THREE CENTS

BUSES TURN DOWN EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE P

Gunmen Flee After Hold-Up Attempt On Adelaide

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.

MYSTERIOUS SENATOR SAVED

The combined bus and street railway proposition as outlined by Vice-President R. G. Ivey of the U.S. R., yesterday, as a solution for London's transportation problems, will be the only solved by the conference of 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 portation problems, will be the only for other buses so exorbitant that it 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 operating a fleet of buses on London streets for some time, will not make operating a fleet of buses of London streets for some time, will not make any bid to supply the city with exclusive transportation, a citizens in e transportation, a citizens in touch with President Kamm of touch with President Kamm of the second of the Hamilton road, with two buses to the Hamilton road, with two buses the bus concern, states.
"I was talking to Mr. Kamm last night in Toronto," he stated, "and he Service for London South. will have no proposition for the city council today. It would cost \$200,000 to put a bus system into London, and

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 vetoing bus licenses

The opinion was expressed that the council could not legislate the buses of the street railway service augmented by bus feeders in the south and east within a fact of the council to the council could not legislate the buses of the street railway service augmented within a fact of the council to the council could not legislate the buses of the street railway service augmented within a fact of the council to the citizens in the way of a plebistone in the council or even and stone in the citizens in the way of a plebistone in the council or even and stone in the citizens in the way of a plebistone in the citizens in the citizens in the citizens in the citizens in the way of a plebistone in the citizens in the c off the streets, as it would be creating ends of the city.

Police Seek "Senator Lewis"

Following Slaying of Girl

by Lover.

LETTER BARES PLOT

Edith Burton, a stenographer

of the alleged plot against him. He is

described as a man 57 years old and a persistent suitor of Miss Burton who The aged man was registered at the

hotel as "Senator A. B. Lewis of Car-son City, Nevada," and was to have been the victim of a plot hatched by

Miss Burton and Cowan, according to a warning letter to Lewis found in Cowan's pockets. The letter was writ-

ociated Press Despatch

Britain Hit As Floods **Spoil Land**

DANGER IS GROWING

Martial Law Is Proclaimed in Bulgaria As Thieves

on, it is expected that the aldermen will grant the L. S. R. a temporary 60-day franchise at 5-cent street car Loot Wreckage. Associated Press Despatch.

London, Dec. 30 .- Rapid thawing o A second bus line will cover the South London district that is not well the snow and continued heavy rains are every angle would have to be carefully considered. Mr. Kamm will be in the city later on in the week."

| Considered at the present time by street causing serious floods in many parts of cars. Seven-cent fares, with transfers, will rule on this line.

council could not legislate the buses by bus feeders in the south and east within a foot of the top of the qua walls, giving the ships the appearance of resting at street levels. All ship-ping was suspended as a precautionary

UNDER MARTIAL LAW.

FROM PLOT BY MURDER Associated Press Despatch. Paris, Dec. 30.—The floods, particu larly in central Europe, are increasing their ravages. Every hour brings news of additional rivers overflowing heir banks.

Transylvania, western Rumania and astern Hungary are being disastrous-The governments of Runania and Hungary are hurriedly dopting measures to cope with the

Pillaging has begun and the Ru-nanian government has proclaimed partial law so that thieves may be summarily dealt with. It is impossible from reports thus far received to

reep into lower parts of the city and service.

some of the girls actually chew gura erbian capital are under water.
Far to the north, in Poland, the istula is rising. There already is a plain.

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

ESTABLISHES FLYING RECORD.

Associated Press Desnatch od near Cracow, and Warsaw seems ound to be affected.

The French rivers continue to ris

slowly. The officials are optimistic as regards the Paris districts, but when mass of water accumulating in thout Jan. 6, Paris and its suburbs ember.

DISASTER IN EAST.

Associated Press Despatch. Vienna, Dec. 30.—The water in the anube at Vienna has risen 61/2 feet. is feared there will be a flood if irther heavy rainfalls occur. Des tches from Bucharest, Rumania, say hat large numbers of refugees from the dead, intermingled with debris, are flowing through the town of Torda.

A long stretch of the Paris-Constantinople railroad track has been washed out between Arad and Toevis.

