

THE WEATHER:  
FAIR AND COLD TODAY.  
TUESDAY—CLOUDY.

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IS YOURS FOR THE ASKING—  
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## BRIDGE FAVORED TO LINK NORTH AND SOUTH Privy Council Dismisses Appeal of Lord's Day Alliance

### RICHMOND BRIDGE IS CONSIDERED

Direct Route to South London  
Favored by Planning  
Commission.

### LINK TO HIGHWAY

Ground Nearly Ready To  
Carry Out Work When  
Ordered.

Another artery from the north to the south end of London, and improvement of the roads giving access to South London, are the proposals of the town planning commission. For this purpose the construction of a bridge at the foot of Richmond street south, across the Thames, is being considered.

With such a bridge in use, south-bound traffic could travel directly to the river Thames by way of Richmond street and, crossing the bridge to Carfax crescent, would be routed to the river, north of Carfax crescent, by way of Belgrave avenue into Westminster township. Proposals include building of a southwesterly road from the south end of Belgrave avenue over to the Lambeth highway.

At the present time traffic directed to the south and southwest sections of the city goes over the Rialto or York street bridges, both of which are taxed more than they should be. With a bridge at the foot of Richmond street, traffic congestion would be cut down considerably.

For several winters the city engineer's department has been making use of fill secured through the ash collections to build up an approach to the river, north of Carfax crescent. The property has also been used as a dumping ground by residents of the district.

"Ashes make a good fill as we know," City Engineer W. P. Near declares. "Clay and gravel both have their faults."

Should the 1925 council consider a Richmond street bridge in their building program, the approach to the river on both the north and south sides is almost in readiness for the job.

### TWO THOUSAND WORKERS PETITION KING ON TARIFF

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Montreal, Dec. 22.—Two thousand boot and shoe workers in Montreal, comprising employees of fifteen of the largest factories in the city, have signed a petition urging upon Premier Mackenzie King the need of higher tariffs on boots and shoes imported from the United Kingdom and other countries, in view of the depression in the shoe industry in Canada. Workers in five additional factories have still to sign the petition. It is expected that it will be sent off about the middle of next week.

### DETROIT POLICE WITHOUT CLUES TO STORE BANDITS

Associated Press Despatch.  
Detroit, Dec. 22.—Police today were without any clue as to the identity of the five bandits who rifled the Broadway market here yesterday and made away with \$8,000. The bandits bound two engineers and rifled several safes in the building.

### The Weather

#### FORECASTS.

Today—Fair and cold.

Tuesday—Fresh to strong southerly wind; partly cloudy, with light snow. A little higher temperature.

High pressure extends from British Columbia across the western states to the middle Atlantic, while a fairly deep depression has come in over Manitoba from the northwest.

The weather has been decidedly cold from Ontario eastward, but has moderated in the western provinces.

The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

| Stations.      | High. | Low. | Weather. |
|----------------|-------|------|----------|
| Victoria       | 39    | 26   | Clear    |
| Calgary        | 4     | -4   | Cloudy   |
| Winnipeg       | -16   | -18  | Snow     |
| Port Arthur    | -8    | -18  | Cloudy   |
| Park St. Regis | 8     | 3    | Cloudy   |
| Toronto        | 36    | 11   | Cloudy   |
| Kingston       | 6     | 4    | Cloudy   |
| Ottawa         | 4     | -14  | Cloudy   |
| Montreal       | 8     | -19  | Cloudy   |
| Quebec         | 8     | 3    | Cloudy   |
| Father Point   | -2    | -8   | Cloudy   |
| St. John's     | -2    | -4   | Fair     |
| Halifax        | 12    | 4    | Cloudy   |

Minus sign means below zero.

#### LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 15; lowest, 7.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 14; lowest, 8.

Barometric Readings.  
Tuesday—2 p.m.—29.72.  
Today—8 a.m.—29.57.

### GOUGH DECLARES PRESIDENT OF HOME BANK DECEIVED HIM



ALEX KERENSKY,  
former premier of Russia and leader of the moderates whose exile has been ended by the Soviet government. He will return to his native land at once and assume a responsible position in the Bolshevik administration.

