

THE WEATHER: Probabilities—Cloudy and Mild.

# FATAL ACCIDENT AT C. P. R. CROSSING

## PROTEST CHANGE IN COAL FREIGHT RATES ONE KILLED, ANOTHER INJURED WHEN C. P. R. TRAIN HITS AUTO

### COMMERCE CHAMBER TAKING ACTION

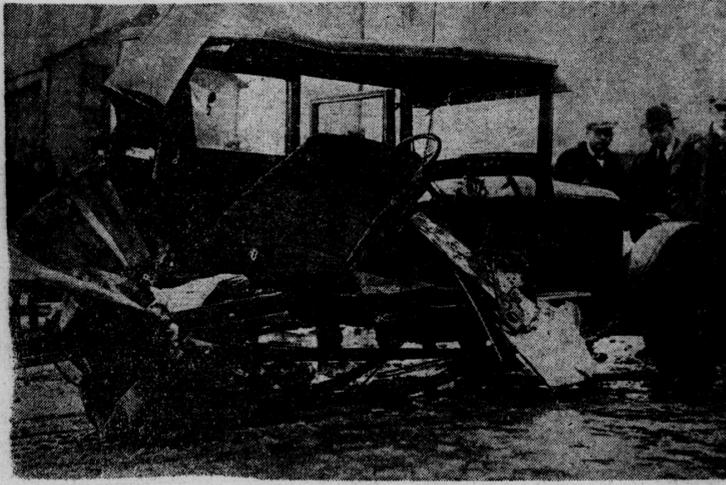
Appealing To Railway Board To Offset Action of National and C. P. Railways.

### CHARGE PUBLIC INTEREST PLACED IN JEOPARDY

Matter To Be Brought Before City Finance Committee For Consideration.

A strong protest against the change in the coal freight rates from Port Stanley and from Erieau will be made at a meeting of the directors of the local Chamber of Commerce called for this afternoon, at 5 o'clock. A resolution setting forth many reasons why such changes should not be made and urging the Dominion Railway Board to force the C. N. R. and the C. P. R. to maintain the present rates, will be submitted to the meeting for approval. Following is a copy of the resolution: "Whereas nature has liberally endowed Canada with inland waterways, actual and potential; that the Government of Canada has spent millions of dollars in developing lake ports so they may effectively perform an important function in the economy of the country; that public and private companies through great financial expenditures have developed services, at to, and from, these ports, of great value to the farming and industrial communities as well as to public utilities, publicly and privately owned, serving Ontario, in many Western Ontario centers; that through the industries thus developed thousands of Canadian citizens are given employment; and "Whereas the Canadian National Railways and the Canadian Pacific Railways and the G. T. R. and the C. N. R. on Monday at 4 o'clock. He is now on the retired list and will live in the city. He is well known to a number of travelers from London and in Western Ontario, having been running between London and Toronto, London and Detroit, and London and Windsor for nearly half a century. His genial control of the train will be greatly missed by the many friends he had among the traveling public. Mr. McCullough was in but one wreck in all this time, the famous smash on a single track. Twenty-five persons were killed then, but Mr. McCullough was unharmed. It was a wreck that stirred the whole Dominion in 1902.

Struck By the C. P. R. Chicago-Montreal Flier



By The London Free Press Photographer.  
Howard Clark, 21 years old, son of A. J. Clark, Richmond street grocer, was instantly killed early this afternoon when the sedan in which he was a passenger was struck by the C.P.R. Chicago-Montreal flyer at the St. George street level crossing. Cyril Hayes, of William street, the driver of the car, escaped with severe injuries. Both men were thrown clear of wreckage.

### Half Century of Service On Railroad Concluded By Popular Conductor

Conductor Jack McCullough, 181 Mill Street, Steps From Train For Last Time To Enter Well-Earned Period of Retirement.

