London Evening Advertiser

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DRIVER IS HURT AS TRAIN CRASHES INTO TRUCK

CITY RETAILERS READY TO FIGHT NEW SALES TAX

Will Take Decided Stand If Businessmen Unite in Protest.

TO GIVE IT FAIR TRIAL

'Experience Meeting' Will Be Called at End of Two Weeks' Experiment.

The London Retailers' Association, in special session at the Tecumseh House this morning, decided that it would stand behind a united effort of businessmen to secure the abolishment of the new stamp tax on all receipts amounting to $10 or more, which becomes effective on January 1, 1923.

Beyond agreeing on this, the merchants would take no action as a body until the plan had been tried out for two weeks, or longer. At the end of that time, it was thought, local businessmen would find that the tax would not be such a hardship after all. It was decided to call an "experience meeting," to be held in two weeks time. The effects of the enforcement of the act will then be discussed, and such action as is deemed advisable will be taken.

London Not Responsible.

It was distinctly pointed out that London merchants are not responsible for the protest, although several of them acknowledged that they had wired their protests as individuals. The first and loudest protests have come from outside the city. Sarnia was particularly emphatic in its claim that the new tax would only add to the already heavy burden of the businessman.

Requests have been received in London from Sarnia and other cities requesting support. It was said that the London Chamber of Commerce had already wired its protest.

Sam Rowed, local automobile dealer pointed out that the merchants, as a body, ought to take any contemplated action immediately.

"Two weeks after the act has been effective is no time to protest," he claimed. "When the sales tax went into effect, I and several others went to Ottawa about it, and we were told that we should have protested before the act went into eect."

Back Up Protests.

R. H. Dowler thought that to back up the individual protests of the merchants, as well as the protests from other cities, the Retail Merchants' Association should make its protest right away.

Gordon Philip, secretary of the chamber of commerce, pointed out that the regulations governing the enforcement of the act had been received, and that the clauses were so modified that it was a question whether there was going to be the trouble that was at first anticipated.

While the objection to the tax was said to be largely due to the loss of time that would entail in the sending of receipts to and from the office, and in the actual stamping of the receipts, this was strongly countered by several merchants, who claimed that the counter check system would obviate this difficulty. The provision was made whereby counter checks and cash register slips, if not marked "paid," would not be taxable. The great majority of sales were under $10, anyway.

Constant Trouble Maker.

It was claimed by the Regent Tailors that the act, notwithstanding provisions noted, would be a constant trouble-maker for them. The sales were such that a receipt was necessary in every case. They were agreeable, however, to throw in their lot with the other merchants, and to give the act two weeks trial. The decision to this proposal was unanimous.

The proposal to link up a "Shop in London Week" with the London Motor Show, which is to be held in this city, February 5-10, was unanimously received. Some of the merchants were in favor of having the "Shop in London Week" take the place of the Dollar Day, which was to be held in February. This did not meet with general favor, however, and it was decided to hold the Dollar Day on Thursday of the week previous to the Motor Show, then go ahead with a big week in co-operation with the officers of the Motor Show. Sam Rowed and Art Carty presented the plans of the Motor Show, especially stressing the benefits to be derived by the merchants through identifying themselves with the Motor Show publicity.

Big Publicity Plan.

The big publicity plan, covering the territory from St. Catharines and Brantford to Sarnia and Windsor, would not entail expense to the merchants. They were simply asked to use slugs, or cuts, in their advertising, shaped like an automobile radiator, and on which would appear the slogan "Shop in London, Feb. 5-10."

"We would ask the merchants to put on special inducements, in the line of bargains," said Art Carty, in explaining the plan. "With the tremendous influx of automobile visitors, there will come a big potential trade. Out-of-town shoppers shop in substantial amounts, and we would like to have the co-operation of the merchants."

Offer for Co-operation.

A model poster was displayed, in which publicity the merchants might also have a part, if they so wished. The proposals were accepted with unanimity by the merchants, and several took occasion to state that

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ESCAPES DEATH AS G.T.R. TRAIN STRIKES TRUCK

Alfred Broome, Driver, Seriously Injured at Egerton Street Crossing.

TRAIN TRAVELING FAST

Eyewitnesses Say It Was a Miracle Victim Was Not Killed.

Alfred Broome of 393 Salisbury street, and an employee of Gorman & Eckert, narrowly escaped death this morning, when a truck he was driving was struck at the Egerton street level crossing by Grand Trunk passenger train, No. 169, from Stratford.

