

MAYOR ASKS AFFIDAVIT BEFORE POLICE PROBE

KU KLUX MAN IN TOWN SEEKS IRWIN HIGNETT TO RETURN TO INDIANA

High Official of Imperial Klan Says Hignett Is "Straight," But Regrets Indiscretion—Confirms Accuracy of Information Given and Denies Rumors of Arrest and Prosecution—Repeats Declaration That Present Klan Can Never Come to Canada.

'ROYAL RIDERS OF RED ROBE' ALREADY HERE

Another member of the Ku Klux Klan has come to London. He is in search of Irwin R. Hignett, "Klax," of the Klan, who last week provided The London Advertiser with material for three articles, completely exposing the Klan's constitution, purposes and rituals, and who has since left the city.

The new arrival reached London on Saturday afternoon from the Western States. The Advertiser withholds his name and rank, but has examined his credentials as a high official of the Imperial Ku Klux Klan, signed by Col. William Joseph Simmons of Atlanta, Georgia, founder of the order. The Imperial Klan is described as the central administrative body.

The stranger also carries deputy's cards from the sheriff's office of Wayne County, Indiana. He is a good-looking, husky, young man, with penetrating gray eyes, and an alert personality.

The Klansman has come to find Hignett on telegraphed instructions from his higher authorities. The London Free Press, in an unsuccessful attempt to discredit Hignett, and the accuracy of the information which he disclosed to The Advertiser, despatched telegrams to Klan headquarters and other bodies in the United States. Klan authorities, of course, ignored the Free Press appeals, but decided to find out just what excitement Hignett was creating here in London. Hence the second arrival.

Denies Rumors.
This is the explanation made to The Advertiser by the Klansman. He denies emphatically rumors already circulating that he has a warrant for Hignett's arrest, that he has asked the co-operation of local police, or that he is surveying London for organization purposes.

"Hignett has been indiscreet in some of the information which he published," the Klansman stated to The Advertiser, "and I wish to talk with him, and take the boy back home with me before he gets in any deeper. His wife is anxious about him, too, and we want to fix everything up."

Asked as to the extent of Hignett's "indiscretion," the Klansman gave as specific examples, The Advertiser's publication of the credentials and the oath of allegiance. "Hignett should not have let you have those things," he declared, "though I can't blame you for using them."

Commenting on The Advertiser's articles, the Klan official said: "The information which Sergeant Hignett gave you is perfectly accurate, and we make no particular complaint against your paper for disclosing it to the public, although there are a good many things about it we don't like very well. I am obliged to admit, however, that your articles are reliable and comprehensive."

No Penalties.
The Advertiser questioned the Klansman closely as to possible grounds for Hignett's arrest. Denying any such intention, the latter admitted, however, that Hignett had left certain unpaid bills in Indiana for which the Klan had assumed responsibility and which could be made the basis of legal action.

"But they do not amount to anything, and that has nothing to do with it," he declared. "I want to have a friendly talk with Sergeant Hignett and take him home with me to continue his work."

"Is he likely to undergo penalties for talking too freely?" asked The Advertiser.

"No, the boy has done nothing really wrong," answered the official, "but we want to prevent him from going too far. We'll probably put him back at work under a real strict boss, who will keep him at his business. He has great ability as a speaker and we want him."

"What will happen if Hignett refuses to go with you on a friendly basis?" asked The Advertiser.

"It may then be necessary," replied the Klansman, "to force his return by legal means because of his unpaid bills. He could probably be prosecuted in the ordinary legal way."

"Would it mean banishment from the Klan?" asked The Advertiser.

"Hignett is straight," he replied. "It might," replied the Klansman guardedly, "though I am quite sure that there will be no difficulty. Hignett is perfectly straight and we have high opinion of his character. He had a very trying war experience, and at times is not entirely respon-

sible for his actions. We make allowance for that, and therefore have no intention of dealing with him severely."

The Advertiser questioned the Klansman carefully as to the possibility of the Klan attempting an unwanted extension to Canada.

"Hignett told us that the constitution of the Klan makes a move to Canada impossible," said The Advertiser, "is that true?"

"Perfectly true," declared the official, "the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Incorporated, can never come to Canada."

"Meaning that your constitution would have to be and could be amended?" pursued The Advertiser.

"There would have to be a new constitution," replied the Klansman, "and I can tell you this with authority. The Ku Klux Klan will never come to Canada unless Canadians themselves make official application to headquarters at Atlanta, Georgia, for an amendment to our constitution and a Canadian charter. It will have to be Canada's move, not ours."

"How about Canadians in the United States?"

"They are not allowed to join," answered the Klansman, "whether naturalized or not. Every member must be American born."

No Need in Canada.
The Advertiser remarked that Canada was unlikely ever to make request for the Klan to come to Canada.

"Perhaps not," replied the Klansman, with a shrug. "I don't think myself, that Canada needs the Klan. Your government and administration of justice has preserved its integrity, and you have not our foreign problem as yet. In the United States there is no justice. Perhaps Canada's problems will yet develop in that direction. At present we envy you."

"The Klan's secrecy and mystery in exercising political influence is repugnant to Canadians," remarked The Advertiser.

"Perhaps so," said the American, with another shrug. "We find it necessary in our country. Out in your western provinces you have something of the sort already."

"What is that?"

"Royal Riders," he replied. "They are called 'Royal Riders of the Red Robe,'" answered the Klansman. "I know very little about them, but I believe they organized first in the Northwestern States with purposes similar to ours. They accept as members naturalized Canadians in the United States, and have now extended into your western provinces."

"To what extent?" asked The Advertiser.

"I don't know," answered the Klansman. "You ought to know more about them than we do. They have no connection with the Klan."

In the meantime, where is Irwin R. Hignett? He left London on Friday afternoon, following publication of the third article in The Evening Advertiser, expressing an intention of going east, and stating that he would return to London within the next few weeks. It is believed that he may have planned a visit to friends in the maritime provinces.

"Gumshoe Antics."

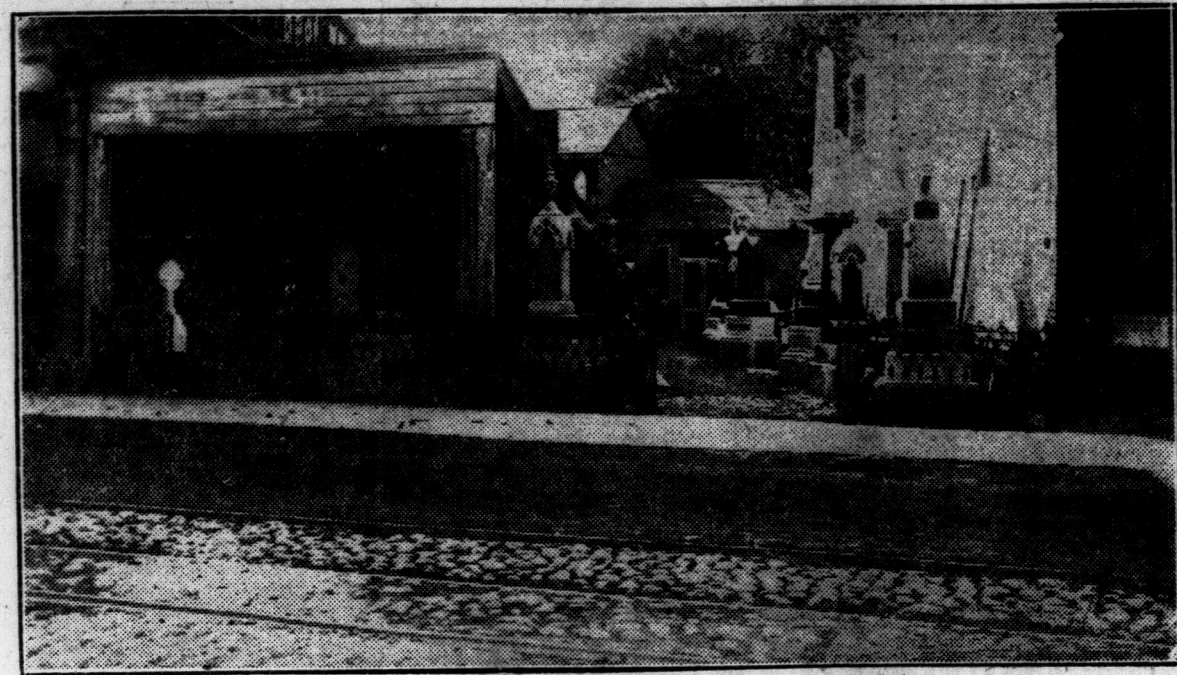
The Klan official now in London believes that Sergeant Hignett will return at once when he learns that he is wanted in Indiana, and that no action will develop beyond friendly explanation and persuasion. At present, the Klansman states, that he is amusing himself by watching the "gumshoe antics" of reporters from another local newspaper, who are shadowing him from Greek restaurant to hotel.

"They are evidently pretty peeved about missing Hignett when he was here," remarked the Klan official, "but they won't take up another wild interview with me, because I'm really not dangerous, even if you people here don't like me."

The next move seems to be up to one Irwin R. Hignett.

Bowery Church Exemplifies Worship of Ancient Sun God

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, March 18.—With drawn curtains concealing the altar, an Egyptian scene, portraying the worship of Amen-Ra, the ancient Sun God, was held yesterday at St. Mark's-in-the-Bowery, by Rev. William Norman Guthrie. The service was prepared from religious writings on ancient Egypt, and included reading of a canto from the Gospel of Ostia.



WHERE FAMED ARTIST SPENT EARLY DAYS.

In all London the location shown in the accompanying picture probably bears the closest material relation to the late Paul Peel, London's famous artist son. The old photograph from which this picture was taken shows the marble works founded by Peel's father. The studio in which the artist studied painting and molded clay was in the rear of the marble shed. The figure in the foreground is that of Peel's father.

Mrs. M. Near Wires Funds To Long-Lost Son In West

Brantford Woman Receives a Letter This Morning From "Harold," Left in London Institution Ten Years Ago—Boy Leaves for Home Tonight.

Special to The Advertiser.
Brantford, Ont., March 19.—After ten years of longing and searching, Mrs. Mae Near of this city, has at last discovered the whereabouts of her lost baby boy, now a lad of 18.

In 1913 Mrs. Near, through the force of circumstances, was compelled to place her seven children in an institution at London, Ontario. She then went to Los Angeles, where she entered the moving picture business. After some years of this she prospered and returned to Brantford, instituting a nation-wide search for her children, who by this time had been scattered. She located all, but one of them, and that one—the baby of the family—Harold.

This morning Mrs. Near received a letter from Los Angeles and on opening it, she found it to be from the missing son. He was stranded in Los Angeles and could not get home. Overjoyed at finding her "baby," Mrs. Near immediately ordered her attorney to telegraph sufficient money to the coast city to bring her son back. This was done, and he leaves Los Angeles tonight to be united with his mother, after having known none for ten years.

In her search for her children, Mrs. Near found that one son and his wife had been murdered at Pontiac, Michigan, two years ago. Another had served overseas and come home a cripple. She located all, but one, when placed in the home, had died, but the remaining sons had all prospered, and within a few days the last of the lost shen will have returned to the fold to be welcomed with open arms.

GERMAN NEWSPAPERS SUSPENDED BY FRENCH

Publishers and Editors Imprisoned, Others Deported From Ruhr.

Associated Press Despatch.
Coblentz, March 19.—Of the 1,450 newspapers published in the Rhineland and the Ruhr, 455 have been suppressed by the occupation authorities for periods varying from three days to several months, according to semi-official German figures. Suspensions in the Rhineland total 298. Forty-three of the journals have more than once been forbidden to publish, while 43 newspapers printed outside these areas have been denied the right to circulate in occupied territory.

Prison sentences, running as high as eighteen months, and fines of as much as 1,000,000 marks have been imposed on 82 editors and 81 publishers.

Fifteen editors and nine publishers have been deported with their families.

WESTERN RAIL CLERKS OF C. P. R. GET RAISE

Increase in Wages Averaging \$5.50 a Month Is Awarded.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Winnipeg, March 19.—Increases averaging about \$5.50 a month, and ranging from \$4 to \$14, retroactive to Jan. 1, have been granted to clerks, freight and yard offices, and other miscellaneous employees of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, western division.

The negotiations were carried on by the committee of the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Freight Handlers and station employees. Seventeen hundred men, from Fort William to Vancouver, are affected by the award.

DIES WHILE DADDY AWAY

Canadian Press Despatch.
Hamilton, March 19.—Left with his uncle, H. Agrish, while his father, Jay Schramm, was on a visit to Winnipeg, little Harry Schramm, 3 years old, took convulsions yesterday, and died in a few hours.

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GETS TWENTY YEARS FOR SLAYING AUNT

New York Man Pleads Guilty in Court to Second Degree Murder.

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, March 19.—Morris Reiser, indicted with his mother, his brother George, and his uncle, George Katz, for the murder of his aunt, Miss Bertha Katz, pleaded guilty of second degree murder when his trial was called in the supreme court in Brooklyn today. He was sentenced to 20 years imprisonment in Sing Sing, while the indictments against his relatives were dismissed.

Miss Katz was slain with a pistol in her home last July. After Morris' arrest, his mother gave herself up, declaring she had committed the crime. She was sentenced to 15 years, while the prosecution was prepared to offer evidence that the indicted quartet had visited Miss Katz in a body, and that young Reiser shot her after an altercation.

CURZON WILL PRESIDE AT NEAR EAST PARLEY

First Session Will Be at British War Office on Wednesday.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, March 19.—The first session of the preliminary conference on the near eastern situation to be held at the British foreign office Wednesday will be presided over by Lord Curzon, secretary for foreign affairs, after which the meetings will be conducted by the experts of Great Britain, France and Italy, the three powers party to the conference.

It is expected considerable difficulties will be met in dealing with the questions shrouded in the Turkish counter-proposals to the Lausanne draft treaty, but the tone of Ismet Pasha's covering letter, which is pointed to as evidencing the Kemalists' desire for peace, is a cause for the optimism which appears to prevail in British circles.

The allied experts are not expected to conclude their deliberations before the Easter holidays, and thus the resumption of the Lausanne meeting will be postponed until early in April.

MINERS HOLD SERVICE BEFORE STARTING WORK

Associated Press Despatch.
Duquoin, Ill., March 19.—Daily prayer services for their safety have been introduced by miners employed at a large mine of the Valler Coal Company near here, it was announced today.

Short services are held each morning at the bottom of the shaft before the miners enter the various rooms to perform their work, mine officials relating the service while the men stand with uncovered heads.

U. S. GRAIN EXPORTS HEAVY

Associated Press Despatch.
Washington, March 19.—Grain exports from the United States last week amounted to 3,328,000 bushels, as compared with 3,147,000 for the week previous. Canadian grain in transit, exported from United States ports last week amounted to 1,077,000 bushels against 2,899,000 the week before.

REYCRRAFT SCORES MANY MAGAZINES OF NAUGHTY TYPE

Makes Vigorous Denunciation Before Ministerial Alliance This Morning.

BREED MORAL ILLS

Would Rather Expose Family to Smallpox Than to Some Periodicals.

"It is an attractive cover—and very little of it! If a man comes into the city with smallpox, he is locked up as a menace, and yet I would a thousand times rather introduce smallpox into my family than one of these books."

With a vigorous denunciation of magazines and periodicals of the "naughty group," Rev. F. W. Reyecraft, of the First Methodist Church, this morning brought before the local Ministerial Alliance, in the course of an address on "The Church and the Press," three brilliant-hued issues from local newstands, with the foregoing declaration: "I have been thoroughly shocked by a recent perusal of our newstands," he said. "We are meticulously careful of our bodies, yet moral disease germs are pouring from all the newstands into our homes in floods, from books like these. Their wickedness is obvious. It is not a question of insinuation. Everything is given as the naked truth. The insinuation is, that behind all the marital relations of the present day is the strain of rottenness, pictured by these stories and articles."

Mr. Reyecraft read extracts, containing such significant statements as "highly immoral girl—but was she?" and the gist of certain tales, which, he pointed out as more incriminating than any words of denunciation.

