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TOMORROW'S WEATHER. Fair and Cold.

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Sun Rises Tomorrow, 7:30. Sun Sets Tomorrow, 4:44.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

DARING THEFT OF GOODS IN TRANSIT

Mr. Fred Screamton Lost Hundreds of Dollars Worth of Valuables.

POLICE ARE BAFFLED Household Goods Were Shipped to Toronto and Packages Were Rifled on the Way.

Several hundred dollars' worth of valuables belonging to Mr. Fred Screamton, formerly of this city, but now of Toronto, were stolen from him either here or on the way to Toronto, when his goods were shipped on the Grand Trunk Railway.

The detective forces of London and Toronto, as well as the Pinkerton Agency, are working on the case, and following every possible clue to find the perpetrators of the largest robbery reported in some time by the railways.

A few weeks ago Mr. Screamton moved his family to Toronto, where he is engaged in business. His goods were all packed, and remained in the house for a day or two.

Cut glass, jewelry, silverware, etc., were in the various cases. Later the stuff was taken to a car on the Grand Trunk and shipped to Toronto. On arriving it was placed in storage, where it remained for a few days, until Mr. Screamton had his house made ready.

The other day on opening the cases it was found that nearly all the finest cut glass, silver, etc., had been removed. An investigation into all the cases showed that practically all of them had been gone through and the valuable articles removed.

The police were notified and they in turn got in touch with the local force. The detective department here was put on the case, and are now engaged in unravelling the mystery.

Mr. Screamton himself engaged the Pinkerton man, and he has been in London some days, looking into the case. The Grand Trunk detectives have also been looking into the case.

So far little information has been obtained as to the perpetrators of the crime. The officers are expecting to strike something up in the next few days.

SEVEN MONTHS FOR A TORONTO CHAUFFEUR

Auto Jumped From Pavement to Sidewalk and Killed Oshawa Woman.

[Canadian Press.] Toronto, Nov. 29.—This morning Roy Britnell, whose automobile on the evening of Oct. 5 jumped from the pavement to the sidewalk and killed Mrs. Satter, of Oshawa, was sentenced to seven months in Central Prison by Judge Riddell. His lordship delivered a judgment of great length.

His lordship remarked that he did not impose a fine, as money could not pay even in part for blood. A petition from two thousand people pleaded for leniency. Referring to the judge said he had also received a large number of letters from citizens taking an entirely different view of the case.

FERRER WIPED OUT MANY PRIZE BIRDS

Animal Got Loose and Killed Fourteen Chickens in Clarence Street Yard Before It Was Caught.

A ferret, said to belong to Mr. G. Lombardo, Clarence street, did great execution among the fancy fowls belonging to Mr. T. W. Hodgins, a local carter, at 233 Clarence street, on Friday night. The ferret was locked in a pen in the yard, and was used for rabbit hunting. The animal escaped, and after destroying a number of chickens, it went to Mr. Hodgins' and there killed fourteen fine Buff Orpingtons and prize fowls. Mr. Hodgins heard the disturbance in his chicken coop, and arrived just in time to prevent a further killing. He caught the ferret. The owner of the latter is arranging a retortment.

ACCOMMODATION IS AT A PREMIUM

Prison Authorities Object to Entertaining Gentlemen Who Have Been Given Short Terms.

Magistrate Ryan, of the Central Prison, is in London today, and will take back a number of prisoners to Toronto who are now at the county jail under sentence. Central Prison authorities have refused to accept them on account of their being liable to lack of accommodation at Toronto, and because of the expenditure entailed in transportation.

No man who has been given three months or less will be taken up, and those up to four or five months who are unable to do some particular line of work in the prison shops, will also remain in Castle Cartier.

Santa Claus' Postoffice, The Advertiser

The children of London will be glad to hear that The Advertiser has made special arrangements to receive all letters that are intended for Santa Claus. At the present time many of the little folks send their letters to the postoffice, and as Santa Claus is busy in his scores of workshops just before Christmas, it is difficult to keep in touch with them.

The Advertiser has secured the good man's special permission to take charge of all communications for him in London. They will be published and forwarded to Toyland. The Advertiser does not promise that the gifts asked for will be received, but it will undertake to act as the forwarding agent. The children should address their letters as follows:

SANTA CLAUS, Care THE ADVERTISER, LONDON, ONTARIO.

