

## SIX LONDONERS FINED FOR SELLING LIQUOR

### Bandits Escape After Raiding Old London Postoffice

### SPOTTERS MAY BRING OTHERS BEFORE COURT

Township Butcher and Six Londoners Pay Out Total Fines of \$2,500—Two Doctors Are Included on List—One More To Be Heard.

#### OFFICERS REFUSE TO PRESENT BOOK

The promised clean-up of city bootlegging activities took definite form this morning when six citizens, charged with selling liquor contrary to section 40 of the O. T. A., by provincial spotters, were fined an aggregate of \$2,500 by Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon in police court.

One of the cases was heard at the county court and up until 2 o'clock five had been heard at the city police court. Two others are scheduled for this afternoon, making a total of eight who are charged by the provincial officers with selling liquor. Among the eight defendants are two well-known London physicians, one of whom paid \$400 and costs in court this morning.

### Cooks Lauded, Typists Rapped

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Dec. 12.—The mayor of Plymouth has asked that the portrait of Lady Astor, which is to be removed from the house of commons in accordance with recent parliamentary action, be sent to the Plymouth art gallery, says the Westminister Gazette. Lady Astor favors sending it to Plymouth.

### W. S. EDWARDS NAMED NEW DEPUTY MINISTER

Will Succeed Judge Newcombe in Office of Department of Justice.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, Dec. 12.—Stuart Edwards, assistant deputy minister of the department of justice, has been appointed deputy minister of the department in succession to Judge Newcombe, appointed some weeks ago to the bench of the supreme court of Canada.

John Chisholm and J. A. Renaud, K.C., both of whom are senior advisory counsel on the legal staff of the department of justice, have been appointed assistant deputies of the department.

### SARNIA MERCHANT DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Special to The Advertiser.

Sarnia, Dec. 12.—William Brown Clark, well-known city businessman, died in the Sarnia general hospital last night from an incurable malady at the age of 57 years. He succeeded his father, the late William Brown Clark, as proprietor of the Front street dry goods firm bearing his name and had many business associations in the province. He was known for a very kind nature and was held in the greatest esteem by many commercial travellers in the province. The family is one of the oldest in the city and came from Lower Canada in the early days. Surviving are Mrs. Clark and four daughters, Mrs. Leroy Woolley of Toronto, Mrs. Charles Weir of Sarnia, Margaret and Janet at home. The funeral will take place at Lakeview cemetery on Saturday.

### The Weather

#### FORECASTS.

Fresh south-west winds; partly cloudy and mild tonight and Saturday; probably a few scattered showers or snow flurries. Pressure is low from the Mackenzie valley to the Great Lakes and high near the Gulf of Mexico and over the Pacific states. Light snow has fallen in Western Ontario and northern Alberta, while in nearly all other parts of the Dominion this weather has been fair.

Temperatures. The highest and lowest temperatures previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	52	43	Rain
Calgary	52	26	Fair
Winnipeg	32	20	Cloudy
Port Arthur	26	18	Cloudy
Parry Sound	24	16	Cloudy
Toronto	32	23	Cloudy
Kingston	28	24	Cloudy
Ottawa	20	10	Fair
Montreal	16	12	Cloudy
Quebec	14	8	Cloudy
Father Point	32	20	Cloudy
St. John	26	14	Snow
Halifax	30	25	Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 30; lowest, 24.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 27; lowest, 25.

Barometric Readings. Thursday—8 p.m.—29.13. Today—8 a.m.—29.01.



AUGUST BELMONT.

New York financier and sportsman, whose death occurred Wednesday in New York in his 71st year.

### 3,000 MENNONITES COMING TO CANADA

Half a Million Expended For Farm Settlements in the Prairie Provinces.

Canadian Press Despatch. Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 12.—During the season of 1925, three thousand Mennonites are expected to come from Russia to take up land in Western Canada, and preparations for their arrival in the country are now under way. It is announced that 10,000 acres of farm lands have been purchased for the Mennonite colonization at a cost of \$500,000. The deal includes the purchase of six farms between Winnipeg and Port Arthur, and the Mennonites are now being settled on these farms.

Prizes Thornton. "From the personal experience which I have had with Sir Henry in England," said Mr. Cramp, "I can assure you that if he is given a fair showing over here he will meet labor with a vengeance. This is what we found in all our dealings with him at home. He was extremely popular with labor in England while he was general manager of the Great Eastern railway."

### SCHOOL INSPECTORS MEETING HERE TODAY

Attendance Large at Annual Meeting of Western Ontario Association.

The public and separate school inspectors of Western Ontario are holding their annual conference this afternoon and tomorrow in the board of education rooms.

The president, Senior Inspector V. K. Greer, M.A., is presiding, and the secretary-treasurer, J. H. Smith, B.A., is officiating as secretary.

There is a good attendance of the members of the association, which meets each year to discuss problems which come up during the year's work. Subjects to be discussed by the members this year include: "How to increase the attendance at public schools," "The new course of study," "Superintendence," and "Department Regulations."