Neglects Opportunity.
The reference to the magazines came as the climax to an address, in which Mr. Reyecraft characterized the press as neglecting a great opportunity to be a co-operative force with the church of God. Discussion amongst the clergy after the session signified that all the local clergymen were not in accord with him, although all questioned, admitted that he had struck a point in connection with the literature found on local newstands.

"There are forces in the press with which the church must contend," he said.

"The purpose of the press is supposed to be to enunciate or express the soul of the people, and if the press is not a servant of the people, it is a menace."

"The press is a force for political propaganda. There are many reasons why the press should be governmental, not last; but the most often expressed, and the most significant is that it has not the press behind it. The English, for example, believe it impossible to get a true statement of affairs, because all papers deal in propaganda. I say that Bonar Law is premier, because he is the pet of one big paper."

"Northcliffe expressed the great fault of papers in his phrase, the 'exaltation of the trivial.'"

Is Given Medicine.
"If a man steals on a back street, that fact is merely an item for the police court news, but if he happens to be a deposed clergyman, or has had at any time relations with the church, the story is given a headline."

"And the fault is not entirely with the press. They live by their advertisements and their circulation means everything to their advertising. Therefore they must print what the people want. They cater to the sordid and lead the people under misapprehension of the real state of the order, and yet the papers are sold."

"My criticism of the present day press is that it has not given the church due credit in connection with great movements, for example, the Red Cross and the patriotic society. In recruiting itself the great work of the church is to be done by the church rather than street corners, and before fraternal societies. And if the press had been fair to the church, it would have been fair to the returned man and the man on the street to the church to-day."

"The biggest things in the world are not propaganda and politics, and the press could be a great co-operative force if it would recognize the leaders of the church as it recognizes the leaders of business and politics. And here I say, the church can take a lesson from businessmen and politicians. All organizations of the church should have their centers publicly agent. When all are clamoring for space, editors are between the devil and the deep blue sea, and as a result, we get none at all."

Crashes Into Pedestrian, Then Takes His Own Life

Motorist Writes Letter Telling Mother and Wife He Is "Rotter" and Apologizes.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Washington, March 18.—Twelve hours after an automobile, bearing a license number which police said was that of his car, had swept by a street car stop in violation of traffic law and seriously injured an alighting passenger, Hal A. Maine, 24, bond salesman, was found by his office yesterday morning dying from a self-inflicted bullet wound.



SUING "BABE" RUTH.
Miss Dolores Dixon, who has entered a mysterious legal action against George Herman "Babe" Ruth, claiming \$50,000 damages.

FORT WILLIAM FAVORS ELECTIVE POLICE BOARD

Mayor Wenige Informed Resolution Passed Favoring Proposed Change.

Not represented at the recent "elective police commission" in London, the municipality of Fort William notified Mayor Wenige today that a resolution had just been passed endorsing the proposed change.

His worship explained that a request has been dispatched to Attorney-General Raney, seeking a suitable date when the several cities of Ontario, similarly disposed, can send their representatives to him for a conference in this respect.

The mayor is still enthusiastic as to the outcome, despite the comment today from Ald. Albert Judd that "the (Judd) would like to go down and do a little lobbying himself" when the proposal comes to the direct attention of the Toronto authorities.

Mayor Wenige stresses his point that but one of the municipalities represented at the recent convention, Guelph, voted against the suggested change, and that the latter delegates gave positive assurance, however, that they would not go to Toronto to register disapproval, as the legislation, if enacted, would be purely "optional."

ROOFS AT PINE LAWN GOING UP IN THE AIR

Chairman Tallant Reports Disastrous Effect of Spring Zephyrs.

The Pine Lawn tangle was resurrected today in "city hall circles" when D. J. Tallant, chairman of the London Housing Commission, called on Thursday to consider anew the "defective roofs on the city's houses in that district."

"Something will have to be done about the defective roofs on the city's houses in that district," Tallant declared. "Only one house has been re-roofed since the board of arbitration ordered all the roofs replaced. I was out there yesterday for an inspection and I found that the wind had blown the shingles clean off two houses."

"We can't stand for this and we'll have to take steps to have this work undertaken as speedily as possible."

There is still a possibility that the commission will proceed with the work and charge the expenditure to the contractors and architect involved.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, FARMERS' SECTION, MEETS

The agricultural section of the Chamber of Commerce will hold a general meeting next Saturday to hear representatives of the United Farm Women of Ontario, the Ontario Farmers' Association, and the Milk Producers' Association are invited. The chamber is anxious to hear from these representatives any suggestions that will lead to closer co-operation between city and country both from a social and a commercial standpoint.

BRICKLAYERS GET RAISE

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Hamilton, March 19.—The bricklayers have signed an agreement with their employers at \$1 an hour—an increase of 10 cents an hour.

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COMPLAINT MUST BE UNDER OATH OR NO POLICE PROBE

This Is Mayor Wenige's Latest Attitude as to the Police Investigation.

DRAKE INDIGNANT

Ald. Judd Will Challenge the Mayor Tonight To Carry Matter to Final Issue.

Mayor Wenige refuses absolutely to being "stampeded" into a police investigation.

They will have to bring me affidavits that there are any irregularities in that department before I will order an investigation," he announced today to certain parties who questioned him in this connection.

"I want to see these sworn statements first, before I would consider the question at all," he declared. "I have had certain experiences before. Regard the probe of the city engineer's department a couple of years ago. There was certain information not available at that time that should have been forthcoming."

His worship pointed out that a communication from the policemen's association had been given publicity. "We note," he said, "that 50 members of the force think that the department is operating smoothly and satisfactorily. What more is wanted?"

Ald. Albert Judd, chairman of the finance committee, reiterated today his determination to challenge Mayor Wenige at tonight's session of the city council.

Ald. Drake Indignant.
"There are seven policemen on that list indorsing the chief who complained to me about him."

So declared Ald. Drake today when he spoke to the communication to The Advertiser Saturday from the policemen's union, signed by 50 constables, who asserted that they were being divided into two camps by Chief Birrell as suggested by Mayor Wenige a week ago.

"I'm done with them from now on," continued Ald. Drake. "They are a nice bunch to let a fellow down that way after some of them even came out here to complain. The chief deserves credit if he can whip them into line. I'll never say anything more about his salary. I'll support a move now to give him \$4,000 a year, as the police agree with me, too. I must say that they are a wonderful crowd. If a union like that hasn't got more backbone than they have exhibited they ought to be dissolved."

East London Protection.
"What arouses me is that I did not say anything about them. I did state that East London was not getting the service, and I still maintain that. Ald. Judd will agree with me, too. I made it a point to inquire from the chief when we made our 'official' visit to the police station, and he acknowledged it, also."

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THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.

*Today—Strong northerly winds; mostly fair and very cold.

Tuesday—Fair and cold at first, followed by somewhat higher temperature. A moderate disturbance is centered this morning over the Upper St. Lawrence Valley, and the western area of high pressure and accompanying cold weather now extends from Northern Ontario to the Gulf of Mexico.

Another area of low pressure with higher temperature has come in over the Western Provinces.

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

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	54	43	Rain
Calgary	46	39	Cloudy
Winnipeg	4	—12	Cloudy
Port Arthur	6	—6	Clear
S. S. Martin	25	16	Clear
Toronto	49	10	Snow
Kingston	42	22	Cloudy
Ottawa	44	12	Snow
Montreal	28	18	Cloudy
Quebec	35	20	Cloudy
Father Point	24	16	Snow
St. John	28	18	Cloudy
Halifax	33	25	Cloudy

Minus (—) means below zero.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 50; lowest, 25. The official temperatures for the 14 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 37; lowest, 8.

Barometric Readings.
Sunday—8 p.m., 29.01.
Today—8 a.m., 28.95.

BLIZZARD SWEEPS OVER THE STATES, DAMAGING CROPS

Four People Are Killed in Colorado as Result of the Storm.

MILES OF WIRE DOWN Millions Damage to Kansas Potato and Oklahoma Peach Crops.

Special to The Advertiser. Chicago, March 19.—The country, from the Rocky Mountains to near the Atlantic Coast, was in the grip of a blizzard today. Four persons were killed in Colorado as a result of the storm. Damage to the Kansas potato crop and the Oklahoma peach crop will run into millions. Wire communication was paralyzed in many sections. Telephone and telegraph companies reported miles of poles down. Passenger service on the railways was curtailed. Freight embargoes were placed in effect in several sections. Sub-zero temperatures were reported throughout the entire west. Nebraska, Wyoming, Colorado, Wisconsin and Indiana advised declared the storm was the most severe in 25 years. The gale was accompanied by a heavy fall of snow, swept into drifts by the wind.

CHILDREN FROZEN TO DEATH.

Associated Press Despatch. Chicago, March 19.—From the Rocky Mountain eastward, and from the far northwest to upper Florida, with much of the territory covered by snow, temperatures ranging from sub-zero to March records were registered. In the upper Mississippi Valley and the Rocky Mountain regions, train service and wire communication were demoralized. Throughout the northwest, orders were issued by railroads cancelling freight trains and certain passenger service. Some roads placed embargoes on perishables. Trains were stalled for hours in snow drifts.

Near Lincoln, Neb., a westbound Rock Island passenger train was derailed by the storm. Another train was stalled at Jansen, 65 miles east of Lincoln. In Iowa, the blizzard established a March storm record. Trains were stalled in drifts near Boone and Marshalltown, and railroads cancelled northbound trains. At Baxter, Colo., three children were frozen to death in a small shelter a quarter of a mile from their home. Near Ketchikan, Colo., an aged man was found frozen to death. The blizzard struck Chicago in mid-afternoon. The mercury dropped more than ten degrees in one hour, and early today was only two degrees above zero.

The low point had not been reached, weather reports said. Train service to and from Chicago was shaken badly. Incoming trains were hours late and embargoes were placed by several roads on perishable shipments.

SIMPLE WAY TO TAKE OFF FAT

There can be nothing simpler than taking a convenient little tablet each day until your weight is reduced to normal. That's all—just purchase a box of Marmola Prescription Tablets from your druggist for one dollar, the same price the world over. Follow directions—no starvation, no keeping or tiring exercise. Eat, sleep, keep on getting slimmer. And the best part of Marmola Prescription Tablets is they are harmless. That's why they are a safe, sure, and absolute safeguard. Purchase them from your druggist, or send direct to Marmola Co., 412 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Mich.—Advt.

Hair Often Ruined By Careless Washing

If you want to keep your hair looking its best, be careful what you wash it with. Do not use prepared shampoo or anything else that contains too much free alkali. This dries the scalp, makes the hair brittle, and ruins it. The best thing for steady use is Mulsified coconut oil shampoo (which is pure and greaseless), and is better than anything else you can use.

Two or three teaspoonfuls of Mulsified in a cup of glass with a little warm water, then moisten the hair with water and rub the Mulsified in. It makes an abundance of rich, creamy lather, which rinses out easily, removing every particle of dust, dirt, dandruff and excess oil. The hair dries quickly and evenly, and it leaves the scalp soft, and the hair fine and silky, bright, lustrous, fluffy and easy to manage. You can get Mulsified coconut oil shampoo at any pharmacy, it is very cheap, and a few ounces will supply every member of the family for months. Be sure you get Mulsified. Beware of imitations. Look for the name Watkins on the package.—Advt.

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The Verdict of a London businessman who has tried with success The London Advertiser Classified Ads.

LAVISH SPENDING LED TO SUSPICION, THEN DISCOVERY

Standard Chemical Company Executives Spent More Than They Earned.

LOSS WILL BE HEAVY Restitution of \$48,500 Already Made, But This Is Small Portion of Amounts Taken.

Special to The Advertiser. Longford Mills, March 18.—The startling frauds uncovered in the woods department of the Standard Chemical Company came as no surprise to this little hamlet of 300 people, where the company has a plant for making acetone, alcohol and charcoal. It is the largest plant the company owns. The plant of the chemical works here is the only industry in the place. In fact, the chemical company controls the place, having its own store, and also owns the houses occupied by the workmen. An average of 100 cords of wood a day is used in the Longford plant, and it is chiefly the way some of the wood was bought and handled and the way certain officials appeared to have all the money they wanted although on small salary. It is a surprise that the matter was not found out before.

"It is a mystery to me that the trouble was not found out long ago," stated one of the men who has an intimate knowledge of wood in the Longford district. "There has been a constant undercurrent of talk over the way some of the wood was bought and handled and the way certain officials appeared to have all the money they wanted although on small salary. It is a surprise that the matter was not found out before."

Spending Too Much Money.

It is stated here that the frauds were traced down through the activity of William Thompson of Orillia, one of the big shareholders in the works and a director, who lived next door to William Bruce Swanton, the general superintendent of wood production, who had his home in Orillia and is now wanted on a warrant for the theft of a letter. Mr. Thompson was reported to have some of the company's money appeared to be spending money lavishly, and he made certain inquiries. In fact, it is stated he asked one of the men involved where he got his money and the man stated his wife had received a large sum from her father. An inquiry was made to verify the statement, and the man found the parents of the woman in question left little money, and it was through this man that the investigation was launched, and the man about the arrest of one man and a warrant for Swanton.

It was reported that the town of Orillia had bought a thousand cords of wood from a man at Kearney who had purchased the wood from a former official of the Standard Chemical Company, but this was denied by W. M. Gribble, secretary-treasurer of the company. "I looked into this matter," stated Mr. Gribble, "and there is no truth in the story."

Making Restitution.

The Advertiser was informed by company officials that they believe the reason the chemical company has not paid its debts in the past few years was due to the alleged frauds, the juggling of wood contracts and the price paid for wood. Now that the frauds have been revealed, it is believed the company will recover a large quantity of the losses. It was stated to The Advertiser that one man involved had handed back \$14,000, another man \$20,000, while others turned over to the company smaller sums making a total of \$48,500. This money would be like new assets, and with the payment of the moneys from the bond company which bonded the involved men the company expects most of its losses will be secured. Lumber men who know the situation state the chemical company has lost much larger sums than it will locate.

Edward Taplin, chief accountant at Longford and afterwards woods manager, who is held on \$5,000 bail as a material witness, lives on Galley avenue, Toronto, having moved from Longford last fall when he was released from his duties. Taplin with his wife and children lived in Longford in a new bungalow on the shores of Lake Couchiching a few miles from the plant, which he built himself. It is one of the finest cottages on the lake. In the winter he lived in the village in one of the company's houses. Last Christmas Taplin moved to Toronto.

City Hall Briefs

The last few days have been outstanding in municipal circles.

First they "found" \$17,000 or so down at the hospital.

Then the school board "discovered" \$30,000 or thereabouts.

The first thing we know they'll "locate" the missing cement-mixer again.

Still the people could vote again on the city hall site, at the same time, just to keep the question before them.

By a straw of 30 to 26 the 33rd degree members of the "city hall union" have approved of the city councilors.

