

THE WEATHER:
TODAY—HIGHER TEMPERATURE.
TOMORROW—SNOW; TURNING COLD.

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CHRISTMAS CAROL
COMPOSED BY LONDONERS IN
TODAY'S ADVERTISER.

THREE CENTS.

STRATHROY GIRL HELD BY CLEVELAND OFFICIALS Fines Promised Motorists Who Take Chance At Crossing

Lela Currie Arrested In States

Federal Authorities Charge Girl
Entered U.S. Without
Proper Credentials.

WORKING ON PAPER

Family Unable To Understand
Charge, as Papers Properly
Made Out.

Special To The Advertiser.

Cleveland, Dec. 23.—Lela Currie, 22 years of age, who claims Strathroy as her home, and Arthur M. Sutton, aged 20, are being held here by federal authorities for alleged violation of immigration laws.

They were apprehended at 1378 Irene avenue, Lakewood, a suburb of Cleveland, on Tuesday by police, who claim the girl came here from Strathroy on Nov. 28 without proper credentials.

Sutton claims to be an American citizen, but it is believed he worked in Canada until recently.

It is believed here that the Lela M. Currie referred to in the Cleveland despatch is Miss Lela Currie, daughter of Harold Currie of Strathroy.

Miss Currie has been employed at the Cleveland News-Leader for several weeks. Previous to going to the United States she was employed in Toronto and this city.

Her family has heard nothing from the Cleveland authorities and they are at complete loss to understand the charge of the immigration authorities. Her father informed The Advertiser that Miss Currie had made out the necessary papers herself before leaving Toronto and he believed her entrance to the United States was entirely regular.

Mr. Currie, on learning of the charge, immediately wired to relatives in Cleveland asking for further information.

TRINITY UNITED PLANS CHURCH CONSTRUCTION

Proposal To Come Before the
United Church Council
January 8.

The completion of the auditorium of Trinity United church, formerly Hale street Methodist, now appears certain after many months of delay.

At present, there stands but the basement of the church, which has been used for services until the roof of the church is finished. Lack of funds was the cause of the delay in the building, and the matter will be brought before the council of the United church when it meets on Jan. 8.

What will be done to erect the new edifice is in doubt until the council meets. However, Rev. J. N. Clarry, pastor of the church, stated it would be completed sooner or later.

BRANTFORD OFFICIAL IS TRANSFERRED TO LONDON

J. E. F. Jefferies, who has filled the position of chief clerk in the Brantford branch of the Bell Telephone Company, will shortly become division clerk of the London district.

Mr. Jefferies has taken an active part both in the social and sport life of the community in Brantford and should prove a real asset to the local branch. He was an important factor in the recent success of the Brantford first aid team.

Other transfers are also pending in this division of the Bell company, and it is thought that there will be many additions to the staff of the local branches in the district. Actual changes will not be made public until after the new year.

The Weather

FORECASTS.
Southwest winds,
somewhat higher
temperature with
light snow
night and Thurs-
day, northwest
winds and win-
ning colder
Thursday night.

Stations. High Low Weather
Victoria 30 18 Clear
Calgary 22 18 Snow
Winnipeg 8 2 Clear
Port Arthur 14 2 Fair
Toronto 26 12 Cloudy
Montreal 22 8 Cloudy
Quebec 22 8 Cloudy
Halifax 22 2 Fog

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were:
Highest, 27; lowest, 20.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Highest, 21; lowest, 14.

The sun rises at 7:49 a.m. and sets at 4:45 p.m.

Barometric Readings.
Tuesday—8 p.m.—29.24.
Today—8 a.m.—29.39.

Londoners Collaborate In Production of Popular Carol



CHARLES E. WHEELER.

John M. Gunn Writes Words of Christmas Song, to Which
Charles E. Wheeler Sets Pleasing Music—Carol Wins
High Praise Wherever It Has Been Tried.

John M. Gunn, B.A., and Charles E. Wheeler, F.R.C.O., both well-known Londoners, have collaborated in the writing and setting to music of a delightful little Christmas carol, *Ages Long Before His Coming*, which is bound to become popular when it becomes generally known.

Mr. Gunn and Mr. Wheeler have written poetry and music that have been read and sung very widely throughout Canada and the United States, but this carol, coming as it does, just at the Christmas season, does particular credit to both of them. It is at the express request of The Advertiser that the carol receives its first and exclusive publication in the columns of this paper.

Mr. Wheeler, who is a native of London, has been organist at St. Andrew's

MIDDLESEX SOLDIER SETTLERS PAY FARM LOANS PROMPTLY

Over-Payments Reported by
B. E. Foyston, District
Supervisor of Loans.

BRITISHERS DO WELL

Four Old Country Families
Brought to Middlesex in
Year, Are Succeeding.

