

THE WEATHER:
FAIR, MODERATELY COLD.
TUESDAY—FAIR.

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THIRTY-TWO MILL TAX RATE WILL BE AIM IN 1924

Grenade Hurling At Kemal Pasha In Smyrna Injures Wife

PROBE OF FIRE DEPARTMENT URGED DURING PRESENT YEAR

Forecast of Mayor's Inaugural
Address Shows Appeal For
Co-operation.

FAVORS ANNUAL GRANT

Would Give the Social Service
Council Control of Tem-
porary Relief.

Mayor George Wenige is rounding out his inaugural address for presentation at the first session of the city council a week hence. And where in 1923 the mayor's opening remarks forecasted fireworks it is promised at the city hall that his workshop's demands upon the new council snack more of "co-operation" and there is less talk, after his year's stewardship about "probes" and "investigations."

There will be one exception, however, to prove the rule, it would appear—the final settlement of that long-debated question about the administration of the fire department. Mayor Wenige still insists, despite the opinions of Dr. Horace L. Britain and others, that there is "need for improvement" in that branch of the city's services. His workshop will again recommend many changes in the personnel of the department, "without fear or favor" that will tend to eliminate alleged dissension and promote a closer feeling of co-operation and harmony.

Probably the most important and interesting to the taxpayers generally will be the mayor's request for a 32-mill tax rate, to replace the old rate of 34 1/2 points on the dollar. He believes that this can be accomplished with closer co-operation between the city and the other spending bodies, and he points out that "as labor has been subjected to a substantial reduction, the tax rate should be brought down to meet it."

Not in Spending Mood.
His workshop reasons that the people are in no spending mood and bases this argument upon the fact that at the recent election they voted down both municipal by-laws. For this reason he submits that capital expenditures should be kept down.

An annual grant for relief purposes will be advocated by the mayor. It is learned unless he changes his mind in the interim, and he proposes that the Social Service Council be given the administration of all temporary relief, such work now being done through the city relief department.

Closer co-operation with the Western Fair Association will be a leading recommendation from the mayor, if all indications prove correct. The mayor is striving for the establishment of a winter fair in London, and for that purpose the construction of a modern stock arena. He feels that the city should share in this project.

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WALKS IN WINTER ARE
DECLARED DANGEROUS

Elderly Residents Complain of
Existing Conditions in
London.

Some of the elderly residents of London, in the past few days have come to the conclusion that the city has the worst winter sidewalks in all Ontario. Many of them complain that in the winter time they are afraid to go out and that in consequence they are confined to the house simply because the sidewalks are too dangerous.

One, who has just come back from Toronto, said that there the sidewalks are cleaned with snow immediately after a fall and that one can walk anywhere as easily as in summertime.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.
Moderate west and northwest winds; fair and moderately cold today and Tuesday.

The disturbance which was near the middle Atlantic coast on Saturday passed across Nova Scotia during Sunday, giving rains with snow in the Maritime Provinces, while that which was in the Western Provinces passed quickly across to Northern Ontario, giving southwest gales in Ontario and Quebec.

The temperature is now quite moderate throughout the Dominion.

The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours from 7 a.m. today were:

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	42	38	Cloudy
Calgary	48	18	Clear
Winnipeg	22	2	Fair
Port Arthur	14	2	Cloudy
Sault Ste. Marie	14	12	Snow
Toronto	18	16	Snow
Kingston	22	20	Cloudy
Ottawa	14	8	Snow
Montreal	16	6	Cloudy
Quebec	2	0	Cloudy
St. John's	14	6	Snow
Halifax	22	6	Snow

Minus (—) means below zero.

Wenige Outlines Demands On Councillors During 1924

The mayor's demands upon the city councillors during 1924 will not be as spectacular as in 1923, and sweeping changes will be advocated in the fire department only and in connection with the city relief department.

Several of the proposals come over from 1923, as, for instance, the appointment of a city purchasing agent, the inauguration of the commission form of government, the appointment of a corporation lawyer for city clerk, and the appointment of a full-time police magistrate.

Here are a few of the "high spots" forecasted for the mayor's inaugural:

1. A 32-mill tax rate.
2. Such changes in the personnel of the fire department as may be imperative to produce harmony.
3. Inauguration of a civic insurance department in conjunction with the city treasurer's office.
4. Revision and consolidation of all traffic by-laws and the passage of a regulation that all autos come to a dead stop when entering through streets.
5. Better train service into London from neighborhood communities and rural districts.
6. More market accommodation, the establishment of a rest room and motorbus terminal.
7. Full-time city solicitor, police magistrate, and the appointment of a corporation lawyer for clerk.
8. An annual grant for relief purposes and the handling of the same to be done by the Social Service Council.
9. The early revision of the city salary roll, with the creation of a civic pension scheme, embodying an age limit for retiring and a sliding scale of wages, with maximum and minimum figures.
10. Closer co-operation with all spending bodies, the appointment of the city clerk as secretary of the L. & P. S., and co-operation with the Western Fair in a proposal to remodel the Crystal Palace at the exhibition grounds. This program also includes the establishment of a winter fair and the construction of a stock arena for that purpose.

