

THE WEATHER:
TODAY—MODERATELY COLD.
TOMORROW—NOT MUCH CHANGE.

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COLBORNE STREET FIRE—SAVES FROM FLAMES Police Charge Driver of Death Car With Manslaughter

Boughner Remanded For Week

Windsor Man, Driver of Death Car, Faces Manslaughter Charge.

FOLLOWS INQUEST

Is Uncle of Two Children Killed in Car Crash at Delaware.

Lewis Boughner, of Windsor, was charged with manslaughter this morning in county police court, when he appeared before Magistrate Hawkshaw. The information was laid by High Constable Arthur Wharton, and the charge is an aftermath of the coroner's inquest into the cause of the death of Ruth Marie and George Edward Collins, held last night in Delaware village when the jury found that the two babies came to their deaths as a result of Boughner's negligent driving on the night of Sunday, December 20.

Boughner was remanded till January 6 when he will again appear before Magistrate Hawkshaw, who will make some disposition of the case.

The winter assizes for the county of Middlesex open at the court house on January 25, before Justice Lennox, and Boughner will probably come up for trial at that time on the manslaughter trial.

Boughner was represented this morning in police court by J. G. Gillanders, of the legal firm Ivey, Elliot and Gillanders.

Mr. Gillanders applied for bail for the prisoner, and the crown asked that two sureties of \$2,500 each be secured before Boughner was released. The magistrate then granted bail for \$5,000 under the conditions asked for by the crown attorney.

The accused was arrested by High Constable Wharton acting under instructions from Crown Attorney Albert M. Judd, immediately following the inquest.

Charles Collins, father of the dead children, was in police court this morning at the side of Boughner, who is his wife's brother.

"I don't see why my brother-in-law should be tried for manslaughter," he said. "He loved both of the kids as much as my wife and I did."

EX-LONDONERS PLAN SPECIAL FAST TRAIN

Large California Delegation Is Assured For Centennial Here in August.

Word has been received that a special fast train is expected to be used to convey Londoners from Los Angeles to this city for the 1926 centennial to be held in August. A London Ontario club has been formed in Los Angeles by ex-residents of this city and has a membership of over 300. The president of the club is T. H. Haskett and the secretary-treasurer is Mrs. Ralph Slater.

Mr. Haskett states in a letter that whether or not a special train is used, Southern California will make a respectable showing at the centennial. Mr. Haskett in a recent picnic convention held at Brookside Park, Pasadena, of all those who had ever lived in Ontario, represented London. There were over 4,500 people at the picnic.

The Weather

Forecast.
Moderate westerly winds, fair and moderately cold today and Wednesday.
Toronto, Dec. 29.—Pressure is low highest over the middle and southern states, and relatively low to the east and north. The weather is fair and moderately cold throughout the domain.

Stations.	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	45	38	Clear
Calgary	30	18	Clear
Winnipeg	20	10	Cloudy
Sault Ste. Marie	16	0	Cloudy
Toronto	23	14	Cloudy
Montreal	16	0	Cloudy
Quebec	18	8	Fair
Halifax	28	14	Cloudy

(—) Below zero.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 24; lowest, 11.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 20; lowest, 13.
The sun rises at 7:51 a.m. and sets at 4:47 p.m.

Barometric Readings.
Monday, 8 p.m.—29.63.
Today, 8 a.m.—29.64.

Snow Holds No Terrors For Motorists From U.S.

Cars of All Makes, Ages and Temperaments Gaily Battling Drifts Along Highways and Other Roads Throughout the Province of Ontario.

Motorists from the United States are braving the rigors of Canadian snow in greater numbers this year. Cars of all makes, ages and temperaments are plowing through the great drifts that block Ontario highways and roads everywhere. Some, the more fortunate, reach their destinations, while others spend the night in some lonely farmhouse along the way.

One dilapidated touring car of ancient vintage met disaster in a huge drift. Its occupants sought shelter at a nearby farm. They now wonder if they'll have to wait for the warm weather to proceed home.

