London Postal Workers Will Decide Strike Question At Meeting Tonight

POSTAL WORKERS ARE NOT SATISFIED

Strike Question Will Be Decided at Meeting Tonight.

MEANS DECREASE

Postal workers have called a meeting for 8:30 tonight at the customs house. The officers and members of the London organization will go into the report of the civil service commission.

Fred Wilson, secretary for the men, stated that a wire had been received from the executive in Toronto, which called upon the men to express their opinions on the report of the civil service commission. This will be carried out at the meeting tonight, which will be largely attended.

There is much dissatisfaction in the ranks of the postal workers. The revision of salaries says the secretary is downward rather than upward.

Under the new schedules, a clerk received $1,761 last year will get $1,680, or $81 less than in 1923. A letter carrier who received $1,557 will receive $1,440, a reduction of $117.

Senior clerks benefit to the extent of $1. They will receive $1,920; last year they received $1,919; an increase of $1. There are only six senior clerks in London, and they are practically the only ones that will get more money than in 1923.

Junior men, that is the lowest paid men, lose all the way from $15 to $75 per year.

According to the new schedule some of the men will have to pay back money to the government. The postal workers in some instances will be called upon to return $25 and $30, as the terms are retroactive to May 1.

It is likely that the meeting tonight will settle the strike question. The men have been saying very little about the strike, and claim that the whole thing hinges on the individual opinion of each man, who will have an opportunity of stating his views.

Other meetings are being held throughout the Dominion today, and the results will be forwarded at once to headquarters at Toronto.

RELIGIOUS CONCESSION BRINGS OBJECTONS

Committee Defers Action On Mayor's Permission To Erect Missionary Tent.

The Chrictian Missionary Alliance asked and obtained from the mayor permission to erect a tent on a vacant lot owned by the city on King street, in June and July for holding religious services. The finance committee yesterday learned that several taxpayers in the neighborhood objected and considered that the permission should be withdrawn.

Finally the question was referred to Number Two committee for settlement, provided the mayor is not within his rights in granting a permit of this kind.

It was pointed out that the city could let the federal square for a carnival and that to be consistent it should allow a religious society to use one of its vacant lots. It was suggested that the Federal Square should be used for Missionary meeting as well as carnivals.

POPULATION OF WARD THREE JUMPS 443

Monthly Report of Assessment Commissioner Shows Figures.

Ward three in common with ward four is showing an increase in population this year according to the monthly report of the assessment commissioner. While Ward four has increased by 348, ward three has increased by 443 over last year's figures. The children of these wards have increased by over 140 over 1923 there being 3,532 attending public schools and 285 separate schools.

Ward three has at present 511 men liable for statute labor tax, and 790 dogs with licenses, which is an increase of 177 over 1923.

LOWER SCHOOL EXAMS COMMENCE TODAY

Seventy-Five Per Cent Reported To Have Passed On Year's Work.

Lower school examinations commenced this afternoon in the Central collegiate institute. It is understood that some 75 per cent. of the lower school students will pass on their year's work, without having to write off examinations.

Other examinations for departmental standing will be commenced next week. In these it is necessary to write on all examinations with no students of the middle or upper schools getting through on their year's work.

This is the first yetar in which no supplemental examinations are provided. In other words students failing in one or more subjects and showing proficiency in most work h d the opportunity of writing off th r poorest subjects again in September. This however is no longer provided for.

'TIS FRIDAY THE 13TH, BUT PALL IS LACKING

London Proceeds Undisturbed by Gloom as Superstitious Day Arrives.

BUT WEATHERMAN—

Society Editor's Wedding Column Only Place Where Depression Lacks.

The gloomy pall was missing this morning. The sperstitious foretold a nice, thick, black one, hanging as dense as London soot over the city.

It was to be Friday the 13th and gloom was as necessary as crepe to the undertaker. And in addition to this was the disturbing fact that the year itself has more than its share of Friday the 13ths, making the occasion doubly significant.

But on the other hand, there are those who are not superstitious. The downtown district took on its usual busy appearance.

