

THE WEATHER:
EAST WINDS; CLOUDY.
TOMORROW—SNOW AND RAIN.

WRECKED BUS OVERLOADED, SAYS POLICE CHIEF

King of Siam Who Wanted Heir Dies As Daughter Is Born

MAY PROBE CLOSE CALL OF 28 BUS PASSENGERS

Chief Birrell Indicates That License Regulations Were Violated When Vehicle Carried More Than 20—Police Have Full Report From Two Hurt and 26 Who Escaped.

WOMEN FAINT AS ENGINE PLOWS INTO BUS

Collision between one of the large auto-buses of the Metropolitan Bus Lines and a C. N. R. yard engine at the C. N. R. back-way track on Adelaide street at 10 o'clock last night, in which 28 bus passengers narrowly escaped, may result in police court action against operators of the bus lines, according to Chief of Police Robert Birrell.

Individual bus licenses call for a seating capacity with a maximum load of 20 passengers. If 28 persons were on board the bus at the time of collision, it was an excessive load, Chief Birrell points out, and a direct violation of the bus licenses for operation in London.

Police Have Report.
No action has as yet been taken by the police department, however. Besides a comprehensive report of the accident filed at police station last night by Constable James Howie, Chief Birrell has instructed Sgt. George Tomblin to make further investigation.

Passengers on the crowded bus owe their escape to the slow rate at which the engine plowed into it. Two were hurt, however, Fred Furlonger, 871 Trafalgar street, and Gordon Smith, 1075 Trafalgar street, suffered severe cuts about their hands and faces.

Traveling south on Adelaide street the bus was in the middle of the crossing between the driver, Miles Neilson, and a yard engine, when it was struck by a C. N. R. engine, protected from a monetary standpoint by a \$15,000 insurance policy being held by City Treasurer James S. Bell.

The policy provides that no passenger can collect more than \$5,000, and \$15,000 is the limit collectively. A policy for \$15,000 has to be left with the city before we will issue a permit to operate on city streets," said Mr. Bell. "The London street railway carries its own insurance policy."

Bus In Confusion.
Women fainted when the engine plowed its way into the side of the bus. The interior was thrown into confusion, and a hasty survey by passersby alarmed by the screams of women, showed that no serious personal damage had been done, although the bus itself was badly wrecked.

The rear end was smashed, and wheels broken and fenders torn. The machine was immediately taken to a garage at 262 Dundas street for repairs.

The C. N. R. Adelaide street intersection had been guarding the crossing since this accident would never have happened.

Among the passengers on the bus were: George Easton, 7 Vauxhall street; P. F. Furlonger and Percy Furlonger, 871 Trafalgar street; F. Johnston, 77 Elm street; C. Birchall, 77 Elm street; W. Johnston, 8 Hume street; A. Munro, 111 Sackville street; J. Remmell, 158 St. Julian street, and Mr. and Mrs. Connell on Page 13, Column 5.

FATE OF 11 NEGROES NOW IN JURY'S HANDS

Murder Case Against Doctor and Comrades Concluded in Detroit.
Associated Press Despatch.
Detroit, Mich., Nov. 25.—The case of Ossian H. Sweet, negro doctor, and ten other negroes charged with murder was given to the jury late today. The jurors were still deliberating five hours after court recessed to await their verdict.

BRITAIN DENIES AGREEING TO HELP AGAINST RIFTS

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Nov. 25.—The existence of any British agreement with France and Spain for collective action against the Rif in Morocco was denied last night by Austen Chamberlain, secretary for foreign affairs. He was replying in the house of commons to a question regarding the Moroccan situation.

ROBERT CAMPBELL DIES, WAS HEAD OF FORESTRY

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Nov. 25.—Robert Henry Campbell, late director of the forestry department of interior, died here early this morning, after three days' illness.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Today—Increasing easterly winds; cloudy.

Friday—Strong winds of moderate gales, with snow, turning to rain.

