

60TH YEAR. NO. 23594.

STAFF PROBE ALLEGATIONS OF STEEL COMPANIES

L. R. STEEL HEAD THINKS CANADIAN INVESTOR SAFE

Former President of Chain Stores, Ill at His Country Estate. Believes There Is No Law Which Can Take Canadian Assets To Pay For American Liabilities.

DOLLAR PER DOLLAR FOR SHAREHOLDERS?

Special to The Advertiser.
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Buffalo, N. Y., March 12.—That Canadian shareholders of the L. R. Steel Company should get almost dollar per dollar value for their stock if the assets in Canada stay there, is the opinion of Leonard R. Steel, founder and past president of the organization. That he believes the Canadian assets will not be taken to balance the American liabilities was evidenced in an interview with The Advertiser yesterday.

Fifteen miles from Buffalo on his country estate, Mr. Steel is the victim of a nervous breakdown. As you approach his magnificent residence there is little to show that within is the nerve-shattered wreck of a businessman, who organized one of the greatest modern concerns. Yesterday the dazzling sunlight glinted on the stream, which rushes through the spacious grounds, on the white, many buildings, and on the now level surface of the four tennis courts. As the reporter approached the house there was a sudden shrouding. From behind an arched door a 9-year-old boy, Philip, the Steel's only child, after him came a barking collie. The youngster and dog continued in their flight, and disappeared with a modicum of bark and laughter behind the veranda.

Dangerously ill. Even on first entering the house there was nothing to show that here lay a man dangerously ill. The door was opened by a smiling maid. Within the hall was thick with a strange odor—a mixture—flowers—roses?—Yes, that was it. Roses and roses. But on the way upstairs to the sick room this faded, and in its place came the pungent smell of medicine. In a narrow bed lay Leonard R. Steel. He had been rumored that he was on the verge of death, under the care of two doctors and a nurse. When The Advertiser reporter called he was not in this position nor were his attendants present, yet undoubtedly he was ill. His dark complexioned brow, mounted by thick gray hair, was lined with wrinkles of worry. In a glimmering stare his brown eyes watched the ceiling; long dark fingers vibrated the bed clothes with incessant tapping.

As the reporter entered Mr. Steel, without a move or without a turn of his eyes, exclaimed: "I'm sick. I haven't been well for three years. I'm broken down. But I can't get my strength back the world will know it. I've lost all my money, just like the others, but if I had my health, I'd make it pay again. I'd—"

He stopped suddenly and turned on his side. He blinked his eyes and wiped them. He sighed.

He worked my head off for the company. I have not been to a show in three years. I have not been to church for that time. Then when I get sick the company goes to pieces.

"But what chance did I have? Everybody seemed to have it for me. They all had it. I had a lot of bums working for me. And the real estate men. Look at Toronto—the real estate men had everything I ever had. Why if you couldn't raise money on land on Dawson Avenue? He stopped speaking again.

"Who had it in for you and whom do you refer to as bums?"

"I'm not going to say," he replied. "It's enough to say that I have lost everything I ever had. Why if I had \$100,000 worth of stock and it's all lost."

"You ought to get something as a stockholder," he was reminded.

"Surely it can't be lost." "Yes," he answered, "but what will that amount to here? You have got all the assets in Canada, all the property, everything over there, but I don't mind that. I always liked Canada. The company never took a dollar out of Canada. It is all there now and the shareholders there want to hang on to it. They—"

He was interrupted by the entry of a tall, heavy-set lady, wearing a raincoat.

Mrs. Steel enters. "My wife," said Mr. Steel. "This was the woman whose social functions had been the talk of Buffalo. Now, according to her husband, she was on the threshold of poverty. Slowly Mrs. Steel removed the raincoat. Over a gingham dress she wore a vest, her husband's. This followed the coat.

"I was just saying I have not been to a show in three years," continued Mr. Steel. "Isn't that so, Mamie?" "Yes," replied Mrs. Steel. "And I've lost everything. Isn't that so, Mamie?" "Yes," said Mrs. Steel.

"And they've got all the money in Canada. Isn't that so, Mamie?" "Yes," said Mrs. Steel. "You know that all we've got left is this house, and we've got to move out and get a smaller place to live," continued Mrs. Steel.

"How much do you think the shareholders will get?" he was asked. "I cannot tell," he replied, "but I know this—with right management the company should pull through. Now the Canadian shareholders are much better off than the others; they've got all the assets there. They ought to be safe. They might even get dollar for dollar."

Canadian Assets? "What constitute the assets in Canada?" "Nearly all the property is there, all through the West and in Ontario. They can't take the property away from there."



WIN MEDALS IN ORATORY CONTEST AT LONDON SOUTH COLLEGIATE.

Reading from left to right: the talented young people are: William L. Smith, who captured the silver medal offered by Rowland Hill; Miss Ruth Lawton of Byron, winner of the silver medal presented by Victoria Mothers' Club in the lower school competitions; Miss Ruth Lawton, awarded the Nicholas Wilson Chapter, I. O. D. E. gold medal, and Arthur Hill, who won the gold medal offered by Wendell Holmes in the senior competitions.

The Nicholas Wilson Chapter, I. O. D. E. gold medal, and Arthur Hill, who won the gold medal offered by Wendell Holmes in the senior competitions. E. W. Grange, who delivered the verdict of the judges, stated that seventy per cent of the speeches he listened to during the years he was a member of the press gallery in the House of Commons, Ottawa, did not come up to the mark of those heard from the eight young contestants last Friday evening.

SAY GERMAN FINANCING FLEET OF RUM VESSELS

Cargoes Said To Be Taken From Glasgow To United States.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, March 12.—Wholesale rum-running into the United States by a fleet of four or five ships, registered under the Panamanian flag, is being financed by a prominent German magnate, according to information received in responsible United States quarters here. The fleet, it is declared, is being chiefly operated from the United States end by a former captain of a Hamburg-American liner.

Law's Residence Damaged By Fire

Home of British Premier Scene of Early Morning Blaze.

Special Cable to The Advertiser.
London, March 12.—Fire broke out in the second floor of the residence of Premier Donar Law at 10 Downing street at two o'clock this morning. The prime minister's family was aroused, but prompt appearance of the fire department prevented serious damage.

CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL ADD TWO TRUCKS

Expect North End Station Will Be Opened in Few Weeks.

If no further slashing of estimates occurs in connection with the finance committee two more combination chemical and hose trucks will be purchased this year for the fire department at a cost of about \$8,000. Equipment from the horse-drawn wagons will be used with the new vehicles. From present indications the north end fire hall will be re-opened within a few weeks. This question will receive the consideration of the council, when the entire fire department is under fire at a special session, soon after the tax rate is struck. With this additional equipment, it is stated that there will be three horses in actual service in the entire city, those in use at the central fire station.

RAISE CAR FARES.

Calgary, March 12.—Unable to gain increased patronage by the adoption of a five-cent fare, the Calgary municipal-owned street railway, following a two-month tryout, today began to sell tickets at the old rate of four for 25 cents.

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR IMPROVES.

Montreal, March 12.—The condition of Hon. Ma Callum Grant, lieutenant-governor of Nova Scotia, who was admitted to the Royal Victoria Hospital on Saturday, was reported this morning to be improved.

Mrs. Rose Pinfold Appeals At Osgoode For New Trial

St. Thomas Woman Will Continue \$40,000 Breach of Promise Suit Against Benjamin F. Honsinger.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, March 12.—Mrs. Rose Pinfold, widow of St. Thomas, who sued Benjamin F. Honsinger of the same place, for \$40,000 damages for alleged breach of promise of marriage, and whose action, tried before Mr. Justice Masten and a jury on Feb. 27 and 28, was dismissed, has lodged an appeal at Osgoode Hall in which she asks a new trial.

School Board To Try Force To Get Needed Classrooms

With Building Program Eliminated, Board of Education May Secure Temporary Accommodation and Make Council Provide Money Under General Estimates.

Although a few trustees favor carrying the matter to the people, others are fearful of the outcome. The various members of the board have been notified that it is necessary for the board to supplement its estimates to meet the cost of rent of rooms, heating, seating, other equipment and furnishings and janitor service. The cost of this has been unofficially placed in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

CHICAGO BANK SHORT AS MUCH AS \$600,000

State Bank Examiners Continue Investigation Behind Closed Doors.

Associated Press Despatch.
Chicago, March 12.—While the Logan Square Trust and Savings Bank, closed Friday after the finding of the body of its president, Fred W. Poppe, remained shut today, reports indicated state bank examiners had obtained information which caused their investigation to be extended. They declined official comment, but official reports placed a possible shortage as high as \$600,000.

INSPECTOR OF CANAL DROWNED UNDER ICE

Companion Is Rescued After Drifting Half Mile in Icy Water.

Canadian Press Despatch.
St. Catharines, March 12.—Antoine Cherrier, government inspector on the Welland Ship Canal, was drowned yesterday at Port Weller, while endeavoring to release an ice block from beneath a culvert. He was born in England of French parents 34 years ago. He went overseas with the 8th Battalion. He was financial secretary of the St. Catharines Branch of the G. W. V. A., and a member of the executive. An inquest will be held.

POLICE WATCH OFFICE OF COMMUNIST PAPER

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, March 12.—The police are keeping close watch on the offices of young Communists, where a Communist newspaper is printed. M. Selmer, a municipal councillor, and M. Laporte, are now under arrest, charged with inciting riots.

ANNOUNCE CO-OPERATIVE WHEAT MARKETING FIRM

Associated Press Despatch.
Minneapolis, March 12.—Final plans for the organization of a national co-operative wheat marketing firm have been completed and await approval by state organizations to put into effect, it has been announced here.

BRITISH ARMY ESTIMATES PROVIDE FOR £52,000,000

Associated Press Despatch.
London, March 12.—The British army estimates for 1923-24, made public today, provide for £52,000,000, as against £42,300,000 for the previous year, a saving of more than £10,000,000.

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Canadian Press Despatch.
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BADEN-POWELL COMING FOR EDUCATION PARLEY

Head of Boy Scouts Will Visit Canada in April.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, March 12.—Sir Robert Baden-Powell and Lady Baden-Powell will sail for Canada on Friday to attend the big conference on education and citizenship, which is to be held in Toronto during Easter Week, under the auspices of the National Council of Education. They are among the leaders in education and youth development in this country.

A Big Liquor Haul Is Made At Hull

Quebec License Officers Take Twenty Prisoners.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, March 12.—Quebec liquor license commission operatives, assisted by Hull police constables, paid a surprise visit to over twenty places in Hull Saturday night, and brought in large quantities of seized beer and liquor and twenty prisoners.

DEPARTMENT HANDS SCHOOL BOARD \$12,383

Government Grant for Vocational Training in London Arrives Opportunely.

As a balm to the feelings of the board of education, wounded by the city council in eliminating the whole of the school building program, came a check for \$12,383.38 from the department of education at Toronto this morning.

SAY 9,000,000 GERMANS GET GOVERNMENT AID

Associated Press Despatch.
Berlin, March 12.—Nine million persons in Germany are receiving government aid, according to a statement made by Food Minister Luther before the budget committee of the Reichstag. Six million of these are without incomes while the remainder are receiving aid.

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HEAVIEST SWISS SNOWFALL

Associated Press Despatch.
Bern, March 12.—Seventeen feet of snow, the heaviest fall ever recorded in Switzerland, have been piled on the peak of Mount Saentis

WESTERN 'U' GRANT MUST GO TO POLLS WITHOUT NEW LAW

Acting Mayor Burdick Suggests Amendment in Procedure Bylaw.

CITIZENS CAN SUE Can Recover From Aldermen If Grant Exceeding \$25,000 Is Made Without Vote.

If the city council proposes to continue its \$55,000 grant to the Western University the procedure bylaw should be amended, declared Acting Mayor George Burdick today. Mr. Burdick referred to the fact that there is considerable talk in "city hall circles" that the appropriation might be eliminated this year, and pointed out that according to the procedure bylaw, the councilors are not empowered to grant more than \$25,000 without a vote of the people.

"This has not been complied with in other years apparently," commented the acting mayor. While unwilling to express an opinion as to the advisability of any curtailment of the grant, as already suggested, Mr. Burdick did feel, however, that if the councilors proceeded to grant anything in excess of \$25,000, the citizens could sue and collect from the councilors themselves this added sum. He did not anticipate that such action would be forthcoming in any event, but pointed out that the action was there if anyone chose to use it.

"The bylaw should be amended if they intend to give this money," he commented decisively. Touching briefly upon the public school situation, Mr. Burdick feared that there could be no retreat from the stand of the council at the last session.

There is but one solution as far as I can see it for the school trustees, now that we have eliminated their building program. Take the session to the people. The matter is out of our hands."

DENIES BRIDE'S PARENTS BROKE UP THE WEDDING

Clarence Cook Resents Sensational Rumor—Declares He Has Poisoned Hand.

Special to The Advertiser.
St. Thomas, March 12.—Sensational front page news story published this morning in the London Free Press about late parents breaking up a wedding in St. Luke's Anglican Church at Yarmouth Heights Saturday, has raised the ire of the bridegroom, Clarence Cook, a resident in that district. Through his brother, Clarence today made emphatic denial of the report, declaring that there had been no parental interference, no emotional scene so graphically described, nothing except a very formal postponement of the ceremony on account of a poisoned hand, from which Clarence has been suffering for several days.

MILLIONS SALMON EGGS TRAVEL EAST TO WEST

Canadian Press Despatch.
Winnipeg, March 12.—Millions of salmon eggs being sent from the Miramichi hatchery at Newcastle, N. B., to the Dominion fish hatchery at Terrace, near Vancouver, passed through here yesterday. G. S. Davidson, the chief inspector of fisheries in the West, explained that this is the first experimental attempt to introduce the superior quality of Miramichi salmon into British Columbia.

PLAN FLEET OF GIANT FLYING MACHINES TO CARRY MAIL 1,500 MILES WITHOUT STOPPING

Associated Press Despatch.
London, March 12.—London to Australia by aeroplane in six days is regarded as possible by the British ministry, which is about to ask the aircraft industry for bids on building a great metal aeroplane to initiate the mail continuously, day and night, without incurring the risk of forced landing from London to Malta, a distance of 1,500 miles.

London to Australia by Air Is Aim of British Ministry

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L. & P. S. RAILWAY DEFICIT FOR 1922 EXCEEDED \$18,000

Rain on Holidays and the Decreased Freight Revenue Responsible.

Commissioners Feel Report Is Good Considering General Business Conditions.

While the London and Port Stanley Railway reveals a deficit of \$18,225.04 for the year ending Dec. 31 last, the commissioners gave assurance at their regular session this morning that there is no cause for alarm. Several weeks ago one of the commissioners speaking to The Advertiser, predicted a deficit of \$20,000 to \$25,000.

Submitting the annual statement, as audited and found correct, J. E. Richards, general manager of the city's road, gave brief, but illuminative, explanations for the decrease in receipts pointing out that this, when deducted from surpluses of former years, will leave the sum of \$189,255.48 as the aggregate surplus since the electrification of the road.

As anticipated, and as recorded in The Advertiser more than two weeks ago, the cost strike is chiefly responsible for last year's decrease, while a slight decrease in passenger earnings and from the Port Stanley park is also noted.

Operating Expenses

Passenger	\$27,100.24
Freight	206,922.11
General	\$12,633.57
Pt. Stanley	67,710.29
Yk. Pk.	81,348.56
Total	\$564,431.90
Operating Expenses	\$587,820.29
Pt. Stanley Park	52,260.88
Gross Income	\$124,400.73
Deductions From Income	
Interest	\$82,594.96
Rental	20,000.00
Taxes	10,496.31
Total	113,091.27
Net Income	\$11,309.46
Special deductions, sinking fund	29,337.50
Deficit	\$18,225.04

POSSE SHOOT NEGRO, ENDING 2-DAY CHASE

Wanted For Wounding Five People Attending Death Watch.

Associated Press Despatch.
Nashville, Tenn., March 12.—Louis Douglas, negro desperado, who shot and seriously wounded five persons who were attending a death watch at Spencer, Van Buren County, Thursday morning, was shot to death at the home of a tenant, on the property of Sam Hoston, one of the victims, by armed deputies, Saturday afternoon.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.
Today—Strong winds and gales from southeast, mostly cloudy, occasional showers.
Tuesday—Westerly winds, fair and comparatively mild.
Wednesday—An energetic disturbance, which developed in the southwest states, is centered this morning over southern Lake Michigan, causing high winds with snow and rain over the greater part of Ontario. Snow has fallen in many sections of the west, while in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces the weather has been fair.

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	46	35	Rain
Winnipeg	16	2	Snow
Port Arthur	16	2	Cloudy
Toronto	43	31	Cloudy
Kingston	42	30	Snow
Ottawa	28	12	Snow
Montreal	24	10	Cloudy
Quebec	20	8	Cloudy
Father Point	16	2	Clear
St. John	20	8	Fair
Halifax	36	8	Fair

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hrs. previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 42; lowest, 24.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a. m. today were: Highest, 42; lowest, 33.
Barometric Readings.
Sunday—8 p.m., 29.07.
Today—8 a.m., 29.37.

CYCLONE SWEEPS OVER THE SOUTH, TAKING LIFE TOLL

Freight Train Is Blown From the Track Near Pinson, Tenn.

OVER TWENTY KILLED

Wind Reaches Velocity of 80 Miles in Nashville, Highest Ever Recorded.

Associated Press Despatch. Jackson, Tenn., March 12.—Twenty persons are reported killed and 75 injured in the vicinity of Pinson, Tenn., twelve miles south of Jackson, by a storm which swept over that section last night.

A number of dead and injured are reported. About 50 dwellings about Pinson were wrecked, according to meagre reports received here.

A freight train was blown from the track in the vicinity of Pinson. Only minor property damage occurred here. Relief parties were sent from Jackson and plans to bring the injured to hospitals in this city.

Wire communication with Pinson is cut off.

THREE DEAD IN RICHMOND.

Associated Press Despatch. Richmond, Ky., March 12.—Three persons were killed, two fatally injured and a number seriously hurt by a cyclone which swept over a small section on the Madison-Fayette county border before midnight.

HIGHEST WIND RECORD.

Associated Press Despatch. Nashville, Tenn., March 12.—Hundreds of trees were uprooted and many roofs damaged in Nashville and vicinity by last night's wind, which reached a velocity of 80 miles an hour, the highest ever recorded here. Wire service has suffered severely.

GETS PRICES ON SCHOOL ERECTED IN INGERSOLL

Still interesting himself in the local school situation, ex-Ad. Adam Palmer stated today that he is in receipt of a communication from S. Grievs of Ingersoll, a former chairman of the board of education in that town.

The latter's letter is in reply to a query from Mr. Palmer as to a 16-room school erected there by a London contractor named Kern.

"They write and tell me that they are well pleased with the school in question," said ex-Ad. Palmer. "They have no fault to find with it, and it was erected at a cost of \$160,000, when prices were at their peak."

This is the contractor, Mr. Palmer alleges, who was refused the contract for the Oliver and Trafalgar street public school, now under construction.

GIRL'S AFFECTION JUMPS IN VALUE

It will be a good investment for both of you. Nothing jumps in value like your girl's affection—when you buy a perfect blue-white diamond from John A. Nash, My Jeweller, 182 Dundas street, "Where you will eventually buy."—Adv. zxy

CONFER ON ARMENIAN RELIEF.

Taking action promptly after their election, officers of the London branch of the Armenian Relief Association of Canada, met this morning held an informal conference with Rev. Dr. A. J. Vining, secretary for Canada. It was suggested during the meeting that London might take care of 25 orphaned children, bringing them to Canada, and providing for their maintenance. The cost of bringing a boy or girl is \$150.

FISHERIES PACT RATIFIED

Canadian and American statesmen showed their forethought this week by passing a law protecting the halibut. Show your own thoughtfulness by protecting your eyes against a depletion of nerve force. Let F. Steele examine them and make sure what condition they are in. Satisfaction guaranteed. F. Steele, Optician, 210 Dundas.—Adv. b

SPECIAL SONG SERVICE.

The service of song at First Congregational Church last evening was of special interest. The Sunday school orchestra rendered several selections acceptably. The anthem, "Father, Keep Us in Thy Care," with orchestral accompaniment, was a feature of the service. Miss Alberta Webb and Fred Kerr, basso, contributed helpfully with their solos. F. J. Fitzgerald, organist, contributed the musical part of the service. The pastor, Rev. M. Kelly, spoke on "Joy," and the whole service was of an inspirational character.