Express trains are being diverted over with a view to preventing a fur-ther spread of the inundated region sluices of dams on the Hungarian frontier raised, a measure which threw the inhabitants of the region into such panic that they fled, abandoning their

GRANT TO CENTENNIAL

Plans For Old Boys' Week To Be Considered at Length Tonight.

When No. 1 committee of the city council, headed by Chairman Ed Smith, meets at the city hall tonight at 7:30

it is expected, will recommend a sub-stantial grant to the council to help put the centennial over in a financial way Routine business only is scheduled for TAKES CONTROL IN CHINA the gathering, City Clerk Samuel Baker

Special to The Advertiser. Washington, Dec. 29 .- The state department was told today by American Los Angeles, Dec. 29.—Barney Old-Minister MacMurray in Pekin that Tuan field, veteran speed king, lost his race The official temperatures for the 12 Chi Jui has relinquished his complete for a divorce in superior court here hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: authority as provisional chief executive today

> Shih Yeng as premier. The new system vests control in the similar accusation, plus allegations of chief executive, the premier and cabfamiliarity with "another woman." inet 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 \$300,000 to persons having in-vested their money in London se-curities. 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

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

freight brakeman on the C. N. R., met ment of the anthracite strike. 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 break the long deadlock.

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.

ground that it is unfair to arbitrate wages and not prices.

A new plan, the latest to be submitted to the contending sides, came in

Tea Rooms Hit By Bolshevism

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

Associated Press Despatch. London, Dec. 30.—Directors of London, Dec. 30.—Directors of London dent and to adjourn the committee sible from reports that approximately the ost of life, but it undoubtedly expeeds 200. The material loss is expeeds 200. The material loss is expeeds 200. The material loss is expeed to house and other buildings housands of horses and other stock ave been drowned.

Belgrade is now threatened by the vater from the melting snow in the arpathians, which is swelling the analysis. The water is beginning the stock and the girls shop tear about and slide biscuits and sand-apathians, which is swelling the area into lower parts of the city and reep into lower parts of the city and representatives of each side. In the event of a deadlock in the joint committee of the waters, the man-agers say, spreads to the manners of the waitresses, and the girls slop tear about and slide biscuits and sand-apathians, which is swelling the presentatives of each side. In the event of a deadlock in the joint committee of the chair-man would have power to cast the deciding vote.

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

MORE GERMANS JOBLESS.

One Issue Is Delaying Strike End

Question of Arbitration Stands in Way of Settlement at Mines.

HOLD LONG SESSION

Owners, Miners Sat Until Midnight in Effort To Settle Dispute.

Associated Press Despatch. New York, Dec. 30.—The question of arbitration appeared today to be the Roscoe B. Mason, 109 Chesley avenue, chief obstacle in the way of a settle-

general hospital, where it was found tion took a wide range, the miners opecessary to amputate the right arm posing this method of settlement on the ground that it is unfair to arbitrate

Mason and her daughter left at once for Chatham.

Mr. Mason's condition could not be ment 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. Mr. Markle, who is a mining stockholder in a large important coal company near Hazelton, Pa., has no vote in the conference.

Two main plans have come before the conference thus far. One is the Markle 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

Associated Press Despatch.

Berlin, Dec. 30.—There was a sudden and remarkable increase in the number of unemployed in Germany receiving tributaries of the Seine comes down relief during the early weeks of Dec- nearly 50 miles an hour prevailed at the

than a meteor and characterized by a

Bill That Fooled Chinaman



WOULD YOU MISTAKE THIS FOR A GENUINE \$50 BILL? Police declare it to be the clumsiest piece of counterfeit money they have ver seen. Three foreigners last night passed the bogus bill at a local restaurant and made away with \$48 change after three other attempts proved unsuc-The features of the original bill are blurred and irregular with an legible date. The money was this morning sent to tite head office of the

BUILDING IN CITY JUMPS TO \$2,389,800 DURING 1925

Inspector Issues 1,327 Permits, 184 Less Than in 1924, But Value of Construction Work Shows \$276,000 Increase -School Boosts December Figure.

mits totalled 1,511 for \$2,113,500. In \$80,245. ncrease in building.

during 1925 totalled 1,327 for a building a new collegiate in East London, amounted to \$320,260 for 37 permits. Last year 37 permits were issued for

permits this year, there was \$276,300 of \$37,900. Bell Telephone Co. altera-The total for December this year, \$18,000.

