

ECLIPSE ONLY VISIBLE IN LONDON

Aeroplane Reporters of Eclipse Meet With Misfortune

NEW YORK SEES GREAT SIGHT, LONDON HAS MINUTE OF NIGHT.

"Kismet," sighs Dr. Kingston, When Cloud Obscures View of Eclipse.

DREAM OF LIFE

Partial View Obtained When Clouds Clear Away Ten Minutes Later.

A minute of intense darkness, a minute of absolute silence, sixty seconds of Arctic cold, that was all Professor H. R. Kingston of the University of Western Ontario and his assistants got out of today's total eclipse of the sun.

No shadow bands were visible, no shadow was seen even on the heavy, low-lying clouds, not the least sign of his imperial highness the sun beyond the fact that it was daylight was evident to the crowd of watchers who gathered on the snow-covered university campus this morning to view the eclipse.

Under Professor Kingston's supervision apparatus had been arranged to photograph the shadow bands as they fled at almost incalculable speed across the glistening snow, a camera cord the direction of these shadows. All in vain. There was no shadow, only the darkness and the cold.

Dr. Kingston, who has been looking forward to this eclipse as one of the supremely important things in his professional life, and who admitted months ago that it was a disappointment, but philosophical in spite of it.

"Kismet," he said with a wave of his hands as the light was restored in the southwest and totality was a thing of the past. "Kismet! It can't be helped. Well, bless the weather man, that's all." He turned to the waiting crowd just beginning to stamp its collective feet in the snow. "The eclipse for the weather man?" he asked, but it fell on deaf ears, or perhaps merely frozen ones, and he went back to his camera, wondering what luck he would have with his next eclipse.

Gather at University.
As early as eight o'clock the first of the would-be witnesses of the first total eclipse in a generation to be visible in London arrived on university hill. Singly, walking, fast to keep warm, and in twos and threes, in cars and on skis, they headed west from the city. Opting to follow the moon, they were disappointed, but heavy morning fog or no promise of a sight of the sun.

The buildings were open, and panes with long soft beams and dusts were making them fit for the day's work. So the amateur astronomers seeking shelter from the cold, wandered through them, looking for a place to see the eclipse.

EVIDENCE CONFLICTS AT TRIAL FOR MURDER

Doctors Differ as to Cause of Death of Two Half-Nieces of H. D. Williams.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 24.—The trial of Harry D. Williams, charged with the murder of his two half-nieces, Cynthia and Nina Foster, aged 14 and 10 years respectively, in a shack near the Maine boundary last November, was featured yesterday by conflicting evidence of medical witnesses, Doctors Turner and Douglas.

Dr. Turner expressed his belief that the older girl had been strangled, but Dr. Douglas, who conducted the inquest over the bodies, said that his conclusions were that the girl had not been strangled. Charles Foster, guardian of the bodies, who took Williams into custody on the morning after the bodies had been discovered, was allowed to give evidence, which contained the alleged admission of guilt by Williams, who was quoted as saying: "I killed the girls and I wanted to pay the extreme penalty, but I didn't do what you think I did."

SPRINGBANK HILL IS POPULAR DURING ECLIPSE

Over 50 Londoners left the city at 2:30 this morning for the Springbank hill to view the eclipse from the Springbank reservoir hill.

Some of the people had cameras and all carried blankets. They did not look as though there would be any rift in the dull gray sky, but these enthusiastic individuals were all hoping against hope that there would be a change and that they would have an opportunity of seeing the eclipse.

BUFFALO PAYROLL BANDIT FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER

Associated Press Despatch.
Lockport, N. Y., Jan. 24.—Matthew Wusser of Buffalo was found guilty of murder in the first degree by a jury today. He was convicted of shooting Howard Huff, postmaster, during a robbery of a payroll at the plant of the National Carbon Company at Niagara Falls last month.

Eclipse Shows Radio Effect

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Jan. 24.—From tests made of the behavior of the ether of the air during the total eclipse today officials of the radio corporation of America declared that a short wave length follows the sun, that static is not entirely a local condition because it was affected by general conditions, and that a long wave, irregular before the eclipse, became noticeably regular during the totality.

DREAMS OF AGES ARE REALIZED

Astronomers in United States View Eclipse—Canadians Disappointed.