The association is holding a noon lunch and a reception at the Smallman and Ingram tearoom, at which Trustee S. F. Lawson will represent the board of education in the absence of the chairman, Trustee B. N. Campbell.

It is understood that President Greer and Secretary Smith will be returned to their respective offices on a further term, both having served the association faithfully for several years past.

### HOLLIDAY GETS 25 YEARS FOR CHI MAIL ROBBERY

Associated Press Despatch. Chicago, Dec. 12.—Herbert Holliday, Brent Glasscock and the four Newton brothers, who pleaded guilty in the \$2,000,000 Roundabout mail train robbery trial, were sentenced to Leavenworth prison yesterday, the sentences ranging from one year and one day to 25 years. Holliday received the maximum sentence.

### YOUNG BISLEY WINNER HONORED BY ALMA MATER

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, Dec. 12.—Presentation of an inscribed gold wrist watch, a desk clock and a club bag with interior fittings, together with a beautifully illuminated address, was made to Desmond Burke, former Ottawa collegiate institute pupil, at the morning exercises of the Lisgar street collegiate institute, in recognition of the signal honor he had brought to the school, the city and to Canada by winning the king's prize at the annual Bisley competition.

### STUTTGART EXPERIENCES SLIGHT EARTH SHOCK

Associated Press Despatch. Freiburg, Baden, Germany, Dec. 12.—A light earth shock, manifesting itself chiefly in the rattling of windows, at Stuttgart the shock is estimated to have lasted 20 seconds.

### LABOR HEADS SAY BALDWIN TO CONTINUE

Delegates to Mexico Proud of Results in British Election.

#### WANT MORE TRADE

Pay Short Visit to London On the Way to England.

In spite of their defeat at the last election the British Labor party is in no whit downhearted, rather it is proud of the additional one million votes which it acquired in the election. This is the dictum of C. T. Cramp, president of the British Labor party, who is in the city today. Mr. Cramp, together with A. B. Swayles, president of the British trades union congress, is the guest of John Colbert, who has just returned from the convention of the American federation of labor, held this year in Mexico, to which he was an accredited fraternal delegate. The two Englishmen were the British fraternal delegates.

Both the visitors were the guests of the city of London at a lunch in Wong's cafe at noon, and in the afternoon in a drive around the city in a car provided by V. K. Greer, public school inspector. Mayor Wenigke acted as chairman, and Aldermen Douglas and Ashton, City Auditor Aspland, John Colbert and Arthur Mould, president of the London Labor party.

Speaking to the Advertiser, Mr. Cramp, who is also general secretary of the British national union of railwaymen, said an eloquent orator of the labor party, Mr. H. J. Thompson, who was at one time, general manager of the Great Eastern railway in England.

"From the personal experience which I have had with Sir Henry in England," said Mr. Cramp, "I can assure you that if he is given a fair showing over here he will meet labor with a vengeance. This is what we found in all our dealings with him at home. He was extremely popular with labor in England while he was general manager of the Great Eastern railway."

On the subject of the political position of the British labor party, Mr. Cramp said: "We are very confident that we increased our total vote by over a million. We are not by any means downhearted at our defeat at the polls. In fact, we are confident that we shall strengthen our party, and be more fit to carry on the work of government when the time comes again."

The visitor, like all members of the British labor party, has strong and well-rounded views on the Russian trade treaty, which Mr. Macdonald had in view at the time of his defeat.

"You will find," he declared, "that Baldwin will go ahead with the work which we started in the way of reopening with Russia, although I expect that he will give it a new name. It is obvious that if we are doing anything at all with our unemployment problem at home we must open up trade avenues again. It is out of the question and very bad business to keep out of nation with 300,000,000 people at a time when we need all the international trade which we can get to save ourselves."

The visitor, who is in the city to send Russia the steel, machinery that they needed and take in return the furs, gins, and raw materials which we need that we would be doing the best for ourselves.

### MACDONALD SAYS VISIT NOT OF OFFICIAL KIND

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, Dec. 12.—John Macdonald, minister of national defence, characterizes as "pure fake" a recent despatch from Quebec regarding the visit to Canada of a number of British officers, and alleging that they had come to look into the imperial aspects of the proposed international waterway for ocean navigation to the head of the lakes.

"They were en route to Washington and came by way of Canada, incidentally calling on me," said the minister. "Their visit, however, has nothing to do with the imperial connection with the Lawrence scheme or anything of like character."

### MOTORIST KILLED BY TRAIN. HEAVY SNOWSTORM BLAMED

Canadian Press Despatch. Port Credit, Dec. 12.—John Harris of Mineola road, near here, was killed this evening when the motor car he was driving was struck by an east-bound C. N. R. train at the Stavebank level road crossing a short distance outside this town. A bell was rung and the train was stopped, but the motor car was not seen by the train.

The automobile, a closed one, was completely wrecked and the body of the occupant buried a considerable distance. Harris was 35 years of age, an inspector for an insurance company.



