

THE WEATHER:
CLOUDY, LIGHT SNOWFALLS.
WEDNESDAY—NO CHANGE.

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"SPORTING GREEN"
ON THE STREET AT 6:00
WITH LATE NEWS.

THREE CENTS.

ASHES AND LIFE TERM GIVEN BANK BANDIT

Britain's Most Critical Parliamentary Session Opens

SETTLEMENT OF RAILWAY TANGLE IS CALLED FOR

Mayor Believes Vote on Purchase Should Be Taken at Next Election.

MUST TAKE ACTION

Company's Franchise Would Automatically Extend Until 1930, If Delayed.

Reopen negotiations with the London Street Railway Corporation in order to settle definitely and with as little loss of time as possible, the question involving the proposed purchase of that road.

The mayor states that he will deal more extensively with this important issue in his inaugural address, urging haste, and it is his personal view that another vote of the ratepayers should be taken at the next municipal election.

In another seven weeks—or on or before March 1—the people of London, through the medium of the city council, must, in accordance with the provisions of Bylaw 816, notify the railway company as to their intentions. If the people do not purchase the road by March 1, 1925, the company's franchise automatically extends until 1930, but the city must give one year's notice that it intends to purchase.

Herein is the problem for the 1924 council, as the mayor indicates, but he would have the matter dealt with as soon after the inaugural session as circumstances will permit.

The council has two alternatives, he points out, notify the company, upon their own initiative that the city will buy the road in 1925 and serve formal notice to that effect. This would obligate them, however, he feels.

Upon the other hand they could decide not to notify the company but strive to enter into a mutual agreement with the company regardless of the provisions of Bylaw 816, whereby the company could again submit its final purchase price, agreeing to waive the one year's notification clause and await another vote of the electors next December.

In any event, as the mayor points out, the question is being handled by the council in sufficient time before March 1 to give satisfaction to the greater number of the ratepayers. Regarding the company's share of the cost of the Richmond street and other of the 1923 paving projects, the mayor insists that the course to be adopted by the new council will be satisfactory to most of the people concerned.

"We will have a mutual agreement that will be satisfactory to the greater number of the people," he stated. "There is more to be done this year as well, and we want to come to some amicable understanding with the company that will meet with general satisfaction among the ratepayers."

DIRECTORY COMPLETED.

The long delayed Western "U" directory appeared yesterday at the university arts building. There was a general rush for Dr. Neville's office where copies could be obtained, of those wishing to find out "who's who" at the institution.

The directory was published by the arts students' council and the medical hippocratic society. James Dean and Jack McWilliams were conveners in the work.

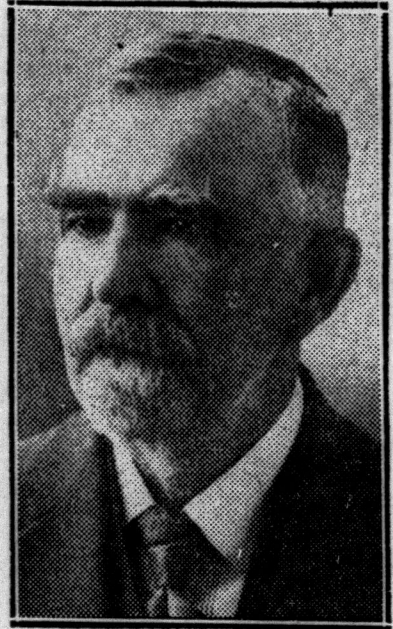
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FORECASTS.
Southerly winds; mostly cloudy today and Wednesday; light local snowfalls; not much change in temperature.
Pressure is now high over the eastern half of the continent, and relatively low to the westward of the Great Lakes. The weather is very cold in Northern Ontario, and moderate in all other parts of the Dominion.

Temperatures.
The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Stations. High. Low. Weather.
Victoria. 50. 38. Cloudy.
Winnipeg. 38. 10. Fair.
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Port Arthur. 36. 4. Fair.
Sault Ste. Marie. 20. 18. Snow.
Toronto. 27. 22. Cloudy.
Kitchener. 24. 16. Snow.
Ottawa. 18. 12. Snow.
Montreal. 22. 6. Snow.
Quebec. 16. 4. Clear.
Bathurst Point. 12. 6. Fair.
St. John. 32. 24. Fair.
Halifax. 32. 6. Clear.
Mirus (—) 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, 28; lowest, 12. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 33; lowest, 19.

