

BUS FEES DUE FOR SLASH OFFICIALS SAY

Councillors Believe the Police
Commission Will Cut
Tax in Two.

WANT SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor Seeks to Have Session
Held to Discuss the
Question.

It is generally understood in civic circles that the police commissioners will adopt the recent suggestion from the city councillors and reduce the license fee for motor bus operators from \$10 per seat to \$5 per seat.

There is no official intimation to this effect, however, other than the opinion of those aldermen who have interested themselves in the entire transportation problems of the city.

Mayor Wilson was unable today naturally to anticipate the action of his colleagues on the commission, hinting that the outcome hinges largely upon one or both of the other members.

Want Special Session.
He made every effort this morning to get in touch with Police Magistrate Graydon, with a view toward setting a special session of the police board, but the latter was kept busy at court. His worship gave assurance, however, that a meeting will be held as soon as possible, as suggested by the city councillors, when the issue will be fought out for all time to come, if possible.

Commenting upon the decision just handed down by Judge Gault of Hamilton, favorable to Police Magistrate Jelfs of that city, who fined a bus operator for a breach of the bylaw passed by the police commissioners, Mayor Wilson remarked that he had expected such a decision.

"I knew right along during the recent discussion," he said, "that the commission held the power to regulate the buses. I took the trouble to ascertain definitely in this respect. I did not persist in raising the point at that time, however."

Ald. H. J. Childs, chairman of the finance committee, commenting briefly today upon the situation, reiterated his honest belief that the fee \$10, originally fixed by the city councillors, following his motion, was by no means unfair. "We do not want to impose upon the bus owners," he said decisively, "but we honestly believed that this sum was fit and proper."

Were Within Rights.
Ald. A. M. Judd, who participated in the fight in the city council against the imposition of a \$10 fee, expressed the opinion today also that he had good cause to believe, upon a consideration of the facts of the case, that the police commissioners were acting within their rights when they moved to regulate the fee.

He still contends, however, that \$10 is an unfair figure, and places not more than \$5 as a suitable fee.

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Major-elect George Wenige coincides with this opinion. "The company practically admits that it can gain nothing through such action," he said. "That is why certain efforts have apparently been made to improve the street railway service. As long as the buses are on the street, it will be the better for the riding public, and the moment that the buses go out of business or are forced off the streets, I venture to say that your street railway service will be materially lessened. Just as long as the buses are operating it will be a good for the company."

The mayor-elect is also of the opinion that \$5 is quite sufficient as an assessment. He questions the objections raised also that bus operators will if the bylaw is enforced, be compelled to carry only such passengers as they have seating capacity for.

Major Wilson explains that a consideration of the bus question does not necessarily conflict with the street railway problem.

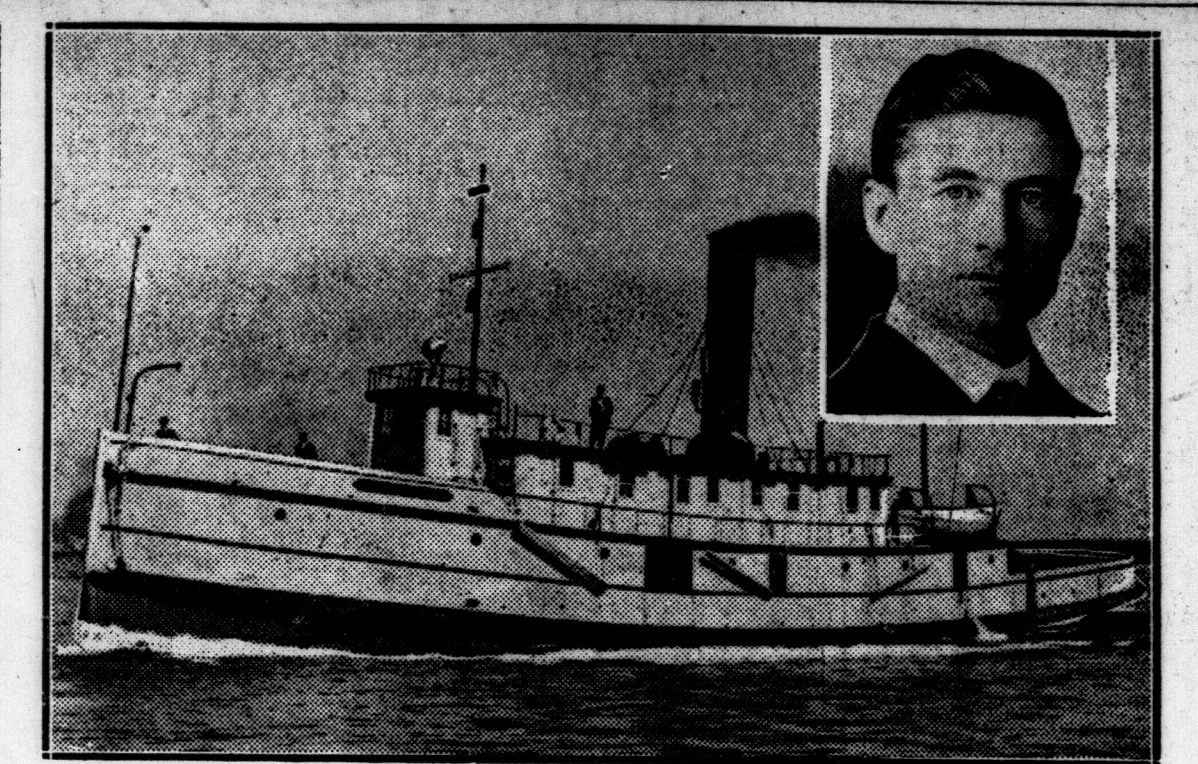
Applies to Company.
Ald. Judd points out that the same provision was included in the city's agreement with the company, Bylaw 916, and should the city council so insist, the company will be forced to accommodate such patrons as there would be seats for.

