

Storm Sewers Will Be Started At Once

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Free Fight Marks Session of Japanese Diet

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Tomorrow's Weather—Decidedly cold.

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Sun Rises Today, 7:24; Sets, 5:40.

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Advertiser Reporter Posts First Parcels From London Office—King George Regrets Division of British Political Parties on Home Rule Bill—Magistrate Decides Auto Mechanic Does Not Require License—To Search Huron Ice Floes for Floats from Freighters.

WILL MAKE AN ATTEMPT TO REACH M'GEAN

Discoverers of Stranded Hulk to Cross Ice Floes in Effort to Probe Identity.

SHORE ICE HARDENED

Cold Weather Has Made Possible Hazardous Trip Over Frozen Water.

MAY FIND SOME BODIES

Expected That Debris From Wrecks Will Have Lodged in Shore Ice.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Naffel's Point, Lake Huron,

Feb. 10.—With the hardening of the shore ice during the past two days it is believed that it will be of sufficient thickness to enable the transportation of a boat to the open water lying between the ice floes and the objects believed to be the hulls of the John McGean and the Caruthers, two of the big freighters lost during the terrific storm of last November. Attempts, that have previously been made, to get close to the broken hulls have been prevented by the "rotteness" of the ice, and it was practically decided to give up the search until spring thaws had cleared the floes away. Now, however, it would seem likely that an attempt will be made to reach at least the edge of the floes and possibly the vessels themselves.

Timbers, deck-houses, life belts and parts of the cargoes of the boats are believed to be lodged in the ice at the edge of the floes and this will, it is believed, be sufficient to confirm the identification of the hulls. Bodies are also supposed to be lying buried in the ice mounds that dot the extreme outer edge of the shore floes and a search will be made for the recovery of these.

Attempts to carry a boat across the floes to the open water will be extremely hazardous, but the hardening of the ice precludes the danger of going through that faced by the would-be discoverers before. Ice hillocks and crevasses dot the surface of the floe, but that an attempt will be made immediately seems assured.

ITALIAN STABBED SWEDISH

St. Catharines, Feb. 9.—The police are looking for an unknown Italian who knocked a Swede down with a son, a painter, died in the hospital bottle in a bar room and stabbed the prostrate man in the leg.

THE WEATHER.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London for the 12 hours preceding 8 a.m. today: Highest, 13; lowest, 8.

The official temperature for today: Highest, 14; lowest, 2 below.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND DECIDEDLY COLD.

Forecast: Fair and decidedly cold today and on Wednesday.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations High Low Weather

Calgary 21 4 Cloudy

Winnipeg 18 3 Clear

Port Arthur 12 3 Foggy

Fort Sound 14 14 Cloudy

Toronto 17 4 Clear

Ottawa 14 4 Clear

Montreal 14 zero Clear

Quebec 4 4 Clear

Patner Point 4 4 Cloudy

(-) Minus, below zero.

Weather Notes.

The weather remains very cold in nearly all portions of the Dominion, with the centre of the cold wave now extending from Northern Saskatchewan to James Bay, where the temperatures are very extreme.

ADVERTISER MAN POSTS FIRST PARCEL IN LONDON

On the Stroke of Eight This Morning, He Forwarded Flowers to Lady Laurier and Mrs. R. L. Borden. The Official Opening Delayed by Orders From Ottawa.

Promptly at 8 o'clock this morning, with the posting of two parcels-boxes of American Beauty roses, addressed to Lady Laurier, and Mrs. R. L. Borden, Ottawa, by the Advertiser's London office, the parcel post system was inaugurated.

An Advertiser reporter was on hand at midnight last night with the two packages, but in accordance with instructions contained in a telegram received late yesterday afternoon, all parcels post packages were refused until 8 o'clock this morning. Precisely on the stroke of this hour the parcels mailed by The Advertiser were weighed and received by the postoffice clerks.