PROBE IS OPENED IN SQUIRES CASE

Inquiry Into Charges Leading to
Government's Downfall
Will Last a Month.

Canadian Press Despatch.
St. Johns, Nfld., Jan. 7.—The long expected inquiry into charges that led to the resignation of Sir Richard Squires as premier and the downfall of his government last summer began this morning in the council chamber, Colonial Building, before Holly Walker, K.C., the apptee of the Colonial Office, London. Those appearing as counsel included the attorney-general, Hon. W. R. Warren, H. A. Winter and C. E. Hunt for the government, and W. R. Howley, K.C., for Sir Richard Squires and Hon. Dr. Campbell.

It is reported that the ex-attorney, Merton Elmer Lewis, of New York, who was the United Kingdom's counsel in the defence of Sir Richard Squires, J. T. Meaney, former liquor controller, will not be represented by counsel.

The sessions, which are expected to last a month, will be open to the public.

FIREMEN THINK SNOW WHIRL IS REAL SMOKE

Hoist Ladders on Wolfe Street
Housetop Before Illusion
Is Noted.

Winter and snow play strange tricks, and yesterday at noon firemen of the city were disturbed from an otherwise peaceful Sunday by one of its foolish pranks. Whirling snow created an optical illusion, and spectators sent in a fire alarm. The snow continued to whirl and appeared blue in color when the department arrived. Ladders were hoisted on to the roof, and hoses were attached to water mains. It was not until a fireman entered the house and discovered there was no fire that people realized a mistake had been made.

THEATRICAL BODY HERE TO BE SCENE OF CEREMONY

Owing to the fact that members of the local lodge of Theatrical Mutual Association arrived at Hamilton on late for the joint installation of the Hamilton, Toronto, Buffalo and London lodges Sunday afternoon, officers of the grand lodge will visit London on Jan. 29, and install the officers of the local lodge on that day. The delay on Sunday was due to the snowstorm, and the consequent tie-up of rail traffic.



HAS CLOSE CALL.
Kemal Pasha, president of the Turkish republic, whose life was attempted at Smyrna when a hand-grenade hurled at him injured his wife, Kemal escaping without a scratch.

ATTEMPT IS MADE TO END KEMAL'S LIFE

Grenade Hurling at President of
Turkish Republic Injures
His Wife.

SMYRNA IS AROUSED

Head of Nationalists Has Had
Many Narrow Escapes
During Career.

Associated Press Despatch.
Athens, Jan. 7.—The Mitylene correspondent of the Greek newspaper Eleftheron Vemas telegraphs that an unsuccessful attempt was made to assassinate Mustafa Kemal Pasha, president of the republic of Turkey, at Smyrna. The hand grenade intended for Kemal injured his wife.

Mustapha Kemal Pasha, who on October 29 last became the first president of the new republic of Turkey, is the man to whom Turkey owes her present position in the Near East. Prominent early in the world war in the Young Turk movement, Kemal became a military leader of fame. After the war he organized the now famous Nationalist army, whose activities led to the proclamation of a "holy war" against him, and the despatch of the Greek army into Turkey. After the defeat of the Greeks, Kemal established the government at Ankara and was made president of the national assembly, which in November, 1922, decreed the abolition of the sultanate. Kemal's election to the presidency of the republic followed not long after Turkey's remarkable diplomatic successes at the Lausanne conference. He has recently been reported as suffering from heart disease. His wife, whom he married a year ago, is the daughter of a Turkish merchant of Smyrna.

INDIANS WARNED ABOUT HUNTING ILLEGALLY

Department Advises the Game
Warden Here of Prac-
tices Prevalent.

Wholesale illegal slaughter of fur-bearing animals by Indians in this district must be stopped, according to the provincial fish and game department. Col. B. Emmerton district fish and game warden received the following word concerning the matter:

"I beg to advise that under the provisions of the present act and regulations, Indians do not hold any special privileges for the taking of game, which includes fur-bearing animals while off their reserve, and are subject to all the provisions of the game and fisheries act and regulations for the province of Ontario."

Col. Emmerton explained that Indians are not to be interfered with when they hunt on their reserves, but have been unlawfully hunting in other territories through ignorance of the act.

