



LAST EDITION

London Advertiser

LAST EDITION

47th YEAR, No. 20454

TOMORROW'S WEATHER.

LONDON, ONTARIO, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1911. TEN PAGES.

Sun Rises Tomorrow, 7:10
Sun Sets Tomorrow, 4:40.

PRICE TWO CENTS.

STAGE SET BY BOLD SPANISH SWINDLERS TO FLEECE LONDONER OF A LARGE SUM

"Advertiser" Shows Up
Clever Attempt to Work
"Bunco" Scheme.

ALL IN READINESS
TO GO TO MADRID
Businessman Furnished With
Details Whereby He Is to
Make European Trip.

Should any brave young man, who is thirst for adventure, have a desire to do the soldier of fortune role in a thrilling little affair in Spain, The Advertiser is in a position to accommodate him. To those who say there is no real romance beyond the realms of fiction, it can be answered that right at elbow is a made-to-order mystery, which requires courage, a little money and some tact. With these qualifications the hero will have little difficulty in accomplishing his mission. The modern novelists provide for their valiant leading men.

In order to explain how the stage was set for this little drama, it is necessary to state that several weeks ago a number of London businessmen received a communication from Spain. The Advertiser was permitted to examine the letter, which came from Mr. Robert Hueston, of Wellington street, and it will be remembered that it purported to come from Alexander Sadrowsky. The writer described himself as a Russian banker, who had been imprisoned in Madrid, after having absconded from Russia with the sum of \$600,000.

Sadrowsky in Prison.
He stated that he had become involved in a quarrel with another Russian, and that he had shot him. The result was that Sadrowsky was sentenced to prison. Upon his arrival his baggage was seized, and in his letter to Mr. Hueston and others he unfolded a scheme whereby he could regain possession of all of the money, excepting what was to be paid to the man who agreed to be a party to the scheme. In a postscript, he stated that he had a secret pocket, containing a document which would bring about the recovery of the fortune. All that was required was that someone should come to Madrid, secure the postscript, and subsequently the money.

The letter gave instructions that in case it was decided to give assistance to Sadrowsky, a cablegram should be sent, which would be an intimation to the conspirators that the "come-on" was ready to enter into the scheme, or at least to hear more about it. The Londoner was directed to cable an address in Valladolid, Spain, simply the one word, "Well."

Mr. Hueston, needless to say, had no notion of the scheme, and his communication, concluding that on the very face of it, it was an attempt to swindle.

The Cablegram Sent.
The Advertiser was able to secure possession of the address at Valladolid, however, and in another of its chapters, a member of the staff, answered the letter with a cable. Mr. Hueston's name being signed to the cable, this done with the idea of exposing what seems to be a certain swindle, but because of the interest that a great many citizens had shown in the case.

In the form of a bulky letter, the answer to the cablegram came on Saturday. It was found to contain only explicit instructions as to further procedure on the part of the intended victim, but several remarkable features of the document. Even the royal coat-of-arms and the seal of the city of Madrid are reproduced on the commitment to prison, and the ruse, which was obviously sent to make the unwary one believe that the case is genuine.

There are also letters from Sadrowsky, unfolding the scheme in minute detail, and calling into the play many niceties of diction and fine imagination.

The scheme outlined for Mr. Hueston to secure \$100,000 as his share of the booty is as follows: It is written on the ruled paper in a delicate handwriting, and must have required considerable time in composition. The letter is dated Madrid, Nov. 11, and reads as follows:

Exposing of Group of Daring Spanish Swindlers

A swindler, who claims to be Alexander Sadrowsky, a Russian banker who absconded, wants a London businessman to go to Madrid, Spain, and bring \$3,000 in order that a hidden check for \$600,000 may be secured. The Londoner is to share in the scheme to the extent of \$100,000, the only consideration being that he bring his \$3,000 in bank notes and not in the form of a check. How The Advertiser answered the swindlers and revealed the second chapter of the attempt to fleece a number of businessmen is told in the accompanying story. The machinery of the European crooks is of delicate construction, and the whole story reads more like fiction than fact.

DR. ROUTLEDGE IN LOCAL CHURCH

Preached Anniversary Sermons
in the Colborne Street
Methodist.

MORTGAGE IS REDUCED

Collection of About \$1,000 Taken Up
on Sunday Night—A Concert
Tonight.