It was not especially evident that many people were keeping at the right side of their own threshold out of harm's way. The street cars did business as usual, and automobiles threaded in and out. Friday the 13th to all outward appearances was the same as any other Friday or any other thirteenth.

Weather Man Unlucky.

For the weather man it was a trifle unlucky. He followed up his bad guess on the fair weather of Wednesday (which turned out to be the best electrical storm of the year), with another flummer on rain today. At noon, straw hats were gaily in evidence, and the rain not at all. The weather man still has the evening in which to make good his remarks, but the amateur observer can so far discern no signs of rain.

For the ball team, however, rain might answer an unspoken wish. Ball players are reputed as superstitious as sailors, and this afternoon the Tecumsehs play Muskegon. On the other hand again, the Muskegon stalwarts may be feeling tremulous. If it is Friday the 13th here, it is also Friday the 13th for them, and so the handicap is equal.

Serious Depression.

The only quarter reporting serious depression in business was that of the society editor's wedding column. There wasn't a trace of a single nuptial knot to be tied. Apparently in no single instance was love's young dream potent enough to obscure the calendar and the threatening date—Friday the 13th.

Most folks weren't even thinking of Friday the 13th. To those who were thinking at all, it was either pay day or the dead broke day just before. Even in police court, the bogey was neither sufficiently large nor sufficiently threatening to occasion any serious alarm. For one case, it was lucky even, as the magistrate leniently ordered postponement.

As a matter of fact the ancients long ago considered the 13th a lucky day. Nowadays, they haven't time to bother about superstition at all, and Friday or not, the rent and the income tax go on just the same.

Big Drug Ring Believed Broken

Associated Press Despatch.

Boston, Mass., June 13.—With the arrest here yesterday of Mrs. Sadie C. Henderson of Montreal and the seizure of 120 ounces of cocaine, federal narcotic inspectors said they had interrupted the activities of a drug smuggling syndicate operating from Canada. Mrs. Henderson and Joseph Miller of Boston, who was arrested at the same time, were sent to jail in default of $15,000 bail each.

COMMISSIONER SAYS UNION SURE

H. D. Johnston, Alberta, Visits London After Presbyterian Assembly Concludes.

Visiting at several points east on his return journey from Owen Sound where he was a commissioner at the Presbyterian General Assembly, H. D. Johnston of Cayley, Alberta, has been a guest for a few days with A. E. Hodgins of 486 Dufferin avenue.

Mr. Johnston, who is a native of Ontario, having been born near Glencoe, is a nephew of the late Rev. D. C. Johnston, who was for a number of years the clerk of London Presbytery. He attended the Owen Sound assembly as a commissioner for the High River Presbytery, one Presbytery which stood solidly for the church union in the general assembly vote.

Mr. Johnston himself is confident of the cause of union. A certain amount of difficulty, he says, is in any event a foregone conclusion. If union is not consummated, it will mean a great deal of difficulty for those churches in the west which have already united, and if it is consummated, as he has every expectation it will be, strife will be caused by those non-unionists who will refuse to join with the majority of their church. Mr. Johnston believes, however, that once union is finally consummated, in time even a number of those who have most strenuously opposed it will be forced to the conclusion that it is a great forward step in the history of the church, and they will renounce their present views to whole-heartedly enter union.

Mr. Johnston bears out the prevalent feeling that western farmers are the greatest "next year people" in the world. He is most optimistic with regard to the harvest of the present season. He believes the western Progressives are working splendidly for the best interests of the farmer, and a return to general prosperity can be looked for to a large extent through their instrumentality.

EFFICIENT BYLAW IS DOUGLASS' ONLY WISH

Health Board Chairman Not Concerned Who Administers Plumbing Law.

Whether the plumbing bylaw is administered by the board of health or, as Dr. W. H. Hill suggests, by the building inspector, is a matter of no concern to Alderman Douglass, chairman of the board of health. "All I want," he said, "is that a sensible bylaw shall be administered efficiently for the benefit of the public. It makes no difference by whom the administration is carried out. If it is decided to let the building inspector look after the work, a great deal of detail work will ge taken off the hands of the board of health, and I, for one, shall be glad.