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	59	28	Cloudy
Calgary	32	19	Cloudy
Winnipeg	22	14	Cloudy
Port Arthur	22	20	Cloudy
Toronto	40	22	Clear
Montreal	34	20	Clear
Quebec	26	20	Clear
St. John	26	20	Fair
Halifax	26	25	Fair

The sun rises at 7:25 a.m. and sets at 4:45 p.m.

MONARCH GOES TO HIS DEATH WITH HOPE FOR HEIR CRUSHED

Throne Passes to Brother When Only Child Is Day-Old Girl.

DIVORCED HIS QUEEN

Rama VI. Took New Wife a Month Ago—Ruled Fifteen Years.



KING OF SIAM.
Rama VI, who died today without heir, yesterday the king was disappointed when a daughter was born. He has ruled Siam fifteen years.

Associated Press Despatch.
Bangkok, Siam, Nov. 26.—Rama VI, king of Siam for 14 years, died today about a month after he had divorced his queen and taken another wife in the hope of having an heir to the throne. His hopes were not realized and his younger brother, Prince Praja Dhipok, succeeds to the throne. A daughter was born yesterday to the new queen.

Rama VI, who was 45 years old, recently underwent an operation for an abdominal abscess from which he did not recover. Prior to the operation he had suffered from acute gastritis.

Educated at Oxford, Rama on his marriage in 1912 to Princess Lakshmi Lavan, abjured polygamy and abolished the harem which his father had maintained.

In 1910 it was decided that until King Rama had male issue the succession should be through the queen mother's son. Last month Rama deposed his queen on the ground that she had not carried out her duties toward king and country "in a satisfactory manner."

The daughter born yesterday to the king and new queen, Chao Chom Sudavana, was the first child to be born to a king of Siam for 32 years, the last being Prince Praja Dhipok, who succeeded in 1910.

When King Rama last month raised Lady Sudavana to the rank of royal consort in place of the childless Queen Lakshmi, the following proclamation was issued:

"The king has observed that the new queen has served him with faith, honesty and love, and it is fitting therefore that she should be raised to high estate in order to support the rank of the child she will bear his majesty in the new future."

Rama VI was the son of King Rama V, or King Chulalongkorn, whom he succeeded in 1910. Until 1917 the new king retained the name he had borne as crown prince, Maha Vajiravudh, but in that year he assumed the title of King Rama VI. He was known as an able and enlightened monarch, and much of the progress of Siam in the last 15 years is assigned to him. He has been in western advisers in many phases of the government, revised the laws, encouraged progress in medicine and hygiene. One of his most radical reforms was the abolition of the harem in the royal household.

His father, Rama V, is said to have been anywhere from 600 to 3,000 wives. Prince Praja Dhipok, the heir presumptive, was born Nov. 8, 1893, and was the sixth son of King Rama V, by one of the royal consorts.

STAFF CHIEF URGES WEST COAST BASE

Maj.-Gen. MacBrien Favors Preparations For Defence of Canada.

WAR A POSSIBILITY

Fanatic advocates of disarmament should look well into the Japanese-Chinese situation before they advocate disarmament for Canada and the British Empire, General J. H. MacBrien, chief of staff of Canadian national defence, told the members of the Canadian club at their luncheon meeting at noon today.

"Japan has lost millions of dollars, land and many lives because she was not completely prepared for defence," said the general, "and if we do not want to be placed in a similar position at some future date we must prepare an adequate national defence."

"During the late war our Pacific coast had to be defended by Japanese coast guard boats on the Atlantic side, and to protect the coast we had to build a fleet of destroyers, which were rapidly growing obsolete. It is an absolute necessity that we have a fleet of modern destroyers, and one of the most important reforms was the abolition of the harem in the royal household."

General MacBrien then discussed the military situation in the Pacific and the "ocean of tomorrow," as he termed it, and the necessity for strategists. "The Pacific is the seat of a possible war," he said, "and it is necessary for us to examine the situation there in order to see where we stand and what we have to do to meet it."

