

THE WEATHER:
NORTHWEST GALES; COLDER.
WEDNESDAY—COLDER.

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POCOCK URGES LONDON TO SUPPORT L. AND P.S. King's Speech Assures Closer Relations With Dominions

FUTURE OF RAILWAY UP TO CITY

Pocock Urges Support From
Citizens For L. and P. S.
Line.

HAVE POOR YEAR

Points Out Other Radicals Are
Facing a Greater
Deficit.

Urging that the L. & P. S. R. be supported to the limit by the citizens of London, Philip Pocock, former London railway commissioner and an outstanding advocate of public ownership, today declared that the city should stand behind the establishment of bank credits for the railway. Mr. Pocock pointed out that the city had found ways and means of advancing money to the London street railway. The city had created sufficient precedent in its advances to the L. & P. S. R. to justify aid being given to the L. & P. S. R.

"The road has had a bad year, we know," Mr. Pocock stated, "but other businesses and other railways have been hard hit, too. Every year cannot be as poor as this one. The Port Stanley is the people's own property. If they want it, and have faith in its future, they will support it now."

Credit of \$50,000.
Sir Adam Beck, chairman of the London railway commission, yesterday declared that the L. & P. S. R. would need to have a line of credit up to \$50,000 established if it were expected to carry on next year. Estimated deficit for the present year is around \$25,000. However, Mr. Pocock declares that he will oppose the granting of credit, through motion of the city council, so that the railway can carry on in spite of its deficit. He said today that the move was illegal, and as such he would not support it.

In speaking to The Advertiser today, Mr. Pocock pointed out that the city council had overcome legal technicalities in the past when an urgent necessity was presented. He said that the year's radicals were facing a larger deficit than last year, and that the ratepayers there were helping to carry the cost of the deficit. "The city council," he said, "is not a grant or a Christmas box to the L. & P. S. R., but it is merely making a loan possible if the money is needed to carry on."

Mileage Increase.
"The railway's track mileage has been increased by a tenth since the city became owner and financed by improvements made from time to time. The road is worth much more today than it was ten years ago."

It was pointed out today that the L. & P. S. freight traffic is bound to pick up during the coming year. The city gas company has been using coal exclusively for manufacturing purposes, and its consumption will amount to a car a day. The Port Stanley road will also have large shipments coming in.

It is suggested in some circles that the retention of the road as a public utility will be an election issue next year, but until that time there is no way of securing an accurate opinion of the public on the popularity of the road as a civic-owned enterprise.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Today—South-

west to north-

west gales, cold-

er, with local snow

flurries.

Wednesday—

Fresh westerly

winds, fair and

colder.

The deep de-

pression men-

tioned yesterday

has passed north-

ward into Quebec,

causing gales on

Great Lakes and

rain and snow

in Ontario to the

maritime provinces.

In the west the

weather has been

fair and cold.

Temperatures.

The highest and lowest temperatures

recorded in London during the 24 hours

previous to 8 o'clock last night were:

Highest, 37; lowest, 25.