### WOMAN SUCCUMBS TO RIVER MISHAP

Death Comes to Mrs. E. Young  
Six Days After She Is  
Rescued From Thames.

Mrs. Elizabeth Young died early this morning at Victoria hospital from shock and exposure to extreme cold six days after she was found by police lying partly submerged in shallow water of the Thames river.

Little hope was held for her recovery from the beginning. Her advanced age rendered her incapable of withstanding the shock and she barely regained consciousness after her admission to the hospital on Tuesday afternoon.

She had wandered from her home at 221 Grey street and was first seen lying in the water of the river by Mr. and Mrs. Merle Tanner, 217 Nelson street. It is believed that the aged woman had walked along Nelson street and across a vacant lot to the river. The bank at this point is slightly inclined and it is thought she slipped and fell. Her body had been submerged for some time before being rescued, but her head was above water.

The body was sent to Bothwell today and the funeral will be held at that place on Wednesday.

Coroner Dr. Robert Ferguson, upon investigating the case, decided that an inquest would be unnecessary.

### STOLEN CAR TRACED BY TRACKS IN SNOW

Owner Takes Up Hunt and  
Captures Suspect With  
Officers' Aid.

C. M. Barry of Dorchester could easily qualify for a star job on the county police force as a result of his work yesterday in running down and capturing Eric Van Avers, of the Muncie reserve, who it is alleged, stole Barry's car from his garage at 8 o'clock yesterday morning.

Barry did not discover his loss until two hours later and traced the tire marks as far as Cathcart.

Inquiries in the village led the chase to Caledonia where High Constable Kerr of Brantford was encountered at noon. The men placed their car directly across the road which Van Avers was expected to take, and the Indian was forced into the ditch in an attempt to pass.

He was arrested by the constable and taken to Brantford jail where he was called for this afternoon by High Constable Wharton.

Van Avers will appear before County Magistrate Hawshaw tomorrow morning to answer to a charge of theft preferred by Mr. Barry.

### FRENCH GOVERNMENT TO SUE DAILY PAPER

Associated Press Despatch.  
Paris, Dec. 21.—Minister of Justice Doumergue has instructed the Paris courts to institute proceedings against the afternoon newspaper, Le Liberté, for the publication of false news.

The articles to which the government takes exception were concerned with the exposure of an alleged communist plot to capture the city of Amiens, and an editorial statement that the government had mobilized tanks and machine guns, placing them in various suburbs, with a view to repelling an expected communist reprisal.

### RUSSIAN SEAPORTS OPEN.

Associated Press Despatch.  
Paris, Dec. 22.—All-Russian seaports are now open to merchant ships flying the French flag, while similar treatment is accorded Russian tonnage in French ports.

Director Maintains He Would  
Not Have Allowed Bank  
To Continue Business.

### RELIED ON DALY

Had Been Assured That In-  
spections Showed Condi-  
tions Were Satisfactory.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Toronto, Dec. 22.—D. L. McCarthy, K. C., crown prosecutor, this morning started his cross-examination of R. P. Gough, Home Bank director on trial for making and approving false statements of the bank's affairs.

Gough said he had never seen a statement of bad and doubtful debts until A. E. Calvert presented his statement on Aug. 7, 1923, following which the bank suspended.

"Did you ever ask for a statement of bad and doubtful debts?" asked Mr. McCarthy. "I thought I was getting all the information," said Mr. Gough.

Mr. Gough said that at the meeting at which Calvert presented the statement he asked the late H. J. Daly, then president, if he knew anything about the real state of the bank, to which Mr. Daly replied: "Yes, I have known of this for a year and a half, and I have been deceiving you, but I will take full responsibility."

"If you had known about that I suppose you would have closed up the bank a year before?" asked Mr. McCarthy.

"I would have closed it up long before if I had known," was the reply.

Mr. Gough said he had been told by M. J. Haney when he joined the bank that the conditions were good with the exception of one account.

