

COLDEST WEATHER IN YEARS DESCENDED ON ONTARIO AND QUEBEC

Toronto, Dec. 28.—With the temperature taking a plunge to fourteen below zero, which was reached in the early hours of Sunday morning, Toronto had one of the coldest December week-ends that she has experienced for some years. This was the temperature recorded at the Observatory, on Bloor Street, but in the more exposed parts of the city and suburbs much colder temperatures were experienced.

The cold wave was general throughout the province, and also over the bigger part of the Dominion. White River, of course, had to come into the picture, with 24 below, but, of the recorded temperatures, Doucet, Quebec, carried off the honors with 26 below. Parry Sound and Cochrane both had the same temperature as White River. At Ottawa it was 16 below, and at Montreal 12 below. Temperatures in Manitoba and Saskatchewan ranged from 10 to 24 below.

Chatham, Ont., Dec. 27.—The first zero weather of this winter prevailed here to-day and yesterday. Early last evening the temperature started for the zero mark and during the night went to five below, according to the official readings. Thermometers in other parts of the city registered six below at eight o'clock this morning.

Guelph, Ont., Dec. 27.—With the thermometer skidding to 21 below zero during the night, the lowest temperature experienced in this district in the last ten years, citizens were content to hug the fireside yesterday, and the attendance at the city churches was naturally very slim. According to an official reading made at the O. A. C., the mercury dropped to the 21 below mark about four o'clock, but there was a rise in temperature during the day. Telegraph service into Guelph was affected to a considerable extent owing to the cold snap, wires in some directions being put out of commission when poles snapped off owing to the heavy frost.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—After a mild Christmas citizens of Ottawa experienced below zero weather and a biting north wind over the week-end. Early this morning the thermometer registered 16½ degrees below zero, while on Saturday night the thermometer registered 12 below. Only few fires, caused by overheated stove pipes, were reported.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 27.—Montreal's first winter blizzard to-day thrust the temperature down to 13 degrees below zero and enveloped the city in swirling snow, borne on the wings of a 35-mile-an-hour gale.

The zero weather held throughout the day but towards evening the wind dropped slightly.

The high wind was responsible for several chimney fires and the firemen were kept busy answering alarms.

Many homeless persons were forced to take shelter in the various police stations owing to the frigid weather.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 27.—Speeding back to his Arctic haunts, old Father Christmas left with the populace of the Prairie Provinces a sample of the weather upon which he thrives in far-away toyland.

It is reported that Santa made his departure through Manitoba and across the icy stretches to the north, for this province to-day records the coldest weather on the continent. At The Pas, Man., the mercury skidded down to nearly 30 degrees below zero, while in Winnipeg and many other points the lowest reached was 25 below.

The northern blasts brought about record dips of the season in Saskatchewan, Moose Jaw, Regina and Saskatoon experiencing around 15 below. In Alberta the temperatures were more moderate and with snow fairly general, no sub-zero weather is reported.



Happy New Year

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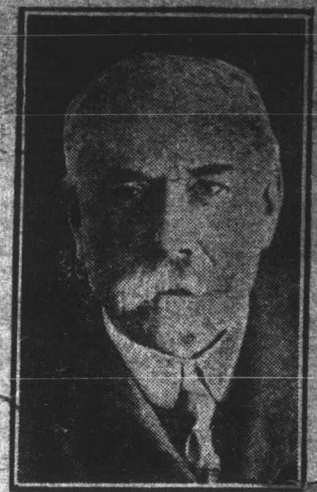
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Sir Edward Elgar who was honored by the Royal Philharmonic Society at their recent concert in Queen's Hall. After an all Elgar program he was presented with the society's gold medal. In all the 112 years of the society's existence only about 35 composers, conductors and solo artists have been so honored.

England's Hearty Eaters Fight Excess Food Tax

A despatch from London says:—The hearty eaters of England are much exercised over proposals of the Chancellor of the Exchequer to impose a luxury tax on cafe and restaurant checks which exceed a certain amount. Restaurant proprietors also are opposing the suggestion, which was made first by Winston Churchill himself. They contend such a tax would be ruinous to their business, particularly to the wine trade.

Cafe patrons, with the backing of the managers, argue that persons who drink wine with their meals would get the worst of it all around, as they would be paying at least three taxes on each bottle consumed—first, the import duty; second, the restaurant keeper's tax, and lastly, the contemplated luxury tax.

King and Royal Family Spent Quiet Christmas

A despatch from London says:—King George, Queen Mary, and the Duke and Duchess of York left on Dec. 22nd for Sandringham to spend the Christmas season at York Cottage. The Prince of Wales and Prince Henry, who had been hunting with the Whaddon Chase hounds, near Leighton Buzzard, joined the family that evening. The festivities this year were much quieter than usual owing to the recent death of Queen Mother Alexandra, and there was another gap in the family circle because of the absence of Prince George, who is on naval duty in Chinese waters.

A Railway in the Khyber Pass.