"The United States has spent \$22,000,000 on air, land and water defence of the Panama canal, and there is still \$28,000,000 to be spent on that project. In the Far East the United States has the Philippines and Hawaii, and the Philippines alone, not many miles from Japan, is a base for the domination of the Pacific coast."

"The Japanese are a wonderful race, and I learned to like them very much. They are courteous, the most courageous race in the world and have a religion of patriotism, one which teaches them to die for Japan. The Japs object to our developing Singapore as a base. This is one of the most important projects and one which will enable us to control trade in the east."

"The Japanese feel that they should have a Monroe doctrine controlling the Pacific, just as the United States have a Monroe doctrine preventing European countries from expanding their territories on the American continent. I think that the Japs are right, and it is the natural desire of a country and a race to expand, both in territory and in trade. But we should be prepared for war if that should come, even though we do not want war. We should have, as Australia and New Zealand should have, a well-equipped naval base, with dry docks of sufficient size to accommodate the largest war vessels of the British navy."

Blindness Inside Year Threatens Youth Under Sentence At Oshawa

Canadian Press Despatch.
Oshawa, Nov. 25.—"If someone doesn't attend to his eyes he will be blind within one year," was the statement made here tonight by several of Townsend's friends in this city. Townsend is the 24-year-old youth who was sentenced to four years in the Penitentiary after he had pleaded guilty to forging a check for \$4.50, and to a charge of obtaining clothing by false pretences. An immediate appeal is to be launched before the appellate division of the province which will be conducted by Frank M. Field, J. of C. at Oshawa.

Year In Jail Imposed On Wife Beater

Five-Minute Hearing Followed by Court Sentence on Frederick Carr.

WIFE, BABE DESERTED

Convicted Husband a Tramp For 15 Years, Is Declaration of Detective.

It took Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon only five minutes in police court this morning to dispose of a case, termed by him, "the most aggravated that has ever been brought to my attention," when he heard evidence, convicted and sentenced Frederick Carr, 38 years old, to a term of one year in the common jail on charges of non-support and wife desertion.

"You ought to be locked up and flogged," the court said after Mrs. Maude Carr told a sordid tale of ill-treatment, abuse and neglect at her husband's hands. "There isn't a person in the courtroom who has any respect for you."

Mrs. Carr declared her husband had punched her face and knocked her down five times. Carr himself admitted striking his wife, although he said he had hit her with his open hand.

Five months ago Carr left his wife and child in Windsor, stranded without money or food. Mrs. Carr, taking the witness stand, declared that during the two years of their married life her husband had practically lived on money which she earned herself.

"The three of us, my husband, my child and myself, lived in one room at a Windsor boarding house," Mrs. Carr commenced. "Five months ago he packed up and suddenly left us. I had to sell the furniture to buy food. Then I took a job at Kingsville and a short time ago my husband located me. I asked me to go for a walk, and I refused."

"He asked me for money, and threatened to take the baby. He grabbed the child from my arms, and when I struggled, he manhandled my face and knocked me down. When he saw he had hurt me he ran away."

"No, he has never given me a cent of money since," Mrs. Carr answered the court. "I have never received any provisions from him."

"The wife's story is partly true," Carr candidly admitted when he was called upon for explanation. "I haven't been able to give her money. I didn't punch her. I just hit her with my open hand and pushed her away."

Tramp For Fifteen Years.
"The reason he never was able to give his wife money," said Sergeant of Detectives who appeared for the prosecution, "is because he has been a tramp for fifteen years. I arrested him in 1909 at the C. P. R. station as a vagrant."

Carr's record revealed that he had been convicted in Windsor police court of burglary two years ago. He was given suspended sentence.

"I could send you to jail for fifteen years right now," said Mr. Graydon, "but jail is too good a place for you. When you have served a year in jail if you then fail to support your wife you will be charged and jailed again."

BRITISHER MISBEHAVED SO MUST STAY IN PRISON

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Nov. 25.—Foreign Secretary Chamberlain was questioned in the house of commons today as to what steps had been taken to obtain redress of the sentence against William Rutherford, a British subject, now imprisoned in California for membership in the I. W. W.