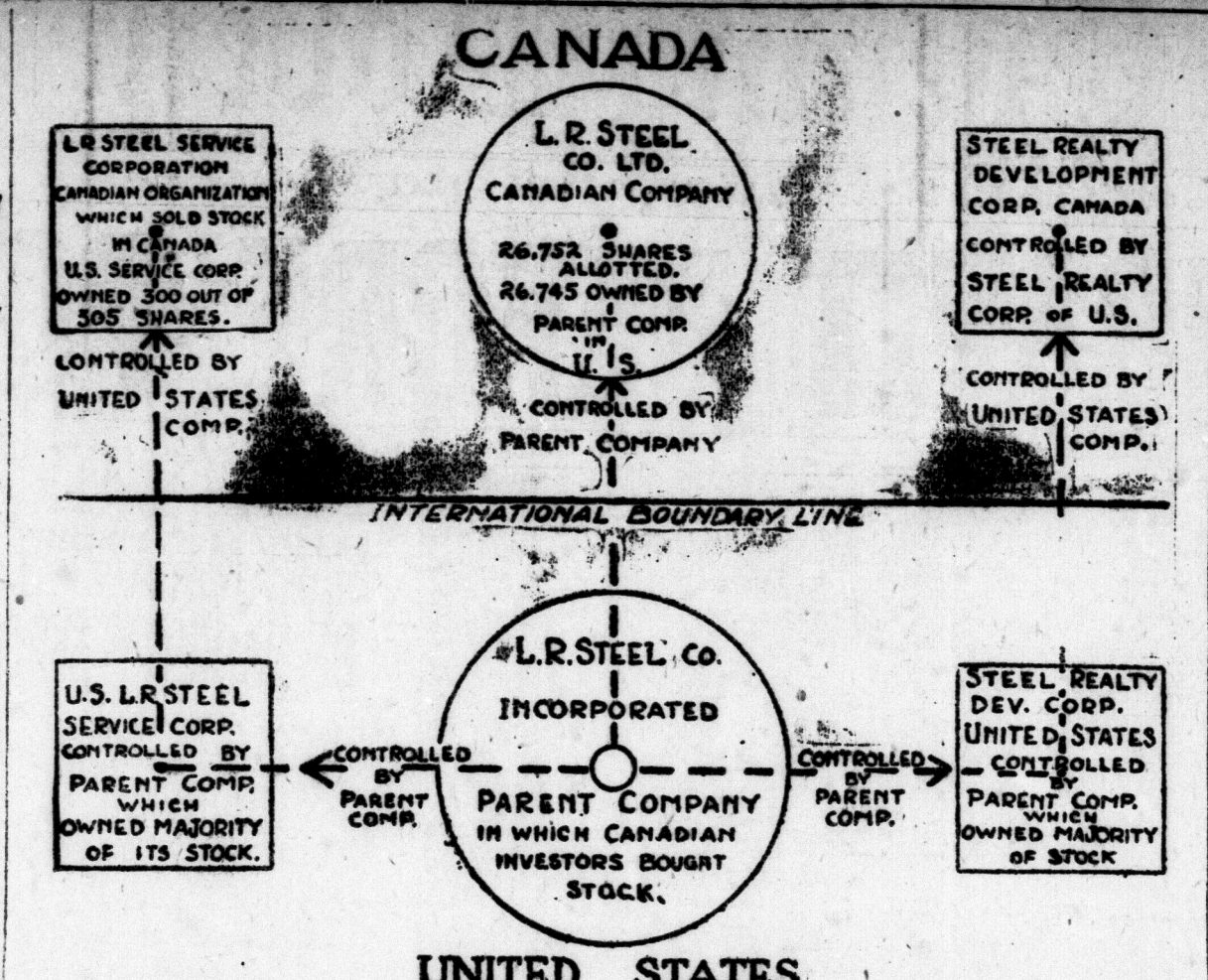
Mayor Wenige was asking recently if a date had been set for the provincial election.

"Jimmie" Bell says that he doesn't want to be vice-president of the new union if E. V. Buchanan has aspirations in that direction.

Puzzle for Tuesday—"Who was it said: 'Hands up, those who paid less taxes this year than they did last year?'" —W. S.

STATE CONVICTED SLAYER IS IMPROVING PHYSICALLY

Associated Press Despatch. Boston, March 18.—Nikola Sacco, convicted murderer, who ended his hunger strike of a month after his removal from the Dedham jail on Saturday as an insane patient, was reported to be "feeling very well physically" in a statement issued from the Boston Psychiatric hospital today.



The accompanying chart prepared for The Advertiser gives an accurate indication of the manner in which the L. R. Steel Corporations in Canada are linked with and controlled by the parent organizations in the United States.

Former Londoner Now Heads Mammoth Packing Industry

Thomas E. Wilson, Now of Chicago, Renews Old Friendships in Brief Visit to City—Has \$2,000,000 Income.

How many young men leaving London to seek work and fortune have returned with incomes amounting to more than two million a year? There is only one answer to that question: it is Thomas E. Wilson. Saturday last Mr. Wilson was in London visiting the home of Fred White, of George White and Sons. He came to this part of the country for the purpose of purchasing thoroughbred cattle for his great private farm. It is interesting to learn something of his history—a history pregnant with romance and achievement.

Four years ago Thomas Wilson was a lad attending the old Union school of this city. Now he virtually controls the meat packing industry of the United States. Six years ago he was head of the great packing company known as Sulzberger and Sons, drawing a salary of \$125,000, the largest in America at that time. Now he not only owns the concern under the name of Thomas E. Wilson Company, but has secured control over Armour and Company and is financially interested in Swifts, the second largest organization of its kind in the world.

Mr. Wilson is an exponent of the proposition that anything worth doing is worth doing well. He started his career with a well defined idea of the importance of affiliating himself with work that would lead to something bigger. He wasn't heading for big money, but he was heading for something that would give him a sense of achievement. He was a clerk in the Burlington Railroad at \$40 a month. He was ambitious and he was determined to succeed.

He was still receiving \$40 a month when he got what appeared to be a promotion. He was promoted to a position of responsibility and he was given a salary of \$100 a month. He was still ambitious and he was still determined to succeed. He was still a clerk in the Burlington Railroad, but he was now a clerk in a position of responsibility.

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SPRING ASSIZES NOW OPEN; HEAR SIXTEEN CASES

Hon. Justice Masson Presiding at Supreme Court Opening Today.

NO CRIMINAL CASES Of Civil Docket, Three Cases Are for Jury and Thirteen Non-Jury Actions.

Sixteen cases are on the docket for the spring assizes of the Supreme Court of Ontario that opened in the county buildings at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Hon. Justice Masson presiding.

The personnel of the grand jury is as follows: George Belton, West Nisour; Arthur Denning, Metcalfe; Sidney Deely, West Nisour; Thomas A. Glendinning, McGillicuddy; Alfred Kaine, Westminister; Thomas H. Martin, Lobo; Wilbur Manning, London; Robert McEwen, Westminister; Frank W. Phillips, London; D. L. Purcell, Waverley; J. M. Ross, Lucan; Frank M. Siddall, Mossa.

The usual inspection of the county buildings and the Ontario Hospital for the insane will be made by the grand jury before it is disbanded. There are no criminal cases on the docket.

Jury Cases. The three jury cases to be tried at the spring assizes are: Tobias vs. Landie—Meredith & Meredith for the plaintiff, and W. G. R. Bartram for the defendant.

Wright vs. Way—Meredith & Meredith for the plaintiff; Judd & Henderson for the defendant.

Pratt vs. Collins—Gibbons & Co. for the plaintiff; A. R. Douglas for the defendant.

Non-Jury Docket. The thirteen non-jury cases include: Fitzgerald vs. Coleman; W. R. Meredith for the plaintiff; Douglas & Glue for the defendant.

Columbia House Company vs. Elgin and Middlesex; J. M. McEvoy for the plaintiff; Ivey & Co. for the defendant.

Dorchester vs. Harris; Meredith & Meredith for the plaintiff; Meredith & Meredith for the defendant.

Nicol vs. Nicol; Hane & McNally for the plaintiff; J. W. G. Winnert for the defendant.

International Harvester Company vs. Lavis; McPherson & Perrin for the plaintiff; Charles Garrow for the defendant.

Colbert vs. Blackall; W. C. Fitzgerald for the plaintiff; Judd & Henderson for the defendant.

Wray vs. Cumming; Fraser & Moore for the plaintiff; Murphy & Co. for the defendant.

Jenkins vs. the Ontario Crockery Company; Judd & Henderson for the plaintiff; A. R. Douglas for the defendant.

Foster et al vs. Zavitz et al; Judd & Henderson for the plaintiff; E. Traver and A. W. Bixel for the defendant.

Liberson vs. Pattison; G. N. Weekes for the plaintiff; Judd & Henderson for the defendant.

Osborn vs. the London Loan; J. M. McEvoy for the plaintiff; Read & Waterson for the defendant.

LIBRARIAN TO LECTURE. The closing lecture in this year's Western University extension series, given weekly throughout the year, will be on Thursday evening of this week, when Fred London, public librarian, will lecture on "The Battle of Gettysburg." The lecture will be illustrated and will be given in the Public Library building.

TRADE COMMISSIONERS COMING. W. J. Egan, Canadian trade commissioner to South Africa, will be in the city on March 23 and 24. W. P. Ward, trade commissioner for the Straits Settlements, will be in London on March 26. Both these representatives are coming for the express purpose of meeting London manufacturers who wish to consult them as to export trade to either of these two areas.

DON'T MARRY A GIRL BECAUSE SHE'S RICH. She may make a poor wife. The girl who is "fond of sports" soon tires of the one she marries. It's better to save your dollars than to marry money—which too often turns to be all-moment matrimony is like war—costs little to get in, and a whole lot to get out. Safety first. See me before you see the parson. No music with our plain band rings, but years of harmony. John A. Nash, Jeweller. "Where you will eventually buy."—Advt.

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HEADS BROTHERHOOD. F. C. Wanless, who becomes president of Asklepian Street Church Brotherhood after long service.

SCIENCE IN INDUSTRY LECTURE. William Sweetman of the Canadian General Electric Company will lecture Thursday evening in the McClary dining room, York street, on "The Manufacture and Uses of Electric Light Bulbs." The lecture will be at 8 o'clock, under the auspices of the science in industry section of the Chamber of Commerce.

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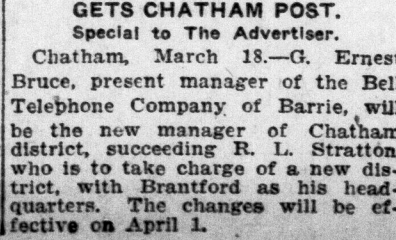
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ST. MARYS CRICKETERS FORM.
Special to The Advertiser.

St. Marys, March 18.—During the past week the St. Marys Juvenile Cricket Club held their annual meeting at which the following officers were installed: President, F. T. White; vice-president, R. Stillman; secretary, G. O'Rourke; treasurer, D. Masters; captain of team, G. Masters.



Since the project was announced the legion had only been able to collect a little more than 600,000 francs, and it was thought the museum would have to be abandoned.

Mr. Cromwell, who has been active as president of the American committee for aiding war blind, recently installed a printing establishment in Paris to manufacture an extensive library of books for the blind.

the president and Mr. Daugherty had several conferences before the vacation party left Washington early this month, and they have seen each other two or three times during the governor's three-day visit here. Similar statements have been made in the last few months by several republicans regarded as close to the president.

ment from a local seamen's office here yesterday, the first sailing from this port this week will be made by the steamer *Albu*, which is scheduled to sail for Montreal for Newcastle and London April 27.

It is early data is made possible that the ship is now at various shipbuilding yards at home, where she was taken after being wrecked in the St. Lawrence last season.

lini told the delegates that capitalism had not worked in advantage, but he insisted that a change is still necessary to unite various political groups to reach a common understanding. Although he appeared hopeful, throughout his speech he seemed somewhat bored. The setting hall was besieged by a crowd of youth-guarded by a film of youth-

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Starving Rural Carriers.

Contracts are still being called for the delivery of rural mail, although there has been a determined effort on the part of the rural carriers themselves to have this system abolished. The one thing to commend it is that it is cheap, and its cheapness seems to be possible by taking it out of the men engaged in the work.

Taking the routes as they exist at present, the average yearly salary is \$750, and the average route is 20 miles per day. For this amount of money it is necessary for a carrier to keep in nearly all cases two horses, a rig and to pay for the feed and shoeing of the horses, repairs to the rig, harness, etc. It is shown that in many cases it costs as much to keep up this outfit as the man himself draws in salary. This means that he carries on the work at a dead loss.

The most natural question is: Why, then, will men put in such long hours? The Advertiser is informed that it is the policy of the inspectors, when they receive tenders, to go to the district, or to write to those tendering, and set one up against the other in order to beat down the prices. Then the contract is made for four years, and no man living can tell four years ahead what the prices of feed or horses or any other supplies are going to be. The carrier is also tied tight by having to put up a bond that he will continue the contract for the full length of time. There is an instance on record where the widow of a carrier had to go ahead and finish out the term.

The real grievance these men have is that they are not getting enough money. In fact, many of them lose money. They get no holidays, they have no allowance made for sickness, they must get out six days a week in all kinds of weather, they have to carry and sell stamps and register letters, and carry on nearly all the functions of a traveling postoffice. When a man has finished his four years as a carrier, if he wishes to continue he must put in another bid. If he is \$25 above another tenderer, he is out of it, and his outfit is left on his hands. This seems to be too loose a method to be continued.

The wonder is that the postoffice department at Ottawa has allowed this thing to continue for such a length of time. There is no desire on the part of the people that any department of government service should be carried on in a way that does not give a man who performs good service a decent wage for it.

The United States places its rural carriers on a mileage basis, and that seems to be a reasonable way to do it. Thus, when a rural carrier goes to work he knows he is going to get a fair return and that his position is assured as long as he does his work well. The idea of making these men quit and tender over again every four years is all wrong and unfair to them.

There have been all sorts of representations made to Ottawa on behalf of the carriers, and the only public answer was a long pamphlet from the contract department in which it was sought to throw discredit on the men behind the organization known as the Canadian Rural Mail Carriers. The big points were not answered or dealt with. The people in general are not interested in what some official in the postoffice department thinks of the mail carriers or their organization. The facts are there, plain and open to inspection, and they all show that here is a large body of men, doing a hard day's work every day, in all kinds of weather, keeping up their own horses and rigs, and drawing on an average \$750 per year. There should be some action that would give plain justice to these men, and give it to them quickly.

Working For a City.

The policemen in Toronto were promised certain increases in salary recommended by the chief. The mayor is also stated to have promised his support to the increases. But when the matter comes before the financiers in secret session the mayor is charged with voting in exactly the opposite way.

This is just one more case showing the disadvantage a person has who holds a position in the gift of a municipality, where the whole business of salary and conditions becomes subject to the ideas of a fresh body of men each year who may know, or may not know, anything of the services and worth of the men in various positions in civic employment.

In a private company the management know the worth-while men; they can tell exactly what they are doing, and on account of this are in a position to see that more money for these men is not only a worthy encouragement but a good investment as well.

In recent years men who have risen to positions of trust in police and fire departments in Ontario cities have in many cases been held up for investigation.

They are subject to the whims of local politicians, who are often out

to make capital for the next election. As a general rule Ontario cities get good service from their employees, and they get this good service in spite of all sorts of criticism and baseless small talk. Very seldom do we hear of a council speaking in terms of praise of its civic officials. A little of this would do a lot of good, and we know of no place where a start could better be made than right here in our own city of London.

Another Smash.

The Dominion Ticket and Financial Corporation of Winnipeg has closed its doors, and scores of small depositors are vaguely wondering what they can do to reach in and recover anything from the wreck.

The crown attorney of the province says he is sorry for those who have lost, but says they deserve credit for keeping their tempers at the mass meetings held to hear reports. The total loss will be about \$657,000, and hundreds of depositors have lost the savings of a lifetime. Undoubtedly, for legal purposes, there is a fine distinction that must be observed between failures of this kind and the kind of thieving that sandbags a man on a dark night.

Of course, those now in charge of the wreck are urging that there be no violence shown. Quite right, although there is always the suspicion that a certain amount of well regulated violence might be a very excellent thing in some of these cases.

Starting Too Late.

Citizens of North Sydney, N. S., waited on the mayor and advised him to leave the place, as a committee of said citizens would attend to the business.

They claimed the mayor was the leading bootlegger of the place, and not fit to represent North Sydney.

All this may sound very brave and very courageous, but the same adjective can be used to say that it is very bad and very dangerous. The time for these citizens to show their "extreme care and precaution in matters of municipal government is on election day.

A majority of the people must have voted for this undesirable mayor.

More of a Squeeze.

Here comes one financial writer clapping his hands because "commodity prices are stronger, indicating confidence in the future." A rise in the price of commodities indicates no such thing in Canada today.

It indicates that thousands of people who are not well off will have to pinch and squeeze a little harder to make profits for those who are not entitled to them.

Wrong All Through.

The Advertiser has presented in recent issues the story of the Ku Klux Klan, as told by one of its officers.

This man says the Klan has no intention of opening branches in Canada.

