

THE WEATHER:
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FRIDAY—MILD.

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"SPORTING GREEN"
ON THE STREET AT 6:00
WITH LATE NEWS.

THREE CENTS.

Judd's Appointment as Attorney Confirmed

Thirty-Six Perish When British Sub Sinks In Collision

BLUFF IS CALLED IN BOOZING YARN

Mayor Offers Opportunity For Thorough Inquiry to Any Persons
Naming Suspected Aldermen in Definite Charge—
Will Not Restrict Present Council.

"PURE MALICE," SAYS ONE NEW ALDERMAN

The insinuations of drunkenness which the Free Press has made against last year's city council are today confronted with an official challenge. In other words, the bluff is called.

Upon written demand by any responsible ratepayer or group of ratepayers, Mayor George Wenige will order an immediate investigation to determine whether any members of the 1923 city council attended sessions under the influence of liquor, as suggested by the Free Press on Tuesday.

DEFINITE CHARGE MUST BE MADE.

"The very moment that a definite charge is filed by any responsible party seeking an investigation to clear the air, I will order an official inquiry," Mayor Wenige stated. "The charge must be definite, and some reasonable justification for an investigation must be shown. I do not propose to order a hearing just on hearsay. Those who file protest must furnish me with the names of those aldermen or ex-aldermen alleged to have been unfit to attend to city business."

Insult to Ratepayers.

His worship states further that he does not propose to seek legislation to restrain members of the 1924 city council, which was also insinuated as necessary by the Free Press.

"That would be a deliberate insult to the ratepayers of this city who have sent their representatives to the council," he reasoned. "It would be moreover, a nasty insinuation against the aldermen themselves as well as the people who sent them there."

"What right would I have to dictate to the elected representatives of the people? That would be a question calling for action by the public. I do not consider that it would be within my province to restrict any man's personal habits. I have nothing to do with that unless a member of the council provoked disorder, and I would then be compelled to act in the interests of law and order, whether he was drunk or sober."

"I do consider, however, as mayor of the city, that it would be within my rights to ask for the enforcement of an order restraining city officials or employees from drinking liquor into the city hall and to compel the immediate suspension of any or all who were ever noted on the job under the influence."

And I am going to be particularly strong on this point in 1924. Not as a rabid prohibitionist, either, but to preserve efficiency in the general interest of the ratepayers.

New members of the city council seem inclined to regard the suggestions of the Free Press as hysteria at half-cock, rather than as criticism requiring any attention on their part.

"Irresponsible Peevishness." "If I were a member of last year's council I would sue the Free Press for damages," said one new alderman to The Advertiser, but so far as I am affected I think it's just a case of irresponsible peevishness on the part of some reporter and lack of discretion on the part of the editor. I'm not going to bother about it."

"The dry regulation of the Free Press wants cover me fine," Ald. Ed. Smith stated. "It won't be necessary for me. I'll not be bringing any into the city hall."

Suggestion Is Impudence. Ald. Allan Tove feels that it would be "nobody's business" unless any member of the council made a practice of coming in under the influence of liquor and commenced to upset the tables and raise the roof generally. And then his colleagues would call an immediate halt. He did not consider that it was at all necessary to have a special liquor regulation for the councilmen, and any suggestion to that effect is mere impudence."

Ald. "Ted" Warren stated that there was absolutely no need for any bylaw or resolution of council to regulate the habits of the aldermen. In his opinion it was a question entirely for the ratepayers. He pointed out that if the people have sufficient confidence to elect aldermen, they must have confidence that they would behave themselves. "There will be nothing much to that agitation," he stated. "Just a few of the fanatics getting it going."

"Nothing But Malice." Another member of the council said that if the Free Press had any sincere belief that there was drunkenness in council meetings, the charge should have been made openly before the election last month.

"The voters would then have given a verdict," he said. "As it is, I think the Free Press propaganda now is nothing but pure malice. I am ashamed that London has such a paper."

WILL GIVE LECTURE. Dr. H. W. Hill, dean of the Institute of Public Health, is to deliver a lecture at Masonville on Jan. 18, under the University of Western Ontario Extension Division.



ALD. ALLAN TOWE, Councillor for 1924, who fails to see any need for direction of aldermen's actions.

WARDENSHIP RACE IS WAXING WARM

Allan MacPherson Is Liberal
Hope in the Middlesex
Elections.

Jockeying for position in the Middlesex County council warden's race continues. All candidates are working hard, according to information drifting in from all parts of the county, and when the council meets ten days hence there promises to be the merriest battle in years for the honor.

