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TURN DOWN STREET CARMEN'S WAGE PLEA

BIG ICE JAM IN RIVER THAMES CAUSES FLOOD

Thames Overflows Banks North and South of London.

CLAIM NEW BRIDGE CAUSE

Residents Assert Waters Rose to Height of Eighteen Feet in Places.

BULLETIN.

In Stratford 1,000 phones are out of order, and long-distance connections north of Lucan are cut off. Local phones at Brantford and Hamilton are out of order, and in London many phones are "dead." Long distance communication from London to Toronto, according to the wire chief here, is not possible, Buffalo being the only connection maintained.

At noon Friday the river Thames, especially the north branch, was rapidly assuming its normal proportions, after having burst its bounds and flooded a large part of the territory in South London surrounding Adelaide street, in addition to the flats and pasture lands adjoining the whole length of the north branch, Thursday night.

An ice jam, caused, it is thought, by the cakes being held up by the new abutments at the Richmond street bridge, turned back the waters and completely inundated the low-lying territories lying between the Adelaide street bridge and the Richmond street bridge.

Residents in this district have been more or less discomfited by the situation, which indicates it, to a more or less degree, from the rest of the city.

Attributing the cause of the ice jam is the result of an investigation which was unable to be carried out last night when the flood was at its height on account of the city being in darkness through the lack of the hydro-electricity.

Throw Ice On Bridge.

At no moment was the stability of the Adelaide street bridge threatened even when the waters in furor threw up huge cakes of ice upon the platform of the bridge.

The height which the river rose at some points was from fifteen to eighteen feet. Residents of the section claim that this is the greatest height to which they have ever seen Father Thames rise, even in his worst rages.

The pump-house at Springbank reported Friday afternoon as an amazing subsidence of the river as had been its rise.

Pump-house officials claim the peak of the flood to have been reached at 10 o'clock Friday morning, after which hour, a perceptible decrease was noted.

From then on the river ostensibly decreased with great celerity.

At half past twelve Friday morning the flood rise at the pump-house was six feet. The river continued to rise near the pump-house to such an extent as to connect the river with the middle pond.

At a point in line with Regent and Victoria streets, in North London, the river rose from six to eight feet, at this morning had fallen back four feet, leaving great masses of ice on the meadows near.

The south branch of the Thames did not reach the same height as the northern one, but it too was swollen.

Under the Ridout street bridge the water failed of reaching by but a few feet the bridge platform, but the situation was thought to be unalarming.

Telephone connections with the east had been made as far as Prince of Wales street, after the severing of connections between London.

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Spring Is Coming

BEGIN now to plan for your spring housecleaning. The time is not far distant when you will begin to tear up and rearrange the work for the warm weather.

Begin the work now by carefully sorting out the things for which you have no further use—that old carpet sweeper, you never use it since you have the vacuum cleaner; that small refrigerator in the attic, you have no further use for it; that old detache of the boys, those small rugs and that old table you will never use them any more, but someone else can, and what is more, they will give you a good price for them. Don't believe that you are simply throwing anything away, when you are through with an article dispose of it to someone who can make use of it. Begin today to make a list of things that you have to sell. Let the Want Ads dispose of them for you. The Want will reach the people that these very things.

Ridicules Dakin Street School Site

MAYOR WILSON INSPECTS LAND IN EAST LONDON

City's Chief Magistrate Reports Proposed Location "Good for Raising Pigs."

PROPERTY COST \$5,000

Claims Sewerage Plant Too Close To Proposed Structure.

Should an eight-room public school be constructed in East London at the corner of Dakin and Price streets, as suggested by the school authorities, to relieve the congestion at the Ealing and Chesley Avenue public schools?

While ratepayers of this district and members of the board of education, both past and present, unite in insistently demanding adequate public school accommodation in South-east London, there is a strong feeling being voiced by thoughtful citizens who have the welfare of the community at heart that the best possible judgment has not been exercised in the choice of a site.

Mayor Cameron Wilson is one of those whose interest in the city's 1922 building program has prompted him to visit this section of the community, and it is more than evident from his report that he did not view the Dakin street property as the best location that could have been obtained under the circumstances.