The injured man was rushed to the downtown station on the train, where his injuries were attended to by Dr. S. Henry. He was removed to Victoria Hospital in the police ambulance, where he was further attended by Dr. Henry and Dr. F. R. Clegg. He was badly cut about the face and severely bruised, but no bones were broken. At 2 o'clock his condition was reported by hospital authorities to be fair.

Eyewitnesses of the accident say that the train was traveling at a fast rate, and it was indeed a miracle that the driver was not killed or injured more seriously. The truck was carried for some yards, and is a complete wreck

The fact that Mr. Broome was thrown clear when the impact occurred, is probably responsible for his not being injured more seriously, those who saw the accident state.

The Stratford train is due in London at 11:15, and Friday morning was in charge of Conductor Richard Drake of this city, and Engineer Jim Addie of Toronto.

KU KLUX MINISTER FIRED FROM CHURCH

Attempt to Enlist Members of "Invisible Empire" Causes Expulsion.

New York, Dec. 29.—The Rev. Oscar Haywood, klokard, or lecturer, of the Ku Klux Klan, was expelled from Calvary Baptist Church last night. He came to New York with the avowed purpose of enlisting clergymen and members of his congregation in the "Invisible Empire."

The board of deacons of the church voted unanimously to oust the Rev. Haywood from his position of evangelist, because he was "employed in work incompatible with his position in the church."

"This action shows beyond a doubt," said Dr. Stratton, pastor of the church, "that Dr. Haywood's charge that I was afraid to bring the matter to a conference was unfounded."

AMERICAN DRAFT EVADER STAYS ON GERMAN SOIL

Special to The Advertiser.

Berlin, Dec. 29.—Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, American draft evader, has not left Germany, according to advices from Eberbach today.

A dispatch received here said he spent Christmas there. It was recently reported in the United States that Bergdoll was en route to America aboard a steamer which will dock shortly at a Pacific port. This report said he was on the vessel in the disguise of a sailor.

BELIEVE "LITTLE VAMP" MAY HAVE SHOT SELF

Special to The Advertiser.

New York, Dec. 29.—The police today believe that 10-year-old Teresa McCarthy, who was found shot through the heart in the dining-room of her mother's apartment last Tuesday, may have accidentally killed herself.

This theory was reached after the detention of Benjamin Prenderville, a laborer, who boarded in the same house, who saw the child was fascinated by his revolver.

CRIMINAL HAND SEEN IN MONTREAL BLAZES

Montreal, Dec. 29.—After investigating two recent fires which totally destroyed a stable and a grocery store, Commissioner Latulippe affirmed that coal oil had been poured on the floor.

NIGHT EXTRA

Closing Markets and Latest News of the Day

STERLING REACTS ON WALL STREET

Market Displays Surprising Animation Considering Near Close of Year.

By STUART P. WEST.
Special to The Advertiser.

New York, Dec. 29.—Considering the usual reluctance of the trading element to engage in new ventures at the close of the year, today's stock market displayed a surprising animation. Proof was given both on and off the stock exchange that the markets were not worrying about the apparent impending break-off of the Lausanne conference or about the possibility of unpleasant developments in Turkish affairs over the New Year's holiday. Fluctuation in the exchange were very slight, with a little further reaction in sterling and Italian lire balanced by increasing firmness in French francs.

Once more the sensitive wheat market refused to respond to the political news, and instead of rushing up, as it would had the grain trade been at all alarmed, was rather inclined to sag off again.

No doubt much of the buying and selling in the share list represented merely the closing out of old speculative contracts. Some of this involved purchases or sales for cash by those who wished to put through their transaction today instead of letting them go in the usual way, through the clearing house, Tuesday. Other of these cash operations were selling by belated holders to register losses against their income tax, but aside from these details the strength shown in the greater part of the market testified to the quiet feeling of confidence with which Wall street approaches 1923.

Buying of some of the oil shares was in some instances based on reports of prospective deals with other producers, and in other instances was due to the expectation of larger dividends during the coming year. The preponderating sentiment in the oil industry is very sanguine regarding the outlook for next season.

The public utility group came in for attention with sharp advance in Consolidated Gas and North American, the latter getting ready for an early increase in dividend. Railway shares did little except in one or two instances, such as the St. Paul's and Missouri Pacific, preferred, where a short interest had accumulated.

