

PRESENT GOSSIPY BREAKS ALL CITY RECORDS

Fleeing London Van Caught In Montreal en Route To Italy

DYING GASP OF MARCH BREAKS LOCAL RECORD FOR ICY TEMPERATURE

Weather Yesterday and Today Coldest in London's History for This Season of Year—Other Cities Also Experience Record-Breaking Cold.

MARCH RECORD LOWEST IN MANY YEARS

In its dying moments March is trying to make an undying record. Today was the coldest ever recorded in London for the time of year, and as far as can be learned no previous 28th of March hit the low spots of yesterday. This morning the mercury crept down to three points above zero, an event unprecedented in the annals of local weather.

More than that, this year was colder by comparison than any March day in this locality with twelve exceptions, in 30 odd years. In some sunny parts of the city the thermometer rose to 11 degrees above, but the prevailing figure was 8 degrees below that.

And the weather bureau announces even colder probabilities for tomorrow. An easing up will be felt to-day evening, but this apparently is only a trick to keep people in good humor. The prospects for March 30 are a lower temperature and frozen cars.

Old Time Winters Beaten.

Citizens who recall the "old-fashioned winters" of the 19th century, when it was supposed to have snowed harder, blown harder, frozen harder, and generally been harder all round to endure, have their theories knocked on the head by the latest report of London's weather bureau.

Old times to the contrary, this winter has been one of more consistent coldness than any recorded on local weather books. These books go back to 1860 and thereabouts, but nothing to approach the long, cold period of 1923 can be found. Today persons with a nose for barometric changes predicted to have detected a balmy touch in the atmosphere. But this, according to the most reliable weather bureau, is a mere illusion. The menu for Good Friday is zero weather garnished with shivers. Those who have learned to expect a gradual softening of the weather during the latter part of March have marvelled for weeks at the tenacity of Old Man Winter. Last week many believed the frost king had given up the white ghost, but his relapse was only temporary, and there appears to be sufficient punch left in him to defy any attempt to make it inconvenient for some time to come.

Cold Month Throughout.

On March 7, 1917, the city was enveloped in a veil of cold that dragged the thermometer down to 10 below. This is a record of half a century, but warm southern breezes immediately came to the rescue and the remainder of the month was typical of spring. In March, 1916, 32½ inches of snow fell. Only one-third of that has fallen this month, so far, but taking the

STEEL INVESTORS NOW ORGANIZING FOR PROTECTION

Head of Buffalo Committee Promises To Go To Toronto To Assist.

TO RECOVER MONEY

Will Make an Effort To Help Canadian Get Back L. R. Steel Investments.

Special to The Advertiser.
Buffalo, March 28.—A stockholders' protective association, similar to the committee that has functioned here for several weeks, is being organized in Toronto to embrace the Canadian shareholders of the L. R. Steel enterprises, according to a letter received today from Charles Dougherty, head of the Buffalo committee.

The letter came from Daniel J. Coffey, 120 Bay street, Toronto, who said that he had been in touch with a large number of Canadian investors in the Steel bubble, and that they had requested him to proceed with the work of organizing the committee. He asked Mr. Dougherty to come to Toronto to aid in the work of organization.

Today Mr. Dougherty said he was writing Mr. Coffey that he will go to Toronto in the course of a few days.

"It is my duty to go there and aid those people in any effort they are making to recover their money," he said. "Over here our committee has forced the hands of these men who would have kept the Steel tangle under cover to further their own ends, and I believe an organization of Canadian investors will strengthen our own position. It will at least aid in the work of seeing that justice is dealt out to those responsible for the loss of all the millions that were poured into the Steel companies."

Left Out Paper.

Scores of poor persons yesterday related to Mr. Dougherty their experiences with Steel salesmen, who took their life savings and left them in return the brightly colored certificates of the Steel Company. One of them was blind. Another was a cripple, and many of them were so far advanced in age that the loss of the money given to the Steel salesmen would result in their being left penniless.