Concealed From Him.

Mr. Gough insisted upon cross-examination that the accounts of the bank had been concealed from him. He did not think it his duty as a director to go through the branch reports and other matters. He had never seen a report from the Toronto branch, and did not know that conditions were bad there. The accounts there, he said, had been concealed from him.

Mr. Gough said Haney told him the bank was in good condition when he went on the board. "I asked him why the bank stock was selling as low as 65, and he said it was due to the fact that the bank was not large. He had found that some of it had been utilized to pay off some accounts."

"Utilized by whom, by directors?" "Yes."

Never Asked for Report.

"Didn't anybody ever ask for information about loans and overdrafts?"

"Yes, for comparison figures."

"Did anybody ever ask if they were good or bad?"

"We had our inspection department."

"Did you ever see an inspector's report?"

"No."

Witness said he had never asked for a report, but was assured inspections had been made, and that everything was satisfactory.

"Did the chance of incurring bad debts incite your curiosity?" asked Mr. McCarthy.

Mr. Gough said he was told the small loans constituted the greater part of the total. He found out much later that big loans made up the total. Mr. McCarthy reminded Mr. Gough that three loans made most of the accounts in the Toronto office and that these never paid interest.

### EXPLOSIVES, PERFUMES, LEAD TO JAIL

Woman Is Given Six Months  
For Inland Revenue  
Breach.

### DENIES IT LIQUOR

Claims Hair Tonic Was To  
Come From Mixture  
Prepared.

Manufacture of hair tonic and perfume proved an expensive occupation for Mrs. St. Clair Stokes, who appeared in police court this morning for an violation of the inland revenue act. Although she swore equipment found in her house was a hair tonic and Florida water machine, the court could not be persuaded that it wasn't a violation of the inland revenue act. Mrs. Stokes was sentenced to six months in the common jail.

"I'll go to jail," Mrs. Stokes murmured when she heard the court's ruling, "but you'll have to take care of my old mother."

Police claimed the paraphernalia discovered in the Stokes abode at 267 Waterloo street was nothing else than a complete still and boiler. The prisoner denied this. She declared it was merely an improvised perfume apparatus operated exclusively for the production of sweet-smelling liquids.

Left by Father.

Her father, she said, left her a recipe for perfume and hair tonic, and the machine was constructed for that purpose. She was a chemist, she declared, and had always been interested in the manufacture of perfumes and high explosives.

The raid in the Waterloo street home was made last night by Inland Revenue Officer Cyril Webb, Inspector Bud Lucas and High Constable Wharton.

The three officers declared in court that they had seized a boiler, a warm, two barrels of corn mash, six buckets and three bottles and a jug of the finished product—liquor.

On the conclusion of evidence for the crown, Mrs. Stokes accused one of the officers of being a dope fiend.

Terrible Man.

"He used to board at my house under the name of George Nickle and he was a terrible man. I used to see him standing in the park drinking whisky. He had a very bad temper, much more than I had to throw him out."

Upon being asked what the bottles of the finished product were, Mrs. Stokes replied that they were filled with perfume extract, which she was to transform into the genuine sweet-smelling stuff today.

Graydon told the women. You are charged under the inland revenue act with having, without a license, a still and mash suitable for the manufacture of liquor.

"Upon your own admission I will be forced to convict you," Magistrate Graydon told Mrs. Stokes.

"I am a dope fiend," Mrs. Stokes declared, "and I am a very bad person."

REGULATION FOR PORTS  
IS RATIFIED BY FRANCE

Twenty-Six States Have Now  
Subscribed To Interna-  
tional Convention.

Associated Press Despatch.  
Geneva, Dec. 20.—France today signed the international convention for the regulation of maritime ports throughout the world. This convention, drawn up at a conference held in Geneva in November and December of last year, under the auspices of the league of nations, creates an equality of treatment for ships of the contracting parties. Twenty-six states have now subscribed to the convention.

Great Britain has ratified the convention, which goes into force upon the ratification of five powers. The United States, which had an observer at the Geneva conference, has not ratified.