Garage business all over the province is exceptionally good. Many, finding they cannot negotiate the roads, leave their cars in storage and return to their homes by train. Towing cars are in demand, and even more in demand is the old reliable team of horses which can be depended upon to pull the most obstinate car out of a drift.

In London it is estimated that some hundred American cars were stranded over the week-end. In two local garages over 20 were put up. Other garages had from two to 20. Practically every machine that was stored for the holiday had to be towed in after being stalled in the snow. Today the garages are empty again, the tourists driving on, in spite of the difficulties of passage.

According to reports from Ailsa Craig, numerous tourists have arrived, and cannot leave. A. B. Nichol, proprietor of a garage in Ailsa Craig, states that there has been no traffic in or out of town for the last three days. This morning one adventurous tourist left town for Detroit—behind a team of horses. Yesterday four cars attempted to make Detroit from Ailsa Craig. They left the town in the morning. Last night they reached Sylvan, 15 miles away.

TAXES JUMP 130 PER CENT, POPULATION INCREASES 7,000

Ten-Year Municipal Survey Shows Educational Costs Trebled in London.

VALUES INCREASED

Assessment Totals Twice Values of 1915—Tax Increase Outstanding.

Figures compiled in the city treasurer's office at the city hall show that while the population of London has increased but 6,951 since 1915, taxes have increased 130 per cent. In other words the citizens paid out \$1,220,536 in taxes in 1915 and this year they paid \$2,586,810.

The greater part of the increase is due to heavier demands on the public purse by the board of education. In 1915 the board was able to get along nicely on \$238,897.24, but this year practically a million dollars was necessary for the education of London children.

This leads a number of citizens to ask why all this increased expenditure was necessary with an increase of only 7,000 in population in the last ten years. The assessment in 1915 was \$37,509,182, while in 1925 it is \$71,463,218.

The general debenture debt, the second year of the war was \$6,420,617, while last year it was increased to \$10,747,337.

The amount of special taxes raised in 1915 for such work as pavements, curbs, gutters, etc., was \$169,513, while this year it was \$424,533. The cost of street lighting, police and fire departments has also been increased considerably during the last ten years.

The platform system was introduced into the fire department and cost considerable money.

IMPERIAL PENSIONS WILL BE PAID DIRECT

British Government Relieves D.S.C.R. in Canada of Work Among Veterans.

Associated Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Dec. 29.—The British government will pay pensions to its war veterans now resident in Canada direct after March 1, instead of through the Canadian department of civil re-establishment. This applies also to Canadians who served in British units and draw pensions and other awards from the imperial government.

In 1915 the imperial pensions office here was abolished and the work was taken over by the Canadian pensions board. Two years later it was given to the D. S. C. R. under a contract expiring in March.

The department authorities made certain suggestions including increased pay for the work and to those the British government has not agreed, but has decided to pay the pensions direct.

CATS AND DOGS FEEL COLD WHEN ZERO AT WINNIPEG

Canadian Press Despatch.
Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—The cold wave which has swept across the city during the past three or four days has been responsible for 24 fatalities, the local headquarters of the Humane society announced yesterday. Fourteen dogs and twenty cats succumbed to the elements.

TRAIN DERAILED

Associated Press Despatch.
Florence, S.C., Dec. 29.—Engineer J. M. Thomas of Florence was reported seriously injured and a number of passengers more or less injured when southbound Atlantic Coast Line passenger train No. 181 was derailed near Cades late last night.

Hope High For Peace At Mines

Early End of Strike Predicted Today as Miners Meet Owners.

PINCHOT OPTIMISTIC

Meeting at New York Is First Since Deadlock Last Summer.

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Dec. 29.—Hope for early resumption of mining in the anthracite coal fields of Pennsylvania was revived today as representatives of miners and operators gathered here for their first meeting since the deadlock at Atlantic City last summer.

Separate informal conferences of the two groups of six men each preceded the actual parley between the negotiators scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. at the Union League club. Alvin Markle, chairman of the joint negotiating committee, who called the meeting, will preside over the joint session.

The operators delegation began its first conference last night at its Waldorf Astoria hotel headquarters, but made no statement after the meeting.

The first meeting of the miners' committee was scheduled for this morning.