There is no good reason for it operating in the United States. It is a power that divides a nation; that takes into its own hands the most sacred duties of a government in the administration of justice.

From the standpoint of British justice, its secrecy is its weakness, and the fact that the members hide their faces when in public is a condemnation that calls for no other comment.

The secret societies in Canada now, no matter if they are K. C. or of the Orange order, do not find it necessary to conceal their identity. They wear emblematic pins and appear in public parades, willing that all should know their identity.

After having an opportunity to read much of the Ku Klux history, from facts given by one of its own members, the impression is more firm than ever in the Canadian mind that we want none of it.

Note and Comment.

Hon. W. E. Ramey is sick, so Dr. Forbes Godfrey, M. P., ought to send him a script.

There's a once-a-season slogan the wise husband should observe: "Say it with a dandy new hat."

One way to beat high cost of living—buy the family thermometer now, because they'll be higher in the summer.

"Never again," murmurs the general public as it looks at the L. R. Steel affair. Never again—no, not until the next time.

Latest reports from Germany make it plain that the Germans don't know whether to stay in the frying pan or jump into the fire.

As we sow so shall we reap. True in many ways, but we simply can't reap things that look like the covers on seed catalogues, no matter what we sow.

Premier Dunning of Saskatchewan is authority for the statement that farmers of that province received 85 cents for wheat in 1922 and 75 cents in 1921. Still, there's quite a long gap between that 85 cents and \$1.13 that is being paid now in Winnipeg.

When nothing else comes through, there is almost sure to be a despatch telling that Lenin and Trotsky are about dead. This pair have been killed by printers' ink more times than there has been a new crisis in the Near East.

DIBS AND DABS

BY HARRY MOYER



Says J. J. Is a Poor Farmer.

(T. H. Race in Mitchell Advocate.) I RATHER hesitate to accept The London Advertiser's report of J. J. Morrison's sayings at a meeting held in Mr. Drury's constituency last week. What he went in Mr. Drury's riding for we don't know. But he is reported to have told the farmers down there that they must not be ashamed of themselves, because they were ashamed of the industry that gave them their bread. Mr. Morrison is not a fool by any means, but if he had to stand up on his record as a farmer he would be the first man to be ashamed of himself. I have passed his farm more than once, and I would certainly be ashamed of it if it were mine. Mr. Drury is an able man mentally as well as a good and successful farmer. Mr. Morrison is an able man mentally, but a mighty poor farmer. So there you have your choice. I have known them both

since childhood, and knew their fathers before them. Mr. Drury has not yet made a failure of anything, not even the job he is now at. Mr. Morrison has made a success of organizing the U. F. O., but has made a failure of farming. And he is going to fail in his tilt with Drury. Mr. Morrison must not think that he is the creator of the term "class consciousness," which he charges the farmers are being afraid of. He may have taken it from Eugene Debs. Great company! But for the farmers of Canada "broadening out" is a more fitting watchword than "class consciousness." The one is Tennysonian; the other Karl Marxian. The one is British; the other is German. The one of Christian origin; the other infidel. Drury has not only the best of it in origin, but also in ideal and purpose.

TO THE EDITOR

Re Doctors vs. Cooks.

Editor of The Advertiser: Sir—Every day, in every way, we find our medical friends trying to make the sick well again. Every day, in every way, we find some of our cook friends trying to make us ill again. I would call the attention of the public to the gross mess cooking in the city and to the tainted meat sometimes used. In public places where they cook could they not be examined periodically seeing that the kitchen is decorated once a year, the pots and pans kept scrupulously clean, and all grease properly prepared for cooking? Let it be broadcast far and wide no grease is fit for cooking unless it has been well boiled or rendered previously. By doing so we may expect palatable meals and less sickness. Remember cooking is an art. VERITAS.

Dr. Chown vs. Dr. Chown.

Editor of The Advertiser: Sir—In an official letter to the Methodist Church in Canada published in June last Dr. Chown, the general superintendent of that church, wrote as follows:

"It was never so apparent in Canada as it is today that if Protestantism cannot unite to speak with one voice the future is not only dark—it is dismal, distracting, distressing. One does not like to stir up religious controversy, and I will not trade with religious bigotry, but if I may venture to prophesy I would say with all conviction that if the major churches of Protestantism cannot unite the battle which is going on now so definitely for the religious control of our country will be lost within the next few years. I do not refer to the school question alone, but to the whole movement within Canada in the religio-political realm."

In a recent statement at Pembroke, Ont., March 7, 1923, Dr. Chown is reported in the public press as follows:

"While I cannot say that I fully understand the real significance of regulation No. 17, I do not think that the school question is difficult of solution or that it is a bar to that full understanding which alone can bring about the cementing of Canadian citizenship."

"I am of the opinion that the teaching of French should be compulsory in the English school and English in the French school. Canada can never build a truly united citizenship till we can each understand the language of the other. How better can we become mutual friends than by the study of each other's language?"

Which of these statements is the real Dr. Chown? If the latter is his high note of Canadian patriotism, then what becomes of the former, with its "baffle," for the religious control of our country? "Not the school question alone, but the whole movement within Canada in the religio-political realm?" Is it a bid for the support of our French fellow-citizens in his effort to drive through parliament the church union bill, and by forming a great corporation with civil powers win the battle which is going on so definitely for the religious control of our country?—not the school question alone, but the whole movement within Canada in the religio-political realm? Which is the real Dr. Chown? E. SCOTT. Montreal, March 15, 1923.

Your Health

WHAT WE ALL CAN DO TO BETTER THE PUBLIC HEALTH.

By Royal S. Copeland, M.D., United States Senator from New York, former Commissioner of Health, New York City.

One of the great statesmen of the last generation was so impressed with the value of good health that he frequently wrote and spoke on this vital subject. On one occasion he said: "The foundation on which repose the happiness and the future of a nation is good health. The care of public health is the first duty of a statesman."

There never was a truer saying. Last summer I visited Torcello, an island in the Adriatic Sea, which, in the tenth century was a powerful principality. It had boulevards, marble palaces, temples, monuments of splendor, sparkling canals and a future of promise. Today nothing is left. Population and material wealth have disappeared. There remains nothing but the memory of the past.

What happened to destroy all this grandeur? Because of neglect of the foundations, Torcello perished. It had no future because its statesmen, ignorant of the causes of disease, neglected to care for the public health.

Torcello was the victim of mosquitoes and malaria. Its thousands of people died because infection was carried from house to house and from person to person until all disappeared.

We are living in a different period of history, but we have our dangers just as the ancients had theirs. There are diseases knocking at the gates of our nation. Some of these are carried by vermin or other animal pests. Bubonic plague is conveyed by the flea of the rat.

Typhus is carried by the body louse. Relapsing fever is disseminated by lice.

During the last four years there have been forty or fifty million cases of typhus in Russia, and deaths approximating nine millions have occurred in that suffering country. America must be on guard against this particular disease.

Statesmen have a duty to perform. To protect the public health against threats from abroad, there must be a display of statesmanship in providing against the evil day when those terrible diseases may enter our gates. The United States public health service and the Canadian officials should without delay be given abundant funds to guard the American ports against European diseases. The individual must do his part to maintain the public health by leading such a life that society is not endangered through his carelessness. We must never forget our responsibility to our fellowmen. Disease must not be hidden away to fester and to propagate the seeds of disaster. It must be reported to the authorities and dealt with for the public good.

When the individual does his full duty, then we may expect the statesman to do his. No matter what happens in other fields, statesmanship rarely rises above the common level. A vast amount of education is demanded to make governments do all

they can and should do to protect society against disease.

ANSWERS TO HEALTH QUESTIONS.

A. M. R. Q.—My eyes are inflamed owing to eyestrain. If I have glasses fitted to my eyes, how long do you think it will be before my eyes are normal again?

A.—I cannot say just how long it will be before your eyes will be normal. My advice to you is to get the glasses and wait for results.

H. L. L. Q.—I am a boy 16 years old and would like to know what my correct height and weight should be. The average height of a boy 16 years old is 5 feet 5 inches, and the average weight 121 pounds. However, height and weight are entirely a matter of individuality.

P. W. Q.—Will you please tell me in what way lettuce, green peas, eggs, potatoes, ham, fruit, prunes and oranges are good for the body?

2. Kindly tell me about—

A.—All the foods you mention are very beneficial in building up the body, as they contain elements necessary for the maintenance of good health.

2. Kindly send a self-addressed stamped envelope for full particulars and restate your question.

D. A. Y. Q.—Will you kindly tell me what will make my eyelashes grow?

A.—Yellow oxide of mercury, 1 per cent applied to the eyelashes at night before retiring, will improve their growth.

The Daily Story

WHEN HARRY PROPOSED.

By H. IRVING KING.

"Allie, I am in love," Harry Drayton popped this out at the end of a short silence which had supervened in the conversation between himself and Allison Gower. He accompanied the remark with a sigh. They were on a hotel piazza; the moon was on the mountains and moonlight on the river. "You must have seen, Allie," went on the young man, "the—state of my heart. I—I—must know my fate tomorrow. I am sure you are trying to—"

"Oh, Harry," cried Allison, "please don't say any more tonight—please don't. I will give you an answer tomorrow morning." She had risen from her chair and stood ready for flight. Harry with a gasp sat up straight in his chair. "But, Allie," he cried, "you don't understand what I am trying to—"

"Oh, yes, I understand," broke in the agitated Allie. "Good night, dear!"—and she was gone.

Drayton fairly collapsed into the depths of his chair. "Well, of all the words failed him for further remark. He sat staring out blankly into the moonlight night. He and Allison Gower had been friends from childhood. From the time he could remember, he had always confided in Allie. And now when he had attempted to tell her that he was in love with Allie Blair, Allison had gone and taken his attempt as a proposal of marriage made to herself.

"By George," he thought, "what's to be done? From the way she took it, her answer to my supposed proposal will be yes. Then I shall be in a pretty pickle! What's to be done? What's the way out? Danged if I know!" The more he thought the more bewildered he became.

He spent most of the dark hours that night revolving over and over again the situation in which he found himself and seeing no way out. As he lay in bed, he thought of Allison, she who had been his friend from childhood, and he thought of the proposal of marriage made to herself.

There was Harry Drayton suddenly changed from a life-long friend and confidant to a lover and would-be husband. If she really had to take a husband she could not just then think of anybody she preferred in that capacity to Harry. But how much better he was as a friend. She wondered how other girls felt when they had been proposed to.

There came a tap at her door. It was Allie Blair, who always stopped for a chat with her dear friend, Allie on her way to bed. Allie sometimes wished that Annie, who was a great talker, would occasionally omit this nightly visit, but tonight she halted

her as a visitant angel. For Allie regarded Annie as so wordily wise and experienced—which she was not—that counsel from her could not go to the heart. Therefore when Annie paused for breath after her first budget of hotel gossip, Allie said: "Annie, what do you think of marriage?"

"What a question," cried Annie. "I think it's something greatly to be desired of course—provided you get the right man. And since you have broached this most interesting subject, I will confide in you that I expect to be married myself before long—in fact, I know I'm going to be. But you must not tell a living soul until I tell you to."

"Oh, Annie," cried Allison, "how did you feel when he proposed?" "Oh, he hasn't proposed yet," returned Annie calmly, "but he's going to tomorrow."

"How—how do you know?" gasped Allie.

"How do I know?" retorted Annie; "how do those figures in the barometer know when to come in and go out in advance of the weather? I am as sure Harry Drayton is going to propose to me tomorrow as I am that I am going to accept him. Haven't he told you he was in love with me? You and he are such chums and confidants that I supposed he had told you before this. But dear me, how late it's getting! Good night, dear." And she was gone.

Now Allison Gower was a simple soul, but not without sense and resource when driven into a corner. Next morning Harry Drayton received the following note signed "Allie."

"Dear Harry—I ought not to have been so perturbed last night when you confided in me your intention of proposing to Annie Blair; for, of course, I have long seen how you felt toward her. You may have thought it strange in me to run away as I did, but the fact is marriage is such a serious matter that no advice should be given without due consideration concerning it—no hasty approval or disapproval. I wanted time to think, and I have thought. And after due consideration I have come to the conclusion that Annie is a dear, good girl and just the one to make you a good wife. So I give you both my blessing in the capacity of an old maid sister and hope both of you will continue to make me your confidant."

Harry Drayton swallowed this letter, "hook, line and sinker," as the saying is. True, he could not remember having mentioned Annie Blair's name in his attempted confidence; but then, of course, Allie must have seen. His attentions to Annie had been rather pronounced. He told Annie about it after he had proposed, and Annie said: "Oh, indeed, you of course," with a rather queer look on her face. But neither by word or sign did she ever intimate to Allie that she suspected the truth. Perhaps she didn't. Of course, you want to know if Allison Gower was ever married. She was, and she knew that the young man she eventually married was going to propose to her two months before he did—just as Annie had told her she would. (Copyright, 1923, by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

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—Three Others Held—One Dies of Wounds
While Attempting To Escape.

PRESENT APPROPRIATION FOR OCCUPATION

Special Cable to The Advertiser.

Dusseldorf, March 19.—The French caught today a German suspected of being the assassin of Private Schmidt, a member of the army of occupation, shot in the dark at the Essen railway station, Saturday night.

If the suspect is convicted by court-martial he will be executed immediately. Three other Germans captured at the station, from which the shot was fired, were held, and one died of wounds. A fourth, shot while running away, died of wounds. The shooting of Private Schmidt aroused bitter resentment on the part of the French troops at Essen and elsewhere in the Ruhr, but from all reports of the outbreak of reprisals that might have been a logical sequence to the assassination did not occur.

SENDS EXPENSE REQUEST.

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, March 19.—The government has sent to Parliament a supplemental request for an appropriation

on account of Ruhr occupation expenses in which it asks for a total of 196,000,000 francs for occupation operations during the month of January, February, March and April. This is said to be offset by a saving of 36,000,000 francs due to the reduction in the expense of maintaining the defeated forces in the Rhineland and in the interior.

KRUPPS SIGN AGREEMENT.

Associated Press Despatch.

Berlin, March 19.—The representatives of the Krupps and the Russian government have signed an agreement regarding agricultural concessions in Russia granted the Krupps. Berlin despatches in January stated that advice had been received from Moscow to the effect that the Soviet government had ratified an agreement granting large agricultural concessions in Southern Russia to Krupps. The concessions were said to comprise 247,000 acres of land, which was to be intensively cultivated by a special company to be formed with the aid of their capital.

ROBINSON MEMORIAL
HOLDS ANNIVERSARY

Rev. J. A. Agnew Speaks in Morning, Rev. Cosby Morris in Evening.

Robinson Memorial Methodist church celebrated its eleventh anniversary yesterday. Rev. J. A. Agnew, president of the London district and pastor of the Mount Street Methodist Church, preached at the morning service, while the Rev. Cosby Morris spoke in the evening.

Both services were well attended, special music being provided by the choir under John McAlpine, the organist of the church. Preaching in the morning, the Rev. J. A. Agnew, using his text from Acts 11 and 16, said that the paramount need of the church today was the baptism of the Holy Spirit. "Personal touch with God is absolutely essential, mere worshiping alone is useless unless we have also the spiritual power to sustain us," he said.

"We are apt to take too easily to our hearts, and we are apt to put all our sins into the work we can do. Not only this but when our boys and girls grow up, and become burdensome on our minds, and when we think of the mad pleasure-seeking age in which we live, we can save them, and help them to lead a pure and clean life, and admit it all."

In the Methodist Church we have a church to be proud of—a church that has been a great success, the secret of which has been the fact that people have come on their knees to God.

"Have you the peace of God in your heart, are you conscious that your sins are forgiven, have you the comfort of God's abiding presence?" asked the speaker. "If you have, then you may know that you have received the Holy Ghost, and that you have achieved personal touch with God."

"Mar. 19 is a day of prayer because it is given too much money to spend. Train your children to work, it is the only way to escape the devil's wiles and work for idle hands. The Holy Spirit was given us in order that we might serve God with all our hearts, minds, and strength, and with folded arms. To fulfill our duties as Christian men and women we must work and serve."