### Stocks Increase In Value By Billions After Election

Associated Press Despatch.  
New York, Dec. 22.—The post election boom in stock prices which today enters upon its eighth consecutive week, has added billions to the value of the market and has brought sizeable fortunes to partners in New York stock exchange houses, many of which were barely meeting expenses over the summer months.

Total sales since election day have been approximately 75,000,000 shares, with nineteen 2,000,000 share days within that period, an unprecedented record of heavy trading. The average of leading industrial stocks has been elevated to the highest level since the peak of the post war boom in 1919, while the general railroad average is at the highest figure in seven years.

Fifteen active issues alone have added nearly \$400,000,000 to their market value, and there are nearly 900 issues listed on the exchange,

nearly half of which are traded in each day. The extent of the rise may be visualized from the following table which gives the name of 15 active market stocks, the extreme gain from the low point on the day before election and the monetary appreciation in quoted value on outstanding capital stock:

| Stock            | Extreme Gain | In Value     |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| American Tel.    | 67 1/2       | \$59,461,197 |
| U. S. Steel com. | 10 1/2       | \$52,736,383 |
| Southern Pacific | 13 1/2       | \$46,484,756 |
| Baltimore & Ohio | 23 1/2       | \$35,237,282 |
| N. Y. Central    | 11 1/2       | \$33,012,596 |
| Atchafalpa       | 33 1/2       | \$31,957,530 |
| Union Pacific    | 13 1/2       | \$28,987,308 |
| Phiber Body      | 46 1/2       | \$27,690,000 |
| Rock Island com. | 16 1/2       | \$14,650,305 |
| New Haven        | 8 1/2        | \$12,862,152 |
| Nash Motors      | 47 1/2       | \$12,831,000 |
| St. Paul pref.   | 10 1/2       | \$12,308,815 |
| F. W. Woolworth  | 18 1/2       | \$12,075,000 |
| American Can     | 27 1/2       | \$11,236,074 |
| Eric common      | 7 1/2        | \$ 8,717,347 |



SIR FREDERICK FIELD.

He has been appointed deputy chief of the British naval staff in succession to Sir Roger Keyes, who has been appointed commander of the Mediterranean fleet. Sir Frederick made a tour last summer of empire points, visiting numerous Canadian ports.

### WOMAN BURNED AS FIRE EXPLODES

Mrs. Alec. McCoy Rushed to  
Hospital in Serious  
Condition.

Severely burned when her clothes became ignited after she had poured gasoline on a smoldering fire, Mrs. Alec McCoy, of 10 Dean street, was brought to Victoria hospital this afternoon. Her body was badly seared and her condition is considered extremely critical.

Mrs. McCoy was working in the kitchen of her home. She believed the stove to be out, and in an attempt to relight it poured out the gasoline. The fluid caught and quickly burning embers, and exploded. Her clothes caught fire and her body was badly burned.

Dr. Robert Ferguson and Dr. F. J. T. Dean were called and administered medical aid. Mrs. McCoy was later removed to the hospital in the A. L. Outman ambulance.

### MISSIONARIES SURVIVE RANGOON MOB ATTACK

Prof. P. R. Gleason and His  
Wife Returning to U. S.  
to Recupate.

Associated Press Despatch.  
London, Dec. 22.—Professor P. R. Gleason and Mrs. Gleason, Baptist missionaries, who were assaulted and severely beaten in a mob in Rangoon, Burma, in October, arrived in London today, bound for their home in the United States to recuperate from their experience. They are sailing Friday for the Aquitania.

Mrs. Gleason's head bears two long scars where she was struck by her attackers, who relished twice while her husband was only an umbrella for a weapon, endeavored to beat them off.

Prof. Gleason, whose home is in Los Angeles, has a six-inch scar on the right side of his face, a mark made by an Indian knife. Part of his tongue and one side of his mouth are slightly paralyzed, but his speech is little affected.

Four Buddhist priests involved in the attack on the Gleasons were given heavy jail sentences after trial in Rangoon late last month. The assault was said to be intended as retaliation on the British for the raiding by the police of an illegal meeting of the Buddhist priests.

