

THE WEATHER:
TODAY—MOSTLY CLOUDY.
TOMORROW—MODERATELY COLD.

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NEW COUNCIL LIKELY TO REFUSE BUS LICENSES

One Is Killed and Twenty-five Injured In Theatre Panic

P. U. Profits Are \$53,000 During Year

Waterworks Surplus of \$18,000 Will Not Go To City Council.

COVER 1924 DEFICIT Cut in Operating Costs Caused Margin of Profit This Year.

Statements to be submitted by Manager E. V. Buchanan to the public utility commission at the last regular meeting of that body tomorrow afternoon will indicate a surplus of \$18,000 in the waterworks department and a surplus of \$53,000 in the electrical department for the year just drawing to a close.

"The surplus from the electrical department will be utilized in the making of extensions to our system," remarked Mr. Buchanan this morning, "while the surplus in the waterworks department will go to making good a deficit of \$15,000 last year. The balance of about \$2,000 will hardly be sufficient, however, to cover construction work done in addition to that for which debentures to the extent of \$90,000 were issued.

"The waterworks surplus can be chiefly accounted for by reductions in operating costs," observed Mr. Buchanan, "but, while the city council takes our waterworks surplus to reduce the tax rate, the commission has to assume full responsibility for any and all deficits and thus the deficit from last year is the first thing that has to be looked after."

Little other business is to come up except the remarks of the various commissioners on the occasion of the last regular meeting of the year. Since there will be two changes in the membership of the commission next year, Philip Fieser, chairman of the commission, and Mayor G. A. Wenig, being the two members to sever their connection, the speeches will be of more than ordinary significance.

Mayor-Elect J. M. Moore and John C. Doidge, vice-president of the London Concrete Machinery company, are the two new members of the commission, who with Jared Vining (chairman), T. W. McFarland and R. J. Webster, will constitute the commission during the coming year.

SETTLEMENT PLAN MEANS PROSPERITY

Immigration Official Enthusiastic About Empire Scheme Announced From Ottawa.

John Farrell, dominion immigration agent here, enthusiastically received the report this morning that a new empire settlement agreement had been reached, as a result of which substantial reductions will be made in the fares of passengers from Great Britain to Canada.

"This will be a big thing for Canada and Western Ontario," said Mr. Farrell, "Western Ontario has plenty of land lying out for settlers and, apart from this, there is a phenomenal demand for farm labor throughout the counties in the western part of the province. Demands from farmers for help have been pouring into this office. There have never been so many requests before."

"Last spring farmers were disappointed when they were unable to obtain hands, so they are taking on men at winter wages in order to have them on hand when the spring work starts."

"As a result there is an unprecedented shortage of farm hands, and if this agreement goes through we will be able to meet it."

"Up to this time our great difficulty has been to get passage money for the type of Britishers we wanted. Many of them were fine, unassuming fellows, who were unable to raise funds to get over here. This agreement will put emigration within the reach of all. And if the men did succeed in borrowing enough money to get over here and get started, they were loaded heavily with debt as a result and their earnings for years had to be applied on payments. Now all that will be over."

"I have not been officially advised, of course, regarding the agreement, but I can say this, when I am notified definitely of the new rates, we will be doing big business right away in this office. You can look for big things for Western Ontario now that there are definite prospects for intensive settlement here. A new era of prosperity is being inaugurated for this province and for Canada."

MERELY CANCELS DEBT.
Associated Press Despatch.
Athens, Dec. 16.—Premier Pangalos made the statement to correspondents yesterday that the 30,000,000 leva which Greece, by the decision of the council of the league of nations must pay to Bulgaria for the invasion of Bulgarian soil, is amply covered by sums owned by Greece by Bulgaria in virtue of the treaty of Neuilly.

FEWER BRITISH JOBS.
Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 16.—A decline of 4,254 in the number of unemployed in Great Britain within the last week was shown by figures published today. The total, 246,000, is 1,187 less than at this time last year.

CONDITION IMPOSED BY L.S.R. MAY BE ACCEPTED



LONDON GIRLS MAKE GOOD.
Shirley White, above, and Blanche Tancock, London young women who appeared in a dramatic production at the American Laboratory theatre, New York, recently, both holding major roles. They studied the drama at Western University, in Little Theatre work in Vancouver, and later went on the professional stage.

Only 800 Purchase Low Railway Fares

Tuesday's Trade Hit L. S. R.—Back to Five-Cent Rate Today.

Citizens of London are paying 5 cent fares today on the London street railway, but the 800 people who purchased the seven for 25 cent tickets yesterday may continue to use them. Manager Leonard Tait of the street railway states, "As a rule we sell from \$500 worth of tickets per day, but this amount was cut to between \$100 and \$200."

"When passengers were handed their tickets a great many refused to take them, stating that they felt the company was entitled to a 5 cent fare, and they paid a cash fare rather than accept the tickets."

"We appreciate this attitude of the public. They know that we can't pay fair wages and operate at less than a 5 cent fare."

Mr. Tait said that on Monday, the first of the two days low fares were in effect, 222 people rode on the seven for 25 cent tickets and 21 on the 9 for 25 cent tickets, indicating that people were with the street railway in its battle for 5 cent fares.