Barometric Readings.
Monday—8 p.m.—29.41.
Today—8 a.m.—29.41.



DR. J. L. SMITH, who has returned as mayor for the town of Durham for a second term by acclamation.

FATHER FORBIDDEN TO SEE SICK BANDIT

William Murrell Not Allowed To Enter Hospital—All Precautions Taken.

"You wouldn't get such treatment, even in Germany," declared Wm. Murrell yesterday afternoon at Victoria Hospital, when he was told politely, but firmly, he would not be allowed to see his son Sydney, lying in the "D. T." cage recovering from an operation for appendicitis.

Murrell, who went under the operation Sunday afternoon, was improved in condition today, having spent a fairly good night. His physicians, Drs. James D. Wilson and John Wishart, were both satisfied with progress made when they visited Murrell this morning.

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Murrell is not yet past the danger stage.

LEO FREED ON PROMISE TO GET OUT OF LONDON

Announces Intention of Walking to Kitchener on Highway.

Leo Weuyl, 39, assured Magistrate Graydon he would walk to Kitchener to seek a job if the court dismissed him of the charge of trespassing on C. N. R. property. The court took Weuyl at his word, and the latter left the prisoner's box with a smile on his face, huddled his coat about his swarthy neck, and proceeded on his journey.

"I was arrested on the railroad because I was trying to get a position," Weuyl explained. "I didn't get the job, and now if you will forgive me I will go to Kitchener."

"We have nothing particular against this man," a constable said. "He was merely caught walking on the railway."

The court asked Weuyl if he intended to walk to Kitchener on the road. This would bring him again into court on a trespassing charge. "No, I will walk on the highway," he replied.

"Well, be sure you get out of London," advised the magistrate.

ALL BOARD MEMBERS HAVE BEEN 'SWORN IN'

Secretary Tanner States First Meeting To Be Held Thursday.

LABORITES OF BRITAIN ARE READY FOR BATTLE

Parliament Opens Today on What Is Expected To Be Critical Session.

MEMBERS COME EARLY

Undercurrent of Excitement Is Noted as the House Is Summoned.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Jan. 8.—A parliamentary session which political experts predict will be one of the most eventful in the modern history of Great Britain got under way this afternoon when the newly elected members of the House of Commons took their seats. The critical nature of the session was evidenced by the large number of members arriving early to claim their seats.

The early routine proceedings were on the whole decorous, but there was an undercurrent of excitement which at times found expression in mild demonstrations, precursors of the great clash of arms which will be fought next week.

The first commoner reached the house at 2 a.m. and some seventy had arrived by the time the doors were opened at 8 o'clock.

Many of these early arrivals were Laborites, seeking places of vantage from which to conduct their onslaught upon the government. And James D. Wilson and John Wishart, were both satisfied with progress made when they visited Murrell this morning.

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Good, Old-Fashioned Names Favored By Western Co-eds

"Flossy Handles" Prevalent in United States Fail To Charm Here.

POPULAR THERE
Good old-fashioned names still persist at the University of Western Ontario among the co-eds. In this respect they differ somewhat from their sister co-eds in the United States.

It has been found from lists in the year book of many American universities that where one girl might answer to the substantial name of Mary or Helen, a dozen or more, whose names begin with A for instance, would answer to the telephone for Annetta, Anita, Arletta, Agneria, Adeline, Arsenia, etc.

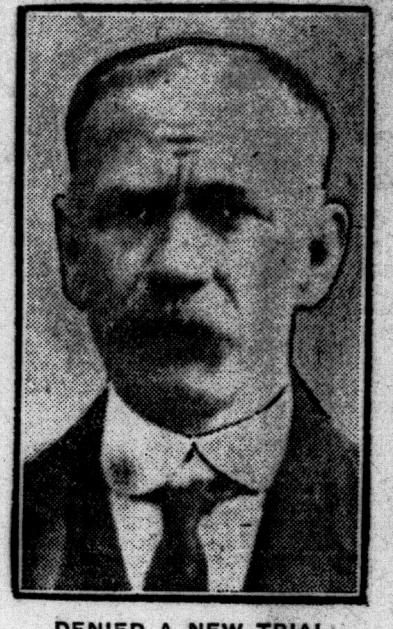
No such thing at Western, however, where almost exclusively the gentle co-eds bear quiet and unobtrusive first names.

