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HICKS WILL REPEAT HIS CHARGES IN HOUSE

Buchanan Demands Apology from Acting-Mayor P. J. Watt

EX-U.F.O. WHIP STANDS PAT DESPITE THE FLAT DENIALS OF HIS STORY

Less Talkative But Undismayed, Andrew Hicks Reiterates That His Former Allegation Was Accurate—"I Will Stand By It Against One Thousand Men," He Says.

WILLING TO RUN AGAIN IN SOUTH HURON

Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Reporter.

Centralia, April 28.—Andy Hicks, M.P.P., stands pat on his charges against Premier Drury, no matter how many or how emphatic may be the denials of his statements.

But for the present, he will not go into details to explain, or simplify, or substantiate them.

"What I have to say, I will say on the floor of the house," he said to The Advertiser, as he chatted over the political situation, in the cosy little living-room of his farm home on the outskirts of the Village of Centralia. He had just finished seeding a big field, and had reached the kitchen in the dusk of the evening, when the reporter arrived.

"Hello! Do you mean to say you have driven all the way here to talk to me?" he exclaimed.

"Just for that," said The Advertiser.

"Well, well: that is an honor," said the former U. F. O. whip. "Come on in."

Says He Will Stick.

He had already heard of the caucus denial of his latest charges against the premier—that Mr. Drury figured on bringing R. J. Fleming, Sir William Hearst and N. W. Rowell into his cabinet. The Advertiser gave him a few new details.

"The six members who were present at that confidential interview with the premier were called one by one before the U. F. O. caucus and questioned," he was told. "Every one of them denied your story and said that your version was wrong."

"Oh, they had them on the carpet, did they?" he smiled.

"Are you going to back up on your allegations as to what happened at that interview?"

"You have never known me to back up, have you, except once?" he answered.

The "once" no doubt was the occasion on which the wind blew so strongly that it queered the hearing of the reporters. Mr. Hicks has not forgotten that.

"But it is unfortunate for you that six men who were there say you were wrong," suggested The Advertiser.

"Well, I am not going to put my word up against any two men, let alone six of them," said Mr. Hicks, with an air of resignation.

Then a moment later he made a rather contradictory statement. "You are going to stand by what you said, however?" The Advertiser asked.

"Yes. I stand by it even against 1,000 men," he asserted. "I am not afraid of numbers."

Lapses Into Silence.

Then the reporter tried to persuade him to take up in detail his statements about the premier's plan to bring Sir William Hearst and Messrs. Rowell and Fleming into the cabinet.

"It is said by the six that Sir William's name was not mentioned," suggested The Advertiser.

Silence.

"And that Mr. Rowell was mentioned by one of the members, but not seriously considered."

More silence.

"And that when a suggestion of a big financial men as provincial treasurer was made the name of Mr. Fleming was mentioned, but it was agreed that he could not be secured?"

"Yes, Fleming was mentioned all right," he declared. "No doubt he is a big man in the financial world and favorably known throughout Ontario."

He was informed that both Sir William and Mr. Rowell had denied any knowledge of the matter and both said they were out of politics.

"Well, Mr. Rowell is probably better off out of politics than he was when in them," he commented.

Pressed For Details.

"Can't you give us a little fuller statement in regard to this phase of the matter? Who mentioned these men and how they came to be mentioned?"

Mr. Hicks paused and weighed his answer. "I have to be careful. I have to lay out my evidence carefully. I am going up against big odds in this. I will not say anything until I say it in the house. I will probably go down to Toronto Monday night."

"Your colleagues of the U. F. O. party resent what they term your breach of confidence in betraying what was done in caucus and what was said at a confidential interview with the premier," said the reporter.

"Yes, it was a confidential interview," agreed Mr. Hicks.

"How, then, do you justify your use of it publicly?"

Drury Egged Him On.

"I would have said nothing more about it if the premier had not made

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STATUARY? NO, THREE CHARMING LONDON GIRLS IN DANCE OF OLD FRANCE.