BARON AGO VON MALTZAN.

who has been declared acceptable to the Washington government as German ambassador to the United States in succession to Dr. Otto Wiedfeldt.

### GOLDEN HAMMER PLEASES PONTIFF

Gold Trowel Also Presented to Pope Pius For the Opening Ceremony.

Associated Press Despatch. Rome, Dec. 11.—The solid gold hammer and trowel with which Pope Pius will open the holy door of St. Peter's at the ceremony Christmas Eve inaugurating holy year, were shown to the pontiff today for the first time. Both the exquisite hammer and trowel with which Pope Pius will open the holy door of St. Peter's at the ceremony Christmas Eve inaugurating holy year, were shown to the pontiff today for the first time.

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Two years ago the ice storms caused a lot of expense. Last year the snowfall was exceptionally heavy on three occasions, and then the hauling costs piled up.

### Working Class Woman Puzzles

Lady Astor Figures in Tilt With Kirkwood.

Associated Press Despatch. London, Dec. 12.—"What is a working class woman?" Lady Astor asked in the House of Commons at question time last night, when one of the questions on the order paper was with regard to the advisability of the food price commission considering food prices from a working class woman's point of view.

David Kirkwood, Labor member for Dumbarton, remarked: "Obviously you are not one."

Lady Astor—"Who is?"

David Kirkwood—"The people who clothe you, work for you and make your bed are working class women."

This little interchange ended in general laughter.

### LULL SHADOWS LAKE PORTS AS SEASON NEARS FINISH

Fort William Sees Quietest Closing of Navigation in Years.

#### LONE SHIP WAITS

Canadian Press Despatch. Fort William, Dec. 12.—Everything points to this being the quietest closing of navigation that has been experienced at the head of the lakes for some years. There has been no rush of boats to clear away the grain from the elevators, and the fact that one day prior to closing of navigation one boat was lying here awaiting orders show how little demands there is for tonnage.

A few boats may tie up here with winter storage, but the elevators are not overly anxious to let grain go in boats for the winter, since they will lose storage charges on it, and it is believed the shipments from the west will be extremely light as soon as navigation is closed. The holding open of one lock at the Soo till Dec. 18 may allow some few boats to come up yet, but there have been no symptoms of any rush to get here.

#### BATTLES HEAVY SEAS.

Canadian Press Despatch. Montreal, Dec. 12.—Constituting the latest arrival here from the sea of any year on record, the freight steamer, Kenora, reached port at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon from St. Johns, Nfld., after battling with heavy seas and gales in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and being driven 150 miles off her course.

### FOUR INCHES OF SNOWFALL, WORK PROVIDED FOR MANY

Storm One of the Heaviest on Record For This Time of Year.

#### PREPARE WORK

Cost of Cleaning Away Snow in London Varies With Time of Year.

King Winter breezed into London last night. He definitely announced a protracted visit and brought with him four inches of snow, one of the heaviest storms on record for so early in the year. Today the scrape of the snowshovel, the skidding of motor cars, the jingle of sleighbells here and there, gave forth the appearance of really Christmasy weather. Businessmen cheered and trade improved and work for the jobbers was provided in cleaning walks.

The weather bureau stated today that a snowfall of four inches has been recorded overnight. It was not a dismal, unpleasant storm. It brought strong hopes of a "white" Christmas.

The city engineer's staff today made preparations for the cleaning of streets in event of further fall of snow. Three new snowplows have been purchased, and one of these was given a trial on Wellington street this morning.

The new plows have all arrived at the city barns, and have been fitted up ready for use. Two of them will be used on the big five-ton flusher trucks, and one will be attached to a small tractor. Streets were quickly packed by traffic this morning, and the layer of snow was so slight when pressed against the pavement that there was no real need for removal. But a trial of one plow on Wellington street brought forth no complaints.

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#### Ice Storms Costly.

Ice storms are more costly than heavy snowfall. Costs are variable, and there is no way of estimating the costs in advance.

London has over 200 miles of sidewalks which are plowed after serious storms; 135 miles of curbs and gutters are kept open during the winter. There are 12 miles of central streets which are plowed, the cost of plowing these last winter being only \$342 for contract on low terms from a contractor. Plowing streets is not expensive, but the hauling costs in a day would be as much as the plowing bill for the season.

An agreement with the street railway will likely be made to take care of snowfall on their track over a certain depth.

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Large Number of Mail Bags Taken in Raid in Old London.

#### ESCAPE BY AUTO

Scotland Yard Using Wireless-Equipped Car in Search.

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Labor Chief's Condition Eases as High Altitudes Are Left Behind.

Associated Press Despatch. Laredo, Texas, Dec. 12.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American federation of labor, arrived at the United States border here at 7:30 this morning in a critical condition, suffering from bronchial infection. He is to be rushed through to San Antonio this morning, and will be taken to the St. Anthony hotel there this afternoon.

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