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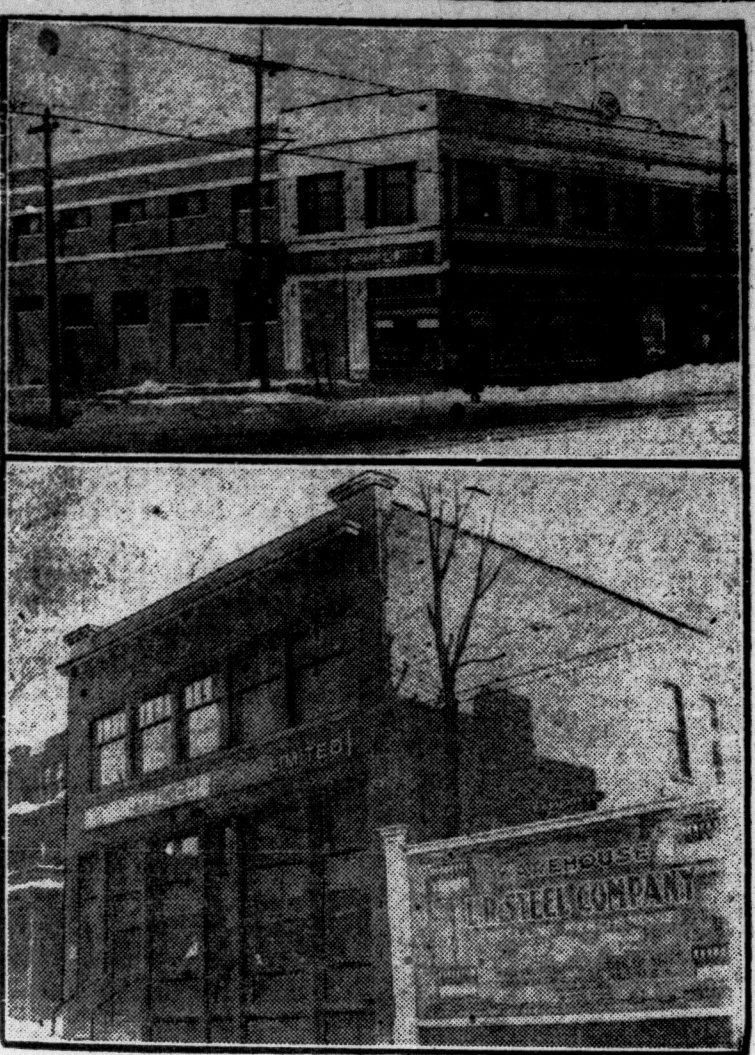
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CANADIAN HEADQUARTERS L. R. STEEL COMPANY. Above, the Steel store on Danforth avenue, Toronto, assessed at \$112,325; below, the warehouse on Mutual street, Toronto, assessed at \$22,125.

ASSERTS POSSIBILITY OF CONFLICT REMOTE

Rev. W. Beattie, D.D., C.M.G., Presents Views of Danger of New War.

GERMANY CRIPPLED

Claims Russia Is Only Country That Presents Menacing Attitude.

"War is possible, but even at that is not very probable. Russia, the one nation in Europe, that might start a conflict, has no money, and she is generally conceded that she has no artillery to speak of. Her transportation system is also badly crippled. These factors would tend to show that a great war such as we experienced a few years ago is not very imminent."

This is the present situation as seen by Rev. William Beattie, D.D., C.M.G., of the First Presbyterian Church, and told to the members of his congregation in a three-minute sermonette Sunday night, entitled, "Is There Danger of Another War?"

News Looks Ominous. "Almost every morning we read in the paper pieces of news that look ominous so far as the probability of war is concerned," Dr. Beattie commented.

The other day we read that Russia was ordering 3,000,000 rifles. We don't know whether it is true or not, but the fact that it was heralded abroad shows the temper of that country today. Russia has millions of men and everything is uncertain there. That is the eastern side of the question. Let us consider the western side.

"France under arms today is within 40,000 men of the number Germany had in pre-war days. Germany's army of 1,000,000 men is still on foot. The war broke out and France has around 700,000 at the present time, with probably 3,000,000 of a reserve force. The reserve can be increased by half a million yearly."

"On the western side of Europe there is France and Belgium versus Germany. It is the confident belief that Germany hasn't an army any larger than specified in the peace treaty. Her air force is almost a negligible quantity and she has very little artillery."

Dr. Beattie pointed out that in actual numbers the French air force is three or four times greater than it was in 1914 and many times greater as far as fighting potency is concerned. She has nearly 1,300 aeroplanes and now has bombing planes carrying bombs, the effectiveness of which is one hundred times greater than at the beginning of the great war. The reserve can be increased by half a million yearly."

Used For Policing. "In Central Europe, Czechoslovakia has an army of between 700,000 and 800,000 men. Germany's army totals 1,000,000 and Austria's fighting force does not exceed 30,000 men. It is the confident belief for policing purposes," the speaker asserted.

"To all general appearances, Poland, Rumania, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia are all allies. Germany cannot be considered seriously so, it doesn't look like another war there."

"According to reports, Russia is asking for 3,000,000 rifles. The country has a tremendous reserve force of semi-trained men that could be thoroughly trained in a short time, but when we look at the financial and economical condition of the country we realize that the danger of Russia starting trouble is a minimum."

"There is one comfort. Germany has only about one-seventh or one-eighth the fighting strength of France. The reserve can be increased, but Britain's bulldog jaw has got them scared."

"Nobody wants war and everybody fears it. There may be small scraps, but I don't think there will be a great conflict for a long time."

WILL SPEAK HERE.

One of the outstanding events at the annual meeting in Brantford of the United Brotherhood of Trade held last week was the very fine address given by C. Price-Green, commissioner of resources of the Canadian National Railways, on "Canada's Raw Materials and Their Development." Mr. Price has consented to give this address in London at an early date. The secretary of the London Chamber was elected secretary of the United Brotherhood, and George S. Matthews of Brantford, president.

SMUGGLING BECOMES EVER MORE DIFFICULT

Customs Department Augments Staff of Agents at Border Cities.

AFTER PROFESSIONAL

Secret Officials Are Also on the Alert For Amateur Smuggler.

Slowly but surely the net is tightening around the confirmed smuggler and the amateur as well, who is wont to ply his trade between Canada and the United States at various border points or at spots on the international boundary where habitation is scarce.

Within the last month or two the department of customs and excise has greatly augmented its staff of secret agents, and at Niagara Falls, Bridgeport, Sarnia, Windsor and other points many a smuggler has found to his grief that the vigilance of the officers has increased and that on every corner almost, in the vicinity of the ferry landing, is a government agent.

Local men who through their connection with a government officer, for business reasons, keep in touch with the smuggling "thermometer," themselves admit that of late "spotters" have been visiting London more frequently than in the past.

Whether this city is a branch of the many "smuggling rings" that are alleged, by government officials, to be doing a thriving business at the present time, is not known. As far as can be ascertained, no important seizures have been made in the Port of City within the past few months.

The department has taken great pains to keep quiet what seizures have been made, and in many cases the local officials have been very careful to keep the matter out of the public eye. In this they have been aware that confiscation plans have been hatched right in this city by specially commissioned agents.

O. H. Talbot, collector of customs in this district, was loath to discuss the local situation this morning. He stated, however, that there has been no great change in seizures lately. The collector pointed out that the department's method is to work with a Detroit store, make his purchases, and then schemes for a way to take the goods across. The professional does not work openly. That class of criminal known as a "fence" usually handles the Detroit end of the business. By methods learned, after a long connection with the underworld, the "fence" is able to secure large quantities of merchandise without bringing himself before the eyes of government agents.

Recent visitors to Detroit bring back stories of Canadian smugglers in the larger stores of that city. A large staff is working at present in Detroit, they say, but none could be gotten to state how large a force is being taken across the river, or what procedure is being taken, other than that the purchasers of large orders of goods are watched after they leave the store.

In every instance, almost, the department finds that it is the amateur smuggler who goes openly to a Detroit store, makes his purchase, and then schemes for a way to take the goods across. The professional does not work openly. That class of criminal known as a "fence" usually handles the Detroit end of the business. By methods learned, after a long connection with the underworld, the "fence" is able to secure large quantities of merchandise without bringing himself before the eyes of government agents.

REVIVAL SUCCESSFUL.

The opening service of the revival meetings being held in the Grey Street Methodist Church were very well attended and marked by great enthusiasm. The meetings will continue every evening at 8 o'clock. Tonight Evangelist Crutcher will preach on "Daniel in the Lions' Den." He will be assisted in the service by the pastor of the church, Rev. H. D. Wright.

ISSUE STORM WARNING.

Washington, March 12.—The following storm warning was issued this morning by the weather bureau: "Strong east and southeast winds; and probably gales today. Severe storm over Upper Lakes region, moving rapidly northeastward."

WESTERN "COUNT" IS WELL KNOWN AS SALESMAN HERE

George Barry Acquired Prefix and Title of Count After He Left London.

A WIZARD SALESMAN

Local Man's Rise to "Fame" No Surprise to His Many Friends in City.

When Madame Du Barry, famous adventures, rose from Paris flower girl to dictator of the brilliant court of Louis XV, none thought her spectacular career would ever be equalled. The legend rises to the level of George Barry, former Londoner, however, closely approaches that of his notorious ancestor.

Numerous citizens remember George Barry when he was office boy and later salesman for the McPhillip Music Store. Now he is the biggest piano man in Seattle, and his name is "Count" Du Barry.

George worked here nine years ago. As soon as he left London for Winnipeg he changed his name to Du Barry. In letters to friends he attributed much of his success to the autocratic savor of the prefix.

"Du" did so much for him in selling pianos that later he decided to call himself "Count" Du Barry, and the wisdom of the choice is demonstrated in the flourishing piano business he enjoys today.

The life of George Barry under the caption, "From Office Drudge to Piano King," was featured in a photographic series in Saturday's edition of The Advertiser showing him sitting on a piano stool on one of the main streets with all his household furniture beside him. He was wearing an enthusiastic dog fancier, and he was dumped out of his apartment on the street by an irate landlord who refused to allow the count to keep his dog.

Interest in the romantic life of George Barry was aroused locally by a photograph in Saturday's edition of The Advertiser showing him sitting on a piano stool on one of the main streets with all his household furniture beside him. He was wearing an enthusiastic dog fancier, and he was dumped out of his apartment on the street by an irate landlord who refused to allow the count to keep his dog.

While in London "Count" Du Barry was one of the city's "characters." He bought one of the first buick cars. Later he purchased a Ford, and started the city by plunging through the Lucan bridge into the River Thames carrying a passenger with him. The car was smashed, but he escaped unhurt, and with nothing more injurious than a good ducking. One of his closest intimates laughed and long when confronted with the picture of Barry sitting on a stool in a Sunday paper.

A Great Advertiser. "George was always a great advertiser," he said. "I knew he had rechristened himself Du Barry, but this is the first time I've heard of him as count. George was always ambitious. However, and I won't be surprised to learn that he has become an earl or even a king. Some time ago he got nation-wide publicity by presenting a piano to the western states with a free piano on condition the inmates would not play jazz. He explained that the Du Barry family had never cared for jazz, and felt that the piano was a symbol of the wonder of classical compositions."

"He was master of every emergency. He used to get one word a day from his friends, and spring it on his friends. In this he had a vocabulary of words nobody else had ever heard."

"In Vancouver he established a few stores, and was wearing wealthy when after-war depression knocked him flat. Then he went to Seattle and advertised that he could sell much cheaper than his competitors because he was a dealer in second-hand goods. He hired a janitor. Now he owns the largest piano store in Seattle."

"There was no better salesman than George Barry in this city. He could sell a piano to a pig and a dog. He learned to play the piano without taking a lesson, and I have no doubt he will master the French tongue now that he has become a count."

LONDON SHOWS WELL AGAINST HAMILTON

Proposed Expenditures for 1923 Compared With That in "Ambitious City."

London's proposed expenditures for 1923 as they now stand at \$25,385,000, compare favorably with other communities in the province, declared City Treasurer James Bell today.

Commenting upon the City of Hamilton, he submits the following comparison: "The City of Hamilton is fully twice the size of London."

COMPARATIVE TAX LEVY.

	Hamilton, London.
Debt charges (city's share)	\$1,187,035 \$500,182 44
General rates	1,424,955 790,016 99
Separate	108,927 44,531 71
Public schools	1,193,695 605,365 23
Col. Institute	141,551 211,172 76
Rel. school	230,604 104,973 04
Parks board	140,263 39,400 00
Library board	59,000 26,150 00
	\$4,491,100 \$2,221,772 17

"A KENTUCKY BELLE" PLEASES AT HIGHGATE

Special to The Advertiser. Highgate, March 11.—The Turin Dramatic Club presented their play Friday evening, "A Kentucky Belle," and proved an unqualified success. The amateur players were Mrs. Pierce, Miss Marie Douglas, Isabel Douglas, Vanda Smith, Mary Van Harlinger, Mary Dickson, Col. Wm. McMillen, Thos. Hastings, Dr. Blake, Griffith, John Cason Gordon, Jack Cason, and Elgin Wootton. Mrs. Gordon, Hattie Richardson, and three men, Arthur Wootton, Charlie Richardson, Bert Dickson. A solo by Miss Irene Dickson contributed towards an enjoyable evening. Hailstorm was contributed by Mr. Garnet Hogge.

Transportation Problem Must Be Solved This Year

City Must Reach Decision as to Future of London Street Railway Before End of 1923—Mayor in Favor of Municipally Owned Motor Bus Fleet.

What is the best solution for London's transportation problems? This is a question that must be answered by the ratepayers before the end of 1923.

Despite the efforts of the 1922 mayor and council, the ratepayers by a trifling majority declined to accept what the experts submitted as the one best remedy—until 1930 the London Street Railway and its operation as a municipal asset.

As a disappointing consequence the problem still be quashed and automatically confronts the 1923 mayor and council.

The latter have been prompt to appreciate the fact that action must be forthcoming without undue delay. Early in 1924 the street railway corporation must know definitely just what the people desire to be done if they intend to purchase the road intact, notice must be given by that date or else the company's franchise will be forfeited.

This is in accordance with the provisions of that famous agreement with the city—which Mayor Wenige maintains can still be quashed in the high courts—bylaw No. 916.

Will Not Dodge It. The 1923 administrators are not preparing, however, to dodge the issue. Already they have ruled that the city will give one more chance to state whether they shall enter the transportation business.

Another vote will be taken, but Mayor Wenige and others maintain that adequate facilities can be assured by other than the purchase of the road. They suggest that the "freze-out" method might be possible by the inauguration of a municipal omnibus system.

And at the forthcoming election it is just possible that the ratepayers will be asked also to sanction an \$800,000 expenditure—the initial outlay required, according to Mayor Wenige—for a fleet of 62 modern buses, with garage and other facilities.

At this moment Mayor Wenige and several members of the council are in Cleveland viewing at close range the buses in question, and upon their official report to the council will be made a decision.

"Competition is the spice of life," Mayor Wenige says, "and the 'survival of the fittest and the weak to the wall.'"

THINK ROBINSON FIRE OF INCENDIARY ORIGIN

Assistant Fire Chief Unable To Find Any Other Cause.

Deputy Fire Chief Scott, who was in charge of the department in fighting the blaze which yesterday afternoon caused some \$5,000 damage to the building owned by Cliff Robinson on Dundas street, stated to The Advertiser that the fire had been of incendiary origin, as no other theory could be advanced.

"There were no definite signs of the place having been set on fire," he said, "but it is a strange thing when an absolutely bare room catches fire on Sunday afternoon when no person is near there on business or nobody living there on the floor above."

Mr. Robinson, who owns the building, is of a similar opinion.

"The room on the second floor where the blaze started was utterly bare of papers and other things, anything else of that nature," he said, "and there were no electric wires where this might have caused a short circuit."

The door where the fire started, he said, "was recently renovated and there was not a thing in the room Saturday night, so from that fact I think it must have been set on fire intentionally."

There is a wide hole burnt by the flames in the ceiling of the store on the ground floor, but most of the damage was done in the room of the second floor, where the blaze first gained headway.

The fire was first noticed about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and with a few minutes very few feet in the city was on the scene.

Three lines of hose were laid, two from the rear and another from Dundas street.

Mr. Robinson is loud in his praise of the firemen under Assistant Chief Scott, who responded so promptly and did such good work in keeping the flames confined to the rear of the second story.

EPWORTH LEAGUE HOLDS SUCCESSFUL MEETING

Special to The Advertiser. Lambeth, March 12.—The monthly devotional and concert meeting of the Epworth League was held Tuesday evening. Despite the stormy weather there was a good attendance, especially of young men.

A talk on "Brotherhood," was given by Fred Jones, followed by an interesting discussion.

Arrangements were made for a lecture, by "The Last Days of Pompeii," to be given by Dean Fox of Western University, March 20.

The members of the Epworth League and W. M. M. are giving a shower of fruit, vegetables, etc. for the children of the Thomas Alway Home, Tuesday evening.

The monthly meeting of the Methodist W. M. M. was held Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Bolby. The president, Mrs. Millon, presided. The attendance was good. The names were added to the roll, two as new members and two by transfer. Arrangements were made to hold an Easter meeting on April 2. A number of garments were distributed to be made for the Thomas Alway Home.

Deposits increase rapidly

THE following comparative figures indicate an almost steady acceleration of the rate of growth of total deposits, especially during the last few years.

Year	Deposits
1857	263,100
1862	474,722
1872	2,803,479
1882	3,730,470
1892	7,817,429
1902	15,119,753
1912	41,622,345
1917	63,907,297
1922	73,678,757

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Cor. Dundas and Adelaide Sts.

EMBRO

Special to The Advertiser. Embro, March 11.—A meeting of the milk producers will be held in the C. O. F. Hall on Wednesday afternoon, March 14, at 2 o'clock.

Miss Mildred Moulton of Mount Elgin was a visitor at the home of Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Atkinson on Sunday.

L. AND P. S. DEFICIT IS SHOWN AS \$18,000

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of Sir Adam Beck. "If any other line of business had encountered the same difficulties as the railway has, I know that they would not consider this deficit as anything but a remarkable showing; especially when we were to depend so largely upon the coal tonnage. There is no doubt but that a great portion of this can be made up this year, as it will be necessary to get the district supply of coal up to normal."

The other members of the commission voiced similar sentiments.

Rain Caused Losses. "There is nothing in connection with this report that anyone should feel alarmed about," reported Manager Richards. "Our passenger earnings show a decrease, largely in the months of May and December. The weather was bad during May, while in December it was likely that the people were more pinched for ready finances, and did not travel as much for Christmas shopping. In addition to this it rained in Port Stanley on every holiday, with the exception of Labor Day."

"Our freight earnings also show a decrease, which would not be considered as such in ordinary business. In fact it would be considered an increase. There was a shortage in the coal, coke and steel tonnage, but there was a substantial increase noted with respect to switching and ordinary freight tonnage. Our loss is explained purely and simply by the decrease in the coal and steel shipments, occasioned by the big coal strike over which we have no control."

Park Revenue Drops. "There was a decrease in car demurrage also, by reason of the strike, as there were less cars to handle, and for the same reason there was a decrease in car weighing charges. Another decrease was noted in the exchange and surcharge on American money."

"While the park shows a decrease of \$3,432.70 in receipts, our expenses in that connection were reduced by \$3,767.31, which really means an increased revenue. This is a remarkable record in view of the inclement weather on our best days when there were in all 22 carloads of people who never got off the cars."

Submitting their report, the auditors compliment the office system and general efficiency of that department, and while they make one or two suggestions to expedite the work, they report that they did not find it necessary to change any of the figures registered by the railway employees.

DEATH CLAIMS FOUR RESIDENTS OF ORFORD

Highgate and District Mourns Passing of Aged and Young Citizens.

Special to The Advertiser. Highgate, March 12.—Word has been received of the sudden death in California of David O'Neill. Deceased was on a trip south with his son, who is ill. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

Death has claimed another of Orford's most highly-esteemed pioneers in the person of John McWilliams, aged 82 years.

The funeral was held Saturday at 2 p. m. from the residence of his son, Interment was made at Purcell's Cemetery. His wife predeceased him several years ago.

The funeral of Mrs. William Perrin was held from the family residence, Orford, Saturday afternoon, and was largely attended.

Deceased was 21 years of age and is survived by her husband and one daughter.

The funeral of William Ford was held from the residence of his son John Ford, this afternoon and was largely attended. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. L. E. Gosling. Interment was made in Duart cemetery. Deceased is survived by two sons, John of Orford and Henry of Detroit.

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Find Charcoal Embedded In Coal

Unique Discovery Made in Welsh Fuel At Brantford.

Special to The Advertiser. Brantford, March 12.—At the city hall may be seen a piece of charcoal which was discovered imbedded in a chunk of Welsh coal. It is impossible to say how many thousands of years this had been there, but the graining of the tree of which it had been a part is plainly discernible. It is presumed that a piece of the tree was fused by the extreme heat, and developed into the charcoal nature of the other material, coal. Authorities state the discovery is very unusual.

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Photographs That Are Different At The O'Brien College Studio 214 Dundas St., London

QUEBEC WOODMAN IS KILLED AS TREE FALLS

Went Alone Into Bush—Leaves Three Small Children.

MISSING TWO DAYS

Employer, Becoming Worried, Goes to Investigate Man's Absence.

Special to The Advertiser.
St. Anne de La Perle, Que., March 12.—A gruesome discovery was made Friday in the bush, a short distance from this village, when the body of Octave Deveau, a local resident, was found crushed to death under a tree.

Deveau, who was 28 years of age, and a widower, having lost his wife six months ago, being left with three young children, of whom he was the sole support, had been soliciting employment for some time to provide for his small family. Last week, Conrad Tessier, a local lumberman, offered him employment to cut wood at a short distance from the village. Deveau accepted and left on Tuesday, expecting to return the same evening.

On Thursday he had not yet shown up, and finally yesterday Mr. Tessier, worried over the disappearance of his employee, proceeded to his timber limits, which are situated near the mountain. On arriving there, he found no one in the log cabin, and easily established that no one had been in the camp since a day or two.

He searched around, but failed to locate the missing man. Finally, as he was to return to the village, he saw an arm sticking out of the snow which had fallen during the storm of Wednesday last. The man was found there with a heavy tree across his chest. Deveau had apparently been dead since Tuesday.

