

THE WEATHER:
EASTERLY WINDS; FAIR.
FRIDAY—SHOWERS.

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NOBODY BUT A CONCERN THAT COULDN'T
DELIVER THE GOODS EVER ADVER-
TISED TOO MUCH.

THREE CENTS.

FIRE DESTROYS CITY PLANT WITH \$50,000 LOSS

Trained Farmers Urged For Vacant Western Ontario Land

IXL PLANT DESTROYED BY FLAMES

Fire at Spice Factory Causes
Loss Estimated at Over
\$50,000.

WALL CRUMBLES

Firemen Have Narrow Escape
—Bricks Fall on Roof
of House.

Fire which swept the plant of the IXL Spice and Coffee Mills, 19 Marmora street, at an early hour this morning completely destroyed the rear portion of the building, ruined thousands of dollars worth of produce, and caused damage conservatively estimated at \$50,000.

Three firemen had a narrow escape from death when the south wall of the building blew out and crumbled to the ground. Warning of the crash was given when the wall cracked slightly, and the firemen, carrying hoses directly underneath, managed to dodge the falling stones. Part of the bricks fell on the roof of an adjacent house at 17 Marmora street, owned by Mrs. E. G. Ferguson, and caused considerable damage. The roof of the house was broken slightly and plaster on the inside was broken away.

According to D. H. Gwalchmai, manager of the IXL Company, the loss to the building is covered by insurance. Firemen were engaged in fighting the flames for more than four hours. The call was received at the central station at 4:25 o'clock this morning, and the fire was not completely out until 8:30 o'clock this morning.

Originated in Rear.
The blaze is believed to have originated in the rear of the building, when either a motor coil became overheated or a short circuit was caused. All of the machinery in this section of the structure was destroyed, entailing the greatest loss. The machinery is used for blanching peanuts, grinding coffee, and in the preparation of spices, peppers and flavoring extracts.

Fire doors, leading from the rear of the building to the front, saved the whole structure from being consumed.

When the blaze was first discovered it had gained great headway, and the whole of the southeast section of the city was brilliantly illuminated.

The IXL Spice and Coffee Mills company are manufacturers of Sweetheart brands of peanut butter, jelly, powders, baking powders, flavoring extracts, peppers, coffee and spices. The firm has been manufacturing in London for more than sixteen years, and has occupied the building on Marmora street for thirteen years.

Will Rebuild.
Reconstruction work will commence at once, Mr. Gwalchmai, the manager, stated this morning. Temporary quarters in a warehouse situated near the C. N. R. tracks nearby will be put into use while the burned Marmora street building is being rebuilt.

The loss has not been definitely ascertained yet. Neither Fire Chief Aitken nor Mr. Gwalchmai could give a definite estimate this morning, but it is thought it will be well over \$50,000.

Firemen did not leave the smoldering ruins until noon today, having been engaged in battling down a portion of the south wall which was on the verge of tottering over.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Today—Lower lake and Georgian Bay easterly winds, fair.
Friday—Easterly winds, clearing, and cool with scattered showers.
Pressure is now highest over the Great Lakes and northwestern states and the barometer is falling quite rapidly in western Canada. There are some indications that the tropical storm now near Bermuda may move towards Nova Scotia. The weather is becoming milder in the west.

TEMPERATURES.