JEFFERSON ENTRIES

First race, claiming, 2 years, 6 furlongs—Sir Sidney 109, xMarjorie Wood 106, xBedazzle 104, Goldmount 103, xMildred Ruth 101, Fernandez 100, Slanderer 109, Full of Fun 112, Irish Pat 112, xJosephine C. 107, xEvelyn Sawyer 104, Amole 103, xGo 101, Radiant 100, xRork 113, Ormont 112, xSophie Goldman 101.

Second race, claiming, 3 years and up, mile and an eighth—Searchlight III. 113, Pirate McGee 112, Edna 109, xBrown Bill 107, xTyranny 107, xMoonwinks 103, Challenger 112, Anna Gallup 109, xSolid Rock 107, xTokalon March 107, xPlantarede 107, Grace Foster 103, Harvey Smarr 112, Homeward Bound 112, xWaukeag 107, Booneville 112, Regal Lodge 112 ,xHutchinson 101.

Third race, claiming, 3 years and up, mile and an eighth—Stanley 112, The Moor 112, Hotfoot 109, xWar Like 107, xChicken 104, xTricks 101, xPolygamist 101, Spectacular Girl 109, Wadsworth's Last 112, Bermont 112, Not Yet 109, Thunder Bird 119, Neapolitan 106, xMaise 104, xBill and Coo 98, Cockroach 112, Ailliro 112, Handful 112.

Fourth race, handicap, all ages, 6 furlongs, 3 years and up—Valor 120, High Cost 112, Night Boat 108, Pitras 105, Kirk Levington 100, Hadrian 111, Knight of the Heather 110, Picnic 108, Prince Wells 102, Springvale 99.

Fifth race, claiming, 3 years and up, mile and a sixteenth—Bridesman 117, Wood Trap 112, War Zone 110, Crack o' Dawn 105, xMock Orange 101, Servitor 112, Despair 110, Carnarvon 106, Simplicity 101, xBelgian Queen 98.

Sixth race, claiming, 3 years and up, mile and a sixteenth—Service Star 112, xPhelan 109, xNatural 108, xMagician 107, Winneconne 105, xMary G. 102, Thorn Hedge 110, Dr. Jim 108, xOn High 108, xTingling 107, xEttahe 103, xWhite Haven 100.

Weather clear; track good.
(x—Apprentice allowance claimed.

JEFFERSON RESULTS

First race, 3 years, 6 furlongs. — Royal Dick, 6 to 1, 5 to 2, 6 to 5, won; Grayson, 2 to 1 ,even, second; Jock Scot, 3 to 5, third. Time, 1:14 3-5. Stockpin, Propaganda, Kingling II., Sandy H., Jacobean, Feodor, Margaret White, Ruggles and Machiavelli also ran.

Second race—Flying Devil, Glabella, Sweet Mama.

PROVISIONS.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Pork, nominal.
Lard—Jan., $10.75; May, $11.
Ribs—Jan., $10.72; May, $10.62.

New York Stocks

Reported for The Advertiser by Jones, Easton, McCallum Company.