Out of a total of 123 girls enrolled in the university, a recent census showed that 11 bear the stately name of Helen, 10 are Margarets, 8 Marys, 6 Marions, and 5 each answer to Grace, Kathleen, Jean, Edna, and Ruth. Florence, Isabelle, Gertrude, Eleanor, Dorothy and Alice account for three each.

Year books at several large universities in the United States showed that in general "flossy" names prevailed over less flashy ones. Arletta instead of Alice, Bebe or Berenice for Belle, Desdemona for a Dorothy, while Livonia, Lucille, Hildegarde and Margarita take the places of plain Lucy or Margaret. In ten long columns of recent graduates of Wellesley were five Marys and one Susan appeared, while Lett, Lillian, Lorna, Lovely, Zena, Guida and Myrna adorned the pages.

FISHING CREW RESCUED AFTER A HARD FIGHT

Associated Press Despatch.
Bayfield, Wis., Jan. 8.—After battling one of the worst blizzards on Lake Superior in recent years, for 12 hours in a rowboat the crew of the fishing schooner, Thomas Faint, of Bayfield, landed at Port Arthur, Ontario, yesterday, according to word received here.



DENIED A NEW TRIAL.
James B. McLachlan, former secretary of United Mine Workers, whose appeal has been refused by a higher court. The judge's decision, announced today, means McLachlan must serve a two-year term.

SHOOTING VICTIM LEAVES HER BED

Miss McNaughton Is Permitted To Sit Up For the First Time.

Miss Viola McNaughton was allowed out of bed today for the first time since she entered Victoria Hospital on Friday, Nov. 23, with a bullet wound through her chest, when she was accidentally shot following the murder of Miss Geraldine Durston.

For more than a month, Miss McNaughton courageously fought against death. Hospital physicians feared septic pneumonia would develop from the wound through her chest.

She has been steadily improving for the past three weeks, and this morning her condition showed such a change that physicians allowed her to sit up in the sun room for a short time.

Miss McNaughton herself said she felt better than ever. Her relatives have been with her for the past two weeks, and this morning her mother sat with her in the sun room of the hospital.

TREASURER SEES WAY FOR LOWER TAXATION

Points Out Lower Rate If School Board Keeps Within Estimates.

Hamilton Bingle Will Address Members on Friday.

Hamilton Bingle, accountant of the firm of George White & Sons, will speak at the Round Table Club on Friday evening in the Blue Dragon tea room on "The Sales Tax."

Mr. Bingle, who is well-qualified to speak on this subject, will deal with Section 19, B. E. B., and on the "Consumption Tax as We Now Have It." The dinner will be at \$1.50, as usual. The speaker has been asked by the executive to outline the provisions of the tax, what its effect will be, how to keep ahead of it, and what relief or rebate is permitted.

Can Europe Hold?

John F. Sinclair has written twenty articles for The Advertiser describing simply and vividly the tremendous changes which are taking place in the Old World today.

This is the testing time of Europe as truly as the days of 1914. And the test of Europe is the test of the modern social system.

Mr. Sinclair's first article appears on the editorial page today. His remaining articles will follow daily.

HYDRO LINE MAY REDUCE COSTS FOR LONDONERS

Will Be Constructed To Provide Power For Sarnia Steel Plant.

AIR LINE BENEFITS

Buchanan Points Out Citizens Would Have Almost Direct Service.

The proposed new 110,000 volt high-tension line from London to Sarnia might have the effect of reducing electrical rates in London, according to General Manager E. V. Buchanan who states that the purchase of any greater amount of power would tend to reduce power costs.

Explaining the new line, Mr. Buchanan told The Advertiser that in his opinion, it was for the purpose of serving the new steel company at Sarnia, which at present receives its power over a 13,000 volt line from Kent. This line, in the opinion of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario is a low-tension line while the 110,000 volt is high tension. The former, however, to the municipality is of high tension, this being the amount of power being brought into the city.

"I don't think the new line would benefit London in any way," declared the general manager, "although the purchase of any considerable amount of power will tend to reduce power rates. The new line won't touch the city, but will be tapped on the 110,000 volt line that runs outside the city towards Windsor."

