

THE WEATHER:  
FAIR AND COLD.  
SATURDAY—MILDER.

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## LONDON MEN READY TO SEEK "PAT" IN INDIANA

### Believes Insanity Plea Will Be Entered For Topping

#### LONDON OFFICERS WILL NOW BE SENT TO HUNT NORTON

Lambeth Citizens Who Know Missing Bandit May Also Go to Indiana.

##### WAITING ACTION

American Officials Still of Opinion That Their Prisoner is "Pat" Norton.

Either Inspector Thomas Nickle or Detective Harry Down will be sent to Aurora, Ind., to identify the man who claims to be Lorenzo D. Farley, but who Indiana police believe to be George Ernest "Pat" Norton. This much was gathered at police headquarters today, should the request come from the provincial police authorities.

Norton, well known to both detectives, and they would have no trouble whatever in identifying the "mysterious Pat." More information regarding the man held by Aurora police is expected hourly by the London police department and The Advertiser.

Should it be deemed necessary, the county of Middlesex will send one or more representative citizens of Lambeth, who have known Norton for years to Aurora in an effort to establish the identity of the prisoner. The county, it is said, will spare no expense in the hunt for Norton and will likely take some action at the January session of the county council, should Farley be able to prove he is not the man wanted here in connection with the Melbourne bank robbery in April, 1921.

Hope for Speedy Justice.  
The capture of Farley was the sole topic of conversation on the street yesterday afternoon and this morning.

#### Will Put "Pat" In Syd's Cell

Should Lorenzo D. Farley of Aurora, Ind., prove to be "Pat" Norton, Melbourne bank robber, he will be confined in the same cell as Sidney Murrell, Governor Byrnes' Dawson of the Middlesex County Jail, announced today. "If this man Farley turns out to be Norton, we will place him in the same cell with Murrell," the governor stated. "There is a lot of room for two prisoners in the cell, and that is where he will be placed."

ing, citizens expressing the hope that the man was really Norton, and that he would be tried with Murrell and Williams next February on the charge of murdering Russell Campbell, when the robbery of the Home Bank at Melbourne was in progress. The fact that Farley has admitted being in and around Detroit, and that he has followed the occupation of auto mechanic and lineman, coupled with the additional fact that he bears a strong resemblance to the photo of Norton, led to some belief that Farley is really Norton.

Should this prove to be the fact, the prosecuting attorney at Aurora, Thomas A. Cooper, may be eligible for the reward of \$1,000 offered by The Advertiser for the capture of Norton before Jan. 1, 1924.

Special to The Advertiser.  
Aurora, Ind., Dec. 15.—Local police authorities are awaiting further information from The London Advertiser of London, Ont., and Ontario provincial police before they are definitely prepared to state that Lorenzo D. Farley, auto mechanic and lineman, is no other than George Ernest "Pat" Norton, Ontario bank robber and gunman, charged with murder.

The description of Farley tallies closely with that given in the police circular received here, announcing the \$1,000 reward of The London Advertiser for the capture of Norton. This circular was responsible for the arrest of Farley on Dec. 12.

#### THE WEATHER

##### FORECASTS.

Today—Fresh to strong southwest winds; mostly cloudy and mild.

Sunday—Fresh westerly winds, fair and mild.

| Stations     | High | Low | Weather |
|--------------|------|-----|---------|
| Port Arthur  | 26   | 28  | Fair    |
| Toronto      | 26   | 24  | Cloudy  |
| Kingston     | 23   | 22  | Cloudy  |
| Ottawa       | 22   | 14  | Cloudy  |
| Montreal     | 18   | 14  | Clear   |
| Quebec       | 16   | 6   | Cloudy  |
| Father Point | 13   | 4   | Cloudy  |
| St. John     | 34   | 10  | Clear   |
| Halifax      | 50   | 14  | Fair    |

##### 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, 28; lowest, 21.

Barometric Readings.

Friday—8 p.m.—29.82.

Today—8 a.m.—29.78.

#### POINCARÉ DELAYS HIS ANSWER TO GERMANY

Interview Between French Premier and Herr von Hoesch is Friendly.

##### ACTION DOUBTFUL

Officials Believe French Will Not Negotiate Direct.

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, Dec. 15.—Herr von Hoesch, the German charge d'affaires, had a half hour interview with Premier Poincaré this morning in accordance with the arrangement made yesterday. In the course of the talk the German representative asked the premier if the French government was willing to engage in conversations with the German government regarding the occupation of the Ruhr and its consequences, and the modification introduced into the occupation of the Rhineland as affecting railroad transportation.

