

ALL CITY DOINGS

News of the Day in the Commercial Metropolis of Western Ontario.

RAP MAYOR'S SH! SH! SESSIONS

Aldermen Douglass and Judd Object to Urgency Calls.

All Firemen Slated To Go Are Married Men, It's Found.

Protests against the secretiveness and suddenness with which Mayor Wilson calls the secret sessions of his special salary committee are to be made at the next meeting of that committee by Aldermen L. A. Douglass and A. M. Judd.

These two aldermen refused to leave their business at a moment's notice on Friday morning and attend the meeting of the committee at 10:30 o'clock. Ald. Douglass was notified of the meeting at 10:15, or just fifteen minutes before the meeting was to start. He had no other notification, and it is absolutely certain that the calling of a meeting on such notice, there is a proper time specified for calling a meeting and a proper way," said Ald. Douglass.

Unseemly Haste.

Both the aldermen could not understand the unseemly haste. There was nothing so urgent about the matter that sufficient time could not have been allowed for the aldermen to arrange so that they could have been on hand, they contend.

And Ald. Douglass was considerably angered when informed just what the committee of three—Aldermen Childs and Ashton and Mayor Wilson—had decided.

It was this committee that revoked the previous agreement that nine men be dismissed from the department and two superannuated, so that only six will be dismissed.

"I believe that there was not a quorum of the committee at a meeting," said Ald. Douglass, "so that the decisions, if any reached, will be subject to review, and I certainly intend to protest if there are married men, single men supporting widowed mothers, or returned soldiers among the men who are being let out from the department. These are men which the city is in duty bound to retain in employment," declared the alderman.

By the decision of the committee, the last three men hired and three others taken on during the war period, who were over the department's age limit will be let go.

All Married Men.

The whole six men are married men, and of the three last taken on the department two of them are returned soldiers.

During the discussion between the committee and the fire captains, Capt. J. Mitchell informed the meeting that there were several single men who had expressed the intention of resigning their positions rather than have married men with families let out at a time when work was scarce.

Attention has been called to the fact that though the aldermen were not notified individually of the special meeting of Friday, the mayor's journalistic supporter was evidently informed that the meeting was to take place. The courtesy of a notification of any one of these meetings have never been accorded The Advertiser.

White Robin Pays Third Annual Visit To Sick In Hospital

RESIDENTS of Riverview avenue have as their guest for the third successive season a novelty of the "bird world."

A robin, with a white body, with tail feathers almost entirely white, with white and head of a natural grey, arrived recently from its long trip to the southland.

It is frequently seen on the lawn of the Bethesda Hospital, bringing interest into the rather cheerless days of the sick.

ONLY ONE CASE IN WEEK REPORTED

One bad case of scarlet fever was the sum total of the outbreak of serious communicable disease in London during the past week. There were no cases of diphtheria and the only other disease reported were the common types of whooping cough, according to Dr. Downham, medical officer of health.

During the week previous, four cases of diphtheria were reported and one of measles, while whooping cough led with a baker's dozen, making 32 victims in all suffering from this malady.

Town Topics.

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

And many spread their garments in the way; and others cut down branches of the trees, and strewed them in the way. And they that went before, and they that followed after, cried, saying, Hosanna: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord!

—Mark 11:8-9.

FIRST the high palm trees, with branches fair, Out of the lowly valleys did arise, And high shoots up their heads into the sky.

—Spenser.

TOMORROW'S DOINGS.

SUNDAY—Parade of veterans to St. Paul's Cathedral in memory of the battle of Ypres.

MONDAY—Presbyterian Synod of Hamilton and London opens session in First Presbyterian Church.

Anglican Synod of Huron opens session in Croydon Hall, 7:30 o'clock.

Drama League holds regular meeting at Collegiate Institute, 8 o'clock.

St. George's Society commemorates day of their patron saint with banquet at Tecumseh House.

A. LOOKER, of 9 Horton street, will sail for England on May 4 for a three-months' tour of England, Europe and the Channel Islands. Mr. Looker, who has not been home for twenty years, will visit his old home in London.

MRS. MARGARET McLACHLIN, who fell down some stairs at her home in the Rowntree apartments on Stanley street, Thursday noon, breaking her left arm in two places, is improving rapidly. It was stated Saturday, Mrs. McLachlin was turned for a few minutes after the fall, and was badly shaken up.

THOMAS MAHER, found guilty a week ago of not maintaining his wife and family, was allowed to go on suspended sentence in police court Saturday morning when he promised to provide for his family. Maher was bonded in the sum of \$100 to appear in a month. He promised to obtain work in the city.

