

THE WEATHER:
FRESH WINDS; MILDER.
TOMORROW—LITTLE COLDER.

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3 COLORED COMICS, MAGAZINE SECTION,
TOMORROW.

THREE CENTS.

SPEECH FROM THROAT TO PROMISE CUT IN TAXES

Bandit Gets 7 Years and Must Face Trial For Shooting

FEDERAL PROGRAM AIDS ALL CLASSES



ISADORE GOLDSTICK,
re-elected president of the London
branch of the B'nai B'rith society.

FATHER OF 10 HELD FOR DESERTION

Edward J. Coulson Is Charged
With Failure To Provide
For Family Here.

MAY FACE BIGAMY

Deserting for two years his wife and ten children, eight of whom are under the age of 16 years, and leaving them in destitute circumstances, Edward J. Coulson, 49 years old, faced a charge under the criminal code in police court today. His arrest was brought about following his deportation yesterday from Port Huron.

Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon remanded him for one week upon the suggestion of Crown Attorney A. M. Judd, who threatens to lay a charge of bigamy, claiming that Coulson was married in Detroit. Mr. Judd termed the case "the most deplorable that has ever been brought to my attention."

"I am partly guilty and partly not guilty," Coulson answered when arraigned today. His plea was not accepted, however. The remand was given instead that Coulson's past history might be more thoroughly investigated.

The information against Coulson, laid by his wife, Mrs. Phyllis Coulson, states that prior to Dec. 4 he has not provided his family with the necessities of life. The only money he has offered, the crown said, was payment of \$10 a week to the wife for only a month.

Coulson was located by London police a few days ago in Detroit, where he had been living. He left for Port Huron yesterday, but upon his arrival his immediate deportation was ordered, and police awaited him on the Canadian side with a warrant for his arrest.

Mr. Judd stated that Coulson is the father of a child in Detroit by his second wife, through whom the bigamy charge may be laid.

KILLED IN FALL

Canadian Press Despatch.
Montreal, Dec. 11.—Jean Baptiste Cole, 46, was instantly killed; A. Adam, 50, was injured, and A. Miron had a narrow escape from death yesterday when a scaffold on which they were working at the plant of the Melchers Gun and Sporting Goods Company, Limited, at Berthierville, collapsed. The three men are residents of Berthierville. Miron managed to catch hold of a rope as he fell and saved himself.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.
Today—Fresh south-westerly winds, milder; light local snow tonight.
Saturday—Northerly winds and becoming a little colder again.
Stations. High Low Weather
Victoria 48 47 Clear
Calgary 54 24 Cloudy
Winnipeg 30 20 Cloudy
Port Arthur 20 18 Cloudy
Party Sound 16 14 Cloudy
Toronto 28 20 Cloudy
Kingston 16 14 Cloudy
Ottawa 8 4 Fair
Montreal 4 4 Fair
Quebec 2 2 Cloudy
Father Point 2 2 Snow
St. John 22 22 Clear
Halifax 22 8 Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 28; lowest, 18.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 28; lowest, 18.
The sun rises at 7:41 a.m., and sets at 4:41 p.m.
Barometric Readings.
Thursday—8 p.m., 29.11.
Today—8 a.m., 28.82.

Lower Taxes, Rural Credits and
Tariff Board Are All
Forecasted.

AID FOR IMMIGRATION

Speech Will Show Progress and
Developments Unprece-
dented in Years.

H. E. M. CHISHOLM,
Special to The Advertiser.

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—The speech from the throne, when parliament meets on Jan. 7, will be brief, but will forecast important legislation and will announce conditions of industrial, agricultural and trade progress and developments unprecedented for many years.

There will be provisions for some form of rural credits. For greater activity in immigration, for the appointment immediately of an advisory tariff board for the ratification of the West Indies treaty, for certain reductions in taxation made possible by increasing revenues and decreased expenditures, and for the alleviation of transportation burdens.

Premier King will not be in his seat when the session opens, and in this respect he is the victim of consistency. In 1921 he opposed the method adopted by Mr. Meighen in 1921, when the latter in order to secure a seat resorted to the simple process of creating a vacancy by appointing one of his followers to a position of ennoblement under the crown and he refused to resort himself to that method. He declined to run in 1924, which was opened by the death of the successful Liberal candidate because he did not desire that it should be thought that he was running away from Ontario. So, he will await the opening of the house when a seat may be vacated in the regular way of resignation to Mr. Speaker.

