Querido Moheno, Mexican foreign minister, who declared he had been instructed to notify all foreign governments of the default.

MINERS TO STRIKE WITH RAILWAYMEN

Tense Situation Exists in South Africa—100,000 Citizens Under Arms.

[Canadian Press.] Pretoria, Union of South Africa, Jan. 13.—Another crisis will be reached tomorrow in the strike situation in South Africa, as the miners and all other organized workers are to be ordered then to lay down their tools in sympathy with the railroad workers, who are on strike as a protest against the policy of retrenchment of the railroad administration.

Desperate efforts are being made by the authorities to repatriate as many as possible of the negro laborers at the mines before the expected clash occurs between the authorities and the workers. The natives are now prohibited from leaving their lodgings after dark.

MINISTERS GUARDED. The situation has become so tense here that members of the South African cabinet are accompanied wherever they go by armed escorts of burghers.

100,000 UNDER ARMS. More than 100,000 of the citizens' defence force are under arms, and more are swarming to the colors in response to the orders of the Government.

In Pretoria and along the Rand strong detachments are posted in strategic positions in order to cope with eventualities.

WILL SUE GRAND TRUNK

Watchman, Who Was Struck By Engine, To Enter Action.

Notice of action was served on the Grand Trunk this morning by Ed. Meredith, K. C., acting as solicitor for H. Basom, a watchman who was struck by a Grand Trunk engine at William street some time ago. The man, who was returning from work, was knocked down by the locomotive and sustained what he claims to be serious injuries. Several ribs were broken.

MRS. MACNAB DEAD. Montreal, Jan. 13.—Mrs. Marion MacNab, wife of the proprietor of the Montreal Daily Mail, died suddenly this morning of pneumonia, at their home, Fort street.

"I AM INNOCENT," SAYS DR. MACGREGOR-- INTERVIEWED IN JACKSON PENITENTIARY BY REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ADVERTISER

MANY FIREMEN INJURED IN BIG MONTREAL BLAZE

Flames Are Sweeping Through the Heart of the Wholesale District, Making Clean Sweep of Many Blocks—Notre Dame Cathedral in Peril.

[Canadian Press.] Montreal, Jan. 13.—With a high wind blowing and the thermometer hovering around 25 below zero, Montreal's fire brigade was called upon to fight a stiff blaze in the very heart of Montreal's wholesale district at noon today. The upper floor of Frothingham & Workman's big wholesale hardware depot was discovered to be in flames at 11:45 a.m., and the second alarm brought out the whole downtown section of the brigade.

By a strenuous effort the flames were confined to the upper floor of the Frothingham building, though the loss on that alone is estimated to be at least \$250,000. None of the employees were injured, though several of the firm sustained severe frostbites.

MANY FIREMEN INJURED. Montreal, Jan. 13.—Fire now spreading south in heart of the business section, fanned by high wind. Many firemen injured. Inland revenue office now being used as hospital.

NOTRE DAME IN PERIL. Montreal, Jan. 13.—Fire now threatening Notre Dame Church and spreading rapidly. Clean sweep from Notre Dame street to waterfront feared.

FREIGHT COLLIDED WITH LONDON TRAIN

Engine Broken at Wingham, but No One Was Injured In Accident.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Wingham, Jan. 13.—There was intense excitement among the station staff and citizens at this station yesterday, when a head-on collision occurred between the London passenger train and a freight from Palmerston. The London train was standing at the station, when the freight—double headed—ran into it, breaking the front of one of the freight engines. No one was hurt, but the auxiliary from Palmerston had to be called to repair the damage.

The London train was in charge of Conductor Muir of London, and the freight in charge of Conductor Cox.

SECOND-HAND DEALER HAILED INTO COURT

Accused of Failing to Record Purchase of Second-hand Wheels Required By Law

Thomas Woolway, a local second-hand dealer, appeared before Magistrate J. C. Judd today, charged with failing to record purchases of second-hand goods as required by the police. Woolway, according to the police, bought four wheels from James Mitchell, the lad who appeared in court last week charged with stealing eight bicycles. The dealer paid the lad \$1, 75 cents, 50 cents, and 50 cents respectively for the wheels. In court today Marshall Graydon, appearing for Woolway, stated that his client thought he was helping the police in purchasing the wheels, and that the officers had experienced little trouble in getting them back. He asked for an acquittal. Magistrate Judd, however, adjourned the case for a week.

Woolway's appearance in court is the result of a quiet investigation that the local detectives are conducting at the instigation of Crown Attorney James B. McKillop and Chief Williams, as the result of a number of youths who have appeared in court and stated that the goods they stole were sold for little or nothing.

This is the first time a second-hand dealer in London has been haled into court for a breach of the police commissioners' regulations for over one year.

ITALIAN KILLED BY ELECTRIC CAR

Was Walking Over Trestle at St. Catharines and Did Not See Car.

St. Catharines, Jan. 13.—His view obscured by smoke from engines used by the Confederation Construction Company, Felice Quisani, an Italian, was struck and instantly killed near Thorold last night by a Toronto, Niagara and St. Catharines electric car. The victim was walking over a trestle, and the car was on him before he had a chance for his life.

LAVA, ASHES AND FIRE OVERWHELM AMBRIM ISLAND

New Details of Devastation and Losses From Volcanic Eruptions.