SEND XMAS PARCELS EARLY IS PRAYER OF THE POSTMAN

Carrying of Small Bundles and Plum Puddings Constitutes a Grievance Which Each Year Aggravates, Say the Men.

The modern mail carrier is developing into a reincarnation of the original "Scrooge." The Christmas rush in the postoffice has commenced, and if you care to question the letterman you will quickly learn that "Merry Christmas" means nothing to him. "Every Christmas we have to work about twenty-four hours a day and the closer we get to the big holiday for the average man—the more burdensome the job becomes," a mailman told The Advertiser this morning.

"People never seem to think that it would help us out a whole lot if these presents were sent through the mail a couple of weeks before Christmas, and as we make this appeal yearly without results, I guess they never will."

Wrapping of Parcels. The mail carriers also raise objection to the manner in which small parcels are wrapped. People seem to think that parcels can be more readily handled when done up in small squares the same as newspapers, they would confer a lasting favor on the postmen. Small parcels cannot be strapped into a bundle and conveniently carried, whereas those of more oblong shape are easily handled.

Plum puddings, which come by mail to London in tons each year, particularly from the old country, constitute another grievance among these carriers, who cannot see why any man should care to place such weighty substance under his belt.

The postoffice authorities have also issued a warning concerning the practice of placing letters in parcels, books or papers. All such notes should be sent separately at the letter rate, and any person discovered committing offences against this rule is liable to a fine of from \$10 to \$40.

The mail clerks have authority to open any parcel suspected, and for that reason trouble may follow for those who err.

THREE CASES HAVE BEEN ADDED FOR COUNTY COURT NEXT WEEK

Particulars of the Latest Actions Set for Trial in London Before Judge Macbeth.

Three additional cases have now been set down for trial at the county court sessions next week, making a total of three jury and one non-jury entered up until the present time. Additions may be made to the list until the action of Hughes vs. A. M. Smith & Co. was put in Tuesday. A piano case. Another jury case for trial is between Aubrey Richard Boug and Thos. Dickson. The plaintiff is a merchant who conducts a grocery business at the "Y" at Wellington road and High street, South London, while the defendant is a pattern fitter residing at 133 Dreeany avenue. The plaintiff claims that he owns a certain piano stool and drape, and that on Oct. 17, 1910, the defendant took the outfit and concealed it in some place at that time unknown to the plaintiff. The defendant's reply is that he purchased the piano stool and drape for \$150, and that this fact was known to the plaintiff, who despite this entered his name on the piano stool and drape, and caused him much annoyance and made his family subject to ridicule. Mr. Boug's claim is for the return of the property, or in the alternative, he asks the court to grant him \$200 damages. Dickson makes a counter claim for \$60 damages for the annoyance caused him by Boug entering his place for the piano. W. G. R. Barrow is acting for the plaintiff, and Meredith & Meredith for the defendant.

Clim of an Estate. The London and Western Trusts Company, executor of the late Dr. John D. Wilson, of this city, is the plaintiff in the only non-jury suit thus far entered, Thomas Gurney, a liverly, and Meredith & Meredith for the defendant.

The total vote for all purposes as mentioned above is 15,616. Ward 4 continues to head the list of voters, with Ward 3 a close second.

The total vote by wards: No. 1, 3,927; No. 2, 2,925; No. 3, 4,124; No. 4, 4,640. The London and Western Trusts Company, executor of the late Dr. John D. Wilson, of this city, is the plaintiff in the only non-jury suit thus far entered, Thomas Gurney, a liverly, and Meredith & Meredith for the defendant.

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ITALIANS GO HOME TO SAVE PARENTS!

One of Them Told The Advertiser Old People's Land Would Be Taken.

NOT ANXIOUS TO FIGHT But Their Fathers and Mothers Would Suffer if They Were Not On Hand When Wanted.