Obviously this course is a hardship on himself and his party, but it is the honorable course, and is not open to him.

It is regarded here as now practically certain that Premier Dunning of Saskatchewan will enter the cabinet at an early date. After session opens Mr. Dunning will be an undoubted strength to the ministry. He will probably take the portfolio of trade and commerce.

A warrant charging theft was served on Mr. Smith last night, following his arrival from the east.

Hon. George P. Smith Is
Arraigned in Court on
Theft Charge.

FORMER MINISTER IS PLACED UNDER ARREST

Associated Press Despatch.
Edmonton, Dec. 11.—When city police court opened at 10 a.m. Hon. George P. Smith, ex-minister of education, was formally charged with the theft of \$5,820 from the Alberta treasury by means of fraudulent printing invoices. The accused did not plead, and bail was arranged at \$20,000.

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TRUCK LOAD OF FUEL WOULD HEAT BIG AREA FOR WINTER

Super Energy of Future Seen as Removing Coal Problem of the
World and Proving Boon to Motorists When Gasoline
Supplies Begin to Diminish.

Special to The Advertiser.

Toronto, Dec. 11.—A fuel so powerful that an ordinary truck load of it would be sufficient to heat all the buildings of downtown Toronto for an entire winter was predicted by Prof. J. C. McLennan, head of the department of physics at the University of Toronto and eminent authority of helium and the atomic theory, in an interview today. And so the fuel problem would become a thing of the past. Motorists would need no longer be haunted by nightmares of the day when the world's rapidly-decreasing supplies of gasoline will be finally exhausted.

Prof. McLennan stated that already it is possible to manufacture helium from hydrogen at the same time producing enormous amounts of energy in the process, due to the fact that a certain amount of the matter existing in the hydrogen is given off as heat energy. In that fact lies the nucleus of the amazing possibilities for future power supplies.

Saved For Centennial



DOCTOR GREETED A FRIEND.
Here is Doctor, a member of the London fire department, whom everyone thought had gone to the boneyard, but who is very much alive and looking forward to celebrating London's centennial—not his own, because he has had only 31 years service. He is seen with Fireman Harry Beattie.

"Doc," 31 Years In Service Lives To See Centennial

Veteran Fire Horse Still Groomed With Care at No. 4 Station
So That He May Figure in Old Home Week
—To Be Chloroformed Later.

Thirty-one years of faithful service—sufficient time to warrant superannuation for anyone, let alone a horse. And London has a horse, "Doctor" by name, who has proudly labored for that many years in the service of the fire department. He has worked hard and still works as the last surviving member of a once famous stable.

But "Doctor's" reward is coming. With his birthday in April, celebration of his 32nd year, he will renew friendship with many of his old admirers, for he is being kept alive for one special reason—to take part in London's centennial celebration in August.

"Doctor" is still an excellent specimen, sturdily built, with rich glossy coat, fine canter and gallops with proud agility, retaining a spirited friskiness despite his years. He is well trained, still springing to readiness at the sound of bells and still anxious to do his share in response to fires.

Draws Service Wagon.
At No. 4 fire station he is stabled, groomed with care and fed handsomely. It is not the shining red service truck, laden with glistening ladders that he now hauls, however. It is a small wagon used for utility work.

"Doctor" can be remembered galloping through the streets with "Mack," a pretty chestnut, in the days of horse-drawn fire trucks, the two composing of a team as true as ever centered in the city. "Mack," weakening with age before his partner, was chloroformed not long ago, but "Doctor" remains to vividly recall the days when fire-fighting was realistic romance.

"Doc" is still strong. He still has teeth, not many, but enough to munch his hay and oats deavouringly and with relish.

His end draws near. He might have been destroyed some time ago had not special petition made to have him on hand for old home week.

Hates Notoriety.
He lives for an admiring climax to his life of service. "Doc" doesn't know that he is being kept just for exhibition purposes next August. If he did he might demand to die right now because he hates notoriety. He loves affection, content to stand in his stable and have the firemen, some younger than himself, fondly stroke his nose and pat his neck and shoulders.

Next April "Doc" will be allowed as a birthday present to gorge himself with the delicacies of a special equine's feast. Should he survive a pampered horse's diet will be given him again when the centennial celebration starts. And with the end of old home week will come his own demise, for he is to be chloroformed and buried before another winter.

LIBERAL ASSOCIATION
TO ELECT PRESIDENT
Successor to J. C. Elliott, K.C.,
To Be Chosen at Special
Meeting Tonight.