Stocks.	Open	High	Low	Final Close
Amn. Can	72½	73⅛	72½	72¼
Allis-Chal.	45	45	44½	44½
Allied Chem.	77¾	79¾	77¾	79¼
Am. Car Fdy.	180½	181½	180½	181½
Am. Hide & L.	10⅛	..	..	..
do, preferred	63¾	..	..	..
Am. Sumatra	27	28	26¾	26¾
Amn. Inter.	25	26½	24¾	26½
Agr. Chem.	30⅝	30⅞	30⅝	30⅞
Amn. Loco.	126¾	127½	126¼	127¼
Alton	2⅛	2¼	1¾	2¼
Amn. Sugar	79¾	..	..	..
Amn. Smelters	54⅝	55	54⅝	54⅞
Am. Steel Fdy.	37¼	37¼	37⅛	37⅛
Am. T. & T.	122⅞	123⅛	122⅞	122⅞
Amn. Wool	94⅛	95	94⅛	95
Atl. Gulf	21	21¼	20¼	20⅞
Atchison	101	101⅞	101	101½
Anaconda	48¼	48¾	48⅛	48¾
Bal. & Ohi	41⅛	41⅝	40⅞	41⅝
B. Rapid T.	15	15⅛	14⅝	15⅛
Baldwin	136½	138⅛	136½	137⅝
Beth. "B"	60	62⅝	59⅝	62⅝
Can. Pacific	143	143⅞	142¾	143⅞
Ches. & Ohio	70¼	70⅝	70¼	70⅝
Comp. Tab.	68⅝	69¾	68⅝	69¾
Consol. Gas	119⅝	121½	119⅝	121½
Chandler Meter	65⅝	66⅞	65⅝	66⅞
Coca Cola	75⅞	78	75⅞	77¼
Central Leather	30½	31¾	30¼	31¾
Corn Products	130	132½	130	132⅛
Calif. Pack.	82½	..	..	..
Col. F. & I.	26	..	..	..
Columbia Gas	103½	104¾	103½	104½
Cuban Cane	13	13⅛	13	13⅛
Chino Copper	25½	25⅞	25¼	25¾
Calif. Pet.	66	68	64⅞	67⅝
Crucible	68⅛	71¼	68⅛	69½
Cosden Co.	53⅛	53⅝	52¾	53⅝
Dome Mines	42	42¼	41¾	42¼
Erie	10⅛	10¼	9¾	10⅛
do, first pfd.	13¾	14⅛	13⅝	14⅛
Fam. Players	90	91⅞	90	91⅝
Fisk Tire	12⅛	13¼	12⅛	13
Gt. Northern	74	75	73½	74½
Gt. Western	3⅞	3⅞	3¾	3¾
do, preferred	8⅛	8⅞	7¾	8⅞
Gen. Electric	181⅛	..	..	..
Gen. Asphalt	46¾	49	46¾	49
Goodrich	34	35½	34	35½
Gen. Motors	14⅞	14⅞	14⅝	14⅞
Gt. Nor. Ore	30	30¾	29½	30¾
Hupp Motor	25⅜	25⅝	24½	25
Houghton Oil	68	69¾	68	69¾
Interboro	1¼	1¼	1⅛	1⅛
Int. Paper	49¾	51¾	49½	51¾
Int. Harvester	87⅞	88⅛	87⅞	87⅞
Int. Nickel	13½	13¾	13¼	13½
Ice Securities	105¼	105¼	105¼	105¼
Inspiration	35	35	34¼	34⅞
Keystone	8½	9⅛	8½	9
Kelly Spring.	45¼	46⅜	44½	46½
Lehigh Valley	69	70¼	69	69¾
Miss. Pacific	15⅝	16⅛	15¾	16⅛
Marine	8⅝	9⅜	8⅝	8⅝
Marine, pfd	42½	44⅝	42½	43¾
McIntyre	17⅛	17¼	17⅛	17¼
Miami Copper	27⅛	27¼	27¼	27½
Middle States Oil.	11¼	11⅝	11¼	11⅜
Midvale	26⅛	28⅝	26⅛	28⅜
New Haven	20	20⅞	19⅞	20⅞
N. Y. Central	93½	94¼	93⅝	93¾
Nor. Pacific	73	74	73	74
Norfolk & West.	112½	112½	112½	112½
Pere Marquette	36¼	36¾	36¼	36¾
Pierce-Arrow	13	13	12½	12½
People's Gas	92½	92½	92½	92½
Pierce Oil	4	4⅛	3⅞	4
Pacific Oil	44½	46⅛	44½	45⅝
Pan. American	90¼	91⅝	90¼	91⅝
Pure Oil	27½	27½	27⅛	27½
Press Steel Car.	79¾	80½	79¾	80½
Rock Island	31⅛	32	31⅛	32
Reading	78⅞	79¼	78⅞	79⅛
Retail Stores	73	74½	73	74½
Rubber	53½	55⅝	53½	55⅝
Ray Con.	14⅛	14⅛	14⅛	14⅜
Royal Dutch	52⅛	52⅞	52½	52⅝
Rep. I. & S.	45½	48½	45½	48½
San Francisco	21¾	21¾	21½	21⅝
St. Paul	21½	22⅞	21¼	22⅞
South Pacific	88½	88½	87⅞	87⅞
South Railway	24⅞	25⅜	24⅞	25¼
South Rail., pfd.	33½	34½	33⅛	34½
Sears-Roebuck	87¼	87⅞	87½	87¼
Stromberg	64	64⅞	63¾	64⅞
Studebaker	111¼	113⅛	110¾	113
Sinclair Oil	32¼	33⅜	32¼	33½
Tenn. Copper	10¾	10¾	10⅝	10⅝
Trancontinental.	13¼	13¼	13⅜	13⅜
Tobacco Prod.	83¼	83¼	83⅛	83⅛
Texas Oil	47½	49	47½	49
Union Pacific	136	138	136	136
United Food	3½	4¾	3½	4¾
Utah Copper	64¼	64¼	63¼	64
U. S. Steel	106⅜	107⅜	105¾	107⅛
Vir. Chemical	24⅛	24⅛	24⅛	24⅛
Vanadium	33½	34½	33½	34¼
Wabash	8⅜	8¾	8⅛	8¾
Wabash "A"	22½	22½	22½	22½
Westinghouse	59¼	59¾	59¼	59¾
Willys-Overland	6⅞	6⅞	6⅝	6⅝