The official temperature for the 24

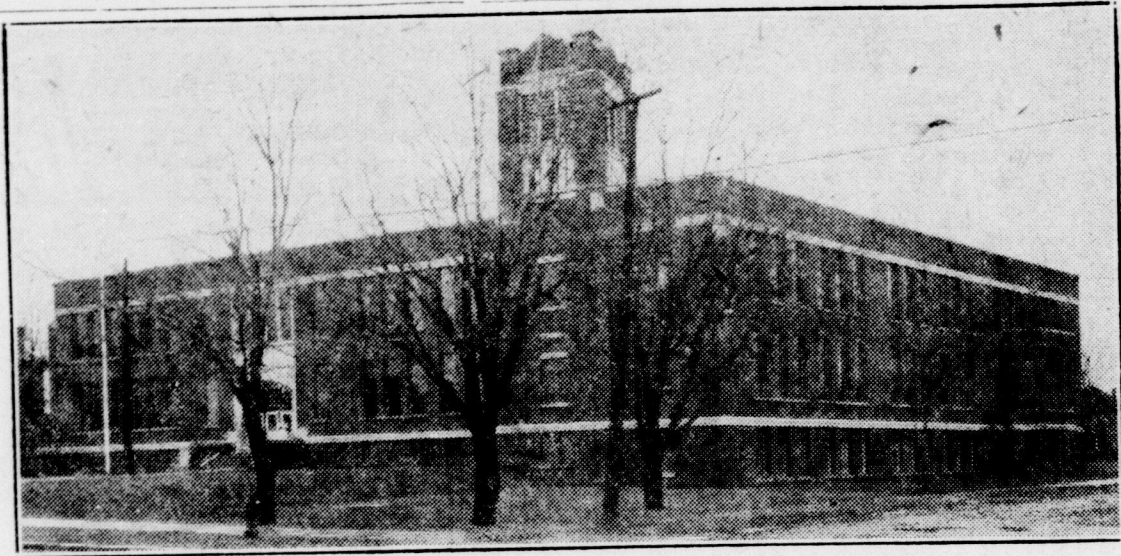
hours previous to 8 a.m. today was:

Highest, 32; lowest, 27.

Barometric Readings.

Monday—3 p.m., 28.62.

Tuesday—3 a.m., 28.59.



NEW EMPRESS PUBLIC SCHOOL IN SOUTH LONDON.

Considered to be the finest of its kind in Western Ontario today. It will serve a dual purpose in providing an unexcelled educational, social and community center in that particular section of the city. Since a school of such size and up-to-date appointments has been erected at the modern

ate cost of \$180,000, it is pointed out that it would not require anything like \$500,000 to build two new colleges in the east and south portions of the city, as has been intimated. The new school, which will be opened at the beginning of the new year, embraces a fine auditorium

with seating capacity for nearly 500 people, 15 standard classrooms, kindergarten room, nurse's room, principal's office, dental clinic, household science room and manual training department. The building, as viewed from Wharncliffe road, completely obscures the present antiquated Empress avenue school.

INQUEST OPENED IN WOMAN'S DEATH

Preliminary Hearing Held and
Jury Will Meet Again
Friday.

A preliminary inquest in connection with the death of Mrs. Walter Smale, 1196 Florence street, who was killed when struck by an automobile last night, was held at the coroner's court today. The jury adjourned to meet at the police station on Friday night.

Mrs. Smale, who is 43 years old, was killed when she was run down by a motor car driven by Thomas Wright, 250 Princess avenue, in front of the Centennial Methodist church, shortly after 8 o'clock last evening. She was taken to Victoria hospital, but died from internal injuries soon after her admittance.

Mrs. Smale was on her way to attend a meeting at the church. She was walking along the sidewalk and at the driveway at the side of the church was struck by the motorist, who had turned in from the road that he might park his car. It was raining heavily at the time and this is thought to have been a factor in the accident.

The investigation is being conducted by Coroner Dr. Robert E. Benzon, and a jury composed of Benzon, E. Bice, Robert Ross, Adam Blay, Robert Robertson, Percy Ashton, Fred Highway, T. W. Waterworth and Harry Kew has been impaneled.

MANY FARMERS INQUIRE ABOUT WESTERN ONTARIO

The campaign being fostered by the London chamber of commerce and the London Ontario boards of trade to populate vacant land in Western Ontario is receiving wide and favorable publicity throughout the entire peninsula and has penetrated to Western Canada and extreme portions of Ontario.

Letters have been received from Saskatchewan and Alberta in the west, as well as numerous inquiries from outlying parts of the province, asking for more information. The campaign is being actively supplied by the London C. of C.

SPRINGBANK 'FEEDER' LINE BREAKS, REPAIRS NEEDED

An interruption of about an hour occurred on the Springbank "feeder" line last night during the early hours of the evening.

This is the line which it is the intention of the public utilities commission to rehabilitate in the near future. The line is fast wearing out, particularly as to the cross arms and insulator equipment.

The commission has just been waiting to get over the present rush of work before undertaking the renewal of the line.

Last night's break is the second within the past week.

