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TOMORROW'S WEATHER.
Mild, Showery.

LONDON, ONTARIO, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1911. TWENTY-FOUR PAGES.

Sun Rises Tomorrow, 7:40.
Sun Sets Tomorrow, 4:47.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

HUNDREDS OF COAL MINERS ENTOMBED BY AN EXPLOSION

Terrible Colliery Disaster Reported From Near Knoxville,
Tennessee—Workers Caught in Chamber Several Miles
From Mouth of Pit—Rescue Work Has Started.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 9.—A dust explosion in the main mine of the Knoxville Iron Company, near Bryceville, early today, entombed a large number of workers, who had just entered for the day's toil. The mine is usually manned by 200 miners, but whether all had entered the shaft prior to the "dust" blast has not been determined.

Rescue preparations were immediately underway, and at 10 o'clock gangs of miners from other "works" in the district had gone into the main cross-mountain mine, by their entrances. At that hour none of the rescue parties had reported. The mine is owned and operated by the Knoxville Iron Company, and is about 35 miles from Knoxville.

As news of the explosion spread about the Bryceville district, throngs of women and children rushed to the mine entrances, and clamored to be allowed to make their way inside to aid in the rescue. Many of the women knew their husbands had entered the mine before the blast. Most of these wives, however, maintained brave hearts. The majority of them had witnessed almost similar scenes.

One woman who gathered others about her attempted to cheer her weeping sisters.

"Now, I know my old man ain't dead," she asserted. "It'll take more

than a dust explosion to kill him."

At 11 o'clock it had been almost definitely settled that 100 men had entered the mine this morning before the explosion.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 9.—Rescue work was checked before 11 o'clock.

Great bellows of flame began to belch from the openings. Rescue parties were hurled back by the flames. Hope for the imprisoned miners has now dwindled almost to despair.

200 Entombed.
Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 9.—A dust explosion imprisoned about 200 men in the coal mine of the Knoxville Coal Company at Bryceville, 35 miles north of Knoxville, this morning at 7:30 o'clock. The explosion is about two miles from the entrance to the mines.

The federal mine rescue crew has been summoned. It is not yet possible to ascertain the number killed, but it is feared the loss of life will be very heavy.

The rumble of the explosion brought great crowds of townspeople to the mine opening. Company officials made immediate preparations to organize rescue operations, but at 8:30 o'clock the mine had not been entered.

Bryceville is in the grip of confusion, and it is expected an other half hour or more will pass before a crew will be able to attempt the rescue of the entombed miners.

A Boy in Winter Time

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A LETTER TO SANTY.

WHO WILL PAY FOR THE SUBWAY?

London Street Railway Declare
They Will Not Stand
Part of Cost.

THE CITY TO PAY SHARE
It Looks as Though the Railway Com-
mission Will Have to Settle the
Matter.

Who will pay for the subway and bridges for the cross town street railway line?

That is the question agitating the minds of the aldermen and citizens generally. The London Street Railway say they will not contribute anything towards the cost of these improvements.

Mayor Beattie and some others think they should. In all probability the Dominion Railway Commission will have to decide the question and apportion the cost.

Manager King stated the position of the company very tersely to The Advertiser.

"We are willing to run a line across the city, provided the subway and bridges are furnished," he stated. "We do not think it fair nor right to assess us for any portion of the cost. We have come to the conclusion that such a line would not pay for the cost of the subway and bridges, and consequently, it might never pay for any proportion of the cost of the bridges or subways. If the city will pay the cost of the subway and bridges, we have no objection whatever to running the line. The C. P. R. must contribute \$100,000 towards the cost of crossing their lines, and the city would not have to pay a great deal for the rest of the work."

The Mayor's Opinion.
Mayor Beattie is of the opinion that the company should contribute towards the cost.

"An appeal will have to be taken to the railway commission. I understand that the company will refuse to go with us to the board, but that does not prevent the city making an appeal on its own hook. When the facts of the case were discovered, the board would make an order, and the company would be compelled to pay the proportion assessed against them."

"I think we could finance the proposition without an appeal to the people. We will have a surplus this year of probably \$25,000, and our share, which would amount to say \$15,000, could be paid out of that and the rest carried over to next year's council. That would be the best way out of it, I think."

City Engineer Wright has not had time to go into the question of the cost of subways or bridges as yet. It will take him some time to prepare the data. As the next meeting of the council is Monday, Dec. 18, it is not thought likely that he will have it ready to be dealt with at that time.

ETHAN ALLEN DEAD.
New York, Dec. 8.—Col. Ethan Allen, lawyer, author and a collateral descendant of his namesake of revolutionary fame, is dead at his home here. He was 60 years old and wealthy.

BAD MONTREAL FIRE.
Montreal, Dec. 9.—Damage roughly estimated at between \$5,000 and \$10,000 was done by a house that broke out early last night on the third floor of the cigar store of Hart & Co., St. Maurice street. The flames did not cause much damage, but the stock of tobacco and cigars in the building suffered from water and smoke.