HAVANA ENTRIES.

Havana, Dec. 29.—Entries for Saturday are as follows:

First race, 3-year-olds and up, claiming, 6 furlongs—xJosephine X. 102, xCanso 105, xGet 'Em 105, George W. 110, West Meath 110, Harry Glover 110, xMary Mallon 102, xSovereign II. 105, xLast Chance II. 108, Machine Gunner 110, Nan 110, Big Son 110.

Second race, 3-year-olds and up, claiming, 6 furlongs—xSwift Cricket 97, xDebonero 106, xAmerican Eagle 108, Arrah Go On 110, Golden Red 110, Ruddles 113, Article X. 105, Gratian 107, Major Domo 110, Tobin Rate 110, xEndman 110, Harry M. Stevens 116.

Third race, 2-year-olds, claiming, 6 furlongs—xPutting Green 92, Pandine 101, xSweet Cookie 102, Abe Sablotsky 104, Miss Mazie 107, xJennie C. 96, xIllusionist 102, xGonwithim 103, Courtier 104, Rold Gold 107.

Fourth race, 3-year-olds and up, claiming, 1 mile and 50 yards—xNelle Yorke 104, xThomas F. McMahon 105, xSir Jack 107, Perfect Lady 109, Sentimental 112, Miserecorde 107, Dainty Lady 109, Bloomington 112, Job Thayer 112.

Fifth race, 3-year-olds and up, claiming, 1 mile—xWho Can Tell 92, xFashion Girl 100, xAscuncion 103, xJap Muma 103, Mab 105, Orris 97, xWhippoorwill 103, xDrapery 103, Fair and Warmer 105, Sun Turret 108.

Sixth race, 3-year-olds and up, claiming, 1 mile—Mad Nell 97, xFirst Pullet 100, Our Maid 105, xWedgewood 105, Heliocross 108, San Pablo 113, xEdith K. 100, xMiss Caltha 102, May Rose 105, Orchid King 108, xLuimeme 108.

Weather clear; track good.
(x)—Apprentice allowance claimed.

HOLD STRIKE CONFERENCE.

Schenectady, Dec. 29.—S. F. N. Hibbets, superintendent of motive power for the Lehigh Valley Railway Company, and the representatives of the striking shopcrafts, are conferring here today in an attempt to end the strike, now at the end of its sixth month.

Toronto Stocks

Reported for The Advertiser by Johnston & Ward.

	Bid.	Asked.
Atlantic Sugar	22½	23¼
B. E. Steel	9	9½
do, 1st pfd.	71½	..
do, 2nd pfd.	25½	26
Bread	54	55
Mutual Oil	12	12⅛
C. P. R.	145	146
Quebec Railway	24¼	25¼
Bell Telephone	112	112½
Brazilian	42½	42⅞
B. A. Oil	34	36
Mackay	106½	107
Winnipeg Electric	33	35½
Dome	42½	43½
Holly	12	1205
McIntyre	1750	18
Tucketts, pfd	52	55
Car	32¾	33
Dom. Canners	30	33
Riordon	5	7
Spanish River	98	98½
do, pfd.	106	107
Steel Co. of Canada	67½	68
do, pfd.	95	95¾
City Dairy	142	145
Twin Cities	59	60
Abitibi	69¼	69½
Brompton	38¼	38¾
Toronto Rails	85	85¼
Barcelona	15⅝	16

