

BELL TELEPHONE IS WILLING TO AGREE TO TEMPORARY RAISE

City and Loving, Counsel in Opposition to Application, Urge Serious Consideration of Request as a Purely Emergency Measure—Company's Lawyer Declares Client Wants Only Reasonable Degree of Profit.

Ottawa, Jan. 6.—Serious consideration of the Bell Telephone Company's application for increased rates as a purely emergency measure was this morning urged upon the board of railway commissioners by G. H. Geary, counsel for Toronto, and E. Lovering, for the Province of Ontario. Mr. Lovering again seriously thought of withdrawing from the hearing unless this application was seriously considered.

Assistant Chief Commissioner S. J. McLean told Mr. Lovering that the board would seriously consider every phase of the application. Yesterday's application for widening of the hearing to take in the Northern Electric and

Londoners Save Thousands of Dollars Owing to the Continued Mild Weather

Fuel Controller J. W. McCallum States City on "Easy Street" as Far as Immediate Fuel Situation is Concerned.

Thousands of dollars in fuel bills have been saved to Londoners by the mild weather of the last few weeks. Local Fuel Controller J. W. McCallum today said that the quantity of coal consumed, but he was emphatic in the statement that the city was on "easy street" so far as the immediate fuel situation is concerned.

"I have not had one appeal for coal since I assumed the office of fuel controller this year," he said. "Previous years I have had quite a number. One friend of mine did ask me to locate some for him, but he got some for himself almost immediately, so there was no need for me to act. I know several families who use four or five tons usually at this time of the year, who have used little more than one ton so far this winter. I think this is the case practically everywhere here, so that the aggregate saving must amount to many hundreds of tons."

"Most of the dealers are taking advantage of the respite to get a good supply on hand, so that if a cold wave brings a sudden demand they will be able to meet it. Prices remain high, but if a person is willing to pay them, there is no difficulty in getting coal."

ONTARIO ENGINEERS TO ASK LEGISLATION TO AID PROFESSION

Organizations Will Ask Registration of All Members.

Ottawa, Jan. 6.—The most important meeting in the annals of the engineers of the province of Ontario was held here last evening, when Charles C. Cansell, deputy minister of mines, presided over a large mass gathering of members of the combined engineering organizations of Ontario. The purpose of the meeting, which was attended by all the leading engineers of the province, was to discuss the question of legislation to provide registration for the entire engineering profession.

In every province of the Dominion, except the provinces of Ontario, Saskatchewan and Prince Edward Island, registration acts have been passed and all within the last eighteen months. As these acts have been passed, the public has been in the same way that the provincial legislation does for the legal and other professions. They have received a great measure of general support. One reason for this, according to the officials of the engineering organizations of Canada, is probably because of the position of the engineers, especially the Canadian engineers, achieved in the great war.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR EX-CHANCELLOR OF SIMPLEST KIND

Former Kaiser Sends Wreath by Prince Oscar.

Berlin, Jan. 6.—The burial of the former imperial chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, took place in the rustic cemetery at Hohenhof yesterday. The funeral rites were of the simplest nature and in the presence of the employees of the estate and numerous officials and political associates of the former chancellor.

Pastor Passow and Vice-Chancellor von Heintze delivered eulogies, the latter speaking on behalf of the Government. Prince Oscar represented the former German emperor. He brought a wreath to which the former emperor's name was attached. Others present included Dr. Michaelis, who succeeded von Bethmann-Hollweg as chancellor, Gen. Hoffmann, representing former King Ferdinand of Bulgaria, Dr. Alfred Zimmermann, former secretary of foreign affairs, Gen. von Beseler and Count Brockdorff-Rantzau, also a former foreign minister.

Wife and Child Dead in Gas-Filled Room

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 6.—John Smith, returning home from work last night, found his wife and 4-year-old child dead in a room filled with gas. The bodies were found in the bathroom, and the child was found in the bed. The cause of death is believed to be carbon monoxide poisoning.

ALL TRACE OF TWO BADGITS IS LOST; POLICE IN QUADRY

Every Possible Effort To Locate Thieves Is Being Put Forth.