Stating that the past year has been by far the most prosperous since he took over his present position, B. E. Foyston, of Byron, field supervisor of the soldiers' settlement commission, expressed confidence in a yet greater year in 1926 for men and families who have been put on the land under his guidance.

"When I took this job in 1919," said Mr. Foyston, "the area over which I was given charge comprised all of Ontario west of Toronto. Later it became apparent that this was too big an undertaking for one man so my territory was cut down to four counties, Middlesex, Perth, Huron and Bruce."

"We put the soldiers on the land," went on Mr. Foyston, "only after they have had an intensive training in agricultural principles. It is necessary that they know how to handle stock, how to cultivate the land and some general business methods applying particularly to farm trade."

"The government in each case buys the farm for the soldier-farmer and in turn sells it to him. A 25-year mortgage is taken on the land with interest at five per cent. This gives the settler ample time to repay the loan without cramping his opportunities of expanding in the way of new stock and equipment."

"We advance any amount for the land up to \$4,500. That much credit is all we allow to any one settler. There is a further advance for the purchasing of stock and farm implements. In almost all cases this offer was taken advantage of."

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MID-WESTERN FARMERS ATTACK COOLIDGE POLICY

Associated Press Despatch.
Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 23.—Resolutions attacking President Coolidge's Chicago address before the American Farm Bureau Federation and Secretary Jardine's agricultural bill which has been introduced into congress were unanimously passed here yesterday by the executive committee of the American Council of Agriculture and the corn belt committee of farm organizations.

More than a million farmers in the middle west by a vote of 10 to 1, expressed a desire to take over responsibility for the care of the graves or to make

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Many Dead As Storms Hit France

Heavy Gales Continue to Sweep
South and West of
Europe.

SEA TAKES BIG TOLL

Fear Check-Up Will Show Score
Dead and Many Buildings
Razed.

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, Dec. 23.—The tempest continues to howl in France, leaving death and destruction in its wake. Nine passengers were drowned in the Seine last night above Rouen, when a ferryboat capsized. All the victims were workmen. The ferryman was the only person aboard the boat to be saved.

Paris now is almost completely cut off by telegraph from the outside world. The cable is in working order with Switzerland, Belgium and Egypt. There is no communication with Germany and Italy. As all wires except one with Havre and Brest are down, cable despatches between North America and Paris are being badly delayed. Owing to the prostration of wires everywhere it will be some time before the full extent of the havoc wrought throughout the country is known.

As far as Paris is concerned, more than a score of persons have been seriously hurt by pieces of flying copings, falling bricks, telephone poles, signs and fences. The railroad to Dieppe was put out of commission when a half dozen telegraph poles fell across the track.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Portugal, Dec. 23.—The head-dail of the republic has come to the village of Espinho, a popular sea bathing resort near Oporto, which was partly destroyed by the recent great storm. More than 400 people are homeless, and many more gravely injured in the terrible gale, which, with cyclonic fury, almost leveled the place in a few minutes.

So great was the force of the wind that a vessel of four tons was lifted to an incredible height and hurled more than 200 yards on to a house, which it wrecked.

The gales and continued high seas prevent steamers at Lisbon from crossing to the opposite side of the Tagus, and hundreds of persons are stranded here.

This is the third tornado that the fashionable bathing resort of Espinho has experienced in forty years.

Storms have swept over the whole of Portugal, and navigation is suspended at Oporto, where the lighthouse is unable to operate because of the tremendous waves beating against it. There have been innumerable accidents at sea, probably with casualties.

Associated Press Despatch.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 23.—It costs the petroleum industry nine millions a year to get rid of chemicals which might be producing synthetic rubber worth \$20,000,000 a year.

Stevenson, of Cambridge, Mass. He is to be one of the speakers before the American association for the advancement of science, which meets here on Dec. 29.

Associated Press Despatch.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Four murders and a suicide in a Christmas outburst of gang feuds, pistol fights and robberies were under police investigation today.

War between liquor factions was held responsible for the deaths of Joseph Brooks, soft drink parlor owner and alleged dynamiter, and Edward Harmer, county highway policeman. Their bullet-riddled bodies were found slumped in the rear seat of a sedan, abandoned at South Park.

Two policemen, friends for years, quarreled. One shot the other. Then as his old enemy fell, he was stricken with remorse. Turning his gun against his own head he killed himself.

In a cross-fire between two robbers and the owner of a drug store, Leo Real, 23, a drug clerk, working his first day in the store, was shot to death.

Associated Press Despatch.

Tokio, Dec. 23.—Twenty fishing boats containing 150 fishermen are missing in a storm which struck Northern Japan yesterday. A number of houses were wrecked and forty vessels capsized.