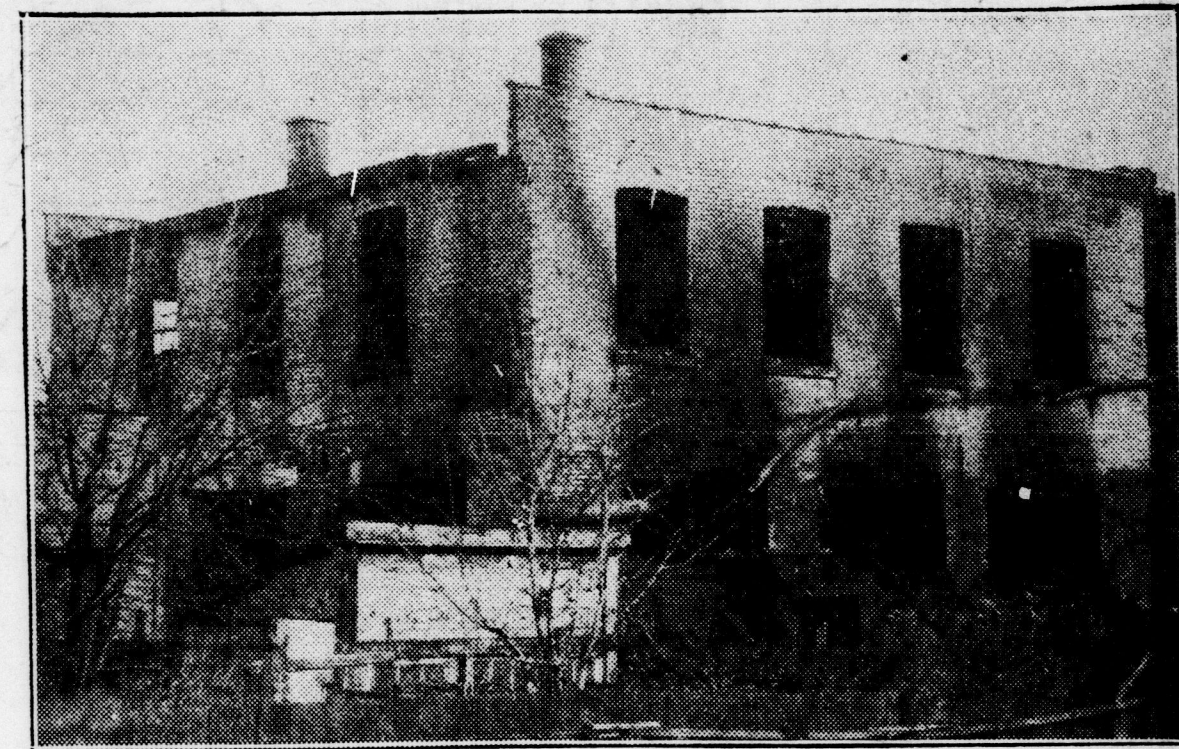
The highest and lowest temperatures previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Stations High Low Weather
Victoria 38 32 Cloudy
Calgary 38 32 Fair
Winnipeg 38 32 Fair
Port Arthur 28 22 Cloudy
Perry Sound 46 26 Fair
Toronto 54 30 Fair
Kingston 58 30 Fair
Sarnia 58 38 Clear
Montreal 56 32 Clear
Quebec 54 32 Clear
Father Point 50 38 Fair
St. John 54 36 Fair
Halifax 62 32 Fair

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were:
Highest, 58; lowest, 32.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Highest, 58; lowest, 34.

Barometric Readings.

Wednesday, p.m. 29.62.
Today—8 a.m., 29.61.



SCENE OF \$50,000 FIRE EARLY THIS MORNING.

The Marmora street plant of the I. X. L. Spice and Coffee Mills was gutted at 4 o'clock this morning, when a blaze, starting in the rear of the building, swept the entire building, above an Advertiser photographer shows the rear of the building where the valuable machinery was destroyed. The greater part of the loss was suffered in this section.

FOX AND SANSONE APPEALS ENTERED

Papers Served This Afternoon
on Crown Attorney Judd
by Counsel.

Papers in connection with the appeals of Thomas Fox and Salvador Sansone, sentenced by Mr. Justice Riddell to long terms in Kingston penitentiary with lashes, were served this afternoon on crown attorney Albert M. Judd by counsel for the young men, being held in Middlesex jail. Copies have also been forwarded to the attorney-general's department. Counsel is appealing (1) for leave to appeal to the court of appeal; (2) notice of appeal to the court of appeal, and an appeal for leave to appeal before the court of appeal against the sentences in both cases. Counsel expects to appear before an appeal court judge on Friday in the matter.

The prisoners claim that Mr. Justice Riddell erred in emphasizing the evidence for the crown in both cases and failed to call the attention of the jury to favorable evidence given in their behalf.

2. That the judge misdirected the jury on the evidence.

3. That the judge erred in admitting the evidence of a Mr. Fox, a witness called by the crown, whose police constables as to the apprehension which was irrelevant.

4. That the verdict of the jury was unreasonable and cannot be supported having regard to the evidence.

5. That the learned judge erred in refusing to allow cross-examination on the evidence taken at the preliminary hearing.

6. That the decision of the jury was against the evidence and the weight of evidence.

Both prisoners asked to be allowed to present their cases orally, and if a trial is ordered that it should be by jury.