Jack McCullough, 181 Mill street, completed 47½ years of service as conductor with the old G.T.R. and the C.N.R. on Monday at 4 o'clock. He is now on the retired list and will live in the city. He is well known to a number of travelers from London and in Western Ontario, having been running between London and Toronto, London and Detroit, and London and Windsor for nearly half a century. His genial control of the train will be greatly missed by the many friends he had among the traveling public. Mr. McCullough was in but one wreck in all this time, the famous smash on a single track. Twenty-five persons were killed then, but Mr. McCullough was unharmed. It was a wreck that stirred the whole Dominion in 1902.

### B. C. SUPREME COURT TO DECIDE ON CUSTODY OF CHILDREN IN CONVENT

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 1.—The Supreme Court will decide here on the application of Lawrence Smiley, Dugannon, Ont., for the custody of his two young children, placed in a convent, in Providence Convent, New Westminster, by the children's mother. The application was made in Supreme Court on Friday through habeas corpus proceedings, adjournment being taken until to-day.

### VOLUNTARY IMPRISONMENT OF POPE MAY BE ENDED

Report, Believed Authentic, Says Pius XI. To Preside At Inauguration of New Franciscan Monastery.

ROME, Dec. 1.—The voluntary imprisonment of the pope in the Vatican, begun in 1870, after the overthrow of the temporal power by the establishment of united Italy, may be ended next year with a personal visit by Pius XI. to Assisi, to preside at the inauguration of the new Franciscan monastery on the seventh anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi.

### LOCARNO TREATY SIGNED TO-DAY

German Representatives First To Sign Articles Guaranteeing European Peace.

### BRITISH PREMIER IS MOVED BY CEREMONY

Cameras Click Record of One of Greatest Events in Modern History.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—Germany and her principal antagonists in the Great War to-day signed the Locarno treaty and collateral pacts guaranteeing peace in Europe and the submission for arbitration of any disputes that may arise between them regarding their frontiers. The contrast between the signing of this momentous pact and the signing of the Versailles six years ago was marked in two respects.

### PARKER GRANTED BAIL OF \$2,500

Post Office Employee Will Face Court On Monday.

### LETTER THEFT CHARGE

Accused of Stealing Letter Containing Dollar Bills.

Arrested yesterday and charged with the theft of a letter from his majesty's mail, Fred W. Parker, former clerk in the post office here, was to-day admitted to bail in the sum of \$2,500 in two sureties of \$1,250 each to appear in city court again next Monday. Parker was taken into custody by Detective Inspector Thomas Nickle, who executed a warrant sworn out by Thomas H. Murray, postal inspector of London district.

### POLES ARE NOW FREE FROM ELECTION CARDS

For First Time in Years Posts Are Not Used As Advertising Medium.

For the first time in many years the telephone, street railway and electric light poles in the city are not covered with election cards at this time. This is considered remarkable, as in previous years cards were tacked on almost every pole in the city. In this connection it is stated that some of the candidates made a practice of following each other around the city and starting down the other fellow's cards. But the bar placed on the tacking of signs on poles has not baffled some of the candidates. Two men were seen starting out to-day with bundles of cards, tacks and hammers ready to cover East London. But they were placing the signs on the trees, that is where there were trees. Any place where the trees were not in the right way a pole was used, but the latter are practically free from signs of all kinds.

### SEEK TO FUND DEBT.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—The Italian Government is seeking a mission here on December 15 or 16 to negotiate funding of the Italian debts to Great Britain. The House of Commons was informed to-day by Chancellor of the Exchequer Churchill.

### Little Kiddies Will Have Nothing If Santa Claus "Passes By" This Year

Boy, Aged 11, Voices Appeal For Poverty-Stricken Parents and Little Sisters—Baby Has "Only One Shirt and It Is Nearly Worn Out"—Hope For Life's Comforts Hinged On Santa Fund.

Four children in the family—father out of work nearly a year—mother, whose time is spent patching, patching, patching, patching—lack of clothes preventing school attendance.