JEWELRY WORTH \$30,000 STOLEN FROM SALESMAN

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 9.—Three same cases, containing jewelry valued at between \$30,000 and \$40,000, were stolen from the automobile of Dave Sashow, New York jewelry salesman, here last night.

BANS REFERENCE TO "MR. A."

London, Dec. 9.—The lord chamberlain, who has supervision over the staging of plays and theatres, has issued a ban on any reference to "Mr. A." in theatrical productions. This decision deals a serious blow to comedians and to topical song writers, especially as the Christmas pantomime season is near.

Will Appeal Million Award

Associated Press Despatch.
Chicago, Dec. 9.—A thirteen-year controversy over the color scheme once used by the William Wright, Jun., company, on one kind of its chewing gum, in which Federal Judge Wilkerson yesterday gave an award of \$1,471,000 to the L. T. Larson, Jun., company, is not ended. The Wright company will appeal.

William Wright, Jun., president of the Wright company, explained that the award gave him no concern, as the sum was less than 10 per cent of the company's surplus.

RAILWAY LOSES APPEAL IN UNIQUE JUDGMENT

Dentist Put Off Car, Gets
\$1,610 Damages—Not
Public Use.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 9.—The appellate division has decided that the issue raised by a railway putting a passenger off a street car because he would not pay his fare is not a public question and has refused the Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto railway leave to appeal from the judgment of the first divisional court, which reversed the finding of Mr. Justice Wright and directed judgment to be entered in terms of the jury's verdict, awarding Dr. Howe, dentist, of St. Catharines, \$1,610 damages for injuries sustained when he was put off a Niagara, St. Catharines and Toronto railway car, wandered on to the track and an hour later was run over. Application for leave to take the case to the supreme court of Canada may now be made at Ottawa.

SOO HUNTERS GATHER FOR DRIVE ON WOLVES

Colder Weather Makes Conditions Better For Season's First Hunt.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Dec. 9.—Forty men in nine automobiles set out at 7 o'clock this morning for Bar River, where they were to be joined by about 100 more from that neighborhood in the first hunt staged by the Algoma wolf hunt club.

The weather was much colder than yesterday and during the night the ground, which was pretty well softened by yesterday's steady rain, froze over again. There was a slight sprinkle of snow. Except for the fact that in the bush it was probably a sloopy underfoot, it was in many ways an ideal day for the hunt.

The section chosen by Mr. Premlin for the chase stretches from a point less than a hundred yards from the meeting place and the most remote point at which a small band of hunters was placed is two miles and a half distant.

The area is well covered with trees and brush and a portion of the territory was swampy land. Considerable snow was evident in the bush.

UNEMPLOYED PROMISED WORK ON \$241,000 PROJECT

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Dec. 9.—Work totalling an expenditure of \$241,000, to be started here today, was promised by Mayor-elect J. P. Balharric to several hundred of Ottawa's unemployed men who crowded the council chamber yesterday afternoon demanding work, not charity.

LONDON HONORS GREAT CITIZEN

Lieut.-Col. A. M. Smith Is
Buried Today at Mount
Pleasant.

Full military honors were paid Lieut.-Col. Albert M. Smith today when all militia units in the city turned out in memory of one of London's best known business men, soldier and sportsman, who passed away on Saturday.

The funeral, held from Lieut.-Col. Smith's late home, Belvedere, Wortley road, was one of the largest ever held in London and hundreds were present to pay their last respects to one of the city's pioneers and a man whose attentions throughout life has been held by an amazing variety of interests.

The general garrison parade of the Royal Canadian regiment and members of the Canadian Fusiliers, of which Lieut.-Col. Smith was honoraried colonel, and officers, non-commissioned officers and men of other units in the city were in attendance in recognition of Lieut.-Col. Smith's life of service with the Canadian army.

Many Pay Honor.
Many who had known him, aside from his military activities, were present for services both at the home and the grave in Mount Pleasant cemetery.

Shortly after 2 o'clock the royal Canadian regiment and Canadian Fusiliers approached Belvedere home headed by the R. C. R. band. The soldiers lined up on the drive in front of the home and saluted as services were being conducted by Very Rev. Dean L. Norman Tucker.