The interview was of the friendliest nature and the French premier appeared much interested in what Herr von Hoesch had to say. The charge, however, was unable to outline the proposed conversations in sufficient detail to enable M. Poincaré to give an answer at once. He, therefore, asked that the German government furnish in writing a list of the questions it wished to discuss. It is understood on the best authority that the German government does not anticipate engaging in direct conversations with France on the reparations question, but that it does aim to substitute itself for the Ruhr industrialists, and the local German authorities in such negotiations as have been going on between the local interests in the Ruhr and the authorities of occupation.

#### PHILADELPHIA MAN FALLS TO HIS DEATH

Associated Press Despatch.

Philadelphia, Dec. 15.—As scores of housewives and shoppers and workers watched in horror, Charles W. Nevin, Jr., member of a socially prominent Philadelphia family, plunged to his death last night from a window on the ninth floor of the St. James Hotel. His body crashed through the heavy glass of the porte cochere at the entrance and dropped at the feet of several on the hotel steps. He died instantly.

#### Awaiting 'Manifestations' Says Nickle, Before Move Will Be Made In O.T.A.

Attorney-General of Ontario Declares Sentiment is Not Yet Clearly Defined.

##### FACING DILEMMA

Conservatives Realize It Will Be Big Problem to Please Wets and Drys.

Special to The Advertiser.

By a Staff Reporter.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—The Ontario temperance act, and what to do about it, is the aggravating splinter in the Tory side, even calculated to create a serious division within the party fold.

And Premier Howard Ferguson and his associates on the government benches at Queen's Park will be stepping with alacrity next year if they propose to please all the Tories all of the time—or even "some of them some of the time."

Because it makes little what views the premier may be enunciating on the prairies or what opinions his subordinates may be expounding in the east, little hope is extended here at headquarters for any definite "prohibition" or "temperance" policy calculated to meet with the unanimous approval of the Tory delegates to the new legislature.

As a matter of fact, Attorney-General Nickle (acting premier) expects, he says, a sharp debate in the House regarding the proposed referendum, once the session gets under way.

It will be imperative, however, he



RETURNS TO HOSPITAL.  
Miss Elizabeth Ross, superintendent of nurses at Victoria Hospital, who returned to her duties last Wednesday evening. Miss Ross has been absent from her duties for some weeks, owing to ill-health.

#### BUSINESS SHOWS BIG INCREASE

Merchants Say Today Is Best Saturday Morning This Fall.

##### STORES CROWDED

Record-Breaking Turnover Expected Next Week by Businessmen.

"The best Saturday morning we have had this fall."

"That is how several merchants of the city expressed themselves regarding the business transacted yesterday morning. The stores all seemed to be full, and in many of them, several prospective customers were waiting to be served."

Whether it is the fast approach of Christmas or whether it is the cold weather, opinion seems divided. The clothing merchants state that their business showed an impetus yesterday, while others say that this morning started the ball rolling.

Everyone spoken to by The Advertiser is looking for a record-breaking turnover next week, basing their expectations on today's business. They all seemed to think that the dull spell of the past few weeks is over at last, and that the remainder of the year would see a revival of the holiday trade.

#### "KEEP THE POT BOILING" AGAIN HEARD ON STREETS

"Keep the Pot Boiling."

##### LIQUOR PROTESTS REFUSAL TO DISPLAY THEIR POSTERS

Associated Press Despatch.  
London, Dec. 15.—The liquor trade is protesting against the refusal by the postoffice department to accept liquor advertisements for display either in the postoffices or postal publications. The explanation given by the government is that the postoffice department is making no invidious distinction in the matter, but that it is a government order to all departments that no licensed trade advertisements shall be accepted.

#### MRS. F. L. JONES RECOVERING FROM AUTO ACCIDENT

The condition of Mrs. F. L. Jones, Richmond street north, was reported this morning by Victoria Hospital authorities to be greatly improved. Mrs. Jones was brought to the hospital on Wednesday evening, suffering from a broken leg, incurred in an automobile accident.

RT. HON. JOHN BURNS, president of the board of trade in the Asquith cabinet, is mentioned in political circles as a possible member of the Ramsey MacDonald cabinet if the Labor party assumes power.

#### URGES BOYS TO ENROLL FOR B.A., M.D. COURSE AT U

Useful for Exceptionally Young Doctor to Expect Big Practice, Says Dr. Neville.