WHITE PEOPLE ESCAPED

Five Hundred Natives Saved by One Steamer—Rivers Transformed Into Burning Lava

[Canadian Press.] Victoria, B. C., Jan. 13.—Further details of the devastation and loss of life caused on the island of Ambrim, in the New Hebrides by volcanic upheavals on December 4 and following days, when lava cutting off retreat towards the coast and the throwing up of a new island from the neighboring sea, were brought here yesterday by the Canadian-Australian liner Makura.

Word was received at Sydney, prior to the departure of the Makura, that on the sixth of December six new craters were observed in active eruption and on the following day Port Sandwich, the capital of the island, was completely abandoned. No loss of life was reported among the white population and the fleeing people are said to have taken refuge at Port Sandwich. It is probable that many of the natives on the western part of the island and the interior have perished, owing to the lava cutting off retreat towards the sea. The steamer France succeeded in saving 500 natives, most of whom were old men, women and children left behind by young able-bodied men, who, at first sign of danger, took flight in canoes.

The western part of the island was all fire and totally devastated. There is no trace of vegetation. The rest of the island was covered with lava, the trees even being bent with the weight. Water is scarce everywhere, the rivers have been transformed into burning lava. Returning after touching at other ports, Captain Charvin, master of the France, passed as closely to Ambrim as safety permitted. The eruptions were more active than ever. The upheaval was so violent that all aboard expected that part of the island would disappear. There were detonations, clouds of steam, lava and cinders rising to a great height, lightning flashes every moment accompanied by a continuous rumbling. The air was filled with dust and sulphur fumes.

SILVER VEIN FOUND NEAR PORT CREDIT

Lighthouse Keeper Made Lucky Strike When Drilling a Well.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, Ont., Jan. 13.—Capt. John Miller, keeper of the lighthouse at Port Credit, 12 miles from here, yesterday struck a vein of flush silver which has been analyzed as a high grade ore. The vein is four and a half feet wide and 2 feet thick and was found at a depth of 6 feet when a well was being drilled on farm land.

"Without Hope I Should Die," He Declares to Reporter, Who Finds Him Nervous, but Full of Spirit.

Confident That Truth Will Prevail—He Pursues His Medical Work to Keep Mind Off Fate—Prison Officials Believe Him.

[By Staff Correspondent.] Jackson, Mich., Jan. 13.—Seemingly laboring under a nervous strain, still evincing strong physique, Dr. Robert MacGregor, the Uby physician, formerly of London, Ontario, serving a life sentence in Jackson Prison for the murder of Cyril Sparling, was observed by a correspondent of The London Advertiser pacing restlessly over the rubber mats that mark the pathways on the polished floor of the hospital, where he is engaged as assistant physician to Dr. M. S. Vaughn.

The convicted man was not aware he was under observation, and the correspondent had an opportunity to observe him as it was natural for him to appear there.

PRISONER HAD JUST DIED. One of the prisoners under his care had died but an hour before, and the body was lying in the death chamber pending the arrival of the coroner, who is required by law to hold an inquest in every case of a prisoner's death, whether it has been sudden or the result of protracted illness. The fact that one of the inmates had answered the final summons may have had some bearing on the apparent nervousness of the prisoner-doctor, but when an interview with him was had, it was clear his emotions were affected by the action of the supreme court in having refused to grant him a new trial.

BAFFLED BY THE LAW.

"I really don't know what will be the next step in my case," said MacGregor. "My father and brother are looking after my interests, and of course my attorney is, too. I have not heard from them since the decision of the supreme court was announced. That decision was a terrible blow to me. I don't know what they propose to do. From what I have read in newspapers, I take it there is a probability of an appeal being made to the United States supreme court, but if my constitutional rights were not denied me in the trial of the case, I don't know what could be accomplished by an appeal. Still, of course I am not a lawyer, and no doubt there are legal points in the case I am unfamiliar with.

"I AM AN INNOCENT MAN." "One things is certain—I am an innocent man. The truth is sure to come out, and some day I shall be vindicated of the awful charge that is made against me. Of course, in this institution it does not mean anything to protest one's innocence. So many claim to have been wrongfully convicted that when one says he is not guilty the assertion wins no consideration. How long I shall have to stay here God only knows, but I hope not long.

WOULD DIE IF HOPE LEFT. "It is hope that keeps me up. Without it I should die. I suppose I ought to be thankful for being no worse off than I am, and I am grateful to the warden and the officials who have permitted to practice my profession, and the medical work I have tends to keep me inter-

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MAIL STEAMER AGROUND ON ROCKS IN BAY OF FUNDY

Fears Felt for Safety of Passengers and Crew Numbering 150—Other Steamers Sent to Assist.

[Canadian Press.] Halifax, N. S., Jan. 13.—Groping her way to St. John through a blinding snowstorm and a fierce northwesterly gale, the R. M. S. P. steamer Cobeguid early this morning grounded on one of the dread rocks of the Bay of Fundy, and grave fears are felt for the safety of the passengers and crew, numbering probably 150 all told. It is not known definitely where the Cobeguid has grounded, but it is known that she is hard and fast on some exposed ledge of rocks, that all wireless communication with the ship has been cut off, that the forward hold is full of water; that she has a bad list, and that in response to her call for help, sent early this morning, six, and possibly, eight steamers are now rushing through the gale at top speed to her assistance. The first notification of the disaster received in Halifax came about 6 o'clock this morning to C. H. Harvey, agent for the Marine department. The message was from the Cape