Had not the legal department of the State of New York blocked the plans of the board of control, which assumed the management of the Steel Enterprises, following the forced withdrawal of L. R. Steel in January, hundreds of salesmen would now be vigorously forcing a new stock issue, totalling \$30,000,000.

The new issue had been prepared, much "pep" advertising had been done, and the schools of instruction for salesmen were already in full swing when Attorney-General Sherman issued an order preventing further sale of all Steel shares.

Fought the Order.

Walker Wilkins, head of the board of control of the Steel companies, and Henry W. Killen, attorney for the Steel organization, fought the issue of the order, but the state authorities declined to withdraw it. G. Nelson, head of the Nelson Steel company in New England, which L. R. Steel purchased without examination and after a two-hour conference with company officials for more than a million, has returned to Boston, after his conference with Steel receivers yesterday. The latter has two weeks more to decide whether it is in the interest of the creditors and the stockholders to pay the Nelson Company \$250,000 still due it on the purchase price, or abandon the stores to the original owners.

The latter course would mean a dead loss of more than \$800,000, but on the other hand, the receivers say that to operate the stores might result in a further loss, as no profit is now being shown by them. David Lewis, one of the receivers, accompanied Mr. Nelson on the return journey to Boston, with the intention of surveying the business and possibilities of the stores.

Associated Press Despatch.
Los Angeles, March 28.—Glenn Swanson, motion picture actress, was made defendant in a divorce action filed yesterday by Herbert K. Sonberg, her husband. The complaint charges desertion.

Find Woman's Pink Skirt On Tramp Arrested Here

William Peters Claims He Is Entertainer and Skirt Is Part of His Outfit.

City police have forwarded the finger prints of William Peters, 20, arrested at the C. P. R. station last night with a revolver in his possession, as a result of the nationwide police search for the slayer of Constable Jean Batiste Baudey in Montreal Monday night.

Peters was arrested last night by C. P. R. Detective Graham, who turned him over to the custody of the local police. He is charged with trespassing on the C. P. R. and with having a revolver in his possession.

The revolver, a .32 calibre weapon, was loaded. The prisoner also had a number of cartridges in his pocket. He claims his home is at 1004 Queen street, Toronto, and that he

This Nice, Little Girl Has a Question to Ask



She wonders if you're going to help her gladly when your chance comes next week

Little children! London has lots of them—her most precious possession.

At you today from the front page with a gravely questioning eye is one of them. And on every street in the city are other little girls and small boys who are watching life with the same eager wonderment.

London's own particular children live in two big homes, the Protestant and the St. Joseph's orphanages. These are two of the fourteen institutions which you are supporting in your welfare drive next week.

London's children are worth visiting. You'll carry away, as The Advertiser did yesterday a picture of clean, white, chubby faces, smiling and laughing.

There are 19 little children in the Protestant Home and 150 in St. Joseph's Orphanage.

"Some of our youngsters come to us after their parents have separated, and the mother is forced to earn her own living," Mrs. Harry Chambers, matron of the Protestant home, told The Advertiser. "The majority never see their mother, and so I take the place of mother in their hearts."

"All our children are adopted or put to work after a certain age."

FOUR PERSONS KILLED IN FIERCE GUN BATTLE

Liquor Agents Attempt To Arrest Alleged Moonshiner—Woman Slain.

Special to The Advertiser.
Hurling, Ky., March 28.—A bullet-riddled cabin, home of Ike Strong, near Asher Leslie County, 28 miles from here, bore evidence today of the fierceness of a gun battle yesterday in which four persons were killed. The dead are: Kelly Walker, deputy United States prohibition agent; Isaac Strong, alleged moonshiner; Mrs. Strong, his wife; George Strong, a brother.

Twenty liquor agents surrounded the house. Walker started to enter and was shot down. Then the battle started.

When firing from the house was silenced, agents entered and found the three Strong dead on the floor.