##### TRAINING VALUABLE

Extra Studies Recommended in Preference to Intern Work in Hospital.

Dr. K. P. Neville urges young men under 18 who have their matriculation and intend studying medicine to take the B.A., M.D. course available at the University of Western Ontario.

"It is useless, Dr. Neville points out, for any exceptionally young doctor to expect an extensive practice just after graduating from medical school. His time would be extremely well occupied, therefore, in taking the additional course, which, all told, adds two extra years to his term of study."

The B.A., M.D. course gives a man valuable training in physics and chemistry which otherwise he would not get," Dr. Neville explained. "I would really recommend this course in preference to a couple of years' work as an interne in a hospital."

At the present time there are six third year, eight second year, and six first year men taking the B.A., M.D. course here.

#### WARNS MOTORISTS ABOUT '23 MARKERS

After Today Plates Will Have To Be Procured From Toronto, Says Official.

As a warning to motorists who have not yet got their licenses for next year, the secretary of the London Motor Club says:

"If you want a license for your automobile after today you will have to send your application, with the full year's fee, direct to the department of highways in Toronto. A set of 1923 markers will then be issued to you for use the balance of this year, which will be replaced by a 1924 set when ready for distribution, without any further charge. These are the instructions received by the London Motor Club, and motorists are requested to have their applications marked O. K. and declarations sworn to by the club secretary before being mailed."

#### CARROTHERS TO REPORT ON 'EMPRESS' SCHOOL

Will Not Divulge Result of Conferences With Contractors Until Next Week.

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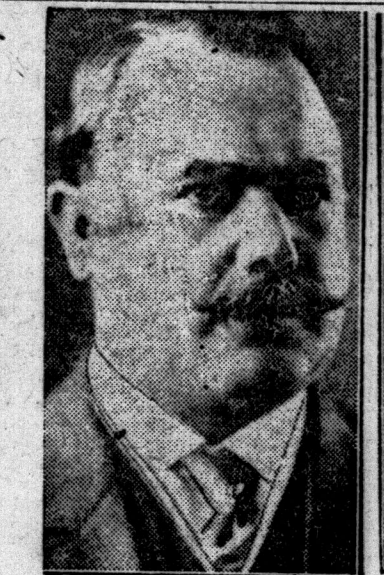
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FIGURES IN THE MEXICAN CRISIS.  
Alvaro Obregón (left), president of Mexico; Adolfo de la Huerta (right), one of the insurgent leaders.



#### RUMORS MANY AS ASQUITH ASKS LIBERALS TO PARLEY

Lloyd George Will Also Address Meeting on January 8.

##### BULL IS BROKEN

Much Speculation as to Attitude Towards Tories and Socialists.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Dec. 15.—The hull in politics which it had been expected would continue until the meeting of parliament on Jan. 8, will be temporarily broken on Tuesday. Herbert Asquith, leader of the re-united Liberal party, has invited the newly-elected Liberal members of parliament to meet him on that day at the National Liberal Club to hear speeches by himself, Mr. Lloyd George and Sir John Simon.

This announcement stimulated speculation as to the attitude of the party towards the Conservatives and Socialists when the new house gets down to business. The political writers are busy suggesting to the public the various prospects, but nothing has developed toward crystallizing the many rumors into facts. The success of the Liberal party is attributed by them in part to the capable and energetic direction the Labor forces received from their headquarters, and at one-tenth the expense to which the Conservatives were put, much of the Conservative money being frittered away.

Another complaint the Conservatives make is that the party fails to enlist the energies of the younger members, whereas the strongest element in the rank and file of the Labor party is the younger section.

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#### INSANITY IS LIKELY TO BE PLEA IN CASE OF TOPPING

D. A. J. Swanson, Counsel for Prisoner, Questions Closely on Slayer's Actions.

##### MAKE EXAMINATION

Probe Into Prisoner's Sanity is Expected by Aliensists Soon.

D. A. J. Swanson, counsel for Clarence Topping, who will be tried at the February assizes on a charge of murdering his sweetheart, Geraldine Durston, is laying the foundation for a plea of insanity, according to Acting Crown Attorney J. J. Gillanders.

Mr. Gillanders based his conclusion on the statement made by Mr. Swanson before he left for Oshawa last night, relative to Topping and his attempt at suicide three years ago and his claim that the bullet is still imbedded in his head, is responsible for his actions.