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Washington, Dec. 23.—Authority to undertake perpetual care of the graves of 12 Canadian flying cadets near Fort Worth Texas is to be asked of congress by the war department.

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Scottish Lassies Hold Reunion



NEWCOMERS PAY TRIBUTE TO OFFICIALS.

Scores of British girls who received their first warm welcome in Canada at Milfield lodge, 365 Ontario street, gathered yesterday from all parts of Ontario for a reunion and to make a presentation to Commandant and Mrs. L. Smith of the Salvation Army, who have been in charge of the lodge, but who are now leaving for Woodside lodge at Toronto. The commandant and Mrs. Smith are seen here with some of the girls they have welcomed in the last year.

POLICE TO PUT STOP TO "CROSSING-TAG" GAME

Birrell Warns That Motorists
Who Ignore Railway Watch-
men Will Be Prosecuted.

TOO MANY CRASHES

Police Department Will Co-
operate With Railways to
Make Crossings Safe.

Chief of Police Robert Birrell today issues warning to motorists that court action will be taken against those who show a disregard for railway crossing signals. Already the police department has commenced a check-up of motorists who negligently pass over a railway intersection and pay no heed to the warning signs of watchmen on duty. They will, after today, be summoned to appear in court, and the chief gives his assurance that charges of reckless driving will be pressed to the limit.

An increasing number of railway crossing accidents has prompted officials of the C. N. R. and C. P. R. to communicate with the police department to secure its co-operation to enforce an observance of the crossing signals. They informed Chief Birrell that an amazing number of motorists are willing to take a chance for the sake of a few minutes' delay and that the danger to the railways is increasing to the utmost difficulty in maintaining a right-of-way for approaching trains.

"Crossing Tag,"

Not only do motorists ignore the flagmen at level crossings where there are no gates, but at the busier intersections, where there are gates, some drivers attempt to dash beneath before the crossing is closed, the chief says. Indeed, in some cases motorists crash through the gates, either through negligence and inability to slow down or an utter disregard of warning signs.

The railways have instructed crossing watchmen to take the number of motor vehicles attempting to dash beneath before the crossing is closed, the chief says. These will be supplied the police department and court action will result. A record of drivers found guilty of the crossing infringement will be kept, and should they later be implicated in a crossing smash no consideration will be shown them by the railways.

Safe Drivers in Danger.

"Seventy-five per cent of cautious drivers are placed in danger by the other 25 per cent who pay absolutely no attention to traffic regulations," Chief Birrell said today. "It is not fair to the railways and to the public that motorists should be allowed to disregard their duty to observe the crossing signals and measures of safety for the public."

Chief Birrell's assurance that substantial fines will be imposed on drivers convicted for a non-observance of the railway stop signals. Under a reckless driving charge they will be liable to lose their driver's license for a period of three months.

KING AND QUEEN CANCEL CHRISTMAS CARD ORDER

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Dec. 23.—The royal family's Christmas cards were on order before the death of Queen Mother Alexandra, but when the court was into mourning the order was cancelled, of course.

The King had selected for his card a representation of Queen Elizabeth opening the Royal Exchange.

The Queen's card was to have shown Queen Philippa, wife of Edward III, visiting Norwich Cloth Hall.

The Prince of Wales' card was to have shown the landing of Sir Humphrey Gilbert in Newfoundland in 1583.

LEAGUE MOVES TO SUPPLANT OPIUM AS CROP IN PERSIA

Associated Press Despatch.

Geneva, Switzerland, Dec. 23.—President A. Delano, of Washington, has cabled his acceptance of the presidency of the League of Nations commission which is to proceed to Persia to study the possibility of substituting other crops for the opium poppy.

DESERTER KILLS TWO.

Associated Press Despatch.

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—Thomas Osmaze, a Filipino, who was alleged to have deserted from the U. S. S. Cumberland at Annapolis several days ago, taking with him a sum of money from the mess fund, last night shot and killed his negro wife, her brother, seriously wounded his father-in-law, and then committed suicide at his home here.

PLAYS WITH RIFLE, BOY MAY LOSE LIFE

Accidental Discharge Enters
Chest of Twelve-Year-Old
Son of J. B. Hay.

Jack Hay, 12-year-old son of J. B. Hay, 239 Ridout street, was probably fatally injured at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon when he was shot through his chest by a gun, accidentally discharged in his own hands.

The boy was immediately taken to Victoria hospital after the Outman ambulance had been summoned. He was attended by Dr. Percy Banghart.

An X-ray was taken at the hospital. Although it is expected an operation will be performed in an attempt to remove the bullet later this afternoon, his condition did not warrant an operation soon after his admittance. Physicians believe the bullet, which was discharged from a 22 rifle, did not penetrate the lung.