Special to The Advertiser.
New York, Dec. 29.—Settlement this week of the bitter, long drawn out strike of 15,000 anthracite coal miners was predicted by informed observers today as the joint conference of operators and miners got under way.

Union leaders and representatives of the operators faced each other across the conference table in this city today, hostile at the start. But observers predicted that the first flurry of resentment and the usual harsh clash of words, the conference will get down to business and before the week is ended reach an agreement which will end the men, who have been on strike since Sept. 1, back to the mines.

Pressure to end the suspension has been growing hourly. This pressure has come largely from the anthracite coal region of Pennsylvania, hard hit in a business way by the strike, and has been brought to bear upon operators as well as union leaders.

PINCHOT IS HOPEFUL

Special to The Advertiser.
Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 29.—Governor Pinchot today expressed gratification that the conference of mayors and burgesses, called by him here on Dec. 16, has resulted in a resumption of negotiations between the miners' leaders and operators.

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CARDINAL MERCIER UNDERGOES OPERATION

Primate of Belgium Has Lesion of Stomach Corrected.

Associated Press Despatch.
Brussels, Belgium, Dec. 29.—Cardinal Mercier, 74-year-old primate of Belgium, underwent an operation at 8:30 o'clock this morning for correction of a lesion of the stomach. The surgeon was Dr. Demees. After the operation it was stated that everything was normal and that the cardinal's condition was good.

Cardinal Mercier recently suffered an attack of influenza, and a week ago it was announced that a surgical operation would be necessary for correction of a lesion of the stomach. The operation was performed by the aid of local anaesthetics, and all precautions were taken because of the cardinal's age.

RUDYARD KIPLING ON ROAD TO COMPLETE RECOVERY

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 29.—Rudyard Kipling, who has been ill with pneumonia, is still confined to his room, but is making steady progress toward convalescence.

RUBBER RECLAMATION WORK SPEEDED UP

Special to The Advertiser.
Akron, Dec. 28.—Rubber manufacturers are speeding up activity at their rubber reclamation plants, which now are operating at about 100 per cent of capacity.

Special to The Advertiser.
Vienna, Dec. 29.—Christmastide in Vienna this year has been marked by a sudden wave of suicides. Thus far, during the holidays, there have been 17 recorded attempts at self-destruction, most of which were successful.

Mussolini Has Brave Daughter

Associated Press Despatch.
Rome, Dec. 29.—Premier Mussolini's 15-year-old daughter, Edda, has been awarded a silver medal by the Carnegie Institute for heroism. She saved the life of a girl swimmer at Cattolica during a severe storm which swept the coast of the Adriatic last August.

CHAIRMANSHIP IS SEEN FOR VINING

R. J. Webster Expected To Be Named as Head of Playgrounds Body.

Jared Vining, chairman of the public utilities commission, is likely to be named by the commission to that position at its inaugural meeting early next month.

Commissioner R. J. Webster will be named, it is believed, as chairman of the playgrounds commission, of which sub-board of the utilities commission has been an advisory member for the past year.

Commissioner T. W. McFarland, chairman of the parks board for the past year, is believed to have been named to the time now the inclination, according to information given The Advertiser, to assume the chairmanship of the playgrounds commission, which has been an advisory member for the past year.

Mayor John M. Moore and J. C. Dodge are the two new members of the commission, being chosen by the electors in place of ex-Mayor G. A. Wenige and ex-Commissioner Philip Pocock, the latter of whom had been a member of the commission for 16 years.

Mr. Pocock, who has been chairman of the playgrounds commission since its inception four years ago, is to be retained on the commission as an advisory member, thus merely interchanging positions with Mr. Webster this year.

Manager E. V. Buchanan and E. E. Graham, superintendent of parks, are the additional members on the parks board, while Mr. Buchanan and Gerald H. Wood, chief supervisor of playgrounds, and C. R. Rowntree are the three additional members of the playgrounds commission.

JUTE LIKELY TO SOAR ALONG WITH RUBBER

American Buyers Will Be Hit by Curtailment of Indian Production.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 29.—A shortage in the world production of jute threatens to create a situation paralleling, though on a much smaller scale, that of the rubber producers.