Montreal Stocks

Reported by Johnston & Ward for

	Bid.	Asked.
Abitibi	69⅜	69½
Asbestos	..	65
do, pfd.	88	..
Atlantic Sugar	22¾	23
Bell Telephone	111	112½
Brazilian	43⅞	44
B. E., com.	9⅝	10
do, 2nd pfd.	25½	26
Brompton	38¼	38½
Can Car and Fdy, com.	32¾	34
do, pfd.	69½	69¾
Can Converters	91	92½
Can Cottons	113	115
Can Gen Electric	82	82½
Can Steamships	19	19½
do, pfd.	54	55
Con Mining and Smt	26½	27
Detroit United Ry.	67½	67⅞
Dom Bridge	72	74
Dom Canners	30	..
Dom Textile	..	183
Howard Smith	77	78
Mackay	106¾	107
Mont., L., H. and P., Con.	104¼	105
Price Brothers	45¾	46½
Que Ry, L., H. and P.	24½	25
Riordon Paper	5	6
Shawinigan	111¾	112
Spanish River	97½	98
do, pfd.	106½	106¾
Steel Co. of Can.	67⅝	67¾
Toronto Railway	85	86
National Breweries	49⅞	50

STANDARD EXCHANGE

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Trading was brisk and broad on Standard Mining Exchange today, while most of the activity centred around more moderate priced issues. The general tone of the marget was on a whole firmer than during yesterday's session.

Imminence of dissolution of the pool in Clifton stock again caused softness in that issue. After having touched a high of 24½ at the morning session, the issue opened later, trading at 23½ and declined to 21 for a net loss of 3.

Tock Hughes was also slightly easier, selling down to 83 for a net loss of 1.

Among the major issues, McIntyre recovered to an unchanged price of $17.75, while Hollinger advanced to $12.10 for a net gain of 5. Dome Mines, selling ex-dividend, were easier in the morning and inactive in the later trading. After an early display of strength, Lake Shore sagged to an unchanged price, but later rallied 1 to $2.85. Baldwin was one of the soft spots, draining to 6½ for a net loss of 2½. Columbus Kirkland, after a fairly prolonged absence from trading, came out at 12¼.

Elsewhere changes were mostly fractional in nature. Silver shares were moderately active.

HAVANA RESULTS

First race, 2 years, maidens, 5½ furlongs—Eastern Star, 5 to 2, even, 1 to 2, 1; Spartina, 2 to 1, even, 2; Our Tillie, even, 3. Time, 1:08 3-5. Relox, Faithful Girl, Nellida, Confederacy, Courtier, Irish Dawn, Polite and Tender Foot also ran.

Second race, 3-year-olds and up, claiming, 5½ furlongs—Bruce Dudley, 8 to 1, 3 to 1, 6 to 5, won; Hullo, 6 to 5, 3 to 5, second; Chevalier, 2 to 1, third. Time, 1:08 2-5. Foy, Starkader, Hatrack, Celtic Lass, Harold K., Short Change, and Twenty-Seven also ran.

THURSDAY TIJUANA RESULTS.

Fifth race, 5½ furlongs—Lucky Button, $8.20, $3.40, $2.80, one; Motor Cop, $2.80, $2.40 two; Dr. Corbett, $5, three. Time 1:08 1-5. Lion D'Or, Jim Daisy, Brilliant Ray and Kripen also ran.

Sixth race, 1 1-16 mile—Whippet, $78.40, $25, $9.80, one; Regreso, $4, $4, two; Piedra, $3.60, three. Time 1:48 1-5. Summer Sigh, Louis and Black Betty also ran.

Seventh race, 6 furlongs—Herder, $4.40, $3.20, $2.20, one; Honest George, $4.60, $2.60, two; John, Jun., $2.40, three. Time 1:14 2-5. Ring Rose, She Devil, Chief Barthel and Kirkwood also ran.

BRITISH MAILS

The next mail for Great Britain and Europe will close at the London postoffice at 10 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 31, 1922, to be forwarded via steamship Berengaria, sailing from New York on Jan. 2, 1923, and will consist of letters and registered matter only

TRADING IN CATTLE FOR WEEK IS DULL

Large Number Animals Sold in Preceding Weeks Believed Responsible.

Special to The Advertiser.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—With only about 600 cattle for the whole of this week's receipts, trade has been unusually quiet even for the Christmas week holidays. The fact that for many weeks preceding Christmas, cattle from the western provinces had been pouring into the market, and direct into the packers plants, in unprecedentedly large numbers, accounts in large measure for present conditions in the local cattle trade.