Referring to the proposed new air line from Chippawa to St. Thomas, he stated that such a venture would be of undoubted benefit to Western Ontario. The line would run from Chippawa through Watford, Tillsonburg and Aylmer, following a line that led across lower country than the existing ones. In this respect it would prove of greater service in the event of severe storms as in the low-lying parts of the province the storms are not so bad. The line would run much nearer the shore than any of the present ones. With the present lines any interruptions at Toronto affect London. When the Chippawa-St. Thomas line is constructed London will be able to tap in on it and thus have practically direct service from the development plants.

TESTING GROUNDS ARE SOUGHT BY SOCIETY

London Horticulturists Make Application to the Parent Canadian Organization.

Application for the establishment of the official testing grounds of the iris and peony in London has been made to the Canadian Horticultural Society, and word of appointment is now being waited before any definite action is taken. W. E. Saunders announced this morning the society's request will be granted, said Mr. Saunders, and as soon as word is received steps will be taken to secure a suitable site for the testing plot.

A suitable site for the official testing grounds would require property to the extent of two or three acres. Property at the University of Western Ontario has been mentioned as a logical situation. It has been pointed out that students at the university taking horticultural courses could use the testing plot to advantage.

Doll Show Will Be Held In the Masonic Temple Saturday, January 26

Thirteen Prizes for Best Dressed Dolls—Any Doll May Come to Show.

DOLL LADY WILL WAIT

Staying in London All January and Is Still Giving Her Dolls Away.

Are you ready for the Doll Show? The Advertiser is going to hold the first Doll Show London has seen on Saturday, January 26th.

It will be held in the Masonic Temple on Queen's avenue. It will last all day; and there'll be nothing but dolls.

The idea really started with the Doll Lady.

She wanted to see how the little girls are taking care of the dolls they have received from the Doll Shop. So the Doll Lady decided to have a Doll Show and to give ten prizes for the best dressed dolls. The dolls at the show were to be those given by the Doll Lady.

But now the Doll Show has grown bigger than that.

Any little girl anywhere with any kind of doll may come to the Show with her doll. And anyone of course may come and see all the beautiful dolls.

The Doll Show will be divided into two parts.

One part will consist of the dolls given by the Doll Lady. For these there will be ten prizes for the ten best dressed dolls.

The second part will consist of other dolls, of any size or age or origin. For these there will be three prizes for the three best dressed dolls.

In both cases all the frocks and hats and coats and everything must be made by the little girls themselves.

Three very competent judges have consented to choose the winning dolls: Miss Isabelle Craig, supervisor of Household Science in Public Schools; Miss H. Gerrard, instructor in Domestic Arts in the Technical High School; and Miss H. Stevens, instructor in Dressmaking in the Technical High School.

You have just a little over two weeks to get everything ready. The Doll Lady is so interested in the Doll Show that she is going to stay in London until the end of January and of course she will keep on giving her beautiful dolls away so long as she is here.

ROUND TABLE CLUB TO HEAR TAX TALK

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AFTER LABOR'S SCALP.
Lord Birkenhead, who urges Liberals and Conservatives to join hands and prevent the Labor party, under Ramsay MacDonald, assuming control of governmental affairs.

POISONED LIQUOR DRIVES HIM BLIND

David Nichol of Stratford Fined on Appearance in Police Court This Morning.

David Nichol, 40, a stalwart-looking man, was temporarily blinded yesterday when he drank poisonous alcohol. The effects of the drug did not begin to show themselves, however, until he came to London from Stratford. When he arrived here, however, he became totally blind. This morning he had recovered, and was given ten days for being intoxicated.

At police court, Nichol said he wasn't drunk. He admitted drinking out of town, but was perfectly sober and "wasn't doing any harm to anybody" when he came to this city.

"I had to be assisted into a taxi because I was blind," he explained. "I came here to work for the Bell Telephone Company, but failed to land the job."

Witnesses said Nichol was taken to the train by a local taxi man, but train officials refused to accept him, owing to his drunken condition.

"I was blind, not drunk," interjected the prisoner.

"If you go on drinking you'll be found dead," the magistrate warned. "I will have to fine you \$10 and costs or 10 days."

"I never took a drop in London," was Nichol's parting remark. "I was no more drunk than you were. I guess I'll have to take the 10 days."