TRY AGAIN TONIGHT
TO STRIKE TAX RATE

Mayor Confident He Can Cut It, But Aldermen and Treasurer Not So Sure.

The 1923 tax rate will be struck tonight or tomorrow night, according to Mayor Wenige. The aldermen meet in regular session tonight, and a special gathering is set for tomorrow, presumably for a final consideration of the estimates.

Although there are members of the council who disagree with him, the mayor still submits that the rate will drop below 34.3 mills, the 1922 figure. City Treasurer James Beattie states that the estimates to date show 35.9 points.

Just how this is to be lowered one point, or roughly, \$62,000, within the next few hours, is a question that will be answered by the mayor alone. He declines to tell. "I fixed the rate myself last December, below 34.3 points," he declared.

Ald. Douglas, chairman of the board of works, said to view the situation as enthusiastically as the mayor. "I don't see how it can be lower than 35 mills," he stated, "which is practically the same as last year."

POINTS OUT CANADA'S EEDS.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, March 19.—That Canada's three great needs are a proper and sane nationalism, a sane internationalism and a feeling of responsibility, was the declaration of A. R. McMaster, M. P. for Bromie, speaking last night in St. Paul's Methodist Church.

WARNS TWO YOUTHS
FOR ROWDY CONDUCT

Boys Kicked Tin Can Down Road Early on Sunday Morning.

Two youths were enjoying themselves immensely early Sunday morning by kicking a tin can along London's paved thoroughfares. The two boys had the town all to themselves, they thought, but they failed to reckon with irate citizens who were awakened from their peaceful sleep by this unseemly disturbance. Soon an officer of the law was trailing the pair. This morning in police court they were charged with being disorderly. They were allowed to go with a warning.

Fred Stubbins and Samuel Hayes admitted they had trespassed on C. P. R. property, and were fined \$10 and costs. Three drunks paid the same penalty.

William Scott, arrested a week ago for trespassing on the G. T. R., is now in the jail physician's claims. Scott's name was on the docket this morning, but he was remanded for another week to permit further investigation of his case.

RUSSIANS TIGHTEN
MONOPOLY IN TRADE

Council of Labor and Defence Approves Decree of Leonid Krassin.

Associated Press Despatch.
Moscow, March 19.—For the purpose of strengthening the state monopoly in foreign trade, the council of labor and defence has approved and sent to the council of commissaries the draft of a decree advocating tightening the control already exercised.

The proposed decree limits to certain co-operative organizations and to fourteen government trusts or departments the right to buy and sell abroad. Even these preferred organizations must work in conjunction with the commissaries of foreign trade. The measure provides that any foreign country already operating in Russia must obtain permission to do business from the concessions committee and the foreign trade department within one month or be liquidated.

FOREIGNERS MUST PAY
SAME TAXES AS RUSSIANS

Associated Press Despatch.
Moscow, March 19.—The government has decreed that all foreigners residing in Russia, with the exception of diplomats, consular officers and persons who have made special arrangements through their connections with a concession, are subject to the same taxes that are levied on the Russians. The present income tax takes 80 per cent of all salaries of more than \$100 monthly.

NOBODY SERIOUSLY HURT
WHEN TRAIN DERAILED

Canadian Press Despatch.
Winnipeg, Man., March 19.—Owing to a derailment of the Canadian Pacific Railway train No. 1, due to arrive from Montreal at Winnipeg at 8:45 o'clock last evening, it did not reach the city until 1 o'clock this morning.

The derailment was caused by a broken rail about four miles east of Whittemouth. Nobody was seriously injured.

CARNARVON ILL AT EGYPT.

Associated Press Despatch.
Cairo, Egypt, March 19.—The Earl of Carnarvon, who has been supervising the excavations at the tomb of King Tutankhamen, is suffering severely from blood-poisoning, presumably the result of an insect bite.

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SOME OF THE OFFICIALS FIGURING IN C. N. R. REORGANIZATION.
Left to right, J. C. Garden, who becomes general superintendent of motive power in the central region; F. L. C. Bond, becomes chief engineer, central region; R. H. Fish is general superintendent of the central region; H. E. Whittenberger is manager at Detroit.

Police Spread Their Net
For Slayer of "Butterfly"

Stories Told by Alleged Wealthy Suitor of the Slain Girl Prove Faulty When Subjected to Analysis.

Special to The Advertiser.
New York, March 19.—A member of the Philadelphia and New York underworld who preyed upon women—drugged them and robbed them of their jewels—was hunted by the police seeking the slayer of Dorothy King, "white light butterfly," today. Acting District Attorney Pecora declared that the same man was wanted in connection with other similar crimes, including a theft of \$30,000 worth of gems from a New York woman.

As the search for this suspect started, witnesses questioned by Pecora and Inspector Coughlin of the police made statements that deepened the mystery of the killing. John Thomas, elevator boy at Miss King's apartment house, denied the story of the mysterious "Mr. Marshall" millionaire, that the wealthy suitor of the girl went down the elevator upon leaving the apartment the night before she was found dead. Thomas said he took Marshall to the apartment, but the latter did not return via his elevator.

Marshall told Pecora that he left by the elevator and that Miss King was in good spirits at the time. Following Marshall's appearance at the district attorney's office Pecora, exonerated him from suspicion and described the millionaire as a "married, tired business man who was taking a flyer in romance."

Marshall, Pecora said, admitted he had visited the "butterfly" about ten times a year and had given her about \$10,000 worth of jewels. The case was further entangled by police information that the slain girl shortly before her death visited the apartment of an admirer.

The body of Miss King, also known as Kennan, was removed from her mother's apartment to a cemetery yesterday. There were several large floral pieces, untaged. "Marshall" was reported to have sent one of them.

MAY SUGGEST CALLING
NATIONS CONFERENCE

International Congress of Chamber of Commerce Opens at Rome.

Associated Press Despatch.
Rome, March 19.—Negotiations among the various delegations to the second Congress of International Chambers of Commerce, suggest that the question of calling a conference of nations to discuss reparations, the stabilizing of exchange, the restoration of international credits and inter-allied credits, may come before the delegates. It is understood that according to the present plan a resolution, favoring such a meeting, will be presented by the United States delegation in the finance section of the congress. This resolution, it is said, will be supported by the representatives of other countries.

Premier Mussolini, speaking at the formal opening of the congress yesterday, said he was convinced "that a government which wants quickly to uplift its own people from the after-effects of the war must give free play to private enterprise and forego any measure of state control or state paternalism, which may perhaps satisfy the demagogue."

Pay 10,000 Marks
For Half Soles

Amounts to Half Month's Salary of Average Domestic.

Associated Press Despatch.
Berlin, March 19.—It costs 10,000 marks to have half soles nailed on shoes in Germany now, because of the extremely high price of leather. This is about half the monthly salary of the average domestic servant. Consequently, it is frequently part of the agreement with servants that shoe soles are to be supplied by their employers.

JUDGE WILL NOT QUASH
CHARGES AGAINST HART

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, March 19.—Federal Judge Winslow today denied a general motion to quash all indictments against Harold L. Hart, former state prohibition director, and fifteen other individuals charged with conspiracy to defraud the government through violation of the Volstead act. The trial, which was interrupted last week, when the judge listened to the arguments for and against dismissal, was resumed.

F. C. WANLESS CHOSEN
AS BROTHERHOOD HEAD

Elected President of Askin St. Methodist Church Organization at Annual Meeting.

F. C. Wanless was elected president of the Askin Street Methodist Church Brotherhood at the annual meeting of that organization yesterday morning. The other officers are: Hon. president, Rev. J. T. C. Morris; first vice-president, C. W. Baker; second vice-president, F. Kilbourne; third vice-president, A. F. Helm; fourth vice-president, A. Courtois; secretary, J. Hardy; treasurer, J. Justin (re-elected); pianist, Dr. S. M. Thomas, (re-elected).

The finance committee for the ensuing year is composed of C. W. Baker, J. Justin, J. F. Maine and F. C. Wanless.

The annual meeting was one of the largest and most interesting ever held by the Brotherhood, which is the oldest in Western Ontario. Reports read by the past president and the retiring secretary, J. Pearson, showed the membership to be near the 100 mark, and the finances of the organization in a flourishing state. Much efficient and practical work was accomplished during the year.

BRITISH SANCTION
FOR FISH TREATY
WITH THE STATES

Edinburgh Professor Claims Canada Did Not Act Independently.

A COMPLETE TREATY

Pact With United States Was Binding on the Imperial Government.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, March 19.—Arthur Berriedale Keith, barrister and regius professor of Sanskrit and comparative philology at Edinburgh University, who was connected with the Alaska boundary arbitration and has had a prominent part in several imperial conferences, has written to the Times with reference to the recent signing of the fisheries treaty between Canada and the United States at Washington by a member of the Canadian Government.

"As the prime minister of the Australian commonwealth, Hon. Stanley M. Bruce appears to share the general belief that Canada concluded the treaty with the United States independently of Great Britain," Prof. Keith says. "It is worth while pointing out the inaccuracy involved in this conception and the proper position of the dominions with regard to international affairs." He thereupon proceeds to describe three modes in which, broadly speaking, a dominion can act in these waters.

In the first place, Prof. Keith cites as an illustration that the dominion ministers may negotiate and arrive at an agreement direct with the foreign government, the instance of the arrangement between the United States and Canada in 1911 regarding trade. "Such agreements are not treaties," he says. "Most important of all, they do not impose any obligation on the imperial government, and the instance of them is no ground for diplomatic representation, as is fully recognized both by Canada and the United States."

Prof. Keith says in the second place: "As a member of the League of Nations, Canada has in all matters dealt with by the league an international status, whose full effect has still to be defined by practice."

As to the third mode in which a dominion may negotiate with a foreign country, Prof. Keith says: "The fisheries treaty differs essentially from the agreement cited regarding trade between the United States and Canada. It is a complete treaty engagement, binding on the imperial government and the whole Empire, though its operation is local. It, therefore, was conducted in the only manner possible, namely, under the authority of the crown."

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SUMMON WAR COUNCIL
ON LENINE'S ILLNESS

Famous German Nerve Specialists Leave for Moscow, Russia.

Special to The Advertiser.
Helsingfors, March 19.—The Russian war council was summoned today to consider important questions in connection with Premier Lenine's illness.

Berlin, March 19.—Reports that Premier Lenine, suffering from partial paralysis, has sustained a critical nervous breakdown were abundant here today, following departure of Professor Struppell and Doctors Burkle and Nonne, famous Leipzig nerve specialists, for Moscow.

The physicians received urgent summons from the Russian Government. One report from Riga, which was unconfirmed, declared Lenine had died, and that the news was suppressed. The fact that Swedish brain specialists are reported to have received summons to Moscow lent weight to the rumors concerning the Russian premier's mental condition.

GERMANY'S FLOATING DEBT
SHOWS STEADY INCREASE

Associated Press Despatch.
Berlin, March 19.—Germany's floating debt increased during the first ten days of March by 757,000,000 marks, raising a total of 4,345,000,000 marks.

The occupation of the Ruhr was largely responsible for the remarkably steady increase, says a statement issued by the finance ministry. The statements say that as a result of the occupation the railroad revenue fell off extraordinarily, obliging the roads to call upon the federal treasury for large drafts.

HUMAN TOLL IN TORNADO
HAS INCREASED TO 28

Associated Press Despatch.
Memphis, Tenn., March 19.—The human toll in the tornado, which swept Northwest Mississippi Thursday, has been increased to twenty-eight, with the death in a Memphis hospital of Mrs. M. H. Rich, injured when her home at Savage was demolished. An operation was necessary to extract the stones from the child's throat and stomach.

YOUNG NEGRESSES ARRIVE
AS SERVANTS IN FRANCE

Associated Press Despatch.
St. Nazaire, France, March 19.—Several hundred young negroes from Martinique and Guadeloupe arrived yesterday on the steamship Haiti as the first contingent in a movement now under way to solve the servant problem in France. Others are coming on the steamer Puerto Rico, due soon.

GUATEMALAN CABINET RESIGNS

Associated Press Despatch.
Guatemala City, March 19.—The Guatemalan cabinet has resigned in order to facilitate a reorganization.



PRINCE JOINS BRITISH NAVY.

Prince Nicholas, younger son of the king and queen of Rumania, has become a midshipman on the "Benbow" in the British navy as one of the steps in fitting himself for royal duties later.

BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR
SHOWS CANADIAN GOODS

Exhibit of Dominion's Products Is One of the Novel Features.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Ont., March 19.—A Canadian section in the British industries fair now being held at Shepherd's Bush, London, is one of its novel features.

The enterprise was sponsored by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in London and the board of trade allowed considerable latitude in displays, which in several instances were outside of the usual scope of the fair. It is understood, according to Canadian Trade Commissioner Harrison Watson, in the current Commercial Intelligence Journal, that no exhibits were forthcoming from Canada, so that the chamber had to fall back on United Kingdom representatives of Canadian firms. The exhibits include condensed and evaporated milk, shredded wheat, corn flakes, fibre moldings, canoes, shoes, suspenders, soap, whiskey, canned salmon, dry cells, face cream and powder, wall paper, ladders, glass bottles, pipe cleaners, moccasins. Transportation companies are also showing model ships.

In special trade sections there are also on exhibit safety razors made in Canada, acetate acid and carbon black and printing machinery. In spite of considerable business depression, the attendance of visitors at the fair has been satisfactory so far and the volume of inquiries in excess of that of last year.

U. S. WILL NOT REDUCE
OCCUPATION ARMY BILL

Holds View That Bill Should Be Paid—Allies Hold Conference.

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, March 19.—The United States to accept reduction of its bill for the expenses of its army of occupation by the value of the German reparations. The bill, presented today to the Allied representatives in conference here on the reimbursement question by Eliot Wadsworth, assistant secretary of the treasury.

Reimbursement of the \$255,000,000 expense in twelve annual installments, out of possible German reparations payments, which the Allies proposed, is accepted in principle, was stated, but Mr. Wadsworth said the United States view was that the bill should be paid and that it was not the concern of the United States whether it was met out of German reparations or otherwise.

The Allied representatives had called a separate meeting for tomorrow, at which they will try to evolve another proposition.

WESTERN BLIZZARD MOVES
EASTWARD OVER CANAL

Associated Press Despatch.
Washington, March 19.—Winter's final blast, which has been attended by blizzards and near zero temperatures in the Middle West, will overshroud the east and west tonight, but relief is promised by Wednesday.

A storm of marked intensity central over Northwestern New York today, and moving rapidly northeastward. Another disturbance of widespread and considerable energy moving southeastward over the Canadian Northwest. Today the severe cold wave and overcast in the region, the great central valley, the middle and west gulf states.

LONDONER FINDS
THE WEST GLOOMY
AND PESSIMISTIC

British Columbia Alone Exempt From Industrial Langour, He Says.

SITUATION IS SERIOUS

Richard Oke Unfavorably Impressed by What He Saw on Recent Trip.

"Go west, young man," would be a foolish piece of advice for anyone to give these days, according to Richard Oke, who has just returned from a trip throughout Canada's western provinces.

Economically and industrially the west, Mr. Oke says, is in a bad condition. Not even in 1922, the big panic year of the continent, has the situation been so fraught with uncertainty. British Columbia, excepted, the west is suffering from an industrial languor seldom approached within the past six months.

Mr. Oke takes a trip over Western Canada every year or so and is therefore familiar with the situation. The winter he found a dearth of employment, discontent and general unfavorable farming conditions. Industry has experienced a slight spurt, but the increase, he says, is hardly noticeable. After-war lethargy was anticipated to some extent, but he believed it would continue so long.

Situation Serious.
The years immediately following the war were ones of reckless financing and extravagance. Few persons were far-sighted enough to conserve their accumulated industrial resources for the proverbial "rainy day." Banks and loan companies readily advanced funds to farmers who, overjoyed with the prospect of continued high prices, were not worrying about the future. The large crop last year provided little substantial relief from the commercial sleeping sickness with which the west suddenly found itself afflicted.