IN AN EFFORT to recover the sum of \$243.60, which they claim is due them for goods sold to the defendant, McLean, Bean & Nelson of Montreal, through the solicitors, Meredith & Meredith, have entered a writ in the local county court against The Lavender Sales Company of this city.

AS A RESULT of the campaign instituted by the police to prevent people walking across boulevards in the early spring, a number of citizens have received summons to appear in court.

The police issued a warning time ago that offenders in this respect would be prosecuted, but it had little or no effect on some careless individuals, who will now be forced to pay for their "short cuts."

MORE THAN SIXTY attended the Mother and Son banquet which the prep boys held in the Y. M. C. A. hall last evening. This was the closing supper of the season. Moving pictures were shown, and Wilfrid Spearman, assistant boys' secretary, outlined the activities of the boys during the past year. The mothers of the boys present were taken on a tour through the building and were shown the different departments.

AT THE NEXT regular session of the board of education, Trustee Edwin Smith, chairman, will give notice of motion that at a subsequent meeting he will move that such gatherings will be held twice a month in lieu of once a month, as at present. Before that date, however, the chairman will call a special meeting of the board of the various committees, as well as the senior members of the board to discuss ways and means of expediting board procedure.

REV. T. D. McCULLOUGH, district secretary of the Ontario Social Service Council, will be in Stratford Sunday in company with the general secretary, Gilbert Agar. Rev. Peter Bryce, director of child welfare, and Alex. McLaren, the community secretary. These four are to officiate at morning and evening services in four of the Stratford churches, dealing largely in their sermons with the work of the Social Service Council. On the Monday following, it is expected that there will be a meeting held with the object of reorganizing the Stratford Social Service Council.

STUDENTS EXCEL IN LIGHT COMEDY

Western University Fraternity Presents "Wurzel-Flummery" in School Auditorium

DISPLAY UNUSUAL TALENT

Little Theatre Players Also Stage "The Hour Glass" in Delightful Manner.

The Little Theatre Players of Western University closed the season in a burst of glory at the Medical School auditorium Friday night, when they presented a light English comedy, "Wurzel-Flummery," and a much heavier piece, "The Hour Glass," by W. B. Yeats.

Both offerings of the players were exceptionally well received by a fairly large and much-appreciative audience.

Fred Hallet had an extremely difficult part to play as the "Wise Man" in "The Hour Glass" and gave perhaps the most finished rendition of the evening. Mr. Hallet might well rank in the professional class, and deserves the highest praise for his work.

Gwen Williams made the most of a difficult part, while Eleanor Anderson, Alison Bower, Eleanor McCormick and Alison Bower all showed considerably more than average ability in the Yeates play, which was directed by Margaret Glass.

Miss Glass and Margaret Gemmill, under whose direction the comedy was staged, deserve credit for the able manner in which the plays were put on.

"Wurzel-Flummery," a one-act comedy, written by A. A. Milne, a former editor of "Punch" while serving in France, was greatly appreciated by the student audience.

King Boughner, as Robert Crawshaw, M.P., a fussy old gentleman who thought more of £50,000 in cold hard cash than he did of the family name, was splendid. There was not a dull moment in the whole offering, which was due, not only to Mr. Boughner, but also Marie Loughlin, Kathleen Richardson, Edward Cowley and Grant Wiley.

Selected by the Little Theatre Orchestra under the leadership of Helen Gordon Patterson, were greatly appreciated.

NUMBER OF CALLS FOR ASSISTANCE INCREASES

Soldiers' Aid Commission Gives Relief to 148 Families in March.

A greatly increased activity on the part of the local branch of the soldiers' aid commission is shown by the report which was considered by the executive committee of that organization at a meeting Friday afternoon.

During the month of March, the calls for relief were numerous. One hundred and six families were given assistance. Aid was given 53 children, the total amount involved being \$2,584.

Of family cases alone, Secretary Lance told the executive there was a total of 148. The relief given was mostly in the form of necessities.

Dealing with the question of unemployment relief, the secretary's report stated:

"With effect from March 17, 1922, the commission undertook to care for soldiers' families where unemployment was the only trouble, in addition to the ordinary welfare work. This has resulted in a tremendous increase in relief granted, but it is understood that a refund will be made of 75 per cent of the disbursement of unemployment as the work is undertaken on behalf of the city authorities."

"In all cases the men must secure a certificate from the employment bureau, and then a careful investigation is made. If conditions warrant assistance, food, fuel, shoes and underclothing can be supplied to married men, and board and lodging for single men."

FIRE STEAMER IN DUBLIN HARBOR

Dublin, April 22.—Fifty armed men raided the steamer Rathlin Head, anchored here, this morning, on board, sprinkled the decks and fittings with gasoline, set the vessel afire, and made off.