### TORONTO POLICE WILL PROBE DEATH OF WOMAN

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Toronto, Dec. 22.—Police officials are investigating the circumstances surrounding the death early this morning in a local hospital of Mrs. Elsie McGuire, aged 49. Mrs. McGuire was suffering from an advanced diabetic condition, and when Dr. Thos. Kerr was called in yesterday he found her in a critical condition, and ordered her removal to a hospital at once. Mrs. McGuire is said to have been under the care of a Christian Science practitioner during the past two years. Yesterday he secured medical attention when his wife lapsed into a semi-conscious condition. Physicians decided that Mrs. McGuire was in "too weak condition to be operated upon."

### NAVIGATION ENDS

Special to The Advertiser.  
Sarnia, Dec. 22.—Her ice-coated deck and forecastle glistening in the morning sun, the steel freighter, S. B. Squires of the Jenkins Steamship Company, Cleveland, last of the lake vessels to emerge into the St. Clair today bound for Buffalo with grain from Port Arthur. With her arrival at Buffalo tonight lake navigation for 1924 will be closed until spring.

The Marconi station at Point Edward, the bugbear of radio fans for miles around will close with the arrival of the Squires in port.

Vessels in harbor here sent out a message of welcome by means of their sirens as the Squires quickly slipped by the city. The vessel broke mass day last year when the tail end of the season's navigation was closed. The locks at Sault Ste. Marie were kept open for 24 hours after grain vessels cleared in order that the Squires might reach her home port. All vessels bound for Goderich and Georgian Bay were cleared by Saturday.

### SOVIET LEGATION, ALBANIA, ASKED TO LEAVE COUNTRY

Associated Press Despatch.  
London, Dec. 20.—A news agency despatch from Rome states that it has been officially learned from Tirana that the Albanian government requested the Soviet legation, including Minister Krakovitch, and six of his staff, all of whom arrived there on Wednesday, to leave the country. It was added that the Russian officials departed for Moscow this morning.

### PLANS NEAR COMPLETION FOR VOTING

Presbyterian Congregations of  
City Will Arrange Form  
of Ballot Tonight.

### THOSE ELIGIBLE

Question of "Whether Ballot  
Will Be Signed To Be  
Discussed."

Epoch-making congregational meetings will be held this evening in seven of the eight Presbyterian churches of the city.

The object of these meetings will be to complete the arrangements for the taking of a congregational vote upon the question of entering the United Church of Canada or remaining out of the union.

Voting, which will commence tonight, will proceed throughout the ensuing two weeks. Upon the result of that vote will depend the destiny of the individual congregation after June 10 next, the day upon which the act of parliament incorporating the United Church of Canada comes into effect.

Meetings of individual units tonight, the several congregations must decide upon the form of the ballot to be placed in the hands of those entitled to vote on the question.

Decisions must also be arrived at as to the length of time and hours at which the polls will be open for the taking of the vote.

A poll clerk with two or three deputies and scrutineers, probably three on each side, will have to be appointed.

The congregations must decide also whether the ballot is to be marked and signed, or only marked by the voter.

A certified list of all those entitled to vote, as prepared by the session, will have to be tabled.

Decide Form of Ballot.

All these things having been carried out, those present at the meeting, and desiring to vote, may cast their ballots, after which the meeting will decide the day and hour to which adjournment shall be made when the polls shall be closed, the ballots counted and the result certified to by the clerk of session.

Since the taking of the vote must be spread over a period not less than two weeks, though it cannot last more than 30 days, the congregations have generally decided that the voting should be brought to a close on the night of Monday, Jan. 5.

Should the congregation decide that the ballots are to be signed, it will mean, of course, that the vote will be legally an open one.

Should the decision be made that the ballots are to be marked only then any signature placed on the ballot will render it spoiled.

Should the decision be made that the ballots are to be marked only then a signed record of all those who voted on the question is generally understood that the ballot is to be a closed one.