London Announces Communism Many Russians Seen in Army in Naval Service Successfully Dealt With.

Associated Press Despatch.

They said that it was not an unhis letter to the troops.

BIG GAS TANK ESCAPES IN \$10,000 TORONTO FIRE

Canadian Press Despatch. of \$10,000 early this morning at a gar-age at 10 Croft street, owned by two The forces of would explode. It was bulged, however, after defeating them in the by the pressure from the gas under heat.
There have been six fires in the vicinity of Croft street in six weeks.

Tien-Tsin, have joined with the troops of the governor of Shantung, General Chang Tsung Chang, ally of Marshal

BY AVALANCHE IN ALPS

HAMILTON SEES IT. Vienna, Dec. 20.—A man and a girl were killed Monday while skiing in the Styrian Alps. They were members of a party of four which was overwhelmed the styrian Alps. They were members of a party of four which was overwhelmed the styrian Alps. They were members of a party of four which was overwhelmed the styrian Alps. They were members of a checks on the latter's bank account the l Canadian Press Despatch. Hamilton, Dec. 30.—A falling star, or meteor, was noticed by several persons here tonight as it described a wide are over the city. According to one witness it first became visible in

—General Li Still a Factor.

Associated Press Despatch. London, Dec. 30.—Communist propa- Tsin Tao, China, Dec. 30.—General Li ganda in the navy already having been Ching-Ling, former civil governor of place dealt with by the authorities, they are Chihli province, is not yet eliminated as hotel by three others. None of his now turning toward the breaking up of a factor in the political-military situa-, money now turning toward the breaking up of similar propaganda in the army. The army council has issued a letter to all commanding officers at home and abroad, calling attention to a leaflet recently distributed among the troops throughout the country by the communists.

Six Henkeyt Croedy, paymagent under the content of the Sir Herbert Creedy, permanent under Manchuria and opposed to Feng. Secretary for war, who signed the letter, secretary for war, who signed the letter, expresses confidence that all ranks will that the Shantung troops of General deeply resent these efforts to beguile them into disloyalty. He asks the various commanders to communicate 1925 date mark in recent fighting with Feng's troops and that hundred: Russians have been seen in Feng's army.

ATTACKS FROM NORTH

Associated Press Despatch London, Dec. 30 .- The Peking cor-Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—Fire, believed to have been started by a cigarette thrown close to a gasoline tank, caused a loss of the Daily Mail reports that Marshal Chang Tso Lin is relatacking from the north, threatening the line of communications of General Feng Yu-Hsiang, who is rushing up related to stretch of stretch started by a cigarette thrown the line of communications of General Feng Yu-Hsiang, who is rushing up related to the present the present of the Daily Mail reports each in police court this morning to appear for a preliminary hearing Wedness-day next.

Dutton and Fields were found guilty for criminal negligence by a coroner's The forces of General Li Ching Ling, der arrest Tuesday automobile service companies. It was former governor of Chihli province, feared for a time that the gas tank which Feng has been unable to pursue

SENTENCED FOR FORGERY.

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, Dec. 29.—William Brown

Court Prevents Insurance Firm Taking Advantage of Nun's Vow

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Dec. 30.—A wireless message to Lloyd's received by way of Val-

BARNEY OLDFIELD LOSES.
Los Angeles, Dec. 29.—Barney Oldfield, veteran speed king, lost his race
for a divorce in superior court here
today.
The race driver sued his wife, Retotage, for a decree, charging desertion.
She countered. She countered with a
se similar accusation, plus allegations of
familiarity with "another woman."

Mrs. Oldfield won the decree.

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

BARNEY OLDFIELD LOSES.

MAY BE FIRE BALL.

Associated Press Despatch.

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Saige to Lloyd's received by way of Valentia, Ireland, and signed by the captain of the Dutch steamer Crijnssen
says:

"Passed Elder and Fyfic steamer Cororado at 11 o'clock this morning. Posiincluded to believe that they had observed a comet.

Associated Press Despatch.