The above group, in a most graceful moment, was caught the other day by The Advertiser's photographer during a rehearsal of "Sylvan Scenes," one of the many picturesque numbers from the "Ballet of the Court of Louis XIV.," which will constitute the second part of the program of the annual exhibition of the physical education department of the Young Women's Christian Association in the Armories next Friday evening, May 4, under the direction of Miss Edith Wynne Pryce. Reading from left to right, the dancers are Miss Lorraine White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. White, The Ridgeway, London South; Mrs. Eric Reid, wife of Lieut.-Col. Eric Reid, and Miss Shirley White, daughter of Mr. A. W. White, "Wortley Cottage," London South. Miss Shirley took the heroine's role acceptably in the presentation of "A Florentine Tragedy" by the London Drama League last week.

—Photo by Sanders Studio.

MAYOR READY TO SWAP SIGNATURE FOR PAY LISTS

Backed by Aldermen, He Still Holds Fort in Dispute With Public Utilities.

CHECKS NOT SIGNED

Engineer Buchanan Demands Apology From Ald. P. J. Watt, Acting Mayor.

Indignant because he had been accused of pilfering, E. V. Buchanan, general manager of the public utilities commission, has demanded an immediate apology from Ald. P. J. Watt.

While acting as mayor yesterday Ald. Watt is said to have accused Mr. Buchanan of pilfering, because Mr. Buchanan a few days ago removed the pay lists of the public utilities commission from the office of the mayor after Mayor Wenige had seized the documents in the office of the waterworks department. The remarks are alleged to have been said to Mr. Buchanan's office boy.

"I am determined to see this thing through," said Mr. Buchanan, and from the emphasis he placed upon the word there was no doubting what he said. "I informed Ald. Watt this morning that I wanted an apology immediately, and while I have taken no legal action as yet I will take further steps at once. There is altogether too much uncalled for criticism of public officials by elected bodies and it must be stopped."

Mr. Buchanan also said that the public utilities board could and would go on indefinitely paying its employees in cash. He had looked up the law on the matter, and says he found the board had this right.

Will Swap Signature For Lists.

A fair exchange is no robbery, reasons Mayor Wenige, who is ready to swap his signature to the utilities pay checks for a copy of the salary list.

At noon today his worship was still holding the fort. The checks are unsigned. Judging by the mayor's attitude, they will remain in that state wherever they may be. His worship states that they are not in his possession or has he seen them since they were laying on his desk a couple of days ago.

"I have not signed the checks," he stated decisively. "I have not the checks in my possession. I would be foolish to sign my name for something when I was not acquainted with the full particulars.

"The utilities commission had plenty of money to pay out yesterday. Well, they will have to get some more

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REV. W. G. BROWN, B.D.,

eloquent Presbyterian clergyman from Red Deer, Alberta, who will be one of the speakers at the anti-church union rally in Masonic Hall Monday evening.

MONTREAL FINES SIMPLY LICENSES FOR VICE HOUSES

Report of Committee of Sixteen Charges Lessening of Prosecutions.

WILL TAKE ACTION

Declare the Sentences Hitherto Given Not Likely To Stop Traffic.

Special to The Advertiser.

Montreal, April 28.—There has been a lessening during the past year of the number of prosecutions conducted in Montreal houses of ill-fame, according to the annual report of the committee of sixteen. The report also gives inside information of the famous January 18 conference between the committee and the city legislative.

It states that sentences given are not of a nature to do more than license the keepers, that the law governing vice in Montreal is not put into effect, that the vice situation in the city rests wholly upon the legislative committee.

Regarding the meeting with the city legislative, it says: "After some difficulties and persuasions an admission was obtained from the city administration that conditions of commercialized vice were bad, that they should be improved, and that the civic administration was a proper body to see that the work was done.

"It was agreed that a sub-committee of the Committee of Sixteen should meet Chairman Brodeur and associates to plan in detail the necessary action. This also was done and at a subsequent meeting it was pointed out that the only way to stop the disorderly house menace, the center of commercialized vice, was to have the keepers prosecuted.

"To date the prosecutions have been too few and sentences given not of a nature to do more than license the keepers. So long as fine are imposed without jail sentences, keepers know that the fines and costs are nothing more than a license to carry on their trade and the traffic will be increased rather than diminished. Once let them know that the offence will carry punishment by imprisonment not as the exception, but as the rule, then they will cease to flaunt their activities and to laugh at the law."

SAY U. S. CAPTAIN WOULD NOT STOP WHEN ORDERED

Newcombe Fired Volley Into Pilot House, Wounding a Man.