"At our special meeting on Tuesday we will go over the bylaw and the application form carefully, and such changes as may be necessary will b emade. The board has supported the administration of the bylaw by the plumbing inspector because it was the only law that the city had, and a law must be carried out or altered."

LABOR PARTY TO DISCUSS MAYOR'S SCOUT ATTITUDE

The attitude of Mayor Wenige toward the Boy Scout movement will come up for discussion at the next meeting of the London Labor Party, on Friday evening, June 20.

Ex-Ald. Colbert stated that the question is practically certain to be brought up for discussion at the labor meeting on Friday night.

"Labor in general is opposed to the Boy Scout movement as tending to militarism," Mr. Colbert explained. "I believe the movement is also condemned by the brotherhoods, and it is hard to see why any official approval of the Boy Scouts should be given by any public representative under such conditions. I do not know what will be done, but it is reasonably certain someone will raise the point at the next meeting of the Labor party."

A number of other Labor men have expressed practically the same opinion on the matter. It is said that Labor in general resents any official action or statement that would appear to favor the Boy Scout movement.

TOUR OF INSPECTION

Following an absence of nearly a week, Brigadier McAmnond, and Adjutant Spooner of Clarence Street Citadel returned to London yesterday. The officers have made a tour of inspection of the Salvation Army corps throughout the Western Ontario territory.

Points visited were Ridgetown, Windsor, Wallaceburg, Chatham and Leamington.

Obituary

MRS. LENA GREEN

The death of Mrs. Lena Green was reported from Victoria Hospital this morning. Funeral services will b held tomorrow at 3:00 o'clock at the George Logan Funeral Home.

She is survived by her father and mother Mr. and Mrs. George Carruthers ,of this city.

Interment will be made in Woodland cemetery.

MRS. L. M. NORMAN.

Mrs. Louisa M. Norman, 75 Wharncliffe Road south, who died on Tuesday morning was buried today in Woodland cemetery. The Rev. W. L. Armitage of St. James' Anglican Church conducted the services.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Elsie Ireland, of Detroit, two sons Henry at home and Frederick Charles of London, England.

GEORGE ARDY

George Ardy, prominent South London butcher, passed away at his late residence, Base Line Road, yesterday. Mr. Ardy was born in England but moved to Canada when a boy and has resided in London since. He is survived by his widow, Louisa, and five sons and five daughters; William, Charles, John, Clarence, and Roger, all of this city, Mrs. J. MacDonald and Mrs. George Smith of this city, Marjorie, Leona and Ruby at home.

Funeral services will be held from his late residence on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Archdeacon Sage of St. George's Anglican Church will conduct the services. Interment will be made in Woodland cemetery.

MRS. R. A. LENEHAN

The funeral of Elizabeth Lenehan who passed away at her late residence on Wednesday was held from her home 360 Glebe street this morning.

She is survived by her husband R. A., two sons Arthur and Thomas of this city and one daughter Mrs. F. Smoothey.

Requiem High mass was sung at St. Mary's Cathedral at 9 o'clock by Mon. Brady. Interment was made in St. Peter's cemetery the service at the grave being held by Father Powell. The pall bearers were Jas. Roche, Fred Smoothey, William Lenehan, D. Lenehan, and Charles Conroy.

JUNE PERMITS VALUED AT $123,000 TO DATE

So far this month the building inspector has issued 108 building permits with a valuation of $123,320. The total number of permits in June 1924 was 227 and the value $566,000. He states that while the value of the building is much below last year the number of permits for small houses and structural changes in houses, is as large as ever. There are no permits on his books for any large buildings and there are no industrial permits.

KIWANIANS HEAR OPTIMISTIC TALK

Fred Browne Declares Business Easily Procurable If It Is "Gone After."