Sansone submitted that the judge had failed to point out to the jury that the evidence had been found guilty of common assault.

ITALIAN PARLIAMENT RATIFIES AGREEMENT

Rome, Nov. 13.—The chamber of deputies, after a discussion yesterday, adopted a bill giving effect to the Italo-French agreement of Sept. 2, 1919, regulating the interests of the two countries in Africa. Premier Mussolini spoke during the debate, expressing hope that the Tunisian question would be settled in a manner drawing closer the ties between the two nations.

LIBERAL CLUB WILL HOLD NOMINATIONS TOMORROW

Nominations will be received for the members of the executive and officers of the London Liberal club for 1925 at the annual nomination meeting to be held at the club rooms, Hymat hall, tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock.

The club has enjoyed a splendid year and it is expected that a large number of Liberals will be present at the meeting. All Liberals, whether members of the club or not have been invited. The officers will be elected a month hence.

MANITOBA ASKED BIG SUM IN BAY RAILWAY PROJECT

Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 13.—Requesting a grant of \$2,000,000 from the government of Manitoba as a contribution towards the completion of the Hudson Bay railway a deputation representing the On-to-the-Bay Association waited upon Premier John Bracken and other cabinet ministers today.

The premier and members of the cabinet favored continuance of pressure on the question of federal authorities in preference to acquisition of the road as a provincial undertaking.

Radio Is Calling To Youth Today

One of the most attractive exhibits at the Rotary Hobby Fair this year was that in the radio section, where ingenuity was displayed to a remarkable degree in many of the sets.

There will be greater competition at the Hobby Fair in the arena the first week in May, 1925. Added impetus to "building your own set" is being given by The Advertiser Radio Set Building Contest, the particulars of which are announced on page 7 of today's paper. The sets entered in this competition will be eligible for the Rotary Hobby Fair.

FRANCO-GERMAN TRADE TREATY PLANS DELAYED

Provisions of Dawes Agreement
Inconsistent With Conditions
of Commercial Pact.

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, Nov. 13.—A serious hitch has occurred in the Franco-German negotiations for a commercial treaty, caused by the difficulty of reconciling the stipulations of the treaty with the provisions of the Dawes plan as regards deliveries of reparations in kind.

Premier Herriot yesterday had a long conference on the subject with the chief German technical delegate, Dr. Trendelenburg, and the German ambassador, Leopold von Hoesch. The Germans, Le Matin says, did not appear inclined to complete the negotiations and the question, now out of the hands of the experts, is the subject of exchanges of views between the two governments.

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J. W. PURDOM WILL APPEAL DECISION

Judgment Is Given by Mr. Justice Riddell in Recent Court Action.

J. M. McEvoy, K.C., who with A. R. Douglas acted as counsel for J. W. Purdom in his action against Gairdner, Clarke & Co. and the Northern Life Assurance Co. stated this afternoon that the decision of Mr. Justice Riddell would be appealed.

Special to The Advertiser.

Toronto, Nov. 13.—Mr. Justice Riddell has given judgment in the London, Ont. action brought by J. W. Purdom against Gairdner, Clarke & Co. and the Northern Life Assurance Company of Canada. His lordship's endorsement on the record is "on and after 30 days I direct judgment to be entered for the plaintiff against the firm for \$150 without costs, and for the insurance company dismissing the action, and for \$290 on the counter-claim with costs, on the supreme court scale of defence and counter-claim."

In detail, the trial judge says: "There was a financial battle going on for the control of the Northern Life Assurance company in London, Ont. In the employment of those in control in 1923 was the plaintiff. He was in possession of certain information, which he believed, would enable Gairdner, Clarke & Co., a financial firm of Toronto, the antagonists of the existing management, to wrest that control from them and acquire it for themselves. He made a bargain with them to supply them with the crucial information, and thereupon, in control would discharge him, he contracted for benefits to himself."

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CONFIDENCE MEN ROB LONDONER

Mike Lickenoff "Invests" \$800
With Two Strangers in
Restaurant.

REWARD FOR SON

Bulgarians Tell of Service Done
Them by Father of
Victim.