Mr. Chamberlain replied that the foreign office, after careful investigation of the case, had found that Rutherford's conduct in prison was the only thing preventing reduction of his first year sentence.

B. C. LEGISLATURE DROPS ACTION ON KU KLUXERS

Canadian Press Despatch.
Victoria, B.C., Nov. 25.—The British Columbia legislature washed its hands of the Ku Klux Klan controversy, putting an end to the debate on a K.K.K. resolution introduced by Frank Browne (Labor, Burnaby), the house, by a vote of 24 to 20, carried an amendment declaring that the incorporation, maintenance or civil rights of any organization rest upon the laws of British Columbia, as now enforced. It was opposed in principle to the introduction of resolutions which have no practical effect, and in particular such resolutions as are calculated to stir up religious and racial discussion.

BANK CLEARINGS

London bank clearings for the week ending today were \$2,644,555. For the same week last year, they were \$2,450,000.

Where 28 Londoners Had Close Call

LEVEL CROSSINGS AND DAMAGED AUTO BUS.

Above are the four unprotected tracks which cross Adelaide street to east, just south of main tracks. The one on the right, marked by large arrow, is the one where a C. N. R. engine struck a motor bus Wednesday night, endangering the lives of 28 passengers. Below, the damaged bus, showing the fear and partly wrecked. To arrows in the upper picture indicate three other unprotected sidings.

OPPOSITION FOR WENIGE TONIGHT

Moore To Take Platform at Talbot and Ryerson Schools.

INTEREST IS GROWING
A large attendance is expected at both Talbot and Ryerson schools tonight where the mayoralty contest will get under way in earnest.

Both candidates, Mayor Wenige and John M. Moore will be present and the people will have a chance to judge for themselves which is the better man to serve them in the all-important year of 1926.

The mayor had things pretty much his own way at last night's meetings in Simcoe and Tecumseh schools, but Mr. Moore has promised he will be on the job tonight to outline his platform.

"I will take in all the meetings to-night," said Mr. Moore this afternoon. "I have entered the contest at the request of citizens in all walks of life who think it is time for a change at the city hall. These people have come from every district in the city."

"I was born and raised in London and have lived here all my life," continued Mr. Moore. "All my property is here, all my interests are in London and the citizens can rest assured if I am elected that I will endeavor to give them a smooth-working administration."

Mayor Wenige, veteran of three elections, is going about his fourth campaign with characteristic energy. The mayor was at the city hall this morning long enough to sign checks and letters and then departed to arrange further details of the campaign with friends.

"Politics should not be mixed with civic elections," the mayor took time to observe. "We don't want politics to back up in civic affairs. We had them one time and the city had to support a lot of ward heeler, who were given jobs for services rendered. That isn't what we want now and I don't think the people want to go back to that sort of thing. I will have more to say about that and other things at the different meetings."

Rail Commission Awaiting Justification of Rate Cut

C.P.R. and C.N.R. Cannot Cancel Coal Arrangement on the L. and P. S. and Pere Marquette Without Hearing Before Dominion Board.

By E. C. BUCHANAN.
Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Correspondent.

Ottawa, Nov. 25.—Special freight rates in effect for several years, and applying east of Woodstock to certain points in Ontario, on bituminous coal entering Canada through Port Stanley and Erieau will not be cancelled by the C. P. R. and Canadian National Railways without permission from the dominion railway commission.

The refusal of the London & Port Stanley Railway and the Pere Marquette Railway to concur in the proposal of the larger roads to set aside the special rates and protests which have been filed with the railway commission by various parties interested.

including the Canadian Manufacturers' Association and the boards of trade of Toronto and other places, puts the matter before the commission.

If the C. P. R. and C. N. R. intend to go further in the case they will have to present justification before the commission.

"The commission so far has received no communication from the big railways regarding the rates, but in view of the protests which have been lodged it has written the railways asking for statements as to their position in the matter."

The London & Port Stanley and the Pere Marquette railways have placed in the hands of the commission copies of their refusal to concur in the cancellation of the rates.