The crew of the Rathlin Head, with the assistance of regular Irish republicans, army troops, extinguished the flames before any very serious damage had been done.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH PUTS ON TAG DAY FOR BUILDING FUND

\$25,000 Is Objective and Several Thousands Have Already Been Raised.

To give the citizens of London generally an opportunity to contribute towards the fund with which a beautiful red brick and white stone church will be built in the near future on Elizabeth, near Dundas street, the Christian Church, in this city, is conducting a tag day, Saturday.

Several thousand dollars of the total amount of \$25,000, which is the objective of the fund, has already been secured, and it is expected that the results of Saturday sales will make a substantial addition to that amount.

The property on the corner of Dundas and Elizabeth street, upon which the present church now stands, is to be sold by tender, and the old church building, which has been a landmark for many years, will give way to business houses, it is expected. The new church building will be erected on the rear of the present property, and on a block of land secured from Dr. Seaborn.

C. P. R. DIRECTOR IMPROVES

Montreal, April 22.—H. B. Angus, director of the Canadian Pacific Railway, who yesterday was reported seriously ill, was this morning pronounced by his physicians to be slightly improved.

Winnipeg Postmaster Finds Local Applicants Intelligent Lot of Men

T. T. Bower, postmaster at Winnipeg, spent Friday afternoon and Saturday morning in London examining applicants for three positions vacant in the local postoffice. He was sent here by the postal department at Ottawa.

Five applicants for the post of deputy postmaster, a dozen for that of supervisor of outward dispatch and an equal number for the post of overseer of letter-carriers all met Mr. Bower individually and had a ten or fifteen minute talk to him.

It is evident that Mr. Bower is to look over the candidates, and from their appearance and their show of intelligence in his conversation with them judge each of the candidates. His report on the fitness of the men for the position, their general rating and service, will be the factors to be considered in making the appointments.

"I found that London has a splendid staff. In fact, I was surprised to find such an intelligent lot of men in a post office department of a city this size," said Mr. Bower, thus answering indirectly the contention of the Civic Service commission that the applicants for posts in the London postoffice were a mediocre lot of men.

"I had an informal talk with the boys on Friday," continued Mr. Bower, "and I took the opportunity to tell them what a highly intelligent lot I had found them to be."

Mr. Bower said that he is going on to Detroit on Monday to study the layout of the postoffice in that city and will also visit Chicago and other American cities, and as a result of his tour will present recommendations to the postal department.

The post of deputy postmaster has been vacant since July last when the then deputy stepped up as postmaster.

The post of overseer of outward dispatch has been vacant for a similar length of time when Neil McNeill was superannuated. About the first of the year it was announced that when Mr. McNeill's leave was up on Feb. 1, Martin Heystead, the then overseer of letter-carriers, would be named for the supervisor's position, but a few weeks before he was to have taken over his new duties, Mr. Heystead died, thus leaving the two posts vacant.

Shortly afterwards, the civil service sent word to the city that Chas. Perrin, a mail sorter, had been appointed to the position of overseer of letter-carriers, but Mr. Perrin had never applied for the position, and so the other applications still stand and are being considered.

ASHTON CLAIMS SKIRTS CLEAR

Refuses To Accept Labor Party Challenge To Go To People.

Declares Ashplant Talks Only For Publicity and Does Not Seek Support.

Alderman John Ashton will not accede to the demands of the London Labor party and test the feeling of Ward Three at the polls.

"They have nothing on me," Alderman Ashton declared Saturday morning. "It's all foolishness for them to act the way they have been acting. I have never signed any agreement with them that would necessitate my resignation."

"In any event, it is only three or four of them—Mould, Ashplant and Thompson, and the others. I couldn't back up Ald. Ashplant. He does not want me to in any event. He is only talking for publicity."

"I have no quarrel with those fellows, but they do not want to give me a chance. They speak of the cut on the garbage men. When it was done, the ones who made the cut admitted it was a mistake. I don't think they should have been reduced, and I believe that the mayor and council will only be too willing to give them their wages back."

"They must give us a fair show, however. We must get the firemen and policemen straightened away first. However, it's all foolishness this action by the labor party. I am not losing any friends by it. I ward 3 anyway. This bunch never supported me any time. Neither did they support John Colbert when he was elected."

Ald. Fred Watkinson could not be located Saturday morning.

The municipal act is not specific in dealing with cases of vacancy on a council in cities where aldermen are elected by wards, but the act immediately a seat is vacant an election to fill the post must be held within a reasonable time.