He had suffered no injuries apart from that, but had been crushed to death by the tree which was cutting down. The scene was easily reconstructed, and apparently Deveau had struggled for some time to get away from there, but had been unable to do so.

The coroner's inquest was held Saturday by Dr. Vanasse, and after hearing a relation of the facts a verdict of accidental death was returned. It is understood that the three children, the oldest being 6 years of age, will be adopted by some local residents.

FINE SARNIA MAN \$500 IN "EXTRACT" CASE

S. Jacks Convicted On Charge of Keeping Liquor For Sale.

Special to The Advertiser.
Sarnia, March 12.—Magistrate C. S. Woodrow Saturday afternoon assessed Samuel Jacks, the storekeeper, from whom the police seized over a thousand bottles of extract last week, \$500 and costs of \$43.83, following his conviction on a charge of keeping liquor for sale. With the conviction against this defendant, the charge against Mrs. Riva Jacks was not prosecuted.

In summing up, the magistrate expressed the conviction that a sale of extract to an Indian for consumption on the premises was proved, and pointed to the fact that within twelve months the defendant had purchased 40 gross of bottles of extract, while a leading grocer in the town had testified that normally, a gross would last him for seven or eight weeks.

A second charge of failing to keep a record of sales was enlarged for a week at the request of the crown attorney, who would not agree to the defending counsel's suggestion that the second charge be withdrawn. The seizures were made by Provincial officer Leslie Atkins.

FORMER PARKHILL BOY LOCATES GOLD MINE

G. Glendenning Partner in Valuable Mineral Deposit On Superior Shore.

Special to The Advertiser.
Parkhill, March 12.—George Glendenning, a former McGillivray boy and a former Parkhill High School student, in company with Mr. Foster, are credited with having discovered a valuable gold mine on the shores of Lake Superior, according to the financial post of Toronto. The values are so varied and irregular that it is reported, they hesitate to announce the results of sampling. Mr. Glendenning was among those who were in New Ontario in the early days, and he discovered a valuable silver mine at that time. He is a brother of Mrs. Wilson Eagleson of this town.

SUFFERS CRUSHED FINGER IN COGS OF SEPARATOR

Special to The Advertiser.
Port Elgin, March 11.—Mrs. Charles Welshman badly mangled the index finger of her left hand while cleaning the cog wheels of a cream separator, her finger becoming caught between the cogs when the machine was in motion. It is feared that the finger may have to be amputated.

STEAMER ARRIVALS.

New York, March 11.—France, Havre; March 10, Manchuria, Hamburg.
Quebec, March 11.—Regina, New York for Liverpool.
Schooner Hits Reef.
Associated Press Despatch.
Turks Island, Bahamas, March 12.—The British schooner Scipio, sailing for Lunenburg, N. S., struck a reef off the Caicos islands Friday night. The crew was saved, but the captain today reported his vessel a total loss.

SIX FISHERMEN DIE IN ATLANTIC STORM

Nova Scotia Schooner Helen Coolen Founders in Moun-tainous Sea.

SURVIVORS SAVED

Men Blown Off Vessel by Ninety-Mile-An-Hour Hurricane.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Halifax, N. S., March 12.—Four fishermen out of Gloucester and two out of Hubbards, N. S., went to their deaths in the southwesterly hurricane which swept the North Atlantic fishing grounds on Wednesday and Thursday. The crack Gloucesterman, Elizabeth Howard, barely saved herself from resting her bones on Sable Island, and the Hubbards schooner, Helen M. Coolen, foundered.

The story was brought yesterday by the Gloucester vessel which rescued the survivors of the Nova Scotia schooner and brought them to port.

John MacLeod, St. Peter's Canal, Cape Breton, James Murphy, Canoe N.S., Herbert Blondin, Newfoundland, and Miles O'Brien, Newfoundland, were swept overboard from the Elizabeth about 12:30 a.m. on Thursday, when their vessel fell off a heavy sea almost on her beam ends and was buried beneath tons of water from leeward.

Buried Beneath Sea.
Stewart Boutillier, Mill Cove, N.S., and Joseph Bunt, West Dover, N.S., also went to their deaths about 10:30 p.m. Wednesday night, when the Helen M. Coolen was buried beneath a mountainous sea.

For four hours after the quadruple loss, Captain Daniel MacDonald of Bayfield, Antigonish County, N. S., and his crew of the Elizabeth Howard, drifted under barpoles before a 22-mile-an-hour hurricane, always near the fatal bars of Sable Island, where rest the Esperanto, Puritan, and many other brave fishermen. At last, on Friday, herself safe, the Howard came like a messenger from heaven to the rescue of the men of the Helen M. Coolen, who since the loss of their two shipmates, had battled in a leading and ruthless vessel to save their ship and themselves.

The Coolen beneath them was a broken raft and fast sinking. Howard came close by and the crew put off from the Coolen in their dories in heavy-running seas and found safety, as their own vessel lay awash and ready to sink.

The Elizabeth Howard sailed from Gloucester on a halibut trip on Feb. 5th.

Rudder Unworkable.
Meanwhile death had taken its toll from the Helen M. Coolen. Captain Arthur Fraick, Hackett's Cove, N.S., the Coolen's skipper, was on the vessel and anchored on the west bank that evening. Wednesday morning a southeast breeze struck them and increased all day. That night the hawser parted. The hail was put up, but was torn to pieces. It was hauled down and Stewart Boutillier, Joseph Lebel, and George Lamer set to work with it. Ignor, half stunned, clung to the vessel. The sea, which swept the men overboard, made the schooner's rudder unworkable and opened her seams.

No sail could be put on the vessel and she could not be steered. The Coolen drifted all day and through Thursday night, with seas opening and water pouring through.

On Friday morning the two hurricane-struck vessels came together.

COUNTERFEITING PLANT SEIZED IN MONTREAL

False Fifty-Cent Pieces Are Flooding the Dominion, Declare Detectives.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Montreal, March 12.—A counterfeiting plant for the making of 50 cent pieces, Canadian currency, was seized by the R.C.M.P. Saturday. The seizure was followed by the appearance before Judge Proulx of G. A. Brisson of this city and Al Marlotte of New York, the latter being arrested ten minutes after stepping from a New York train at Bonaventure depot Saturday morning.

Both prisoners were arraigned charged with counterfeiting, and remanded for enquete in the sum of \$1,500 bail each.

Judge Proulx was given to understand by detectives that counterfeiting of Canadian currency was going on so extensively that the Dominion was flooded with spurious money of the 50 cent denomination. The counterfeit money is judged to be \$7.5 per cent silver, showing a small profit on each piece struck off.

ITALY TO SEND MINERS TO DIG COAL IN RUHR

Press Demands Participation To Secure Reparations Due From Germany.

Special Cable to The Advertiser.
Rome, March 12.—Italy may send her own miners to dig coal reparations out of the Ruhr.

With the nation facing a critical situation, owing to world-wide emigration restrictions, Il Nuovo Paese, semi-official government organ, is leading the cry for participation in the Ruhr adventure. It points out that Italy would be justified in mining at least that portion of Ruhr coal due her under allied agreement.

The Italian press generally supports the idea, which is believed to have been put out by the government as a feeler of popular sentiment.



CLINTON COLLEGIATE HOCKEY TEAM.

Here is the Clinton Collegiate hockey team, snapped by The Advertiser photographer before they had eliminated Sarnia, contenders Saturday. They are: J. Bowden, r. w.; A. Sinclair, manager; W. Hovey, d. Elliott, d. S. Cantelon, faculty representative. Lower row—J. Higgins, sub.; O'Brien, sub.; K. Rorke, c.; G. Elliott, goal; Ken Robertson, l. w.; G. Hall, trainer.



SARNIA COLLEGIATE HOCKEY TEAM.

Here The Advertiser photographer shows the Sarnia Collegiate team, eliminated by Clinton Saturday. They are: Back row—J. Richardson, coach; George Simpson, manager; C. R. Ashdown, faculty representative. Middle row—R. Hays, c.; R. Robinson, d.; S. Moore, d.; J. Palmer, w.; R. Brown, sub. Bottom row—C. Lebel, w.; A. Grant, goal; D. McKay, sub.

MAN CONVICTED OF MURDER DECIDES ON HUNGER STRIKE

Nicola Sacco Starts Twenty-Fourth Day Without Eating Food—Declares He Is Innocent of Dual Slaying—Does Not Care To Live.

By MARTIN HARDEN, Special to The Advertiser.

Dedham, Mass., March 10.—Nicola Sacco, convicted of murder, in his cell now is beginning his twenty-fourth day of self-imposed hunger strike. It is considered doubtful that he will be able to go to court next Friday, when his lawyers will continue argument for a new trial. That is a small matter, he says. "I expect to be dead in three weeks anyway," he declared, shrugging his emaciated shoulders, "and thus show the enormity of the injustice done. I am innocent of crime."

Sacco and his pal, Bartelemeo Vanzetti, were convicted of the murder of Policemen Alessandro Bonarrelli and Frederick A. Parmenter, a shoe factory paymaster, April 15, 1920.

The case has been dragging along in the courts ever since. Yesterday counsel for the defense, asked another week in which to complete argument for a new trial. Against the wishes of Sacco, who urged a swift

conclusion, the judge granted the postponement. The prisoners were escorted back to confinement, Vanzetti going to the State Prison at Boston, and Sacco coming to the jail here, where he has lived for 34 months.

Scenes even more dramatic are expected next Friday, particularly if internationally famous Sacco is carried to court on a stretcher, although it is considered doubtful that the government will submit standing counter-affidavits to those of the defense counsel. The defense contends that two government witnesses since the trial of 1921 have "taken back what they said against Sacco and Vanzetti." The government will tend to the contrary of the witnesses were coerced into contradicting themselves for the prisoners' benefit, and one was drunk when writing his self-contradiction.

And while the prosecutors and the lawyers for defense marshal their forces from the imminent affray, Nicola Sacco turns away from vials of food, and cooks by friends in an attempt to draw him from his purpose, and suffers. His wife pleads with him to eat. He shakes his head wearily.

FIRE CAUSES DAMAGE OF \$250,000 TO PLANT

Canadian General Electric Building in Toronto Scene of Disastrous Blaze.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, March 12.—The vacuum tube department of the Canadian General Electric Company was gutted by fire late yesterday, entailing a loss to stock, machinery and building unofficially estimated at \$250,000. The loss is well covered by insurance, according to J. A. Bremner, assistant general manager of the company. The west section of the structure, used as a laboratory, was saved, but suffered slight damage by water. In this section were stored many valuable radio outfits and X-ray equipment, which escaped the fire.

According to one official, the fire, which originated in a circuit box, destroyed thousands of electric bulbs, varying in price from 20c to \$4.50. There were no partitions in the gutted building, with the result that the fire made a clean sweep. When he discovered that it was impossible to save the structure Fire Chief Russell directed his men to save the adjoining buildings, comprising several one-story sheds and a foundry immediately south of the burning building. The fire chief declared that it was one of the worst fires his men had been called upon to fight in recent years.

Mr. Bremner stated that the loss would be a serious one to the company because of the large amount of manufactured material destroyed which will require some time to replace.

Obituaries

PAUL SUTHERLAND.
Woodstock, March 12.—Paul Sutherland, well-known resident of Woodstock, died Sunday following a lingering illness. Deceased, who was born in East Zorra in 1856, came to Woodstock 25 years ago. Surviving are his widow and son, George, a school teacher in Chatham.

MARY ETHEL PARKER.
Woodstock, March 12.—The death occurred on Saturday of Mary Ethel, infant daughter of Alderman and Mrs. Bene Parker. Funeral takes place Monday afternoon to the Methodist Cemetery.

URGES RICH RESORTERS TO GIVE UP DRINKING

Rev. Dr. George Ward Has President Harding To Hear Sermon At Palm Beach.

Special to The Advertiser.
Palm Beach, Fla., March 12.—In a church packed to suffocation so that one woman fainted and others were forced to leave, President Harding Sunday listened to a sermon on the text: "It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

The sermon, preached by the Rev. Dr. George Gordon Ward in the Royal Poinciana Chapel, was directed at the millionaire winter colony here. No reference was made to Harding's Presence in the congregation until after the sermon, when Mr. Maud Ballington Booth, head of the Voluntarys of America, in a speech for funds for ex-convicts, evoked applause by mentioning the president.

Dr. Ward hit at the wealthy, who, he said, are working to break down the prohibition amendment on the plea that it ought to be made as easy for the poor man to get his highballs and wines. He urged his moneyed hearers to stand for law enforcement, give up vice like drinking and gambling, and devote their fortunes to make the world better.

CHATHAM PLANS ROUTE FOR PROVINCIAL HIGHWAY

Special to The Advertiser.
Chatham, March 12.—The city engineer's department has prepared a map showing the route of the provincial highway through the city.

The route, as outlined, shows the highway using Grande avenue east to Thames, and the latter street to Centre and School streets to Queen street and to Richmond, thence westerly to Tilbury and Windsor.

FRENCHMEN ASSASSINATED.
Associated Press Despatch.
Recklinghausen, March 12.—Two Frenchmen, one an officer and the other a civilian railroad man, were assassinated Saturday in the streets of the mining town of Buer, near Recklinghausen.

KENT POLICE HOLD WALTER ANDERSON

Former St. Thomas Manager Charged With Misdeed Committed in Dresden.

REMAINED FOR WEEK

Claimed Accused Secured Loan For His Company On False Pretenses.

Special to The Advertiser.
Chatham, March 12.—Walter C. Anderson, former head of the Provincial Machine & Supply Co. at St. Thomas, is being held by the county authorities for a swindle alleged to have been perpetrated following the establishment of a branch plant in the town of Dresden. Anderson, who was arrested by the Toronto police, was brought to this city Friday night by Chief Campbell of Dresden, and was formally arraigned before Magistrate Carscallen in county police court Saturday. He was remanded for one week. He may be released if bail of \$5,000 is put up on his behalf.

The particular charge on which Anderson was arrested is one of false pretences. It is alleged that on the 10th of February, 1922, one M. J. Jeffs of Dresden, a shareholder in the branch plant established in Dresden, backed the company's note for \$2,000 on a loan secured from W. O. Weise.

It further alleged that defendant represented that the company was worth \$60,000 and that there were no encumbrances against it. Last summer the company made an assignment to its creditors.

CLINTON TRIMS SARNIA W.O.S.S.A. SEMI-FINAL

Winners Earn Right to Play Off Against Woodstock—Simcoe Woodstock.

Clinton High School at noon today defeated the Sarnia Collegiate hockey team, 6-2, in a postponed W. O. S. S. A. semi-final, and earned the right to meet the winner of the Woodstock-Simcoe clash in a final series for the title. The Woodstock-Simcoe game has been ordered for either tonight or Monday night at Paris, and it is altogether likely that the W. O. S. S. A. championship will be decided before the end of the week.

The Clinton lads buckled down to work immediately after, and before the first period had ended were leading 2-0. Both forward lines showed stick-handling ability of no mean degree, and had a noticeable edge on defense work. G. Elliott, the Clinton youth in goal, played a cool, clever game, stopping at least three shots after the Sarnia goalies—a lad who, it was claimed, was playing his second game in the net.

Clinton's lead was a contest with the Clinton marksmen, but let six corners past him.

J. Bowden and T. Elliott scored the Clinton goals in the first period. Bowden was again in the scoring line in the second period, notching two in a row. The second tally was a pretty shot, a head shot in front of the goal. Elliott took a final pass, beating Grant. Elliott poked in the fifth Clinton goal from a mid-up in front of the goal. Grant scored Sarnia's first during this period.

More finally found an alley under the goal—Elliott's arm—for Sarnia's second and last counter in the last session. Lebel and Menore and Hays were playing a strong Sarnia game, but could not regain the lead. The Clinton boys won the game 6-2 before the end of the fray and all further attempts were futile. The lineup: Clinton—G. Elliott, goal; M. Hovey, J. Elliott, defense; K. Rorke, centre; J. Bowden, K. Robertson, wings; O'Brien, J. Higgins, substitutes.

Sarnia—A. Grant, goal; S. Menore, R. Robinson, defense; K. Hays, centre; G. Lebel, D. Palmer, wings; D. McKay, K. Brown, substitutes.

Referee—W. Legg.

RULES UNION ILLEGAL, CANNOT SUE MEMBERS

Justice Galt At Winnipeg Gives Decision in Engineers' Case.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, March 12.—The decision of Mr. Justice Galt at Winnipeg that the International Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers as an "illegal organization" cannot sue its members in the courts has not created surprise in labor circles here.

It is stated in high labor circles here that the case is the result of a dispute between the International Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and a Canadian association of engineers which recently seceded from the parent body. S. T. Starr, who was the president in the case, secretary of the Canadian association.

The decision is not regarded as likely to cause much trouble to the union, as it is not looked upon as controlling the general situation. It is said that a Montreal court recently gave a decision pointing in the other direction.

Doubt is expressed here whether Mr. Galt held the "International Brotherhood of Engineers to be 'illegal' or merely 'non-legal'."

The distinction is regarded as important in labor circles.

OWEN SOUND MAN HURT AT WORK HOISTING LOGS

Special to The Advertiser.
Owen Sound, March 12.—Frank Blackmore had a narrow escape from death at the North American Bent Chair Company factory Saturday, when he was caught by the jack-hammer which he was operating, hoisting logs from the ground into the mill. He was badly mauled before the belt slipped off, thereby saving his life.

Blackmore was taken to the hospital, where he was found to have a large cut on the head and two of his fingers were so badly mutilated that it was necessary to amputate them.

DUKE SAILS FOR ENGLAND TO ADJUST TROUBLE

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, March 12.—The Duke of Leinster, who came to the United States to arrange for a two-mar-ketch race across the Atlantic against Wallace Nutting, United States sailing enthusiast, sailed for home on the Cedric to straighten out financial and domestic affairs which have become complicated during his absence.

Among the things to be looked after are a divorce suit by the Duke's wife, and a bankruptcy proceeding instituted by creditors.

WOMEN CAN NO MORE KILL WITH IMPUNITY

American Juries Determine They Must Pay for Crimes of Passion.

Special to The Advertiser.

New York, March 12.—Women can no longer "get away with murder." American juries have determined that women must pay for crimes of passion. These are the opinions of Ferdinand Pecora, assistant district attorney of New York, famed as one of the most astute and aggressive prosecutors in the city.

Discussing the sudden turn in the tide which swept Mrs. Lillian Raison and Mrs. Paulette Saunders into prison for murdering men, following a long list of acquittals of women who killed husbands and sweethearts, Pecora said today that the sentiment which says that slayers have heretofore been regarded as rapidly disappearing.

He believes this is due to the increase in these crimes, and to the greater freedom now given women. Time was when a bullet from a woman's revolver would take a man's life, and the shooter was charged at one and the same time. Any man shot by a woman was pre-supposed to be a rotter, worthy of quick death. But now, says Pecora, all that has changed.

"Men who serve on juries now are looking upon women with the same dispassionate eyes as upon prisoners of the own sex," he said in an interview.

"The Raison and Saunders case indicate an entire change in the masculine attitude. This change is based on two things, first, a clear recognition by men of feminine emancipation; second, the alarming growth of crimes of passion in which women were accused."

IMMIGRATION SCHEME MAY BE SUPERSEDED

Ontario May Have to Give Way to Dominion in Dealing With Britain.

By HENRY SOMERVILLE, Special Cable to The Advertiser.

London, March 10.—Though Ontario was the first Canadian authority to arrange schemes under the overseas settlement act, it may find most of its plans superseded by Dominion arrangements, which Deputy Minister Black of the Dominion department of immigration is making. He is coming to negotiate an agreement with the overseas settlement commission, and will arrive here Monday.

Part of the Ontario scheme, dealing with unmarried adults, is in operation, and the first batch of immigrants sail next week. But schemes for settling families and boys are held up by the Ontario government will not meet the settlement committee's requirements. The committee offers to pay half the cost of the boys' houses for agricultural settlers, if Ontario will clear an understanding that these houses will be used by immigrants and not the general public.

Regarding boy settlers, the committee requires that supervisors should be appointed in the first instance by the Ontario government, though afterwards they will be entirely under Ontario control. On both these points, the province and the committee failed to agree at an agreement. The committee would prefer to make an agreement with the Dominion rather than with the province, as it is possible that delay in completing the provincial scheme will result in its supersession.

150 PERISH IN SINKING OF GREEK TRANSPORT

Vessel Is Caught in Terrific Storm Between Salamis and Piraeus.

Associated Press Despatch.

Athens, March 12.—The Greek transport Alexander capsized and foundered Saturday with a loss of 150 lives. The vessel was caught in a terrific storm between Salamis and Piraeus.

The transport had on board 250 officers and men, on furlough from the Greek cruisers Georgio Savaroff and Lemnos. During the voyage a fierce gale was encountered. Three huge waves struck the Alexander, which turned over. An explosion of her boilers followed and the ship foundered. A smaller vessel, which preceded the Alexander, successfully weathered the storm.

When the Alexander capsized many craft hastened to the rescue, but a majority on board the transport were lost, owing to the smaller vessels being unable to get through the high seas. There were heart-rending scenes at the admiralty pier throughout Saturday night, where crews were watching the bringings ashore of bodies which had been picked up. An official today announced that the casualties numbered 150, among whom were two naval officers.