Manufacturers everywhere are predicting very high prices in 1926, which will affect United States and Canadian buyers, who take approximately 800,000 bales of jute from British India during the season.

The growing of jute in Java and India at present is the main source of the world's supply, but it is estimated she will produce during the coming season only 8,000,000 bales as against the world's requirements of 10,000,000.

Dutch financiers are planning to take advantage of the situation by fostering the growing of jute in Java and building a chain of factories there.

CRIME HIGHLY ORGANIZED IN WINNIPEG, IS CLAIM

Associated Press Despatch.
Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—An organization of criminals exists in Winnipeg with "slick-up" men of foreign extraction carrying out the actual operation from a recognized headquarters, according to private investigators who have conducted inquiries into recent robberies here.

The local police decline to discuss this theory.

ADVERSE TRADE BALANCE OF ITALY IS \$282,456,600

Associated Press Despatch.
Rome, Dec. 29.—Italy's adverse trade balance for the first ten months of 1925 amounted to 6,931,500,000 lire (\$282,456,600), according to official statistics today, as compared with 4,134,000,000 lire (\$165,233,000) for the same period in 1924. In other words, the commercial balance was worse this year than last by 2,857,500,000 lire (\$115,223,000).

FIVE HUNDRED U. S. CITIES HONOR WILSON'S MEMORY

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Dec. 29.—Five hundred cities of the United States paid homage yesterday to the memory of Woodrow Wilson on the 69th anniversary of his birth. At the Woodrow Wilson foundation dinner here last night the late war president was eulogized for his statesmanship, his principles and his ideals.

OVERCOME BY SMOKE, AGED WOMAN RESCUED

Miss Mary Taylor, Colborne Street, Saved From Fire by R. J. Riddle.

UTTERLY HELPLESS
House Fire Started When Rheumatism Cure Ignited by Match.

Trapped in a burning room of her home at 552 Colborne street this morning, Miss Mary Taylor, 65 years old, partly overcome by smoke and with her clothes burning, was carried to safety by a neighbor, R. J. Riddle, after his attention had been attracted to the house by the burning roof.

Miss Taylor suffered only slight body burns, however, and she was given medical attention next door, at 558 Colborne street.

The blaze started when Miss Taylor, using an alcoholic liniment as a rheumatic cure, struck a match. She was enveloped in flames when the fumes became ignited, and struggled to put out the fire of her clothes to save her life. The blaze spread to furniture and the walls and ceiling.

Leaving his home for work shortly after 6 o'clock, Mr. Riddle noticed smoke coming from the roof of Miss Taylor's home. He entered and ran to the rear when he received no response to a call. The room in which Miss Taylor lay was filled with smoke and was burning rapidly.

Meanwhile, other passersby sent in a call to the fire department. The house itself was saved, only the one room being seriously damaged. Chemicals were used to extinguish the fire.

Miss Taylor was reported this afternoon to be resting comfortably. She is slightly burned and suffers from the effects of the smoke.

FALLS HEADLONG 14 FEET, ESCAPES BROKEN BONES

Special to The Advertiser.
Mitchell, Dec. 29.—While Mr. Robert Baker, of the township of Pularton, was assisting in unloading hay in his barn, his feet got tangled in the trip rope, and he was carried up to the beams, and fell headlong to the barn floor on his head and right shoulder, a distance of about fourteen feet. No bones were broken but he was badly injured, and will have to remain in bed for another week.

GENERAL BOICHUT GIVEN COMMAND IN MOROCCO

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, Dec. 29.—An army order names General Boichut to succeed General Naulin in command of the French troops in Morocco. General Boichut has been the commander of the 19th army corps, one of the star units of the Moroccan forces. General Naulin will take his place in that command.

CITY COUNCIL WILL HEAR L.S.R. PROPOSITION TODAY

Manager of Bus Company Is Unable To Attend Meeting This Afternoon.

MAY CONTINUE

Expected To Operate Cars On Five-Cent Fare Until End of February.