Associated Press Despatch.
Washington, March 28.—The state department has taken steps, it was officially announced today, to convey to the Soviet government, through the United States ambassador at Berlin, the "earnest hope" that the lives of Archbishop Zepplak and Monsignor Butkovich of the Catholic Church, under sentence to be executed tomorrow in Moscow, "may be spared."

NEEDLE IN HEART BRINGS PATIENT BACK FROM DEATH

Remarkable Operation Today by House Surgeons at Victoria Hospital.

LIVED 45 MINUTES

Then Succumbed Again, Actually Expiring for Second Time.

Piercing the heart of a patient after it had stopped beating and breathing had ceased for almost two minutes, house surgeons at Victoria Hospital this morning succeeded in bringing back the spark of life to his body, and maintaining the heart action for 45 minutes. After the pulse had ceased, the heart action had definitely stopped and the patient ceased to breathe, the house surgeons, who were in constant attendance on the case for several hours, in a forlorn hope that the patient was not dead, pierced the heart with a fine needle, and injected a quantity of adrenalin, which is a powerful heart stimulant, into the auricles.

They were rewarded in a few moments, when the glow of life returned to the victim's cheeks, his breathing commenced once more, and the glassy stare of death was replaced by one of health. The patient, who was a young man, regained consciousness and recognized his attendants, who fought to keep him alive. He never, despite these heroic efforts, the young man died 45 minutes later, and actually in doing so died a second time.

Had Appendicitis.
The unfortunate Londoner was rushed into Victoria Hospital late Wednesday night suffering with acute appendicitis, and an immediate operation was done to relieve his condition. Early this morning, shock set in, and several attempts were made by medical authorities were utilized to save him. After six hours' work by house surgeons the victim's heart and respiration ceased, and an intracardiac injection of adrenalin was then pressed into service.

One of the beauty spots of London is St. Joseph's Orphanage. It overlooks the River Thames, and is surrounded by acres of ideal playgrounds. Egged on through the building by the Mother Superior, The Advertiser was given a glimpse of clean, white corridors, and all varieties of bright-eyed, scampering children.

"Before the war we had twice as many girls as boys," the Mother said, "and the situation is reversed. Girls babies are more in demand than boys babies."

"Of course we could not exist without the Welfare Fund. It keeps our little tots happy and contented. It saves more lives and mitigates more misery than any other organization. It is the manifestation of Christ's spirit in men's hearts."

The Advertiser came away in thoughtful mood.

The Welfare Drive—"the manifestation of Christ's spirit in men's hearts."

AWARDS SIX MONTHS TO DESERTING FATHER

Montreal Court Today Deals Out Sentence to Hamilton Man.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Montreal, March 28.—Six months' hard labor was imposed today by Recorder Semple upon Delle Marconi, a Hamilton, Ont., man who deserted his two little boys after placing them with the Ladies' Benevolent Society, Ontario street west, on Oct. 13, 1921, under contract to pay \$24 a month.

In the eighteen months he paid just \$20. Refusal to provide for his children was the formal charge laid against the man, who has been hunted for many months by charitable organizations, who declare that people from outside Montreal are too frequently coming to the city, imposing their children on charity and then disappearing.

KITCHENER EXPERIENCES COLDEST NIGHT IN MARCH

Canadian Press Despatch.
Kitchener, March 28.—Perhaps the coldest night for March in the history of the Twin City district was experienced here last night. The mercury went down to zero in the government thermometer, and many instruments in various parts of Kitchener and Waterloo registered 6 and 8 below zero.

The temperature has somewhat moderated this morning, with the mercury hovering around 8 above.



CANADIANS TO HUNT DIAMONDS.

Leslie MacGillivray of London is one of a party of Canadians who will hunt diamonds in British Guiana. Photo shows W. J. Stewart of Paris, Ont., who will head the party.