Dreams of astronomers of seeing a total eclipse of the sun under ideal conditions were realized today in New York and New England. In Michigan and Ontario and at Niagara Falls, however, clouds and low visibility frustrated scientific attempts.

In New York, witnessing its first total eclipse in 11 years, the spectacle was magnificent. There was great enthusiasm. Watchers on skyscrapers and hilltops cheered.

Excellent scientific observations were made by some of the visiting scientists at Cornell and Yale, almost in the center of the totality area, and also aboard the navy dirigible Los Angeles. The sky ship named for the famous, hovered over the island of Nantucket, Mass., and sent word by radio through the heavens that the results of its trip were excellent.

First reports of the results of scientific tests concerned the radio. At Yerkes observatory, near Mount Airy, Mich., a slight increase in volume and clarity of the radio was noted. At Waterbury, Conn., a marked decrease from direction of the tone wave was apparent. The radio corporation of America in New York reported that its tests showed a short wave length following the sun, and that static is not entirely a local condition.

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SEEN AT WINDSOR.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Windsor, Jan. 24.—Windsor almost perfect atmospheric conditions the total eclipse of the sun gave local citizens something in the nature of a real spectacle this morning. A short wave length following the sun, and that static is not entirely a local condition. The eclipse averaged four seconds later than astronomers had calculated. It was five seconds behind schedule at Cornell, three seconds at Vassar and five seconds at Yale.

CLEAR AT CHATHAM.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Chatham, Jan. 24.—Thousands of persons in Chatham and surrounding district had a perfect view of the eclipse of the sun this morning. The sky was clear with the exception of a few clouds in the north. There was nothing to obstruct the path of the sun, and the whole spectacle was clearly visible to the people who were gathered in little groups at points of vantage.

Shortly after 8 o'clock the watchers saw a round black object starting to pass in front of the sun. It entered Old Sol from the lower right corner, gradually made its way across the sun's surface until there was only a thin streak of light on the left rim. Momentarily about 9:04 or 9:05 the eclipse had the appearance of flaming hoop, then the thin streak of light appeared to work its way gradually around the bottom of the sun from the left to the right, where it gradually widened in an arc reaching from the top to the bottom of the sun. The moon made its exit from the sun's surface via the lower left corner of the orb.

SCIENTISTS FAIL

Canadian Press Despatch.
Long's Corners, Ont., Jan. 24, 9:35 a.m.—The sun never showed its face here after dawn. The clouds spooled everything. They diffused the light from the edge of the path of totality. It did not get completely dark. Professor Chant is packing up. He is just disappointed that's all. He was never too hopeful. The observations on magnetism, intensity of daylight, radio reception, temperature and barometric pressure will be carried on.

There is still a hope that the last contact of the partial eclipse may be timed. The calculations could not have been more than ten seconds out, according to R. Meldrum Stewart.

NO WEEKLY COURT TODAY.

There was no weekly high court held at the courthouse this morning. Cases set down for a hearing will be heard before Mr. Justice Rose at the opening of the supreme court Monday afternoon.

Thousands at New York Have Clear View of Complete Eclipse.

GORGEOUS SIGHT

Shadows Flash Across City at Conclusion of Sky's Phenomena.

Bronx, N. Y., Jan. 24.—The two-ring celestial circus—a total eclipse of the sun—was successfully performed in all its brilliant glory at 3:11 a.m. today, precisely as astronomers predicted it would be. Not a cloud screened the passing of the moon before the sun's disc, and all the attendant phenomenon—Bailey's beads, the shadow band and the early corona—were observed by thousands, who filled streets and house-tops in the northern section of the metropolis.

Mercury, Jupiter and Venus were as clearly visible as at night, although the darkness did not equal that of night. Green, gold and scarlet colors flashed the horizon, adding to the grand spectacle. The corona of the sun was perfect.

The shadow of the eclipse rushed across the snow-covered landscape before and after the totality. The total eclipse lasted for about thirty seconds, as scientists had forecast. A purple light gradually descended over the earth, foregrounding the total darkness. There was a period of darker purple and black gray light, during which dancing waves of incandescent lights were a fantastic pattern of snowy fields, roadways and the sides of buildings.

Bailey's Beads.