No hearing in the case will be held unless the C. P. R. and C. N. R. advise the commission of their intention to justify their proposal.

MASONIC TEMPLE FIRE CHECKED IN ST. THOMAS

Cigarette Blamed For Small Blaze—Discovered Early in the Morning.

Special to The Advertiser.
St. Thomas, Nov. 25.—Fire broke out early this morning in the auditorium of the Masonic temple, the city's finest dance pavilion.

It was discovered by a street car operator on the Belt route at 6 o'clock this morning. When firemen arrived the building was filled with smoke.

Chemicals were used in extinguishing the flames and Fire Chief Mitchell reported this morning that the damage would not exceed \$200.

A carelessly dropped cigarette at last evening's dance is given as the possible origin.

CRIME WAVE SWEEPING OVER ST. THOMAS

Associated Press Despatch.
Washington, D. C., Nov. 25.—Coincident with the efforts of the Washington police to unravel and enforce an ever-changing multitude of traffic regulations, a crime wave has swept over the United States capital.

Daylight holdups, heretofore rare in Washington, have become an almost daily occurrence. Residences as well as stores have been robbed, and in one case a bandit spent an hour in a private residence turning up the occupant's pockets and the maid, and then made away with jewelry and other valuables, using the owner's automobile to accelerate his departure.

ARCHBISHOP OF QUEBEC GROWS STEADILY WEAKER

Canadian Press Despatch.
Quebec, Nov. 25.—Special prayers were said last evening in all the colleges and convents of the Archdiocese of Quebec for His Grace Mr. Roy, archbishop of Quebec, who made a request to that effect to the directors of the institutions. The latest bulletins gave his grace's condition as "feeble," but described the patient as weaker.

105 PRISONERS FREED ON THANKSGIVING DAY

Associated Press Despatch.
Washington, Nov. 25.—Thanksgiving Day is proving a quiet, homekeeping one for both President Coolidge and the people over whom he presides, but the traditional turkey dinner did not fail to hold its berth as a central attraction.

At Austin, Texas, Governor "Ma" Ferguson celebrated the day by signing 105 clemency proclamations to Texas prisoners. Since her inauguration last January the woman governor has granted 1,126 prisoners clemency.

All trading markets throughout the country were closed.

GOVERNOR GRANTS STAY IN CHAPMAN'S SENTENCE

Associated Press Despatch.
Hartford, Conn., Nov. 25.—Governor John H. Trumbull consented last night to stay the execution of Gerald Chapman for three months, to allow time for the supreme court of the United States to decide whether Chapman's refusal to accept President Coolidge's commutation of his 25-year federal sentence nullified the commutation.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Arcola, Sask., Nov. 25.—One year's imprisonment, with deportation to follow, was the sentence imposed here yesterday on A. Petersen, found guilty of the manslaughter of his employer, H. Greenwood, a Lida farmer, who died in Regina as a result of wounds he had been inflicted by Petersen with a pitchfork on May 11.

GETS ONE YEAR IN PRISON FOR KILLING HIS EMPLOYER

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Nov. 25.—Robert Henry Campbell, late director of the forestry department of interior, died here early this morning, after three days' illness.

All Criminals Not In Prison Dunlop Wrote In 1923 Report

Special to The Advertiser.
Toronto, Nov. 25.—In his report on prisons and reformatories for the year ending 1923, W. W. Dunlop, then inspector of prisons for Ontario, and yesterday convicted of theft from the province of Ontario, and sentenced to four years in Kingston penitentiary, made some interesting observations on the cause of crime.

In the course of his 1923 report he stated: "Reforming agencies change their names. Prison reforms come and go, but the criminal is still with us despite the efforts of those who have advocated special methods of restoring him to his place as a person with a moral outlook on life."

"Not until human nature is revolutionized and regenerated will crime cease. And in this connection I would put in a word for proper generation instead of pinning our faith on regeneration. If persons are born right there is not much need for a scheme of regeneration. If we wish to begin at the beginning we must include in any scheme of reform or regeneration the science of eugenics."