Saint Quentin, France, Dec. 30.—The
hotels, residences and amusementy concessions extending for three blocks
along the ocean City pier and of the putch steamer Cororado at 11 o'clock this morning. Posiincluded to believe that they had observed a comet.

Associated Press Despatch.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 30.—Scientists at the Harvard observatory were
into the Ocean City pier and cannot properly
a department and companies from six
in of the Dutch steamer Crijnssen
says:

"Passed Elder and Fyfic steamer Cororado at 11 o'clock this morning. Posiin divore in superior court
there
to today.

The race driver sued his wife, Rebleat that a nun's life and safety have
no value in law, because she has taken
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The countered with a
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no value in law, because she has taken
to vow of poverty. The court in
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Sister Marie Marie.

The fire summer resort of Ocean City pier and
not a nun's life and safety have
no value in law, because she has taken
to vow of poverty and cannot properly
a law in law, because she has taken
to prove the vow of poverty.

The fire summer resort of Ocean City
no value:

"Ass

Shoemaker Victimized By Bandits

Two Gunmen Flee After Robbing J. Gaetono, 108 Adelaide Street, of \$2.80.

GRAPPLED WITH PAIR

Could Reconize One Thug, Man Tells the Police—Happened Shortly After 10 o'Clock.

Held up at revolver point by two nen at his shoe repair shop last night. James Gaetano, 108 Adelaide street, was robbed of \$2.80, all the money that his store till contained.

The men hurried from the shop when Gaetano beat them back after they attempted to search his clothes. He hesitated in following, however. They threatened to shoot if he left his door-

way in pursuit.

Gaetano entered his shop shortly after 10 o'clock last night and busied himself in repairing shoes. It was several minutes later that a man entered. He believed him to be a customer and was put off his guard when a pair of dilapidated shoes were handed to him. He examined them and, looking up, was confronted with another man, holding a revolver. He was ordered to put up his hands and back himself against the wall.

Took \$2 From Till.

One of the men ransacked the st The till was opened and a \$2 bill and some change was taken. Meanwhile, Gaetano drew near his telephone and detached the receiver in the hope that the telephone operator, attracted by the noise, might notify

the police. The men saw him make the move. They drew towards him. In their effort to shove him against the wall a scuffle was started. The men became alarmed and gave up their search for

Gaetano called the police station a few minutes after his attackers ran north on Adelaide street. He described one of the men to Detective George E. Walsh as being tall and slim, wearing a dark overcoat and black but The other was short and spoke with a foreign accent. He wore a light

Could Recognize One.

"I had seven dollars in my pocke Gaetano said this morning, "T use I didn't feel like fighting would recognize them if I saw them again. Earlier in the afternoon 1 a large sum of money in the but I banked it before 3 o'clock." The city has been fortunately free of hold-ups for more than a year, detectives said this morning. No holdups of a serious nature have occurred was held up at the rear of the Park

DUTTON AND FIELDS GRANTED BAIL AGAIN

Will Appear Next Wednesday For Preliminary Hearing on Manslaughter Charge.

Joseph Dutton and David Fields, acing manslaughter charges in connec tion with the death in a motor accident three weeks ago of Orville J. Smith, were again bailed on sureties of \$10,000

They were placed unbailed to appear today.

Due to a misunderstanding between their counsels, Fergus Murphy and J. A. E. Braden, and Crown Attorney Albert M. Judd witnesses for the crown ournment was requested. Fields' bail was offered in three sure-

Dutton was released on two bonds of

BY FLAMES IN OCEAN CITY

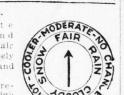
Associated Press Despatch Ocean City, Md., Dec. 30.—A sudden shift in the wind, turning seaward flames that had already caused \$350,000 damage, was credited yesterday with having saved from destruction the entire summer resort of Ocean City. The

evious to 8 o'clock last night were:

at 4:49 p.m.

Barometric Readings.





Moderat west winds: fair moderately cold today and Thursday. er the greater of

Cowan has been separated from his

over Canada. The weather is fair and Stations.

Montreal

-Below zero. LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours

Today-8 a.m.-29.59.



