

THE WEATHER:
TODAY—MODERATELY COLD.
TOMORROW—FAIR; LITTLE CHANGE.

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BUSES TURN DOWN EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE PLAN Gunmen Flee After Hold-Up Attempt On Adelaide Street

RAILWAY MAY BE GIVEN NEW 60-DAY FRANCHISE

Council Has Opportunity To Permit Continuance of L. S. R. Operations—Bus Company Not Anxious To Bid For Exclusive Franchise to Operate in London.

The combined bus and street railway proposition as outlined by Vice-President R. G. Ivey of the L. S. R., yesterday, as a solution for London's transportation problems, will be the only offer to come before the city council this afternoon. The Metropolitan Bus Company of Toronto, which has been operating a fleet of buses on London streets for some time, will not make any bid to supply the city with exclusive transportation, a citizens in close touch with President Kamm of the bus concern, states.

"I was talking to Mr. Kamm last night in Toronto," he stated, "and he will have no proposition for the city council today. It would cost \$200,000 to put a bus system into London, and every angle would have to be carefully considered. Mr. Kamm will be in the city later on in the week."

Discuss Legal Point.

City Solicitor Meredith will be at the meeting today to tell the council just what it can and cannot do in the way of granting or voting bus licenses.

The opinion was expressed that the council could not legislate the buses off the streets, as it would be creating

a monopoly. City officials point out, however, that in a new franchise, the council can grant the L. S. R. the right to run buses without paying a city license fee, and could make the fee for other buses so exorbitant that it would be impossible for them to operate.

With no other proposition to work on, it is expected that the aldermen will grant the L. S. R. a temporary 60-day franchise at 5-cent street car fares. The bus line on Quebec street will be extended from Kipling Park to the Hamilton road, with two buses in operation and transfers issued.

Service for London South.
A second bus line will cover the South London district that is not well served at the present time by street cars. Seven-cent fares, with transfers, will rule on this line.

The final agreement will be sent to the citizens in the way of a plebiscite, possibly next March or even sooner, in the opinion of aldermen.

The people will decide in the final analysis whether or not they approve of the street railway service augmented by bus feeders in the south and east ends of the city.

Britain Hit As Floods Spoil Land

Several Rivers Burst Banks and
Large Areas Are Under
Water.

DANGER IS GROWING

Martial Law Is Proclaimed in
Bulgaria As Thieves
Loot Wreckage.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Dec. 30.—Rapid thawing of the snow and continued heavy rains are causing serious floods in many parts of Great Britain. Vast tracts of land are submerged. The rivers Wye and Monnow in Derby are rapidly rising. The Avon is seven feet out of its banks. Much farm and other buildings are being washed away. The Severn and the Clyde are in danger.

Glasgow experienced an unusually high tide yesterday, and the appearance of the city was marred by the appearance of the water.

Under Martial Law.

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, Dec. 30.—The floods, particularly in central Europe, are increasing their ravages. Every hour brings news of additional rivers overflowing their banks.

Transylvania, western Rumania and eastern Hungary are being disastrously affected. The governments of Rumania and Hungary are hurriedly adopting measures to cope with the situation.

Pilling has begun and the Rumanian government has proclaimed martial law so that thieves may be summarily dealt with. It is impossible from reports thus far received to estimate more than approximately the loss of life, but it undoubtedly exceeds 200. The material loss is extremely heavy. In addition to damages to houses and other buildings, thousands of horses and other stock have been drowned.

Belgrade is now threatened by the water from the melting snow in the mountains, which is swelling the Sava. The water is beginning to creep into lower parts of the city and many villages in the environs of the Serbian capital are under water.

The French rivers continue to rise slowly. The officials are optimistic as regards the Paris districts, but when the mass of water accumulated in the tributaries of the Seine comes down about Jan. 6, Paris and its suburbs are apparently bound to suffer badly.

Disaster in East.

Associated Press Despatch.

Vienna, Dec. 30.—The water in the Danube at Vienna has risen 6 1/2 feet in the last 24 hours. There is a flood of further heavy rainfalls over. Despatches from Bucharest, Rumania, say that large numbers of refugees from the flooded Transylvania are moving there. Accounts give the first idea of the magnitude of the disaster in the valley of the Szamos river. Bodies of the dead, and the bodies of the drowned, are being washed down the river.

A long stretch of the Paris-Constantinople railroad track has been washed out between Arad and Temevar. Express trains are being diverted over a roundabout route.

With a view to preventing a further spread of the inundated region, the Hungarian government ordered the shutting of dams on the Hungarian frontier raised, a measure which threw the inhabitants of the region into such panic that they fled, abandoning their goods and chattels.

Grant to Centennial.

Associated Press Despatch.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 30.—Complete reciprocity in the matter of commercial automobiles entering the United States and Canada was demanded in a telegram sent by Premier W. L. Mackenzie King by Charles Deland, secretary of the Canadian government, to the Canadian government, today. The Canadian government does not recognize Michigan commercial license plates. Commercial vehicles must secure Canadian plates before crossing the border. According to Mr. Deland unless the Canadian government accedes to his request state police will be posted on this side to prevent Canadian trucks from entering without Michigan licenses.