BELIEVED AMERICANS

Car Used By Holdup Men Is Identified As of American Make.

No trace of the motor bandits who on Monday and Wednesday nights committed robberies in this city, had been found up to press time today, according to the local police. The men, it is thought, came from points outside the city, possibly from the United States, paid a fleeting visit to this city, and then hurriedly left. The police are absolutely in the dark in their efforts to discover the identity of the bandits, as no one has been victimized has been able to give any thing like a complete description of the bandits. The police are, however, confident that a description would be of much use, for on nearly every occasion the bandits have been given an opportunity to get several miles on their way before the police have been notified.

That the police are in the earnest in their intention to put a stop to the outrages in this city is made evident by an array of several high-powered rifles in the office of the chief of police, which are ready for instant use.

Chief of Police Birrell said that the rifles would certainly be used if the police get within reach of the bandits. "I acquire the rifles to put a stop to these motor bandits, and they will be used. All that I ask is that someone should give me an alarm as soon as they see the trail of the robbers, and the rifles will do the rest."

DE VALERA DECLARES SINCE FEIN IS NOT MAKING OVERTURES

President of Irish Republic Says Government Proposals Might Be Considered.

Dublin, Jan. 6.—Eamon De Valera, president of the Irish republic, has today declared that the Irish Sinn Féin is making peace overtures to England, says the London Times. De Valera's declaration comes in the wake of a statement made by the British government that it was prepared to consider proposals for a settlement of the Irish question. De Valera's declaration is a significant step towards a peaceful resolution of the Irish problem.

ST. JOHN FACING MILK FAMINE

St. John, N.B., Jan. 6.—St. John City faces a milk famine, effective in all probability, by the time the milk supply is exhausted, according to the city council.

SIR WILLIAM PETERSON SACRIFICED HEALTH TO KEEP UNIVERSITY GOING

London, Jan. 6.—(Canadian Press).—The Times today commenting on the death of Sir William Peterson, says that he resigned the great post of principal of McGill University, wrecked in health by his exertions to keep the university going during the war.

PAVING OF PIPE LINE ROADS NOT UP TO COUNTY COUNCIL

Is Matter for Suburban Area Commission, and City of London Should Take Lead, Say County Authorities

Despite the fond hopes of London motorists and other citizens it is officially whispered about that the paving of the Pipe Line road and the making of a generous grant to the London County Council, which is likely to be noticeable or outstanding items in the business program of the county council, will not be opened its sessions on Tuesday, January 25.

The question of school nurses is likely to be the issue which will arouse the greatest discussion. The establishment of school nurses in East and West Middlesex school districts was recommended by the 1920 county council to the 1921 council for favorable consideration. It is expected that school nurses will be provided, but not likely to be in the city of London in inaugurating the innovation.

Not Their Business. The question of paving the Pipe Line road is not the business of the county council, say the county authorities. The Pipe Line road is part of the suburban area and the county is committed to support the work decided upon by the suburban area commission.

HOW THEY WENT TO THE POLLS



SCHWAB PREDICTS BETTER TIMES FOLLOWING SLUMP

Boston, Mass., Jan. 6.—Business and industry generally will benefit by the present commercial let-up, said Charles M. Schwab, chairman of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, at the annual dinner of the Massachusetts Bankers' Association last night. Mr. Schwab called the slackening of trade a lesson in economy that eventually would stabilize business and bring about a firm basis for prosperity.

Employers and workers were told to wipe out the memory of the orgy of spending through which they had passed recently.

Will Board of Education Chairman Be Elected By Open or Secret Ballot?

Whether a chairman shall be elected by open or secret ballot is likely to be the first question with which the board of education will grapple at its inaugural meeting tonight. There are proponents of both plans among the trustees, and a vote likely will be necessary to decide the matter.

The rules and regulations of the board drawn up last year state distinctly that "At the time appointed for the inauguration of the board, the board shall elect a chairman by ballot or by any other method of secret voting, and every vote taken shall be of no effect."