WANTS RENT BACK, CLAIMING HOUSE IS HARD TO HEAT

W. J. Taylor Alleges He Rented Apartment as Easily Heated.

Alleging that George E. Eccleston, from whom he had rented a furnished house at 22 Richmond street, on October 26 last, told him that the dwelling could be easily heated and could be made warm and comfortable during the winter months by burning only six tons of coal, W. J. Taylor of this city has entered action in the county court against the landlord for the return of six months' rent, amounting to \$425, which he paid in advance. The case will be tried at the non-jury sessions Tuesday next before His Honor Judge Tabor Macbeth.

The plaintiff claims that the house could not be heated, and that the furnace didn't furnish enough heat to make the dwelling fairly comfortable. The furnace had to be kept going at "full blast" in mild weather, he stated in his examination, and he found it necessary to make use of a fireplace and an electric heater.

Mr. Taylor further declares that several of the rooms were so cold as to make living in them impossible, and that the furnace is too small to heat the house properly. Shortly after moving in he was obliged to seek other quarters, he states, and when he left handed the keys to the defendant.

The defendant denies that he ever said the house could be heated on six tons of coal, but admits that he received \$425 for six months' rent from the plaintiff, and that the plaintiff returned the keys to his office, but that he hasn't accepted them.

Mr. C. Fitzgerald is acting for the plaintiff and Edgar Jeffery for the defendant.

Swallows Teeth While Sleeping

Quebec Man Rushed to Hospital—Operation Necessary.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Quebec, March 28.—Antonio Fortin swallowed his set of false teeth while asleep last night. The young man had got into the habit of going to bed without removing his false teeth. He was rudely awakened to find that the teeth were caught in his throat and he could not dislodge them.

He was removed to the Hotel Dieu Hospital at Levis where an operation will be performed to recover the teeth.

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE RE-ELECTS ANDERSON

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, March 28.—The board of directors of the Anti-Saloon League of New York yesterday announced that William F. Anderson had been unanimously re-elected state superintendent for the coming fiscal year, beginning May 1.

"Don't Get Sick In Berlin"

This is the advice of Frank G. Carpenter, world correspondent, in Saturday's issue of The Advertiser, he warns you that a simple attack of the grip may cost you house rent for 176 years. His latest article is entitled "Exploiting the Foreign Tourist in Germany."

Hudson Maxim, one of the world's greatest inventors, contributes further interesting information in this issue. "Why will you vote on a wet ticket?" is one of the many questions on which he is interviewed by his wife.

Stephen Leacock tells about "Lost Opportunities" in his own inimitable style.

MAN WANTED HERE CAUGHT IN POLICE NET IN MONTREAL

James Rondo Arrested While Waiting For Boat To Italy.

DESERTED WIFE

Chief Birrell Making Effort To Have ex-Waiter Brought Back.

While waiting for a boat to Italy, his native land, James Rondo, 25, former London waiter, who left his Scotch bride of five months destitute here, was arrested in Montreal yesterday. In his company was James Pappas, Greek, another former waiter of London, who left here at the time Rondo departed. Chief Robert Birrell, in answer to a wire received from Montreal, has written the chief of police of the Quebec metropolis in an effort to have Rondo sent back to London.

Mrs. Rondo, a pretty auburn-haired Scotch girl of 20 years, is willing to lay an information for wife desertion against her husband. Yesterday she was refused an information by Magistrate Graydon because the cost of executing a warrant on such an offense would be costly.

Caught in Dragnet.
Montreal police picked up Rondo and Pappas as the result of a dragnet which they spread in the city for the slayers of Constable Jean Batiste Baudey, narcotic squad officer, who was shot by one of the three strangers Monday night. Since the murder the police department has been questioning and apprehending all strangers. Rondo and Pappas are being held on "bargain" charges.

On the morning of Wednesday, March 21, Rondo and Pappas left London. Rondo had quit their job as waiters at a local cafe, Rondo, drawing his last pay the night before he left.