Major-elect Wenige points out that this regulation would be sufficient to did for both buses and street cars, if either were able to handle the crowds. "It is impossible in either case," he points out, "there are not buses and cars in adequate numbers and the human element enters to spoil the rules. No one wants to wait for the last car or bus. He wants to get on the first one, and you would have a time stopping him."

He agrees that it is done in the bigger cities, as New York and Chicago, pointing out, however, that if you miss a car or bus there another is generally in sight.

MAY NOT SUMMON POLICE
TO WESTERN STRIKE AREA

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—(By Canadian Press.)—Mounted police are unlikely to be ordered into the Edmonton coal strike area to assist in preservation of law and order following yesterday's fighting at Cardiff Mine, it is intimated here. What is likely is that officials in the disturbed district will be informed that if they feel that the need for further protection of life and property is urgent, they can, by following the course laid down in the militia act, ask for the sending of troops to the area and these troops will automatically be supplied under the law.



THE RELIANCE AND CAPTAIN D. A. WILLIAMS. The fatal tug, wrecked on the shores of Lake Superior, with her skipper (insert). Four lives were lost, three men being washed overboard in an effort to launch a life boat. The fourth man, who was ill at the time of the disaster, died from exposure.

CITY HOLDS COAL TO MEET FAMINE

Reserve Supply, However,
Consists of Only 650 Tons
—Shortage Acute.

There are 1,000 tons of soft coal on the track at Galt waiting for a purchaser.

Mayor Wilson was in receipt of a telegram at noon today from E. E. Ellis, provincial fuel commissioner, Toronto, offering the city of London this delivery at \$9 per ton.

His worship declined the offer, however, explaining that he had been given to understand by the civic authorities that the several municipal institutions were amply provided at this time for many weeks to come.

As far as can be learned no extreme suffering has as yet been occasioned as a result of the coal scarcity.

More than 650 tons of anthracite were purchased by the city last summer to provide for just such an emergency as seems imminent at the present time. None of this has been distributed, city officials claiming no one has experienced sufficient hardship to warrant a general allotment among destitute citizens. This supply is being kept in reserve, however, to be used when the emergency arises.

"Only those who can prove themselves to be utterly without fuel will get any coal," said Mayor Cameron Wilson. "Persons with a bucketful of coal in their bins need not apply. If the city coal is rationed out it will probably be among the poor and needy."

The mayor advised Londoners to be content with soft coal and wood until enough hard coal is shipped in to meet requirements. Several times next week, he said, he will be in the city to see how the situation is developing.

Whether their anticipations will be realized rests with measures enacted by the United States coal distributor. But 40 per cent of coal rations allowed. Canada last season can be expected this winter. It is said that many sections of the border are suffering from the expedient of combining coal with steam, so acute is the scarcity.

Dealers were besieged with hordes of expectant customers today. Some met the situation by leaving the receiver of their telephones. Consequently every time a customer attempted to get in touch with his vendor or phone he would be told that the line was busy.