Right up to Christmas supplies were in excess of ordinary demands, and the result was an overflow of cattle into the packers hands, who were practically compelled to take them off the market in order to present more serious demonstration to the trade, and perhaps irretrevable losses to all parties.

There was practically no real demand for more cattle during this week. The bulk of the comparitively small receipts of cattle were belated cars from the west, and these in most cases were cleared out at low prices, which probably meant losses to the western shippers. Prospects for the coming week are that while there may be a market for a few choice butcher cattle, there will be no active demand for thin and unfinished cattle.

The very light receipts of small stuff put a little strength into the market for a few choice lambs, while hogs made a 50c advance over the previous week's close.

Union Stock Yards—Total receipts this week, 614 cattle, 66 calves, 3,580 hogs, and 220 sheep and lambs.

City Cattle Market—128 cattle, 15 sheep and lambs, 260 hogs, and 56 calves.

Heavy steers	$6.00 to $6.50
do, good	5.75 to 6.00
Butchers' choice	6.00 to 6.50
do, medium	5.00 to 5.25
do, fair	4.50 to 4.75
Baby beeves	8.00 to 8.50
Butcher cows, good	3.75 to 4.75
Medium	3.00 to 3.50
Butcher bulls, good	3.50 to 4.00
Canners and cutters	2.00 to 2.75
Feeding steers, good	5.00 to 5.75
Stockers	3.50 to 4.50
do, common	2.50 to 3.00
Calves, choice	11.00 to 12.00
Milch cows	50.00 to 90.00
Springers	70.00 to 80.00
Sheep, choice	6.00 to 6.50
do, heavy	4.50 to 6.50
do, yearlings	7.00 to 8.00
Lambs, light	12.50 to 13.50
do, heavy	10.00 to 10.50
Hogs, flat rates—	
do, f.o.b. bid	$10.25
do, fed and watered bid	11.00
do, to farmer	10.00

CHICAGO GRAIN

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Houses with eastern connections were conspicuous on the selling side and were Chicago longs. The wheat market displayed but little power to rally, and the close was unsettled, ¾c to 2⅛c net lower. Subsequently, the corn market responded to activity on the part of exporters and closed steady at the same as yesterday's finish to 1c higher, with May 71⅝c to 71¾c.

	Chicago, Dec. 29. Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat—				
Dec.	126¾	127	125½	126¼
May	124¼	124⅜	121½	122¼
July	114⅛	114⅛	112¼	112¼
Corn—				
Dec.	73	73¾	72⅝	73⅝
May	71½	71¾	71	71¾
July	71¼	71½	70¾	71½
Oats—				
Dec.	43¼	43¼	42¼	42⅝
May	45¼	45⅜	44⅜	44⅞
July	42⅜	42⅜	41¾	41⅛

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Wheat—No. 2 red, $1.30; No. 2 hard, $1.27.

Corn—No. 2 mixed, 73¼c; No. 2 yellow, 73¾c to 74¼c.

Oats—No. 2 white, 43¾c to 44½c; No. 3 white, 43¾c to 44½c.

Rye—No. 2, 90c.

Barley—61c to 73c.

Timothy seed—$6 to $6.50.

Clover seed—$16.50 to $20.25.

WINNIPEG GRAIN

Wheat—				
Dec.	110¾	110¾	108½	108⅝
May	114½	114¾	111⅞	112⅛
July	112¾	112¾	110½	110¾
Oats—				
Dec.	47	47½	46½	46½
May	50	50	48¾	48⅞
July	47½	48⅝	47½	47⅛
Flax—				
May	211	21	208	210
Dec	210½	213¼	210	210½

OILS.

London, Dec. 29.—Close: Calcutta linseed, £20 10s; linseed oil, 39s; sperm oil, £23.

Petroleum—American refined, 1s 1d; spirits, 1s 2d.

Turpentine, spirits, 103s 9d.

Rosin—American strained, 14s 6d; type "G," 14s 6d.

Tallow—Australian, 41s 9d.

ON TRIAL FOR LIFE.

Orange, N. J., Dec. 29.—William Battles, 19-years-old negro, who yesterday confessed to assaulting and strangling to death Mrs. Eleanor Brigham in her Fuller terrace home here, will go on trial for his life next Thursday.