Rev. Dr. Routledge, now of Wingham, formerly of this city, preached anniversary sermons twice on Sunday in the Colborne Street Methodist Church. His morning address was from the text, Matthew xxv, 27: "Thou oughtest, therefore, to have put my money to the exchanger, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury."

In his failure to return interest with his talent consisted the unfaithfulness of the steward, who was dismissed. The world's reasonable requirement, said Dr. Routledge, is that every investment shall return interest. Every human life represents a divine endowment. Life should go out into the market and add to itself.

Church An Investment.
The question arises, "Is the church a good investment?" The church must pay interest on what has been invested in it. It should devote more attention to its social aspect in the social reserve and aloneness of many of its members the work of the church suffers. The church needs greater evangelism. The church that does not have men ought to close its doors. The devil can't be cultivated out of people.

Environment and culture will not do it. Just as investments in the financial world frequently need increased investments to protect the money, in order to protect what it already has at stake, new and increased investments of money, soul and character.

Collection Taken Up.
The attendance at night was unusually large. The collections taken for the reduction of the mortgage debt amounted to about \$1,000. With other contributions promised this will reduce the indebtedness of the church to a few hundred dollars. Under the pastorate of Rev. D. N. McCamus and the previous pastor, Rev. F. E. Malott, Colborne Street Church has made exceptional progress.

This evening's men's concert will be given. Among the entertainers will be Riddell, Charles Griffith, Edward Webster and Master Teddy Williamson.

YOUTH IS CHARGED WITH STEALING CASH

H. Shay, a Tecumseh Bell Boy, is
Said to have Skipped
With \$35.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of H. Shay, a young man who has been acting as bell boy at the Tecumseh House for some time. He has not as yet been apprehended. On Saturday afternoon, before three o'clock, it is alleged, Shay was given \$35 in bills by the clerk, Mr. William Freine, to go to the bank and have it changed into silver.

SOME OBJECTION TO REV. CAMPBELL

Pastor of City Temple, London
England, Not Popular With
Some Pastors.

IS COMING TO THIS CITY

But the London Ministerial Alliance
as a Body Will Not
Welcome Him.

The London Ministerial Alliance will not officially co-operate with the Y. M. C. A. in bringing Rev. R. J. Campbell, of the City Temple, London, England, to lecture in this city. Secretary E. R. Wilson at the meeting this morning in the association parlors asked the Alliance to express an opinion in regard to the matter. The hope that the churches of the city would assist in making the visit of the great Congregational minister a success should be secured for a lecture date in this city. He is now lecturing in Hamilton, Toronto.

Some Objections.
"For my part," said Very Rev. Dean Davis, of St. James Anglican Church, South London, "I will stay away from the meeting as far as possible. Any man who will deny the truth of God's word and the divinity of Christ should not be encouraged."

Rev. Richard Whiting, of the First Methodist Church, took an opposite view of the question. "I should be very glad to have Reginald Campbell lecture here," he said. "I should like to hear him, and should like everyone else to hear him. If he comes to London I will sit near the front as I can."

Rev. Mr. Whiting expressed the opinion that Rev. Mr. Campbell's theology was not an anti-orthodox as Dean Davis understood it to be.

Individual Co-Operation.
Rev. Mr. Hazen suggested, that to avoid raising a controversy in the Alliance, it would be better for Secretary Wilson to ask the ministers individually to co-operate with him, than to ask the Alliance to endorse Mr. Campbell's appearance here under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. It is possible the noted New Theologian will be brought to London before closing his lecture tour in Ontario.

Addresses in Schools.
A deputation from the Mothers' Clubs of the City waited on the Alliance asking the clergy to visit the public schools occasionally to address the children, and also to arrange for special prayers for work among the children of London in the various churches.

Mrs. Irwin told of the work of the Mothers' Clubs in asking for the censorship of moving picture films and in prohibiting the attendance at picture theatres of children accompanied by guardians. They had also had street vendors shut out from the neighborhood of public schools, and had objectionable writings whitewashed on the walls of outbuildings at Springbank Park. More co-operation in child training was needed between the church and the home.

Mrs. Tanner also spoke briefly.

THE BIBLE SOCIETY.

Rev. Principal Waller and Mr. Edward Towe presented the claims of the Western Ontario Bible Society to the assistance of the church and clergy. Ministers of the city, said Mr. Towe, were not taking the interest they ought to take in the work of the Bible Society. Some of them entirely absented themselves from the meetings of the society.