A special train carrying more than 500 Italians, who are going home to fight against Turkey, went through on the Grand Trunk Tuesday night. Most of the men were from Detroit, Chicago, and points west of there. In conversation with The Advertiser, some of them stated that they were going home, not because they wished particularly to engage in the war, but in order to save the property of their aged parents from being taken from them. "I have an aged father and mother," said one man to The Advertiser. "The law where I come from is such that if I do not return to fight when called upon, I will be marked and forbidden to return to my home at any time in the future, and not only this, but the farm on which the old people reside, and from which they make their living, will be taken from them, and they will be destitute. If I can, after the war is over, I will go home and live in Chicago. I have done well there and can look after them."

Among the party were also a number of men who were going back to fight for purely patriotic reasons. They were eager to get to the front, and express the greatest confidence in the outcome of the war.

460 MORE VOTERS THAN YEAR AGO

London's Municipal List Is Jumping at a Rapid Rate.

THE TOTAL IS NOW 15,616

All Classes of Voters Except Those For Income Show a Big Increase For 1911.

City Clerk Baker has completed the compilation of statistics regarding the number of voters on the lists for the coming municipal election. There has been a big increase in every list with the exception of that for income voters. The minimum salary of the London Municipal Council is to be taxed was raised at the last session of the Legislature, with the result that many were struck off.

The total number of voters on the list is 15,616, an increase of 460 over the year 1910.

The freeshold voters increased 194, rather a good number. There is no doubt that this is due to the fact that many persons purchased their own homes during the year just passed.

Freeshold voters are distributed by wards as follows: Ward 1, 1,856; Ward 2, 1,372; Ward 3, 2,008; Ward 4, 2,347.

Total, 5,583.

There is an increase in the number assessed as tenants by 136. This growth is encouraging, and indicates that the empty houses throughout the city are filling up.

They are distributed as follows: Ward 1, 1,415; Ward 2, 1,133; Ward 3, 1,680; Ward 4, 1,747.

Total, 5,975.

The number who can vote in the municipal elections is 13,133. There are an increase of 133. In Ward 1, there are 1,932; Ward 2, 823; Ward 3, 1,059; Ward 4, 1,059.

Women Voters. The women of the city have not taken as much pains to get their names on the list as would have been expected. There is an increase of 25 during the year, much less than last year, when there were 3,467 women entitled to exercise the franchise, divided by wards as follows: Ward 1, 894; Ward 2, 750; Ward 3, 795; Ward 4, 1,024.

The separate school vote has grown 62 during the year, and now reaches the total of 1,457. There are 291 voters in Ward 1, 414 in Ward 2, 344 in Ward 3, and 405 in Ward 4.

For School Purposes. Those entitled to vote for school purposes only number 1,988, as compared with 1,875 last year, an increase of 113. They are distributed in wards as follows: Ward 1, 599; Ward 2, 451; Ward 3, 422; Ward 4, 516.

Those who vote on income are not very numerous, and show the only decrease during the year. There are but 128, entitled to vote in January next as compared with 184 in 1910, divided as follows: Ward 1, 57; Ward 2, 29; Ward 3, 14; and Ward 4, 28.

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The total vote by wards: No. 1, 3,927; No. 2, 2,925; No. 3, 4,124; No. 4, 4,640.

There is a steady development, and sometimes a surprising one, in the population of London. It is not much larger than it was in 1901, and was well pleased with the results.

DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EARLY

The price of Christmas turkeys is again a source of considerable speculation, mental and otherwise. Very few turkeys are at present appearing on the local market. Only a small number are brought in by the farmers from the county, and practically none are coming in by rail in marked contrast to the fairly large shipments in previous years at the time of the season.

It is said that farmers are holding back their stock of birds until the nearer approach of Christmas in the hope that immediately before the holiday prices will be largely inflated.

To begin with this year's crop of turkeys was not so large as usual. Then the buyers in the country towns throughout Western Ontario are buying up more and more birds every year for the United States and British markets.

The Canadian market offered by Toronto and Montreal is never quite satisfied just around Christmas, and higher prices take a good many fowls away from the home tables.

At present turkeys are worth 18 and 19 cents per pound in wholesale lots, and up to 21 and 22 cents per pound retail. It is scarcely probable that these prices will hold down until Christmas, as local dealers are not able to supply even the present demand.

THREE DAYS OVERDUE. Halifax, N. S., Nov. 28.—The Uranium liner Campanello arrived three days overdue, continuous bad weather delaying her, smashing iron works tanks, steam pipes, and other fixtures on deck. An immigrant for New York, fearing he would not pass the examination, endeavored to get ashore here by climbing down a rope. He was captured and hanged up.