The form of the ballot may cause some discussion at the meetings this evening. A simple form of ballot, as prepared by the joint committee on church union, is as follows: "Are you in favor of this congregation entering the Union of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Methodist Church, and the Congregational Church?" The voter, on this ballot, is to indicate his or her desire by marking an X opposite the "yes" or "no" blank space provided for that purpose, directly below the question. Congregations have it entirely within their power to alter the form.

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### Moderate Weather Promised

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Toronto, Dec. 22.—Southern breezes are today dissipating the bitter northwestern blasts which yesterday held sway over the eastern provinces, resulting in sub-zero temperatures being reported from practically all points. Meteorological reports indicate a return today to more reasonable weather.

In Western and Central Ontario, the mercury has already climbed considerably and the change will be noticed in Eastern Ontario and Quebec tonight.

### LEAGUE AWAITES BELGRADE REPLY

Special Session May Be Con-  
voked to Consider Albanian-  
Jugo-Slav Dispute.

Associated Press Despatch.  
Geneva, Dec. 22.—Sir Eric Drummond, secretary-general of the league of nations, states he has the right under the league covenant to convoke a special session of the league's council to consider the Albanian-Jugo-Slav dispute as in any crisis, but before taking the initiative will probably confer with Alfranco Mello Franco, of Brazil, president of the council.

The league is awaiting somewhat anxiously the Belgrade government's reply to the Albanian charges that Jugo-Slavians from across the frontier were carrying out a campaign of terrorism. Should Jugo-Slavians ignore Albania's appeal, made through the league, it is believed this would complicate the already delicate situation.

Mr. Rowell contended that the Lord's Day act of Canada was not a law over which the province of Manitoba had legislative authority. At Toronto, General R. W. Craig, of Manitoba, argued that the dominion parliament, in the provisions of the Lord's Day act, had exceeded its jurisdiction over criminal matters.

See No Prospect of Cheerful Christmas, So Commit Suicide.

Associated Press Despatch.  
New York, Dec. 22.—Two women, unable to partake in the good cheer which has heralded the approach of Christmas, became so despondent yesterday that they ended their lives.

Miss Frieda Cohen was so ill that the preparations for Christmas drove her to destruction. She visited yesterday with her sister at 405 West 45th street. She watched the preparations which were under way for Christmas. Suddenly she said: "It looks like a Christmas tree to me." She left the room and a little later dropped from the roof of the building. Mrs. Cohen's body was found near a pile of Christmas trees in the courtyard.

Mrs. Mary Kremek was so poor that when her husband died just after last Christmas, she was unable to send her daughter Frances, 12, to an institution. She struggled for a year to support herself and her other daughter, Irene, 11. A letter came from Frances and it complained that this Christmas would be so different, because "we haven't a daddy now."

Yesterday Mrs. Kremek jumped to her death from the roof of the five-story tenement in which she lived.

### WIDE SEARCH BEING MADE FOR TEXAS BANK BANDITS

Associated Press Despatch.  
Gainesville, Texas, Dec. 22.—A country-wide search is under way today for the band of robbers who early yesterday looted the vaults of the First National bank and of the First Guaranty State bank of Valley View, near here, and set fire to the building housing the banks, causing a property loss in excess of \$120,000. A clerk has disclosed that between \$150,000 and \$190,000 in cash, notes and securities were missing from the two banks.

### THIEVES INFEST HAMILTON.

Hamilton, Dec. 21.—Pickpockets were busy here Saturday night. Mrs. Laura Clark lost \$8 in cash and \$75 worth of jewelry from her purse in a local store. Mrs. A. Tillson reported that \$16.55 was taken from her purse while she was making some purchases. Dr. Bingham is a former Yale professor.

### DR. HIRAM BINGHAM.

Lieutenant-governor and governor-elect of Connecticut, who has just been elected as Republican U. S. senator, succeeding the late Frank B. Brandegee, who committed suicide. Dr. Bingham is a former Yale professor.

### LAST OF DOWN-BOUND BOATS PASSES THROUGH ST. CLAIR