The constable who arrested Nichol said he saw him first outside the police station. His antics in a taxi attracted the officer's attention and he immediately investigated.

MOVE TO BAR PRESS FROM SESSIONS SEEN

Finance and Works Board Reports To Be Given Afterwards, It Plan.

There is a move afoot, The Advertiser learns, to hold all meetings of the finance committee and the board of works in camera during 1924.

That is to say, the representatives of the press will not be admitted and official reports would be forthcoming at the conclusion of the sessions. It is reported that one member of the council has already given definite assurance that he will move to this effect at the inaugural session of the council, if it be the wish of the majority of his colleagues.

Those who champion this move state that it would not be with the idea to "muzzle" the press or to withhold from the public any information as to the handling of their affairs, but rather to safeguard the interests of the ratepayers.

CITY MUSICIANS' UNION ELECTS J.W. DWYER HEAD

J. W. Dwyer was elected president of the local Musicians' Union, Local 273, A.M. of M., when the union met on Sunday. Other officers elected were: Robert Langton, second vice-president; C. N. Perrin, secretary; F. H. Dawson, treasurer; Fred Young, sergeant-at-arms; executive, R. Norfolk, W. McCauley, E. Furman, H. Wooster, Jr.

RYAN GETS LIFE TERM AND THIRTY LASHES

Bandit Pleads Guilty to Charge of Robbery With Violence.

CHANGED HIS PLEA

Was at Depot Ready To Go To "Pen" When He Altered Mind.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Jan. 8.—Imprisonment for life with 30 lashes to be given at the rate of ten a month for three months, was the sentence imposed by County Judge Emerson Coatsworth this morning upon Norman "Red" Ryan, bank bandit and desperado, when he pleaded guilty to a charge of robbery with violence of a branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia last September.

Ryan will be removed to Portsmouth penitentiary immediately.

Ryan was brought back on Sunday from Minneapolis, where he was captured some weeks ago by Canadian and United States police, following a bank robbery in the United States city.

Standing on the Union station platform awaiting removal to Portsmouth penitentiary, Ryan was handed a letter by his brother which roused the bandit's anger. He immediately announced to his guards that he desired a change in his plea, "not guilty" to one of "guilty," and was willing to appear in court to be tried summarily.

Following a hurried conference, Ryan was rushed to the city hall to appear before County Judge Emerson Coatsworth for a speedy trial.

Brothers' Conversation.
The conversation between the brothers was brief, but very serious, and although only an occasional word could be overheard it was plain that Frank was urging the other in very emphatic fashion to change his plea, and return for a speedy trial. It is understood that Frank Ryan believes that certain interests are anxious to Please See Page 2, Column 6.

M'LACHLAN MUST SERVE HIS TERM

Former Labor Official's Appeal Is Denied by Supreme Court.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Halifax, N. S., Jan. 8.—James B. McLachlan, deposed secretary of the United Mine Workers of America, District 26, has been denied a new trial by the supreme court of Nova Scotia, and will be required to serve the sentence of two years in Dorchester Penitentiary passed upon him following conviction in October last on the charge of having published a seditious libel.

The offence took place at the beginning of the Nova Scotia steel-coal strike in the latter part of June, 1923, and for the purpose of keeping the strikers from their work in Cape Breton Island of about fifteen hundred militia.

COUNTY NOT TO OPEN ROADS FOR MOTORISTS

Highways Will Be Prepared for Horse Traffic Only, the Engineer Says.

Motorists who are waiting patiently for county authorities to open up the drift-swept county roads for automobile traffic might just as well remain at home and forget their car till spring, as roads will be opened for horse traffic only, according to County Engineer Charles Talbot.

"I have received several queries from county road foremen, asking if we intended to clear the roads for automobiles," stated Mr. Talbot. "As in the past, roads will be sufficiently cleared for sleighs but not for motorists. It would cost the county more money than we are prepared to spend on that kind of work."

RAISULI'S WIFE DIES

Associated Press Despatch.
Madrid, Jan. 8.—The death of the wife of Raisuli, the Moroccan bandit leader, is announced here. Raisuli's place of residence in Morocco is Tangier.

The Tangier correspondent of the Daily Mail on Dec. 13 reported a death of Raisuli himself, but a later despatch from Tangier announced that while he had been ill, his condition was improving.