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SATURDAY—SNOW.

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Murdock States London's New Post Office Delayed

ALDERMEN WILL PROBE MAYOR'S CHECK TONIGHT

Students Fined For Dancing

Associated Press Despatch.
Oxford, Dec. 19.—It costs an Oxford student \$5 to dance with a girl, that is if he is caught in the dreadful act, which, while not forbidden by the university authorities, is so frowned upon that it is punished by a one guinea fine. Mixed dances are not barred, but all dance rooms are raided every night by the university professors.

PARIS IS WORRIED BY RED MOVEMENT

Communists Intensify Propaganda As Unemployment Looms in France.

By CONSTANTINE BROWN.
Special Cable to The London Advertiser and The Chicago Daily News.

Paris, Dec. 19.—The communist danger continues to worry responsible French quarters, and although the government is warning the people not to be alarmed since the communist menace is much exaggerated by the reactionary agitators for their own purposes, a certain amount of uneasiness is felt in Paris and the industrial centers of northern France. Since last September the communists have been very aggressive, holding frequent meetings and inviting the working population to follow the present system by following the example of Russia. The fact that unemployment does not exist in France made the situation easier. Yet a large number of factory workmen, farm hands and tenants of small farms have joined the ranks of the communists, who boast at present a membership of more than 350,000, of which some 70,000 are in Paris and the suburbs and 100,000 in the industrial districts about Lille and Roubaix. The balance is spread all over France, but mainly among the railway workmen.

COMMITTEE IS DECLINED TO AID MERCY JUDGMENTS

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London, Dec. 19.—The home secretary, Sir William Joynson-Hicks, declined to appoint a committee to assist him in connection with his exercising the prerogative of mercy in cases of death sentences, as has been suggested. He declares that he is always able to obtain competent advice from different sources, including the judges presiding at murder trials, towards arriving at decisions in questions of mercy for condemned prisoners.

CONFESSION IS DENIED BY MRS. ELSIE SWEETIN

Mount Vernon, Ill., Dec. 19.—Mrs. Elsie Sweetin, occupying the witness stand for more than four hours yesterday in her trial with Lawrence M. Hight, for the murder by poison of her husband, Wilford Sweetin, pictured herself as a woman greatly distressed and blameless. She denied that she had ever encouraged the former pastor to make love to her and reiterated that her confession was untrue.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Fresh to strong north and north-west winds; much colder tonight and Saturday and Sunday. Local snowfalls or drizzles. A moderate depression is moving over Lake Erie, causing snow and freezing rain in Ontario, while over the western half of the continent the pressure is high and the weather very cold.

Temperatures.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	28	22	Fair
Calgary	21	4	Cloudy
Winnipeg	12	2	Cloudy
Port Arthur	2	16	Fair
Parry Sound	14	12	Snow
Toronto	21	20	Snow
Kingston	24	12	Cloudy
Ottawa	12	8	Cloudy
Montreal	10	6	Snow
Quebec	8	2	Cloudy
St. John's	4	2	Cloudy
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Halifax	22	12	Cloudy

Wenige Returns Amount to the City Treasurer at Office Today.

EXPLAINS STAND

Points to Money Expended by Him During the Year.

The city of London's check for \$12,200 received by Mayor Wenige on Wednesday to take care of an increase in stipend, is back in the hands of the city treasurer. Following a storm of protest from city aldermen over the payment of the \$12,200 to the mayor, after a switched vote of the council Tuesday morning, and the subsequent calling of a probe, Mayor Wenige brought the check in to the treasurer yesterday afternoon. Mr. Bell now has both the check and a voucher signed by the mayor.

Wants Money.

"Of course, I want the money," the mayor told The Advertiser. "But all this talk about the mayor's salary is silly. If anyone else can step in and do the job for \$1,800 or \$3,000, or twice that sum, I'll be glad to see it. It simply means that I don't want the money."

Later on the mayor gave a report of the figures on the cost of the mayor's office. "It has cost me between \$1,000 and \$2,000 for relief work, church tickets and other charities," he declared. "I have made trips to Detroit, Toledo, Cleveland and Chicago this year to boost the old boys' association. That's cost me \$350. I had to have an extra automobile and expenses for that were \$500. Secretarial expenses came out of my own pocket and I saved the city \$300 there."

Shields for Clubs.
"I bought 20 shields for athletic clubs that cost \$200. I spent \$400 in entertaining delegates to conventions. I took many of them to my house, and everyone knows entertaining can't be done for nothing nowadays. Those are just some of the expenses of office, but they amount to over \$3,000."

Aldermen declare that it is not against the increase in the salary of the mayor that they are holding an investigation tonight, but rather to probe the switching of Monday's vote on the council. A vote was recorded in the council meeting, but an apparent reversal of the vote was recorded in the council meeting, but an apparent reversal of the vote was recorded in the council meeting.