Soon afterwards a considerable number of parcels were received from other Londoners and the local parcels post delivery system was commenced with two wagons a few minutes after 9 o'clock.

Delivery Starts. There were only a few parcels to be delivered, those mailed at the postoffice and addressed to other parts of the city, but the parcels post wagon started out just the same to insure the prompt delivery guaranteed by the system. One wagon delivered to the business section, the other to the residential section.

As the system grows it is anticipated that additional wagons will be required. Started at 8 o'clock. "In accordance with the telegram received yesterday," said Assistant Post-

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HON. MR. LEMIEUX COUNCIL LIKELY KNEW NOTHING OF THE FAMOUS BILL

Ex-Postmaster-General Tells Lower House Committee of His Connection.

DETECTIVES' PRICE HIGH Mr. Lemieux Introduced Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Mousseau Simply as Act of Kindness.

[Canadian Press.] Quebec, Feb. 10.—The cross-examination of Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, ex-postmaster-general, by an old political opponent, L. G. Belley, Quebec, the lawyer for the Montreal Mail, following a statement by Mr. Lemieux in regard to the insignificant part he played in the affairs of the Montreal Fair Association bill, in connection with which J. O. Mousseau, L. P. Berard, and Achille Bergevin are accused of accepting bribes, occupied the Lower House probing committee this morning.

Mr. Belley asked a number of questions about the relationship of Mr. Lemieux and C. P. Carpenter, the man from Caspe, the Mail said simply through politeness in introducing Mr. Carpenter and Mr. Mousseau. Finally, Chairman Taschereau had to call Mr. Belley to task for wandering too far afield.

Mr. Tappeley, one of the Burns detectives, was recalled to give some information relating to Mr. Biddinger's whereabouts. He said he met Mr. Biddinger in New York on Sunday.

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Ice Men Start Winter Harvest

Settle Difference With the Weather and Start to Gather Annual Harvest.

Ice men have settled their differences with the weather, and are starting to cut real ice from the cove and river. "We have the finest ice yet," said a cove dealer, who started 40 men working early this morning.

If the present weather continues for two or three weeks, a big harvest of ice will be made, and this clinch low prices for London during the next summer.

The north branch of the river, because of its swift current, will not be in condition to cut until tomorrow, but North End dealers are optimistic, that when they do start, they will make a big hole in the ice.

