

THE WEATHER:
TODAY—CLOUDY; FAIRLY COLD.
TOMORROW—SNOW, FLURRIES.

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THREE CENTS

SEEK \$300,000 ADDITION TO ONTARIO HOSPITAL Mother and Two Children Lose Lives When House Burns

Move Hits Inefficient Engineers

Government Inspector Orders
Changes Made Following In-
spection in Local Plants.

TO SEEK REVISION

Union Members Declare Form
Present Legislation Causing
Considerable Hardship.

Radical changes are expected to result in the laws governing stationary engineers due to the agitation started by the London branch of the stationary engineers' union to have none but properly qualified men to handle high-pressure boilers. Members of the London union explain that some time ago the Ontario government board, which has jurisdiction over the engineers, issued an order permitting men without certificates to handle boilers not using more than fifteen pounds pressure. Previous to this nobody but a properly qualified engineer was permitted on a boiler using more than ten pounds pressure.

It is the purpose of the agitation begun here to secure a return to the previous 10-pound ruling.

"This is for several reasons," said one prominent local stationary engineer today. "The main one is that in the interests of public safety an unqualified man should never be allowed to handle a high-pressure boiler. Think what might happen if through the inexperience of a man working in a large school or other building in which there are generally scores, and perhaps hundreds of people, some accident occurred and the so-called engineer in charge did not know how to cope with it. Suppose there was an explosion or that a steam pipe burst. Several persons might be injured or a panic might ensue. You know what that usually means."

Inspection finished.

An investigation of conditions following complaints made to the government by the London union men has been carried on here this week by J. H. Everett, a member of the board of examiners for stationary engineers. This investigation which was concluded last night resulted in the inspector enforcing several violations of the act, that is, unqualified engineers were operating high-pressure boilers than the law allows them.

In each of these cases the employers were ordered to have bona fide stationary engineers on the job inside ten days or prosecution will follow.

The London local has prepared a number of resolutions which will be presented at the forthcoming convention of stationary engineers and these will form part of the recommendations to be made to the Ontario legislature at

TURKEY AND RUSSIA ALOOF FROM LEAGUE

New Treaty Bars Either Country
From Co-operating With
World Matters.

Associated Press Despatch.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—One point made in the discussion of the recently signed Russo-Turkish guarantee pact is that it apparently prevents both countries from joining the league of nations, inasmuch as under the terms of neutrality which the treaty establishes, neither country could allow passage through its territory of troops acting on behalf of the league of nations against the state with which the league had a rupture.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

West and north-west winds and mostly cloudy and moderately cold tonight and Friday, with occasional snowflakes.

Stations. High, Low, Weather.

Victoria	52	41	Cloudy
Calgary	18	16	Clear
Winnipeg	12	4	Fair
Port Arthur	14	5	Clear
Toronto	28	20	Cloudy
Montreal	14	12	Snow
St. John	28	8	Fair
Halifax	35	12	Clear

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 24; lowest, 20.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 24; lowest, 20.

The sun rises at 7:50 a.m. and sets at 4:45 p.m.

Barometric Readings.

Wednesday—5 p.m., 29.15.
Today—8 a.m., 29.32.

ONTARIO ASYLUMS NEED 1,000 ADDITIONAL ROOMS

Triplets Born
To Elgin Cow

St. Thomas, Dec. 24.—A Durham cow owned by Angus McKenzie, South Yarmouth, today gave birth to three calves, male and two females, all marked alike, and thriving.

STRUCK BY ENGINE, DRAGGED 300 FEET

St. Thomas Man Escapes Death
When Carried With Demolished Truck by Locomotive.

Special to The Advertiser.
By a Staff Correspondent.

St. Thomas, Dec. 24.—Thomas Baker, an employee of McMurtry's Hardware Company, narrowly escaped death at the Hughes street crossing of the C. N. R. at 11 o'clock this morning, when the truck which he was driving was demolished by the C. N. R. yard engine.

Baker approached the crossing, which is of the blind type, and did not notice the approaching yard engine till it was right on him.