In the early fall, when coal was cheaper and available in greater quantities, the people would not buy in large amounts," said one merchant. "As usual, they wait until a famine starts them in the face before filling in. Now they will have to be content with soft coal, oil or wood."

Substitutes are the only things that can be supplied at the present time. "If this cold weather continues, and the American fuel controller insists on retaining 50 per cent of coal ordinarily distributed throughout Canada, we are in a bad box. Mild weather would be the only effective relief under such circumstances. Citizens could use substitutes, but that is most unsatisfactory. Warm weather is the most hopeful possibility."

It will probably remain with Mayor-elect Wenige to arrange for distribution of the emergency supply purchased by the 1922 council. Real suffering, if it comes at all, will arrive about the middle of January, dealers predict. Then will be the time for the new council to put their relief measures in motion. It was said that 650 tons will not go very far, but at least it will prevent much temporary inconvenience and tide the more unfortunate over the most severe period of the winter.

SEeks COMMISSION
TO FIX REPARATION

Germany Asks United States
to Act—France Refuses
Request.

By A. L. BRADFORD.
Special to The Advertiser.
Washington, Dec. 20.—Germany has proposed to the United States and the allies the appointment of an expert commission to fix a just reparation figure within her capacity to pay.

France, through Premier Poincaré, has just summarily rejected the German proposal, according to information reaching highly authoritative quarters here direct from Paris.

These important international developments are clearly indicative of the task confronting this government in its efforts to find a practical way to solve the critical European situation.

Why the United States is shrouding its moves with secrecy, and acting with extreme caution.

Says No Danger of Getting Tuberculosis From Fowls

Dr. H. W. Hill Declares Statement of Ottawa Pathologist Not Based on Facts—Restores Faith in Citizens
To Dispose of Christmas Turkey.

Reports from Ottawa to the effect that Dr. A. B. Wickware had warned citizens of the danger of contracting tuberculosis from infected fowl, particularly turkeys, received complete refutation from Dr. H. W. Hill of the Institute of Public Health today.

That human beings were possibly affected by eating tubercular fowl, particularly so from diseased turkeys, was the statement made by Dr. Wickware, pathologist at the experimental farm in Ottawa. Eggs from diseased hens, he said, were known to carry tubercular germs, and when taken raw by invalids and infants, were likely to have serious effects. While it was not generally known whether human beings were affected by poultry tuberculosis, it was a common fact that inter-relationship existed between human and poultry tubercular germs.

At the request of The Advertiser, Dr. Hill gave his own judgment as to the probability of infection from avian tubercles, but also consulted the best-written authorities on the subject, and discovered that they substantiated his views completely. "We have shown that white spots in poultry, while indicative of a form of tuberculosis, are not harmful to the human being," the doctor declared. "It seems to me that certain citizens should feel to enjoy their Christmas feast because of a fright handed them by an Ottawa doctor. He was either misinformed or wrongly quoted. There is no doubt that

numerous instances of rampant tuberculosis occurs in fowl, but it could be eaten raw and no injurious effects would be registered. "There is a radical difference between the danger of bovine and avian tuberculosis. Bovine infection is most virile, while avian is harmless. We have cases of Christmas poultry brought to us for examination, and spots are frequently discovered in the livers and other organs of the birds. But when it is shown that these are harmless indications so far as the human is concerned, people leave satisfied. One woman declared that she would cut out the diseased liver of her turkey without informing the family, so they could eat without apprehension. She herself, however, had decided to do so, and would not participate in the feast."

Dr. Hill spoke enthusiastically of the work being carried on by Dr. Downham, medical officer of health. He said that smallpox and chickenpox were unknown in London this year. He attributed this state of affairs to the strictest of health officers, and the best methods of London's health officer.

"Typhoid exists in the rural centers, but no cases have been recorded in London. What typhoid there is can be traced to the infection contracted from persons afflicted with the disease many months or years ago, who, although immune themselves, still carry the germ and thus transmit it to other people. Only 10 per cent of the typhoid of fifteen years ago exists today. The general health of the city appears to be most encouraging."

BLAZE THREATENED
TO DESTROY TOWN
WINDSOR \$2,480

Total Loss at Sturgeon Falls Is Estimated at \$175,000.

Special to The Advertiser.
Sturgeon Falls, Dec. 19.—A \$175,000 fire which started in Dempsey's private garage at the rear of the east side of King street, readied to check the fire. Nearly the whole town was threatened. The fire started in the night these buildings were saved. The fire started at 1:30 a.m., and burned furiously until 8 o'clock Sunday morning.