SIR WILFRID HALE AND HEARTY ON SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY

Telegrams and Cable Messages of Congratulation Are Pouring
In On the Liberal Chieftain From All Quarters of the
Earth—Will Lead Debate Today.

(Special to The Advertiser.)
Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 20.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, hale, hearty, and hopeful, is celebrating his 70th birthday today. Telegrams and cable messages are pouring in upon him from all parts of the earth, again calling to the fact that he is still one of the outstanding figures of the world. He is celebrating the event by making an attack upon the Borden Government. It is expected that the speech will be an important one, and that the speech he made when the Speaker was elected will be found to have been only a mild preliminary to the real attack which will be delivered today.

MIDLAND'S NEW PROPOSITION MEETS WITH MUCH APPROVAL

\$25,000 for Company To Be Applied to a New Depot for
Radials, Etc., Seems To Be in Favor With the
Man on the Street.

The proposition to grant \$25,000 to the North Midland Railway for a joint station, where all radial lines may enter, meeting with much support throughout the city, and it is expected that it will carry.

Of course, the London Street Railway Company will have to be reconciled with before the whole question is definitely settled, and a delay in the working out of the company's plans may follow.

According to the agreement with the city the company have the right to lay a track down any street where another company applies.

As a year's time is given the local company to study or refuse to accept the proposal, so they could prevent any such plan, and it is thought that the city will not be of much account unless we can get the railroads downtown in the business district. The London street railway have an agreement with the city that they can put down a line where another company intends to lay its tracks, and so they could prevent any such plan, and it is thought that the city will not be of much account unless we can get the railroads downtown in the business district.

MASSACRE OF FOREIGNERS AND MISSIONARIES CONFIRMED

Terrible Slaughter at Capital of Shensia Province Said to Have
Followed Capture of City By Rebels—English
Baptists Amongst the Victims.

(Canadian Press.)
London, Nov. 20.—A news dispatch to the Exchange Telegram Company states that the report of a massacre of foreigners at Hsian Fu, capital of Shensia, is confirmed. Confirmation from other sources, however, is lacking.

London, Nov. 19.—The cables from China today brought the startling news that there had been a massacre of white missionaries at Hsian Fu, which is the capital of the Province of Shensia.

So far as can be learned the slaughter followed the capture of the town by the rebels, who have been concentrating in that neighborhood for several days and who have been making threats of vengeance against the foreigners.

Bulletins by Minister.
Up to a late hour this evening no details had been received, and there was no actual confirmation of the report further than a dispatch from Paris which said that the French colonial bulletin announcing that there had been a massacre of the missionaries in the Lolos territory, which lies to the south of Suchow.

So far as known here at this time the chief foreign missionaries in the territory referred to and who were the probable victims, if the massacre did take place, were Scandinavians and English Baptists. How many of them were there is not stated.

DIED SUDDENLY

Miss Ina May Hodgins Was Only
Ill for Two Days.

(Special to The Advertiser.)
Lucan, Nov. 20.—The funeral of Ina May Hodgins, daughter of Mr. George Hodgins, of Biddulph, was held this afternoon. Miss Hodgins was fourteen years of age, and died on Saturday very unexpectedly, after an illness of only two days with an affection of the heart.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Mild.
FORECASTS.
Toronto, Nov. 20.—8 a.m.
Today—Fresh southerly to westerly and northwesterly winds; light snowfalls.
Tuesday—Fair; not much change in temperature.

TEMPERATURES.
The following are the highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock this morning.
Stations. High. Low. Weather.
London 35.5 21 Snow
Ottawa 34 14 Cloudy
Port Arthur 28 12 Cloudy
Perry Sound 28 24 Snow
Toronto 30 22 Cloudy
Oshawa 32 24 Cloudy
Montreal 32 24 Cloudy
Quebec 32 24 Cloudy
Father Point 32 24 Cloudy
WHEAT AND WHEAT.
Light snow is falling in portions of the lake region. Otherwise the weather in Canada is everywhere fair, with no very low temperatures.
FRESH FROST.
The following are the highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock this morning.
Stations. High. Low. Weather.
London 35.5 21 Snow
Ottawa 34 14 Cloudy
Port Arthur 28 12 Cloudy
Perry Sound 28 24 Snow
Toronto 30 22 Cloudy
Oshawa 32 24 Cloudy
Montreal 32 24 Cloudy
Quebec 32 24 Cloudy
Father Point 32 24 Cloudy

BATTLE OVER CITY HALL SALE BEGUN AT THE COURT HOUSE

Newton W. Rowell, K. C., of Toronto, Unable to Appear For
Plaintiff and Sir George Gibbons Will Take His Place
—Cases Up for Trial at the Sessions.