"As you have seen the Dakin and Price street site," he was questioned Friday morning, "what do you think of it? Is it a good one?"

Mayor Condemns Site.

"Yes, it is," replied his worship. "It is a good site right enough—for growing potatoes or raising pigs. If you desire a good picture of a poor locality that is certainly the best place that I know of to get one. Go out and have a look at it and see if it is not as I say."

Mayor Wilson also referred to the fact that the city's sewerage disposal plant is but a short distance directly east of the site, and on the same side of the river. It was pointed out that all the sewerage of the eastern portion of the city is eventually deposited here, the plant, in fact, being the nearest building of any size to the proposed site of the school.

While at the present moment there is little odor discernible from this source, it is feared that should any difficulties be encountered in the future, the stench would be of such a serious nature as to render classes in the school impossible for indefinite periods.

Another point under consideration is one of policy. In the past the board of education has always endeavored, the trustees state, to so locate schools so that they will be "fed" from four directions.

Property Cost \$5,000.

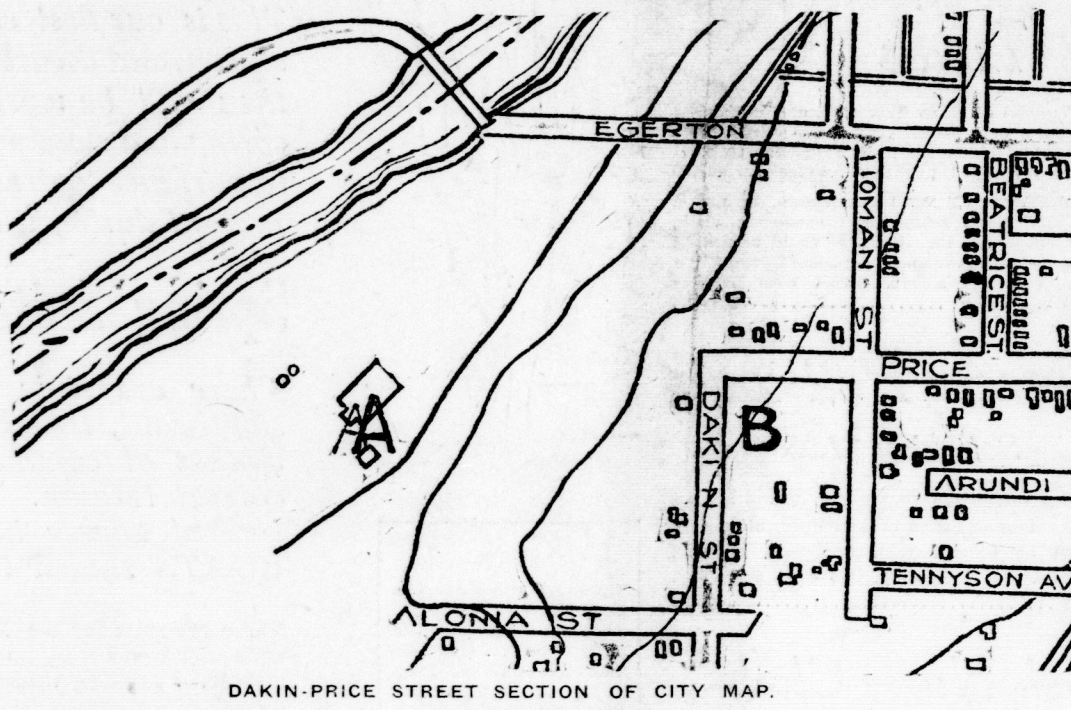
In the present instance many East Londoners fail to readily appreciate, they assert, the fact that the Dakin street school will, if erected, be bounded on the east side by a tract of waste land upon which is the sewerage plant, and beyond which is the river and the county of Middlesex. They reason that more effort might have been expended in order that the building would be placed at a greater distance within the city limits.

Discussing the suggestion that the trustees hoped that in the course of events that portion of the county adjoining the Dakin district would become a part of the city, Mayor Wilson declares, "Not in 100 years."