Bailey's beads, dancing like drops of liquid topaz strung on a sparkling thread, hung in the sky for just a moment before the eclipse became total. As they flickered out the shadow bands flashed forth weirdly, heralding the approach of the awe-inspiring corona. All the colors of the spectrum seemed to burst outward from the moon's disk, reddish rim. Like the flames from a huge bonfire, the corona of the sun, in a fringe, which at times extended the width of the moon beyond the edge of that icy planet.

Professor J. G. Taylor, making observations at the College of the City of New York, at 135th street, Manhattan, said that at totality he observed mountains of gas below the moon, the corona to the height of one million miles, and that the contour of the corona was continually changing.

Darkness Saturated.

It seemed like many minutes, rather than a few seconds, that darkness saturated earth and sky except for that small portion where hung the dazzling circle of colorful fire. Then slowly the shadow bands appeared on the opposite side of the solar-lunar conjunction. Bailey's beads spread their ochre crescent again—a feature of the spectacular eclipse about which the forecasts of astronomers had little to say.

By this time the corona had subsided, chased into invisibility by the gathering splendor of the sun. A few minutes more and the spectacle turned into the final stages, looking much as it did in the initial phase, only in the reverse—like a quarter moon of the supernatural brilliance, gradually evolving to full moon proportions. Twilight slowly became daylight again.

TOKIO FEELS SHAKE.

Tokyo, Jan. 24.—A sharp earthquake of ten seconds' duration was felt here at 2:20 p.m. today.

Aeroplane Reporters Encounter Hard Luck

Only one of three aeroplanes carrying Advertiser observers of the eclipse was able to fly during totality—secured air photographs.

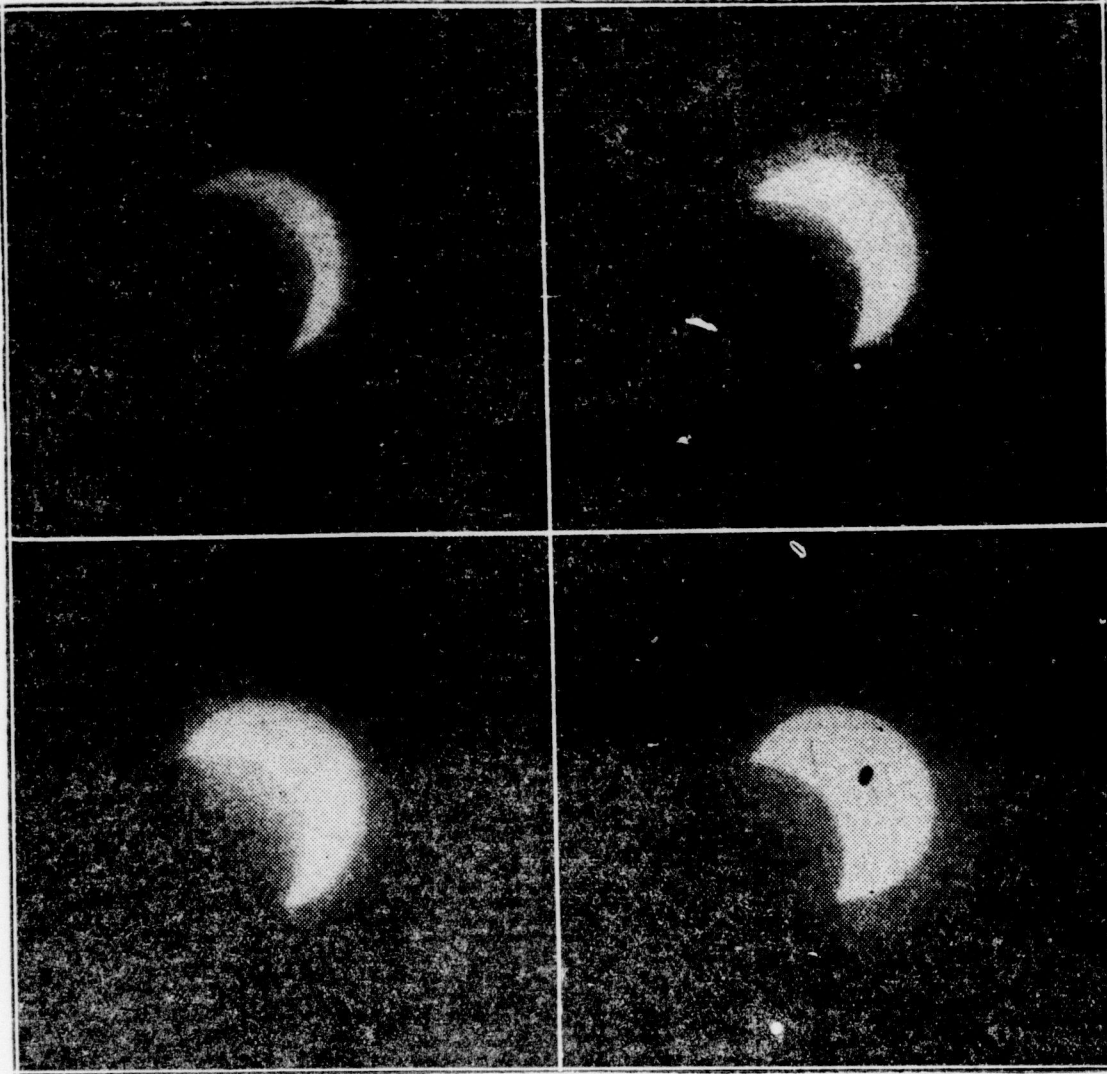
The Advertiser had hoped to prevent the weatherman from cheating its readers out of the total eclipse and for that purpose secured representatives in three aeroplanes to fly above the clouds. Two of these planes, however, met with misfortune, and only the third machine, carrying a photographer, was able to fly at the moment of totality.