DEMAND FOR OPEN DOOR MEETS WITH APPROVAL

Wenige Promises an End of Secret Police Sessions in 1923—Wilson Now Agrees—Denies Knowledge of Macbeth's Resolution.

DRAKE FAVORS ELECTED COMMISSION

It is practically assured that all meetings of the police commission, regular or special, will be open to the general public through the medium of the press in 1923.

Following the protest that was registered with The Advertiser yesterday by reputable ratepayers, that the police commissioners have met consistently behind closed doors for more years past than any member of the city council desires to count, Mayor-elect George Wenige declared frankly this afternoon that he favored "taking the people into his confidence in everything."

"Do you consider that the sessions of the police commission should be open to the press, as has not been the case for years?" he was asked.

"Absolutely" was the prompt reply. "The press must be admitted. There should be nothing to shield. There will be times, of course, when something will arise that should not be given publicity at that moment, but the press will not publish anything that we ask to keep out while negotiations are still pending. We can trust them as in the past.

"We must take the people into our confidence, and we can't play the game unless all the cards are on the table."

By virtue of his office as chief magistrate of the city the mayor-elect automatically becomes the people's representative on the police commission at the first of the year. He presides as chairman, and the statutes proclaim that he alone possesses the authority to call the meetings.

Also Supports Plan.

As retiring chairman of the police commission, Mayor Cameron Wilson also now stands for the open door. "I am of the opinion," his worship declared quite frankly, "that the routine business of the commission should be open to the general public through the press. There are questions, relating to the administration of justice, however, that for the best interest of the citizens as a whole that should not be given publicity at the time.

"This could be omitted in the press reports. I feel, as is the case in the city council and other civic bodies that the press would refrain from using anything that would be considered detrimental to the city, if published at that moment.

"Much as we may hate to admit it, I believe that the press representatives possess at least the average common sense, and would not use anything that they would realize would injure the community."

Mayor Wilson expressed lack of knowledge with respect to a resolution that was passed "years ago" by the police commissioners, according to Judge Talbot Macbeth, who holds that the meetings are always open to the public.

"It must have been a long time ago," reflected his worship. "I can't recollect it, of course. It may not have been during my time, you can readily understand."

From his general attitude, it could be assumed that the mayor was quite in sympathy with any move to insure that the public was not, unwittingly or otherwise, deprived of all knowledge of the activities of their representatives. He complimented The Advertiser on its encouragement of yesterday's protest by citizens.

Favors Elective Commissions.

Ald. Gordon B. Drake, a representative of ward three during the past seven years, and just re-elected for another term, also lined up this afternoon with those citizens who have undertaken the fight for open sessions of all public spending bodies.

The councillor goes one step further. He is a frank advocate of the elective police commission.

"All commissions should be elected at regular intervals by the people," he asserted vigorously. "If the city councillors of 1922 had realized their duty during the past year, they would have joined with St. Thomas and other municipalities that are appealing to the Ontario government for legislation to introduce this procedure.

"We were in the minority, of course, and had to abandon the project."

Ald. Drake gives definite assurance that during the coming term he will stand, unqualifiedly, for open meetings.

"Why should we or the police commissioners, or school trustees or any of the other of the public's representatives, who are spending the taxpayers' money, bar the reporters who will convey the information to the public through the columns of the papers. There has been too much of this 'secret and star chamber' business in the past. Let us start the new year without it."

Would Include City Hall.

Ald. Leonard Douglass, re-elected from Ward 2, and slated as the next chairman of the board of works, is another who concurs with the protest voiced yesterday, and incidentally extends it to apply to the city hall activities in general.

"For my part," he said, "I would be pleased to see more citizens attend our city council meetings, and even our committee meetings. We know that there are many citizens who are interested in the proceedings, and they should be encouraged to attend. Let everything be open and above-board. There is nothing to hide, or should be nothing.

"The press representatives should be admitted to sessions of all spending bodies. It is my opinion that all meetings have been reported fairly, and the public acquainted with what has been going on, inasmuch as has been possible by the reporters. I say that they can be depended upon, and the police commissioners need have no fear in this respect."

BOMB IN PACKAGE DOES AWFUL INJURY

Prohibitionist Has His Arm Wrenched Off; Wife Is Mortally Wounded.

Marshfield, Wis., Dec. 29.—Mrs. James R. Chapman is dead and her husband, chairman of the board of supervisors of Wood County, is not expected to live, as a result