Representatives of every polling subdivision in London are expected to attend tonight's meeting of the London Liberal association at Hyman hall for the purpose of electing a president to fill out the unexpired portion of the term of office of J. C. Elliott, K.C., whose resignation was regrettably accepted at a meeting last Friday night.

Cars Stop If Board Cuts Fares

Street Railway Issue To Be
Decided at Meeting in
Toronto Saturday.

CITY PRESSES PLEA

Asks For Enforcement of the
Court Finding—Problem
Becomes Acute.

Provided with a copy of the decision of the second divisional court to the effect that the fares clause of the agreement between the city of London and the London street railway is still legally effective and faced with an application from the city through T. G. Meredith, city solicitor, that the company revert to the old rate of fares of seven and nine tickets for a quarter, the Ontario Railway and Municipal board is sitting in Toronto tomorrow to decide whether to issue an order compelling the street railway to go back to the cheaper fares.

R. G. Ivey, vice-president of the company, is in Toronto and will submit facts to show that the company cannot possibly continue in operation if such an order is issued.

The severer is caught with grave possibilities for London citizens, and may even result in a complete cessation of street car service in the near future. In an interview yesterday Mr. Ivey stated that if the city persisted in pressing its claim for lower fares there could be only one result, namely the company would be forced to cease operation. He made the statement not as a threat, he said, but merely as plain statement of fact.

Board in Dilemma.
A. B. Ingram, vice-president of the Ontario Railway and Municipal board, stated over long distance telephone today that the board had received a copy of the decision of the second divisional court. This decision was being backed by an application from the city of London for an order to the street railway company compelling a return to the old rate of fares, so that London's street transportation problem again becomes acute. The company still has recourse to the privy council in appealing against the decision of the court of appeals, and has indicated any intention of abandoning its expressed intention of taking the case there.

What effect this will have on any decision of the railway board is problematical. It may result in the holding up of any order until the company's appeal has been heard. On the other hand the board may decide that the low rate of fares must go into effect until the company has either established or failed to establish before the privy council its right to a higher fare. If the latter view is taken, the city will in all probability have to make application to the railway board to come in and operate the road, or else do without street cars altogether and resort to other methods of street transportation, such as buses.

Employees Watching.
In the meantime the employees of the company are watching proceedings with interest, since the outcome may have a direct bearing on their employment this winter. According to A. D. John Ashton, a member of their union, the men are merely holding a "watching brief" on the case.

"They realize that this is the company's fight," he said, "and are not taking any action. Our hope is that this year's council will deal with the whole transportation problem of London in a definite and business-like way, and that some permanent solution will be reached."

MUSSOLINI RECOMMENDS PEACE TREATY TO ITALY

Associated Press Despatch.
Rome, Dec. 11.—The premier yesterday presented to the chamber of deputies his report as foreign minister on the Locarno security pact, recommending that it be ratified. The discussion is not expected to take place until after the Christmas vacation.

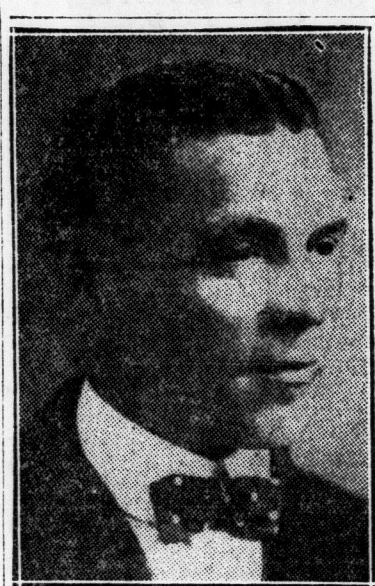
In his report Mussolini referred to the pact as "one of the most important international acts in which the Italian government has participated."

GENERAL LI IS ROUTED BY ENEMIES OF CHANG

Associated Press Despatch.
Tientsin, Dec. 11.—The forces of General Li Chang Ling, civil governor of Chihli province, defeated an advance column of the Quomintang army (followers of General Feng Yu-Hsiang), near Nanchang yesterday in an all-day battle.

The railways near here have been cut and Peking-Tientsin motor road destroyed in several places.

COURT GIVES DAMAGES IN ST. THOMAS TRAGEDY



JOHN LUCAS,
chief of the London C.N.R. R. shops vol-
unteer fire brigade, which captured
first place in the dominion contest at
Montreal Thursday.