NO REFERENDUM NOW ON BOUNDARY QUESTION

Associated Press Despatch.
Dublin, Dec. 16.—The Free state senate today endorsed a resolution adopted by the Dail Eireann last night declaring the bill ratifying the London Irish boundary agreement necessary to the public peace.

By this action possibility of a popular referendum on the issue is excluded, and the bill becomes operative immediately.

The objections to the referendum, as stated by the government, were that it would cost a large sum of money, and would delay for 90 days a measure upon which all the people, except Republicans and the official laborers, were agreed.

BRITISH HOUSE PROROGUES ON MONDAY FOR HOLIDAY.
Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 16.—The British parliament will be prorogued for the holiday season next Monday. The new session starts early in February.

Turks Are Indignant At Award

Representatives Declare Next Step Is Up To Angora Government.

DENY ALL CHARGES
Will Not Treat With British—Britain Accepts League Terms.

A careful study of the street railway bus situation today makes it more or less apparent that the 1926 city council will at its first meeting next Monday morning accede temporarily at least to the demand of the street railway company and force all buses off the streets of London on Jan. 1.

It is pointed out that the buses have been an asset to London transportation facilities, and it may be that the street railway if given exclusive rights will use buses in South London, Chelsea Green, Ealing and Knowlwood Park districts.

"This is the way the thing looks to me right now," said one man in close touch with both buses and street railway. "However, anything may happen before Monday. At the present time I believe that the majority of the 1926 aldermen are in favor of cancelling bus licenses on Dec. 31 and making a 60-day agreement with the street railway for a 5-cent fare."

"At the end of that period, I look for a 10-year agreement at 5 cents. If at the end of 5 years the street railway decides it cannot operate on a 5-cent fare, they can put their cars in the barn. The city will then call in the railway board to operate the line for a month and you will have the same old situation that exists today."

All or Nothing.
Some of the aldermen are in favor of granting the buses a license providing they do not operate on streets where there are street cars. This does not meet with the approval of the street railway officials, who insist that they must have a whole lot or none at all. "There are no districts where the buses can operate without hurting us," said one official. "They must cross our tracks somewhere, and naturally we would place before the new council on Monday next. If it is decided to allow the buses to continue, a separate resolution will be necessary."

"There are six aldermen in favor of allowing buses to operate on streets parallel to the street railway," said one member of the new council. "I have passed the situation pretty thoroughly, and that is the way I find it. Personally, I am not prepared to say what will happen next Monday, but I don't know how to get on without the street railway. At the same time I think the buses have proved a welcome addition to London transportation service, especially in the outlying districts."

JAPANESE INTERVENE IN WAR IN MANCHURIA
Will Not Permit Fighting Near Mukden—Send Korean Troops.

Associated Press Despatch.
Tokyo, Dec. 16.—Japanese spokesmen today stated that troops had left Korea for Mukden, Manchurian capital, and that additional forces would leave tomorrow, after which no fighting would be permitted within six miles of the capital.

It was stated that both Marshal Chang Tso Lin, commander of Manchuria, and General Kuang-Sung-Lin, his former lieutenant, and now his principal adversary in the factional fighting in progress in Manchuria, would be notified by the Japanese that this order must be obeyed.

LONDON GIRLS IN ROLES AT NEW YORK'S LITTLE THEATRE

Blanche Tancock and Shirley White Appear in Professional Drama and Win Praise of Gotham Critics For Their Ability.

Presentation of numerous plays at the well-known New York's Little Theatre, house at No. 107 West 58th street, by players of the American Laboratory theatre, marks the appearance of two London girls, Miss Shirley White and Miss Blanche Tancock, as leads in professional drama.

Both Miss White and Miss Tancock starred in amateur theatricals of this city two years ago, playing in the annual play of the University of Western Ontario and several productions of the London Drama League.

Evidence of their success in New York is given in a laudatory review in the New York Evening World by E. W. Osborn, who gives ungrudging praise to their dramatic talent.

The World carries a two column capture of Miss Tancock appearing in the first presentation of the Sea Women's Club.

Miss White, who is the daughter of Arthur White, Wortley road, and Miss Tancock left London with the Canadian Players for a dramatic course at Vancouver almost two years ago. They then went to New York, joining the American Laboratory Players. Miss White herself has directed several productions, and in a forthcoming production at the Little Theatre, she is to be given the leading role.

The World described the course at which Miss Tancock is featured and which Miss White was instrumental in directing, as being "vivid, colorful, moving, sprightly, and full of laboratorial in fetching fashion and highly to be recommended."

Nurses Use New Tunnel

Subterranean Passage At Victoria.

A subterranean passageway now stretches from one extremity to the other of the group of buildings comprising Victoria hospital. The new tunnel, built under the corridors of the hospital at a cost of \$12,000, facilitates transportation, offers direct communication from one building to the other, gives easy access to every department, and provides a means of utilizing a central heating system. Completion of the tunnel this week means the general elevation of the hospital to a higher standard of efficiency. The cement passageway was built at some difficulty, workmen having to penetrate and rebuild heavy brick walls. The nurses of the institution use the tunnel for their trips to and from the nurses' home and hospital. Plans for the new nurses' home call for the building of an arm of the tunnel to go under Ottawa avenue and establish direct communication among every hospital building. Patients will be wheeled from one part of the buildings to another when necessity arises by means of the tunnel.