FALSE DEPRESSION

While there is common talk of business depression, golf clubs are flourishing and automobiles are everywhere. From these obvious facts, Fred Browne, former Londoner, and now a Toronto insurance broker, drew for the Kiwanis Club, whom he addressed today, the conclusion that business was there for the getting.

"After the war the average salesman," Mr. Browne said, "became an order taker, but the situation is different now. It doesn't push business any to take for granted that there are no orders. The more we talk bad business, the worse it becomes."

Mr. Browne spoke briefly on insurance, and he expressed amazement at Canadian banking interests, because they did not more thoroughly investigate fire insurance before placing loans.

He expressed keen admiration for the salvage system carried out by American underwriters.

"It is regrettable that we have not some form of salvage system in this country. The work done by the salvage corps in New York city is remarkable. The corps are maintained by the Underwriters' Association, and their job is to beat the fire truck to the scene of a fire and make whatever attempt possible at protection by removal and by covering with tarpaulin. Vast sums of money are yearly saved in this way."

Large sums of money deposited in savings banks do not mean prosperity for a country, Mr. Browne said. On the contrary, this means that the people are not progressive and not willing to invest their money. Money in a bank, he said, could be regarded as working for its owner about four days a week instead of seven.

The program at today's meeting was unusually full. Harry Wray, president of the Great War Veterans' Association made an appeal for cars to be used in conveying ex-soldiers to and from the cemetery, where they planned to decorate the graves of their comrades. Twenty or so cars were immediately forthcoming, and the Kiwanis Club will be well represented in the Decoration Day parade.

Two solos by Miss Irene Brown were a delightful feature.

DOUGLASS IS UNABLE TO SUPPORT CLAIM

Woodman Avenue Residents' Contentions Will Be Presented to Committee.

Alderman Douglass, chairman of the finance committee, while in sympathy with the present owners of lots on Woodman avenue, states they have no solid claim on the city in any way. He says: "The city opened Woodman avenue at less than the estimated cost, and cannot be held responsible for the local improvement tax that is now to be collected from the present owners. It was a private deal between the original owners and the men who bought the property from them. I believe that there is a 'nigger in the woodpile' somewhere, but that is a matter for the present owners of the propert yto decide, and their only redress as far as I can see is at the hands of the men who sold them the lots."

A deputation waited on the finance committee this week, complaining that they had bought lots on Woodman avenue without any knowledge that there was a local improvement tax of $1.44 a foot for ten years on th property and asked the committee to help them by reducing or abolishing the tax.

Friday, 13th Is Limelight

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, June 13.—Friday, the 13th instant, writ number 1313, claiming $1,300 on a check, was issued at Osgoode Hall today. The action is between woodworking and lumber concerns in Northern Ontario.

CITY HAS CHECK READY FOR VIOLA M'NAUGHTON

A check for $518.30 is all ready to be sent to Miss Viola McNaughton from the city treasurer as soon as her lawyer is ready to sign the release which the city solicitor has prepared. This is the amount that was allowed by the compensation board to Miss McNaughton, as the result of the injuries she received when she was shot at the time that Clarence Topping shot and killed Geraldine Durston.

MOTORS COLLIDE.

Driving north along Richmond street at 9 o'clock this morning, Geo. Gilmore R. R. N. 3, Lambeth, while turning his car to the left at Central avenue, was struck on the right hand side by the auto of W. H. Robinson, 203 Cheapside street. J. L. McAlpine, 255 Grosvenor street, was a passenger in the car. No persons was injured, according to the report of the accident turned into the police station by Constable Matthew Easton.

FINLAYSON EXPLAINS.

Ottawa, June 13.—G. D. Finlayson, superintendent of insurance, authorized a statement this morning in regard to a misrepresentation of his evidence regarding the losses of Home Bank depositors yesterday before the commons' banking and commerce committee. The statement made by Mr. Finlayson was that the losses to depositors in the Home Bank would be 65 per cent, while it was incorrectly reported that he said that the payment to depositors would be 65 cents on the dollar.