PRISONER HIT A POLICEMAN ON HEAD WITH BAG OF COAL

Police Are After a Man Who Assaulted and Got Away From P. C. Garnet on Sunday Night—Officer Says He Knows the Man.

The local police department are keeping a sharp lookout for a man who assaulted P. C. Ernest Garnet on Sunday evening, and it is expected that an arrest will be made any hour. The officer claims that he knows the man, but the fellow is apparently keeping himself hidden in an effort to escape arrest.

It seems that late on Sunday night Constable Garnet noticed a man come out of a coal and wood yard, near the corner of York and Lytle streets, carrying a bag on his back. The policeman immediately went up to him and asked where he got the coal. The fellow made an evasive answer and he was placed under arrest.

The policeman then started to bring him down to the police station, but before going very far the man objected to carrying the bag of coal, and laid it down on the sidewalk.

WEST LONDON BABY SCALDED BY BOWL OF BOILING SOUP

Eighteen-Month-Old Child of Mr. Wm. Hardridge Met With Terrible Accident.

Frank Hardridge, the 18-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hardridge, of Wilson avenue, West London, was scalded at his parents' home shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon, when while creeping about on the floor

he grabbed the table cloth and pulled a bowl of scalding soup down on his head. One side of the face and head was terribly injured by the hot liquid.

The city ambulance was called and the baby rushed to Victoria Hospital, where Dr. Bateson is attending it. Just how badly it is scalded cannot be ascertained at the present time, but it is stated that there is every hope that the child's life will be saved, although the little lad may be permanently disfigured.

MORE SEVERE PENALTIES ASKED FOR CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN

W. C. T. U. Resolve to Ask for Amendment of Present Laws.

At their semi-monthly meeting yesterday afternoon the W. C. T. U. decided to cooperate with the Toronto union in asking the Ontario Legislature to amend the liquor license law that no new license shall be granted within a thousand yards of any industry at which two hundred persons are employed at any time during the year; also that the sale of liquor be prohibited on all statutory or civic holidays.

The committee were appointed to interview the local manufacturers to ask their support of the new legislation asked for.

MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES TO BE NAMED BY T. & L. COUNCIL

Labor Men Will Hold a Meeting Tonight to Make Selections.

Municipal government will be discussed at the meeting of the Trades and Labor Council tonight, and it is possible that among other candidates who will be named for municipal offices, will be Ald.

Donnelly, Ald. Bennett and ex-Ald. G. E. Rose for the council, and Mr. H. B. Archer for the board of education.

The Trades and Labor Council is anxious that the council as a lecturer to come to the city during the campaign and discuss the Des Moines form of commission government. It is likely that they will name the man who will do so.

Little other business is to be transacted.

HOSPITALS IN DARKNESS WHEN THE LIGHTS WENT OUT

The Niagara Power and London Electric Were Put Out of Commission For Short Intervals—Engineer Glaubit Does Not Blame the Wind.

There were many interruptions in the Niagara power service Tuesday night, the lights in the city going out several times. A heavy storm was in progress, and it is thought that this had something to do with the trouble.

The London Electric also had some sections go out during the night, and complaints were numerous regarding both services. Public institutions, such as hospitals, etc., suffered to a great extent.

The interruptions of the Niagara power service were not local, but were due to difficulty somewhere along the line. It will be remembered that when the system was first installed, a heavy wind would put the line out of order. This trouble was corrected, however, and for some time the service has not been interrupted. Last night was the first break in many months, and it was thought that it was due to a recurrence of the old complaint.

Short interruptions. Superintendent Glaubit stated to The Advertiser that such was not the case. He admits that there were several interruptions, but none were over two minutes in duration.

The difficulty was not local, but occurred somewhere on the transmission line east of Dundas. What it was he could not say, but he scouted the idea that because the wind blew the lights went out.

"There were several interruptions in the service," Mr. Glaubit stated to The Advertiser. "None of them were serious, the longest being of two minutes' duration. The trouble was not local, but was on the line some place east of Dundas. It might have been in the Ontario Power Company's plant, for I know, in addition, our chief operator was ill, and the assistant did not place the regulators right. Consequently when the power was turned on again the lights were very dim."