The first machine, secured by The Advertiser as a member of the North American Newspaper Alliance, was to take off near New York. Carrying a correspondent and a professor of astronomy. In spite of all precautions, however, the plane's engine was put out of commission by exceptionally cold weather, and in company with eight other machines from the United States Army The Advertiser's flyers were unable to operate. This machine was equipped with radio and its misfortune was a particular disappointment.

Two other Advertiser aeroplanes, secured in co-operation with the Canadian Air Force, left Camp Borden early this morning, flying south. The first machine, carrying Capt. R. S. Groney and a correspondent, was forced down at Holland Landing by engine trouble before the eclipse took place.

The second plane, carrying Capt. G. E. Brooks and a photographer, was more successful and was in the air throughout the eclipse.

Photographs secured by The Advertiser from this plane will be published later—the first attempt to observe and report an eclipse of the sun from the air.



THIS IS WHAT LONDON SAW OF THE TOTAL ECLIPSE.

In the gamble with the weather, the Advertiser lost by five minutes. All that could be seen at the climax moment of the greatest sky drama in two centuries was a speeding gloom, uncertain in its swiftness as the moon raced across the path of the sun. Five minutes too late the clouds broke, showing the sun partly uncovered. An Advertiser photographer secured the four photographs above as the eclipse waned. They were taken at 9:15, 9:20, 9:23 and 9:28, and show what Londoners could see through their smoked glasses. The photographs were secured by using a panchromatic plate with A-red filter, and telephoto lens with 42-inch focus. The camera was pointed directly at the sun for one second's exposure.

WIFE DESERTER GETS JAIL TERM

Magistrate Graydon O'Leary Gives Prisoner a Warning as to Future.

Willis Randal Hackett, colored, is the first Londoner to feel the results of Magistrate Graydon O'Leary's recent declaration of war against wife deserters. He was sentenced to serve a term of three months to two years in the reformatory, when he appeared in police court this morning.

Hackett is the father of four children. He was arrested in Hamilton one week ago after his wife had laid a charge against him of failing to provide his family with the necessities of life. Magistrate Graydon warned the man in court today that if he failed to look after his wife and family would again be sent to the reformatory for a longer sentence. The magistrate consented to approve of a parole at the end of six months if Hackett's behavior warranted.

PROBE WARDVILLE FIRE.

A fire, believed to be of incendiary origin, in Wardville yesterday, is being investigated by High Constable Wharton at the request of the reeve of the village, W. J. Stinson.

SHIVERING ON ROOF TOPS LONDONERS MISS ECLIPSE

Hundreds Gather at Vantage Points in Vain Hope of Glimpse.