Bedtime Stories

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS

Putting The Neighborhood To Bed.

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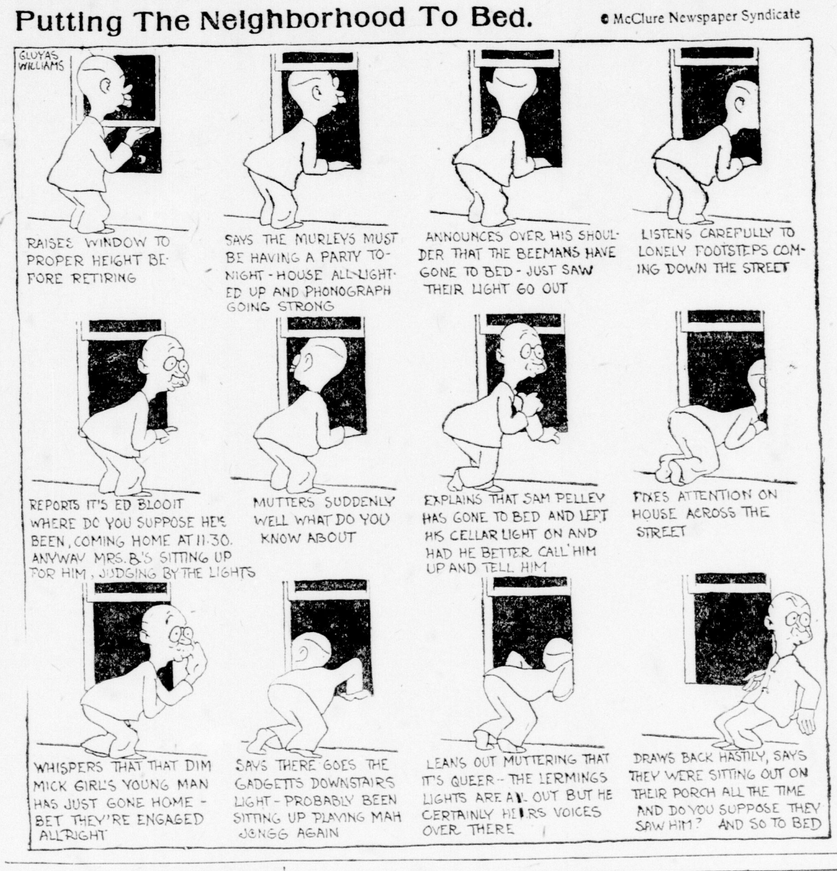

"SCOTTY" MACPHERSON IS IRISH CHAIRMAN

Many Anomalies Appear On Program For Big I. B. S. Picnic.

There are many anomalies in the affairs of the annual picnic of the Irish Benevolent Society, according to the program as laid out for the year. For instance, the chairman of the dance committee is no other than that great follower of Issack Walton, "Scotty" MacPherson, the hero of the hydro bike incident, in the Thames some months ago.

It is rumored, however, that "Scotty" for the day of the picnic will change his name to Rory O'Bjen so that he will have a little more of the Irish flavor for the time being and while he is superintending the gyrations of the dancers.

Then there is a Jack MacNamara, who is a worthy Scot, in spite of his name, and a W. E. Kelly superintendent of the Children's Aid, who stoutly maintains that he is a Scot, and that it was originally spelt McKellie. However, on the occasion of the "Benevolent" picnic everyone is an Irisher. There are no Orangemen and no Catholics. It is the one day in the year and the one society in which there are only Irishmen (and men with Irish names), and as Peter McCann says, "It's the only wan of its kind in the world, and London should be proud of it."

SALVATION ARMY PLANS NEW CITADEL IN WINDSOR

Following a conference with the members of the board of education of Windsor, Brigadier McAmnond and Adjutant Spooner, Salvation Army officers of Clarence street citadel, returned to London yesterday.

Adjutant Spooner stated today that the conference concerned the buying of a Windsor property for the use of the Salvation Army to meet the needs of the Windsor corps.