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Middle West Is Now in Grip of Worst Storm of the Season.

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Chicago, Dec. 19.—The middle west today was added to the domain of the storm and cold that for five days have held the northwest and Rocky mountain region in an icy grip. Snow was generally forecast for the Great Lakes region, the upper Mississippi valley, and portions of the southwest while temperatures already hovering near the zero mark were expected to sink still lower.

Death stalks in the wake of the cold wave. In the north, where the cold wave is now in its full force, communication in many sections was interrupted and trains were delayed. Three men died in the Rocky mountain region, one was reported in Oklahoma, and two persons were dead in Chicago from causes attributable to the cold and attendant ice and snow. Injuries were numerous, due to falls on the ice in fires, or accidents. Thousands of deer north of the Grand Canyon in Arizona refused to be herded to greener pastures on the south side of the canyon, were reported perishing as vegetation faded.

MANSON'S AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL PASSES

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Victoria, B. C., Dec. 19.—The legislature last night adopted Attorney-General Manson's original reform amendment to the senate resolution moved some weeks ago by R. H. Neelds, Labor, South Vancouver, calling for the total abolition of the upper chamber of the federal parliament. The vote was 25 to 14. Mr. Manson's amendment called for amendment to the British North America act in order to prevent the senate from defeating the will of the people. It proposed that the subject should be gained either by altering the constitution of the senate or limiting its power to reject measures approved by the house.

BIG STORM MAY REACH DISTRICT

Bell Telephone Company Prepares For Trouble in Windsor Area.

NO CITY DAMAGE

Ice on Streets Means Little Expense to London During Night.

Before morning London is expected to be in the grip of another winter storm.

The meteorological office in Detroit reports that by 6 o'clock tonight a 20-mile wind will be blowing from the west in that city, and it is thought that this may be the beginning of a storm which will extend as far as London and Toronto.

Down in Windsor there is three-quarters of an inch of ice on the streets of the Bell Telephone company, and the London headquarters has sent emergency supplies to take care of any damage which may result from the storm. R. D. Hunt of the London office stated today that Windsor was the only point in this district where there was any danger from the storm. The ice was so thin and light to spell danger to wires or poles.

Poles Down.
In Amherstburg the Bell company has sixteen poles down owing to the storm of the last two days, but this is the only casualty. Around London there has been no trouble. The fact that there has been no wind, and that the ice was so thin and light to spell danger to wires or poles.

GERMAN SLAYER SENTENCED TO DIE

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The extreme penalty was also ordered in the case of his accomplice, Hans Grans.

Haarmann was found guilty of murdering 21 young men, the crimes extending over a period of six years. Grans was condemned for inciting to murder in one case.

Fritz Haarmann, a Hanover butcher, was shown at his trial to be a criminal degenerate who lured men and boys to his lodgings and there killed them by tearing their throats with his teeth and sucking their blood. The crimes were committed in his room in the top story of a decrepit tenement house facing the river Leine and the bodies were disposed of by throwing them into the stream. Many human bones were found when the bed of the river was dug over after his arrest last summer.

The testimony at the trial, which aroused intense horror throughout Germany, was revolting, much of it being given by witnesses who heard behind closed doors. Among the allegations was that the murderer as a butcher had offered his customers human flesh for consumption.

Plump Maidens Avoiding Sweets

Fashionable Mayfair Swept by Slim Cult.

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London, Dec. 19.—The cult of the slim figure is causing many social leaders in Mayfair, renowned for the lavishness of their entertaining, to live on semi-starvation rations.

In practicing the latest weight-reducing methods to attain the standard of slenderness so necessary to live on the rules and regulations of the fashion world, the plump ladies refused to be tempted by sweets, delicacies or favorite dishes.

The tables at a recent party given by a notable Mayfair hostess were crowded with delicious things which were utterly neglected. The guests would not even eat plump cake. They nibbled instead thin slices of vitamin wheat bread and butter and drank weak tea.

VICE CLEAN-UP IN HALIFAX BRINGS 88 PRISONERS

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Halifax, N.S., Dec. 19.—The underworld here received a distinct shock last night when in a sweeping raid on the city of Vice, a police squad of 200 men rounded up 88 persons, three of them women, on charges ranging from temperance act violations to smuggling and gambling. The arrests followed police court disclosures recently made by a 15-year-old girl who was the star witness for the crown in the prosecution of a roadhouse proprietor.

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Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—Commenting on the decision of the supreme court of Canada, relative to the appeal lodged by Manitoba against the ruling of the board of railway commissioners, setting aside the agreement between the Manitoba government and the Canadian Northern Railway, Premier John Bracken declared today that western interests must now join in a concerted action for a "square deal" on the whole question of freight rates.

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