As the casket was carried from the home and placed in a hearse, carriage by six active and past lieutenants of the Canadian Fusiliers the two units came to the present and began to march to the cemetery.

The active pallbearers included Lieut.-Col. A. Leonard, D.S.O.; Col. G. E. Reid, D.S.O.; Lieut.-Col. A. Campbell, Lieut.-Col. William Spittal, Lieut.-Col. W. G. Coles, and Lieut.-Col. G. W. Little, M.B.O., M.C. The honorary pallbearers were Major Hume Cronyn, P. P. Betts, H. E. Gates, R. Harris, Judge Talbot Macbeth, Hume Elliott, A. H. Graydon, Hon. C. S. Hyman, W. L. Elliot, R. C. MacFie, Sir Adam Beck, J. I. Hunt, Harry Carling, and Dr. D. H. Hogg.

Funeral Procession.

The funeral procession went by Wortley road to Victor street and from Wharncliffe road to Mount Pleasant avenue. Strict military procedure was followed throughout with junior ranks in the lead and senior militia men in the rear.

With the crack of rifles, the sounding of "the last post," and a roll of drums, Lieut.-Col. Smith was laid to rest.

Flowers of the Forest" was played by the R. C. R. band as a legion of lifelong friends of the late lieutenant, who was now on his way to the grave, stood by the casket at the passing of one of London's most prominent, most distinguished citizens.

\$12,000 OPIUM SEIZURE MAKES MONTREAL RECORD

Canadian Press Despatch.
Montreal, Dec. 9.—Following a raid on an east end house, Dominion excise officers seized two sacks containing 140 pounds of gum opium worth \$12,000 in the illicit drug market of Montreal. The raid netted the largest opium haul the city has yet known. Information was secured that an individual had rented a room on St. Dominique street and had left two sacks there. The authorities investigated with the above result.

FRANCE MAY POSTPONE PAYMENTS

British Worried Over Prospects of U. S. Being Paid First.

ACTION AWAITED

Sir Josiah Stamp Intimates America May Suffer From Gold Glut.

By HENRY SOMERVILLE.
Special to The Advertiser.
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London, Dec. 9.—A question about which there is deep feeling in Britain though it is seldom publicly expressed, is the failure of France to take any steps to pay her war debts to Great Britain.

British feeling is irritated at the suggestions that France may pay the United States before she pays Britain and that the States may give better terms to France than were given to Britain.

The best informed opinion is that there is no likelihood of the latter eventually and, if there were, Britain would not protest against France receiving the concession, but would urge the extension of the most favored nation's treatment to herself.

It is an error to assume that Britain is now so financially weak that it is impossible to do this without British co-operation. The greatest interest of the United States is to maintain the value of gold, and it is impossible to do this without British co-operation.

Sir Josiah Stamp, the great financial expert, in an article contributed to the American press, pointed out to America that she may find herself permanently glutted with superfluous gold. The chief use of gold is to act as a basis for currency, and thus give stability to the currency. But there are other ways of obtaining stability besides using gold, though doubtless these other ways are not so perfect as the gold standard.

CANADIAN DREDGING CO. IS GIVEN CANAL CONTRACT

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Dec. 9.—The Canadian Dredging company of Midland has been awarded the contract for section seven of the Welland canal. It was learned last night. Three companies tendered for the work to the department of railways and canals, and the contract was given to the lowest bidder. The work will commence almost immediately. The amount of the contract was not announced last night, but will be made public very shortly.

MONEY WIZARD NOT GUILTY OF MURDER, WIFE INSISTS

Mrs. Russell T. Scott Will
Stick by Her Husband
to the End.

ATTENDS COURT

Special to The Advertiser.
Chicago, Dec. 9.—"I shall stick by Russell. Any statement credited to me that says otherwise is not the truth. I don't care what people say about him. I believe he is innocent. And I think the jury will bear out what I am saying."