The new property will be in the Bridge avenue district, where the city is growing rapidly. The Salvation Army is already finding itself in cramped quarters, and it is expected that two new corps will be opened in that city.

ASSESSMENT OFFICE URGES CARE WITH CHECKS

The carelessness of some people in paying their taxes is illustrated by a letter received by the assessment commissioner this morning. It was simply an envelope containing a check for the amount of the taxes, and the check was made payable to the bearer. The address on the envelope was merely, "The Assessment Office, City." It was sent by a lady, and the assessment commissioner feels that she needs a few lessons in business practice, in fact, that many taxpayers are in the same position.

GEN. BOOTH WILL ATTEND CONGRESS IN TORONTO

General Bramwell Booth, head of the Salvation Army, has definitely decided to come to Canada for the General Congress to be held in Toronto, October 10 to 15.

The sessions of the congress will be conducted by General Booth. Special councils will be held during the period. The evenings will be given over to public meetings to be held in Massey Hall.

It is expected that a monster music festival will be arranged for Saturday October 11. There will be a large number of bands from Toronto supplemented by bands from the different parts of Ontario.

The musical program will be carried throughout the day starting at 11 a. m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

It has not been decided whether any of the London bands will attend the congress or whether General Booth will visit London during his stay in Canada.

News From City Churches

COLBORNE MISSION CIRCLE.

The Mission Circle of Colborne Street Methodist Church held a jolly picnic at Springbank Park yesterday afternoon. Following supper an enjoyable baseball game took place. The guests numbered thirty, and a shower was held to provide hymn books for the Borden Mission at Walkerville. Mrs. Howard, president of the Circle, was in charge of the arrangements, assisted by Miss Genevieve Walker.

NOVENA AT ST. PATRICK'S.

A special novena is commencing this evening at St. Patrick's Church in honor of Our Lady of Perpeutal Help. The devotions will take place at 7:30 for nine evenings, and will consist of the Rosary, a short sermon, special instructions and prayers, and will be concluded with benediction.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN W. M. S.

The Service Band of the church had charge of this week's meeting of the First Presbyterian W. M. S. Interesting papers were given by Miss Beatrice Gibson and Miss Verne Brownlee on chapters from "The Island Beautiful." Mrs. W. J. Knox took the scripture lesson, Master Tommy Hoskins contributing a solo. Mrs. F. G. Lethbridge presided.

WELLINGTON STREET W. M. S.

Yesterday afternoon's gathering of the members of the Wellington Street W. M. S. took an unique form when, following the meeting proper, the women repaired to the basement of the church, where they were joined by their husbands at a most successful picnic banquet. Great credit for the affair is due to the energetic conveners, Mrs. H. Luney, Mrs. John Luney, Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. E. A. Brady.

Mrs. Collings acted as toastmistress, and a fine program was presented, as follows: Toast to the church, proposed by Mr. Burney and responded to by Mr. Dent; to flag and country, proposed by Ed. Brady and responded to by Joseph Holliday; to the W. M. S., proposed by Mr. Booth and responded to by Rev. George Watts. The program also included vocal numbers by Mrs. Elford and Miss Mack, and a recitation by Miss McCormick.

Miss Ingram was in the chair for the meeting previous to the banquet. Others taking part in the program were: Mrs. Fred Morris, who gave the Bible reading; Miss Adams, who read a paper on "The Church and Its Field," and Mrs. Harry Wollatt, Mrs. A. E. Brady and Miss Helen Mitchell, who gave a most comprehensive report of the recent convention in St. Thomas.

ST. JOHN'S GIRLS' FRIENDLY.

The Junior Girls' Friendly Society of the Church of St. John the Evangelist is planning a picnic to be held at Springbank tomorrow.

HYATT AVENUE W. M. S.