WAITED IN COLD

London was cheated! The thousands of people who had so counted on seeing the eclipse, the businessmen who left their offices to take in the show, the school boys who flocked to the streets and to the house-tops, and the school boys who got up early with specially-prepared smoked glass were all on the wrong side of the clouds this morning, and so missed the celestial show.

They shivered and waited, on roofs, on towers, impatient hundreds, ready to view one of the greatest sights of the heavens.

London moved up, its citizens climbed as high as they could, but they saw nothing. The eclipse was a disappointment.

As early as 8 o'clock, reconnoitering parties made their way to the towers of the downtown buildings. On the Holborn tower two figures stood, huddled in the half-light like sentries.

Their groups appeared on the roofs of the buildings, while waves of women stopped to try and find a trace of the sun through the rifts in the clouds. Toward 9 o'clock it looked hopeful. In the south there was a yellow gleam. Right over the downtown area breaks in the gray clouds showed patches of dark blue.

At five minutes to nine a gay crowd laughed and joked on Smallman and Ingram's roof. On the two-story Bank of Montreal building on the market square stood an optimistic crowd of men. The Ontario Loan and Debiture building had its quota waiting expectantly against the first wall. The Cowan firm was represented. Down on market square a knot of men gathered and decided that it would not amount to much. One man suggested that there was five minutes to go yet. They brightened up a little and waited. Faces appeared at the windows. Merchants went out into the street and peered almost anxiously into the heavens.

Darkness Fell.

When nine chimed from the tower of St. Paul's, the streets took on the appearance of five in the afternoon. The lights in shops and office buildings seemed suddenly to increase. Darkness fell rapidly. The street cars were moving on dark streets, conductors touched buttons that turned them into night cars. At the corner of Dundas and Richmond the traffic signal glowed red and green. The traffic officer was on night duty for a moment.

Overhead the heavy masses of dark clouds took on a deeper gray in the rifts between was the deep blue of the sky here and there, a star gleamed. To the east and west along Dundas street the horizon was a solid bank of deep purple. In the south a yellow light was the only mark of the wondrous phenomenon above the clouds.

A crowd gathered. Several small Please See Page 18, Column 7.

COLLAPSE OF PARLEY AVERTED

Finland's Joint Committee Move Saves International Opium Conference.

GENEVA SESSION

Congress Unanimously Accepts Plan to Discuss Far East Problem.

Associated Press Despatch.
Geneva, Jan. 24.—The international opium conference was saved from collapse today when a resolution, introduced by Finland, providing for a joint committee from the first and second conference to inquire into opium smoking in the far east, was unanimously adopted.

BREAKDOWN FEARED.

Associated Press Despatch.
Geneva, Jan. 24.—A private meeting yesterday between Viscount Cecil and Stephen G. Porter, respectively heading the British and United States delegations to the international opium conference, in an attempt to save the conference from a breakdown, resulted in failure. Subsequently Mr. Porter stated that unless conditions changed radically he would return to the United States within a few days.

"I consider the situation has reached such a stage that my continued presence would imperil The Hague opium convention," Mr. Porter said.

Mr. Porter told Lord Cecil that the plan for appointing a joint commission from the present and earlier conferences to discuss the problem of opium smoking proposed by some of the delegates as a means of saving the present conference was not acceptable to the United States delegates. Lord Cecil told Mr. Porter he had not looked favorably on the proposal to adjourn the conference for about a year, but said his decision on this point was not final. He asked the British representative to remain and complete the narcotic drug convention, leaving the question of opium smoking for further treatment in the future.

Three Men Held In Mystery Death

Charles G. Davis Dies in Toronto From Fractured Skull.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Jan. 24.—Charles G. Davis is dead here as the result of having his skull fractured and three men are in custody as material witnesses.

Pogue told the police that he was in a taxi cab driven by Stewart Pogue last night and those held are Pogue, Thomas Ferguson and Ernest O'Dell. It was after the body of Davis had been removed to the morgue and an autopsy held by Chief Coroner Dr. George Graham that it was found his death was due to a fractured skull. How he sustained his injury is not yet known, but the coroner is of the opinion that the man was murdered.