WHAT WEST THINKS OF HON. MR. WHITE

Mr. Oliver Makes Sharp Attack on the Trusts and Combines.

WEST WILL NOT SUBMIT Hon. Mr. Emmerson Tells of "Underground Organizations" at Work During Elections.

Ottawa, Nov. 28.—Amid a storm of Liberal cheering Hon. Frank Oliver tonight dealt in clear-cut, far-ranging western vigor with the maiden speech of Hon. W. T. White, the new minister of the Interior.

Mr. White spoke immediately after recess, and was accorded a sympathetic hearing by a well-filled House. But he was not a match for the sturdy Mr. Oliver, who followed. Mr. White devoted his efforts to disassociating himself from any identification with the corporate influence. He challenged the statements of Messrs. Hugh Guthrie and W. M. German in this connection.

"I give them," said he, "an absolute and unequivocal denial; and I say that no more unjust, unfair and ungenerous words ever found their way across the floor of this House." He declared he had no interest in the cause of mergers and trusts, and was as "free and unfettered as any member who has the honor to sit in this chamber." He declared reciprocity to be a dead issue, and described the Opposition as devoting its time to a funeral oration. The House had come to bury Caesar, not to praise him. He complained that the verdict of the people was slow to accept the verdict of the people on this issue, and having criticized the Opposition for devoting so much attention to the issue, which was not mentioned in the speech from the throne or the amendment, proceeded, amid Liberal laughter, to discuss it himself.

Protestants' Rejection. Never, Mr. White continued, had a Government had a more decisive overthrow. Reciprocity had been rejected on both economic and national grounds. Had the campaign lasted two weeks longer, he believed the Liberal party would have "been annihilated." The verdict of the people was, in his opinion, the voice of reason and the voice of patriotism.

"This country," said he, "is and has been a protectionist country, and protection is the obvious and necessary policy for the building up of the country."

All classes in Ontario were against reciprocity, and the Liberal Government accepted the verdict. It was "presumption" to set up the argument that the people were misled. Every business man in Ontario had a sense of relief when he heard the result on the night of Sept. 21. There Continued on Page Two.

BEDOUINS ROUTED BY FLYING COLUMN

Italian Force Advances Into the Desert and Engages Enemy.

[Canadian Press.] Tripoli, Nov. 29.—Advices received here from Benghazi and the Italian military headquarters staff announce that an Italian flying column advanced five miles into the desert on Nov. 27, and struck the Bedouin forces, who had previously ambushed an Italian scouting detachment.

A severe encounter ensued, resulting in a heavy defeat for the Bedouins. The Italians lost 12 dead and 30 wounded.

AD WOLGAST DYING FROM APPENDICITIS

World's Lightweight Champion Boxer Taken to a Los Angeles Hospital.

Los Angeles, Nov. 29.—Ad Wolgast, lightweight champion of the world, is seriously ill with appendicitis and has been taken to a hospital. He is not expected to live.

Wolgast and Fred Welsh, the English crack lightweight, were to have boxed 20 rounds for the championship on Thursday afternoon.

ENGINE BACK-FIRED MAN'S ARM BROKEN

Percy Foster Met With Serious Accident While Cranking Motor of J. C. Duffield's Car.

Percy Foster, chauffeur for Mr. J. C. Duffield, had his right forearm broken yesterday afternoon at Mitchell's garage, while cranking the auto.

Foster drove the car in the garage, and when he was leaving, stepped in front to crank the engine. The handle flew back, striking him a terrific blow just above the wrist, breaking one of the small bones.

He was taken to Dr. J. B. Campbell's office, and the arm was set. The cause of the accident was the back-firing of the engine.

ATTACKED BY BANDITS

Salgon, French Indo-China, Nov. 29.—Native reports say that Dr. Legendre and Lieut. Deslauriers were wounded during a recent attack by bandits upon the French scientific mission under the leadership of Dr. Legendre in the Loto country in the north of Yunnan. Captain Noiret, the other white member of the mission, was unhurt.

Various small advertisements on the left margin, including 'Bring It Down', 'Harvey', 'Son & Clarke', 'E. Logan', etc.