Baker stayed in the truck till it fell from the fender of the engine some 300 feet down the track. Baker received a bad shaking up, the flying glass severing the artery behind the right ear. Medical attendance was summoned and Baker was removed to his home.

WIFE OF R. SCOTT HELD AT BORDER

Declares She Does Not Know
Whereabouts of Husband,
Wanted by Police.

Associated Press Despatch.

Detroit, Dec. 24.—Deportation to Canada today faced a young woman who yesterday gave her name as Ethel Howard, but who later under questioning admitted she was the wife of Robert Scott, upon whose head the police of Cook county, Ill., have placed a price. Scott is wanted in connection with the killing of a clerk in a Chicago holdup a year ago. His brother Russell is serving a life sentence in an Illinois asylum for the insane on the same charge, having escaped hanging after a sensational fight.

Mrs. Robert Scott insists she does not know her husband's whereabouts. "He left me more than three years ago," she said. "We lived together about six months. Then his parents began to get after him about me. Finally he left."

With Mrs. Scott, when officers entered an apartment in Stinson Place, was a man who called himself Jack Davis. In a moment of thoughtlessness he let slip the name of his companion. She was a Canadian. Pursuing the information the officers, who in raiding the apartment had only a general idea of what they were brought in for, the young woman the fact that she was the estranged wife of a man whose life the Illinois law has sought for more than a year.

FOUR MEN ARE KILLED IN HEAD-ON COLLISION

Two Engine Crews Wiped Out
as Trains Crash in South
Carolina.

Associated Press Despatch.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 24.—Four men, two engineers and two firemen, were reported killed and many passengers badly shaken up in a head-on collision early today between two Atlantic coast-line trains two miles south of Honore, S. C. One of the engines of the northbound train was former Secretary of War Weeks, who was slightly injured. The two engines were smashed and seven coaches derailed. One of the trains was three-quarters of an hour late and the other seven hours late.

POLICY IS UNCHANGED.

Associated Press Despatch.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The recently announced retirement of J. St. Louis Strachey as active editor of the Spectator, one of the best known of English weekly reviews, will not mean severance of his connections with that publication nor change in its policy or its editorial line.

The editorship of the review has passed to Major Evelyn Wrench, but the majority of the shares remain in the hands of Mr. Strachey and his family.

Accommodation Lack at the
London Hospital Stresses
Building Demand.

\$300,000 IS WANTED

New Hospital or Addition to
Local Institution Required,
Says Dr. Robinson.

To relieve present crowded conditions at the Ontario hospital for the insane, effort has been made by Dr. W. J. Robinson, superintendent, to obtain from the provincial government a sum of \$200,000 or \$300,000 for the erection of a new building next summer. Already many buildings of the institution are being reconstructed at a cost of \$10,000 in order that better hospital accommodation might be offered.

A new addition to the London hospital is necessary, according to a grand jury's report at the first of the month. Dr. Robinson points out that there are 1,400 patients at the Ontario hospital now, and a new building for at least 400 is badly needed.

The province as a whole is in imperative need of a new 1,000-room institution, Dr. Robinson declares. Either a grand jury's report at the first of the month, he says, and a new building must be added to the present institutions in Ontario, he says, and the latter plan, in his opinion, is the more feasible.

Advocate New Building.

Although a new building for the Ontario hospital has been advocated in each grand jury report of the past few years, no action has been taken by the provincial government. It is believed, however, when the actual crowded condition of the hospital is represented to the provincial secretary, a sum of money for the immediate construction of a new building will be granted.

"It is only through the backing of the public that we can accomplish anything," Dr. Robinson said today. "I am taking up the question of an addition to the hospital. We have always been crowded, and although present alterations will relieve the situation somewhat, an addition, costing \$200,000, should be erected to accommodate some three or four hundred patients."

"I believe that every institution in Ontario is experiencing the same difficulty and for that reason the true state of affairs must be presented to the public and the government."

Alterations and improvements have been commenced in the interior of buildings at the London hospital. These are being carried out at a cost of \$10,000 and will be completed, it is believed, by the summer.