CITY CLERK URGES COUNCIL REFORM

Not Enough Centralized
Financing and Control,
He Believes.

FAVORS MANAGER

Pointing out that the council of 1925 controlled only \$680,000 out of \$2,350,000—less than one-quarter of the expenditure—but is nevertheless held responsible for the tax rate, City Clerk Samuel Baker in an address on Ontario Municipal Government, before the Kiwanis club at noon today, gave from his twenty-one years' experience as city clerk some constructive suggestions for the betterment of civic government in London.

"There is need for a more responsible council," he said. "There is no response to the call to the men of the town to take part in municipal government, because the real spending power belongs to the utilities, the board of education, the railway commission, the hospital trust, and the suburban area commission. Councilmen and ratepayers should recognize the responsibility of the council. We should stop decentralization and give the council more control of civic activities."

Mr. Baker believes strongly that London should adopt the council manager form of government, and judging by the enthusiasm with which his remarks on this subject were received his hearers also thought so.

Under the present system, Mr. Baker said, not through any fault of the council, but through defects of the system, sight is lost of debenture issues and the larger and more general municipal problems. Each separate activity is seized with the importance of its own departmental duties.

Need Central Body.
There is an absolute necessity in London, Mr. Baker believes, for a centralized legislative body for the separation of legislative and administrative functions, and the introduction of a council manager form of government.

"The defects of our municipal system are the barometer of the indifference of our citizens," he stated. "We are ruled by a minority representation. It is time for our citizens to take more interest in their affairs. Our constitution is continued on Page 2, Column 2."

COLLEGE CHANGES NAME

Canadian Press Despatch.
Lennoxville, Que., Dec. 11.—The name of one of the oldest universities in Canada, founded by royal charter in 1844, has been changed by act of parliament, and the University of Bishop's College will henceforth be known as the University of Lennoxville. With the proposed legislative body for the separation of legislative and administrative functions, the name of the oldest college in the university.

STEAMER IS SAFE

Associated Press Despatch.
Eastport, Me., Dec. 11.—The steamer Grand Manan, which was beached yesterday with thirty passengers aboard while in Ludee Narrows on a trip from here to Grand Manan, N. B., is in drydock for replacement of its broken propeller shaft.

Award of \$2,075 For Death
of Eight in Boating
Accident.

STONER MUST PAY

Case Against City Is Dismissed
By Chief Justice
Meredith.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 11.—For the deaths of Mrs. Watts and seven children in the sinking of the swanboat, and the near drowning of 23 children at Pinafore Lake, St. Thomas, last summer, Chief Justice Meredith has allowed judgment for \$2,075 against Stoner, the proprietor of the little picnic craft.

Stoner is also required to pay all costs except those incurred by adding the city of St. Thomas as defendant, the action against the city being dismissed. Chief Justice Meredith contends that the boat was unfitted for its purpose. "It was," he says, "a dangerous contrivance for such use. It is extraordinary that anyone could have thought the contrivance he designed without any advice or assistance from any boat-builder, could be a safe vessel in the uses to which it was put. That which could not happen when the boat was loaded, did happen; the rowboats supporting the deck, were sunk until water poured in them, and the whole contrivance was lowered until it was easily overturned by the children passengers."

The immediate cause of the disaster seems to have been the failure of the one man in charge of the boat to remain in or make for shallow water and to ground the boat there when he saw the boat was sinking.

The city had let the boat privilege in the municipal park to Stoner, judgment says, but nothing but rowboats were permitted. No right was conferred to introduce a wheel-propelled boat called the Swan Boat, and no power of inspection. As to damages, the plaintiff's only right was to recover the value of his property, present and future, made good.

The damages are divided by Chief Justice Meredith as follows:

Mr. Watts Gets \$1,000.

One thousand dollars to Mr. Watts, who claimed \$10,000 for the loss of his wife. This takes into consideration the possibility of his re-marriage, the judgment states.

Mr. Robinson, who lost his two daughters, 8 and 12 years old, \$400. He claimed \$10,000.

To Mr. Vidler, who lost a 12-year-old daughter, \$200. He claimed \$1,000.

To Mr. Sutherland, \$100. He claimed damages for the loss of his only daughter, aged 4 years.

Mr. Smith is allowed \$100 for loss of his 4½-year-old son.

Charles Murphy is allowed \$150 for loss of a 9-year-old grandson.

Thomas Murray is allowed \$125 for loss of his 7-year-old daughter.

The above estimates of the expenses are admitted in the judgment to be in most cases the best guess that could be made.