VESSEL IS SCUTTLED

Four Men Made Off in a Dory —Unable To Give Chase With Patient Aboard.

Associated Press Despatch.

Victoria, B. C., April 28.—"What the hell do you want?" Captain John Courage, of Seattle, is alleged to have shouted at Captain Newcombe, of the Canadian fisheries patrol steamer Malaspina, at the same time pointing a rifle at him when the Malaspina overtook the schooner Siloam, in charge of Captain Courage, off Cape Cook, last Tuesday. The Siloam ignored all challenges to stop when surprised by the Malaspina, while allegedly poaching in Canadian waters.

The Malaspina arrived here yesterday, and Captain Newcombe related the details of the incident. One of the Siloam's crew pulled Captain Courage's rifle down, he said, but the latter refused to surrender when the Malaspina ran alongside. Captain Newcombe said he ordered four members of his crew to fire with rifles. The first volley was deliberately sent wide and when the Siloam still persisted in her efforts to get away, a volley was fired into the pilot-house. Courage rushed out of the pilot-house, shouting that a man had been killed, and the Siloam was then hove to.

The crew of the Siloam put the wounded man into a dory with his belongings, and he was transferred to the Malaspina and given attention. Courage and his three men returned to the Siloam, which was being taken in tow. The fishing vessel was scuttled and the four men made off in the dory. With the dying man aboard the Malaspina it was out of the question to continue the chase at that time, Captain Newcombe said. Captain Courage was in charge of the Valian which was seized by Captain Newcombe when he was in command of the William Jolliffe about eleven years ago.

BOLTON WANDERERS WIN ENGLISH FOOTBALL TITLE

Associated Press Despatch.

London, April 28.—Bolton Wanderers today won the English Football Association cup by defeating Westham at Wembley Park in the final of the series by 2 to 0.

Jack scored first for Bolton three minutes from the start of the game. J. R. Smith added another point for Bolton after the interval.

WILL DISCUSS ADMISSION OF INDIA TO CONFERENCE

Associated Press Despatch.

London, April 28.—Among the matters of organization which are likely to be debated at the imperial conference here in October, the Morning Post points out, will be the question of the admission of India to membership. The Post argues that it would be inconsistent with the conference's constitution to admit India as a member, because India is not fully a self-governing state.

INDICATIONS ARE DE VALERA MOVE TO BE REJECTED

Politicians Look on Peace Proposals as Last Hope of a Solitary Leader.

CAUSE IS COLLAPSED

Rebel's Plan Is Really Reiteration of Demand for Plebiscite To Decide Issue.

Special Cable to The Advertiser.

Dublin, April 28.—A hasty conference of the Free State cabinet members was called at the Mansion House today to form the government's reply to the De Valera peace move. Indications are strong that it will be rejected. It only orders a suspension of hostilities on Monday under certain conditions which De Valera, its author, pronounces essential to successful enforcement of the peace.

Minister for Home Affairs Kevin O'Higgins is known to favor a demand for complete surrender of their forces terrorizing all Ireland since the Free State was organized. He is the one who will write the reply, and it will probably be sent before night.

Some politicians here look upon the move as the last hope of a leader who realizes he is now alone. Their cause has practically collapsed. De Valera is now the only outstanding rebel free. Upon this reasoning, opposition to acceptance of the offer is based.

The De Valera plan suggests as a basis of peace that the sovereign rights of the nation be declared inalienable.

All legitimate authority to be derived from the people exclusively.

The ballot box to be considered the ultimate court of jurisdiction.

These terms plainly are a reiteration of the primary De Valera demand for a plebiscite to decide the issue between his rebel forces and the Free State government.

Next Thursday and Friday Will See the Semi-Finals of the Big Spelling Match

Will Be Held in the Central Colleigate—Words To Be Used Are Picked by an Impartial Committee of Three Well-Known Men.

The semi-finals of The Advertiser's spelling match in all the city schools will be held next Thursday and Friday afternoons, in the Central Collegiate.

In the semi-finals the 200 group champions who have been picked this week will meet and the ten best spellers of the whole city will be chosen in each of Grades V., VI., VII. and VIII.

The arrangement of the semi-finals is in the hands of an impartial committee of three well-known London men: George F. Copeland, Fred Landon, and A. H. Murphy.