The Metropolitan Bus Company will not be represented at the transportation meeting in the city hall this afternoon, when the city council gathers to consider bus and street railway service for the future. Manager C. C. Kamm of the bus company is snow-bound in Orillia, and has not appointed anyone to represent him at the meeting. Bus enthusiasts will endeavor to have the meeting postponed till tomorrow, but it is not likely that their request will be granted.

The London street railway proposition is in the hands of City Clerk Baker. Vice-President Ivey of the street railway, and Manager Leonard Tait will explain the street railway proposition to the council.

While officials would say nothing as to nature of the proposals, it is expected that the company will offer to operate a new agreement with the city of February on a 5-cent fare, providing the Metropolitan Bus Company is not allowed to operate after Jan. 1.

The street railway will also be prepared to operate buses in South London until the new Ridout street bridge is completed. The street railway cannot operate over the Ridout street bridge at present, owing to an order of the Ontario railway board. Therefore, it is expected that should the council be favorable this afternoon, street railway buses will operate from Dundas and Woodhead to the store, stated the loss might exceed \$10,000.

RUDERLESS FREIGHTER BATTLES OCEAN FOR MONTH

Associated Press Despatch.
Portland, Ore., Dec. 29.—The rudderless freighter West O'Hara, which was wrecked in the Pacific Ocean, crippled by the loss of her rudder on Dec. 1.

LOSE \$10,000 TO YEGGMEN.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 29.—The exact amount secured by robbers who held up the watchman and blew the safe in the Wood's department store Sunday morning was unknown today, but Charles Wood, head of the store, stated the loss might exceed \$10,000.



HARRY B. MUIR who was president of the local Kiwanis Club.

TODAY'S MEETING IS LAST OF YEAR

Board of Education To Discuss \$100 Damages Awarded Boy.

Several items of business are to come up for consideration on the special meeting of the board of education this afternoon, the last meeting, incidentally of this year's board.

The decision of Judge Talbot Macbeth in favor of Stewart Marsh of \$100 damages for injuries to his foot suffered by stepping into a fire on the Victoria public school playground will be tabled and discussed by the board. While the decision went against the board, the judge expressly explained that it was "injustice upon the part of the caretaker," and held further that in general at such schools there are accidents due to boys and girls engaged in playing games.

A letter from the Young Pioneers of the Communist party of Canada, protesting against the excessive amount of home work in the public schools, also will be tabled.

Other questions to be dealt with include the naming of the new East London college after the late Sir Adam Beck; the sale of the old Quebec street public school and a letter from Col. G. H. Gillespie asking for longer hours for physical training in the public schools.

FIFTY-TWO VICTIMS RECOVERED FROM MINE

Twenty-Five Dead and Eight Expected To Die in Mexican Blast.

By HARRY NICHOLLS.

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Mexico City, Dec. 29.—Only fifty-two victims—twenty-five dead and eight expected to die—have been recovered from the Palau mine, where one of the worst catastrophes in Mexican mining history happened last Thursday afternoon.

The latest news. The mine is located in the coal producing center of the state of Coahuila.

A shift of about 100 miners descended shaft No. 4 of the Palau mine, when a short circuit wire used to drive wagons, caused a heavy fire damp explosion. Despite heroic rescue efforts, there remain still about half the number entombed.

The whole mining sector is in a state of desolation, not only because of those who have lost their breadwinners, but also because many miners still are unrescued.

SCOTLAND YARD SEEKING MISSING AMERICAN GIRL

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 29.—Scotland Yard is seeking Miss Victoria May Edwards, aged 33, formerly employed in an insurance office in San Francisco, who has been missing since Dec. 19.

Relatives whom she had been visiting since June informed the police that she suffered from depression. She was last seen when she left the home of an aunt in Beckenham to visit friends nearby.

SIX HUNDRED ARRESTED BY POLICE OF DETROIT

Associated Press Despatch.
Detroit, Dec. 29.—Police headquarters were filled to overflowing last night when more than 600 men were taken into custody by police following raids by the vice squad on five gambling resorts here.

MEETS IN FEBRUARY.
Canadian Press Despatch.
Edmonton, Dec. 28.—The next and final session of the Alberta legislature before a new election will be called to meet. It is expected, about the 1st of February.

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