Mrs. R. J. McCormick, who was hostess of the regular meeting of the Hyatt Avenue W. M. S. held yesterday at the parsonage, gave a number of suggestions as to how the meetings could be made more interesting. Mrs. Small presided over the meeting and the report of the recent convention held in Woodstock was given by Mrs. Higgins. The program for the afternoon included the reading of the scripture lesson by Mrs. Couch, a charming solo by little Miss Emma Demble, solos by Mrs. Sturgis, and instrumental numbers by Miss Copeland. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served by the hostess.

RIDOUT STREET W. M. S.

Meeting at the home of Mrs. E. P. Perrin, Garfield avenue, last evening, the members of the W. M. S. of Ridout Street Methodist Church made plans for a picnic to be held July 3rd in conjunction with the Ladies' Aid. The committee appointed includes: Mrs. F. J. Martin, Mrs. C. Mann, Mrs. W. J. Cooper, Mrs. L. J. Nicholls and Mrs. J. E. Bickle. The report of the branch meeting held recently in St. Thomas was presented by Mrs. Albert Lorking, who attended as a delegate. Of special interest in her report was the account of the Border Mission at Walkerville. The scripture lesson was read by Mrs. R. Deakin.

ROBINSON MEMORIAL W. M. S.

Mrs. John Francis read an inspiring paper on "Christian Stewardship" at the regular meeting of the Robinson Memorial W. M. S. held yesterday afternoon at the church. A comprehensive report of the branch meeting held recently in St. Thomas was presented by Mrs. (Dr.) Paddell. The devotional exercises were taken by Mrs. W. F. Marshall and solos by Mrs. E. Tremeer were greatly enjoyed. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. W. J. Wray. This was the final meeting until the fall.

TALBOT STREET W. M. S.

The presentation of a beautiful basket of ferns and flowers to Mrs. Griffiths, pioneer member of the society, featured yesterday afternoon's meeting of the Talbot Street Baptist W. M. S. The presentation was made following a talk by her on the early days of the circle work, which had its inception in 1874. Mrs. Griffiths, who at that time was living in Denfield, was one of the pioneer members. The program included an inspiring report of the Middlesex and Lambton Association meeting last week in Forest, given by Mrs. Haselgrove and Mrs. Greenslade, Scripture reading by Mrs. Lamb, and a vocal solo by Miss Gertrude Morgan. The president, Mrs. D. H. McDermid, was in the chair.

ORIENTALS ADVISED TO GET VACCINATED

Daniel Black, Deputy Supreme Monarchist of the O. O. of H. and P., accompanied by Wm. Garfat, Grand Hyastytee, and R. R. Whitehead, vice-grand hyastytee, leave for Detroit with a large body of Crientals to present Munise Sanctorum, No. 173 with a silver cup which that organization won here on May 24th last.

Dr. Downham, M. O. H. has advised all members of the local delegation to be vaccinated before going over to the city of the straits owing to the present outbreak of smallvox there. It is understood that the danger will be greatly minimized from the fact that the convention is to be held in the west end of the city in which section the disease has not gained any appreciable headway.

TRUSTEES DEFER ACTION ON $21,000 SURPLUS

No action will be taken by the trustees of Victoria Hospital concerning the $21,000 surplus until the next board meeting.

In the opinion of Auditor Ashplant they have a perfect right to spend this money. If this is true then the $23,700 that was cut off the board's estimates for the coming year by the council, will be almost completely covered up.

The money will very likely be spent in the repairing of buildings and in buying needed equipment. There was an estimate of $5,000 for the painting of the buildings that was cut by the council, and this will very likely be the first thing done by the members if they are allowed to spend the so-called surplus.

Baltimore Boss Begins To Worry

Associated Press Despatch.

Baltimore, June 12.—Otis Lawry, left fielder, and Harry Frank, pitcher, of the Baltimore Internationals, have been traded to the Jersey City Internationals for John Jacobs, outfielder.

Recent defeats have caused Jack Dunn, manager of the Orioles, to shake up his line-up. Other deals are in the air, it was said today.

CANCER GAINING. EXPERTS STATE

Dr. E. S. Judd, Mayo Specialist, Addresses American Association.

FORMS DESCRIBED

Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Correspondent.