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Two big fires close together have cast a terrible gloom on the little town of Sturgeon Falls, which at various times has been threatened by fires of great development. It is greatly to be deplored that the fire fighting facilities are not more adequate for such a growing town. There was nothing for the owners to do but stand back and see their buildings and stock consumed in this great conflagration. All of these merchants had their Christmas goods, most of which was not insured.

It is hard to say how much of the total loss is covered by insurance, but it is expected that the loss will be heavy individually. The Christmas season which was to open this week in good earnest is overshadowed by a gloomy spirit as a result of this deplorable hazard, an event which will not be forgotten for many years by the loyal citizens of Sturgeon Falls.

INTRODUCE BILL TO LIFT
BAN ON ANGLICAN CLERGY

London, Dec. 20.—(Canadian Press Cable.)—A bill to remove the disabilities on clergymen of the Anglican Church becoming members of parliament will be introduced at the next session of parliament, with the backing of those stalwart churchmen Lord Salisbury and Lord Robert Cecil.

It is stated that many supporters of the present government will urge Premier Bonar Law to give the measure cabinet support, believing that the present anomaly is indefensible and that where free church ministers can become members of parliament but Anglican persons cannot.

MOTHER OF LONDON MAN
PASSES IN CANADA

Buffalo, N.Y., Dec. 20.—Mrs. Christina Hotham, aged 83, whose only son, Joseph Taylor, resides in London, Ont., died Saturday afternoon following an extended illness at her home in the town of Canandaigua.

Deceased also is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Fred Patchal of Canandaigua. Interment was made Monday afternoon in Canandaigua.

GRANTED BAIL OF \$1,000 ON CHARGES OF FRAUD

Special to The Advertiser.
Brantford, Dec. 20.—Alfred Riddolls who gained considerable notoriety over the Spence liquor case last winter, was brought back from Windsor yesterday by Provincial Officer R. J. Barrett, and today faced charges of fraud and selling liquor.

He appeared before Magistrate John R. Blake in police court and was remanded until Friday.

Riddolls was allowed out on \$1,000 cash bail. High County Constable Fred Kerr pointing out that the accused had jumped bail at Hamilton. Riddolls was charged with obtaining a Ford chassis and \$150 under false pretences, besides selling liquor. He has been wanted here for some time and was arrested early last week by Windsor police. Mr. J. A. D. Simlin appeared for Riddolls.

NOTABLE PREACHER WAS NAUGHTY BOY

National House Chaplain
Believes in Being Human and
Living "With Sinners."

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—Rev. James Shira Montgomery, chaplain of the National House of Representatives, was the bad boy of his home town when a "kid" in Shelbyville, Indiana. And he doesn't look back on those days with any great shame and desire to forget.

"I associate with sinners," Dr. Montgomery said the other day to a prominent member of the house, not intentionally intimating that meant members of congress, where he spent much of his time. He was answering a criticism of "preaching to the choir" that he kept me. I believe 99 per cent of our preachers are thoroughly good and sincere men, but they get into an atmosphere that makes them narrow."

Keeping himself human is one great aim of Dr. Montgomery, and he succeeds pretty well. Last July he went back to Shelbyville, where he spent his youth, and his introductory words were: "If some of the places around here could talk I certainly would not be here."

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SEeks DAMAGES
FOR DISMISSAL

Professor W. G. Smith Enters
Suit For \$50,000 Against
Winnipeg College.

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—Claiming \$50,000 damages for alleged wrongful dismissal, Prof. W. G. Smith has entered suit against Wesley College, Winnipeg, for \$50,000 damages for alleged wrongful dismissal.

Prof. Smith, formerly a member of the Toronto University faculty for 20 years, was appointed to the Wesley College, Winnipeg, as a member of the staff to July 5, 1922, when he was advised that his services were no longer required.

COMMITTED TO ASYLUM
FOR THREATENING TO KILL

A. Wrightman, Windsor, Declared
Insane, Had Obsession to Fight.

Special to The Advertiser.
Windsor, Dec. 20.—Because he is said to have threatened to kill Magistrate Gundy, a Crown Attorney, Urquhart, Chief of Police Thompson and other prominent Windsor men, Campbell, a 38-year-old, 444 Campbell street, was committed to an asylum for insane in police court today.

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TAKES HIS OWN LIFE.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—(By Canadian Press.)—A 34-year-old, married and the father of four children, committed suicide at Buckingham today by drinking carbolic acid. No inquest will be held.