Investigation by Rondo's wife proved her husband had drawn \$1,000 from the bank and left her \$1 to support herself, although he had left more than a week's room rent at their rooming house, 489 Talbot street, unpaid.

Mrs. Rondo is at present working, but friends say she will have to quit soon as an addition to the family is expected.

Married at Christmas.
Last June, Mrs. Rondo (then Anna McIlhenny) came from Glasgow, Scotland, to seek her fortune in a land of strangers. As she was a very reserved girl, she was not quick to make acquaintances.

Later in the summer she met Rondo, and just before Christmas they were married at St. Paul's Cathedral.

Until Rondo took French leave, the pair lived at 489 Talbot street. They appeared to be fairly happy, and were planning to occupy an apartment this spring, other occupants of the rooming house stated.

Will Hunt Mystery Girl.
Just the bare fact that Rondo and Pappas had been apprehended, and that they claimed to belong to London, Ontario, was wired here by the Montreal police.

No mention of a "mystery girl" said to be a pretty 18-year-old Italian, was made, but the police intend to investigate that angle of the case thoroughly. When Rondo disappeared, friends of the girl believed that there was a "mystery girl" in the case, and they made investigation of this matter, but were unable to obtain any information.

If Rondo is returned as the result of Chief Birrell's request, his wife will probably have a very interesting charging him with non-support.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.
Today—Southerly winds; becoming somewhat milder; with light snow.
Friday—Northwest winds; becoming colder.

The weather is decidedly cold from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces. A shallow disturbance is approaching the Lake Region from the westward, while another high area, accompanied by cold weather, is spreading into the Western Provinces from the northward.

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

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	44	38	Cloudy
Calgary	62	28	Clear
Winnipeg	58	8	Clear
Port Arthur	12	4	Cloudy
S. S. Marie	4	4	Snow
Toronto	14	4	Clear
Kingston	12	4	Clear
Ottawa	8	10	Clear
Montreal	4	4	Clear
Quebec	0	14	Clear
Father Point	6	12	Cloudy
St. John	20	8	Clear
Halifax	26	2	Cloudy

Minus (—) 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, 16; lowest, 4.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 11; lowest, 3.

Barometric Readings.
Wednesday—8 p.m.: 29.55.
Today—8 a.m.: 29.42.

FIRE DESTROYS NOTED SUMMER PLAYGROUND

Nantasket Beach Scene of Disasterous Blaze—Estimate Loss at \$500,000.

Associated Press Despatch.
Hull, Mass., March 28.—Nantasket Beach, all summer long the home of merry-making and recreation, was a scene of desolation today. Firemen and soldiers stood at intervals about the Centre Hill and Green Hill sections of the town guarding the smoking embers of the conflagration which last night swept much of Paragon Park, famous amusement resort, destroyed about 40 cottages and damaged many more.

Estimates of the loss vary, but it was believed that it would total at least \$500,000.

HOUSE OF DAVID HEAD NOT CALLED TO STAND

Special to The Advertiser.
Grand Rapids, Mich., March 28.—Lawyers for both sides in the \$89,000 damage suit of John W. Hansel, Nashville, Tenn., against King Benjamin Funnell of the House of David today prepared briefs embracing the legal aspects of the alleged exposure to be submitted to Judge John E. Sater early next week.

The hearing in the suit came to a sudden halt yesterday when the defense rested the case without calling on King Benjamin or his wife, Mary Funnell, to take the stand.

SAY DIARY WILL SHOW PLANS FOR MONARCHY

Associated Press Despatch.
Budapest, March 28.—It is announced that former Empress Zita's diary, which is soon to be published, will deal with the last attempt to restore the monarchy.

National charges will be made, for the memoirs comprise only personal notes.

PROTEST COAL TAX.

Associated Press Despatch.
Berlin, March 28.—The German commissioner for the occupied area, protested against the decision of the International Rhineland Commission to fix and collect the coal tax.