The majority of agrarians were loaded up with mortgages and sundry obligations which a good crop only partially relieved. "The situation as I see it," said Mr. Oke, "is not one to gladden the eye. Everything is extremely quiet. In Calgary there are long rows of empty houses in the residential sections, thousands of citizens having packed up their belongings and departed across the border to avoid the winter. Apparently the prevailing belief is that opportunities in the United States are more numerous. Canada is dependent on her exports to Europe, and stable old world conditions are essential if she is to regain prosperity."

Mr. Oke, who is in different position. It is a little world in itself and is practically independent of European trade. Farmers produce for the home market and are not dependent on the world's market.

A Hard Winter.
Canadians are commencing to understand the full import of the maxim, "As you sow so shall you reap." The cost of the war and resultant chaotic world conditions are being reflected in all nations. According to Mr. Oke, Canada has not paid for the war yet by a great measure. It will take years before the rainbow of prosperity can be glimpsed over the industrial horizon.

The western winter has been one of extreme cold, and many agrarians have decided it is not worth while to suffer the privations entailed while life in Southern California, where it sun shines the year around, beckons them. A bountiful crop in the first of this year will do much to ameliorate the situation, says Mr. Oke, but until that time comes there appears to be no solution to the problem of the west.

U. S. WILL NOT REDUCE
OCCUPATION ARMY BILL

Holds View That Bill Should Be Paid—Allies Hold Conference.

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, March 19.—The United States to accept reduction of its bill for the expenses of its army of occupation by the value of the German reparations. The bill, presented today to the Allied representatives in conference here on the reimbursement question by Eliot Wadsworth, assistant secretary of the treasury.

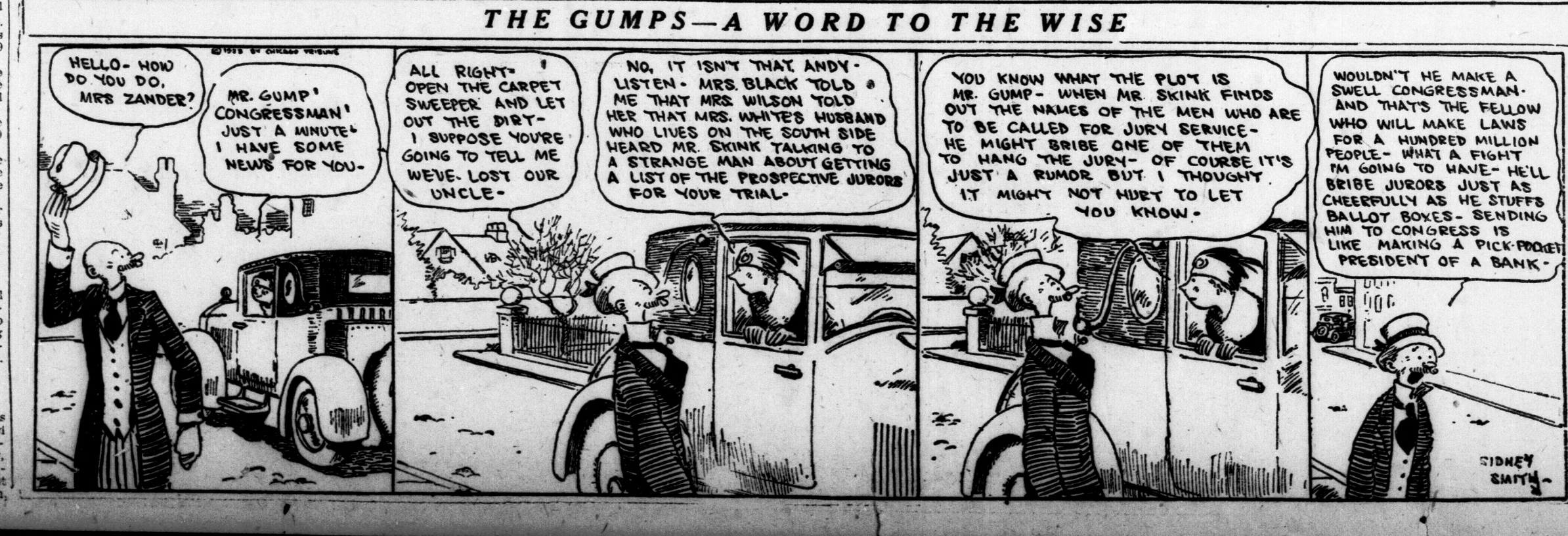
Reimbursement of the \$255,000,000 expense in twelve annual installments, out of possible German reparations payments, which the Allies proposed, is accepted in principle, was stated, but Mr. Wadsworth said the United States view was that the bill should be paid and that it was not the concern of the United States whether it was met out of German reparations or otherwise.

The Allied representatives had called a separate meeting for tomorrow, at which they will try to evolve another proposition.

WESTERN BLIZZARD MOVES
EASTWARD OVER CANAL

Associated Press Despatch.
Washington, March 19.—Winter's final blast, which has been attended by blizzards and near zero temperatures in the Middle West, will overshroud the east and west tonight, but relief is promised by Wednesday.

A storm of marked intensity central over Northwestern New York today, and moving rapidly northeastward. Another disturbance of widespread and considerable energy moving southeastward over the Canadian Northwest. Today the severe cold wave and overcast in the region, the great central valley, the middle and west gulf states.



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QUEEN MILENA IS BURIED BESIDE HER HUSBAND

Associated Press Despatch. San Remo, March 19.—The body of the late Queen Milena of Montenegro was interred yesterday in the crypt of the Russian Church beside that of her husband, who died two years ago. The ceremony was private, only relatives and local authorities attending.

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PROMISES REAL TREAT IN "SOIREE MUSICALE"

Well-Known London Artists To Take Part in Varied Program.

London has had a number of musical treats this winter. We have had the opportunity of hearing many artists of international reputation, and more than one concert of local talent has been arranged, but the soiree musicale scheduled for the March meeting of the Alliance Francaise, promises to be one of the finest musical offerings of the season. The evening is to be devoted entirely to French music, and the services of many well-known artists have been secured. The program includes: Mrs. Innes Carling, Mrs. Howard Fetherston, Miss Uiah B. Kennedy, Miss Cora Brennan, the Rev. Mr. Quintin Warner. In addition, this musicale offers one unique feature: each number is to be preceded by a short talk on the composer. London music lovers will have the opportunity of learning something of the lives of such composers as Saint-Saens, Beethoven and Debussy, before judging of their work. The members who are to give these short introductory speeches are: Mrs. Edmond Meras, Miss Helen Little, Mr. Ellis Dr. Yonge, Monsieur Meras. Thus the program combines the advantages of a concert and of a lecture. With such an attractive evening promised a large attendance of members and their friends are expected on Wednesday evening, March 21, at 8 o'clock, in the auditorium of the Central Collegiate Institute.

HOLD WEEKLY RECITAL AT LONDON INSTITUTE

The regular weekly recital of the London Institute of Musical Art was given last Saturday afternoon. Those who were heard on the program were Grace Bayley, Lucy Judge, Betty Clark, Munroe Clark, Evelyn Blake, Tom Harrison, Franklin Perse, Ethel Burch, Muriel Baker, Marion Tempier, Grace Vroman, Leonard Crawford, Edith Brown, Mildred Carmichael, Audrey Calhoun, Norman Cantlon, Harold Gray, Mildred Barnes, Ruth Barbour, Phyllis Butchart and Violet Burgess. The teachers represented were Misses Dorothy Munroe, Jennie Steele, Margaret Coleman, Madeleine Simson, Laura Kirkwood, Edith Irvine, Dorothy Davis, Ingeborg Hausch, Alberta Torry, Guriel Hawth, Irene Burns, Hazel Taylor, Gladys Roeding and Mrs. McHardy-Smith. Miss Jennie Steele was the examiner.

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Better Live Stock Train

The Dominion and Ontario Departments of Agriculture, in co-operation with the railway companies will operate a "Better Live Stock Train" throughout the province during the months of March and April. It will be at

Parkhill, March 21
Glencoe, March 23

On this train will be carried animals illustrating desirable and undesirable types of **BEEF CATTLE, DAIRY CATTLE, SHEEP, SWINE, POULTRY**

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MUTT AND JEFF

Mutt Locates Jeff's Pet for Him.

BY BUD FISHER



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But the Hen Advertises—and Her Eggs Bring \$1 a Dozen.

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GAS BUGGIES

There Are Some Things a Woman Doesn't Understand.

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POLLY AND HER PALS

Pa'll Repeat It for an Encore Maybe.

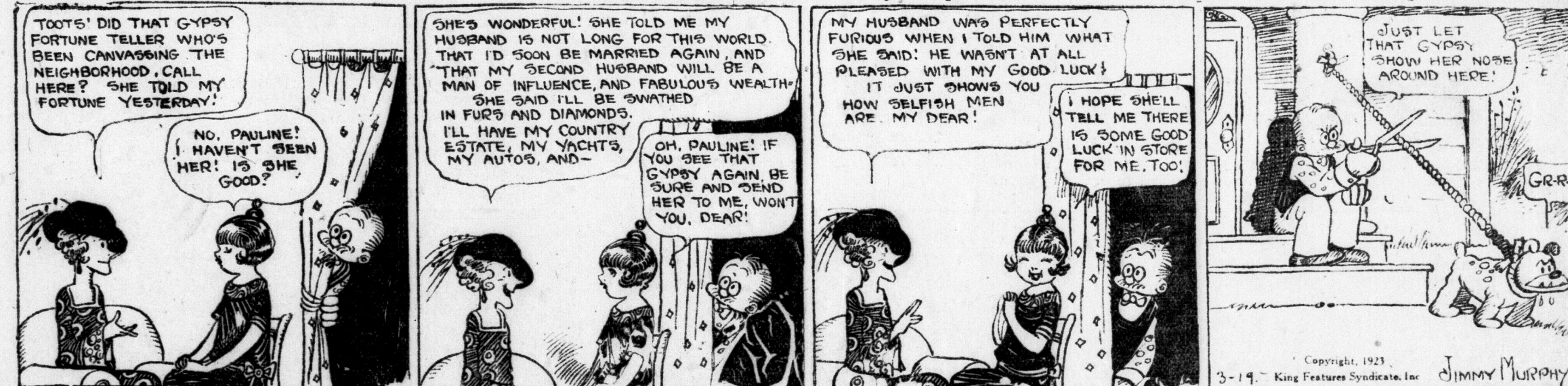
BY CLIFF STERRETT



TOOTS AND CASPER

Forewarned Is Forearmed, Says Casper.

Surprise to Toots. BY JIMMY MURPHY



KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES

Experience? Ma Had Lots of It.

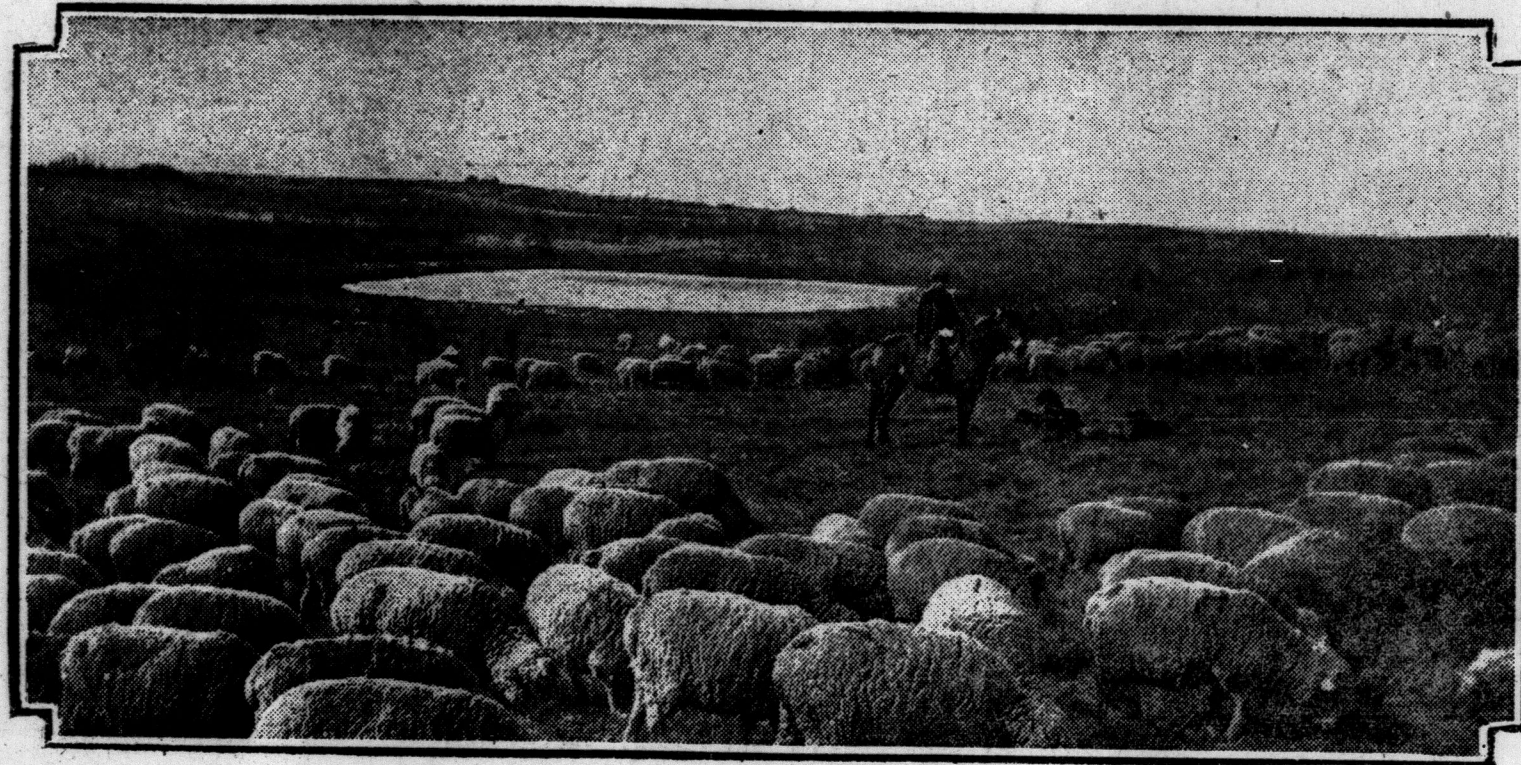
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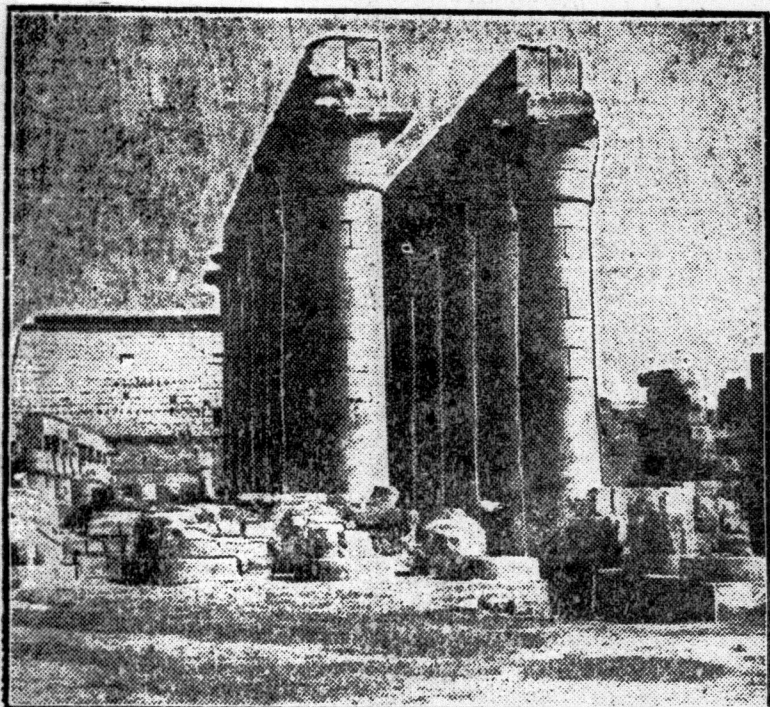
The Lion College steeplechases were run in a drenching rain. The photo shows some of the soaking competitors at the water jump.