TYING SHEET IN KNOTS CHILDREN ESCAPE FIRE

Special to The Advertiser.
Toronto, March 12.—Irene and Leonard Dumbell, aged 7 and 3 respectively, Galt, March 11.—The approaching provincial election campaign will be inaugurated here on Friday, March 23, when the Conservatives will bring Hon. Howard Ferguson, their provincial leader, here to address a public meeting.

EUROPE WILL AGAIN BE PLUNGED IN WAR

Blasco Ibanez, Famous Novelist, Takes Pessimistic View of Future.

OUTLINES REASONS

Declares Spirit of War and Hatred Still in Blood of People.

By HUDSON HAWLEY, Special Cable to The Advertiser.

Mentone, France, March 12.—The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse will ride again, scattering war, destruction and ruin in their wake over Europe, Blasco Ibanez, famous Spanish novelist, declared Sunday, describing the World War, as declared the most vivid presentation of that subject, foresees an almost continuous state of conflict for Europe and envisages a mighty struggle within a decade, unless the people's hearts change.

Interviewed in a beautiful mansion on the side of a sunny slope overlooking the Mediterranean, the novelist took a gloomy view entirely out of keeping with his surroundings. He left the manuscript of a new romance, dealing with the Spanish period of California, and at once plunged into his predictions.

Takes Gloomy View.

"I am most pessimistic," he asserted. "I do not believe there is any solution of the European problem. The evil is too deep. It is here." And to emphasize this sentence Ibanez struck his chest.

"It is in the hearts of the people," he continued. "They are full of hatreds and bitterness. Politicians are thinking in terms of frontiers, territory and trade. We shall never have peace so long as that state of mind exists. The great war only heightened the feeling and made it more bitter."

"I think we'll have other wars—many of them. There are all the possibilities for them. Look at Russia, look at Germany, look at France, look at England."

"I do not wish to talk of the present situation; anyway, it is only a phase of the whole question. I believe that until there is some sort of international trust, there will be wars as there always have been."

Politics Still Narrow.

"Remember, literature is now international, science is international, trade is international. Many things are international, while politics, which is the most important of all in the lives of the peoples of the nations, is still narrow and nationalistic. Until that changes, and there is a little spirit of fraternity in the hearts of men, I see no hope of peace. I believe that peace will eventually come, but do not know when or how long."

POPE SEEKS TO SETTLE TROUBLES WITH SPAIN

Benediction of the "Golden Rose" To Be Conferred Upon Queen.

Special Cable to The Advertiser.

Rome, March 12.—Pope Pius has extended the olive branch to King Alfonso of Spain.

His benediction of the "Golden Rose" Sunday to be conferred upon the Queen of Spain is taken as an effort to solder the breach that has been created during the last year between the Vatican and the last important Catholic monarchy.

Following the disappearance of the Royal House of Hapsburg, King Alfonso has remained the last great European Catholic ruler. Despite the fact that Spain has thus become the Vatican's chief political mainstay on the continent, relations between the church and state have become increasingly serious ever since Pius was elevated to the papacy.

The difficulty began when the Pope reproached Alfonso for failing to carry out certain provisions of laws passed under the Canalejas ministry, which failure caused a suspension of diplomatic relations under Pius X. between Spain and the Holy See. The situation has since become so strained that Pope Pius has given days to reflection to find remedies. His decision to send the Queen of Spain the golden rose constitutes his first big step toward healing the breach. It is regarded as significant by the choice of the Vatican's most trusted secret chamberlain to bear the emblem to Madrid. The last time the honor was conferred upon the Queen of Portugal.

AUSTEN FAILS IN FIGHT AGAINST EXTRADITION

Will Be Brought Back To Mount Forest To Face Robbery Charge.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, March 12.—Louis Austen, who was arrested in New York, along with Thomas Nolan on the charge of robbing the Royal Bank of Canada, at Mount Forest, has failed in his fight against extradition to Ontario.

Nolan was freed by the extradition commissioner of alibi evidence, but Austen, when ordered for extradition to Mount Forest, through his counsel, made it known that he was wanted in Oklahoma to answer the charge of murder. An inquiry brought the information that there was nothing more serious in Oklahoma against Austen than a charge of bootlegging, and it has now been decided to send him back to Ontario for trial on the charge of robbing the Royal Bank of Canada.

Some of the bonds stolen were found on Austen.

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How Debt Grows.

Issuing debentures is an easy way of financing, and yet it is deceptive to many ratepayers. Even on work that is assessed against the property benefited, the city always has a large share made up of street intersections, etc.

The trouble is that we keep on adding year after year, and in the year 1923, when civic financiers all over the country are faced with a demand for a lessening of the load, the hands of the city are tied because the city purse has been mortgaged by councils that have passed out.

To make the case clear, take the record of London for the last ten years. We will suppose that the city is just starting to finance its local improvements. Here are the figures for ten years:

Year.	City Share.	Total.
1911	\$1,803.13	\$64,908.74
1912	987.69	37,865.97
1913	2,442.27	110,400.52
1914	3,318.08	201,509.54
1915	6,198.98	176,686.04
1916	9,089.11	261,537.18
1917	6,821.46	178,099.34
1918	3,649.05	101,117.55
1919	6,591.63	189,487.68
1920	13,151.98	499,824.15

Total \$57,104.87

That means that whereas the ratepayers in 1911 had to put up only \$1,803.13 for local improvements, they had to raise \$57,104.87 in 1920. But there should be some relief by this time, because the first lot of debentures issued in 1911 have been matured. Very well, let us take off that amount. It works out this way:

1920	\$57,104.87
Less 1911	1,803.13
	\$55,301.74

If the amount to be raised were not going to increase, the city could add each year what matured. But instead of that the amount the city is obligated to for 1921 local improvements was \$26,382.25. So, taking off 1911 and adding 1921 shows it like this:

1920	\$57,104.87
Less 1911	1,803.13
	\$55,301.74
Add 1921	26,382.25
	\$81,683.99

Total at 1921 \$81,683.99. So, starting with \$1,803.13 in 1911 as the annual amount to put in the tax rate for the city's share of local improvements, we have kept on adding year by year until in ten years our \$1,803.13 has grown to \$81,683.99.

The trouble is that we have been putting debentures on at the bottom of the list faster than we have been taking them off the top.

But while there is this expenditure as the city's share of public works, it must not be forgotten that new street pavements mean in many cases the opening of a new district and the building of new houses. Each house erected means a new source of revenue because it is placed on the tax roll. These additions to population in turn call for added outlay in the way of more school accommodation, more street lighting, police and fire protection. In fact, municipal history shows that it costs money to have more population. In other words, the increase in population carries with it an increase in per capita debt for the city.

A glance at the table above shows that London cannot have a lower tax rate for some years to come. We are committed to certain substantial expenditures already, and there will have to be additions to these unless the city is to stand still.

Stealing Law's Cabinet.

The Bonar Law government in Britain is having a hard time filling up the seats in the cabinet and then keeping them full. When a government cannot find seats for its members in the Commons it shares the place of the small boy looking through the knot-hole at a baseball game. There's a reserved seat inside, but he can't get in because the gatekeeper—in this case the electors—turned him back.

Three members of the Conservative cabinet in London have failed to come back following by-elections. The only thing left for them is to turn in their portfolios; thus we have the spectacle of a government being defeated at the polls rather than in parliament.

Mr. Bonar Law faces a peculiar position, for while it is bad enough for a government to lose supporters in by-elections, it is almost without precedent to have ministers bowled over in this rough way.

The trouble may come from the fact that the present government in Britain does not appear to be driving hard in any particular direction. Mr. Law came in as a last-minute leader, and if he has shown a Micawber leadership since it indicates that he has hardly caught his breath yet. This nibbling process, whereby opposing groups can run off with

members of his cabinet is making his administration lose cast. He may yet be forced to fill up his cabinet with men whose first qualification shall be that they possess bomb-proof constituencies that will not turn turtle on election day.

A Center at London.

The government authorities have asked the officers connected with the immigration department in London how many farm hands they can handle for this district. The idea is that they will be sent on here from Toronto, and that is the plan to which objection is taken.

At one time there was an office in London where this work was attended to. The district was thoroughly canvassed, and those carrying on the work had a chance to get the men whom they were certain would be able to fill the bill for the farms in Western Ontario. The arrangement worked well, and it was a mistake to stop it.

As things are now, the officers here feel that Toronto and district gets the first choice and then those who have not been taken up are sent on to London. The criticism is also made that greater care should be taken in selecting them in the Old Country, because a number come through each year who apparently have little intention of going on the farm and staying there.

While they are at it, an attempt might be made to call out some of those in the cities who have not succeeded, and to whom life has been a checkerboard of odd jobs or no jobs at all. Some of these should appreciate a yearly contract on a farm, and from information we receive there are farmers who would be willing to meet them on such a basis.

The department might do well to pay attention to the views of the London men who have seen the system of distribution of incoming farm labor handled to better advantage than it is today. An office in London is not an expensive thing to maintain, and it puts this very important Western Ontario district more closely in touch with the distribution.

The Farm Dog in 1923.

The country dog of today is missing a lot of variety. Not so many years ago the old farm dog was always on the job when the buggy was hitched up to the old grey mare.

As the careful driver jogged along the road the dog generally got in between the two hind wheels and easily kept up with the rig. He may have been a little frisky at the start, but, especially in hot weather, he dropped back to his place almost beneath the buggy.

Today the car comes to town in many cases. The farm dog can't stand the pace. If he ran behind he'd have his face shoved off with the puffs from the exhaust.

So he generally stays home, and while the rest of the family travel more the farm dog travels less.

Note and Comment.

From our hut on the hill we're listening for the first croak of the 1923 frogs.

It's a hard matter to discontinue the roller toilet, because most of them are endless.

What's become of that fine old custom of hanging a little bag of camphor around the youngster's neck?

Wouldn't it be great if we could get people out in crowds to see a man working on a farm like they come to see a hockey final.

It has taken cities quite a time to learn the very old lesson if they want 1923 improvements they must pay the 1923 price for them.

Spring may be here in a sort of a way, but the official announcer is dasking his neck on a ladder to take off the upstairs storm windows.

Surely this is a money-mad age. The young soldier now has to say it with roses, chocolates and gasoline, whereas conversation lozenges used to do the whole thing.

In olden times councils used to get revenue from whiskers. This would yield little in London, unless it were possible to wedge in the tooth-brush moustaches.

Watch out for the man with the black eye and burned neck. He may blame it all on the gas range, but it maybe he didn't know just how to operate the still.

With all the talk about the power of governments, it is still possible for speculators to shove sugar away up in price and quietly, legally and respectably walk off with the takings.

New regulations state that vegetables shall be sold by weight. Just so. Here's the city woman asking for a pound and a half of that big winter squash that goes for at least ten pounds.

Hamilton city council has put its foot down on the custom of making grants to secure conventions in that city. London is running it a close second. More and more city councils are realizing their responsibility in spending the money of the ratepayers.



PROGRESSIVES ATTACK WEST CREDIT SYSTEMS

Preliminary Study of Bank Act Opens—Many Changes Are Expected To Be Urged—Want Maximum Rate Fixed for Interest—Borrowing Period Too Short.

MANY FAVOR FEDERAL NATIONAL BANK

Special to The Advertiser.
Ottawa, March 12.—Here with is a story on Progressive criticisms of the bank act. The preliminary skirmishing about the vision of the bank act has now begun. The banking and financial committee, which comprises no less than 69 members, met last week and appointed a sub-committee to examine the question whether there should be undertaken an investigation of the whole basis and operations of the credit system of the country and its relation to our present economic conditions. A fortnight ago Mr. Irvine of Calgary introduced a resolution asking for a special committee for this purpose, and it produced an interesting debate. While the government is speaking through Mr. Fielding, could not see their way to grant a special committee, they yielded the point that the resolution should be referred to the banking committee. A majority of the sub-committee, which was elected to deal with the Irvine resolution, has now recommended that the whole basis of our credit system is a fit and proper subject for investigation and that authoritative experts, both domestic and foreign, should profitably be invited to give their opinions at Ottawa upon the credit problem. If the main committee endorses their recommendation, then we may see brave days at the capital, with T. A. Edison, Arthur Kilson and other enemies of the existing system giving testimony and advocating their respective panaceas before the banking committee.

Moving Impulse.
The moving impulse for this wide investigation comes from the Alberta Progressives, but the idea gets the support of some Liberals and Conservatives. All along the more radical element in the Progressives have been anxious to postpone the actual task of revision till they got a general investigation of the credit system. Some of them suggested a temporary renewal of the bank charter for a year till a special credit commission could report. Now they seem likely to gain part of their point unless the main committee vetoes the project of an inquiry into the credit system.

Even if this particular plan is thwarted, the Progressives are ready to direct a heavy barrage of fire against the present bank act. The credit reformers among them have been taking counsel with some outside financial experts who share their views. One of the most industrious allies is said to be W. L. Baker, former inspector of the Standard Bank, who last year published a book attacking the monopolistic character of the present banking system, and laying a bitter indictment against Sir Henry Drayton and the senate for conniving at its tyrannies.

Federal Bank.
Many of the Progressives will press very strongly for a federal national bank. They will point to the very striking success of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, and insist that it can be paralleled here. The accounts of the federal government itself, with its ever-widening activities, and of the National Railways, would alone suffice to start it with a very substantial volume of business.

But the country at large is scarcely in the mood for more state-owned enterprises till it sees success clearly assured for the public enterprise which are now upon its hands, and as even the Progressive party are by no means a unit in its favor, the project of a federal bank will have no chance of securing a majority in the present house.

In the end the Progressive assault will be mainly directed upon certain features of the act which they hold to be detrimental to the prosperity of the farming community. There will be a demand for a reduction in that maximum interest rate of 8 per cent fixed by law, with a possible provision that the rate be revised every five years. Great dissatisfaction also exists in the west with the discounting methods now practiced by the banks.

Make Complaint.
The complaint is made that the Canadian Bankers' Association arrived at a gentlemen's agreement to discount farmers' notes instead of allowing them to bear a straight rate of interest. The farmers feel that they never know exactly how much interest they are paying, and their representatives will probably propose an amendment which will make the discounting practice illegal in connection with such notes.

Another complaint is that the borrowing periods for farmers are too short. The banks conspire to make their notes mature in July or August, and are often in a position to make the farmer dispose of his crop as soon as it is reaped regardless of the state of the grain markets. The farmers want loans to cover the full period of their crop operations and desire to have available a certain margin of time for the comfortable disposal of their grain and live stock.

But one of the most impressive indictments laid by the Progressives against the existing system by which agriculture is financed, is that in the credit structure there is a serious gap lying between the facilities offered by the banks and the long-term credit provided by the mortgage corporations.

Loans on Live Stock.
The experience of the United States, whose live stock loan company has practically no parallel in Canada, has shown that the live stock industry can be enormously encouraged and developed by the provision of credits extending over a space of two years. It takes this time for young cattle to mature and become saleable, and short-term credits are useless. Similarly, when a farmer breaks land, he usually has his investment recouping himself within three years, but in these and other cases neither a bank credit nor a mortgage loan quite meets the situation. Therefore, suggest some intermediary brand of credit will be put forward.

The Progressives have developed a special interest in banking reform, and at their conventions the subject has always been given special prominence. In deference to a general demand, the Greenfield government, by way of accumulating ammunition for the revision of the bank act, last summer appointed Professor D. A. McGibbon, who occupies the chair of economics in the University, as a special commissioner to investigate the workings of the present banking system as supplied to the province of Alberta. He has since then been making a number of tours all over the province and he heard the testimony of many hostile critics. His report has now been published, but it is a frank and candid testimony, and a disappointment with its contents and deride the author as a timorous reformer if not surreptitious champion of the banks.

Basis for Complaint.
The gist of the McGibbon report is that there is a good enough basis for many of the farmers' complaints, but that on the whole the present system has given good service to the agricultural community. He has heard the testimony of many farmers who have stood a very severe strain. He finds complete failure on the part of the farmers and bankers to understand one another's position, and is inclined to blame the bankers for not taking a long-sighted view of the western situation. In Professor McGibbon's opinion many of the present grievances could be removed by conference, explanation and discussion, and the sessions of the banking committee should provide a useful forum for this purpose.

But the banking fraternity will make a mistake if they think that the attitude of complaisant satisfaction with the existing act which many of their leaders seem by their public utterances disposed to adopt will command extensive sympathy in the present House of Commons. Many members who are unwilling to understand one another's position, and are not ready for any drastic alterations in our credit structure are quite convinced that serious laws exist in the present provisions of the bank act and are prepared to support amendments for their remedy.

STATE SAMUEL GOMPERTS IS NOW OUT OF DANGER

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, March 12.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, confined to Lenox Hill Hospital since last Wednesday with pneumonia, is out of danger, his physician, Dr. G. G. Fisch, said yesterday.

The labor chief is expected to be able to leave the hospital the latter part of the week.

At no time since Saturday has the space about the Mott street tenement, in which the Tishbos kept their agency, been free of people. Men, women and even children have stood about the streets, long lines standing at the curb throughout Saturday and yesterday. Most of the watchers were depositors, many of them with their life savings in the hands of the Tishbos.

PERTH CHURCH BURNS.
Perth, March 12.—St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church here was destroyed by fire yesterday. The church was originally built in 1822, and rebuilt in 1838. A new organ, installed at a cost of \$10,000 last year, is a total loss.



LONDON'S ARTIST SON AND HIS ONLY STATUE.

The Advertiser staff photographer visited the public library today and there photographed the original plaster cast of what is believed to be the only statue Paul Peel ever made. Accompanying it is a full-figure portrait of London's famous artist son. That one of the tens of thousands of London citizens who visit the library ever looked twice at the little statue, much less than to think that it is a genuine product of Peel's genius and probably the only one of its kind in existence.

Genuine Paul Peel Statue Found In Public Library

J. P. Hunt Discovers Work of Art for Which Toronto Art Experts Sought—Suggests City Should Preserve It in Bronze.

All Canada, from the gray Atlantic to the blue Pacific, is beginning at last to acclaim Paul Peel the greatest of her artists sons. Thirty years ago at an auction sale in Toronto the worth of her little artist-son was sold for £2,000. Today these same paintings are estimated by American and European critics at a conservative valuation of \$750,000, and every day the demand for his works rises in a flowing tide.

"After the Bath," featured in The Advertiser a few weeks ago, was perhaps more than any other picture responsible for bringing home to Londoners the worth of her little artist-son. The painting of the two little children standing before the fire is now well-known to the residents in his home town.

It was for many years in the possession of the Hungarian government, but today through the efforts of a few men in the city is in London, where they hope to find for it a permanent home.

A Real Peel Cast.
In the public library, just inside the door, on the right, half hidden in the rather poor light of the hallway, is the cast of the only statue that Peel was ever known to model.

It is a small piece, about three feet high, and represents a girl playing with two kittens, while the mother cat rubs itself against her dress and watches in perfect trust her wayward children on their high perch.

The cast has not been labelled as in any way out of the common, and has been treated with so little reverence by the children, that the tail of the cat had been broken off, and the cat's face has also been slightly damaged.

Artists in the city feel that this unique work should not be left long in oblivion, but that Londoners should be told of the good fortune that is theirs and of the only remaining memory of its kind left to them from a Canadian and a Londoner, whose name is a household word in Europe and some day will be in Canada.

"The cast stands on a hot air register, the slightest bump would send it crashing to the floor. It is less dangerous than the latest exotic novel that comes into the library, and yet it is a genuine work of the great artist, and at least one Toronto connoisseur only a few days ago came to London in search of it, and was willing to give quite a large sum for it.

adage, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" is well justified. "Why," he said, speaking of the eighty-seven pictures that Peel painted, "they are valued today in the art galleries of the world at \$500,000, yet in 1890 when sixty-two of them were shown in an exhibition in London the people of the city hardly noticed them, and when Peel took them to Toronto to be sold at auction they brought only \$2,000."

The artist returned to Paris after this. His brush had lost its cunning, and his spirit its courage. "For seventeen years," he told his old friend, "I have worked; I've given my best years to it. These pictures are my life; today they are all gone, and they give me \$2,000 for them."

Two years later the broken-hearted master of color and line threw himself on the low couch in his studio in Paris and, like one of the cherub children that he so loved to paint, drew closer the mantle of a tired body and went to sleep, a sleep from which his friends who came to wake him in the morning found there was no return.

A Wonderful Career.
Though but thirty-two when he died in 1892, he had painted nearly a hundred pictures. At eighteen he was demonstrator of anatomy in the Philadelphia Academy, while he was the pupil in Paris of such masters as Gerome, Lefevre, Boulanger, and Constant, whom he was the favorite student.

At any rate, as Mr. Hunt says, his pictures are now coming into their own. "There is nothing we can do to help Paul now, but this little cast of the girl and the kittens in the hall, which he modeled, the only one I know of that he modeled. We ought to make some effort to keep it here. And, what is more, if London does not want it, there are plenty of outsiders who are looking for it, and willing to give the money to get it."

OFFER REWARD TO FIND MISSING VIRDEN PRIEST
Associated Press Despatch.
Virden, Ill., March 12.—Rewards totaling \$1,500 were offered today by Catholic residents of Virden and vicinity for information in connection with the disappearance in St. Louis last Monday of the Rev. Father J. A. Vrainak of Virden. The day brought no new developments which would shed light on the mystery.

Search for the priest has been abandoned there by his family and congregation, but hope of finding him alive still is held.