A Page of Santa Claus Letters

Santa Claus letters will be found on Page Five of today's edition. A number of others came to The Advertiser today, and will be published in later editions. No letters received after today will be printed.

The receipt of \$5 from Mr. D. H. Tennent is acknowledged, and it will be applied to the cases of several children who might otherwise fail to have a call at Christmas time.

Among the letters received there were comparatively few that showed need for contributions. The children are being taken care of through the Children's Aid Society, and The Advertiser would suggest that those charitably disposed address their subscriptions to Inspector Sanders, who will be able to dispose of all that is received in deserving cases.

17 FEET ON DUNDAS STREET SOLD FOR SUM OF \$17,000

\$1,000 a Foot Paid For Piece
of Land on Site of Re-
cent Blaze.

The burned-out area on Dundas street will be rapidly built up. T. E. Mara has already taken out a permit to erect a store costing \$20,000, and today T. F. Kingsmill took out a permit for a three-story brick store to cost \$22,000.

Mr. John Purdon today completed the deal whereby he disposed of the lot formerly occupied by F. H. Brewster for his west store for \$1,000 a foot in the course of a week.

CITY TO PAY THE ROYAL BANK \$3,800 A YEAR FOR CITY HALL.

Bank Will Have Use of Several
Offices Also, by This
Agreement.

The special city hall committee met Friday afternoon, and closed a deal for the lease of a portion of the building for city purposes from the Royal Bank.

It was agreed to pay \$3,800 per annum for all the hall with the exception of the city clerk's office, the mayor's office, Dr. Hutchinson's office, and that now occupied by Inspector McCallum.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Rain.
FORECASTS.
Toronto, Dec. 9—8 a.m.
Cloudy and mild, with some showers; winds increasing to strong breezes and gales from the eastward during the night and on Sunday, with rain.

TEMPERATURES.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock this morning:

Station.	High.	Low.	Weather.
LONDON	45.5	41	Cloudy
Victoria	46	41	Cloudy
Calgary	44	38	Cloudy
Winnipeg	38	26	Fair
Port Arthur	35	16	Cloudy
Park Sound	35	16	Cloudy
Toronto	52	42	Cloudy
Ottawa	38	25	Cloudy
Montreal	38	25	Cloudy
Quebec	32	20	Rain

WEATHER NOTES.
Showers have occurred in British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario and Quebec, while elsewhere in Canada the fair weather has continued.

A depression developing over the southwestern States promises to bring stormy weather to the lake region.

THE "DOPE" TRAFFIC.
Montreal, Dec. 9.—An arrest made early last evening of a man on a charge of selling cocaine goes to show that the traffic still continues.

Hugh Lebar, while trying to sell a package of the drug to a young girl well known to the police, was arrested and a quantity of the "dope" found on him. The girl to whom he tried to sell the drug will appear as a witness against him.

THOS. GUNNING DIED IN HIS CHAIR

Jeweler Found Dead in Office
of the Richmond Hotel on
Friday Afternoon.

NO INQUEST NECESSARY

Had Been Away From London and
Returned on Thursday—Heart
Failure Cause of Death.

Shortly after five o'clock yesterday afternoon, Thomas Gunning, a former resident of this city, was found dead sitting in a chair in the sitting room of the Richmond Hotel.

Dr. Hogg was immediately called, and later Coroner Ferguson was summoned. It was found that the man had died of heart failure hastened by a weakened system, and Coroner Ferguson decided that no inquest was necessary.

Gunning was a jeweler, and was up until a year ago employed by the firm of Trebilcock & Co. in this city. About a year ago he left London, and did not return again until Thursday night, when he went to the Richmond Hotel about midnight, and asked for a night's lodging. He was not in very good circumstances at the time, although well dressed and of good appearance. He was allowed to occupy a chair in the sitting room that night, and nearly all day Friday had sat around the hotel. Late in the afternoon he was noticed to be apparently sleeping in the chair, but some time later it was discovered that he was dead. Some letters from a daughter in Toronto, referring to his being out of employment, were all that was found upon him. He was apparently about sixty years of age, and was well clothed.

The remains were taken to the undertaking rooms of John Ferguson & Sons, and will be kept there until the relatives arrive to make funeral arrangements. One son, William Gunning, is in Toronto at present, and he has been notified.

The late Thomas Gunning was at one time employed by the firm of Avey & Jones, and it is thought that he came back to London to try and secure a position with the firm once again. Since he left here about a year ago he had been in Toronto.

TWO SLANDER SUITS WITHDRAWN

Apologies Made by Interested
Parties to Mrs. Annie
Bray.

COUNTY COURT ENDED

The Full List of Cases for the Week
and the Results of the
Trials.