This was shown in the case in Ward 4 in 1921, when the late Mr. Moore died. Shortly afterwards an election was held to fill the seat, and Ald. Childs was elected.

TEST SOIL OF NEW HOTEL'S SITE

Five men have been engaged for the past few days in sinking artesian wells on the new Lloyd George Hotel site.

Tests are also being taken of the geological structure of the soil preparatory to laying the foundation. "It's no longer question of selling stock," said H. C. Howard of the Lloyd George Hotel Company, "the hotel is going up anyway."

When the fairly deep test holes were sunk, the men were ordered to test the soil. The hotel should be ready for business by New Year's Eve, 1923," he said.

J. P. Anglin of the firm, Anglin, Norcross & Co., will arrive in London next week to personally superintend the construction work.

Magistrate Finds Woman Guilty of Selling and Imposes \$400 Fine

Mrs. Rachael Church, 121 York street, was found guilty of selling liquor at her home on April 18 and 19 and fined \$400 or 6 months in jail on each count when she appeared before the court when she was charged.

In giving judgment, Mr. Graydon stated that he thought a sale had been proved without any doubt, and even if Mrs. Church had not actually sold the liquor, she was responsible for what took place on her premises.

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Facts That Will Keep You Posted On This Great Development.

Canadian Labor Party To Open Membership Drive in City

WITHIN a few days the local branch of the Canadian Labor Party will open a campaign in the city for an increased membership. It is now possible, it is announced, for individuals to enter the party as individuals and not as members or representatives of unions or similar bodies.

The officers of the party state that they have many such applications on hand and have accordingly asked headquarters for a charter. When the latter arrives a special open meeting will be held when a new branch will be established.

TO OCCUPY NEW ST. JAMES' PULPIT

Rev. A. B. Winchester, formerly pastor of Knox Church, Toronto, will preach in New St. James' Presbyterian Church at both the Sunday services. Mr. Winchester, who is a lecturer of international reputation, is an earnest student of the school of pre-millennialism, and his work in this direction has been considered so valuable by Knox Church, Toronto, that he is being kept on salary by the church board, in order that he may be free to lecture on the subject.

Obituaries

RIAL KARN.

The death took place Friday at St. Joseph's Hospital of Rial Karn, 77 years old. The funeral will be held at Thamesford Sunday afternoon. The services will be conducted at the Thamesford Methodist Church.

JOHN DOLAN.

John Dolan, of 367 Maitland street, a railway mail clerk, died suddenly at his residence Saturday morning. Mr. Dolan was taken ill immediately after completing his run Friday night.

He was 46 years old. Besides a wife, he is survived by one son, John Dolan, four brothers, Michael and Thomas of Stratford, Martin of Grand Rapids and Peter of Toronto, and one sister, Mrs. Hushing of Stratford.

ARTHUR J. PEARSON.

The funeral was held Thursday of Arthur J. Pearson, who died suddenly while at his work at D. S. Perrin's Tuesday morning, from his residence, 22 Evergreen avenue. Interment was made at Woodland Cemetery.

Mr. Pearson, who was 62 years of age, is survived by a widow, Elizabeth Pearson; one son, William; four daughters, Misses Effie, Elva, Olive and Miriam, at home; one brother, Joseph Pearson of Stratford; and two sisters, Mrs. Rowe of this city and Mrs. Merrick of Stratford, also survive.

COURSEY'S DANCE HALL BURNS IN EARLY MORNING

Mysterious Fire Destroys Building and Damages Houses and Barn.

Fire completely destroyed the Coursey dance hall, 745 1/2 Grey street, at 4:20 o'clock Saturday morning, igniting a barn at the rear of 18 Hyatt avenue and damaged two houses adjoining the dance hall. The total damage is estimated at \$2,000.

The origin of the fire is unknown. There had been a dance in the hall Friday evening.

When the firemen arrived the fire was burning so fiercely that it seemed as if a number of houses would be burned. Two colored gentlemen, both deaf, were taken from the house by the firemen because it was feared that it would become ignited.

The dance hall, which is a single story frame structure, was valued at \$1,000.

GIVES BIG MONEY RETURN

William Holland Delivers Instructive Address Before Poultry and Pet Stock Association.

"There is nothing that will give better returns for the money invested than a good chicken farm," declared William Holland in an address before the members of the London Poultry and Pet Stock Association in Uster Hall, on Friday evening.

Mr. Holland is the owner of a large chicken farm, and his timely advice on the raising and caring for poultry proved valuable.

He advised chicken fanciers to hatch chickens early in the year, as the best results are then obtained. "Chickens that are hatched early in the year are not only much stronger, but they lay during the winter, when eggs