INDIAN SAYS HE "JUST LOVES" BEEF, IRON, WINE

Sam Delaney, 31 an Indian, told the court this morning he "just loved" beef, iron and wine, and attributed this beverage to his intoxicated condition when nabbed by the police.

"Do you belong to a reserve?" the court asked.

"No," said Delaney, "I plead guilty."

He was assessed the usual \$10 and costs.

CHIMNEY BLAZE.

Firemen responded to a chimney blaze last night at 8:45 to the home of George Cleighton, 43 Josephine street, Chelsea, where the fire was extinguished before any damage had been done to the interior of the house.

OPERATION ON MURRELL PERFORMED JUST IN TIME

Hospital Authorities State the
Bandit Has Narrow
Escape From Death.

CONFINED IN "CAGE"

Every Precaution Taken To
Prevent Any Attempt
of Escape.

Sid Murrell, Melbourne bank robber, may have been close to pearly gates from revolver shots the day he and his pals attempted to rob the Home Bank, but had Sid's doctors put off his operation for appendicitis from Sunday until today, he would have been dead, according to Victoria Hospital authorities. Murrell was improved this afternoon, and has every chance for recovery.

The famous young bandit has not been at all well since he bolted down a healthy Christmas dinner. He complained of pains and had an unpleasant bilious attack. Instead of getting better, the pains grew worse. Jail Physician Dr. James D. Wilson, diagnosing the case as appendicitis, Murrell was put on a liquid diet, but showed no great improvement, and late Saturday afternoon Dr. Wishart was called in consultation, but delayed a final opinion till Sunday morning.

An operation was decided on and Murrell was removed to the hospital in the police ambulance at noon, the operation being performed the minute he was prepared for the operating table by house surgeons.

When Murrell came out of the ether, he found that there were bars of iron even in hospitals. He found himself in "the cage" which is the name given to the heavy iron cell where "D. T." and other violent patients are confined, and there was the regulation jail guard, fully armed, that had watched his every movement by day since he was returned to the county jail from California.

When the shades of darkness enveloped his cell, Murrell was bored by his night guard arrived and took up the vigil. Guards are also thrown round the outside of the hospital to prevent escape.

DAIRYMEN TO DISCUSS ALL PHASES OF WORK

Western Ontario Association to
Convene Here January
16 and 17.

Subjects chosen for discussion at the convention of the Dairymen's Association of Western Ontario, to be held in London January 16 and 17, cover fully the three sections of dairy farming in Western Ontario.

Cheese, butter and cream have all been made the centers of one or more discussions to be entered into by the convention as a whole. Information and suggestions to all interested in this form of work will undoubtedly be brought out.

The subjects are as follows: "What is the best Temperature at which to cure full Cheese?" "Are we Shipping Cheese from the Factories too Green?" "The Dominion Educational Cheese and Butter Scoring Contest?" "Should all Cream for Butter-Making be Pasteurized?" "To Produce the first Grade Butter, how often must the cream be collected?" "Domestic Grade Standards for Cream."



SYDNEY MURRELL.
Melbourne bank bandit, who underwent an operation yesterday at Victoria Hospital for acute appendicitis.



"HOOT, MON, WHAT'S THE TAVERN."

When the train from the east bearing Sir Harry Lauder arrived in London last night in a swirl of snow, the comedian peeked through the drift at those who had come to meet him. "What's the tavern, chaps?" he inquired. He just stopped long enough on the gusty platform by the old ruin on the east side of Richmond street to get the direction of the Tecumseh House, and then, as he himself would say, "put his best foot forward and got a sight on the hotel." Here is the way Sir Harry stood beside the train when he first landed as the artist saw him. He was pretty "cauld," and his bare knees grew ruddy at the wind's rough kiss. As Burns might have said: "A blast of Janwa" wind blew hannel in on Harry."

CATTLE SLAUGHTER IS CONDEMNED

British Farmers Roundly Score
Action of Government To
Stamp Out Plague.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Jan. 7.—The minister of agriculture's policy of wholesale slaughter of cattle suffering from foot and mouth disease is being severely criticized in the country. At a meeting of several hundred farmers at Malpas, Cheshire, on Saturday night there were a number of stirring scenes and pandemonium reigned for nearly three-quarters of an hour. The meeting lasted until near midnight. Two representatives of the ministry of agriculture were present. One of them, replying to severe criticism of the ministry's course in the matter of the foot and mouth disease, said the policy of wholesale slaughter, with the loyal aid of the farmers, would enable the ministry to check the spread of the disease and ultimately stamp it out.

A chorus of voices broke in with the exclamation: "Never, and you're killing the cattle." This was followed by denigrative cheering.

A considerable discussion the meeting decided to take a vote of the farmers in the counties most affected by the foot and mouth epidemic, Cheshire, Shropshire and Flintshire, and a resolution was passed to the effect that the future policy of the government in the matter of stamping out the scourge should be based on the result of the majority vote in these counties.