LIBERALS TO CONVENE.
Associated Press Despatch.
Moos Jaw, March 12.—Liberals of Moose Jaw constituency will convene here tonight for the purpose of selecting a candidate to oppose E. N. Hopkins, Progressive, in the by-election which will be held April 10, to fill the federal seat vacated by R. M. Johnson, deceased.

CLAIM GERMANY IS READY TO END RUHR DEADLOCK

Government Has Secret Peace Feelers Out. It Is Learned.

RESUME PAYMENTS

Chancellor Cuno Willing to Sanction Payments on "Reasonable Basis."

Special Cable to The Advertiser.
Berlin, March 12.—Germany was ready to end the Ruhr deadlock and resume reparations payments today, as assassination was added to the terrors of the Ruhr occupation. Following the murder of Lieut. Cottin and M. Joley, French officials, near Buer Saturday night, France indignantly imposed severe reprisal measures upon the district, and both Premier Poincare and War Minister Maginot promised vengeance.

Today it was learned that the German government has secret peace feelers out and that while Chancellor Cuno is at present disinclined to name any definite reparations figure, he is prepared to sanction resumption of payments on a "reasonable basis."

CONFEE AT BRUSSELS.

Special Cable to The Advertiser.
Brussels, March 12.—Cheering crowds in Brussels streets greeted Poincare of France and Minister of Public Works Le Troquer as they drove to the foreign office today for the Franco-Belgium conference on the Ruhr. The conference, regarded as the most important since the joint occupation of the Ruhr Valley by French and Belgian troops, began at noon.

War Minister Maginot, General De Goutte, in charge of the occupation, and M. Herbet, French ambassador, were among those attending.

FRENCH SHOOT SEVEN.

Special Cable to The Advertiser.
Dusseldorf, March 12.—Seven Germans were believed to be the assassins of Lieut. Cottin and M. Joley, were shot and killed today by French troops at Buer, according to despatches from that city. Two Germans, suspected of having been implicated in the murder of the French officials Saturday night, were arrested. They attempted to escape. Gendarmes shot them dead.

A big crowd then assembled in front of the police station and threatened to storm it. French troops ordered the mob away. It refused to disperse, whereupon the soldiers opened fire, killing five Germans.

WINSTON CHURCHILL ARTICLES UNDER FIRE

Rear Admiral Drury-Lowe Would Ask Parliament If It Is Satisfied.
Associated Press Despatch.
London, March 12.—In connection with the discussion on the reminiscences of the war which are being published by Winston Churchill, former colonial secretary, and at the time of the outbreak of the war first lord of the admiralty, and the alleged disclosure of confidential documents in the articles in question, Rear Admiral Sydney Drury-Lowe, retired, says:

"It is certain that if any naval officer followed Mr. Churchill's example he would never be employed again. It is not reasonable that the same line of conduct should be required of those in authority, as they themselves enforce on their subordinates."

"It has been admitted, as far as can be judged from Premier Bonar Law's reply to questions on the matter, that extracts from secret papers have been used without permission from the cabinet as a whole, or from his majesty the King, and the premier has given it his personal opinion that to make money from publishing confidential information was a breach of the oath taken by Mr. Churchill as a privy councillor. What is to follow?"

"The premier's statement is almost comic. 'All we are prepared to do,' he says, 'is to repeat what the rule is.' 'Surely if an ex-minister and privy councillor abuses his trust in this manner, and for pecuniary gain, he thereby shows himself unfit to hold such a responsible position. It is his duty to ask parliament if it is really satisfied with the mere repetition of the rule.'"



H. H. MELANSON, appointed general passenger traffic manager, Canadian National Railways.

150 IRISH REBELS SEIZED FOR TRIAL BY FREE STATERS

Warships Arrive at Dublin Today After an Extensive Round-Up.

EVERY TYPE CAUGHT

Scotland Yard Officials Have Been Planning Raid For Three Weeks.

Special Cable to The Advertiser.
Dublin, March 12.—Three warships today brought to Dublin 150 rebel prisoners of the Free State, captured in a great roundup that extended to every corner of the British Isles.

The docks were heavily guarded by National troops as the insurgents were landed and conveyed in tanks and armored cars to Mountjoy Prison.

The prisoners were captured by Scotland Yard detectives in all manner of places throughout England, Scotland and Wales. They are charged with supplying guns and ammunition to the De Valerians.

President Cosgrave's recent visit to London was for the purpose of requesting this assistance from the British government. It is learned. Since that visit, three weeks ago, Scotland Yard officials have been at work planning concerted raids. When the signal was given, the machinery of the famous British organization worked to perfection.

It is a fact that the raids resulted in the arrest of every important Irish rebel in Great Britain outside of Ireland. The Scotland Yard men went everywhere for their quarry. How they captured a De Valerite in the guise of a civil service employee; there a school teacher taken as a suspect. Prominent businessmen were caught in the roundup. One arrest was expected in an exclusive West End club in London. Boys and 70-year-old men were among the prisoners landed here.

SELL LARGE ESTATES DUE TO HEAVY TAXES

Associated Press Despatch.
London, March 12.—Burdens of taxation continue to press heavily on owners of large estates, and the list of landed proprietors who have to abandon such properties continues to grow. One of the latest to yield to the financial pressure is Sir Edmund Chaytor, who has been compelled by the heavy taxes to sell his estate at Croft, Yorkshire, which has been owned by the same family for seven centuries.

Another vast estate, bordering on the New Forest, owned by the Tragett family, has just been sold because of the high taxation.

FRANCO-BELGIAN PARLEY ON THE RUHR OPENS TODAY

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, March 12.—Premier Poincare, accompanied by Minister of Public Works Le Troquer and a small staff of experts, left this morning for Brussels to attend the Franco-Belgium conference on the Ruhr. There is much speculation as to what the two premiers will discuss. There is talk of how best to use what the French term their "victory" in the Ruhr and what part Great Britain will play in the settlement.

"In making such large advances," the Times financial editor continues, "the British treasury is fully recognized on this side. There would never have been any question of the rate of exchange if the form of advance had been clearly defined when originally made. The dispute really arose in consequence of clerical omissions."

"In placing dollars at our disposal and accepting sterling in repayment, part of them at par, in the cancellation of mutual indebtedness, Canada has made a contribution to the English cost of the war which everyone must recognize."

It is a fact that in addition to sending half a million men, the cost of which was borne entirely by the Canadian people, Canada provided financial facilities for the Imperial Government on favorable terms, and this will enhance, not harm, her credit."

POLICE ARE AFTER RICH MINING MAN FOR LOOTING FIRM

Slips Through Fingers of British Columbia Officers in Oklahoma.

HALF MILLION SHORT

Britannia Copper Mine Suffers Through Clever Manipulations.

Special to The Advertiser.
Vancouver, B. C., March 12.—British Columbia police have embarked on what may be a long chase for a millionaire mining man named E. J. Donahue, former manager of the Britannia Copper Mine, and for years one of the best known leaders of the mining community on this coast.

Warrants have been issued charging Donahue with the theft of \$75,000. There is, however, known to be a shortage of close on half a million dollars, and officials of the Britannia, which is the largest copper mine producer in the British empire, expect to disclose a great story of looting of this rich company's exchequer.

Donahue was a few days ago in an oil field in Oklahoma, but on Friday he appears to have slipped through the fingers of Mr. Owen, inspector of provincial police, who had been sent to arrest him. Every effort is now being made to prevent Donahue slipping across the boundary into Mexico.

Officials of the Britannia have been looking for Donahue ever since November, when they clearly the extradition from Los Angeles of Tom Miller, former storekeeper for the company at Britannia.

Donahue had a meteoric career with the great mining firm. He started as a stenographer at \$75 per month, and when he resigned early last year was getting \$20,000 a year. On the company's payroll were hundreds of thousands of dollars. It is alleged in the testimony given in connection with the issue of the warrants, that three Japanese, who were merely suppliers for Donahue, operated a store supplying the Orientals with food and clothing, and that the profits of this concern were taken personally by Donahue.

Experts who have been over the books have discovered further shortages running to several hundreds of thousands of dollars, but regarding these no formal charges have been so far laid against anyone.

The Britannia shipped its copper to the smelter at Tacoma, Wash. During the latter years of the war, the Britannia company made profits of more than \$1 million dollars a year, but the books show the company was loaded for exchange in money rates, as between the United States and Canadian currency. Some officials of the company were paid in American money by the Tacoma smelter, and the company got credit in Vancouver for Canadian profits. These manipulations, which ran as high as 15 and 17 per cent on some occasions, there is a shortage of \$450,000.

Early last year Donahue suddenly resigned and left soon afterwards for the United States. The company at the time thought so well of his record that they presented him with a block of stock and an extra year's salary.

PRAISES CANADA STAND ON THE LOAN TO BRITAIN

Times Financial Editor States Action Will Enhance the Dominion's Credit.

London, March 12.—With reference to the award of former Premier H. H. Asquith, as arbitrator of the differences between the British Government and Canadian governments in the adjustment of debts standing over from the war, the financial editor of the Times says: "This virtually completes the settlement of the governments of Great Britain and Canada in connection with the war. Canada altogether advanced to Great Britain over one thousand million dollars, and the Canadian banks granted advances of approximately three hundred million dollars."

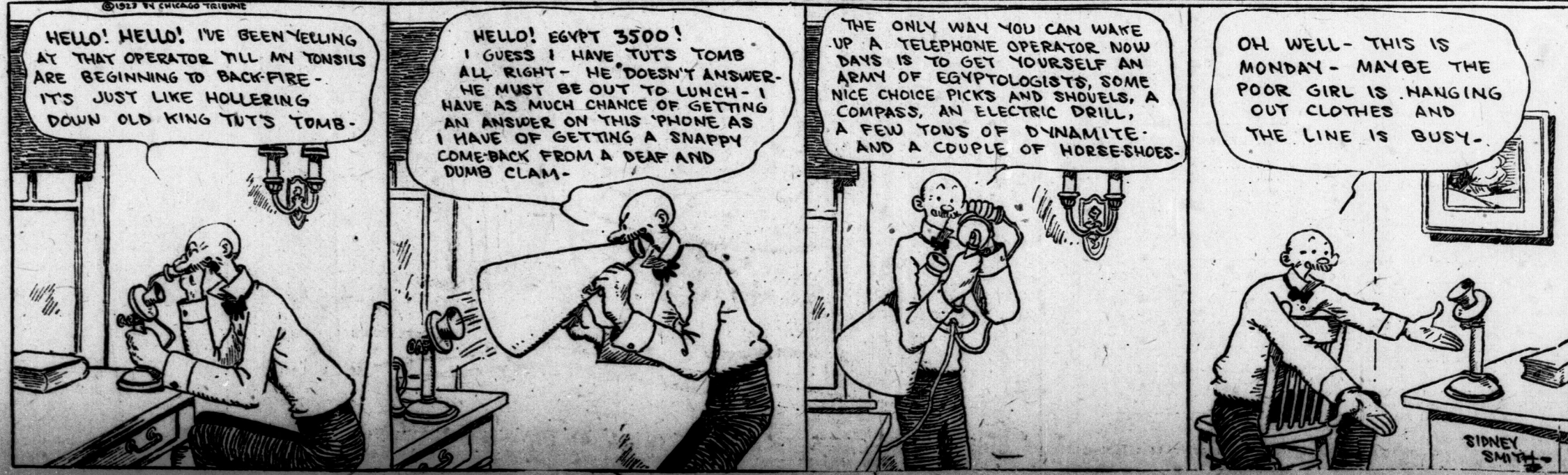
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LECTURE ON POMPEII.
Dean Sherwood Fox of Western University will lecture on "Pompeii, the Buried City," in the public library building on Thursday evening, March 15, at 8 o'clock. This is the third of the March series of university extension lectures, and will be illustrated with lantern slides.

THE GUMPS—HELLO! EGYPT 3500



LOCAL GARRISON TEAM DOES WELL AT BIG MEET

Get Third in Open Relay Race and Boys Perform Well in Other Heats.

Special to The Advertiser.
Hamilton, March 11.—The London Garrison A.C. was represented at the indoor championships here last night, but failed to carry off any laurels, despite the fact that some of the boys showed up well in their heats. W. Wanless won his heat in the 60 yards race for boys 18 and under, as did Ken Hunter, but neither managed to finish in the first three in the final. W. Dutton, pole third in his heat of 60 yards event and showed some early speed, but was unable to finish in the first three in the final. The boys' team of the London Garrison A.C. was the only team to win a medal in the 300 yards race, Dutton, 300 yards, while Grey and Hunter both finished in the 1,000 yards, only to be defeated. W. Wanless was the only representative in the pole vault, while he failed no better than their fellow citizens.

There were no records broken in the sprints, although the army mark of 6.4 seconds for the 60 yards was equalled in both the race for boys under 18, and in the race for boys under 16. The boys' team of the London Garrison A.C. was the only team to win a medal in the 300 yards race, Dutton, 300 yards, while Grey and Hunter both finished in the 1,000 yards, only to be defeated. W. Wanless was the only representative in the pole vault, while he failed no better than their fellow citizens.

The all-around championship was won by Hamilton Collegiate with a total of 11 points. Toronto Central being second with 24. Collegiate won second in the 100 yard race, while Wardrop won the high jump, while Wardrop won the 60 yards open and was second in the 100 yards, which was won by Hamilton Collegiate. There was nearly 4,000 present, and the finish in nearly all the events was close and exciting.

WALLACEBURG A. A. A. SAYS SEASON'S PLANS Initial Season 1922 Body Met With Success—Brighter Outlook This Year.

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Wallaceburg, March 10.—The Wallaceburg Amateur Athletic Association met Friday evening, March 10, at the Wallaceburg Hotel, to discuss the plans for the coming season. There was a large attendance, and the junior and juvenile lacrosse reports, as well as the baseball and basketball reports, were read and discussed. The association is well organized, and the plans for the coming season are bright and promising. The association is well organized, and the plans for the coming season are bright and promising.

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RACE RESULTS

BROKE RECORD.
San Diego, Calif., March 11.—Abadene, the gelding recently imported by J. W. Irwin, Saturday broke the world's record for a mile and 40 yards, going the distance in 1:42. The horse covered the mile in 1:39.2. The winner was ridden by Pablo Martinez, the loser by Rocky Walls.

The purse was \$1,000, with \$250 added by the racing association for breaking the world's record. Abadene is an imported gelding, eight years old, by Maboul and Albo.

NEW ORLEANS RESULTS.
First race, 3 years and up, claiming, 1 1/2 mile—Dark Hill, 7 to 2, 1:40.2; Little Annie, 3 to 1, 1:40.2; 2nd, Belmont, Loveliness, St. Germain, Bumpety-Bumps, Financial, 1:40.2; 3rd, 1:40.2.

Second race, 3 years and up, 5 1/2 furlongs—Canyon, 4 to 1, 1:17.5; 2nd, 1:17.5; 3rd, 1:17.5; 4th, 1:17.5; 5th, 1:17.5; 6th, 1:17.5; 7th, 1:17.5; 8th, 1:17.5; 9th, 1:17.5; 10th, 1:17.5; 11th, 1:17.5; 12th, 1:17.5; 13th, 1:17.5; 14th, 1:17.5; 15th, 1:17.5; 16th, 1:17.5; 17th, 1:17.5; 18th, 1:17.5; 19th, 1:17.5; 20th, 1:17.5; 21st, 1:17.5; 22nd, 1:17.5; 23rd, 1:17.5; 24th, 1:17.5; 25th, 1:17.5; 26th, 1:17.5; 27th, 1:17.5; 28th, 1:17.5; 29th, 1:17.5; 30th, 1:17.5; 31st, 1:17.5; 32nd, 1:17.5; 33rd, 1:17.5; 34th, 1:17.5; 35th, 1:17.5; 36th, 1:17.5; 37th, 1:17.5; 38th, 1:17.5; 39th, 1:17.5; 40th, 1:17.5; 41st, 1:17.5; 42nd, 1:17.5; 43rd, 1:17.5; 44th, 1:17.5; 45th, 1:17.5; 46th, 1:17.5; 47th, 1:17.5; 48th, 1:17.5; 49th, 1:17.5; 50th, 1:17.5; 51st, 1:17.5; 52nd, 1:17.5; 53rd, 1:17.5; 54th, 1:17.5; 55th, 1:17.5; 56th, 1:17.5; 57th, 1:17.5; 58th, 1:17.5; 59th, 1:17.5; 60th, 1:17.5; 61st, 1:17.5; 62nd, 1:17.5; 63rd, 1:17.5; 64th, 1:17.5; 65th, 1:17.5; 66th, 1:17.5; 67th, 1:17.5; 68th, 1:17.5; 69th, 1:17.5; 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Everything the Farmer Trades In

TRADE FAIRLY ACTIVE ON CATTLE MARKET

Some Advance in Prices Is
Recorded in Butcher
Class

Special to The Advertiser.
Toronto, March 12.—A fairly active market greeted the opening of the cattle market today, more especially in the butcher trade, where some advances were recorded. Other branches in the smaller meats were comparatively still, while the hog market was reported to be off 50¢.

Some baby vees sold at 9½ cents a pound, shipped by S. J. McKinnon, of Cambridge, and sold by the U. F. O. Company to Harry Abrams. Two heavy steers shipped by John Scott of Cromarty, and sold by the U. F. O. Company to Abrams, went at 8½ cents a pound. The balance of the choice butcher cattle sold from 6½ to 7½ cents. Lower grades brought 5½ to 6½ cents.

Cows were firm, one or two odd lots of the choice going at 6¼ cents.

6 cents. In the small meats, choice lambs were steady at 13 to 14 cents, the heavies at 11 to 13 cents. Sheep continued firm, yearlings selling at 10 to 10 cents, the light 7 to 8 cents, and the heavies at 4 to 5 cents. Choice calves were much on the average of last week, selling at 11 to 12 cents a pound, the mediums at 9 to 10 cents light at 6 to 7 cents, and the heavies at 5 to 6 cents.

Exporters were firm at $7\frac{1}{2}$ to 8 cents. J. Rogers bought eight a 1,450 pounds, at 8 cents a pound. The hog market was off slightly at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 10 cents, fed and watered. Today's receipts were 253 cars, 3,119 head.

902 calves, 3,361 hogs and 1,273 sheep			
Heavy steers, choice..	\$7.50	\$8.00	\$8.50
do, good..	6.50	7.00	7.50
Butcher, good..	5.50	6.00	6.50
do, medium..	5.00	5.50	6.00
do, common..	4.00	4.50	5.00
Heavy, good..	7.50	8.00	8.50
Butcher, good..	5.00	5.50	6.00
do, medium..	4.50	5.00	5.50
Butcher, good..	4.50	5.00	5.50
Canners and cutters..	3.00	3.50	4.00
Feeding steers, good..	5.00	5.50	6.00
do, medium..	4.50	5.00	5.50
do, common..	2.50	3.00	3.50
Heavy, good..	13.00	14.00	15.00
Milch cows..	30.00	35.00	40.00
Springers..	80.00	100.00	120.00
Butcher, good..	6.00	6.50	7.00
do, heavy..	7.00	7.50	8.00
do, yearlings..	3.00	3.50	4.00
Lamb, good..	12.00	13.00	14.00
do, heavy..	14.00	15.00	16.00
Hogs, flat rates, bid..	9.00	10.00	11.00
do, heavy..	12.00	13.00	14.00
do, fed and watered..	10.50	11.50	12.50
do, to farmers..	3.50	4.00	4.50

CHICAGO.
Chicago, March 10.—Hogs.—Receipts

desirable 20 to 210-pound averages \$8.40 to \$8.65; top \$8.65; bulk 240 to 325-pound butchers \$8 to \$8.20; packing sound around \$7.25 to \$7.50; medium to good pig \$6.75 to .88; estimated holdovers \$6.25 to \$6.50; heavy hogs \$7.50 to \$8.00; medium \$8.10 to \$8.50; light \$8.40 to \$8.60; sows, smooth, \$7.30 to \$7.65; packing pigs, sows, rough, \$7.10 to \$7.35; packing pigs, good.

Cattle Receipts 500; compared with a week ago; beef steers and yearlings (average) \$10.00 to \$10.25; top \$10.25; bottom \$9.75; top matured steers in load lots \$10.00; weight 1,165 to 1,331 pounds; few head \$10.00 to \$10.25; bulk \$9.75 to \$9.95; pounds; butcher, \$9.25 to \$9.50; higher; desirable beef steers and yearlings mostly 25 cents higher; desirable beef steers and yearlings mostly 25 cents lower; better grade stockers and feeders steady; load lots \$9.25 to \$9.50; pounds; beef steers and yearlings \$7.50 to \$7.75; top \$7.75; bottom \$7.25; beef cows and heifers \$7.25 to \$7.50; top \$7.50; bottom \$6.75; beef and cullers \$3.25 to \$4.25; veal calves mostly 25 cents lower; better grade stockers and feeders steady; load lots \$9.25 to \$9.50; pounds; beef steers and yearlings \$7.50 to \$7.75; top \$7.75; bottom \$7.25; beef cows and heifers \$7.25 to \$7.50; top \$7.50; bottom \$6.75; beef and cullers \$3.25 to \$4.25; veal calves mostly 25 cents lower.

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\$8.50; yearlings, \$8.50 to \$9.50; heifers, \$5.50 to \$8; cows, \$2.25 to \$6.50; bulls, \$3.50 to \$6; stockers and feeders, \$5.50 to \$6.50; fresh cows and springers, \$3 to \$135.