Colonel Coolidge May Lose Use of Lower Limbs.

Special to The Advertiser.

Plymouth, Vt., Dec. 29.—While the condition of Col. John C. Coolidge, father of the president, was reported as improved today, his physician, Dr. Albert W. Cram of Bridgewater, said it was impossible that he would ever recover fully the use of his lower limbs. Colonel Coolidge has been unable to walk for several days.

Responsible Government Takes Control in China.

Special to The Advertiser.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The state department was told today by American Minister MacMurray in Peking that Tuan Chi Jui has relinquished his complete authority as provisional chief executive of China, in favor of a responsible cabinet form of government, with Hsu Shih Yung as premier.

The new system vests control in the chief executive, the premier and cabinet ministers jointly.

Citizens Profit By Investments

Citizens who invested in city of London debentures will certainly start the new year right. City Treasurer James Bell has signed checks for the payment of some \$200,000 to persons having invested their money in London securities. One check was made out for \$75,000, payment for debentures due today. Most of the payments were made for interest, the coupons being presented through the banks.

LONDON BRAKEMAN LOSES RIGHT ARM

Amputation Necessary After
Accident in Chatham
C.N.R. Yards.

Roscoe B. Mason, 109 Chesley avenue, freight brakeman on the C. N. R., met with serious injuries at Chatham this morning when his right arm was caught in the coupling of two freight cars, while he was attempting to attach them. He was removed to the Chatham general hospital, where it was found necessary to amputate the right arm above the wrist.

Mr. Mason left London at 2 o'clock this morning, and it is thought the accident occurred about 7 o'clock. Mrs. Mason and her daughter left at once for Chatham.

Mr. Mason's condition could not be learned.

Tea Rooms Hit By Bolshevism

English Proprietors Claim the
Waitresses Growing Slovenly
—Chew Gum, Smoke.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 30.—Directors of London tea rooms are complaining that their shops are being boobyized by the "great wave of boobyism and Russian boots" the Bolshevism influence, introduced through such features, the managers say, spreads to the waitresses, and the girls stop tea about and slide biscuits and sandwiches before the customers with a shandon that upsets British ideas of service.

Some of the girls actually chew gum and smoke cigarettes, just as their customers do, the shocked directors complain.

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Huge Meteor Startles East, May Be Found In Quebec

Scientist Will Search at Chelsea For Remains of Brilliant Visitor
From Heavens Which Flashed Across Sky Last
Night—Seen as Far West as Hamilton.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Dec. 30.—In the opinion of Ralph Delury, dominion government astronomer, an unusual phenomenon, which was witnessed in the northern skies this evening by many and described by Rev. E. G. May, rector of the Anglican church at Chelsea, Que., and other residents of that district, may mean that a huge meteorite has dropped to earth somewhere in this district. An effort will be made to ascertain, if possible, where the visitor from the skies landed.

Rev. Mr. May stated that he was seated in his study, the window or which faces the Kingsmere hills, about 5 o'clock, when he saw a star, or comet, fully the size of the eastern star, which flashed across the sky in a brilliant illumination and disappeared over the rim of the hills. After it had passed beyond the horizon formed by the hills, a narrow band of brilliant light remained visible for fully five minutes, to gradually disappear as though dispersed by wind.

Seen on Atlantic Coast.

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, Dec. 30.—The meteorite which fell near Kingsmere hills today was observed by persons in the north-eastern states over an area extending to the Atlantic seaboard. The trail of light resulting from the passage of the body through the atmosphere caused such a brilliant glow in the north-western sky that residents of Maine, Massachusetts and Rhode Island reported that they had observed a comet.

May Be Fire Ball.

Associated Press Despatch.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 30.—Scientists at the Harvard observatory were inclined to believe that the illumination seen in the western sky shortly after sunset yesterday was a "fire ball" rather than a meteor.

This, they explained, was a phenomenon that is more local in character than a meteor.

One Issue Is Delaying Strike End

Question of Arbitration Stands
in Way of Settlement
at Mines.

HOLD LONG SESSION

Owners, Miners Sat Until Mid-
night in Effort To Settle
Dispute.

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, Dec. 30.—The question of arbitration appeared today to be the chief obstacle in the way of a settlement of the anthracite strike. After battling for nine hours up to midnight, miners and the operators forming the joint wage conference meeting here, postponed today to continue their efforts to find a way to break the long deadlock.

A new plan, the latest to be submitted to the contending sides, came in for long consideration. While the operators made no formal announcement of its acceptance, it is known that it is looked upon with favor by them. The miners, however, find objection to it, contending that it provides for arbitration in a new form, but still arbitration. The plan was placed by Alvin Markle, chairman of the joint conference, before the miners.

Two main plans have come before the conference thus far. One is the Markle plan, which calls for the appointment by the president of a board of three impartial citizens to represent the republic. This citizens' committee would submit recommendations to the president and to adjourn the committee of miners and operators consisting of three representatives of each side.

The second plan is the Pinchot plan, which calls for a five-year agreement by a board of investigation and award and a modified form of the check-off.

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