ISSUES WARNING TO CONSERVE COAL

Federal Advisory Fuel Committee Urges Mixing of Grades.

COMMUNITIES MUST ACT

Canada Receiving But 40 Per Cent of Normal Anthracite Shipments.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—(By Canadian Press.)—Henceforth if communities are not protected with soft lump coal no time should be lost in getting a reasonable quantity in to supplement any tonnage of hard coal received, and in addition to be able to keep the community warm for a few weeks in case weather conditions might seriously interfere with traffic movement.

"It is the warning contained in a statement issued by the federal advisory fuel committee tonight. The warning comes as a result of a telegram received from the United States fuel distributor that people in United States were suffering grievously despite production of anthracite being at a maximum. The statement follows:

"Canada at the end of the winter will have received only 40 per cent of the usual quantity of anthracite. The Canadian public have been urged to use substitutes. As a matter of fact, no one can fix upon the exact percentage of anthracite that will be received, which will bring in relief upon the severity of the winter."

Percentage May Increase.
"It is evident from the message received that the supply may be as low as 40 per cent, though the ratio of supply is less than that of the United States. As soon as the requirements of the great lakes ports had been delivered the percentage would increase."

"There is no necessity for anyone to suffer from lack of fuel this winter because there is plenty of soft coal available. There is, however, no reserve stock of hard coal in Canada, and all that can be expected is that dealers will distribute it from time to time as they receive it. Everyone has not a reasonable tonnage of substitutes to protect the people for a few weeks, and it is up to the municipal officers to keep constantly in touch with the dealer or dealers in their respective municipalities in order to see that their people are safeguarded."

"No one knows better than the coal dealer how to get coal, and no one is more familiar with the coal trade in severe, stormy weather, which usually comes towards the middle of January possibly four weeks, how the movement of coal is impeded. It is well known that car equipment in the United States today is inadequate to meet present requirements. If the coal dealers do not take steps, in conjunction with their dealers, to supply relief should any municipal officers suddenly find themselves at a time when the movement of coal may be a matter of grave difficulty owing to stormy weather."

BRANTFORD CHINESE PAY GAMBLING FINES

Nine Arraigned in Court As a
Result of Raid on Grocery
Store.

Special to The Advertiser.
Brantford, Dec. 19.—Nine smiling celestials faced Magistrate John R. Blake in the police court Monday and all solemnly avowed that they had not gambled on Sunday. The party was arrested by P. C. John Cobden, Provincial Officer Baugh and County Constable William Taylor in a Chinese grocery store at 41 Colborne street at ten o'clock last night. Wong Dog, proprietor of the store, and Yip Yung were fined \$20 each and Lee, Lee Long and Wong Chee were dismissed.

Fred Read, charged with vagrancy, came in going back to central prison for breach of parole, but his appeal came to the rescue and pleaded that he be given another chance on the farm. He had made his appearance in Brantford streets several times during the past week, contrary to orders of the magistrate and Police Chief Donnelly. The case was laid over until Friday.

One drunk was ordered to pay a fine of \$30 for being in the street. Rubbing alcohol was the cause of his downfall. Another was remanded until Friday. Alfred Britain paid a fine of \$2 for having no real license on his motor car. A similar charge against W. H. Hammond was dismissed. William Heiser, charged with a breach of the Motor Vehicles Act, was remanded until Friday.

TOO MUCH COMPANY
DURING HONEYMOON

Husband's Relations Cause
Mrs. Heiser, Chicago, To
Seek Divorce.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Five of her husband's relations living in their honeymoon flat was bad enough for Mr. and Mrs. Edgar F. Heiser, Mrs. Heiser told Judge Steffen in divorce court today, but when her mother-in-law insisted on sleeping in the same bed with the newly-weds, she thought the limit had been reached. Public life had become so unbearable, Mrs. Heiser said, that she could not take a bath without embarrassment. "From June 1, 1919, when we were married, to June 28, mother-in-law insisted upon sleeping with us. Every night she would let us retire first, and then she would come in."

CHOSEN AS PARTY WHIP.

London, Dec. 20.—(Canadian Press Cable.)—Lieut.-Col. E. Hilton Young (Norwich) has been appointed chief National Liberal whip on the resignation of C. A. McCurdy (Northampton), who becomes chairman of the company owning the Daily Chronicle and Lloyd's News.

SIX NATIONS SURE JUSTICE IS COMING

Chiefs Levi General and David Hill Return From Washington.

INTERVIEW LANSING

Charge Imperial and Canadian Governments Are "Passing the Buck."