This little boy appeals not only for himself, but for the little girls who form this family which could be happy had they but a few of the comforts of life. The youngest, too young to really know of the cruelties of the world, is not yet two years old. Think of the suffering of this little kiddie during the winter of the cold. No, they need Santa to help them.

These children are to-day pinning their faith on the Christmas saint. They have found the brotherhood of the world is but a theory only and can gain them nothing practical to face the hardships of the cold. No, they need Santa to help them. They "won't eat anything if he goes past their house." It is their last hope. What will happen if the great Christmas spirit does not reach out to them and Santa does go by?

It is up to you who have a few cents to help them.

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### INMATES CITY NOT LIABLE IN BOAT ACCIDENT

Judgment Reserved In Action For \$25,000 Damages At St. Thomas.

### ARGUMENT IN SWAN BOAT TRAGEDY CASE

R. L. Brackin, K. C., Contends City Neglected Its Privilege To Examine Boat.

By Staff Reporter.  
ST. THOMAS, Dec. 1.—The hearing of witnesses in the action for \$25,000 arising out of the swan boat tragedy on Lake Pinareo, St. Thomas, was concluded this morning at the jury sitting of the Supreme Court of Ontario, Chief Justice Meredith reserving his judgment for a few days. His lordship stated that he had virtually made up his mind as to what his decision would be, but had decided to lay the decision over for a few days.

### CITY NEGLIGENT.

Mr. Brackin deposed that the city had neglected its privilege of examining the amusements in use at Pinareo Park and on Pinareo Island. He accepted the lake from the M. C. R., he stated, "and agreed to furnish adequate supervision. His lordship asked the plaintiff lawyer if the city would be responsible if children were to eat poison in candy sold on Stoner's concessions. Mr. Brackin deposed that the illustration was not comparative. "Candy eating is not dangerous," Mr. Brackin said, "while boating is more of less dangerous."

### WENIGE SAYS RELIEF WORK IS UP TO GOVERNMENT.

Mayor Wenige, speaking this morning to a meeting of unemployed in the Labor Temple, declared that the Federal Government in the last two winters had failed to meet the needs of the unemployed and had "passed the buck" to provincial and the municipal governments. He maintained that the question of men out of work was one entirely for the Federal Government to deal with, and that it had no right to shelter behind the British North America Act and dodge the issue.

### CITIZENS MAKE DEMANDS

Mayor Wenige stated that the city would soon be starting sewer work and that there would be three days each week work for the unemployed who were bona fide residents of London.

### QUESTION OF LIABILITY.

The whole of the questioning and cross-questioning this afternoon was seemingly aimed to establish who was liable for the accident. His lordship was proven. There was also an effort to show that the entire action was being taken for pecuniary gain and not for the benefit of the city.

### MASS ASSURANCE.

Mayor Wenige stated that he had the assurance of both federal and provincial ministers that their governments would agree to foot one-third of the relief bill this winter, provided the municipalities would pay the other third.

### LONDON POLICE SEEKING GUNMEN

Asked To Aid In Capture of Hamilton Dairy Robbers.

Quartet Wanted In American Cities For Murder and Robberies.

LONDON police have been asked to co-operate in the capture of four gunmen who are believed to have been responsible for innumerable hold-ups in eight different American and Canadian cities, including the robbery at the plant of the Pure Milk Company in Hamilton last week. A reward of \$10,500 for the arrest of the men has been offered by Buffalo authorities, in which city the quartette are claimed to have held up a Bank of Buffalo truck, stealing \$92,000 and murdering two bank employees.

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Badly Hurt

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### CROSSING C.P.R. TRACKS AT ST. GEORGE CROSSING

Locomotive of Express Hit Auto Broadside, Throwing Occupants Through the Doors.

One man was killed and another seriously injured when the C. P. R. Chicago-Montreal flyer, No. 634, in charge of Conductor McDougall, of Toronto, and Engineer Harry Trace, of this city, struck an automobile at the St. George street level crossing shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon.