It will be decades, if ever, in his opinion, before London will be ready to annex this section of the county at least. London's growth in the past 100 years is ample proof of that, the chief magistrate of the city, says.

The Dakin street site, approximately two acres in area, was purchased, the educational authorities state, at a cost of nearly \$5,000. It was originally the old college ties and interior of adjoining land to be included in the purchase, but this was subsequently rejected by the trustees, owing to an involved legal entanglement.

Why Mayor Wilson Raps Site of Dakin Street School!



A—City sewerage disposal plant. B—proposed site of school to relieve congestion at Ealing and Chesley avenues.

BLAMES ERROR IN DESIGN OF AIRSHIP

Aeronautical Committee Hears Girders of R-38 Buckled On Third Trial.

WAS NOT OVERLOADED

Board of Experts Investigates Balloon Disaster At Hull, England.

London, England, Feb. 24.—That the buckling of certain girders amidships of the dirigible R-38—later named the ZR-2—on her third trial, was significant as being the first indication of the existence of dangerous stresses, is the opinion to which the aeronautical research committee inclined in reporting that the accident to the dirigible in August, 1921, when she met with disaster and great loss of life at Hull, was due to structural weakness.

The report further shows that the committee are of the opinion that the action of the late Flight Lieutenant Pritchard in steadying the ship and relieving the stresses, saved the dirigible from that flight.

The aeronautical research committee's report says that apparently it has been clearly established that the R-38 had an insufficient margin of strength to withstand either normal manoeuvre stresses or those directly due to bad weather; it declares that the weather at the time did not contribute to the accident.

Other conclusions of the committee include that during her final flight the R-38 was not excessively loaded for normal navigation; that she was considerably weaker than previous British rigid ships; that the provision of special powerful control surfaces of a new design accentuated this weakness, and that in design no calculations were made of stresses due to the aero-dynamic forces to which the ship would be subjected.

Subsequently, the calculations by the design staff, taking specific account only of forces and movements due to the distribution of weight and buoyancy, including gas pressures, were misleading.

EARL CATHCART GRANTED DIVORCE

London, Feb. 24.—In divorce court today the Earl of Cathcart was granted a decree dissolving his marriage with Lady Cathcart, upon proof being given of her indiscretions with the Earl of Craven. The case, which originally was in the defended list, came before the court as an undefended suit.

BRAMPTON FOUNDRY DAMAGED

Brampton, Feb. 24.—Fire at 5 a.m. today damaged the Pease Furnace Foundry to the extent of \$150,000. Firemen were handicapped by bad roads and frozen hydrants. Most of the damage was in the stock room.

CITY POLICE HOLD TRUCK WITH 140 CASES OF BEER

Investigation Being Made of Export Papers Carried by Waterloo Driver.

Ed. Hornick and Oliver Connor, of Windsor, and a motor truck loaded with 140 cases of beer from the Kuntz brewery, Waterloo, were detained at three o'clock today at the police station pending an investigation into alleged export papers carried by Hornick, who states that he is the owner of the truck.

The truck was stopped at the corner of Dundas and Clarence streets shortly after two o'clock Friday afternoon by Sergeant Wm. Middaugh and Constable Gavin Monahan. Hornick was asked to drive to the police station in order that his claims might be verified by Chief Birrell.

Talking to the London Advertiser, Hornick stated that this was his second trip to Waterloo for beer for the Essex Exporters' Association, with headquarters at petite Cote. He made a trip last week without any trouble, he stated.

Connor, he claimed, was merely a friend who had made the trip with him for company.

BURY VICTIMS OF ROMA DISASTER

Newport News, Va., Feb. 24.—All business here and at Norfolk and other surrounding communities was suspended today during the public funeral services here for the 34 victims of the disaster which befell the army dirigible Roma.

During the brief services conducted by army chaplains and several of the local ministry, airplanes from Langley Field flew over the grounds of Casino Park, and dropped floral tributes on the row of draped caskets. They bore tributes from the city, the state and the American Legion, as well as from friends and relatives.