Special to The Advertiser.
Hagersville, Ont., Dec. 20.—Chief Levi General and Chief David Hill were in very high spirits when seen last night by The Advertiser on their return from New York and Washington. Chief Levi General said, "I am confident that the League of Nations will be able to secure justice for the Six Nations."

"While in Washington I saw Former Secretary of State Lansing. When I told him that we were being treated as subjects and not as allies of the British crown, he said: 'They had better be careful what they are doing. The British government at the present time has a claim against the United States in respect to the Six Nations. This claim would be invalid if you are subjects and not as allies.'"

Saw Leading Citizens.
"While in New York, I saw a number of leading citizens. They were amazed at the treatment we had received, and promised assistance. All was made possible because of our money and complete freedom on our own lands. The newspapers have not treated me fairly," the chief continued.

"I will lay a full account of my most successful mission before the Six Nations Council at Ohsweken." Chief David Hill was even more enthusiastic over the results of his trip. "The Netherlands government promised to bring our demands to the attention of the imperial government. The officials at the Dutch embassy gave us a most cordial and sympathetic reception."

Passing Buck.
"At the present time the imperial and Canadian governments are just passing the buck between each other. At his visit to the Six Nations in August, the Hon. Charles Stewart promised the Six Nations the right to appoint their own officials at Brantford. In November he said: 'I would like to carry out my promise, but I cannot on account of that civil service commission.'"

The Six Nations want the guardianship of the Canadian government over their lands. It was established in 1834 by an order-in-council, abolished.

With a sweep of his hand, Chief Hill pointed to the lands along the Grand, south of Caledonia, which never been paid for these, and we to demand a settlement and a repayment of \$1,000,000. The Hon. Charles Stewart has failed to keep his promise. We want justice, that is all."

COUNTY BUILDS ROAD
AND TOWNSHIPS PAY

Kitchener Council Settles Construction Issue At Final Session of Year.

Special to The Advertiser.
Kitchener, Dec. 20.—The question of the system of road construction, which has been a mooted question in the county council for the entire year, was finally settled at the year's final session of the county council, when the resolution to adopt the county system for construction was adopted. After representatives from Woolwich Township had put up a strong opposition, the county council adopted the resolution, which will bring in a real economy in the township work done in the townships. By the new system the work will be done by the county and all townships assessed 4 1/2 mills for county road, but will have to pay for their own road building with their corporation limits.

Waterloo and Huron counties council to grant \$5,000 to the Northern Ontario Fire Relief Committee. The resolution was referred to the finance committee, which will bring in a recommendation at tomorrow's adjourned session.

TO MAKE NEW YEAR'S
DRIEST IN HISTORY

U. S. Prohibition Bureau Launches Nation-Wide Campaign.

Special to The Advertiser.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—A nation-wide campaign to make this Christmas and New Year's the "driest" in history has been started by the federal prohibition bureau.

As Christmas draws near, every effort is being made by prohibition forces throughout the sale and distribution of liquor at their sources. As part of the campaign, Attorney General Clegg has directed the bureau to report to the president and the governors here yesterday, a preponderance of opinion in favor of such a move, according to an official statement.

Statistics reports to the prohibition bureau indicate that an unprecedented amount of bootleg liquor, has already been seized by dry forces.

LEADS WORLD MARKETS
IN RECEIPT OF WHEAT

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—(Canadian Press.)—Speaking of the record crop movement in the Canadian West during the last season and the part the hand played in the market, the Winnipeg Free Press, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, addressing the Kiwanis Club luncheon here today, declared Winnipeg was now the greatest wheat market in the world in point of receipts. He quoted figures showing that inspection here today, declared Winnipeg November at Chicago totaled 8,275,500 bushels, Minneapolis 4,569,100 bushels while inspections at Winnipeg for the same period amounted to 108,231,513 bushels.

UNDECEDED ON NEW HOME
FOR IRISH PARLIAMENT

Dublin, Dec. 20.—William T. Cosgrave, president of the Irish Free State cabinet, told the Daily yesterday that nothing had yet been decided concerning a permanent home for the Free State parliament. He doubted whether the old parliament house on College Green would be suitable, as it had no modern conveniences.

JASSY JEWS INJURED.

Bucharest, Rumania, Dec. 20.—A large number of Jews at Jassy were severely beaten and three of them were wounded when a mob of students attacked members of a demonstration yesterday which was arranged by Jews as a protest against attacks on Jews throughout the country.