O'CALLAGHAN GIVEN PAROLE UNTIL HIS STATUS DETERMINED

Secretary Wilson Permits Him Liberty on Own Recognition.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Secretary Wilson today that he has granted parole to Lord Mayor O'Callaghan of Cork, detained at Newport News by immigration authorities, on his own recognition, pending decision as to his admission into the United States.

STRANDED SECOND TIME. St. John, N.B., Jan. 6.—It is presumed that the steamer Sussex, which left the Atlantic entrance to the Panama Canal, is the ship which left here on December 23 for New Zealand with a general cargo. The Sussex grounded in St. John harbor on the commencement of her journey, and remains stranded for twelve hours. Her agents here have no report of her latest mishap.

THE WEATHER

Following are the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 37; lowest, 32.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 34; lowest, 27.

TOMORROW—MILDER. Toronto, Jan. 6—8 a.m. Forecast: Fair today. Friday: Southeast and south winds; fair and somewhat milder.

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

Station	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	31	22	Cloudy
Calgary	36	26	Clear
Edmonton	36	26	Clear
Winnipeg	36	26	Clear
Regina	36	26	Clear
Saskatoon	36	26	Clear
St. Paul	36	26	Clear
St. Louis	36	26	Clear
Chicago	36	26	Clear
St. Paul	36	26	Clear
St. Louis	36	26	Clear
Chicago	36	26	Clear
St. Paul	36	26	Clear
St. Louis	36	26	Clear
Chicago	36	26	Clear

POLICEMAN CAPTURES 3 ALLEGED BURGLARS ON MONTREAL STREET

Men Were Caught in Act of Breaking Into House.

MAN IS MURDERED

Wealthy Citizen of Quincy, Mass., Is Arrested on Suspicion.

Montreal, Jan. 6.—Concluding a long chase, many blocks and after firing five revolver shots, Constable Desmarais arrested three men on a charge of attempted burglary last night. The three prisoners were not hit by bullets, but were slightly injured by a fall which occurred when they tried to make their escape. A fourth member of the gang got away. Constable Desmarais was on his beat last night on St. Paul street when he saw four men in the act of breaking a window in a Laurentine house. He ran toward them, but they saw him and took to their heels. After a chase of several blocks one of the four tripped and fell thus causing the two who were running behind him to sprawl likewise. The last of the three to the station, where they gave their names as Herbert Champagne, Mon-treal, and a third, St. Jerome, and Albert Giguere, Quebec.

MANIA FOR BURGLARY

Chicago, Jan. 6.—Examination of McWherter McGrath, burglar, who has confessed to stealing \$50,000 worth of valuables from 200 north side residences, shows, according to Chief Justice Harry Olson, of municipal court, "holes in the back of his head in which one's fist could be driven."

ARRESTED ON SUSPICION

Quincy, Mass., Jan. 6.—Charles E. Cunningham, a wealthy resident of Milton, was arrested on suspicion last night after the body of John Johnson, 24 years old of West Quincy, had been found in a patch of woods known as Cunningham Pines on a position near Johnson's home. Johnson had been shot. Johnson left home yesterday noon to return at his usual time his wife notified neighbors, who organized a searching party. His body was found lying face upward under a pine tree, with a bullet wound in his left side. The axe which he had been using to cut the wood was found near the body. Cunningham was arrested when officers went to his home and arrested him. They said that he had been in the woods with regard to the case, further than to say that he had had words with Johnson.

RESTRICTION OF ARMAMENTS IS STRONGLY URGED

Lord Shaughnessy and Sir Robert Falconer Favor Proposal.

New York, Jan. 6.—(Canadian Press).—The Hon. Lord Shaughnessy, president of the University of Toronto, appearing in the New York World this morning in connection with the newspaper's campaign advocating national disarmament, declared that he was "decidedly" in favor of an agreement between the great powers "regulating and restricting" armaments, and that he was "in favor of an assurance that the expressed determination of the Allies to prevent armaments was seriously intended. Continued competitive armament construction would make the burden of taxation all too unbearable."