PARENTS ARE INVITED TO LITERARY MEETING

Open Session of London South
Collegiate Will Be Held
Friday Night.

Friday night an open meeting of the Literary Society of the London South Collegiate will be held, to which parents and friends of the students are invited.

The idea of holding an open meeting, according to Principal T. S. H. Graham, is to cultivate a closer spirit of co-operation between the school and the home. A varied program will be given, among other numbers being an exhibition of folk dancing and club swinging. The lay, "The Maid of France," given by the students before the holidays will again be acted by request of parents who were unable to see it before.



NEGOTIATING FOR TRADE.
A. W. Campbell, Dominion commissioner of highways, is now in Edmonton, arranging for the use of British Columbia fir in the old land.

SUB-COMMITTEES TOO NUMEROUS, SAYS BAKER

City Clerk Lays Blame For the
Confusion in Council
in 1923.

Nine-tenths of city council confusion and misunderstanding, during 1923, was prompted chiefly by sub-committees being too numerous in the opinion of City Clerk Sam Baker.

In common with many members of the council, the clerk holds to the opinion that the members of the two standing committees, finance and works, would make better headway if they attended directly to all questions within their jurisdiction and delegated less to smaller committees of their own. In any event, all questions must, in the final analysis, have the consideration of the committees and the council as a whole.

FRENCH DECREE LOWERS THE DUTY ON WHEAT

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, Jan. 7.—A decree issued yesterday lowers the duty on wheat from 14 francs per hundredweight to seven francs. The decrease in the duty is based on the increase in the price of wheat which has followed the exchange tension.

WILL HOLD ELECTIONS.

Frank Neesley will probably succeed retiring master of the district Orange lodges. Elections will be held at a special session Tuesday night.

KENT FARMER MAY HAVE LOST LIFE IN BLIZZARD

Posses of Farmers Are Scouring
Dover Township For
Bruce Bradley.

DANGEROUS ROAD

Neighbors of Missing Man Fear
Both He and Maid Have
Perished.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Chatham, Jan. 7.—Bruce Bradley, the Dover Township farmer, reported missing this morning, was enjoying himself at the home of Fred Dolsen, River road, Dover, while Constables Peters and party were searching for him. Bradley was forced to seek shelter at the Dolsen home Saturday night on account of a storm. He had to deliver ballots at one of the polling divisions this morning, which accounted for him not returning home until about noon.

Special to The Advertiser.

Chatham, Jan. 7.—Posses of farmers commanded by county police officers were today scouring Dover Township in the hope of locating Bruce Bradley, wealthy Dover farmer, who has been missing since Saturday night. Bradley was last seen in a local garage Saturday night when he was making preparations to drive home with the maid of his household, and his dog. Bradley came to Chatham Saturday to see his wife who is a patient in the public general hospital.

The Bradley farm, comprising some 1,500 acres, is situated at the mouth of the river Thames and can be reached only by a deep little hope is held out of finding the farmer and the maid alive. If they sustained injuries in such an accident there is possibility that they may have perished owing to a blizzard which raged Sunday with zero temperature.

Farmers who broke into the Bradley homestead this morning report that there are no signs that he returned Saturday night. The dog has not returned. Bradley was taking supplies of ballot slips and papers to one of the polling stations in his district for township elections to be held today and tomorrow. A Bagnall reported that the ballot slips had not arrived, which resulted in the alarm.

PLAN DEVELOPMENT IN LIGNITE FIELDS

German Capital To Undertake
New Process Making
Fuel.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Regina, Jan. 5.—German capital will enter the lignite fields, along with Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, to be held in Ottawa on Friday next, with a view to developing the deposits, it was stated here today by Dr. Hans Holzwarth, representative of Thyssen and Company, of Mannheim.

The German firm proposes to introduce a new briquetting process, perfected in Germany, which, according to Dr. Holzwarth, will produce fuel equal in firing efficiency to anthracite. He stated that his company had already obtained options on lands in the field with a view to commencing operations.

UTILITIES NOT TO APPOINT DELEGATE TO MEETING

Delegates to the meeting of representatives of hydro municipalities with Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, to be held in Ottawa on Friday next, will not be appointed by the public utilities commission. There will be no meeting of the local board prior to Friday and whether the commissioners attend or not is a matter for their own decision. It is considered likely that at least one member of the commission will go.

PARENTS SOCIETY OF SOUTH HIGH PLAN MEETING SOON

Arrangements are under way for the first 1924 meeting of the newly-formed London South Collegiate Institute Parents' Association, to be held in the auditorium of Victoria school. The executive is making plans for the meeting, the date of which will be announced later.