Justice Middleton was confronted with a list of but six or seven cases after the actions for settlement and postponement had been eliminated, at the opening of the non-jury sessions of the high court, which commenced at the courthouse this afternoon.

These which it is considered practically certain will be decided by the court are:
No. 1—Parsons vs. the City of London and the Royal Bank.
No. 2—John Clark vs. C. B. Keenleyside.
No. 7—Melvin O'Neill vs. Township of London and T. Clatworthy.
No. 8—Joseph H. Wood vs. James Catnach.

No. 10—George D. Binder vs. William Mahon, et al.
No. 11—O. C. Holmes vs. Richard and Amelia Pincombe.
The suits of McConnell-Ferguson vs. Vanderhoof & Co., of Windsor, Mills vs. Free, of West Nisour, and Oiler Wade vs. John Mensour, have all been definitely postponed by consent.

May Be Settled.
There is a possibility of a settlement in the action for damages brought by William Holloway of the north end, against the City of London. The litigation is the result of injuries to Holloway's infant daughter, who was permanently injured by falling off a sidewalk over an embankment on Wellington street, near St. James street. The suitors are conferring in the matter this afternoon. Mr. J. W. G. Winnet acting for the plaintiff, and City Solicitor Meredith for the corporation.

There is no contest in Taylor vs. Hammond, and the matter will not be brought to trial. The suit is for the removal of Mr. Hammond, a local insurance man, from office, as executor of the late H. A. Smith, a former customs official.

The action is merely brought as a matter of law and certain allegations are made for the purpose of having the court act in the matter. Mr. Hammond, however, is anxious to retire, and for that reason there is no contest. Mr. T. Jarvis & Vinings is acting for the plaintiff, and Fraser & More for the defendant, and Parsons vs. City of London.

The most important action of the court, the suit by Mr. John M. Parsons for an injunction restraining the City of London from disposing of the city hall to the Royal Bank, is the first on the list, and while little or no evidence will be heard, a great legal battle will be heard.

Mr. Newton W. Rowell, K. C., of Toronto, who was to look after the interests of the plaintiff in conjunction with Jarvis & Vinings, was unable to do so, owing to the political campaign, and Sir George Gibbons has taken his place.

Jarvis & Vinings are acting for Mr. Parsons and McKillop & Murphy for the Royal Bank. Parsons claims that the sale of the city hall, which was voted on in January last, would result in the closing of a public thoroughfare (the city hall arcade), and would curtail the sale of the Market Square, an some 30 or 40 feet at the rear of the building was to be included in the deal.

He therefore asks for a permanent injunction restraining the city from acting further in the matter. The bank contends that the sum of \$100,000 offered is good and sufficient, and demands the specific performance of the contract.

It is not expected that judgment will be given until late in the sessions and (Continued on Page Nine.)

EARLY WINTER WILL HIT FARMERS HARD

All Through the District Much
Work Remains To Be
Done.

Around Chatham It Will Run Into
Thousands—In Worst November
in Years.

(Special to The Advertiser.)
St. Thomas, Nov. 20.—The coming of winter so early finds many farmers all through this district with a great deal of work not done. Complaints are general that work usually completed had to be left over because of the shortage of help, and now much of it will not be done owing to the severe weather setting in and the loss to many farmers will be severe. It has been impossible to get many of the potatoes dug and turned, and other root crops have only been partially gathered. The total loss from things that will be spoiled in this way will amount to a large sum.

HEAVY AROUND CHATHAM.

(Special to The Advertiser.)
Chatham, Nov. 20.—Thousands of dollars will be lost to the farmers of Kent County through the immense acreage of sugar beets which were frozen into the ground in the midst of the harvest. It is estimated that some five hundred acres of sugar beets were frozen in the vicinity of Dresden, and all around Chatham there are hundreds of acres still in the ground which may be a total loss. Buyers of the frozen sugar beets have stated that fully 20 per cent of this year's crop has been frozen in the ground.