The dead man was Howard Clark, 21 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Clark, 104 Waterloo street. Cyril Hayes, William street, the driver of the automobile, with whom the dead man was riding, was seriously injured and was removed to Victoria Hospital. Both were pitched headlong through doors of the small sedan in which they rode.

Medical aid was summoned to attend Hayes, and an investigation of the accident commenced by the coroner, Wilson, coroner. He ordered an inquest, and Detective Thomas Bolton accompanied a jury this afternoon. The jurors will meet this evening to view the remains and to decide upon the date of the adjourned hearing.

### BLAMES OTTAWA FOR WORK LACK

Wenige Says Relief Work Is Up To Government.

### MAYOR MEETS UNEMPLOYED AT THE LABOR TEMPLE MEETING.

The two men had driven west on the C.P.R. train, traveling at a fast rate of speed, according to eye witnesses, crashed into the vehicle. The train, it was said, continued on its way and came to a stop at the C. P. R. Richmond street station. Clark's body fell to the ground at the side of the wrecked car. From it blood flowed freely, emanating, it was said, from a wound at the base of the head near the neck. The body remained in the same position until after the arrival of the coroner.

### INTERNAL INJURIES.

Hayes, who was the first to be thrown from the automobile, suffered a gash on one side of his head and probable internal injuries. He was not rendered unconscious and he scrambled to his feet as he recovered from his dazed condition.

The accident was witnessed by Fred Gill and George Scott, both residents of Ann street, who were engaged in conversation at the corner of Ann and St. George streets, when the train struck the automobile. "I saw the automobile come along Piccadilly street and turn on to St. George street," said Mr. Gill, in discussing the sight he had seen. "I have always viewed that crossing with alarm and as a result of that I watched the automobile as it went by. I was some distance away, though I couldn't be sure of that now—you know how it is after an accident."

### TRAIN TRAVELING FAST.

"The train is a flyer and was not idling along," he said. "It was going at a fast rate of speed."

Continuing, Mr. Gill said he telephoned for the police and that the ambulance responded. Dr. S. M. Fisher was called in attendance upon Hayes, who was removed to Victoria Hospital. Hayes, said Mr. Gill, scrambled to his feet as he recovered from his dazed condition.

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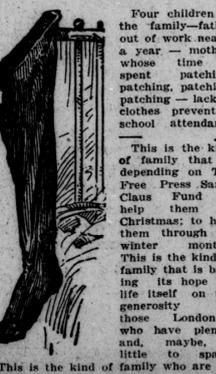
### THE WEATHER

CLOUDY AND MILD.  
Forecasts—Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay: Moderate winds, mostly cloudy and mild to-day and on Wednesday.

NOTES.  
Pressure is high from the Great Lakes westward and quite low north and west, while just east of the South Atlantic States there is a severe storm which will probably move northward.

Stations	High	Low	Wind
Victoria	46	44	Rain
Calgary	44	39	Cloudy
Winnipeg	35	18	Clear
Port Arthur	28	24	Cloudy
Parry Sound	28	28	Cloudy
St. John	23	28	Cloudy
LONDON	32	34	Cloudy
Toronto	36	32	Fair
Kingston	31	29	Cloudy
Ottawa	16	6	Snow
Montreal	14	4	Snow
Quebec	8	4	Snow
Father Point	10	6	Cloudy
St. John	16	6	Fair
Halifax	24	10	Fair

Steamer	Arrived At	From
Majestic	New York	South'n
Cameronia	New York	Glasgow
M. Wash'n	New York	Naples
Westphalia	Hamburg	New York
Zeeland	Antwerp	New York
Megantic	Clyde	Portland



This is the kind of family who are to-day facing the tragedy of the empty stockings and whose very livelihood hinges on the fact as to whether or not The Free Press Santa Claus Fund reaches its objective of \$6,000.