Hogs—Receipts, 2,500; steady, a
\$4 to \$44.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 17,500; light steady to
10c lower; best 10c to 15c higher;
heavy, \$8.75 to \$9; mixed, \$8.90 to \$9;
Yorkers, \$8; light Yorkers, \$8.75 to \$9;
pigs, \$8.50; stags, \$4.50 to \$5.50.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 12,000;
lambs 25c lower, \$9 to \$13.25; yearlings,
\$8 to \$14; ewers, \$9.50 to \$12; ewes,
\$3 to \$9; mixed, \$3.50 to \$9.50.

FLOUR

Montreal, March 10.—The undertone to the millfed market was strong, with prices fully maintained. Rolled coats met with a slow trade.

Flour—Man. spring wheat patents, firsts, \$7.10; seconds, \$6.40; strong bakers, \$6.40; winter patents, choice, \$6.25.

 Rolled coats—Bag, 50 lbs., \$3.15 to \$3.25.

 Bran—Per ton, \$25 to \$30.

 Shorts—Per ton, \$28 to \$32.

 Middlings—Per ton, \$33 to \$35.

Toronto, March 10.—Flour quotation were as follows:

 In bulk In tote bags Montreal

Manitoba flour—First patents, \$7.
second patents, \$6.60.
Feed flour—Per bag, \$2.
Millfeed—Per ton, bran, \$26; shorts,
\$28; middlings, \$28.50.

Minneapolis, March 10. — Flour un-
changed; shipments 55,759 barrels.

SEEDS
Chicago, March 10. — Timothyseed
\$5.90 to \$6.50.
Cloverseed—\$13.50 to \$20.50.
Toledo, March 12. — Clover.—Cash
\$12.70 to \$12.72; March, \$12.72; Jan-
\$12.90; Oct. \$11.70; April \$12.20; Oct.

Alsike—Cash, \$10.50; March, \$10.50.
Timothy—Cash, \$3.37; March and
April, same; May, \$3.40.

HAY AND STRAW

Linseed
Duluth, March 10.—Linseed: March \$2.95½ asked; May, \$2.77½ asked; June, \$2.75½ asked.

Corn—spot, 78. 6d.

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down.

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cluding fixtures, \$3,700; \$2,000 down
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City Hall Briefs

For "backbone" and bravery the 1923 mayor and aldermen win the exquisite bouquet of selected dandelions.

Ill-content with obliteration of the school building program, they go with extended olive branch seeking \$30,000 reduction in the general running expenses.

Like their predecessors, the mayor and trusty followers in the council are finding out just what power they HAVEN'T GOT.

It develops simultaneously that the police commissioners are playing in the same exclusive league as the school trustees.

Or, as Ald. "Jack" Greer remarks pleasantly, "they can spend as they choose, regardless of the opinion of the mayor and council."

If the members of the various civic spending bodies were allowed to speak loudly in proportion to their spending allowance of the tax rate, you wouldn't know that the board of works was in session.

While the trustees record the fact that no school was built from 1887 until 1910 inclusive, the city councillors laugh right out loud as they remark that no city hall has been built for—well, so many years they dare not count.

It's a trifle dull in municipal circles today, with Mayor Wenige and a bodyguard of aldermen out of the city.

Gives the stretcher-bearers a little more time to pick up the pieces after last week's bombardment.

The latest European war scare is yielding precedence these days to real warfare "in our midst"—that struggle with the 1923 tax rate.

And the missing cement mixer is just as much missing today as it was when "located" a week ago by the Free Press.

There is a persistent rumor in "city hall circles" that some of the street cars are to receive nice, fresh paint this spring.

As President Currie is still in Cuba, this report cannot be officially denied.

GUESTS HONOR BIRTHDAY OF POPULAR CLERGYMAN

The elders and deacons of the Church of Christ (Disciples) were the guests at a birthday dinner given by Misses Grace and Hilda Versey in honor of their father, Rev. J. H. Versey.

The dinner guests were much surprised and pleased by the presence of D. Kingore, late of London, and the much-beloved honorary elder of the church. Other guests were E. P. Versey, only son of the pastor, and H. Dugan.

The table was prettily decorated with asparagus fern tied with yellow ribbons at each corner of the table, and small green baskets containing daffodils.

After the dessert, each guest presented the pastor with a birthday greeting and made a short speech. Each one expressed the desire that their pastor would remain with them many years, and expressed their appreciation of the work he had accomplished, and all assured him of their support in the work of building the new church. Mr. Versey was then presented with a check as a small token of love and appreciation.

The pastor fittingly responded, remarking upon the fellowship he had enjoyed with his church board and the congeniality which existed at all times.

Miss Grace and Hilda Versey were

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MUTT AND JEFF

Moonlight in the Valley of the Kings.

BY BUD FISHER



REG'LAR FELLERS.

And He Never Limps When He's Asleep.

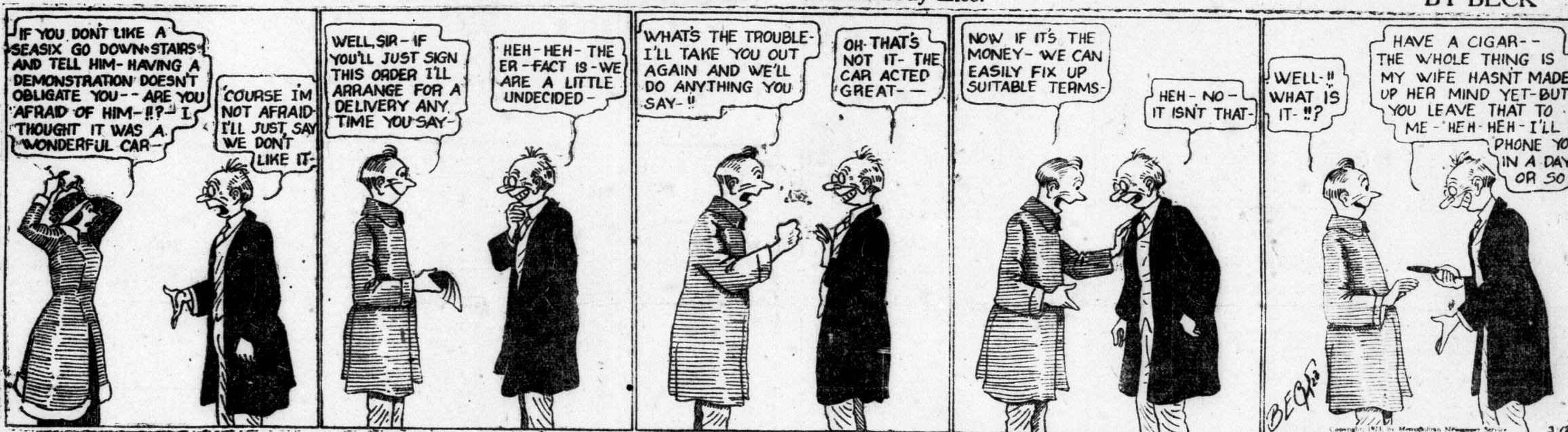
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GAS BUGGIES

It's Much Harder to Tell Somebody Else.

BY BECK



POLLY AND HER PALS

At Least She Is Well Stocked With Heroes.

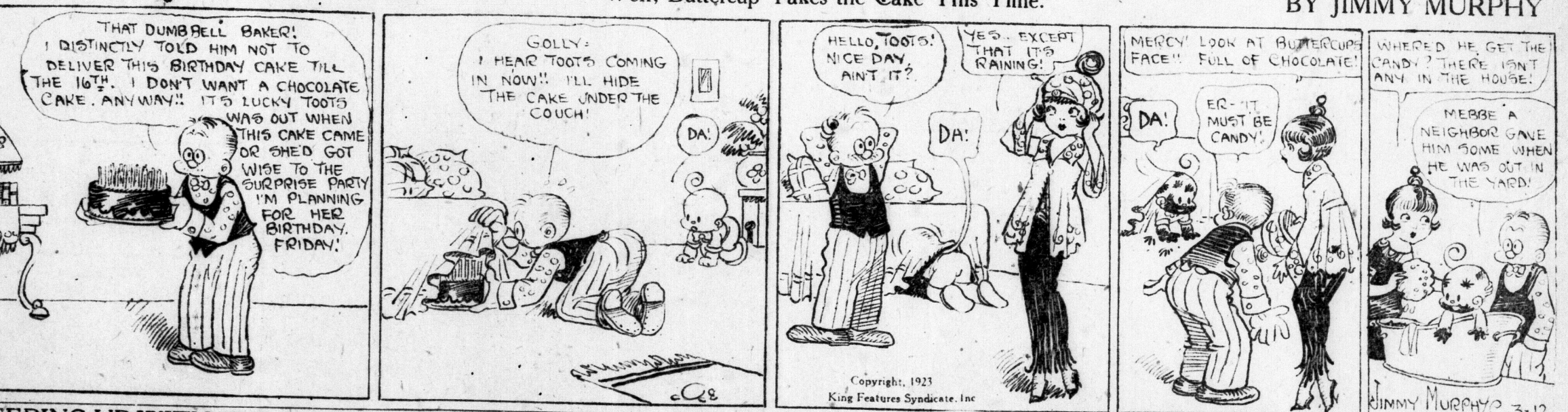
BY CLIFF STERRETT



TOOTS AND CASPER

Well, Buttercup Takes the Cake This Time.

BY JIMMY MURPHY



KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES

Pa Finds Out.

By POP MOMAND



THAT'S DIFFERENT

DON'T GET EXCITED-DEAR- I'LL SEE WHAT THAT NOISE IS DOWNSTAIRS- I'M COOL!

YES-I KNOW YOU ARE- YOU'VE GOT COLD FEET!

WHAT?

IS IT TRUE MR. MEGINIS THAT YOUR DAUGHTER JULIE IS GOING TO STAR IN THE MOVIES?

REPORTERS TO SEE RE BELLA DONNA

DA!

HELLO, TOOTS! NICE DAY, AIN'T IT?

YES- EXCEPT THAT IT'S RAINING!

MERCY! LOOK AT BUTTERCUP'S FACE! FULL OF CHOCOLATE!

DA!

ER-IT MUST BE CANDY!

WHERE'D HE GET THE CANDY? THERE ISN'T ANY IN THE HOUSE!

MERCE! A NEIGHBOR GAVE HIM SOME WHEN HE WAS OUT IN THE YARD!

JIMMY MURPHY 3-12

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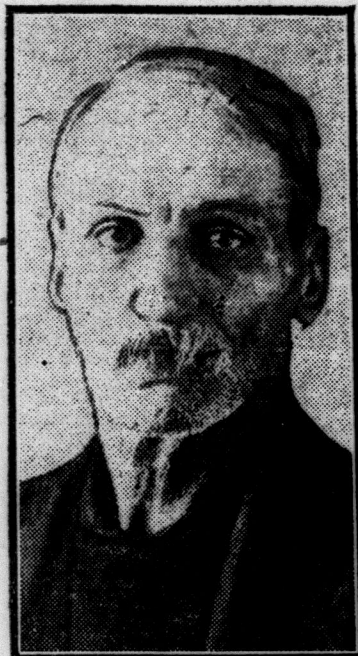
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April 14 ... Andania/April 14 ... Antonia
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The ADVERTISER'S PICTORIAL PAGE



A one-ton creel and 35-foot fishing pole which will just hold what the average fisherman says he has caught.



Charles Harris, only sane survivor of the Cherry Mine disaster near Chicago, where 392 miners were killed. He was entombed for 14 days.



On the right, a stunning one-piece frock with built-in sleeves which makes an effective street costume and on the left a sport suit with skirt of checkered Braidelaine.



Charles W. Russel, whose painting, "Royal Canadian Northwest Mounted Police Capturing Outlaws," was purchased by the Prince of Wales, for \$10,000.



Uncle Joe Cannon and his infallible cigar as they left the capitol at Washington for the last time.



An exciting moment in the match between Chiswick Ladies and Alexandra House Ladies at Kew.



Mrs. Endicott of Oklahoma, who has worked all her life as a laundress and who now finds herself suddenly rich, due to an oil strike on her farm.



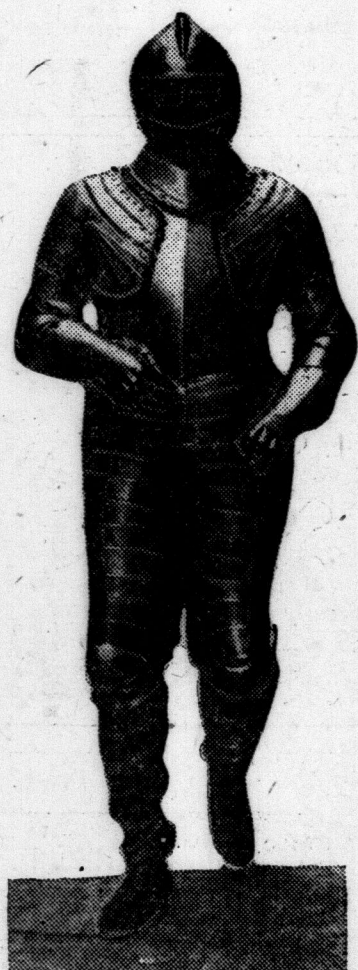
Enid Miller of Northwestern University, though nearly blind, is one of the best scholars in the university. She has completely mastered the art of concentration.



Fred Cuddington claims that lion cubs make good household pets and gives visible evidence to prove his contention.



Canada is catching up on Virginia as a producer of tobacco. A photo taken in a plantation at St. Casimir, Quebec.



The man they wanted to pawn. Mr. Cyril Andrade of London, England, who says he wears armor because it is more comfortable.



Joseph Palmer, ex-service man, who makes his living selling chocolate outside the London Little Theatre, was surprised when the Prince of Wales, on his way to the theatre, stepped aside and handed him ten shillings.



Col. A. Scott, recently invested by King George at Buckingham Palace.



Miss Louise Smith of New York, performance for the Manhattanvi



Sir Alexander Godley (right), British commander on the Rhine, in conference with General Payot, French officer in charge of communications.



Rowing is now in full swing in eastern colleges. The Pennsylvania University crews, coached by Joe Wright of Toronto, took to the water on March 1.



A Guy's Hospital forward breaking through the University College line in a recent game at Richmond.

TWENTY-TWO LONDON CLERGYMEN GIVE OPINIONS ON THE COMPLICATED PROBLEM OF CHURCH UNION

Ten Methodists, Six Presbyterians, Two Anglicans, Two Baptists and Two Congregationalists Discuss Arguments Favoring and Opposing—Majority Support Movement.

CANNOT PARTICIPATE, DECLARE BAPTISTS

Is there to be church union? What are the arguments advanced by those who favor and by those who oppose it?

The Advertiser has obtained from twenty-two London clergymen expressions of opinion on both sides of the question. These opinions come from six Presbyterian ministers, ten Methodists, two Baptists, two Anglicans and two Congregationalists. They are interesting as representative of local thought on a subject which is occupying the minds of men in all countries.

It is believed that in these opinions will be found much of informative value as well as an indication of the direction in which London churches seem likely to tend.

The denominations and the ministers of each denomination are given in alphabetical order.

Anglican Opinion.

Rev. W. L. Armitage of St. James' Church, South London, stated: "I am greatly in favor of church union. I believe it to be a very desirable thing in every way. It is a pity that all denominations are not advancing together."

Rev. A. A. Bice of All Saints' Church: "The Church of England has had little part in the discussion centering around church union, although I fully believe the majority of our clergy look to it as the proper thing, and a means which would bring the church to what the Lord himself desired. In the Lambeth appeal is voiced the strong wish of our bishops for union, and I think the church as a whole is anxious to see it."

What Baptists Say.

Rev. A. A. Burgess of Egerton Street Baptist Church: "In the first place there ought to be the Christian union which is spoken of by Jesus in John xvii., 21, 'that they all may be one.' We should foster the get-together spirit and then church union will be on its way. Church union, I believe, would be in the interests of the all, providing the New Testament is taken as our sufficient rule of faith and practice in all matters of religion, and if man-made creeds are abolished."

"There will be differences of interpretation even, among scholars, but providing we can come to an agreement upon the main doctrines and keep to the teachings of original scripture, church union would supply a long felt want."

"Personally I see no reason why our Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational friends should not unite, but as far as other denominations are concerned, I am afraid that for reasons only too obvious the present generation will not see their entrance into this union."

Rev. Dr. Bowley Green of Talbot Street Baptist Church: "Regarding the proposed union of the Presbyterian and Methodist denominations I have little to say, but if I justly ap-

preciate the spiritual genius of these two great religious bodies, organic union is impracticable. Each of the great evangelical bodies was born of an imperative spiritual need. Each has its message and its ministry, and unless the convictions and principles cherished by our forefathers have perished there is still abundant reason for denominational existence."

"No denomination holding New Testament doctrines and principles can surrender them and remain true to its Lord. Hence the Baptist denomination, which claims to hold New Testament doctrines and principles cannot surrender them nor make any compromise regarding them for the sake of organic church union."

Twenty years church union has been before the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational denominations. "Each of these bodies has on different occasions voted in favor of the project, and the supreme courts of these denominations have affirmed and reaffirmed their faith in the wisdom of the movement."

"During these years, a basis of union has been formulated, including a statement of faith, and outline of polity, that is satisfactory to a large majority of the three negotiating bodies."

"There is and has been in the minds of most unionists for a considerable time, the feeling that the movement is of God and that it is also in harmony with democratic aspirations of a large section of Canadian people."

In the organization of the united church a large place will be given to lay representation and there can be no fear in such a democratic body



REV. BOWLEY GREEN, Minister of Talbot Street Baptist Church.

of anything approaching priestly domination.

"For myself, I am wholeheartedly in favor of union and believe that under the blessing of God it may be the beginning of a new day in the spiritual life of the great Dominion, Canada in this matter is showing not only the vigor but the daring of youth, in thus handling her denominational problem, and she is incidentally giving the lead to all the other Protestant countries who are concerned over their religious division."

Born of God.

Rev. F. B. Storey of Southern Congregational Church: "Organic church union is born of God. From the beginning of negotiations between the leaders of the Presbyterian, Methodist, and Congregational Churches, brotherhood and love have prevailed. The fact that there is no bitterness shown by unionists toward anti-unionists is another convincing proof that the movement is God-inspired. Fifty years ago, Methodists, Presbyterians and Congregationalists were diametrically opposed in worship and in teaching. Now the old denominational rivalry is disappearing and there is a oneness of purpose shown in the emphasis of the essentials of the Christian faith. Organic union must not be confused with local church union. There is no compulsion or coercion in the movement. No power in the proposed united church can close any local church, if it is spiritually and financially able to carry on its work. The united church will be free and democratic and must advance the kingdom of God in the great and growing kingdom of Canada."

Methodists' Opinions.

Rev. J. A. Agnew of Ridout Street Methodist Church: "Church union seems to me the only sane and rational policy to pursue when we consider the overlapping in our rural districts where one man could do the work which three are now doing. The denominations live in neighborly fashion, there is no reason why we should not mingle in a greater fashion."

"Doctrines are not an insurmountable obstacle. Salvation is the real issue."

"Rev. Geo. W. Dewey of Empress Avenue Methodist Church. 'This is a day of combination of capital for control. Selfishness, not service, is the secret. Back of church union, I believe there to be a desire for larger and more efficient service. Will the church escape the hardening influence and the resultant selfishness of monopoly? Church history from Constantine to the present gives us low encouragement. Autocracy and spiritual decay has been the record. To be honest, I am fearful. There is no inherent righteousness but there is inherent selfishness. Union may come but it is not here yet. Union's opponents may prove to be the church's best friends.'"

"Greater Efficiency."

Rev. John Garbutt of Dundas Centre Methodist Church: "My consent to church union has been given be-

Brief Thought On Union, Both For and Against It

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"To force the different branches of the Christian Church to accept any one form of creed is as foolish as it would have been in the days of the great war to compel the different allied forces to give up their individual identity."—Rev. James McKay of New St. James' Presbyterian Church.

"It must be a unity in the essentials of the doctrines of Jesus Christ."—Rev. George T. Watts of Wellington Street Methodist Church.

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cause I believe that a united church can best serve the people of Canada, in this time of our national history.

"It will not only conserve the best traditions of the uniting churches but assure the creation of greater efficiency in the educational, social, and religious life of our people."

"My second reason is that the nations and peoples of the world in this time of distrust, division and hatred greatly need the example of unifying spirit of brotherhood, trust and confidence of a united church laboring together for the good of mankind in all lands."

Rev. W. L. Hiles, Robinson Memorial Methodist Church: "Churches have come so close together in doctrine and spirit that I can see no reason for their remaining apart—for in union is strength. The situation in the Canadian West is one of the chief reasons why I would advocate union. For the good of the country as a whole some effort must be made to consolidate the work there. We have neither men nor money to carry on efficiently as we are. Church union would enable us to make the best of the situation and do away with the rifts of denominational rivalry which are keeping us apart."

Was Opposed.

Rev. Judson Kelly of Colborne Street Methodist Church: "Although at first I was opposed to the movement toward church union, I am now glad to see people lining up in support of their remaining apart—for in union is strength. The situation in the Canadian West is one of the chief reasons why I would advocate union. For the good of the country as a whole some effort must be made to consolidate the work there. We have neither men nor money to carry on efficiently as we are. Church union would enable us to make the best of the situation and do away with the rifts of denominational rivalry which are keeping us apart."