A typical Saskatchewan sheep ranch in the Prince Albert district.



Miss Elizabeth Zolnay, debutante daughter of Julio Zolnay, the famous sculptor, is following in her father's footsteps and her work has already caused comment at the Corcoran Art Gallery in Washington.



A view of the Luxor Temple, built by King Tutankhamen to celebrate his return to Thebes.



Sir Paul Dukes, whose work as head of the British secret service in soviet Russia has made him world famous. It is reported that Trotzky placed a price of \$100,000 on his head. He and his wife are touring America at the present time.



Justine Johnston, who, according to the claims of American artists, has the most beautiful type of face in the world. The French artists dispute the claim.



Captain H. A. Cunningham, who, it is rumored, will take command of the huge liner Leviathan when she is ready for sea. She is now nearly completed and a gang of 2,500 men is working on her day and night.



French troops at Werden loading transports on their way to "somewhere deeper in the Ruhr."



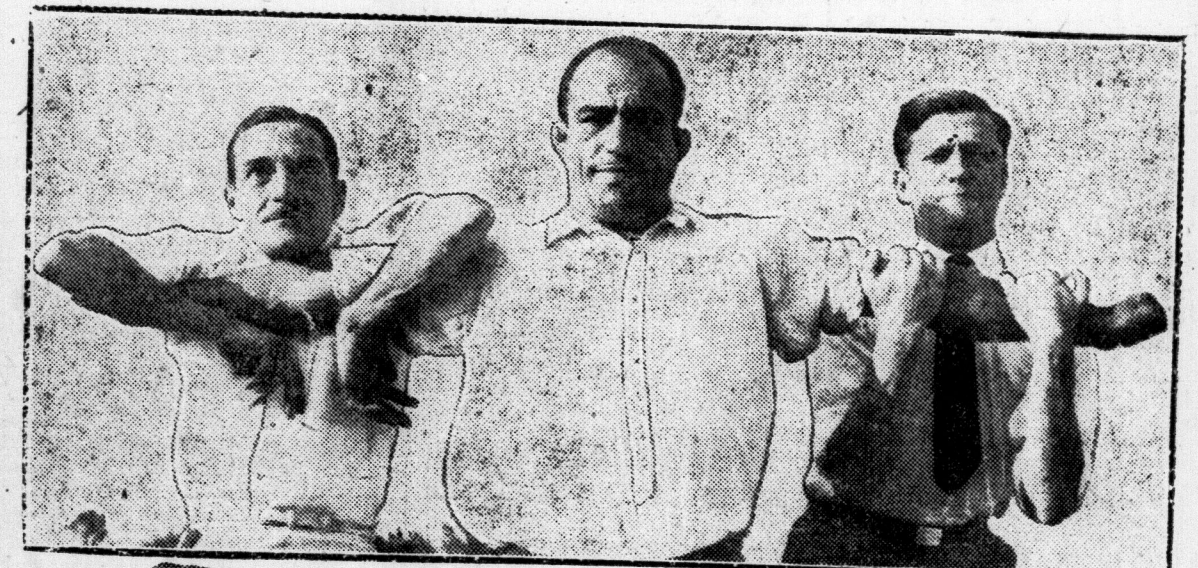
Mrs. Stella Kidd and Mrs. Roma Roberts, a pair of Indianapolis twins, and a car equipped with four wheel brakes to take them safely down grades. It is expected they will be quite large when they have acquired their full growth.



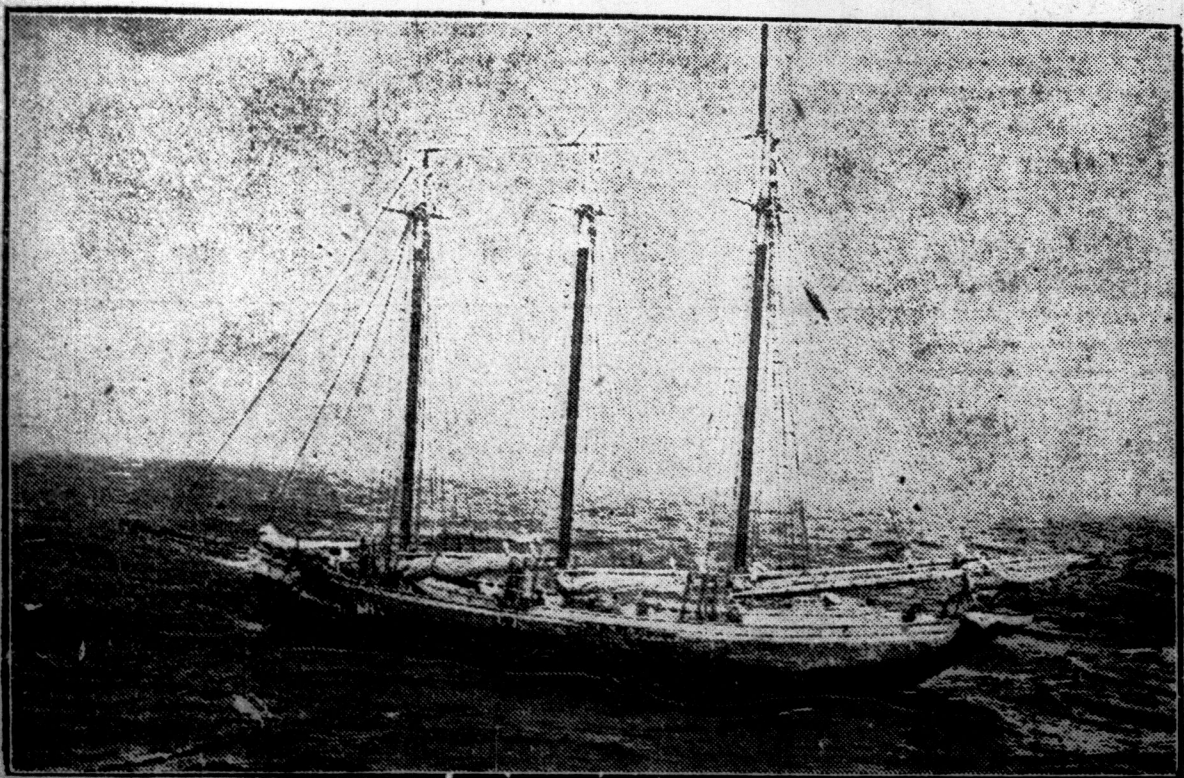
The ultra fashionable in spring wraps. A jeune-fille wrap-around coat of silk crepe with highly decorated top sleeves.



Dr. M. T. MacEachran of Vancouver General hospital, who is president-elect of the American Hospital Association, embracing all Canadian and American hospitals. Though still on the sunny side of forty, he is considered a genius as an organizer.



Bull Montana, who has turned from the ring to the movies, is a veritable walking gymnasium. His outstretched arms make excellent chinning bars for his friends.



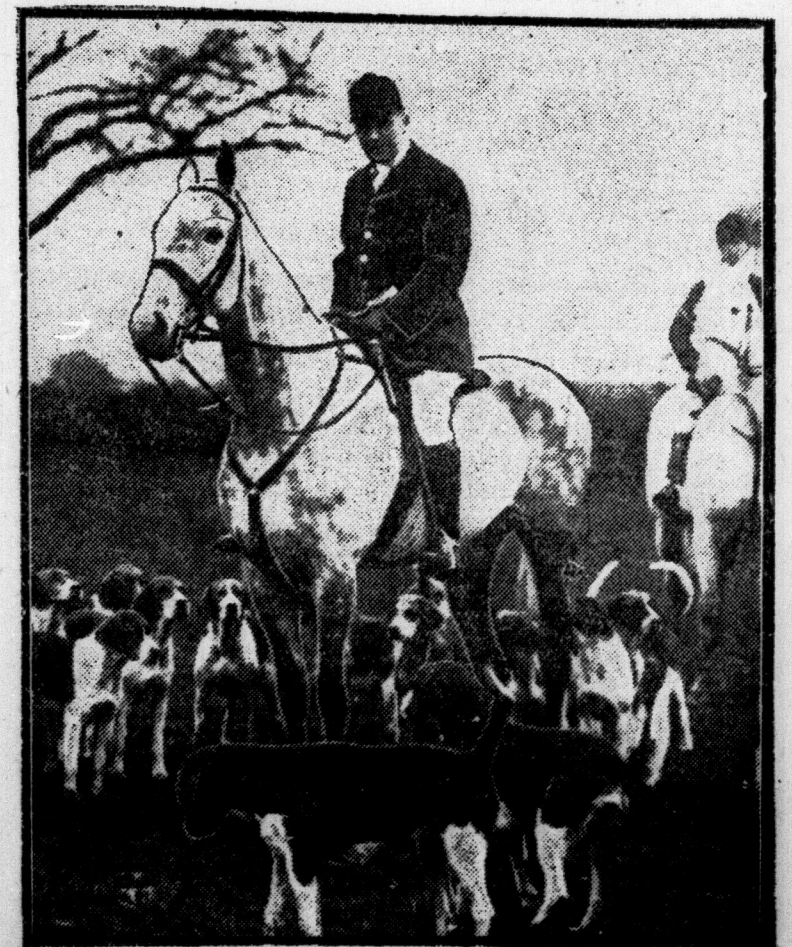
Scores of steamers and schooners are reported to be lying off the American coast waiting for the spring opening in the bootlegging trade. This is one of the vessels which is waiting with that end in view.



Major Margaret Duffy of the Salvation Army, who will henceforth take charge of all relief work among women prisoners in eastern United States.



Tom Jenkins, ex-slave, half Indian and half negro, who lives at Bayou Teche. He is now starting out as a movie actor at 103 years old.



At the meet of Major Smith-Bosanquet's hounds which was held at Old Southgate within seven miles of the heart of London.

SAYS SOUTH FEARFUL OF HOODED KLANSMEN

John Willis, Back From Trip to Florida, Tells of Ku Klux Klan Activities.

"A bad lot," was the phrase used by John Willis, Londoner, in describing the Ku Klux Klan. Mr. Willis recently returned from a five-week visit to various points in Florida, and the Southern States, where the hooded organization now flourishes. Although he did not come in personal contact with the secret order, he gave The Advertiser a summary of the views of Southerners regarding the Klan.

During the last week Mr. Willis was in Daytona, Fla., there was an election campaign in progress. From his remarks the Klan apparently seeks to control all state and municipal elections, and its activities spread over the entire country.

While Mr. Willis was there a well-known bootlegger was ordered to leave town by the Klan, but to date has not complied with their request. Previous to this another person, who had attained prominence by illicit peddling of booze, received a good thrashing when he refused to obey the Klan's decree to depart for other fields, and his son was murdered. The editor of the local paper at Daytona is a member of the hooded brigade and his influence in propagating information in connection with the Klan is considerable. Mr. Willis expressed some trepidation in giving out information based on hearsay regarding the Ku Klux, stating that their power reaches everyone and everywhere. In the Southern States it is evidently quite a crime to denigrate any of the Klan's actions, and the punishment thereof is feared by all citizens.

Parades are one of the Klan's specialties and are held in the most grotesque manner. The sight of ghostly figures stalking the main streets every week or so.

Mr. Willis met T. B. Eacott, local wholesale grocer at Miami and spoke with John Millan, late of the Northern Life Insurance Company, at Daytona. He also saw O. C. Parrie and Mr. Hamilton, local flour and feed merchant in the course of his trip. Thousands of tourists are enjoying the benefits of the southern sun and bathing and athletic sports are extremely popular.

PROBE CHIPPAWA QUESTION.

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, March 19.—The Gregory commission will open its inquiry into the construction and administration of the Chippawa-Queensway hydro-electric canal at the parliament buildings tomorrow.

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Take 1½ lbs. sugar, 1½ pints of water, a large stick of licorice and boil until sugar and licorice are dissolved, then add three tablespoons of Rundle's Liniment. This makes one quart of cough syrup and it can be taken a teaspoonful at a time at short intervals until the cough is conquered.

There are other ways of using Rundle's Liniment for whooping cough, asthma, croup, sore throat and tonsillitis. Full directions accompany every bottle of Rundle's Liniment, sold by druggists everywhere. Satisfaction or money back.

Alice's "Winking Eye" Sign Discovers Many Klansmen

Revealed to Her by the "Grand Exalted Cyclops" Himself, in the Guise of a Salesman for "Kasey's Complete Kleansers," It Brings Fruitful Results.

As Alice said afterwards, it always pays to read the newspapers. If she had not read the papers, she would not have known anything about the Ku Klux Klan, and she would never have suspected that the red-haired young man selling household cleansers, was the official representative of that mysterious company.

"Good morning, a beautiful day is it not?" said the red-haired young man, and the next moment Alice could scarcely have explained how he was in the front parlor demonstrating with voice, look and gesture, Kasey's Complete Kleansers.

Alice had never in all her life heard anyone talk as this young man talked. When it seemed humanly impossible for him to go on any longer he drew upon some mysterious depths within himself and started all over again.

He sang of Kasey's Complete Kleansers. Kasey's Complete Kleansers were designed to clean up America; there were bath cleansers, sink cleansers, floor cleansers, tooth cleansers, cleansing compounds for clothes, for shoes, for Panama hats. Every city in the United States was organized to sell Kasey's Complete Kleansers. Kasey's Complete Kleansers would leave America unsmirched from ocean to ocean.

Countless thousands, like himself, fired by a high unselfish purpose, were banded together to bring this service to the people. They had organized throughout every part of the United States. They were now about to enter Canada.

Most significant of all the pronounced it was, and like a flash the whole thing came to Alice.

Ti-to-Tim in the Flesh? Clean up America—organized in every state in the United States—the watchword service—"Non Silba sed audire"—Kasey's Complete Kleansers—the Ku Klux Klan.

"I know who you are," she cried breathlessly. "You are Ti-to-Tim of the White Empire."

The red-haired young man blinked rapidly for a moment. Then he recovered himself and glanced around cautiously. "Anybody in the next room," he inquired in a whisper. Alice shook her head. She was too excited to speak.

"You caught me with the goods that time," said the red-haired young man, speaking rapidly. "I have been sent ahead to prepare the way. The plan was to wait always of the organization, but I am not Ti-to-Tim."

"Are you a Kleanse?" asked Alice. The young man shook his head.

"Are you a Klansman?" Alice went on, scarcely able to suppress her excitement. "No," answered the young man. "Not a Klansman."

"A Klansman?" cried Alice.

No, the young man was not a Klansman. Nor was he a Klansman.

"I am the Grand Exalted Cyclops," said the young man, and slowly closed one eye.

The young man went on to explain that he had been invited to join the Invisible Empire, because of his ability as an orator. He had been high in the Invisible Empire, and he had become Grand Exalted Cyclops.

"And will you—will you reveal the secret grip?" asked Alice, breathlessly.

"No," answered the young man. "I cannot tell you the secret grip."

"But you must be the Most Mighty Supreme Klansman," said Alice.

The secret member regarded Alice with all unlighted eye.

"Perhaps you are the Grand Mysterious Kybosh," suggested Alice, politely.

The secret member gave Alice a strange look, and rose hastily, and left the car without a backward glance.

That afternoon Alice related the whole affair to her girl friend's promise not to breathe it to a living soul.

"They say the Klan is so secret that even wives of the members don't even know they belong," said Alice.

"But it seems to be even more secret than that. It's so secret that some of the members believe themselves."

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The Secret Grip!

The young man tip-toed out to the hall and glanced up and down it nervously. Then he came back and pointed to the postman's box.

"That," whispered the young man, "that is the secret grip, I will reveal in a moment."

"But why have you come to me?" cried Alice. "I thought you didn't admit anyone but men."

The Grand Exalted Cyclops explained that they were organizing a ladies' auxiliary to the Ku Klux Klan. In Canada it was to be known as the In-Korruptible Order of Kweens of Kanada.

And in connection with this organization he was offering Alice the most exalted office in his gift. She was to be the Most High Supreme and Mighty Kleanse.