LOSES RACE AND LICENSE IN MILE-A-MINUTE CHASE
Citizen's Car, Piloted by Cops, Rumps Home Victor in Nocturnal Classic.

Charles Scafe Forced To Quit—Aftermath in Court Today.

A wild ride through city streets and into the country last night in an attempt to evade pursuing policemen who had requisitioned a citizen's motor car to give chase, cost Charles Scafe, 22 years old, suspension of his driver's license for one month and \$25 and costs after conviction in police court this morning on a reckless driving charge.

Scafe might have been able to beat the police in the auto race had not the front tire of his car gone flat and spun from its position on the wheel. He was forced to come to a standstill, and while investigating the cause of the mishap, the pursuing motor drew alongside and the officers stepped out to place him under arrest.

Officer Missing Injury.
When Sergeant Percy Last and Constable William Snell walked towards Scafe's car early this morning, attracted by voices and the roaring motor, the car was quickly thrown in gear. Sergeant Last held up his hands as a signal to stop, but Scafe, swearing to one side of the road, to avoid hitting the officer, sped away.

The two racing motors for along Queen's avenue to London East, the chase led to Hamilton road and from the city limits into the country. Scafe twice cut-off the pursuing motor car, the officers said in court this morning. He swerved directly in their path in the country and turned back to race into the city again. An occupant of the car, John Kerridge, 21 years old, waved his hand from the side, urging the car behind.

Both men had been drinking, Sergeant Last told the magistrate. Kerridge was decidedly under the influence of liquor.

Denies Speeding Charge.
Scafe denied he had been speeding, and said he was unaware of being followed by the police during the course of the ride. The statement by Sergeant Last that it was necessary to travel 55 miles an hour to catch up, was a gross exaggeration. He declared the engine of his car was so feeble that it couldn't drive at a faster rate than 30 miles an hour.

Kerridge also denied he was drunk, but he was convicted under the O. T. A. and fined \$10 and costs.

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Four Hundred in Theatre Are Thrown Into Panic As Film Burns.

MANY ARE INJURED
Crowd Rushes For Door, Crushing and Trampling Despite Pleadings.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Montreal, Que., Dec. 16.—A panic, resulting in the death of one person, and the serious injury of some twenty-five others, was caused in the local moving-picture house last night, when the film which was being shown caught fire.

A little boy was crushed to death in the wild stampede for the door, and a number of men and women were more or less seriously injured.

The fire did not spread, and the interior of the theatre was only slightly damaged. There were some four hundred people in the theatre at the time of the occurrence.

The theatre is an upstairs hall. When a flash of flame darted from the moving picture machine, a panic ensued and everybody rushed for the doors. A few cool heads in the audience endeavored to calm the people, but were not successful. In the rush, the little boy was crushed, while many of the people injured, sustained their hurts by being jammed against the walls, or being knocked down.

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Toronto, Dec. 15.—In a report submitted to the monthly meeting of the house of industry here this afternoon it was stated that an investigation into the circumstances of 277 new families who had applied to the institution for relief during November revealed that between them they possessed 47 telephones, 38 pianos, five organs, 88 gramophones, three motor cars, two motor trucks and one motorcycle.

FAMOUS WATERLOO BRIDGE TO GO, OLD LONDON COUNCILLORS DECIDE

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 16.—To the sorrow of all art lovers, London is to lose its famous Waterloo bridge across the Thames. The fate of the structure was sealed yesterday by the decision of the London county council to build a new bridge with not more than five arches, and of sufficient width to take six lines of vehicular traffic. The decision followed three hours of debate on the report of a sub-committee which had been unable to agree, but recommended that either the existing structure be rebuilt or complete responsibility for a catastrophe must rest on the government.

A new bridge was finally decided on. Waterloo bridge was built in 1811-17 at a cost of more than £1,000,000, and has been described as one of the finest in the world. It rests upon nine arches.

LOSARNO AND LEAGUE DISTRICTED BY SOVIET

Tchitcherin Thinks World Affairs Cannot Proceed Without Russian Aid.
Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, Dec. 16.—George Tchitcherin, former commissar of soviet, who recently arrived in Paris after visiting Warsaw, Berlin, Geneva and other centers, took occasion yesterday to express his sentiments on certain world affairs. These sentiments may be outlined about as follows:

Continued distrust of the league of nations, lack of confidence in the Locarno pact, readiness to discuss the resumption of political relations with the United States opposition to security negotiations in advance of general disarmament, and confidence that the existing hostility to the soviet republics will lose its force little by little.

Recent events, M. Tchitcherin declared, have shown the immense importance of the union of soviet in international politics and commerce.

"The general settlement of international affairs is impossible without us," he said.

LAKE COAST GUARDS TO STAY ALL WINTER