So said Mrs. Russell T. Scott, wife of the young Toronto and Windsor financier, on trial here, last night in an exclusive interview with The Advertiser. Mrs. Scott, a petite red-headed woman and mother of two handsome children, was in the courtroom almost all the time the jury was being selected. The first evidence was heard yesterday.

When, after a deadlock lasting five days, the defense attorneys accepted the four men tendered by Prosecutors Cronson and Smith late yesterday afternoon and announced the jury box as filled, Judge Thomas J. Lynch, who is hearing the case in the criminal court, announced the state must begin immediately its opening address.

Attorney William W. Smith, who had denounced the hypothesis that it was Robert Scott, a brother of Russell, who did the actual shooting, said the jury is made up of a painter, a bricklayer, building superintendent, merchant, mechanic, meat packer, broker, salesman, freight agent and two retired men, first heard the testimony of Coroner's Physician Arthur Benson. His testimony ran the line to where the bullet entered the body of Joseph Maurer, the youthful drug clerk, who resisted the hold-up.

YOUTH BLAMES DRINK FOR MURDERING PAL

Sherborn, Mass., Dec. 9.—A telephone message from the Medford police early today informed John Burke of this town that his son Harold had been murdered in bed. The father went upstairs to his son's bedroom and found that he had been shot and killed as he slept. James Leo Mortimore, a youth, who lived with the Burke family, when arrested in Medford for operating an automobile while under the influence of liquor, admitted that he shot Burke, the police reported. His explanation, the police said, was that he had been drinking.



C. C. HENRY,
popular warden of Middlesex county, who is presiding at the December sittings of the county council, now in session.

GRAIN ELEVATOR AND BARGE BURN

Port Huron Fire of Unknown
Origin Causes Loss of
Half Million.

Associated Press Despatch.
Port Huron, Mich., Dec. 9.—The Grand Trunk elevator here, containing 600,000 bushels of grain was destroyed, and the barge Alexander Maitland with a cargo of barley was burned almost to the water's edge by fire of undetermined origin this morning. Early estimates of the loss placed it at more than \$500,000, including \$100,000 to the barge and its cargo.

The fire started in the elevator and fanned by a high west wind soon enveloped that structure and spread to the barge moored at the elevator wharf. Although the Maitland's cargo was afloat, its bow ablaze, and the walls of the elevator threatened momentarily to collapse on its decks, two tugs got lines aboard and pulled for more than half an hour when the heat, melting the three cables with which it was tied to the dock, enabled them to tow the craft into the river.

The elevator was owned by the Grand Trunk Elevator Company of Port Huron. It was built in 1910 and was valued at \$200,000. The grain it contained was said to be worth more than \$200,000.

The Alexander Maitland had a net tonnage of 2,908. It was built at Buffalo in 1910, and carried a crew of ten men. Its home port was Cleveland. The crew was taken aboard the tug.

Name of "Mr. A" Taboo In Jokes

Censor of Plays Makes Ruling
in Scandal Case.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 9.—"Mr. A," as Rajah Hari Singh, the Indian potentate, was referred to in court during the Robinson blackmailing case, must not be made the subject of vaudeville sketches. This is the ruling just handed down by the censor of plays, and a producer, who had intended to stage a piece entitled "Mr. A," has been compelled to withdraw it.

As "Mr. A" is just now a favorite object for caricature, every Londoner who has seen the play, but it seems that such jokes have in the censor's eyes a different value in carefully-prepared sketches.

FREIGHTER DAMAGED ON STONY POINT ROCKS

Canadian Press Despatch.
Hackett Harbor, Dec. 9.—The freighter A. D. MacTier, which was released from a rocky ledge near Stony Point yesterday, after nearly two weeks of effort by a wrecking crew, went aground again during the night near Madison barracks.

During the night, the MacTier and the lighter, Isabelle Reid, dragged anchor in a gale that swept this vicinity.

The two vessels put in here yesterday when it was found that the MacTier was leaking badly as a result of her experiences at Stony Point. It had been planned to have a diver examine the freighter's hull and ascertain the extent of her damages before proceeding to Ogdensburg.

The Isabelle Reid is owned by the Russell Wrecking company of Toronto and the MacTier is the property of the George Hall Coal Company of Ogdensburg.