Mike Lickenoff, a Bulgarian, employed in a local restaurant, is now out of pocket to the extent of \$800 as the result of having fallen for a golden proposition which was advanced to him by two fellow countrymen.

The two confidence men are being sought by police, having succeeded in leaving the city with Lickenoff's life savings.

They arrived in London several days ago, went to the restaurant in which Lickenoff was employed, and introduced themselves. They told him of vast wealth they had accumulated in the western provinces. Lickenoff's father, they claimed, had been instrumental in their success, and they were now about to reward the son.

Hand Out Thousands.

They told Mike that they would like to give him several thousand dollars. They had intended starting up a restaurant in the city, and no better person than he could be found to fulfill it.

They intimated that if Mike had some ready cash it would materially help their plans. He could throw in a small sum of \$800, and together with their thousands, they could open a restaurant in the city in a short time.

Mike drew the money from the bank.

The following day the men returned, became more familiar than ever, and drew golden pictures of what their future success would be. They drew from their pockets rolls of bills, fake ones, police allege, but Mike succumbed.

One of the men suggested Mike be custodian of the great sum of money. The other demurred, pointing out that in these days of lawlessness no one was safe with a sum of money on his person. It was suggested that Mike leave the money at his boarding house. This plan was agreed upon, but first a metal box was purchased to contain the money.

Deposited His \$800.

Mike deposited his \$800 and the other two rolls of bills. The box was locked and handed to Mike together with the key. The men then left.

Yesterday, when Lickenoff received no further word from his future business partners, he opened the box. In it was bound bundles of paper. The cash was gone.

According to Lickenoff the men had exchanged the boxes, keeping the one which contained his \$800 and substituting another similar in appearance.

TRAINMAN IS KILLED AT KITCHENER DEPOT

Harold Haggarty Meets Death
When He Slips From
Car Ladder.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Kitchener, Nov. 13.—Climbing down the ladder of a shunted freight car after applying the brakes, Harold Haggarty, aged 25, slipped and fell beneath the wheels opposite the Canadian National station here about 9 o'clock this morning. He was instantly killed, his body being practically severed at the abdomen and his back broken. Haggarty came here from Goderich. He leaves a wife and two small children. An inquest has been ordered for this afternoon.

VESEL IS WRECKED.
Canadian Press Despatch.
Halifax, N. S., Nov. 13.—News reached here today of the loss Sunday night off Jeddore harbor of the schooner Quicksilver, owned and sailed by Capt. Eastman of North Sydney. The vessel was loaded with lumber.

King Cabinet Will Consider
Senate and Other Vacancies

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Nov. 13.—The first meeting of the cabinet since the return of Premier Mackenzie King from the west will take place this afternoon. Not only will it be the first meeting since Mr. King's return, but it will also be marked by a full attendance of cabinet ministers. With the return of Hon. Raoul Dandurand, one of the Canadian delegates to the League of Nations assembly, who is expected in Ottawa at noon today, Hon. H. S. Beland, minister of health, and soldiers' civil re-establishment, remains the only absentee.

The protocol on disarmament and security approved at Geneva, will

come before the council. Senator Beaubien, it is said, has been offered the post of ambassador at Washington, and will probably make his decision in the near future.

Two vacancies, exclusive of the four cabinet positions, await filling. The post of deputy chief of the board of railway commissioners is vacant. J. A. Ethier, Liberal member of the House of Commons, is believed to be the favorite for the appointment. Since the elevation of Hon. E. I. Newcomb to the supreme court bench, there has been no deputy minister of justice, but it is unlikely that an appointment will be made immediately.

BOARDS OF TRADE SEEKING VACANT FARMS SOLUTION

Seventh Annual Meeting of the
Western Ontario Members
Opens in City.

MARTIN IS PRESENT

Proposed Farm Plan Is Out-
lined by Colonel W. J.
Brown.

One cure for the vacant land problem of Western Ontario, outlined by Colonel W. J. Brown, president of the Western Ontario boards of trade, at the opening session of the seventh annual meeting here today, was the drawing up of a plan "whereby men who have served on farms for a period of years under supervision and have saved a certain amount of money may come under the provisions of legislation similar to that administered by the soldiers' settlement board."

This means, if put into effect, that men with the necessary farming experience in Western Ontario, considered as deserving by the government, should be assisted in the purchase of stock, buildings and equipment in settling on the land.