"What—what does it cost to join?" asked Alice, scarcely able to believe her ears.

That was the best part of it. It did not cost a cent. All Alice had to do was to buy one each of Kasey's Complete Kleansers.

Alice bought one of every kind. They covered the whole top of the piano. "But you have not told me the secret sign yet," said Alice.

"I gave it to you just a minute ago," replied the Grand Exalted Cyclops, and once more he slowly closed one eye.

"And does it matter which eye?" asked Alice.

"No, it does not matter which eye," he replied. "It is the eye that you close when you are alone."

"And when you are with others?" asked Alice.

"When you are with others," he replied, "you close both eyes."

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EVERYBODY'S "SPYING!"

Why not you, too? Keep your eyes open for news and win one dollar. It's news that is wanted; something you see, not a funny conversation or an old joke.

One dollar awaits C. P. W., who contributed the winning item today.

A small, row-cheeked child came into a butcher shop and, dropping a nickel, asked the butcher, "No, I want a chicken."

The butcher chuckled to himself as the child left, carrying it under her arm.—C. P. W.

At the corner of Dufferin and Colborne, a sign reading: "Miss So-and-So, ready to wear clothes.—WATCH-PUL WAITING."

A delivery truck, containing an abnormally stout old lady, the truck bearing the sign: "Maximum load, one-half ton."—K. B. R.

An old lady had fallen on the ice in Queen's Park. A young man, seeing her accident, ran to the rescue. It being rather slippery, he was hardly able to stand on his own feet, but finally succeeded in getting her up.—H. E. C.

In an optician office, a gentleman, patting a Boston bulldog. A friend called attention to the fact that the dog's eyes were bloodshot. At that moment, a young man entered, and, as the dog moved over to the newcomer, the optician said: "You need glasses, young man." The newcomer looked amazed, but said nothing.—M. G.

While the past week brought its full share of disappointments to the board of education as far as its budgeting program and estimates were concerned, it has also been a profitable one. Revenue in varying amounts came out of several sources, some of which were unexpected and others forgotten.

Latest among the gifts of good fortune received by the board were two checks, one from the department of education for \$600, and the other for \$562.65 from the county of Middlesex. The \$600 was remuneration from the department for the use of rooms in public schools for the training of Normal students, while the other check covered fees for county pupils who attended city schools in 1922.

Remuneration from the department came as a pleasant surprise for the board, as it was generally understood that the \$600 covered the cost of training Normal school pupils in public schools for a full year. It has now been learned that the amount covers only one-half year, and that the rest of the full year in this respect will total \$1,200.

The check for the county was fully expected, for it covered the tuition of fifteen county pupils, who are attending Empress avenue school, Charles street school and Riverview. The cost for each pupil was based on a rate of \$44.10 a year for the first six months of 1922, and \$53.88 for the last half of the year.

This revenue was received today, and during the past week comes on top of the discovery of a surplus of \$27,000, the arrival of a check for more than \$12,000 as the department's share in the cost of vocational training in this city, and a surprise packet of \$75 for fees from an ex-student who lives in New York.

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Issues

Aunt Maria Finds Shamrock Leading All Vegetables

Even Maple Syrup Bows To Weight Craze—Eighteen Inches Above Ground Warning Sounded At Market.

"Surprising what you can find to sell on the week-end market," said the idle rich gentleman, who goes in for farming, and displays the marvelous ingenuity and resourcefulness characteristic of a number of enterprising people to be found with their wares of a Saturday at Covent Garden.

He waved his hand in the direction of the most popular vegetable of the day, a bunch of shamrock leaves, selling at a cent a piece. No one going by could resist the temptation to drop a penny and wear away the emblem of St. Patrick's day.

The sunshine was "altogether intractably delectable." It fooled cautious gardeners into displaying in the nippy open exquisitely-budded clusters of sweet peas, 35c a bunch, dozens upon dozens of creamy-white carnations with veins of rose red, which filled the March wind with fragrance for 50c a dozen. There were golden daffodils, too, just 50c, and a few bunches of shy violets to make the undecided pause and wrinkle their foreheads, wondering which they should choose, when everything was the same price.

Gay tulips, out in the sunshine, but more exposed to the wind, were tossed by the heads as if to say, "Take us at 70c a dozen or leave us. We are a bargain at any price." So were the rambler rose bushes, showered with red or deep rose bloom, \$1.25 each.

A loyal son of Erin declared himself so consistent he wouldn't have even mustard or butter on his table on St. Patrick's day. He could have spinach for dinner at 60c a peck; green onions for a bit of flavor, two bunches for 15c; cauliflower, 25c up to 50c each; and surely he wouldn't take exception to the white nestling amid the green!

Head lettuce would cost him 20c each, and "just lettuce" (three bunches) for a quarter, or two bunches for a quarter, depending on where he was buying.

He might want green garnishing to mask substantial fare which appetite craved. There was parsley galore, 5c a bunch, if you got on the right side of the dealer, or two for 15c otherwise.

All Right Outside.

The Irishman discovered a big, green, Hubbard squash, emulating the Last Rose of Summer. He was elated when he found it was just 25c. If a bit deep green, it was not less than 17th of March color scheme so much more effectively than turnips, parsnips, and the potatoes, dollar a bag (ninety-one pounds, bag and all), so dear to his heart.

Then the joy-killer reminded him that squash doesn't cut up green inside. Even when baked in the shell, it would be more disastrous than butter and mustard.

Just One Pound After—

Life's getting to be nothing more or less than just tireless weights and measures. Taking all the spontaneity out of the market when everything has got to be talked about in the terms of pounds and ounces. One can't take a loaf, delicious sample lick of maple syrup from the common sampling spoon without hearing a warning voice, steady and stern, three ounces to the gallon, minimum weight!

To be sure, that does guarantee a certain syrup quality, and insure against warmed-up sap. Nothing was said about maximum weight by the inspector, who stalked about grimly, some people said, stealthily, others, and quite openly and friendly like, all according to the point of view.

If March keeps on acting so chilly as it has been doing the first lion's share of the month, there'll be precious little syrup this year, according to a certain farmer's view. Sap won't run in such an ungenerous atmosphere, and when spring really gets going, the sap will be shooting out so quick there won't be any chance at all for the sweet sap.

Three or four lots of syrup were offered Saturday, \$1 a quart. Well worth it, a young vendor declared, reminding that the first run is always the choicest. He was asking \$3.50 for that gallon or thereabouts, 18 pounds 3 ounces. It was whispered that the same weight might be bought elsewhere for \$3.50 or \$3.75.

There were numbers of farmers who regarded one certain inspector as a kind of thief in the night. He stole upon them unawares, so to speak, and weighed their wares.

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has opened a new department for REASONABLE RENOVATIONS AT REASONABLE RATES.

Last year's frock with a little clever difference (a skirt altered here, a drape rearranged there, a fresh jabot, or a different belt) has all the charm and freshness of a new creation. A competent dressmaker is in charge. Arrange an interview and come and talk it over.

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TITLED HEIRESS TO BE JOCKEY'S BRIDE.

London, March 17.—Society here, from Buckingham Palace to White-chapel, is agog—yes, they still get that way over here—and very much so over the engagement of Lady Ursula Grosvenor.

Lady Grosvenor, in addition to her title and noble birth—she's the eldest daughter of the Duke of Westminster—is comely, just turned 21, and what is more is heiress to one of the greatest fortunes in England.

The engagement announcement which was published in the local papers last week, gave the duke's paternal feelings in the matter, but as Lady Ursula is regarded as one of the most daring and fearless bits of the young set, her father's likes or dislikes in the matter probably wouldn't make a great deal of difference.

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HAS SEVEN EIGHTY-SEVEN YEARS

Reuben Short, Life-Long Advertiser Reader, Celebrates 89th Birthday.

Sunday Mr. Reuben Short, 673 York street, celebrated his 89th birthday, and his 57th year in London.

For the occasion, his sons and daughters: Henry of Reading, Pa.; John of St. Louis, Mo.; Charles of Dayton, Ohio; Mrs. Oscar A. Evans of Toronto; Mrs. Arnold V. Baker of Detroit; and Mrs. Fred Terry of Detroit, journeyed to London. The oldest son and daughter, Reuben, and Mrs. John Clummin, both of London, were also present.

Mr. Short has been a reader of The Advertiser since the paper was founded, and was a member of the volunteer fire department.

Fashions by Wire

Special to The Advertiser.

Paris, March 17.—A touch of black is being used today with that genius for effect characteristic of the French designer. Without this touch, the flaunting oriental colors grow tiresome. Wing sleeves, georgette capes and the tiny trains seen on restaurant frocks are being lined with black chiffon.

SPORT SKIRTS SHORT.

London, March 17.—The controversy over the long skirt which tore the fashion world asunder a few months ago and kept the newspapers full of letters for and against has been settled. It was settled both ways.

After the fashion of the past, today reach the knee or the ankle, but sports skirts are once more only a very few inches below the knees.

GIVE FEATHER EFFECT.

New York, March 17.—A remarkable idea in sports goods shown here today takes its inspiration in the feather ornaments of the east. The cloth, which is a heavy silk and wool mixture, is covered with overlapping scallops or feather tips which look as though embroidered. In one place the colors range from magenta through crimson to orange and palest yellow.

HOPE FOR PLUMP.

New York, March 17.—Fortunately a woman who is plump there remains today in the same state in the mummy-like, snugly-wrapped vogue in which only slim women look well.

PINNED ON.

New York, March 17.—One sports frock for a small girl seen here today is of white crepe de chine embroidered with tiny gray and blue. It is a slip, but its fastening is extraordinary device, being nothing less than five little jeweled and enameled buttons of varying lengths set an inch apart down the front of the blouse.

flair of Saturday was the bazaar and tea given by the Ladies' Aid of First Presbyterian Church. Mrs. W. C. Allen, president of the society, welcomed the many guests, and the affair was a success.

The afternoon tea given at the home of Mrs. E. C. Bowker and little son Jack, Toronto, were week-end guests of Dr. and Mrs. Pratten, Queen Alexandra Sanatorium.

Following the closing of the Huron College term, Principal C. C. Waller and Miss Waller are leaving for England, where they will spend the summer.

Following the basketball game Saturday evening at the Heritage Club, gave an informal little party in the club rooms, Thursday night, with Mrs. J. D. McKinnon, Mrs. Murray, Harry Morgan, Wilfred Hodgins, Clarence Atkins and F. W. Kirkpatrick, of the Campbell Becher Chapter, I. O. E. This affair will be given to raise the quota of these members for the National Educational War Memorial Fund.

By way of raising their quota for the national educational war memorial fund, the ladies of the W. A. McWilliams and Mrs. J. McLeod, Campbell Becher Chapter, I. O. E., arranged a charming bridge party at the home of Mrs. J. McLeod, Saturday afternoon.

The room was bright with tulips, and green candles in silver sticks were in play, and following cards was served.

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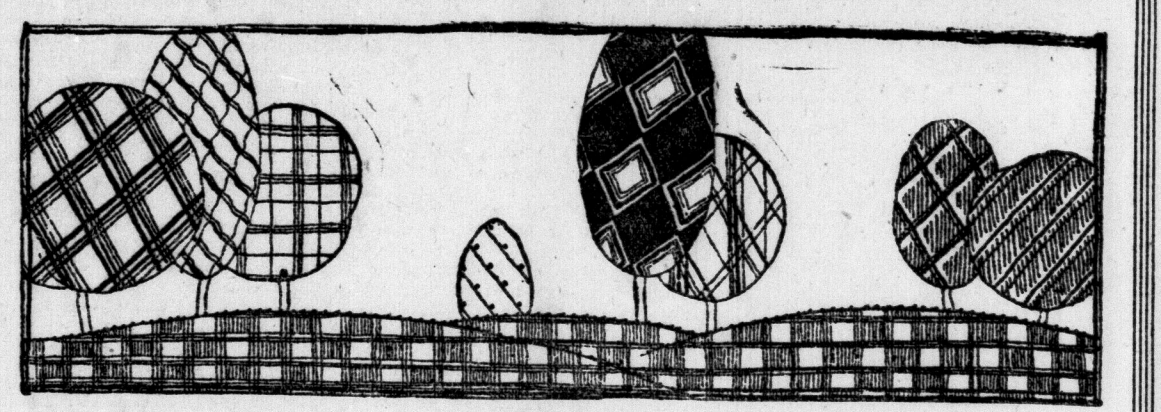
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EXCLUSIVE—Many of these goods are confined to our store, and some lines have been bought in limited quantities—Wash Goods Department, Second Floor.

FRENCH CREPE PLUMETIS, a beautiful fabric, cream ground with pin check and spots in colors, 36-inch width. A yard \$3.00

FRENCH FANCY RATINE CREPE, white crepe with colored ratine check, very smart, 38-inch width. A yard \$3.00

FRENCH NOVELTY RATINE, openwork, in color blendings of gray and mauve, tan and gray, honeydew and gray, jade and gray, limoge and gray, flame and gray; 38-inch width. A yard \$2.00

FRENCH RATINE OVERCHECKS, on grounds of toast, firmament, nuncio, wood ash, honeydew; 38-inch width. A yard \$1.75

FRENCH NOVELTY RATINE, small checks of black and white on grounds of limoge, lemon, nuncio, jade and white; 38-inch width. A yard \$1.75

FRENCH NOVELTY RATINE, white combined with colors of turquoise, orchid, lemon, jade, henna, periwinkle; very pretty; 38-inch width. A yard \$1.65

NOVELTY RATINE, silk finish, in self-colored checks of maize, mauve and tan; 38-inch width. A yard \$1.50

NOVELTY RATINE, fine and heavy weave, combined in self-colored checks of rose, green, tan and orchid; 36-inch width. A yard \$2.00

MOONGLOW RATINE in silk and cotton mixture, two-tone effect, in new and popular colors, also in white and black and white; 38-inch width. A yard \$1.75

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THE GERMS.

Miss Worth—Did you ring for me, Mr. Kent?—Twice! You were to have those papers about the Cushman business on my desk this morning.

Miss Worth—I'm sorry—I—I—Mr. Kent—Kindly bring them to me. Miss Worth—Here they are, sir, Oh, just a minute, I've brought the wrong papers—

Mr. Kent—Did you telephone the Edison Company that important decision?

Miss Worth—I'll do it now.

Mr. Kent—It should have been done yesterday.

Miss Worth—I know, sir—Mr. Kent—After you attend to it I want to speak to you—

Miss Worth—I don't know what the matter with me, Mr. Kent.

Mr. Kent—I've noticed you're quite different. Something will have to be done.

Miss Worth—I can't keep my mind on the business the way I used to.

Mr. Kent—No, I've seen the doctor and he says it is simply mental.

Mr. Kent—Well, I think you need a change. Three years of this kind of work will break down almost any one.

Miss Worth—Oh, no, it isn't that! I'll be all right.

Mr. Kent—Miss Worth, I've decided that you must have a change. Take this dictation, please.

Miss Worth—Yes, sir.

Mr. Kent—Mr. Ralph Kent, 17 Wall Street, city. Dear Sir—After three years of active work as your secretary, I find that I cannot stand the strain of the position any longer—

Miss Worth—But, Mr. Kent!

Mr. Kent—Continue, please—and I herewith tender my resignation to take effect—

Miss Worth—But—But I—

Mr. Kent—Don't interrupt me, please—to take effect immediately.

Miss Worth—Yes, sir.

Mr. Kent—And I will accept the

position of general manager of your household, as I feel those duties are more in keeping with my present feelings.

Miss Worth—Why, why, Mr. Kent!

Mr. Kent—Wait till I finish, please—and I will accept your offer of marriage and promise to set an early day—

Miss Worth—Oh, Mr. Kent! Do you—you—

Mr. Kent—I mean every word of it! I've known for weeks what your trouble has been.

Miss Worth—You mean, that I've been in—

Mr. Kent—That's it exactly. I know the symptoms because I haven't been able to keep my own mind on the business either!

Miss Worth—You!

Mr. Kent—And, say, if we don't get out of here pretty soon, we're liable to inoculate the whole office with the germ!

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