Allan MacPherson, reeve of Glenora, is the Liberal hope, and it would not surprise the dopesters if Mr. MacPherson finished a winner. He has all the qualifications necessary to hold down the job successfully. His friends state, and a determined effort will be made to elect him.

"Cy" Henry, reeve of Metcalfe, is looked upon as the heavy favorite from the U. F. O. camp, and will be a factor in the race, while the Tories will likely concentrate on A. Holman of Newbury.

Newsie's Bravery Saves Family

Earl Collins Discovers Fire in
House—Overcome by
Smoke.

Had it not been for the presence of mind and bravery of Earl Collins, 12-year-old Adeline Collins, a woman and baby might have been burned to death in their bed early yesterday morning.

Earl, who lives at 1112 Trafalgar street, was delivering his papers when he noticed smoke pouring from the roof of a house on Byrdes street. He quickly summoned help and sent in an alarm to the fire department.

The boy then ran to the house and broke open windows in an effort to let out the dense smoke. He woke up the occupants, who made their escape. The firemen arrived soon after and extinguished the blaze, which had started from an overheated furnace.

Earl was overcome by smoke and had to stay home from school for the day.

TWO LONDONERS WILL ATTEND HYDRO PARLEY

T. W. MacFarland and E. V. Buchanan To Leave For
Ottawa.

T. W. MacFarland and E. V. Buchanan, general manager of the public utilities commission will leave for Ottawa tonight to attend the meeting between Premier W. L. Mackenzie King and representatives of the Ontario Municipal Hydro Association, to be held in the capital tomorrow.

The meeting has been arranged in order that representatives of the public utilities commission will present their claims at Ottawa regarding the development of water-power on the St. Lawrence River. The question of Chicago's drainage canal and the consequent taking of water from the Great Lakes will also be brought up. It is more than likely that A. Macquarie, president of the association, and T. J. Hannigan, of Guelph, secretary, will act as spokesmen.

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STAFF MEETING. A meeting of the staff of Victoria Hospital will be held tonight. Consultation on certain hospital cases will be the nature of the meeting.

RUMORS RIFE IN OTTAWA AS WESTERN CHIEFS COME

Premier Dunning and Hon.
T. A. Crerar Arrived in the
Capital This Morning.

CONFERENCE WITH KING

Politicians Anxiously Await the
Results of Conference This
Afternoon.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Jan. 10.—Premier Dunning of Saskatchewan, and Hon. T. A. Crerar arrived here this morning and during the day will be in conference with Premier King. They spent the morning in their rooms at the Chateau Laurier, where there were many inquiries for them. It is understood that the two western politicians will confer with political friends before meeting with Mr. King. Among the callers at the Chateau this morning was Hon. Charles Stewart, minister of the interior, and former premier of Alberta, who, with Hon. W. R. Motherwell and Hon. E. J. McMurtry, now represents the west in the cabinet.

The capital is buzzing with speculation as to the outcome of the conference between Messrs. Dunning and Crerar and Premier King, and there were a number of groups about the hotel rotunda busily discussing the possibilities of the situation. There are quite a number of members of parliament from Quebec and the Maritimes here at the present time, and the bearing of the present negotiations on the representation of these provinces in the cabinet is attracting much attention. Among the representatives from Nova Scotia is William Duff, Liberal member for Lunenburg, whose name has been mentioned as a possibility for the portfolio of marine and fisheries, should Hon. Ernest Lapointe go to the department of justice.

There was a great variety of views heard in the discussions on the possibilities of the situation. One view expressed by a western Progressive was that the conference was not likely to lead to any operation between Mr. Crerar and the government. Mr. King, it was stated, would ask the former Progressive leader to go into the cabinet as a Liberal, and to this Mr. Crerar, it was added, must give a definite negative. Whether Mr. Crerar's advice would be asked on the conditions necessary to western support no opinion was expressed by this westerner, but other views current are to the effect that this is one of the main objects of the conference.

"GREATER FAITH HATH
NO MAN THAN THIS"

Anxious Ratepayer Wants To
Pay Tax—Thinks Rate Set
at 32 Mills.

It seems fairly well established among some of the people at least that 32 mills on the dollar is going to be the 1924 tax rate.

Who takes Mayor Wenige's word for it, City Treasurer Bell explains. This gentleman called at the city hall yesterday and in all seriousness asked for his 1924 bill as he wished to pay it. Mr. Bell explained that it would not be possible to define that until after the tax rate was struck.

The surprised ratepayer then explained that he had been under the impression that there had been fixed at 32 mills and he was willing to pay his bit as he wished to dispose of the disagreeable task as speedily as possible and get it off his mind.