Meanwhile the army board pressed its investigation into the cause of the disaster today, hearing more witnesses behind closed doors, and was expected to be ready to report its conclusions to the war department within a few days.

DENIES REPORT QUEEN MOTHER ALEXANDRA ILL

London, Feb. 24.—Reports circulated both in this country and in the United States, that the Queen-Mother Alexandra was seriously ill, are untrue, it was declared at Marlborough House, her residence, this morning. On the contrary, it was said, she is enjoying good health. The reports of her illness were coupled with statements that it might result in the postponement of Princess Mary's wedding.

CAROLINA NOT TO SEND WITNESSES

Governor Morrison Refuses to Take Further Action in Bullock Case.

JUDGE SNIDER DECIDES

Declares Man Will Be Liberated Unless Evidence Is Furnished.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 24.—Governor Morrison of North Carolina, in a vigorous message sent today to Acting Secretary of State Fletcher at Washington, declared the state of North Carolina would not under any circumstances proceed with the case of the alleged murderer, Matthew Bullock, Ontario, as to the charge of murder pending against Matthew Bullock.

The North Carolina governor informed the acting secretary that if Canada would not honor the extradition "in the regular way," and if the state department could not convince the Canadian authorities that they should do so, "then I hope you will not hereafter request North Carolina or any other self-respecting state of the Union in any way to honor a request from Canada."

The telegram of Governor Morrison was in reply to one received by him yesterday from Secretary Fletcher, suggesting that witnesses be sent as demanded by Judge Snider. Bullock was wanted in North Carolina on a charge of attempted murder in connection with a race riot at Norlina.

"North Carolina will not make an appearance through attorney in any Canadian court," Governor Morrison said in his telegram. "It will not send witnesses to have a trial before any court there."

"If Canada will not honor our requisition in the regular way and you cannot through diplomatic channels convince them that they should do so, then I hope you will not hereafter request North Carolina or any other self-respecting state of the Union in any way to honor a request from Canada."

"If treaty relations with Canada are not such as to guarantee the return to this country of a desperate criminal like Matthew Bullock without the states of this union being subjected to the humiliation of having to appear before some judge in a petty judicial proceeding in Canada, it is certainly a distressing situation. I am not going to try North Carolina's honor and integrity before any judge in any foreign country."

"If there is any error in form or irregularity of application for the extradition of this fugitive, I will be glad to have it corrected as far as correction can be made in truth."

Judge Declares He Will Release Man

Hamilton, Feb. 24.—Matthew Bullock, wanted by the authorities at Norlina, N. C., on a charge of attempted murder, was this morning released from custody.

SEEKS GREATER TAX LEVIES IN ANNEXED AREA

Alderman H. B. Ashplant To Submit Proposal to City Council.

SOLICITOR INTERVIEWED

Special Council Committee Receives Opinion As To Assessments.

The collection of full business assessment and income taxes, as well as the collection of taxes on the full assessed value of industries for school purposes in the annexed area, is the latest proposal of Ald. H. B. Ashplant. He will bring the matter before the council at the next meeting.

Acting on the authority of the council, a committee, composed of Aldermen Ashplant, Childs, Judd and City Clerk Baker, interviewed the solicitor in regard to the annex taxation problem on Thursday.

Ald. Ashplant states that the solicitor's opinion is in accordance with his decision of 1916. In fact, he says the solicitor stated that he sees no reason to vary his written opinion of that year, which is given by Ald. Ashplant to be as follows:

"I am of the opinion that the property in the annexed districts is not, by the order of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board made upon annexation, exempt from the payment of school taxes."

Rests With Council. Mr. Ashplant says that the solicitor held that the whole matter rests in the hands of the city council and he and Ald. Judd are agreed upon this. The solicitor told them that in existence which grants any bonus or exemption from school taxes to factories in the annex, hence section 39 of the Public School Act does not apply to this issue.

The whole case for the annex district, in regard to the issue at stake rests on the agreement of 1916, under the order of the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, Mr. Meredith told us, said Ald. Ashplant, and then added that he had no reason to vary his previous written opinion.