Chicago, June 13.—Cancer is gaining ground, in spite of the determined battle of physicians and scientists against it. This was the opinion of Dr. Edward Starr Judd of the Mayo clinic, delivered at today's session of the annual convention of the American Medical Association.

The discussion was opened by Dr. Francis Carter Wood, New York, who told of the newest researches in attempts to produce cancer experimentally in animals. It was found that repeated painting with tar would produce cancer fairly easily in the white mouse, with great difficulty in the rabbit and white rat, and hardly at all in the guineapig. Cancer and sarcoma had been produced in certain instances by the use of animal parasites. It was his belief that heredity played a relatively small part in the production of cancer in the human being.

Heredity Discounted.

Dr. James T. Ewing, New York, pointed out the great importance of distinguishing the exact type of cancer concerned in any single case. Only in this way can the relative dangers of the various types be determined.

Dr. Martin Engman of the Barnard Free Skin and Cancer Hospital in St. Louis described all the various forms of cancer of the skin, their relative frequency and the way in which they are diagnosed, and Dr. John D. Dunham of Columbus, Ohio, considered the relationship of ulcers and erosions in the stomach to cancer affecting this organ. He pleaded for early detection and operative treatment in such cases as the only means of preventing death.

Surgical Treatment.

The surgical treatment of cancer was discussed by Dr. Judd. He listed the results in the surgical removal of various types of cancer. It was his belief that cancer was undoubtedly becoming more common, in spite of the advancement that has been made in the control of the disease. Attempts have been made to grade the forms of cancer according to their malignancy, and Dr. Judd felt that such grading might indicate the desirability of attempting no treatment in some of the more virulent types of cancer. The discussion was closed by Dr. James T. Case, Battle Creek, who described the latest work with radium and with the high-voltage-ray apparatus, and told of the successes with such methods in certain cases.

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ENGINEER SUPPORTS DR. HILL ON SEWER GAS

Says Percentage That Might Enter Homes Is Not Dangerous.

That Dr. Hill's remarks on sewer gas are substantiated by facts and the experience of city engineers in old London is vouched for by the city engineer, who states that over in old London some years ago, a system of sewer ventilation was instituted, so that the gas from the sewer was taken off through pipes leading to tall, hollow lamp posts, on the top of which were lights to cause a draught, and that it apparently worked satisfactorily for a time.

Then someone with an inquiring turn of mind investigated the system to find that it was largely out of order, and that the lights were not burning, and the lamp posts were full of cobwebs and dirt. He went along to the city health officer and found that his health record was quite usual and finally decided that this sewer gas danger was largely overrated. Though the gas is extremely dangerous to life in itself, the percentage of it in a sewer is too small to constitute a danger to the public.

The engineer says: "I worked on the big Toronto main sewers at the time of the survey. We were as much in the sewer as out, and I know we were all fat and well. I don't think there is enough sewer gas in the ordinary sewer to hurt anyone."

WEARY WILLIE AMONG TRANSIENTS LEAVING TODAY

Among the passengers who left London on a westbound C. N. R. passenger train shortly after 11 this morning was Mr. Weary W. Hobo.

Just as the train was moving past the Tecumseh Hotel Weary Willie, who had been waiting in the rear of the building, stepped out and gracefully swung aboard the "blind" of the first car. And while the other passengers were settling down on plush cushions, Mr. Bo settled down on the lumps of anthracite on the afterdeck of the tender.

"There he goes," said the policeman on the beat. "Whatever his destination may be, he will probably have his ticket punched at the first water tank."

"COPS" SUBJECT TO LAW, SAYS TRAFFIC BOARD HEAD

Ald. Towe, chairman of the traffic committee, who has received several complaints in the last few weeks of the rate at which motorcycle "cops" travel on city roads, states that the policemen are just as much subject to the traffic speed regulations in the course of ordinary duties as anyone else.

He says, "The motorcycle policemen is only allowed to travel at a speed beyond the traffic regulations when he is either in pursuit of a speeder or sent on a call, where life may be in danger."