PARK ESTATE TRUSTEES ARE ALLOWED \$11,372

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 9.—Under the trustees act, Mr. Justice Lennox has given judgment allowing the trustees of the \$125,734 estate of the late John M. Park of Chatham, compensation totalling \$11,372, divided as follows: Archibald Park \$7,389.50; George Park \$2,389.50; John Ray Park \$1,593.

GREATER INTER-EMPIRE TRADE IS PROMISED

King George, in Speech From
Throne, Reveals Policy
of Co-operation.

FINISH NAVAL BASE

First Announcement That the
Prince Will Visit Argentina
Is Made.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 9.—Closer co-operation with the dominions in regard to all matters of mutual concern, encouragement of empire settlement, promotion of trade between the units of the empire, and proposals for granting further preferences on goods purchased from the dominions are some of the salient features of the policy of the new Baldwin government as revealed by the speech from the throne read by King George at the opening of the fifth parliament of his reign today.

The king's speech was an unusually comprehensive one, considered by political world as likely to take its place as an historical document of exceptional importance. It was a full statement of the new Conservative government's policy at home and abroad, and its completeness is said to have been inspired by the fact that the government, with its safe majority, will enjoy a five-year tenure of office unless the unexpected happens. It was the firm conviction of the government, the speech declared, that in closest co-operation with the governments of the dominions and India in all matters of mutual concern lies the key to industrial progress and the increasing unity and strength of the empire. The policy of encouraging empire settlement and mutual trade between the various units of the empire was one which the government deemed "of greatest importance." The proposals for further imperial preference would be based on the recommendations of last year's imperial economic conference.

IMPOSING SPECTACLE.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 9.—Londoners today are enjoying one of their most cherished pageantries, the procession of the king and queen from the palace to Westminster and back on the occasion of their state inauguration of the new session of parliament.

The antique gilt chariot, carrying their majesties' ride, drawn by eight great bay horses, covered with brilliant trappings and ridden by bejeweled postillions in royal livery, never fails to draw crowds while the attraction is rounded off by the glittering escort of life guards and a number of mounted police.

LEAGUE GRANTS DELAY SOUGHT BY BRITAIN

Consideration of Geneva Peace
Plan Now Laid Over
Until March.

Associated Press Despatch.
Rome, Dec. 9.—Council of the League of Nations decided at a private session today to accede to Britain's request and postpone consideration of the Geneva protocol and arrangements for a disarmament conference until the March meeting of the council.

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\$300,000 GOES IN HOLDUP, \$5,000 REWARD OFFERED

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The loot, it is estimated, will total \$300,000, ten thousand dollars of which was in cash. Directors of the bank, after a meeting late yesterday, announced that it was not yet determined in what amount the stolen securities were negotiable.



KING GEORGE
presiding at the opening of the British parliament today. The speech from the throne dealt with many important questions, among them the Egyptian trouble, the naval base at Singapore and proposals to reduce taxation.

ENGLISH SLAYER DIES ON GALLOWS

William G. Smith Executed at
Hull For Murder of
Wife.

Associated Press Despatch.
Hull, Eng., Dec. 9.—William G. Smith, the young painter whose condemnation to death for the murder of a woman last August, aroused intensive appeals for clemency, was hanged at 9 o'clock this morning.

In a last desperate effort to save Smith, a number of local notables, including the mayor's wife, this morning telegraphed an appeal to King George, asking him to exercise his royal prerogative and spare the condemned man's life. Before the appeal to the King every conceivable effort had been made to obtain a reprieve from the home secretary, Sir William Joynson-Hicks, but a reprieve had been refused. A deputation headed by Commander Kennedy, M.P., and including six other commoners, was forced to report failure.

The populace was greatly stirred over the case and filled the churches for hours while special prayers were said for the condemned man.

A meeting of 10,000 persons yesterday threatened a general strike if their reprieve petition was not granted.

One of the arguments presented was that Smith had not been shown impartiality, as another man, proved guilty of murdering his wife at the same time Smith was condemned, was sentenced to only ten years imprisonment.

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