Will Submit Question.

"I and Ald. Judd agreed entirely with the view of the solicitor that the annex agreement of 1916 is quite clear on the point that no higher rate than 15 mills can be assessed against the annex property for the general municipal rate, but as Mr. Meredith pointed out to us, the agreement does not say that no other rate can be assessed on the annexed property, there is nothing in the terms of the order of the Ontario municipal and railway board to prevent the collection of the school rate on the full current assessed value, where the 15-mill rate does not apply."

"It is entirely a matter for you, gentlemen of the city council, to deal with, the solicitor told the delegation," said Ald. Ashplant.

As a result of this ruling, Ald. Ashplant contends that the income tax at the full city rate, as well as business tax, must be collected by the city this year at the full city rate.

These two taxation modes cannot be reckoned as "lands and buildings," said the alderman, and declared that he would ask for a decision on his motion at the next meeting of the council.

PASS DEATH SENTENCE ON SERBIAN COMMUNIST

Belgrade, Feb. 24.—Sentences were pronounced yesterday on those responsible for the attempt to assassinate King Alexander here on June 29 last, when he was serving as prince regent. Death was decreed for Steitch, who threw the bomb. His chief accomplice was sentenced to twenty years at hard labor, and six communist deputies were given two years each, but the women accused were acquitted.

THREE BURN TO DEATH.

Cleburn, Texas, Feb. 24.—Three persons were burned to death and three others probably fatally injured in a fire which destroyed the Lam-bert Rooming House here early today. Explosion of an oil stove caused the blaze.

Will Visit London



ELLIS H. MORROW.

DIRECTOR of extension work at Queen's University, Kingston, who speaks at a joint meeting of the Canadian Club and Chamber of Commerce, Wednesday, March 1, at 12:30 p.m., on "College and Factory."

POLICE DISCREDIT MASSACRE PLAN

Dominion and Provincial Officers Merely Watch Doukhobors More Closely.

PROTEST AGAINST TAXES

Colony Members Set Return Afloat as Move Against Excessive Levies.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 24.—Dispatches from Canadian Press correspondents at Victoria and Grand Forks, B. C., indicate that while Doukhobor leaders at Brilliant, B. C., do not recede from their extraordinary stand that massacre of all Doukhobor children may be necessary, in view of what the Doukhobors consider excessive taxation, neither provincial police nor the Royal Canadian Mounted take the matter seriously.

The correspondent at Grand Forks states that the mounted police appeared to have been aware of the will proposal before it was circulated by the Doukhobors themselves in Canadian newspaper circles. The mounted police authorities in the district, however, did no more than order increased surveillance of the colony.

Interviewed yesterday, prominent citizens of the Doukhobor colony said that they did not like to think of destruction of their children would become necessary, but that there was undoubtedly been serious talk of such a move against excessive taxation. The correspondent thinks that the threat made by Michael Kolonoff, with the consent of Peter Verigin, president of the Doukhobors, was simply one way of making known the resentment of his people against the taxation imposed on them.

LLOYD GEORGE WILL OPEN GOVERNMENT CAMPAIGN

Plans to Present Policy in Various Parts of England, Scotland and Wales.

London, Feb. 24.—(Canadian Press Cable).—That the government realizes the need of strengthening its position in the country, particularly in view of the results in the recent by-elections, and the prospective general election is shown by an announcement that a big campaign in the country is to be undertaken by the ministers. Premier Lloyd George will open the campaign with a presentation of the government's policy. It is understood that he will speak in England, Scotland and Wales.

DAMAGE BY DYNAMITE EXPLOSION NOT HEAVY

London, England, Feb. 24.—(Canadian Press Cable).—A heavy explosion which was heard last night in Johannesburg, according to Reuters' Johannesburg correspondent, proved to have been an explosion of dynamite on the main line railway near Doornfontein. The damage was slight.

COMPANY WILL NOT ASK BOARD OF CONCILIATION

London Railway Rejects Suggestion of Employees To Arbitrate Differences.