L. S. R. WOULD SELL FOR
MILLION, SAYS DRAKE

Alderman Advocates Another
Vote On Purchase of
Road.

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ARRIVES IN OTTAWA.
Hon. T. A. Crerar, along with Premier Dunning of Saskatchewan will confer this afternoon with Premier King when it is believed one or the other will be offered a post in the cabinet.

BRITISH SUB LOST DURING COLLISION

Thirty-Six Believed To Have
Perished When L24 Is
Sunk.

BUILT DURING WAR

Admiralty Reports the Loss of
Vessel Off Portland.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Jan. 10.—An admiralty message says the British submarine L-24 has been lost off Portland in a collision. It is feared the entire crew perished.

The British submarine L-24 was one of those begun under the emergency program and was completed in the latter part of the war. She was 238 feet 6 inches in length over all. She displaced 890 tons on the surface and 1,700 submerged, and carried a complement of 38 men, according to available naval registers.

COMMUNIST FILES PAPERS.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Jan. 10.—Describing himself as an advanced free trader and an out-and-out communist, a man named Spurling Hurdwyn applied today for nomination papers to contest the city of London by-election.

Reduction at Montreal Expected
To Have Some Effect
on Retailers.

CUSTOMARY REDUCTION

Wholesalers State Action Will
Have Little Effect on Small
Purchases.

Slightly cheaper sugar is the belief of some of the local grocers. In spite of the fact that sugar has come down 35 cents a hundredweight in Montreal to the wholesaler in the last few weeks there has been no reduction as far as the man in the street is concerned. Grocers point out that a reduction of 35 cents on the hundred pounds is too small to be reflected on the two or three pound purchases made by the average woman. A grocer said that there were always two or three reductions on the wholesale price before the consumer felt any benefit. The present price from wholesaler to grocer is said to be \$10.75 per hundred pounds. Another grocer in the city said he expected sugar to drop to somewhere about \$10.35 or \$10.40 per hundred weight next week and that he would be selling sugar a little cheaper on that account. He admitted, however, that he was merely surmising. He concerned, as far as his store was concerned, sugar at two pounds for 21 cents and ten pounds for \$1.94, a slight reduction from the price for this week.

Wholesalers treated the 35-cent reduction in the price of sugar at Montreal as only the customary reduction at this time of the year, and as far as the consumer was concerned, it was just a matter of the sugar crop being bought, they said, and supplies being secured in Canada. A slight reduction has been made at Stratford.

EGYPTOLOGIST ILL.
Howard Carter is reported to be on the verge of collapse as a result of his exertions in excavating the tomb of Tutankhamen's tomb.

WARM SPELL DESTROYS
CITY'S OPEN-AIR RINKS

The open air rinks of the city, both those conducted by the public utilities commission and the public schools, are again in the air, following the mild weather of the past two or three days. The ice is too soft for skating, and those who usually take advantage of this form of recreation are once more gazing out of the inclosures with longing eyes.

OPEN ON TUESDAY.

The students legislature of the London East Collegiate Institute will hold the opening session next Tuesday afternoon. Several bills still remain to be discussed, but what one will be brought up next week has not yet been decided on by the cabinet.

Educational Campaign On Present Tax System Urged For Workingman

William Turnbull Declares Burden
at Present Not Properly
Distributed.

TWO CLASSES PAY

Individual Taxation on All Incomes Is Urged as a
Substitute.

An educational campaign to show labor and farming communities the advantages of individual taxation as a substitute for the present sales tax, is the suggestion advanced by William Turnbull, manager of the Edward Adams Company here, and president of the Wholesale Grocers of Ontario.

Mr. Turnbull claims the only sensible method of taxation is one by which every person will be compelled to pay his portion in a straight income assessment. Under present conditions the workingman and the consumer is forced to shoulder the burden of the sales tax in the long run. A direct individual tax to replace the system would, Mr. Turnbull believes, be easier to collect and make for many economies.

"Past and present governments understand as well as I do that a direct tax on income, proportionate in revenue with the sales tax in operation today, would be the best thing for the country," Mr. Turnbull said. "Unfortunately labor and agriculturists do not seem to realize that it is they who are paying the sales tax. Whenever it is suggested that the latter be removed in favor of a straight individual tax, they always raise strenuous objections."

"The people should be shown that the substitution of an increased tax on income for the present sales tax would eliminate many complexities and save the country a great deal of money. When the government taxes the products of industry it is really taxing the consumer of those products, not the manufacturers. By lifting that tax and levying it direct on incomes all dissatisfaction would be removed, and in the final analysis the workingman would not be as much out of pocket as he is through the present system."