Readers of Kipling's Indian tales will remember the Khyber Pass, the gateway between India and Afghanistan, and accept for the Bofia pass, farther south, about the only practicable highway through the six thousand miles of lofty, rugged mountains that guard India on the north and northwest. It was through the Khyber that all the invaders of India poured, the early Aryan tribes, the Greek armies of Alexander the Great, and the Moslems under Mahmud. Although the purposes of trade would have been served by a railway through the pass, the British government long hesitated to build one lest it should facilitate the invasion of India by Russia, which used to be the nightmare of British statesmen. Such an invasion is no longer regarded as at all probable, and rails have at length been laid through the Khyber, another step in the inevitable connection of the Far East with Europe by an overland railway.

A Forgotten Inventor.

Among the guests at the laying of a cornerstone for a new film exchange in New York was a gray-haired man who has the distinction of being the first man to make and operate a practical projector for showing photographic films of moving pictures. The man's name is Jean A. Leroy. He is a machinist and not a very prosperous one. Yet he practically invented the process on which rests an industry that employs hundreds of thousands of persons, turns over a great many million dollars a year and has made fortunes for no one knows how many picture producers, directors, actors and theatre-owners. Mr. Leroy ran the first strips of film through his projector as long ago as 1894; but he failed to get the machine patented and has made little or nothing out of it.

By wearing a pedometer, a farm woman found that she usually walked five miles each day in preparing meals for her family of three. After rearranging her kitchen equipment, she was able to reduce this distance to 2.5 miles, leaving her more time to read and sew.

CANADIAN CARS GO TO FAR-AWAY COUNTRIES

Statistics Show Destination of Motors Exported from Dominion.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—Canadian-made automobiles go to out-of-the-way spots. Between 50 and 60 different countries purchased Canadian cars in November, running all the way from Paraguay to Palestine, and round the world to Iraq, the Dutch East Indies and Japan. Australia and New Zealand headed the list of purchasers of the Canadian automobile. Of the cheaper cars valued at \$500 or less, Australia purchased 944 in November, and New Zealand 945. Of the more expensive cars, Australia bought 72 and New Zealand 267. In comparison, the United Kingdom purchased in November none of the cheaper Canadian cars, but 454 of the more expensive.

Of the total of 5,953 of the cheaper cars exported in November (compared with 4,463 in October, and 3,288 in November, 1924), 10 went to the Gold Coast, five to Malta, seven to Fiji, 52 to the Straits Settlements, 24 to Nigeria, three to the British Sudan, four to the Belgian Congo, four to the French West Indies, two to Iraq, 26 to Egypt, 502 to Argentina, 820 to the Dutch East Indies, 17 to Siam, and two to Portuguese Africa.

BOUND BY THUGS WOMAN ALARMS POLICE

Manipulates Phone Dial With Tooth Pick Held in Mouth.

Saskatoon, Sask., Dec. 27.—Attacked while asleep at his home, 545 Fourth Avenue north, with a wedge-shaped weapon, presumably an axe, some time last evening, James E. Johnson, railway mail clerk, was found unconscious, bathed in blood, by the city police, summoned by the wife who, bound hand and foot, contrived to attract the attention of the long distance telephone operator by manipulating the dial with a tooth pick held between her teeth.

The woman, in a hysterical condition, was loosened from the towels and strips of linen with which she was bound.

Turkey and Russia Sign Neutrality Agreement.

A despatch from Constantinople says:—The Exchange Telegraph says Ishmet Pasha, the Turkish Premier, announces the signing in Paris on December 17 of a new agreement between Turkey and Russia, pledging mutual neutrality if either country is attacked. Foreign Minister Tchicherin signed for the Soviet Government.

WORK ON SMELTER TO BEGIN IN SPRING

Final Agreement Reached Between Noranda Mines and Quebec Government.

A despatch from Quebec says:—At the close of a lengthy conference, in the course of which all the details remaining to permit the Noranda Mines, Ltd., to go ahead with its plans in the Quebec Northwestern gold fields were amicably settled, Hon. Mr. Perault, Minister of Mines, and his colleagues, Hon. Honore Mercier, Minister of Lands and Forests, as well as the mining interests concerned, expressed their entire satisfaction at the results attained.

J. Y. Murdoch, K.C., President of the Noranda Mines, Ltd., who, with H. Chadbourne, Managing Director, conferred with Government, stated: "We expect work on the smelting plant to be erected in Rouyn Township to start early next spring, and part of the construction material will be forwarded in the course of the winter."

OFFER OF PEACE ACCEPTED BY DRUSES

Reported Armistice Signed With Commissioner Jouvenel.

London, Dec. 27.—An Exchange Telegraph despatch from Bagdad gives a report brought by a convoy from Syria that the chiefs of the Druse tribesmen in Syria have accepted peace proposals offered by the French authorities.

An armistice was reported to have been signed several days ago between the Druse tribesmen and the new French High Commissioner in Syria, Henry Jouvenel.