The arrest of Fields and Dutton yesterday followed the finding of a coroner's jury meeting inquest the night before. The verdict held both men guilty of criminal negligence; Fields, because he drove at an excessive rate of speed, and Dutton, because he prompted the driver to "stay on it."

The men will face a joint charge of manslaughter, and should they be sent to trial, they will appear together at the January sittings of the supreme court.

Meager Reports Received at
Halifax Tell of Tragedy
At Sea.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Halifax, Dec. 23.—No further information was available this morning concerning the loss of the British steamer *Marina*, which was reported last night by an unknown craft, abandoned in latitude 37.51, north and 65.00 west, with the possible loss of eighteen lives.

The meager information reaching the department of marine and fisheries here failed to say what steamer had reported the loss, but it was stated that all but eighteen of the crew had been picked up.

The number represented the occupants of one of the steamer's lifeboats, which had not been accounted for. The position given would place the scene of the accident about half way across the Atlantic.

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Dec. 23.—World peace depends more on the continued friendship of the English-speaking nations than upon any other one thing, for as a war preventive "no league of nations can compare to it, and beside it, the world court is but a gesture," Gen. James G. Harbord, president of the Radio Corporation of America, said last night in an address at the 12th dinner of the New England Society of New York.

"It has become a cardinal policy of the British foreign office," he said, "to do nothing which can impair the friendship of the United States."

The future "will bring an increasing mutual respect between the new and the old England," he concluded.

Associated Press Despatch.
Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 23.—Dixie today was preparing to spend the first "white Christmas" they will have had in a blue moon.

Atlanta was believed to be the farthest southern point having a snowfall. There were slight flurries here early yesterday.

Various points in Kentucky reported temperatures last night of from 15 to 18 degrees, and a snowfall of from one to three inches.

Sureties of \$10,000 Free 2 Men

Court Unable to Proceed With
Manslaughter Charges Against
Fields and Dutton.

TWELVE SUMMONED

Witnesses Will Tell of Pipe Line
Accident in Which Orville
Smith Was Killed.

Crown and defence counsels were unable to proceed with a preliminary hearing in police court this morning of the charges of manslaughter yesterday laid against Joseph Dutton, 28 years old, and David Fields, 23, occupant and driver of a car in which Orville J. Smith met his death on Dec. 11 when the machine was derailed on the Pipe Line road.

An adjournment of one week was granted by Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon.

Meanwhile Dutton and Fields will have their freedom on bail of \$10,000 each. Sureties were offered for Dutton's release from custody yesterday afternoon, and Fields left the prisoners' box of police court this morning when bonds for a similar amount were accepted by the court.

Crown Attorney Albert M. Judd asked for the adjournment in order that more than a dozen witnesses might be subpoenaed. J. A. E. Braden, appearing for Fields, and Ferguson Murphy for Dutton, agreed to the enlargement because of lack of time to prepare a defence.

George A. Nichols and Michael Morgan were bondsmen for Dutton, offering sureties of \$5,000 each. Fields was bailed by Merton Morgan, offering \$5,000, and Earl Mitchell and Vernon Dunlop, \$2,500 each.

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J. P. MOORE NAMED TO UNIVERSITY BOARD

Gets Appointment to Succeed
Late Sir Adam Beck
at Western.

Special To The Advertiser.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—A number of appointments were announced after a meeting of the Ontario cabinet today. J. Percy Moore will become a member of the board of governors of the Western University in the place of the late Sir Adam Beck.

Wm. A. Cribb has been appointed sheriff for the county of Waterloo and Edwin Hamilton Scully registrar of the surrogate court in the same county.

LEGISLATURE MEETS ON FEBRUARY TENTH

Ontario Cabinet Delays Opening
of House—Short Ses-
sion Is Seen.

Special To The Advertiser.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—At the conclusion of the cabinet meeting this afternoon, Premier Ferguson announced that the legislature will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 10.

This is some days later than the opening last session, and as the object is always to get through by Good Friday, the date fixed for 1926 would indicate a seven or eight weeks' session.

SEARCHER IS TOO LATE.

Niagara Falls, Dec. 23.—George Guick, 45 years old, despondent, drank himself to death today and died in great agony shortly afterwards in the Memorial hospital across the river. While he was taking his own life, John Schuster, a nephew, was searching for Guick. He heard of his being taken to the hospital, but arrived there too late to see his uncle alive.

Krim Lets Santa Cross War Zone

Associated Press Despatch.

Rabat, French Morocco, Dec. 23.—Christmas may mean something after all to the French prisoners in the hands of the Moslem Rifians. Negotiations have been conducted with Abdel-Krim to arrange for the delivery of Christmas letters and packages, and more than 2,000 packages and 500 letters for French prisoners have been taken to the front line ready to be sent into the Rif country if the negotiations succeed.

GEORGIA TO EXPERIENCE RARE WHITE CHRISTMAS

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