"I do not blame either the federal or provincial governments for listening to the voice of labor unions and farmers. The way to overcome their objections is for the taxpayers to institute an educational campaign to show the fallacy of labor's theories."

Mr. Turnbull admitted the 1924 system of taxing manufacturers on the value of their goods was substantially better than the 1923 method. A direct tax on each individual with an income would be an inestimable improvement over both systems, however.

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ALBERT M. JUDD, whose appointment as crown attorney for Middlesex was confirmed at noon today by an order-in-council.

CITY LABOR PARTY WILL CONVENE

Consideration of New Officers
Expected at Special
Session.

Members of the executive committee of the London Labor party have been summoned to meet in special session tomorrow night, it is reported.

The regular session of the party is scheduled for a week hence, however, when it is proposed to hold nominations for the annual election of officers.

It is expected that the executive committee will consider informally prospective officers for 1924 when they gather tomorrow. Several of the members have already urged an election of officers at an early date. In view of the fact that Donald Menzies resigned from the presidency during the latter part of 1923, Ald. Frank McKay, ex-Ald. John Colbert, R. H. Hesse and D. J. Talant are mentioned for the post.

NORMAND FILMS ARE
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ATTORNEY TO DEVOTE FULL TIME TO POSITION

Appointment of Albert M. Judd
Confirmed by Order-
in-Council.

CHOICE IS POPULAR

New Crown Official Has Gained
Reputation as Criminal
Lawyer.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Jan. 10.—A. M. Judd, was appointed crown attorney for the county of Middlesex by order-in-council passed at noon today. A stipulation made by the order-in-council is that Mr. Judd shall devote his full time to the position. Previous appointments were permitted to engage in private practice, but according to Premier Ferguson today the population of London and other sections of the country is such that the office will necessitate the full attention of the crown attorney.

The appointment of Albert M. Judd as crown attorney was greeted with satisfaction by almost all of the local lawyers this afternoon. Although not old in years, Mr. Judd has with the exception of his partner, J. M. McEvoy, K.C., enjoyed the reputation of being the best criminal lawyer in the city. His legal career has been meteoric from the standpoint of criminal practice and he has fought and won a number of important cases both in London and Western Ontario.

It is known that Mr. Judd was the personal selection of Premier Ferguson, but there was a section of the Tory party in London opposed to the appointment which has been held up for over a month. These individuals even went so far as to recommend the acting crown attorney, J. G. Gillanders for the position. Mr. Gillanders is a partner of J. C. Elliott, K.C., who was appointed by the U. F. C. Council following the death of J. B. McKillop, K.C.

Discreet Inquiries. Discreet inquiries were made as to the political affiliations of Mr. Gillanders, but when it was learned he was a Liberal, any chance he had for this job received a death jolt, although his ability to hold down the position is without question.

Albert Judd is a son of county judge J. C. Judd and gained his early education in London public schools and Woodstock College. He studied law in the office of Meredith Judd and Meredith and later attended Osgoode Hall where he passed his examinations with flying colors.

Shortly after war broke out, the new crown attorney enlisted and went overseas with the 135th Middlesex Battalion as a lieutenant. He returned a captain and after securing his discharge went into partnership with W. B. Henderson, the firm being known as McEvoy, Judd and Henderson. The two young lawyers soon worked up a splendid practice and when the O. T. A. went into force with a vengeance, Mr. Judd was retained in a majority of the police court cases.

Last summer, Messrs. Judd and Henderson formed a partnership with J. M. McEvoy, K.C., the firm being known as McEvoy, Judd and Henderson. Since that time, the firm has been retained in the greater share of Western Ontario criminal cases.

J. M. McEvoy, K.C., has been prominently mentioned for the vacant position in the supreme court bench and it may be that the firm will be shortly wrecked.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.
Easterly winds, with rain or snow tonight and Friday.

The weather is becoming quite mild again in the Western Provinces.

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

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	42	42	Cloudy
Calgary	29	12	Clear
Winnipeg	6	-24	Clear
Port Arthur	10	-8	Cloudy
S. S. Marie	26	16	Snow
Toronto	42	32	Cloudy
Kingston	40	32	Cloudy
Ottawa	40	22	Cloudy
Montreal	35	15	Cloudy
Quebec	26	16	Snow
Father Point	29	-4	Clear
St. John	40	26	Cloudy
Halifax	29	12	Cloudy

Minus (-) means below zero.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 38; lowest, 25.

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Barometric Readings.
Wednesday—8 p.m., 29.30.
Today—8 a.m., 29.17.