Rev. R. J. McCormick of Hyatt Avenue Methodist Church: "I am strongly in favor of church union. Nothing now can prevent it. It is a movement of the people and nothing can stem the tide of public opinion in its favor."

"It is the only solution for the needs of the west, and especially our own rural problems."

Rev. W. E. Millson, district secretary of the social service department of the Methodist Church: "I am in favor of church union because, without any curtailment or inefficiency of work and with a great saving in men and money, the kingdom of God, I believe, will be advanced and make greater progress, both at home and abroad."

Help Mission Efforts.

Rev. L. W. Reid of Lake Street Methodist Church: "I am in favor of church union, not so much for the amalgamation of the smaller churches, however, as for the larger possibilities in missionary efforts and big enterprises for world salvation."

Rev. A. E. M. Thomson of Centennial Methodist Church: "I have been a believer in and supporter of church union from the beginning because in my judgment there is no essential difference between the denominations which should keep them apart, and owing to the great need of workers and men in a country like ours, the work of the kingdom of God will be accomplished with far greater efficiency by union."

Rev. George T. Watts of Wellington Street Methodist Church: "I sincerely believe in a union of all the forces of Christendom, believing that in unity is strength."

"The more compact the thought, the greater will be the influence on the community and the individual mind."

"It must be a unity in the essentials of the doctrines of Jesus Christ."

Presbyterian Ideas.

Dr. William Beattie of First Presbyterian Church: "My first reason for supporting church union and desiring to see its speedy consummation is that I believe it will be in the best interests of the Kingdom of God in Canada."

"The Presbyterian Church, through its courts and by a vote of the people, has repeatedly endorsed the principle of union and the basis on which union is proposed."

"In view of the church's action, nearly 3,000 worshipping units throughout the Dominion have already entered into some form of union or co-operation. They have done this, believing that the church intended to consummate a larger union."

"To fail at this time would be to break faith with those many thousands who have already cut their connection with the mother church—

Presbyterian, Methodist or Congregational."

"We have in Canada a growing need for national unity. The extent of territory in the Dominion is so great that national and economic problems of the agricultural west will always tend toward national division. The problems of the agricultural west will always be different to those of the industrial east. Should union at this juncture be frustrated by the action of that portion of the church east of Lake Superior, it would mean the creation of a new union church west of Lake Superior. A country divided economically and religiously will surely be a less strong and vital force than one which has as a common binding element, a united church throughout the whole Dominion."

"In Honor Bound."

Rev. F. W. K. Harris, director of



REV. DR. D. C. MACGREGOR, Minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

religious education at St. Andrew's Church: "I am in favor of church union. As a young man I chose the Presbyterian denomination definitely as that in which I wished to work. Having considered the basis of church union, I deem it the finest of church standards to work for yet."

"The general assembly having decided for union, I believe as a minister of the Presbyterian Church that I should be for union. I believe also that after twenty years or more of negotiations for church union with a practical pledge for consummation of the same, we are in honor bound to support the movement."

"The leaders of church union have been generous almost to the point of weakness with their opponents who have shown a spirit of narrowness, of 'get all and give nothing.' The spirit of the leaders fulfills what I believe to be true Christian standards."

Rev. Dr. D. C. MacGregor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church: "There is only one Church of Christ. The largest possible union among churches will serve to give visibility and effectiveness to the prayer of our Lord, 'That they all may be one.'"

"A united church is demanded by the needs of Canada today."

"The situation in Western Canada and in rural portions of Eastern Canada makes union inevitable if the interests of the Kingdom of God are to be conserved."

"A united Church will make far more effective the appeal in non-Christian lands."

"And I know of no real reasons why evangelical churches should not unite, apart from certain inherited prejudices and adherence to traditions."

Opposes Union.

Rev. James McKay of New St. James' Presbyterian Church summed up his reasons for opposing church union: "It is the spirit and principle which unite the church into one corporate body, and not any outward form of organization. I do not look upon the Christian Church as divided. She is one in hope and spirit, and has but one head, even Christ, whose glory is her one aim, and to seek by legislation to force the different branches of the Christian Church to conform to any one form of church government, or to accept any one form of creed, is as foolish as it would have been in the days of the great

War to compel the different allied forces to give up their individual identity."

"Because men are not all alike in their moral and mental make-up, any more than in their physical make-up, you cannot hope to get any one form of organization that will suit all. If the church, therefore, would follow the mind of the Master, instead of driving from his fold those who love him by causing them to conform to that in which they do not believe, she should concern herself more about the masses who are unchurched, and seek by every honest means to win them to her and to her Lord."

"The ultimate aim of church union, according to the outstanding leaders of the movement, is to form a great national church. But a national church is no new thing. It is an old and tried institution, dating back to what is known as the Dark Ages. Every country in Europe has had its national church, but gradually these countries are ridding themselves of such an institution, and little wonder! For what is the history of the national church, whether Roman Catholic or Protestant?"

Autocracy and Tyranny.

"It is that of autocracy, arrogance and tyranny. When the fields of Europe, and the moors of England, Ireland and Scotland were stained with the blood of Christians, by whom was all this persecution and murdering carried out? Not by professed infidels and atheists; but by national churches calling themselves the Church of God."

"Of course the leaders in the church union movement would like to have us believe that the Canadian National Church, should it be brought into existence, would never behave in so unchristian a fashion as the national churches across the Atlantic. The proposed enabling legislation, however, whereby they hope to consummate church union, so far from reassuring us that the Canadian National Church will not follow in the footsteps of the European churches, gives us every reason to expect that it will do so. If by the stick of the law they will seek to force an army of over seventy thousand people into an organization to which they have declared themselves utterly opposed, what may we expect of them when their forces are united as one great whole? In my judgment it will be another case of the Children of Israel and Dehobam, which king, when he was appealed to by his people, to loose them from their burdens, said: 'My father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.'"

Regrets Rivalry.

Rev. John Richardson of Chalmers Presbyterian Church: "I am strongly in favor of church union, because I am convinced that the needs of the church are such that the interests of the Kingdom of God can be best served by union. Seven years in the mission fields of Northern Ontario and the West have convinced me that denominational rivalry is too potent a force, and that there are too many struggling congregations scattered here and there."

Rev. T. A. Symington, Knox Presbyterian Church: "I am strongly in favor of keeping faith with the decision of the Presbyterian General Assembly regarding union, and with the negotiating denominations. At one time I was not enthusiastic over the proposed union, believing that a policy of co-operation was necessary to bring the denominations to a more mutual understanding."

"Union appeared to me to be born of a love for larger organizations, which was out of keeping with our present group method of education."

"But in view of the decision and the distance the matter has gone, especially in the West, I am convinced that it would be both foolish and impossible to draw back now. This appears to be one of the great movements of the day, and one which will and must come."

"As far as the minority have been concerned, their rights have been given patient consideration. The majority have rights also. And as far as doctrinal changes are concerned, it is interesting to note the findings of the British Privy Council concerning the 'Wee Free' controversy of Scotland."

"It is the privilege of and necessary for any religious organization to restate its beliefs from time to time."

Rev. J. T. C. Morris of Askin Street Methodist Church, when interviewed, would express no opinion, nor would Rev. M. F. Cree of the Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church.

His Lordship Bishop Fallon also declined to offer any comment on the question.

WESTERN MEDS '24 PLAN BIG ST. PATRICK'S DANCE

One of the gala events of the season at Western University will take place Thursday, when Meds '24 hold their annual dance in the Winter Gardens. Ever since their freshman year in 1919 this class has entertained on or about St. Patrick's Day, and this last function, the fourth, they promise will be the crowning event. The committee in charge is headed by Clare Sanborne, president, and consists of F. C. Hunt, G. H. Geddes and T. I. Barnby.

REPORTS RURAL SCHOOLS HEALTH CONDITIONS GOOD

Special to The Advertiser. Chatham, March 12.—Health conditions in rural schools in East Kent are improving, according to Inspector W. H. Colles, although class work has been seriously interrupted during the past several weeks on account of epidemics of "flu" and colds.

WELFARE ASSOCIATION

There will be a general meeting of the Welfare Association on Friday night at 8 o'clock in the Tecumseh Hotel, to consider the plans made by the various committees in preparation for welfare week. The executive wish every organization involved in this work to be represented by at least two members.

FIRE DESTROYS CHURCH FOUR FIREMEN INJURED

Damage to Montreal Edifice Is Estimated at \$30,000—Cause Unknown.

Canadian Press Despatch. — Montreal, March 12.—Mountain Street Methodist Church was destroyed by fire this morning. Four firemen were injured while fighting the flames and had to be taken to the hospital. The injured firemen were:

Chief Presseau, hit on the foot by a falling axe; J. Lapierre, burned about the face, and A. Frigon and A. Forget fell to the street when the ladder broke.

It is not known how the fire started. The damage is estimated at \$30,000, partly covered by insurance.

SCORE PLANS TO FILM DOCTRINES OF CHURCH

Cleric, However, Do Not Oppose Pictures of Coming Conference.

Associated Press Despatch. — London, March 12.—The proposal of the Anglo-Catholic Congress, the new body of progressives in the Anglican Church, for filming and broadcasting features of their congress, is already arousing keen discussion. Probably not much objection will be raised to the idea of broadcasting certain sessions of the congress, but it is when the Anglo-Catholics propose to produce a series of films to illustrate the doctrine and use of the seven sacraments that opposition will be most severe.

"Perfectly ghastly idea," is the verdict of one prominent cleric, who declares he possesses no narrow objections to the move, is an educational factor. "The idea of filming any spiritual mystery is surely revolting to a degree," he declared.

Another objection advanced is the light manner in which the proposal is put forward. "The main difficulty is one of finance," declare those who oppose these films, and who have submitted a circular which it is asserted reads very much like a company prospectus. The circular proceeds to promise subscribers an interest in the project and a bonus upon profits. "Fancy opening letters and finding your check for profits on a film of the holy union," declares one critic, who writes without the least intention to be flippant.

Obituaries

W. J. CROCKER.

The death of W. J. Crocker, a widely-known retired businessman and lifelong resident of this city, occurred at the family residence, 602 Adelaide street, Sunday morning, following an attack of heart failure of some months duration.

Mr. Crocker was in his 53rd year, and had spent his entire life in London. Prior to his retiring some three years ago, he conducted a meat and provision shop on Dundas street near the corner of Rectory and was well known in the East End. He leaves his widow, one daughter, Elsie, one son, Lionel, and a step-daughter, Ethel L. Heath, and two sisters, Mrs. A. Liddicott and Miss Sophie Crocker, all of this city.

The funeral service will be held at the above address tomorrow afternoon, and interment will be made in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

FUNERAL OF A. D. McLEAN.

The funeral of Archibald D. McLean, former manager of the local branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, who died last Thursday, was held from his late residence, 621 Waterloo street to Woodland Cemetery on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. McLean was a member of Tuscan Lodge, A. F. and A. M., a thirty-second degree member of the Scottish Rite, and a prominent shareholder. The funeral was private and the services conducted by Rev. Dr. D. C. MacGregor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. The pallbearers were: J. F. Murphy, S. Munro, W. R. Meredith, J. Graham, J. Gillean and G. Holland.

The late Mr. McLean always displayed a keen interest in athletics of all kinds. He was, in his earlier years, an enthusiastic sculler, lacrosse player and boxer, and of late had won many prizes in various bowling and curling tournaments in this district.

He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. H. Williams and Mrs. J. H. Ferguson, both of London, England.

FELIX REID.

The death of Felix Reid, a resident of London for the last fourteen years, occurred in this city Saturday. The late Mr. Reid was 65 years of age and had lived in Mitchell before coming to this city. He is survived by three sisters: Mrs. J. Scanlon of Ludington, Mich.; Mrs. K. Murray of Chicago; Mrs. J. Curtin of Logan Township, and three brothers, James of Sandwich, John of Montreal, and Donald of Stratford. The body was forwarded by Grand Trunk to Mitchell this morning and interment was made in that town this afternoon.

THE LATE J. B. SCANDRETT.

The funeral of John Beatty Scandrett, senior partner of the grocery firm of Scandrett Bros., who died Saturday morning at the family residence, 480 Queen's avenue, was held this afternoon at 2:30 from his home to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. J. F. Reyecraft of First Methodist Church. William Skinner, Frank Adams, Bruce Wanless, Richard Bland, John Graham and Alexander Gillean acted as pallbearers.

Mr. Scandrett was in his 64th year and had lived in this city all his life. He was not connected with any fraternal societies, but was always intensely interested in the affairs of the Conservative party, of which he was a member.

SIR ADAM BECK ILL.

Owing to a serious cold, Sir Adam Beck could not attend the meeting of the London and Port Stanley Railway Commission held this morning. Inquiries from his residence elicited the information that the hydro knight was suffering from a cold. His physician ordered him to bed. His condition, however, is not sufficiently serious to give cause for any anxiety.

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REV. W. L. ARMITAGE, Rector of St. James' (Anglican), South London.

precipitate the spiritual genius of these two great religious bodies, organic union is impracticable. Each of the great evangelical bodies was born of an imperative spiritual need. Each has its message and its ministry, and unless the convictions and principles cherished by our forefathers have perished there is still abundant reason for denominational existence."

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THE STRANGER

By JOHN GOODWIN

SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

"Jim Carey," in reality William Travers Talbot, son of Lord Talbot, whose recent death had left the estate and peerage without an heir, had at one time been the leader of a band of rascals composed of Callaghan, Bell, Vailie, Drummond and Slaney, who, sure that Carey was killed in the Argentine, plan to blackmail his daughter after putting her in possession of the fortune. This girl is unknown to anyone save these men as the Talbot heiress. She was born in the United States, but later brought to London by a Janet MacKellar when her mother died, and her father had deserted them. The band proposes to find this girl, now about 20 years old.

Joan Ayre, a typist, and her girl friend, Emmie Clegg, go for a holiday on the Thames with

Blodmore and another young man. Joan falls in the water and is rescued by

Mottisfont, a young barrister-at-law. He takes her to a houseboat where he is one of a party, and

as they pass down the river he shows her the Talbot house, where the day Joan goes as a sightseer to the Talbot ancestral home. Slaney,

who has secured a position in the household, of which is known to the Talbot family, on leaving

Joan Ayre is the Talbot heiress, because he has seen her drink from a goblet, the secret of which is known only to the Talbot family. On leaving

Knayth Abbey, Joan gives a hint to a stranger who accuses her. She then meets Bell and Vailie, and accepts their proposition to make her

Viscountess Talbot of Knayth if she will pay them £40,000 when the estate is here. A mysterious note is found in the headquarters of the band, warning them to leave Joan

Talbot alone, and later all the proofs of Joan's claim are stolen, presumably by "Jim Carey." Mottisfont

agrees to act as her counsel, and is saved in a murderous street attack by the intervention of a strange man, who disappears when the police arrive. Mottisfont receives a registered letter containing all the proofs

of Joan's claim. Joan goes to live with Lady Dunluce. Vailie and Bell write Mottisfont saying they have

turned the proofs over to him of their own volition. Slaney is mysteriously murdered as Joan's case is completed for the courts by the finding of a

sea captain who commanded the boat which rescued Carey from a watery grave. A bearded stranger had forced the captain to go to Mottisfont and admit his identity.

The skipper nodded and made his farewells. When he had gone Philip turned to Joan.

"I have something else here to show you," he said, "the French army record of Sergeant Le Mesurier of the Foreign Legion. A full description and all identity marks—including a blue tattooed wyvern on the left arm, with motto, 'Semper Vigilans.' The record also shows that he was awarded the Croix de Guerre and twice afterwards the bronze star to it, for gallantry in action."

Joan's eyes grew misty as she looked at these relics of her dead father.

"Our case," continued Philip, "is now absolutely complete. Application has been made, and on the arrival of the American witnesses, expected in a few days, it will proceed forthwith. For we now have the statement of your late guardian, Janet MacKellar, that she left in trust for you, and it clinches the case even better than we could have hoped."

"No more," said Joan instantly and with decision. "Give it to me!"

She took the paper and as she read it a strange thrill, a sense of darkness and danger, over her through this message from the dead.

"My dearest little Joan: When this at last is placed in your hands, the little money I had to leave to you will be yours and I think you will need it more than you do now. For I have a feeling that trouble will come upon you with the years. And I know that I am near my end. But I have a confession to make. I am not Ayre. That is my name. I gave to you myself, for good reasons, when you were still too young to remember any other."

"You are the daughter of Helen Lloyd and William Travers Talbot, Englishman, who married your mother at Calcutta, some years ago in 1857. Your mother died and confided you to my care. I have tried to justify that trust and I loved you as I have never loved any other living creature. You were the brightest ray in my life."

"Your father never again used his true name, for he dared not use it nor even openly claimed you as his daughter. He knew where you were and he agreed with the course I had chosen. He came sometimes to see you. He was the man you knew as 'Uncle Jim.'"

"I believe your father is now dead. It is not for me to speak ill of the dead. I knew but a little of William Talbot's life, and what I know I shall not tell you even now. I will only say that it was evil and wicked."

"I confess that I hated William Talbot, hated to see him with you. I dreaded his influence on your

future. I did my utmost to separate his life from yours. In the end I fled with you in the hope of escaping from him forever."

"How far this was due to my jealousy of him and my love for you I do not know. If I have sinned I pray for forgiveness where alone forgiveness should be sought."

"I could not tell you all this while I lived for fear that you would turn against me and hate me. I should wish to keep the secret from you for all time. But I dare not take so much upon me. You have the right to know and to choose your way of life from your name."

"Don't think too hardly of me, little Joan. Try and forgive a hard, old man who guarded you and loved you."

"But take this solemn warning from the dead and remember I speak from knowledge. Keep the name of Ayre. Never seek to solve the secret of the other nor to claim it for your own. For so it will be the better for your life, for your happiness—and for your soul."

"ANET MACKELLAR."

Emmie Looks Ahead.

Joan stood in the hall and looked about her with mingled feelings. How curiously mean and unattractive the place seemed at home there as if

for many days Joan had been installed at Charles street as the guest of Lady Dunluce. Already she felt

and a perfect stranger at home there as if Mayfair had always been her abode. Her hostess was both considerate

and charming. She could make the most of Joan. The careless, comfortable life of the well-to-do had been wrapped about the girl like a cloak.

There had been dinners and little dances; small parties of happy, easy-mannered folk, and Joan had made many acquaintances among those who formerly had been no more than names to her. The Talbot claimant, indorsed socially by so influential a person as Lady Dunluce, had become a social celebrity. And the uncertainty of the affair made it all the more pleasant for those who sought her acquaintance.

And now Joan for an hour found herself back in Lambeth. Despite the dinginess of the bed-sitting-room the girl friends had shared, a curious regret tinged Joan's feelings. Before life became so guided and wonderful a thing she had been very happy there with red-headed little Emmie Clegg.

Of course she had seen nothing whatever for nearly a fortnight—not, indeed, since the day following Joan's change of fortune. And Emmie had had no letters from her since then not a word.

Joan, in fact, had returned in the bag of finding her friend, not to the agent and paid the rent for the room for two quarters in advance. There were no letters, no sign of her friend. But at that moment, as Joan stood by the broken table, reflecting, she heard a well-remembered step on the stairs.

The door opened and Emmie Clegg appeared—dressed from head to foot in sombre, tight-fitting black, with the dinginess of the bed-sitting-room white skin and flaming red hair. She stopped in amazement on seeing Joan, who the next moment had her in her arms and kissed her fondly.

"Emmie!" gasped Joan. And then she freed herself and stepped back. "S'pose I ought to say 'my lady'."

She remarked dryly.

"For goodness sake, don't let us talk nonsense!" said Joan anxiously. "You are in mourning."

"Poor old Uncle Ben!" said Emmie in melancholy accents, "been nursing him no one else there fit to do it." She coughed huskily. "No good. Buried him yesterday."

Joan felt a pang of sorrow. She remembered too well the kindly simple old man who had been her host and Emmie's on that wonderful Bank Holiday week-end at Clive-mead.

Emmie! What can I say? I am so sorry—

"Can't be helped. All got to go the same way," said Emmie shaking her head. "Don't let's talk about it. He was a decent old sort. May we all be as fit to go as he was. It's you I want to talk about. What's all this wonderful tale about you and your title and money?"

"Is it true, Joan? For all I've heard of it is—what I've seen in the papers."

"You would have been the very first to know, Emmie, if you'd been here," said Joan, flushing. "But at the moment I was bound to secrecy about it, and that day when I left the office for good I only dared tell you."

"Yes, yes—I quite understand that. But let's hear about it, Joan."

She sat down and, breathless, listened to the whole story as Joan poured it out.

"It's a fairy tale!" exclaimed Emmie. "Is like what you see in a play. And yet, the way you tell it—it all sounds simple and reasonable enough."

She rose to her feet and stared at Joan. "You, a lady, a little as a millionaire—a swell, she concluded bitterly."

"Emmie, why do you call me these things?" said the girl quietly. "I copy that Joan. That's all."

"That's it. True enough. Just Joan. There'll be one in that swell push, anyhow. That's clean and straight. May they never spoil you, Joan! Don't think me hard because I hate the whole crew of them, men and women, too. I've better cause than you'll ever know. An' don't think I'm not glad for you, little Joan. I'm as glad as it's my nature to be. I'd give my hands to see you happy."

She stared at

Joan. "An' so you're the owner of that great park place, Knayth—near where I've just come from. The place, a doddled house, where the footman was murdered."

"You heard of that?" said Joan very gravely.