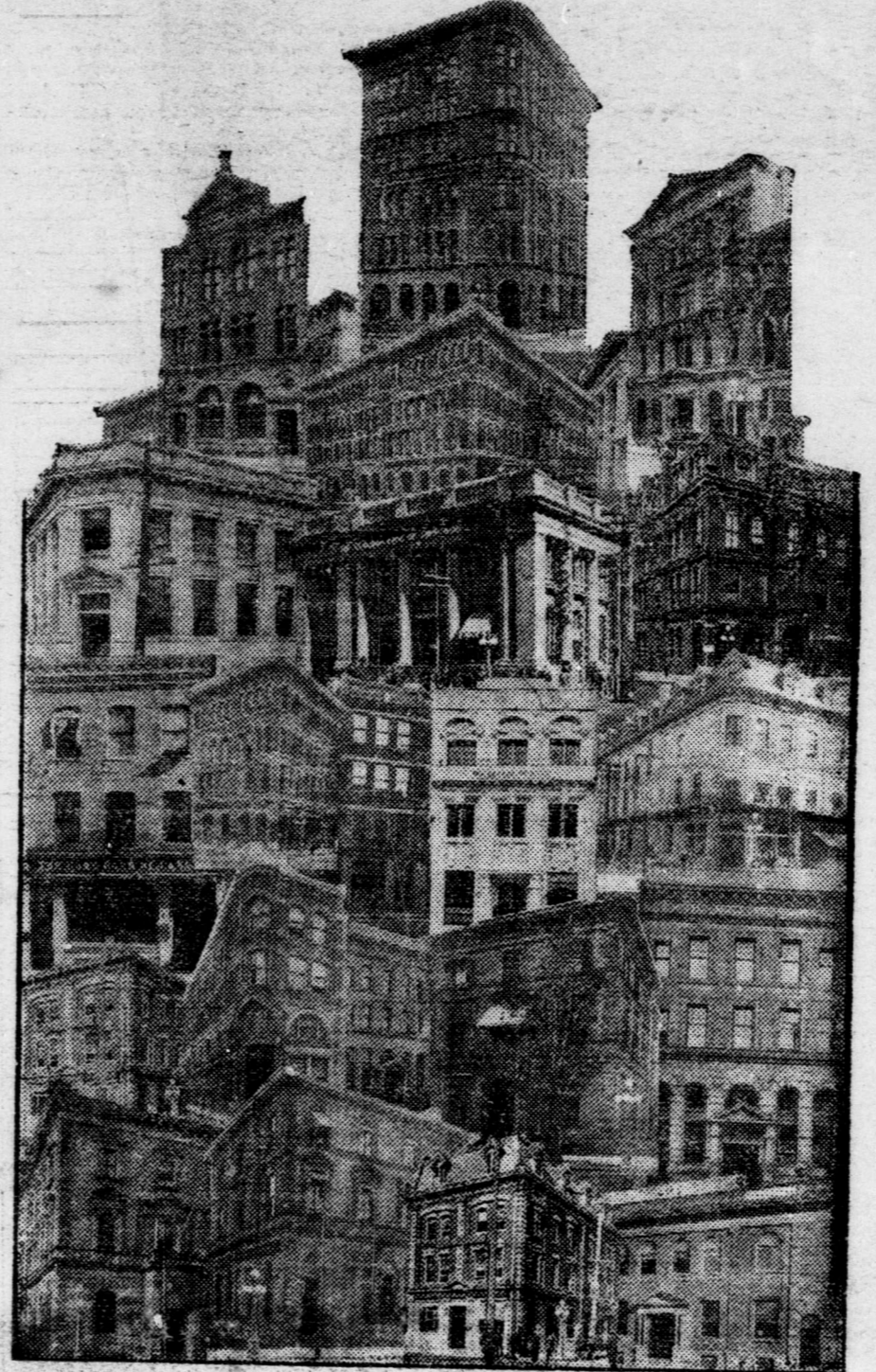
It Breaks the Sabbath.

To the Editor of The Advertiser: I have been reading the paragraphs about the number of eggs some people get, so I thought I would tell you about our old white hen. I think I will try and put it in poetry—it sounds better. Here it is:

Did you ever see our old white hen? A better hen can't be. She always lays two eggs a day. On Sunday she lays three.

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WALL STREET OF WESTERN ONTARIO



London's Financial Buildings, Photographed and Reproduced in Industrial Commissioner Gordon Philip's Descriptive Booklet, "Forest City Advantages."

WOULD START ON STORM SEWERS

Controllers Favor Immediate Action to Give Work to Unemployed—Engineer Objects Because of Lack of Equipment.

The board of control, at a special session this morning, favored the immediate procedure of construction work on the Colborne street "trunk" of the storm sewer system, in order to give work to the unemployed, although advised by City Engineer W. N. Ashplant, and the consulting engineer, Willis Chipman, that the cost of doing the work in the cold weather would be about 50 per cent greater than if done in the warm months.

The controllers will definitely decide tomorrow morning as to what course shall be pursued.

The mayor found fault with the city engineer's department for not pushing the work ahead with greater speed, the controllers having understood some time ago that the Colborne street construction could have been commenced by the 1st of February.

The city engineer's advice was that the work should be held over until spring. He did not consider that the controllers' position to proceed with it by day labor, as it had not the necessary equipment. He considered that it would be cheaper to pay 50 or 60 men to keep off the job than to set them to work on the sewers at this time of the year.

BUILDINGS SHAKEN BY EARTHQUAKE IN CANADA AND STATES

Chairs and Tables Swayed When Seismic Disturbance Visited Toronto, Montreal, and Other Places.