The plan, which is the outcome of several meetings of the long preliminary investigation of the situation on the part of the executive, formed the introduction to an interesting debate to which Hon. J. S. Martin, minister of agriculture for Ontario, contributed an address.

Some of the more outstanding clauses in the proposed plan are as follows:

1. The formation of a Western Ontario association to be made up of representatives from the municipal councils of the fourteen counties of Western Ontario, whose duty it will be to advertise the productivity of Western Ontario and especially the specific opportunities for farm settlement.

2. The formation of a central committee composed of district agricultural representatives of each county and county representatives of the Western Ontario association of municipalities, the duty of which shall be:

"Prepare for dissemination among the immigration, railway and agricultural agencies in Great Britain, Ireland, and the United States, literature in connection with Western Ontario and a list of eligible rural opportunities."

"In connection with the railway and the governments' selected parties of journalists, and individual representatives of associations interested in agriculture, and immigration."

"Compile and keep up to date with the aid of fact books, accurate information of actual vacancies for farm labor, rural trades, houses for rent and farms for sale or rent."

Secure Executive.

"If funds permit to engage an experienced man, with a knowledge of the actual needs of Western Ontario, to make periodical visits to Great Britain, Northern Europe or the United States to secure settlers or farm help suitable to Western Ontario."

"Endeavor to secure aid from the provincial government to carry on work of the association in proportion to the amount raised from other sources."

"Investigate and make known in Western Ontario legislation calculated to benefit the agricultural industry, including farm loan legislation, British and Canadian government aid for free transportation for farm immigrants nominated by Canadian farmers, plan for Canadian and British government for assisted settlement of lands reverting to the government through the soldiers' settlement board, etc."

"Work out and submit for approval to the government a plan whereby men who have served on the farms for a period of years under supervision and have saved a certain amount of money may come under the provisions of legislation similar to that administered by the soldiers' settlement board, whereby deserving men with the necessary experience might be assisted in the purchase of land, buildings, stock, and equipment for farming."

Remunerate Agents.

"Engage and suitably remunerate an executive officer and such other employees as are deemed necessary to carry out work for the objects of the association, and to remunerate official local agents on the basis to be approved of actual work done."

This is a synopsis of a plan which has been the desire of the executive of the united boards of trade in Western Ontario to present for discussion at the annual meeting for some time. It is hoped that it will receive the approval of the association, and that it will be put into effect at the earliest possible time. It is the means suggested by the business organization of the fourteen counties to cope with a problem which has been supreme in the minds of experts and city and country men for some years.

GETS 7 MONTHS' TERM.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Welland, Nov. 13.—Elson Roberts, found guilty on two counts, that of indecent assault and seduction against a girl of sixteen, was sentenced this morning by the Ontario Justice Court, to one month and six months, respectively, at the fall assizes.

PROBE OPENS INTO BOMB EXPLOSION

For Clues in Grand
Rapids Blast.

THREE ARE KILLED

Premature Explosion Hurls
Fragments of Building
For Blocks.

Associated Press Despatch.
Grand Rapids, Mich., Nov. 13.—Postal inspectors from Chicago arrived early today to aid local inspectors in the investigation of the explosion which wrecked the loading dock and receiving room of the main postoffice here late yesterday, killing three men and injuring twelve others.

Herman Pettersch, a clerk, succumbed after having both legs blown off, and Ernest A. Roth, a truck driver, died three hours after the blast. A splinter was driven into Ruth's body by the force of the explosion.

Dale Newhouse died in a hospital this morning. He suffered a fractured skull.

The theory that the blast was caused by the premature explosion of a bomb which had been sent through the mails, was advanced by postal authorities, police and firemen, who worked all night by aid of searchlights, scouring the wreckage for clues. No fragment of a bomb or other explosive was found, however.

The explosion, which was felt all over the city and shattered windows for several blocks, hurled fragments of the loading platform a hundred feet into the air, threw a loading truck onto the federal building roof, and buried five automobiles in the debris.

Lorraine Yarrington, who was in an automobile across the road from the postoffice, was seriously injured, but a dog in his automobile was killed.

The two men who were killed and Newhouse, who was seriously injured, were on the loading platform at the time of the explosion. Newhouse was leaving the postoffice after purchasing some stamps.