In order that no school may have an advantage, these men will pick an independent list of words to be used in the tests next Thursday and Friday. There wil be no "trick" words in these lists. They will be words in common use and which permit only one form of spelling.

The semi-finals will be held in the Central Collegiate Institute, through the courtesy of school officials and Principal Mooney. Grades V. and VI. will meet on Thursday afternoon at 4:30; Grades VII. and VIII. on Friday afternoon at 4:30. There will, of course, be four separate lists, and the test will last about one-half hour.

The names of the group champions from the last three groups, Northwest, Southwest and Central, have been reported by the group officials and are listed on page two of this edition. The girls are still leading the boys by a considerable margin. Of the 40 best spellers in the Northwest, 21 are girls and 19 boys; in the Southwest 24 are girls and 16 are boys, and in the Central 30 are girls and only 10 are boys.

Of the 200 best spellers from all five groups, the girls have 117 and the boys 83.

On Monday The Advertiser will give a review of the big match as it now stands, at the half-way mark, with a summary of the results in the various sections of the city and a further explanation of the arrangement of prizes and awards.

LABOR WILL ABANDON BATTLE IN WARD FOUR

John Shaw and Henry B. Archer Named as Candidates Unable To Run.

Labor is compelled to abandon the fight in the Ward 4 by-election. Both prospective candidates, nominated at Friday's meeting of the party, find they are unable to enter the contest.

D. J. Tallant, treasurer of No. 1 branch of the London Labor Party, reported to day that John Shaw, C. P. R. employee, has declined the nomination, while Henry B. Archer, the second nominee, also withdrew at noon. Both state that they are unable to shoulder the party banner in the coming fight.

WILL START PAVING.

Work on the Pipe Line road in preparation for paving will begin next week, County Engineer Charles Talbot stated today.

WIFE, CHILDREN SLAIN, J. W. POPE IS ARRESTED

Two Farmers Also Placed in Custody in Connection With Haworth Deaths.

Associated Press Despatch.

Idabel, Okla., April 28.—J. W. Pope was captured by a posse near Clarksville, Texas, and brought to the county jail here late yesterday in connection with the slaying of his estranged wife, their two children, and Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Hansell, his parents-in-law, at the home of the latter near Haworth. Pope disclaims any knowledge of the killings.

TWO OTHERS ARRESTED.

Associated Press Despatch.

Haworth, Okla., April 28.—Ira Gardner and A. B. Miller, farmers, were arrested yesterday by a posse and placed in the city jail here in connection with the killing of five members of the family of Tom Hansell at the Hansell home near here late last night. Officers declined to discuss the arrests of the two men, other than to say they were taken into custody because of letters recently received by Hansell and some of his family.

The five persons, two of them children, were slain as they slept last night in a farmhouse near here. The assassins, it is believed, cut holes through the front door and shot the victims to death. The dead are: T. H. Hansell, Mrs. Hansell, their daughter, Mrs. J. W. Pope and Mrs. Pope's infant son and 10-year-old daughter.

Bodies of the victims were found by neighbors who went to the house after hearing the shots.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.

Light to moderate winds; partly cloudy today and on Sunday, with some local showers; stationary or a little lower temperature.

Pressure is below normal over the greater portion of the continent and lowest in Ontario and the Central States.

Temperatures.

The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	54	44	Cloudy
Calgary	72	38	Fair
Port Arthur	..	34	Fair
Sault Ste. Marie	48	32	Cloudy
Toronto	65	48	Rain
Kingston	66	48	Cloudy
Ottawa	70	40	Fair
Montreal	66	42	Cloudy
Quebec	54	40	Fair
Father Point	46	28	Fair
St. John	56	34	Fair
Halifax	46	34	Clear

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours' previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 72; lowest, 40.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 57; lowest, 42.

Barometric Readings.

Friday—8 p.m., 28.93.
Today—8 a.m., 28.90.

ALLIANCE BANK OF SIMLA CLOSED ITS DOORS TODAY

Associated Press Despatch.

Simla, India, April 28.—Alliance Bank of Simla closed its doors today, but later it was announced by its directors that they had suspended liquidation, and hoped to repay forthwith 50 per cent of the deposits.

When the directors made it known that they were about to liquidate the affairs of the institution, they said the step was taken regretfully, owing to the heavy losses announced in the last directors' report, and to the continued withdrawal of deposits and current accounts.