[Canadian Press.] Toronto, Feb. 10.—At 1:35 p.m. a distinct earthquake shock was perceived here, of the strength and duration usually felt in these latitudes, it lasted perhaps 15 seconds, and was sufficiently powerful to send a tremor through buildings and cause chairs and tables to sway lightly. The shock was also observed simultaneously at Montreal, Ottawa, and cities in New York State.

At Syracuse. [Canadian Press.] Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 10.—An earthquake shock was felt plainly in all parts of this city at 1:35 p.m.

Pictures Shaken. Albany, Feb. 10.—An earthquake of twenty seconds' duration was recorded on the seismograph at the state geologists' office here today, shortly before 2 o'clock. It was noticeable about the capital, where a number of pictures were shaken from the walls.

Tremor District. Philadelphia, Feb. 10.—An earth tremor was felt in this vicinity. At the Philadelphia navy yard the tremor was quite distinct.

KING REGRETS NO SOLUTION FOUND TO IRISH PROBLEM

His Allusion to Home Rule and Safety of Life at Sea Only Features of Speech From Throne—Asks Parties to Come Together—Legislation Foreshadowed.

[Canadian Press.] London, Feb. 10.—Two subjects—those referring to the recent conference on safety of life at sea, and so home rule for Ireland, stood out in bold relief in King George's speech from the throne at the opening of the session of the British Parliament today. The address for the most part was a colorful recital of events already recorded, which had developed since the close of the previous session.

Safety at Sea. Referring to the conference on safety at sea, his majesty said: "It gives me great gratification that the international conference on safety of life at sea, which recently met at London at the invitation of my government, has resulted in the signature of an important convention, which will, I trust, do much for the protection of life, especially on ocean-going passenger steamers. A bill to enable me to fulfill the obligations of the convention will be laid before you."

Realizes the Danger. In regard to home rule for Ireland, which for the moment is the subject of paramount national and imperial importance, the King, by the emphasis of his words and his manner indicated his personal realization of the gravity of the situation. He said: "I regret that the efforts which have been made to arrive at a solution by agreement of the problems connected with the Government of Ireland have so far not succeeded. In a matter in which the hopes and fears of so many of my subjects are keenly concerned, and which, unless handled now with foresight and judgment and in a spirit of mutual concession, threaten our great future difficulties, it is my most earnest wish that the good will and co-operation of men of all parties and creeds may heal the dissension and lay the foundation of a lasting settlement."

The Visit to France. The King referred to his forthcoming visit to France as affording "an opportunity of testifying to the cordial relations" between the two countries. Besides the renewed submission to Parliament of the Home Rule for Ireland and the Welsh church disestablishment bills, the domestic legislation promised in the King's speech includes proposals for the reconstitution of the second chamber, a bill providing for imperial naturalization and measures dealing with the housing of the poor and education.

The House of Commons today for the session of 1914 found an unusually large number of members gathered at the doors waiting to make a dash into the chamber to secure seats for the momentous debate on the address in reply to the King's speech from the throne, in which the question of home rule for Ireland occupies the leading position.

The seats were thrown open only at 8 o'clock this morning instead of at midnight, as is usually the case. Among the earliest to arrive were leaders of the Ulster Unionists and their bitter opponents, the Irish Nationalists, and these for the first day, at least, were able to capture prominent places in the House.

Police Alert. The police officers whose duties on these occasions heretofore have been largely perfunctory, were on the alert today when they carried out their task of searching the vaults, which had been done on the opening day of the session ever since the discovery of the "Gunpowder Plot" of Guy Fawkes. The 300 men of the guard, in their picturesque old-time uniforms, were accompanied by the chief inspectors of the metropolitan police, who discarded their ancient lanterns generally carried, and replaced them by modern electric torches, so as to capture prominent places in the House.

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DISMISSES ACTION AGAINST HEAMAN

Magistrate, Despite Chief's Protest, Winds Up Motor Act Case.