IN STRATFORD DISTRICT.

(Special to The Advertiser.)
Stratford, Nov. 20.—Farmers in this district state that they are much behind with a good deal of their work, and many of them were quite unprepared for the descent of winter. That it was so early they say is that this year will not be as good as former years, as the unusual weather conditions throughout interfered greatly with the development of the crops and the working of the land.

IN NORTH MIDDLESEX.

(Special to The Advertiser.)
Lucan, Nov. 20.—Farming operations have been practically at a standstill in this vicinity ever since the snow fell some days ago. Many farmers say that never have they had such weather conditions to face and such a combination of snow and rain as has occurred this November. In some districts there is so much water on the land that nothing can be done, and potatoes and other things that were not taken up will be ruined.

AROUND INGERSOLL.

(Special to The Advertiser.)
Ingersoll, Nov. 20.—Some farmers in this district are well up with their work. Others are away behind, and as a result of the conditions that have prevailed their losses will be heavy. There is a general complaint all over regarding the scarcity of help. Many of the roads are very bad shape.

IN THE NORTH.

Goderich, Nov. 20.—While a great deal of work remains to be done in some instances farmers in this district are a whole way behind, and when the cold weather came. Many will have small losses as a result of stuff having to be left in the ground, but they will only be non-profits as the cold generally comes much earlier in this part of the province than in the southern districts, the majority of the farmers keep well up with their work, knowing what they may expect.

CHATHAM LADY STRUCK BY A STREET CAR

Serious Accident to Mrs. Cooper
at Corner of Richmond
and Albert Streets.

Mrs. Catherine Cooper, of Chatham, was struck by a Wellington street car at the corner of Richmond and Albert streets, on Saturday afternoon, shortly before 6 o'clock, and very seriously injured. She is at present in Victoria Hospital, where she spent a fairly good night.

Mrs. Cooper was visiting her sisters, Miss Kennedy and Mrs. Patulo, of 679 Talbot street.

She alighted from a northbound Wellington car, and in attempting to cross the street behind the car was struck by a southbound Oxford car.

The injuries.

Mrs. Cooper was hurled to the curb and rendered unconscious. A number of the passengers on the car rushed to her assistance, and carried her late a store.

Dr. Bateman was summoned, and ordered the ambulance, and she was taken to Victoria Hospital.

On examination it was found that the right leg was broken, and that she had suffered serious injuries about the head and shoulders. Mrs. Cooper spent a fairly restful night, but there is no change for the better in her condition.

CLAIMS HE WAS ROBBED IN A LOCAL HOTE

William Chivas Lays Serious
Charge Against Delbert
Bottrell.

Delbert Bottrell was charged in the police court this morning with stealing the sum of \$20 from Wm. Chivas. Bottrell elected summary trial, and pleaded not guilty, and the case was remanded until Wednesday, when the crown attorney will be ready to proceed with it.

The alleged theft is supposed to have been committed on Friday evening. Both were in the Bank Hotel and had imbibed quite freely. They went out together, and in the hallway, it is alleged, tried to assist Chivas.

Chivas did not like the way he was being assisted, and discovered that his money was missing. He then accused Bottrell of taking it, and became so vehement in his accusation that he claims Bottrell showed a \$5 bill into his hand and told him that there was all his money, and then made a hasty departure. Chivas was the put out of the hotel and was later found by the police. He was taken to the police station, where he complained of his loss.

Saturday night he went back to the police station to lay an information. When he recognized Bottrell, who had just been brought in for being drunk, as the man who had been with him when he lost the money. This morning Bottrell was charged with being drunk and, but was discharged for this offence, and remanded on the other. He will come up Wednesday to answer the more serious charge.

AGED RESIDENT DEAD.

John Jackson, aged 81, one of the oldest residents of West Elgin, died in Victoria Hospital yesterday after a brief illness. He had resided in West Elgin continually for 73 years. He is survived by two brothers, David and Thomas Jackson, of Westminster, and one sister, Mrs. Mary O'Dell, of San Francisco. The funeral will be held on Tuesday at White Oak Cemetery from the undertaking parlors of Smith, Son & Clark.

BOURNE GOES TO ROME.

London, Nov. 20.—Dr. Bourne, Archbishop of Westminster, left here today for Rome, where he will be made a cardinal.