This report came from Cairo, Egypt. The French Foreign Office admitted that negotiations looking to peace were going on in Syria, but that no final signature had yet been fixed. It was admitted, however, that the signing of an armistice at any minute would not surprise the Foreign Office.

No Ice Bridge Yet at Niagara and May Not Be Any

Niagara Falls, Ont., Dec. 27.—While the winter scenery here is beautiful, there is no sign of an ice bridge. The bridge may be late in forming, and there is a possibility that there will not be any.

Elimination of the cross current in the river near the Upper Arch Bridge caused by the flow from the Niagara Power Company's old tunnel, which is not in use now, is the reason that the bridge may not form. This current held the ice below the cataracts forming the bridges in former years.

THE MARKETS

TORONTO.

Man. wheat—No. 1 North, \$1.64½; No. 2 North, \$1.60½; No. 3 North, \$1.67½.

Man. oats, No. 2, CW, nominal; No. 3 51½c; No. 1 feed, 49½c; No. 2 feed, 47½c.

Am. corn, track, Toronto—No. 2 yellow, 89c.

Millfeed—Del. Montreal freights, bags included: Bran, per ton, \$30.25 to \$31.25; shorts, per ton, \$32.25 to \$33.25; middlings, \$39.25 to \$40.25; good feed flour, per bag, \$2.30.

Ont. oats—42 to 45c, f.o.b. shipping points.

Ont. good milling wheat—\$1.84 to \$1.87, f.o.b. shipping points, according to freights.

Barley—Malting—65 to 67c.

Buckwheat—No. 3, 70c.

Rye—No. 2, 80c.

Man. flour—First pat., \$9.30, Toronto; do, second pat., \$8.80.

Ont. flour—Toronto, 90 per cent, pat., per barrel, in carlots, Toronto, \$6.25; seaboard, in bulk, \$6.25.

Straw—Carlots, per ton, \$9 to \$9.50.

Screenings—Standard, re-cleaned, f.o.b. bay ports, per ton, \$20.

Cheese—New, large, 22 to 22½c; twins, 22½ to 23c; triplets, 24c; Stiltons, 25c; Old, large, 28c; twins, 29c; triplets, 30c.

Butter—Finest creamery prints, 47c; No. 1 creamery, 46c; No. 2, 44c to 45c. Dairy prints, 44 to 45c.

Eggs—Fresh extras, in cartons, 70c; fresh extras, loose, 68c; fresh firsts, 57c; storage extras, 46c; storage firsts, 42 to 48c; storage seconds, 34 to 35c.

Dressed poultry—Chickens, spring, lb., 30c; hens, over 4 to 5 lbs., 24 to 28c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 22c; roosters, 18c; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 30 to 32c; turkeys, 42 to 45c.

Beans—Can, handpicked, lb., 6c; primes, 5 to 5½c.

Maple produce—Syrup, per imp. gal., \$2.40; per 5-gal. tin, \$2.30 per gal.; maple sugar, lb., 25 to 26c.

Honey—50-lb. tins, 11½ to 12c; 10-lb. tins, 12 to 12½c; 2½-lb. tins, 14 to 14½c.

Smoked meats—Hams, med., 26 to 28c; cooked hams, 40 to 42c; smoked rolls, 22c; cottage, 23 to 25c; breakfast bacon, 32 to 36c; special brand breakfast bacon, 38 to 39c; backs, boneless, 30 to 37c.

Cured meats—Long csa: bacon, 50 to 70 lbs., \$22 to 30 lbs., \$20.50; 20 lbs. and up, \$19.50; lightweight rolls, in barrels, \$43.50; heavyweight rolls, \$39.50 per barrel.

Lard—Pure tierces, 18 to 18½c; tubs, 18½ to 19c; pails, 19 to 19½c; prints, 20 to 20½c; shortening tierces, 12½c; tubs, 14c; pails, 14½c; blocks, 15 to 15½c.

Heavy steers, choice, \$8 to \$8.75; do, good, \$7.75 to \$8; butcher steers, choice, \$7 to \$7.85; do, good, \$6 to \$6.50; do, med., \$4.75 to \$5.50; do, com., \$4 to \$5; butcher heifers,

choice, \$6.75 to \$7.50; do, good, \$5.75 to \$6.25; do, med., \$4.50 to \$5; do, com., \$3.75 to \$4.50; butcher cows, choice, \$5 to \$5.25; do, fair to good, \$4 to \$4.50; butcher bulls, good, \$4.50 to \$5.75; bolognas, \$3.25 to \$3.50; canners and cutters, \$2.25 to \$3; springs, choice, \$90 to \$110; good milk cows, \$75 to \$85; medium cows, \$45 to \$60; feeders, good, \$5.75 to \$6.50; do, fair, \$4.50 to \$5; stockers, good, \$4.75 to \$5.50; do, fair, \$4 to \$4.50; calves, choice, \$12.50 to \$13.50; do, good, \$10 to \$11.50; do, grassers, \$4 to \$5; good light sheep, \$6.50 to \$7.50; heavier and