Warns Motor Owners Declares They Cannot Evade Law by Hiring Mechanics to Act as Chauffeurs.

Magistrate J. C. Judd handed down an important decision in police court this morning, when he dismissed the charge against A. M. Heaman, charged with an infraction of the Ontario motor act, by employing an unlicensed chauffeur to drive his car.

Chief of Police W. T. Williams was just as insistent for a conviction in the case as he was a week ago, when he and the magistrate went to the "mat" on adjournment of the action. The magistrate overruled the chief, however, and dismissed the charge.

Russell Grover, the employee over whose legal "status" the case was fought, swore in the witness box that he was not employed to drive the car. "I am paid to clean and look after it," was his evidence.

However, he admitted that he did drive this statement the chief declared was sufficient for a conviction. The magistrate declared otherwise. He said: "I could prove that the law had been broken only I do not wish to subpoena certain persons," was the chief's contribution.

"I have tried the case on the evidence presented, and find that the man was not hired as a chauffeur," retorted the magistrate. "As a warning, however, he added: "Motor car owners cannot hire a man to look after their car and then use him as a chauffeur to avoid securing a license."

PRESIDENT WILSON TO CONFER WITH GARDEN

Meeting Arranged in Washington For Talk on Mexican Affairs.

[Canadian Press.] Washington, Feb. 10.—Arrangements have been made here for a meeting between Sir Lionel Gordon, British minister to Mexico, and President Wilson. Persons close to the White House confirm the earlier report that the President would give Sir Lionel an audience on Mexican affairs.

ONLY HIS AGE SAVED HIM FROM THE LASH

Hamilton, Feb. 10.—Three years in prison was the sentence imposed by Magistrate Jelfs on Samuel Marshall, convicted yesterday of committing a serious crime against his wife. "This is the worst case that has ever come to my attention. Only your age saves you from the lash," said the magistrate to the prisoner.

Chi's "Old Boys" Elect Officers

Secretary C. Egelton, of the Chicago Old Boys' Club, sends the following: At a meeting of the London, Canada, Old Boys' Club, of Chicago, held at the Grand Cadillac Hotel Friday night, February 6, 1914, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Honorary Presidents—Thos. Weston, Benj. S. Case, W. Bowen. First Vice-President—W. E. Graham. Second Vice-President—W. H. Carrothers. Treasurer—Robert Faunt. Secretary—C. Egelton. Membership Committees—W. Allen, Robt. J. Bowers, Wm. G. West, W. G. Bowers, North Side; Jas. W. Allen, W. E. Graham, L. T. Hockin, South Side; Benj. Case, Dr. Thos. Deacon, Samuel Smith. "Booster" Committee—Wm. Carrothers, James Allen, Hamilton Hunter, Thomas Weston.

TEN PRISONERS FIND BEDS ON JAIL FLOOR

Forced to Seek Repose on Hard Cement Floor Because of Overcrowding.

Twenty commitments in one day constitute a record for the local institution, for some years at least. The usually genial governor could not take time to discuss the previous records, being deep in the task of entering in the jail register, a list of names that resembled an official directory.

Twelve of the prisoners were remanded in police court Monday morning on a charge of theft, six others going down on other charges, while the county furnished two prisoners.

The motor patrol, which conveyed the prisoners from the police court to the jail, was obliged to make two trips, and was slowed to the gunwales" on both occasions.

"Altogether, boys, right turn." Although not officially chronicled, it is pretty safe to assume that some such order as the above were heeded at the county jail Monday night, when the sudden addition of twenty prisoners during the day put sleeping accommodations at a premium.

Governor Carter spent an anxious afternoon trying to arrange for the accommodation of his newly-arrived guests. He was busier than a country hotelkeeper on cold winter days, but after scanning the "register" he came to the conclusion that the old-fashioned "shakedown" was the only solution of the problem.

Accordingly, ten of the wards of the county spent the night on improvised cots on the floor.

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