MOORE RIDICLES IDEA OF MOTIVES

Declares Resolution Is Composed Only of Generalities

Ottawa, Jan. 6.—Insinuations of motives behind the action of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada in revoking the charter of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, as made in a resolution passed by the executive of that body Tuesday supporting the stand taken by A. R. Mosher, president, are ridiculed by Mr. Moore, president of the congress.

"The whole resolution," Mr. Moore said, "is composed of generalities and I do not intend to discuss the matter through the press. As for the insinuations of motives in reading the scheme, they may refer to Mr. Mosher himself, but they certainly do not refer to any one in this office. So long as he gets the press to publish such statements he is obtaining what he may believe to be useful propaganda towards maintaining his organization. Probably Mr. Mosher believes it is good policy to use the press in this way."

DRASTIC ACTION IS PROMISED BY MAYOR TO CLEAN UP CITY

Confers With Chief of Police Birrell Today—Police Commission Will Take Steps to Check Present Crime Wave.

Immediate action was promised today by Mayor E. S. Little, when his attention was drawn by an Advertiser reporter to the increasing boldness of the hold-up men who have for the past two months been making London their playground, despite the very best efforts of Chief Robert Birrell and his staff to corner them.

Mayor Little, who is suffering from a severe cold, had not heard of the two hold-ups which took place within an hour last night until told about them this morning by the reporter, but when acquainted with the facts, he said: "I am going downtown right away and I will see the chief, and also ask for an immediate meeting of the police commission to deal with the situation."

Work of Amateurs

Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon, who is one of the members of the police commission, in a brief interview stated that the commissioners were fully aware that "the police force is at the present time undermanned, but we have found it very difficult to get men for the force."

Balloonists Are Expected To Reach Railway Today; Trails Heavy With Snow

Temperature Takes Sudden Drop, Registering 18 Below Zero at Cochrane This Morning—Men Are Eagerly Awaited by Newspaper Correspondents—Point at Which They Will Emerge Not Definitely Known.

Cochrane, Jan. 6.—Copyrighted by Canadian Press, Limited.—News that the eagerly-awaited American balloonists have reached the railway is expected to draw a large crowd of people to the party which will emerge upon the C. N. R. is uncertain. According to the Cochrane Press, the balloonists are expected to reach the railway today, but the exact time at which they will emerge is not known. The balloonists are expected to reach the railway today, but the exact time at which they will emerge is not known.

GRANTS PERMISSION TO BALLOONISTS TO RELATE EXPERIENCES

Cochrane, Jan. 6.—Secretary of the Cochrane Press, Limited, has granted permission to the balloonists to relate their experiences to the press.

BRITISH BANK FAILS; ADVANCED MONEY ON CANADIAN PRODUCE

Financial Institution Suspends Payment: Had \$12,500,000 Capital.

London, Jan. 6.—The British American Continental Bank suspended payment today. In financial circles, the suspension is attributed to the general financial situation, and the fact that the bank had advanced money on produce, chiefly Canadian, and was unable to realize chiefly during the present market stagnation.

WOMAN MEMBER TO BE OFFERED SPEAKERSHIP

Victoria, Jan. 6.—As a result of a cabinet meeting here yesterday, it is understood that Mrs. Mary Allen Smith, who headed the poll in Vancouver by a tremendous margin at the provincial elections here on December 1, will be tendered the Speakership of the British Columbia Legislature.

DECLARATIONS OF BRITAIN AND FRANCE AGREE ON GERMAN DISARMAMENT

Lloyd George's Cabinet Still Favors Extension of Time to Germans to Bring About Disbandment of Civil Guards—Demands Delivery of Secret Processes for Explosives.

Paris, Jan. 6.—Great Britain and France are in close accord relative to the subject of German disarmament and reparations, says the London correspondent of the Matin in discussing the meeting of allied premiers in this city on January 19. He adds the British cabinet still favors granting Germany some time in which to bring about the disbandment of civil guards, but has taken the attitude that the Allies should demand immediately delivery of all secret processes for the manufacture of explosives and poison gas.

Newspapers here, in commenting on the conference of the premiers, express the belief that a complete agreement will be reached, and that the Allies will be quickly reached and decide there is no doubt that Britain shares the views of France relative to the disarmament question.