MEETS HEADS OF UNION

President John Colbert Declares Workers Will Fight Reduction in Pay.

The London Street Railway Company flatly refuses to deviate from its original determination to place in effect March 1 a general wage reduction of three cents an hour, and declines further to seek from the government the services of a board of conciliation.

Meeting at the general offices of the company at 11 o'clock Friday morning, the executive of the Street Railwaymen's Union, including John Colbert, president, and Alderman John Ashton conferred with C. B. King, general manager of the railway corporation, in an effort, the former state, to arrive at an amicable understanding.

Subsequently members of the street carmen's executive related that the meeting was brief but to the point.

"There is not much to tell," explained President Colbert. "We have just had a brief meeting with Mr. King and he assured us that the proposed three cents reduction will go into effect March 1, as scheduled, and in addition to that he declines to call for a board of conciliation."

Regret Turn of Events.

"I am truly sorry that events have taken this turn. To my mind it is not the proper spirit. It is certainly not a compromising attitude. We have actually attempted to do what is laid down in the statutes in black and white, that neither the employer or the employees can break an agreement without seeking the decision of a government board of arbitration."

"However, it will be Mr. King's funeral and not ours. In the meantime there will be nothing for us to do until March 2. The company does not intend to make its reduction effective until the first of the month. We cannot move until then. Once they actually make good their present seeming determination we shall, of course, be forced to take action."

Union Members Watch Hamilton Case.

The union officers here are watching a similar situation developing between the Hamilton Street Railway Company and its employees, and the recent intervention of Hon. James M. Macdonald, minister of labor, to compel the company to await the decision of a board of conciliation, strengthens the belief of the local union men that they are acting well within their rights in the present controversy.

While the London company at the first of the year gave due notice of the proposed reduction the men soon retaliated with a counter-proposal, asking that the present agreement be quashed April 1. This left the course clear, they assert, for a board, at the instigation of either of the contending parties. The men based their contention for the later procedure on the provisions of the London Street Railway Act, bylaw 916.

Members of the executive intimated Friday morning that they stood equally as willing as Manager King that it should be a finish fight. President Colbert and Alderman John Ashton stress their claim that compared at random with any of the leading cities of the province the local employees are much the poorer remunerated.

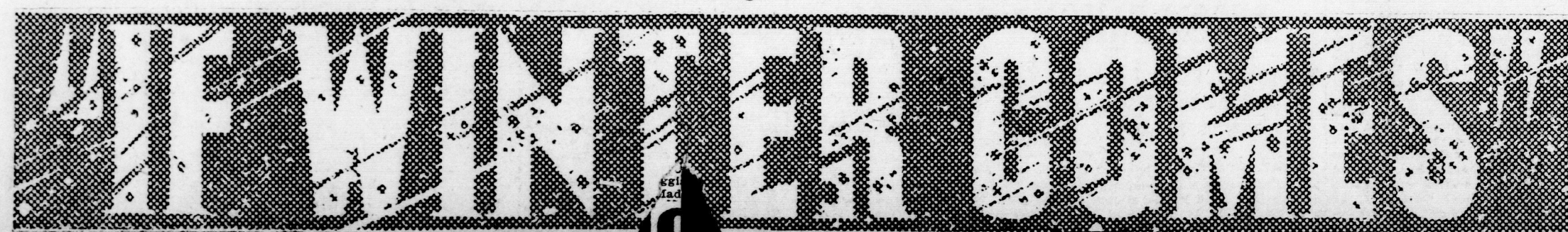
MISS MCCORMICK TO BE MARRIED IN MAY

Zurich, Switzerland, Feb. 24.—The wedding of Miss Mathilde McCormick, president of the International Harvester Company, to Max Oser, a riding master of Zurich, will take place in May at the McCormick country seat near Chicago, according to present plans.

The Weather

FORECASTS. Fine and cold today and on Saturday. LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 62; lowest, 23. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 24; lowest, 8. Barometric Readings. Thursday—8 p.m., 29.24. Today—8 a.m., 29.62.

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