ASBESTOS COMPANY ENDS DISPUTE WITH EMPLOYEES

Associated Press Despatch.

Sherbrooke, April 28.—The conference between the men and officials of the Asbestos Corporation, which commenced at two o'clock yesterday afternoon, concluded at one this morning with the result that a satisfactory understanding on the men's grievances and on the points in dispute was arrived at.

The men's delegates said the men would return to work on Monday.

Radio Programs

From all the best-known stations are on page eleven

BUT TWO LIFEBOATS OF WRECKED SHIP LOST

All Others Have Been Picked Up Near Cape Frio on African Coast.

Associated Press Despatch.

Capetown, Union of South Africa, April 28.—All but two of the lifeboats belonging to the Portuguese steamer Mossamedes, wrecked several days ago at Cape Frio, are reported to have been picked up. The Mossamedes carried 237 passengers.

OVER 4,000 EXPELLED FROM RUHR TERRITORY

Associated Press Despatch.

Berlin, April 28.—Up to April 15, 3,886 imperial, state and municipal officials and 568 private citizens were expelled from the old occupied area, and from the newly-occupied territory 816 officials and 26 private citizens were expelled, making a total for the two areas of 4,884.

Herr von Braun, the Prussian premier, gave these figures before a committee of the Diet yesterday.

62 CANADIAN ANKRUPTCIES.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, April 28.—Bankruptcies in Canada and Newfoundland for the week ending April 27, as reported by Dun's bulletin, were 62, as compared with 59 for the corresponding week of last year. Failures of last week by provinces were as follows: Ontario 16, Quebec 20, Manitoba 9, Alberta 5, Saskatchewan 5, British Columbia 1, Nova Scotia 5, Newfoundland 1.

Announces Cut In Price of Gas

A Two-Cent Reduction For Ontario and Quebec.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, April 28.—A reduction of two cents per gallon in the price of gasoline in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec was announced yesterday by the local branch of the Imperial Oil Company.

The new price will be 33 cents per gallon.

WOMAN TO BE HANGED IN ALBERTA NEXT WEEK

Only a Reprieve Will Now Save Mrs. Florence Lassandra and Piccarillo.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Lethbridge, Alta., April 28.—Unless a reprieve or commutation of sentence is granted by the cabinet council in the meantime, Emilio Piccarillo and Mrs. Florence Lassandra will go to the gallows here next Wednesday to pay the penalty for the murder of Provincial Constable Steve C. Lawson of the Alberta police at Coleman, Alta., last September.

A new trial for the condemned couple, who were jointly convicted and sentenced to death at Calgary, Alta., has been refused by both the appeal court of Alberta and the supreme court of Canada.

WILL MEET IN CHICAGO.

Associated Press Despatch.

Montreal, April 28.—A cablegram received from Rome announces that the 1926 international eucharistic congress of the Roman Catholic church will be held in Chicago.

WILL CHOOSE WORDS IN ADVERTISER'S SPELLING SEMI-FINAL.

These three men constitute the committee in charge of next week's semi-finals in The Advertiser's big city spelling match. From left to right, they are George F. Copeland, A. H. Murphy and Fred Landon. The arrangements of the tests next Thursday and Friday are given on this page.

Today's Features— On Inside Pages

Gene Stratton-Porter
—author of "Freckles" and "Girl of the Limberlost," writes the first of twelve wholesome articles about what she thinks of the homes of today.

Lord Riddell
—closest political friend of David Lloyd George, talks about big men in British public life.

"Modern Golf"
—how to play it, told to Advertiser readers by two Canadian champions, W. J. and Frank Thompson.

Hashimura Togo
—Wallace Irwin's famous "Japanese Schoolboy" tells about Marathon Dancing.

John Rockefeller, Jr.
—gives an article on teaching children how to save money.

"Up From the Death Cell"
—the fourth chapter of a true story written by a man condemned to die, who conquered the evil within him to achieve better things.

Ernest Hemingway
—a special foreign correspondent of The Advertiser cables a brilliant article on conditions in Germany.

Clever Comics
—the daily page with Andy Gump, Barney Google and half a dozen others, and a colored supplement giving four full pages of The Gumps, Bringing Up Father, Mr. and Mrs., Mutt and Jeff.

You will find these features only in The Advertiser.