With no other proposition to work

The final agreement will be sent to

REV. FLOYD MAINE,

Cowan was wanted for absconding with \$12,000 from the Hotel Latham two years ago. The mother of the dead girl denied that her daughter was engaged to "Senator Lewis," who was a benevolent old gentleman, who joined us at dinner frequently. Mrs. Burton said her daugh

ter did not intend to marry Cowan, whom she described as a "gentleman and friend of the family."

Michigan Wants Canada To Plates—Wires Ottawa.

second wife for about four years. He has a married daughter by his first marriage. His wife asserted that Cowan had paid \$6,000 to unnamed blackmailers—a girl, her brother and mother-at the time of their separa- automobiles entering the United States and Canada was demanded in a telegram sent by Premier W. L. MacKenzie state, today. At present, the Canadian government does not recognize Michigan commercial license plates. Commercial vehicles must secure Canadian plates before crossing the border. Ac cording to Mr. Deland unless the Cana-dian government accedes to his request state police will be posted on this side

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 improved today, his physician, Dr. Allength plans for the centennial celebra-Weather.
Cloudy
Clear
Cloudy
Clear
Fair
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Cloudy
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Fair

Responsed to day, his physician, Dr. Albert W. Cram of Bridgewater, said it was improbable that he would ever recover fully the use of his lower limbs. Colonel Coolidge has been unable to walk for several days.

Intered the president, was reported the aldermen will discuss at some lengths of the centennial celebration here next August.

As the reception committee of the city council, No. 1 committee will "set the ball rolling" for the celebration, and, it is expected, will recommend a sub-

RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT

partment was told today by American

New York, Dec. 30.—Police today are seeking a mysterious "Senator A. B. Lewis," who was to have been the vicwhom he was infatuated and seriously wounded himself Monday night. "Senator Lewis" checked out of the Hotel Astor the night of the shooting and has not been seen since. He is wanted for questioning on the details.

son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Maine, Byron avenue, now taking post-grad girl would marry him to get control of his \$100,000. If he did not die soon she would administer a slow poison, and the money would be used in part to get Cowan out of financial trouble. Cowan was wanted for absconding with

Cowan, however, described Miss Recognize State Commercial Burton as his common law wife. Associated Press Despatch. Lansing, Mich., Dec. 30.—Complete reciprocity in the matter of commercial

tering without Michigan licenses. COLONEL COOLIDGE MAY

ighest, 16; lowest, 12.

of China, in favor of a responsible calberage of the sun rises at 7:52 a.m. and sets inet form of government, with Hsu becca, for a decree, charging desertion.

Huge Meteor Startles East, May Be Found In Quebec

here. Accounts give the first idea of the magnitude of the disaster in the alley of the Szamos river. Bodies of the disaster in the disa Night-Seen as Far West as Hamilton.

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—In the opinion of Ralph Delury, dominion government They said that it was not an un astronomer, an unusual phenomenon, usual occurrence the Rumanian government ordered the which was witnessed in the northern skies this evening by many and de- witnessed last night by the inhabitants scribed by Rev. E. G. May, rector of of eastern Canada and the United scribed 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 dropped to earth somewhere in this conditions and president of the local serious dropped to as a condition of the Condition and president of the local serious dropped to as a condition of the Condition of the Condition and president of the local serious dropped to the condition of the Condition and president of the local serious dropped to the condition of the cond district. An effort will be made to as-branch of the Royal Astronomical socertain, if possible, where the visitor ciety. 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 star illumination and disappeared.

"Such things are quite common, stated Prof. Kingston, "in fact, it is estimated that some twenty million meteors strike our outer atmosphere every 24 hours and of that great number some are sure to reach the earth. Some are larger than others, and of source the larger ones stand more from the skies landed.

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a brilliant illumination and disappeared over the rim of the hills. After it had passed beyond the horizon formed at which they travel, somewhere about by the hills, a narrow band of brilliant light remained visible for fully them to be destroyed by friction and them to be destroyed by the first by the 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 northeastern states over an area extending the Atlantic seaboard. The trail of light resulting from the passage of the body through the atmosphere caused such a brilliant glow in the northwestern sky that residents of Maine, Massachusetts and Rhode Island re-

at which they travel, somewhere about

the south. It travelled at great speed

CORONADO SEEMED SAFE.

and left a trail of light blue flame

the small ones to change into gas.