"Hear of it? Folk talked of nothing else down there. There ain't been such a sensation since Clive-mead started. However, it seems to have died down now," continued Emmie. "Looks as if the police have dropped it—anyway, they're stumped. Can't find a thing, out about it. Neither of these 'undiscovered murderers,' as they call 'em."

"It seems so," said Joan quietly, but rather pale.

"I'm a fool to talk about it to you," said Emmie, quickly. "You see, I ain't got nice manners an' tact—like swells have. Polite society ain't in my line. That Knayth business don't hurt you—you ain't stayin' yet. But what are you don't stayin' here alone?"

Joan told her of Lady Dunluce's hospitality.

"Oh," said Emmie dryly. "Lady Dunluce, eh? An' what's the next move?"

"I don't know or care!" said Joan, stepping forward and seizing her by the hands. "What I want of you is this, Emmie. The day I come into my own, I want you to come and live with me for always, and be my friend—your little chum I mean. We'll always share alike when there's—little enough to spare. Now there's plenty, you must send me."

"In other words, drop my job and come an' sponge on you," retorted Emmie, shaking her head.

"I shall come and see you, and call me and the London house and call yourself my companion, if you like," said Joan desperately. "Only come and be my friend."

"Ah," said Emmie, standing back and looking at her seriously. "An' the funny thing is, you mean it?"

"Of course, I mean it."

"Just so. It wouldn't be you if you didn't. You'd take me in there, among all your swells, an' never be ashamed of me, no more than you'd display her squat figure and quaint features. Well, it's no go, my girl, there it is. I'm not going to queer your pick like that. Besides, you've got your life to live—an' I've got mine."

"Wait. Now be careful what you say, even though I can't live with you, I'm sure you're not going to insult me by offering me any of your money, Joan. For if you did, it'd be the absolute finish between you an' me."

Joan dropped her hands with a gasp of despair.

"I'd like to shake you, Emmie," she said with intense feeling. "You ain't got enough. Never mind all that rot about money, old gal. I've a stronger will than you have. Besides, I'm rich myself. I've had a surprise, same as you. I'm down in Uncle Ben's will for £200."

"Emmie! But that's splendid. I'm so glad, dear."

"Five hundred Jimmy o' Gobblins," Emmie put a handkerchief to her eyes and brushed away a small tear. "I was fond o' the old chap; he's always been very good to me. But there it is. After all, I'm still a poor little thing."

"You ain't got to go down, Joan. We shall make good, all right. I'm going to be very happy with my Ted. He's a man!"

Joan kissed her warmly.

"You'll both be happy, dear. The best news yet, Emmie. I claim to be your bridesmaid!"

"We'll be pleased, my Ted an' me," said Emmie, grinning. "We welcome Lady Talbot of Knayth. Wedding in the Little Church. Around the road. Reception in the Old Kent Road here, Joan—about you. Sure you've got a certainty? No chance of your being 'beat in' on the post? When's the show start?"

"It's begun now. The case is before the House of Lords. It will take some days, but they tell me I can't fail."

"Ah! An' who's got the reins? Who's runnin' you?"

"Why, Mr. Philip Mottisfont. Didn't you know?"

"Him! Emmie's voice rose sharply, and her face became grim. "What has he got that job? Shoved himself in, did he?"

"He is my counsel, Emmie. It was I who chose him. He has been splendid—I owe him everything."

"Mottisfont!" Emmie's tone was like the rasp of a file on metal. "He's doing it for you, is he?"

She started up, and her fingers gripped Joan's arm. "I didn't envy you, before, Joan. But I do now! I do now! I'd place a year's work to be in your place soon—just for one day!"

"What do you mean?" said Joan, amazed.

"Mean?" Almost snarled Emmie. "I mean that he'll ask you to marry him! Yes, I'd give all I've got, when that happens, to be Lady Talbot of Knayth. I'd give what my name's worth."

Joan rather pale, stared in amazement.

"You dog! I'd say," Emmie's voice hissed between her teeth. "When I was a workin' girl on the road, there'd been no talk of marriage. You'd take all I had an' give me nothing. Now I've a title an' a million of money, you come crawling to me. That's my answer to you. Mister Main-Chance Mottisfont! An' I'd drop me hand across his yin' mouth!"

Emmie!

"You dare to say those things to me?"

"Dare? I dare more than that. I dare to ask you yet?"

"No."

"No! He's waitin' to be sure you're a winner!"

Emmie looked at her friend, who stared at her with pale cheeks and blazing eyes.

"I s'pose," said Emmie in an altered voice. "You've done for myself—with you. You won't forgive me. But remember, if ever you want a friend come to me. I can right you."

Suddenly she threw an arm round her forehead, and flung out of the room without another word. Her footsteps were heard rapidly retreating down the staircase.

Joan sank into a chair and, sitting before her, trembling and staring, she tried to recall the scene.

"It is true!" she muttered. "It is true!"

She leaned upon the table and covered her face with her hands.

"True or not, I know one thing. I am the richest woman in London. But if Philip does not ask me, I am poorer than ever was Joan Ayre, the typist."

(To Be Continued.)

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Brantford, March 11.—Sixteen pounds of short-weight butter were seized on the local market Saturday morning by the market inspector.

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To "Hamish Grant."

Dear Miss Grey—After reading the most interesting letter I received from you, I felt like writing a sort of answer to it.

I do not believe he is the "old man" he makes out to be, so I am not remembering some of the happenings that his letter brought to my mind of a time long gone.

In my own case it is a matter of hearsay, for I was but a little girl when my parents moved from London. I'll not say how many years ago. This I will say: I am not an old woman yet, but old or young, I cannot remember when The "Tiser" did not come to our home.

I wonder if Hamish is old enough to remember (or has heard of) the wholesale druggist of John Green & Co., also A. E. Powell, my father was a member of the staff of both firms, and I have often heard him speak of his old friend who was the pioneer of the Westman Hardware Company.

The husband of one of my childhood friends has become a very successful play writer, and I am sure that the play he is to be given in Victoria, B. C. Perhaps if Hamish knew of it he would take out the little old "Tiser."

Now, I am sure that you, too, happened to know the playwright's better half. That was something else that made me feel like writing an answer to your letter. We've always shared alike lives on the same coast of Vancouver Island, and I feel sure when she hears of it she will not miss seeing that play. When I read his jolly account of how he and his boys take their morning dip in the Pacific I almost wish I could be with him and his boys, and see him splash about in the water, and off for their swim.

His farm is "Purple Brae," and I am sure that he will not miss seeing the car and drive the intervening miles to old Lake Erie as we do here.

It is just possible if Hamish is old enough to know my mother, who with eleven brothers and sisters, was born and raised about nine miles from London.

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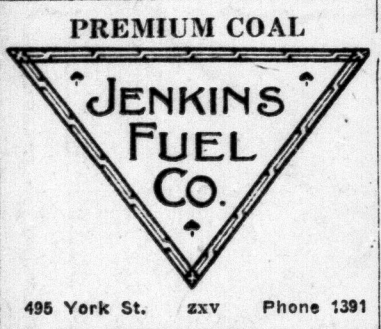
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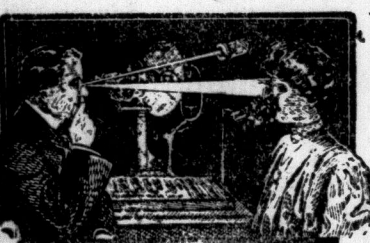
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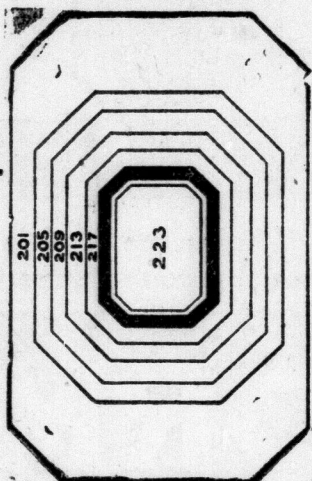
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Leo Henner of Detroit Found
Dead in Automobile by
Companions.

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Detroit, March 12.—Gas from the
exhaust of an automobile in which
he had lain all night, following a
booze party, Friday, was responsible
for the death of Leo Henner, 31 years
old, according to physicians who per-
formed an autopsy at the county
morgue Saturday.

Henner was brought to the Receiving
Hospital early Saturday by two
men. Physicians at the hospital found
that Henner had died some hours
earlier.

The men told hospital attendants
that Henner, who was an investigator
for a motor bus concern, had gone to
Pontiac Friday afternoon to report
on an accident there, and drove back
to Detroit with friends. It was said
the men left Henner sleeping in a
garage at the rear of 3329 Fourteenth
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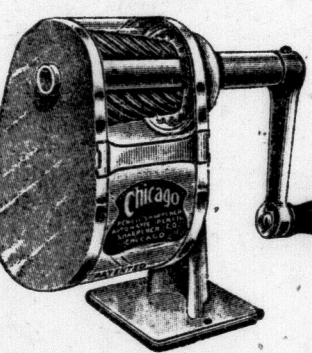
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UNCHANGING HUMAN NATURE REVEALED BY EGYPTOLOGY

Men Spend Their Lives Digging Up Tombs of Musty Kings in
Order To Make Their Contribution To the
Fields of History and of Art.

Why do men spend their lives dig-
ging up the dusty tombs of Egv-
ptian kings who lived over 3,000 years
ago? The civilized world today—
1900 years since the coming of Christ
—impatiently awaits every vestige of
information emanating from the re-
cent discovery of a civilization that
was at its height 1900 years before
Christ's time. Why? What have
these exhaustive and persevering re-
searches contributed to the fund of
human knowledge? The answer can
be summed up in the reply of Mr.
Ambrose Lansing, assistant director
of the department of Egyptology of
the New York Metropolitan Museum
of Art, a noted archaeologist and ex-
perienced excavator.

"The contribution of Egyptology,"
says Mr. Lansing, "is of no material
value, in the sense of being of practi-
cal use, if one discounts the present
craze among the modistes or the oc-
casional furniture dealers who like to
copy some Theban design. In an-
cient Egypt the sciences were still in
their infancy, rudiments of geometry
or a bit of elementary physics being
the extent of their development.

No Literature or Philosophy.
"There have been no records of
Egyptian scribes, no writer of his-
tories, dramas or romance, as we find
in the early Greek civilization. What
written records have been preserved
have been merely the personal eulo-
gies of great kings and nobles. (I
might make one exception in the bi-
cal story of Joseph and Potiphar's
wife, which is undoubtedly of Egv-
ptian origin.)

"The idea of the immortality of the
soul, if this could be called a philo-
sophical contribution, was an Egv-
ptian conception, although the same
idea has persisted through nearly all
civilizations. In Pharaoh Akhnaton,
the father-in-law of Tutankhamen,
we find the first disciple of a mono-
theistic form of religion.

"In the field of architecture the
Egyptians excelled, although the
form and technique of their work has
long since passed into the discard.
We have marveled at the construc-
tion of the great pyramids and the
immense stone obelisks and wondered
how such accomplishments were pos-
sible with the apparently meagre
tools at hand. But these marvels
could be duplicated many times over
today. The names of a few Egyptian
architects have come down to us,
such as Sennut of the 18th dynasty,
Puyemure, the official architect and
builder for Thutmose III., Daga, who
built the temple of Menthotep III.,
and Amenhotep, the father of Akh-
naton.

"In weaving and linen making the
Egyptians showed great skill, but the
early Greeks were much more adept
at this sort of work and did it with
much greater efficiency. In embalm-
ing, which many have considered the
great hidden art of Egypt, we today
are far superior.

What Egypt Contributes.
"Only in the sense, therefore, that
all civilization is evolutionary—that
every period of development has
taken its source in the period before
it—can we ascribe any definite mat-
erial contribution to the early Egv-
ptians. What we do gain by these
delvings into a remote past is the
vast intellectual contribution to the
fields of history and art. And, what
is even more impressive, we have re-
vealed to us the unchangeable, eternal
nature of men and women, as truly
exemplified today as it was in the
time when Pharaoh Tutankhamen
reigned in lordly splendor."

The latter is undoubtedly the ex-
planation of the present popular ap-
peal. To know that Egyptian ladies
wore side combs in their hair and
bronze mirrors with ivory handles on
their dressers, wood and bone hair-
pins, daintily-carved cosmetic dishes,
and curling irons very much the same
as those sold today in the corner
drug store, gives to this ancient
history a glamor of romantic reality.

In the Metropolitan Museum of Art
in New York are complete razor out-
fits, used by the gentlemen of the age-
old Thebes, blades of bronze, gilt
stones for honing, and a small pair
or tweezers—all packed in a neat
leather case to facilitate carrying on
journeys or tucking in the pocket.
Also one may see ivory combs, with
coarse and fine teeth, just as they
are made today; pen-holders, with

wells for red and black ink and the
long reeds frayed at the end like
a brush for writing; wooden jewelry
boxes and all sorts of fragile re-
ceptacles for oils and ointments.

Had Folding Beds.

The ancient Egyptians raked their
lawns with garden rakes, long of
handle and bearing blunt, wooden
teeth; they cut their grain with hand-
sickles, hardened on the cutting edge
by firing and covering the wood with
bronze. They brushed their clothes
with whisk-brooms, used bronze lad-
les in the kitchen, and ate with
wooden spoons. They sat on folding
cane stools, identical with those
manufactured today, the seat made of
tough leather. In one tomb, dating
back to 1550, B. C., was actually
found a folding bed made of wood,
the side-boards and slats hinged so
that the bed could be folded together
and shoved in a corner.

The Egyptians were excellent fish-
ermen, and the Nile evidently sup-
plied them with a bountiful supply of
food. They used fish hooks on lines
the same as we do, and the hooks
were curved with the reverse prong
to secure the fish, exactly as we use
them today. In addition to this they
used fine nets for deep water fishing.
Their carpenters made trowels for
masonry work, grass ropes, saws and
chisels.

Perhaps the above are the things
that have brought Egyptology home
to us. Our laborious scientists have
pieced together a picture of remote
life that is startling in human remin-
iscent.

Models Found.

In the spring of 1919, Mr. Lansing,
while working in the Valley of Kings,
near Kurph, Egypt, made a discov-
ery which is unique of its kind. In
the tomb of a great dignitary of the
XI. Dynasty (about 2000 B. C.) a
chancellor and steward of the royal
palace of Mehenkwt, were found
a complete set of models—small,
brilliantly-painted statuettes of men,
boats and animals, which were sup-
posed to provide the daily necessities
for the great noble. This was an
ancient custom and usually consisted
of a few figures of servants at their
daily tasks, eternally preparing food
and drink for the dead owner of the
tomb.

Gradually these servants had been
multiplied and the statue of the man
himself been made smaller until his
figure had been reduced to the same
scale as the servants. The latter are
grouped in models of workshops, or
on boats, performing their tasks, and
the master's statue had become a
figure on the tableau, watching the
work done for him. The spirits of the
little model workmen and the spirits
of the food they produced eternally,
supplied the spirit of the little statue,
and that was the soul of the dead
man.

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SEEKS SUITABLE SHRUB FOR SPRING PREMIUM

Horticultural Society Will Con-
tinue Efforts To Secure
Flower of Value.

The directors of the Horticultural
Society met Saturday night and
transacted considerable business of
interest to the members.

The premium committee reported
that strenuous efforts by letter and
cable has failed to locate a suitable
lot of lilacs or other flowering shrubs
for the spring premium. They were
instructed to continue their efforts,
and it was decided that in any event
gladioli would not be used for a
spring premium, but, if unavoidable,
the spring premium would be com-
bined with that of the fall. This will
not be done if it is feasible at all to
procure a creditable supply for
spring distribution. It is intended to
offer, options for the fall premium,
probably of lilacs or tulips, but in
order to avail themselves of a choice,
members will have to reply to the
question that will be sent out, as to
which they prefer. The premium
committee is laying plans which will
enable them to distribute premiums
of very high value within two or
three years.

The secretary, Oliver Ellwood,
has assumed the reins of office, and
membership fees will be accepted at
the utilities office. Membership books
were distributed among the board,
and plans discussed for a drive for
members in the near future.

Routine accounts were passed, and
the board authorized the purchase of
some 300 or 400 especially fine
gladioli to be used in demonstration
beds in Victoria and Springbank
Parks. With the kind co-operation
of the parks board it is hoped to
stimulate enthusiasm for this flower.

Arrangements are in hand for the
illustrated lecture by Miss E. M.
Blacklock, the well-known horticultur-
ist of Meadowdale, Ont. This lec-
ture will probably be given within
three weeks.

SUNDAY CONCERT NETS BYRON VETERANS \$100

Local Artists Assist Tubercular
Association To Achieve Suc-
cess At Benefit.

One hundred dollars was the re-
ward of the Tubercular Veterans' As-
sociation who organized a concert
last night at the Majestic Theatre,
at which the silver collection for the
benefit of the tubercular men in
Byron Sanatorium, who do not come
under the D. S. C. R., and are not en-
titled to any pension, amounted to
the sum quoted.

With Dr. Hugh Stevenson presid-

ing, the concert opened with a selec-
tion by the Askin Street Methodist
Church orchestra, under the leader-
ship of Dr. Henry Smith, the church
organist.

Mrs. Schofield of the New St.
James' choir and Harry Carson of
the St. Paul's choir gave, by request,
"Watchman, What of the Night?" a
very fine rendering that would have
demanded a repetition but for the
restriction requested by the chair-
man, who stated that the long pro-
gram unfortunately prevented any
encores.

The theatre was full; there were
no vacant seats downstairs, and not
many in the gallery, which, con-
sidering that this was the first con-
cert given by the association in Lon-
don, was very gratifying to the com-
mittee in charge.

Professor Kalaine was heard to ad-
vantage in the "Meditation" and mer-
ited the enthusiastic acclaim to which
his selection was responsive. The

Askin Street Methodist male chorus
added worthily to an excellent pro-
gram, and both Mrs. Schofield and
Harry Carson contributed solos that
were perfectly executed.

The ladies of the London Red
Cross, under Miss Shaw-Wood, took
up the collection. These are the la-
dies who go regularly out to Byron
and their help was greatly appreciated.

Herbert O'Connor, manager of the
Marie Gladie Players, won the sin-
cere gratitude of the men from the
sanatorium by his generous offer of
the use of the theatre, entirely free,
and including light and heat, which
is not always the case even in such
concerts as this, as Capt. J. T. Mas-
ters, vice-president of the associa-
tion, was particularly to explain.

Mr. Masters explained the position
of the men and their dependents who
were to benefit by this concert. At
the close of the war the time limit in
which any man was to report sick-

ness to the medical boards was fixed
at one year.

This in some cases prevented men
with incipient tuberculosis applying
in time, as the disease is of slow
progress in certain circumstances,
and when they did at last make the
necessary application the regulations,
not having foreseen such a contin-
gency, had made no provision for
their receiving either pay or allow-
ances.

"In Byron today," he said, "there
are a number of men who are en-
tirely dependent on civil aid for their
treatment, and their wives and fam-
ilies are without any form of support
at all unless it be some voluntary
contributions from private individ-
uals or from associations and clubs."

It is for those unfortunate wives
and children that this concert was
arranged. It was the first time that
the Tubercular Veterans' Association
had put on anything like this outside
the sanatorium and they were ex-

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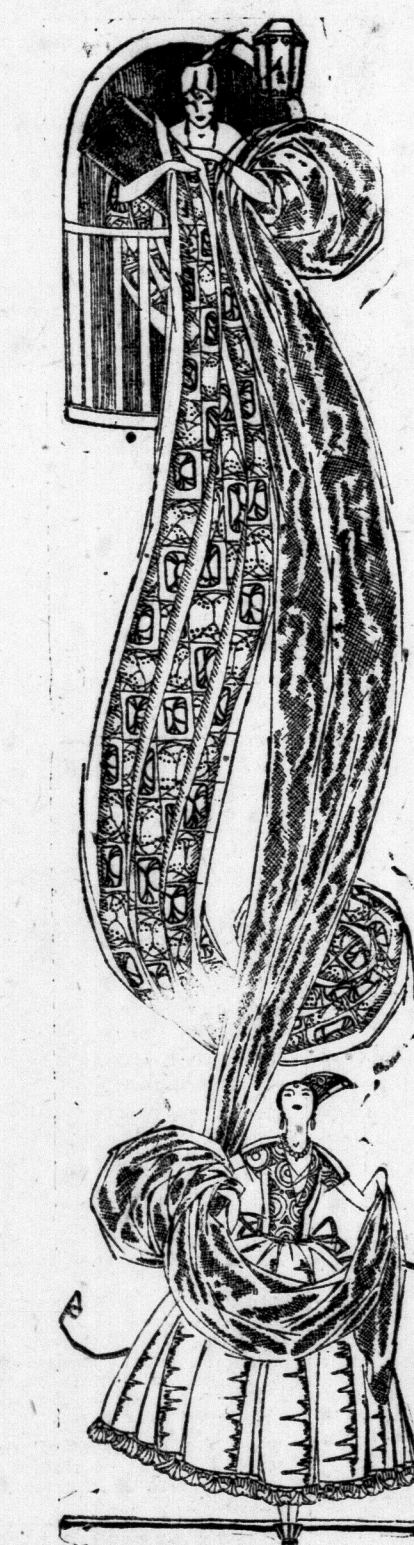
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sions foreign department, preached,
and Francis Cullis of London sang.
At the 36th anniversary of Centennial
Evangelical Rev. C. S. Graeb of
Toronto preached.