The withdrawal of the two slander suits instituted by Mrs. Annie Bray, in Bray vs. Wagner, and Bray vs. Halliday, completed the jury list before the county court judge's general sessions this morning.

The non-jury list was not entered into and court stands adjourned until Tuesday morning.

The slander suits were withdrawn in consideration of the following statement:

I regret that any statements were ever made reflecting upon the character of Mrs. Annie Bray. I withdraw any statements which I may have ever made in any way reflecting upon her, and sincerely promise not to say anything concerning her in the future, which might in any way injure Mrs. Bray or her character or reputation.

All actions at law now pending are settled out of court by the withdrawal of the records.

Dated at London this 9th day of December, 1911.

MRS. HERBERT HALLIDAY,
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MRS. MARGARET WAGNER.

Mrs. Bray also expressed regret for anything which may have been said reflecting upon Mrs. Halliday.

Results of the Week.
The result of the week's session is as follows:

No. 1—John Hughes vs. A. M. Smith & Co. Damages for personal injuries by being run down by wagon on Richmond street last June. Verdict for plaintiff for \$150. J. M. McFoy for the plaintiff.

No. 2—W. G. Arnold vs. H. T. Reason Company. Suit for damages for personal injuries was dismissed after hearing of evidence. Judge Macbeth refusing to allow such an insignificant matter to go before the jury. Gibbons, Harper & Gibbons for the defendant.

No. 3—Boug vs. Dickson. Action for recovery of a piano. Transferred to Continued on Page Eleven.



Photo by Frank Cooper Studio.
PRESIDENT FRANK E. TRAN,
Who Presided at Medical Banquet in
the Tecumseh House Last Night.

CONSERVATIVES FOR MR. SUTHERLAND

His Nomination Seconded by
Brother of Former Con-
servative Member.

MR. MCCARTNEY'S TRIBUTE

Has Known Him 41 Years, and Says
He is the Right Man For East
Middlesex.

Mr. James McCartney, the well-known horseman, has been active in the interests of Mr. Robert Sutherland, Liberal candidate in East Middlesex, and gives his convictions concerning the candidate as follows:

"I have been canvassing for Mr. Sutherland, and I have met a great many people, who say they do not know Mr. Sutherland, but would like to meet him. Mr. Sutherland has not been able to get around and meet the electors, as he would like to have owing to the fact that he has been very poorly, and the doctor advised him to keep as quiet as possible."

"I have known Mr. Sutherland for 41 years, since he was a boy, and I must say I have always found him in every particular a first-class, straightforward fellow. He and I did business together for seven years, handling stock, shipping to the Northwest and other places, as well as locally, and I think he is one of the very best, up-to-date, straightforward fellows I ever had anything to do with. He is a shrewd, long-headed man, with lots of brains, and what goes to show that he is a self-made man, starting with



MR. ROBERT SUTHERLAND,
Liberal Candidate in East Middlesex,
Who is Putting Up a Splendid
Fight.

very little, and I think I am safe in saying that he is worth not less than one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars. I think that goes to show that he would be the right man in the right place, for I think if a man is capable of doing well for himself, he should be able to do well for the public. He has always been a poor man's friend, with a good charitable disposition. I have known him since he was a boy, and I think he is one of the very best, up-to-date, straightforward fellows I ever had anything to do with. He is a shrewd, long-headed man, with lots of brains, and what goes to show that he is a self-made man, starting with

BRAKEMAN KILLED IN ST. THOMAS YARDS

William Housel, of the Michigan
Central, Was Trying to
Board Train.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
St. Thomas, Dec. 9.—William Housel, aged 40, brakeman on the Michigan Central, was cut in two in the local yards today, as he was trying to board his train. Some time ago, Housel was with an accident and lost several fingers, and it is thought that in trying to jump on his train today he was unable to get a good hold, and missed his footing, and fell under the wheels. Housel leaves a wife and family.

KEPT EMPEROR LATE ATONES BY SUICIDE

Japanese Train Superintendent Takes
His Life for Having Embarrassed
the Mikado.

[Canadian Press.]
Victoria, B. C., Dec. 8.—Giving his life as atonement because the Emperor of Japan was forced to spend an hour delayed in a common waiting-room Mofukijiro Shimidzu, a train superintendent, threw himself under a train, according to advice brought by the Awa Maru-Shimidzu was in charge of the arrangements of the emperor's journey from Kyushu, where he witnessed the big army manoeuvres, and the Imperial train, was delayed as a result of the derailment of a carriage due to a misplaced switch.

Shimidzu left a letter saying he considered it his duty to give his life to pay for the emperor's embarrassment. The emperor was much distressed when the incident was reported to him.

PERSIA IS FIRM.

London, Dec. 8.—Dispatches from Tehran say that Persia is ready to enter into friendly negotiations with Russia with regard to the matters contained in the recent ultimatum. Persia is ready to comply with Russian demands, and to accept future appointments in Persia by Russia.