The accident occurred last July during the course of an Anglican Sunday school picnic at Pinafore park. Twenty-three youngsters embarked on the inflated swanboat at dusk, and the boat turned turtle near the shore when the youngsters rushed to one side to see a big mud turtle.

The damage action was tried before Mr. Justice Meredith at St. Thomas two weeks ago, his lordship reserving judgment at that time.

DECIDE TO DISCONTINUE MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

The London Motor club membership drive has not come up to expectations during the week of campaign. E. C. Bernard, secretary of the club, attributes this to the time at which the drive was started. He believes that if the campaign had begun one month ago or a month hence the result would be different.

Owing to the unsuccessful nature of this drive the club is considering discontinuing the campaign for this month and resuming the drive for members either next month or the month after, when the expenses of the Yuletide season have been safely gone through.

SENATOR LEWIS A VISITOR

Senator John Lewis of Toronto was in the city today for a few hours as guest of Mrs. M. W. Rossie.

Woman Is Remanded For Theft

Mrs. E. Winslow of London,
Caught With Gang,
Pleads Guilty.

IN BRANTFORD COURT

Holder and Carey Must Face
at Woodstock, Charge
of Shooting.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Brantford, Dec. 11.—The law dealt speedily with William Holder, highwayman, arrested here with Wilbert Carey and Mrs. E. Winslow only yesterday, when he was sentenced this morning to seven years in Kingston penitentiary. Mrs. Winslow and Carey, pleading guilty to theft charges were remanded a week. The two men face more serious charges in Woodstock. On an accusation of shooting with intent to kill, they will stand further trial.

The trio was arrested yesterday afternoon by Brantford detectives and provincial police. They fired at Provincial Inspector Milligan last Sunday, according to the press, when he endeavored to stop them as they sped away in a stolen motor car.

Holder was convicted of highway robbery and theft in court this morning.

May Break Gang.
Police believe the three arrests will end the activities of a gang of motor thieves, working in the district since Nov. 5, during which time numerous cars in Woodstock, Brantford and Galt have been stolen.

Although Mrs. Winslow declared herself to be a resident of London at one time, police of that city have no information concerning her and it is not believed she was engaged in any crime at London.

Stealing a motor car from the market square on Saturday night, the trio is said to have been taken to Woodstock and taken a shot at Provincial Officer Milligan when he attempted to place them under arrest. They escaped capture, at working in the police hands, maneuvering a taxicab, by forcing the driver at revolver point went to Moyle's schoolhouse on the Paris highway, where they abandoned the car.

Three Arrested.

Early yesterday morning, Provincial Officer Milligan of Woodstock and Provincial Officer Huff of Simcoe arrived in Brantford. With city detectives, they made a systematic search of the city and managed to locate and arrest the three in a house several hours later.

Holder and Carey are Brantford men. Mrs. Winslow told the police she had lived at Toronto, Brantford, London and Detroit at different times.

ST. THOMAS ENGINEER DIES AT HIS THROTTLE

Robert B. Savage Stops Train
at Toronto and Drops
Dead.

Canadian Press Despatch.
St. Thomas, Dec. 11.—Robert B. Savage, Michigan Central Railway passenger engineer at St. Thomas, fell dead almost as soon as he stopped his engine, but he died before aid reached him. Heart disease was the cause.

His wife, Mrs. Mary Savage, of St. Thomas, is the daughter of Mrs. Fred H. Ward, London, and five sons (Dr. L. V. St. Thomas; Robert, Stratford; Norbert, St. Thomas; Herman and Roy, Western University, London), survive.

Mr. Savage held an enviable record as engineer on the Canadian division in his 44 years of service, and his astuteness had been rewarded by giving him charge of the banner train on the division. At 9:54 he boarded train No. 10, a through passenger limited known as the "Detroitter," from Chicago to New York. Through the night he guided the speeding train across the international boundary and into Buffalo.

At 1 o'clock Fireman Butler noticed nothing strange about his senior's condition, but as he was about to step from the cab he pitched to the ground dead.

The remains arrive in St. Thomas this afternoon.

RIFF CHIEF LOCATES 15 MILES FROM ADJIR

Associated Press Despatch.
El Arach, Spanish Morocco, Dec. 11.—Abd El Krim, Riffian chieftain, and his entourage are encamped at Ait-Kemara, in the Riffian country, about 15 miles from Adjir, his former capital, which he abandoned before the advance of Spanish forces.