Pogue told the police that he was called to the Gibson house, Queen street east, for a fare and that on reaching there he was accosted by a man who took him around to a lane at the rear of the hotel, where Davis lay on the ground, unconscious.

FLEES WITH STOLEN CHECK WHEN SUSPICION ARISES

Canadian Press Despatch.
Port Huron, B. C., Jan. 24.—The postoffice at Whonnock, near here, was entered Thursday night and robbed of \$50 in cash and a check for \$475. Yesterday a young man presented the check at the Bank of Montreal, but when the officials became suspicious he dashed out without cashing it.

ANOTHER SKY GAZER TELLS OF EXPERIENCE

"Where did you view the eclipse?" asked the fairest of the county buildings staff this morning. "Royal bank building," replied the reporter. "I thought I saw you there," was the reply. "I looked at it from the top of the tower. One of the prisoners helped me up through the ole in the roof. There were people on the roofs of every building in sight."

TORONTO ROBBERY.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Jan. 24.—Held up by gun men in a "cigar" Company store in the downtown section late last night, Edgar Thompson was forced to go into a rear room while the men rifled the cash register, securing \$30. Thompson was then locked in the store, the robbers escaping.

NEW PARKS EXPECTED THIS YEAR

Move Made For Playgrounds in North and South-east.

POINT OUT NEEDS

Claim No Organized Spot Is Available For Their Children.

Two new parks for London, one in the north and the other to serve the southeast, are planned. Citizens of these districts are urging park development, and this call coupled with the demands for increased playground accommodation, make evident the necessity of consideration for new and improved play and pleasure spaces.

Northeast London children of the ward must journey miles to take part in softball or tennis games or for swimming or bathing. Queen's park is the closest playground for these people, and that gives the northeast corner of the city very meagre adequate accommodation. Several sites are being discussed for a park in that district, and action is strongly urged on all sides.

In Ward 3, park and playground accommodation has not given satisfaction to the citizens. Good work has been done in placing divisional play centers at certain of the schools, but Hamilton road and the "far east" feels itself neglected. Hemmed in by factories and railways, children of the Hamilton road district in southeast London daily gaze on scores of vacant lots and "roast farms" and look optimistically to the day when a few dollars of city money will be spent in developing this land.

Queen's park, Thames park and Tecumseh school all provided attractions for the children of the south and the east during the past year, but the Hamilton road youth found its way to Birckett's Flats—not the best of places for a playground, organized or unorganized spot. Birckett's has not been a suitable playground, and the park in the land appears decidedly impractical.

Experience Trouble.

A condition that must be faced is the report that more false alarms are turned in around Ealing school, and now street lamps are being on Hamilton road than in any other section of the city. The fire department and the city engineer will attest to that. From that it is easy to understand that fondness for play has developed an extremist element, where there is not proper accommodation. Give the children good play centers, and the city will be better off.

The need for new park spaces in London is an uncertain matter, and people of both the northeast and the southeast are leading the movement to secure development. It is not merely a subject to discuss, but order to provide organized play centers, but parks have an intrinsic value that is not merely in their use as play centers. They can be made centers for restful hours as well as recreation, aesthetic as well as utilitarian, breathing spaces and beauty spots.

East Londoners strongly advocate that the city put in shape municipally. Please See Page 3, Column 7.

The Weather

FORECASTS.
Today—Slightly cloudy; partly cloudy and mild.

Sunday—Comparatively mild; somewhat colder again by night. The high pressure sure with cold wave which was over the great lakes yesterday has passed to the Atlantic coast. The low pressure which was in Saskatchewan is now moving across Northern Ontario, while another cold wave is spreading into the western provinces from the north.

Temperatures.
The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	46	32	Fair
Calgary	46	9	Clear
Winnipeg	38	4	Clear
Port Arthur	38	8	Cloudy
S. S. Marie	4	4	Cloudy
Toronto	36	4	Cloudy
Kingston	2	18	Cloudy
Ottawa	6	16	Cloudy
Montreal	4	16	Clear
Quebec	2	16	Cloudy
St. John	2	4	Clear
Halifax	1	4	Clear

Minus (—) means 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, 18; lowest, 5. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 12; lowest, 5.

Barometric Readings.

Friday—8 p.m., 29.93.

Today—8 a.m., 29.44.