A further evidence that insanity would be the plea was drawn from the emphasis which Mr. Swanson placed on the evidence of Constable Walter Harpur at the preliminary hearing in the police court yesterday. Mr. Swanson concentrated his cross-examination of the witness on the actions of Topping after the shooting, asking whether or not a normal man would remain perfectly calm and go to sleep a few minutes after the tragedy, as he is said to have done. Topping will probably be examined as to his sanity by crown alienists some time shortly after the New Year.

This statement was made to The Advertiser this morning by Acting Crown Attorney Gillanders, who said that it was not likely anything would be done in this direction until after the re-arrangement of the county crown attorney's office, the new holder of which is said to be Albert M. Judd.

The examination as to sanity will rendered necessary because it was understood that the defence will offer insanity as the reason for the crime in which Geraldine Durston was shot and died of wounds.

#### BRACE OF BOTTLES LANDS MICHAEL

He's Not Sure Whether They Are Over Proof or Not—Is Remanded.

It usually pays to find out the alcoholic content of your bottle before you take it home. The wisdom of this modern adage was illustrated in police court this morning when Michael Delaney, 42, was charged with having liquor in other than a private dwelling.

Delaney is an employee at Labatt's Brewery. Last night after work he decided to take two bottles with him on his trip home, but neglected to determine first whether they were under the legitimate two and a half per cent.

Sergeant Last saw him in the company of another man acting peculiarly, and noticing a funny protrusion about the pocket of Delaney's overcoat, he searched him and discovered a brace of bottles.

"I don't know whether I'm guilty or not guilty," Delaney informed the court.

He added that he procured the bottles in the place where the brewery usually stores its beer and ale of non-alcoholic quality. He wanted it to drink with a lunch before going to bed. Delaney works in the bottling department at Labatt's.

"Well, I suppose we shall have to let you off on half until the bottles are analyzed," the court advised. "I really believe they contain less than two and a half per cent," Delaney said, "but I couldn't swear to it."

#### LONDON FIRM SUES AYTON CHEESE CO. FOR \$384

The London Box Manufacturing and Lumber Company have issued a county court writ through Jarvis & Vining against the Alsfield Cheese and Butter Manufacturing Company, Ayton, Ont., for \$384, the price of goods alleged sold and delivered.

#### INSPECTOR GREY ATTENDS MEETING IN WINDSOR

Chief Public School Inspector V. K. Greer is in Windsor today attending the annual meeting of inspectors of Western Ontario. This is the first time the meeting has been held outside of London.

#### River Thames Getting 'Icy'

With the drop in temperature and the advent of what is probably real winter, the River Thames is beginning to take on its garb of ice. This morning it was noticed that the water was freezing close to the shore, and in a few cases thin ice extended four or five feet out into the river. Slush ice is also floating down stream in small pieces, while the water is quite high for this season of the year.

#### LAST HORSES WILL LEAVE FIRE BRIGADE

Next Wednesday Will See Department Fully Motorized.

##### TO CART GARBAGE

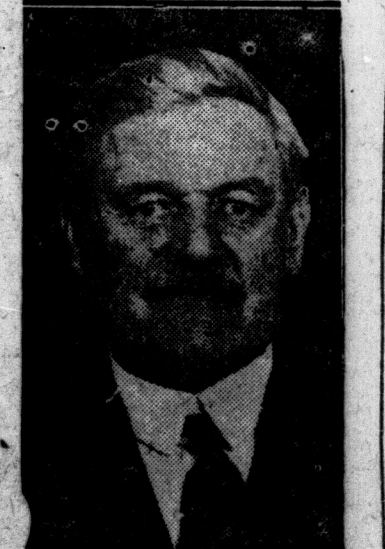
Four Remaining Steeds Will Be Turned to Service of Garbage Department.

The last of a once famous stable of 36 stalwart horses, will make their exit from the fire department for good and all. The new truck which is to haul the aerial fire wagon is now almost complete and will be ready for use on Wednesday, Fire Chief Aitken announced this morning. The four surviving horses will for a time do more strenuous service in the garbage department. The new truck will make the department a completely motorized one.

The truck is of Ruggles manufacture. It is being attached to the aerial wagon at Terry's Garage and is now just waiting for the final touches of paint before it enters No. 1 fire hall to do active service.

#### SALVATION ARMY STARTS CHRISTMAS SERENADES

Christmas music has made itself heard in several sections of the city during the past few nights, the band of the Salvation Army having started its regular series of serenades.



MADE CHICAGO DRY.  
Mayor William E. Devers, mayor of Chicago, claims to have made his city the driest of the big American centers.