SEVEN DIE IN WRECK

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 24.—Seven persons are known to have been killed and 40 injured when a train on the long-distance railway crashed over last night at Valparaiso. Details of the accident are lacking.

BISHOP FALLON LOSES SUIT TO RECOVER BANK DEPOSIT

Supreme Court Master Rules
\$32,076 Account Must
Stand.

TWO DEBTS SET OFF

Mr. Garrow Rules Deposit Not
Ordinary One—Pays
Just Debt.

Special to The Advertiser
By Staff Correspondent.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—The judgment of Charles K. Garrow, master of the supreme court, sitting as official referee in the matter of the Home Bank of Canada and the winding-up act, on the claim of Rt. Rev. M. F. Fallon, Bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of London, awards to Bishop Fallon and the diocese the right to set off of funds on deposit against two debts of \$10,892.81 and \$7,240, but finds that the payment of \$22,076 into the bank after 2 o'clock on the date of the bank's failure must stand.

Mr. Garrow states that the ownership of the accounts standing in the names of various organizations of the diocese by the bishop on behalf of the diocese was proved to his entire satisfaction and further that the debt of \$10,892.81 charged to the seminary account and the debt of \$7,240 charged to the account of P. Langlois and L. Marchand, Tecumseh, are the obligations of the corporation and of no one else.

Referring to the payment made on the date the bank closed, the judgment says: "My conclusion is upon the evidence that it was after 2 o'clock, standard time, that the check was delivered, probably not less than five minutes nor more than ten minutes after. I do not doubt at all that Mr. Chapple, the former manager of the Home bank at London, gave, to the best of his recollection, his idea of the time at which



MARSHAL FENG,
Chinese Christian general, who captured Tientsin this morning after sacrificing thousands of troops.

TIENTSIN IS TAKEN BY MARSHAL FENG

Thousands Are Killed as Noted
Stronghold Falls to the
Christian General.

Associated Press Despatch.

Peking, Dec. 24.—Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang's national army troops entered Tientsin this morning after several days' fighting in which thousands were killed or wounded.

The troops of General Li Ching-Lih, civil governor of Chihli and Feng's enemy, are fleeing in disorder.

Chaos reigns in the native quarter of Tientsin, where soldiers are looting. Foreign volunteers and troops are protecting the gates of the foreign settlement, which Feng's troops have recaptured. Sun Yueh, has been appointed tapan (civil governor) of Chihli, to succeed Li.

CHANG ADVANCING.

Associated Press Despatch.

Tokyo, Dec. 24.—Consular reports from Mukden say that the troops of General Kuang Sheng-Lin are abandoning guns and munitions in their retreat before the forces of Marshal Chang Tso Lin, the Manchurian war lord, near Mukden. Chang's troops have recaptured Peking and are advancing on a wide front.

The reports say that the failure of General Kuang's operations amounts to a serious setback for him.

OFFERS SURRENDER.

Associated Press Despatch.

Tokyo, Dec. 24.—(Japanese news agency) declares that the Japanese war office has confirmed advice from Mukden, Manchurian capital, that the troops of General Kuang Sheng-Lin, who wrote to Marshal Chang Tso-Lin offering to surrender if Chang will spare his life and protect his property.

Santa Pinched For Speeding

Associated Press Despatch.

Providence, R. I.—Santa Claus was presented with a "ticket" for speeding here, it was revealed when a draft officer was discovered at the police headquarters looking up the registrar of an erring motorist, who gave his name to the trusting blue-coat as "Mr. Kriss Kringle."

This event took place, but he was not present when the check was delivered, and the accountant who actually received it was not available.

After reviewing the evidence given by Bishop Fallon, Mr. Garrow failed to find that the contentions for set-off of this sum, and consequent re-payment by the bank's liquidators of some \$19,000 were well founded.

"In the first place," he states, "it was not a case of a person depositing money in the ordinary way in an insolvent bank or, in other words, lending money to it."

It was the case of a payment of a just debt, the accomplishment of which by Bishop Fallon, Mr. Garrow found, had closed, namely to collect its debts and distribute its assets among those entitled, and there is in the mere fact of payment nothing inequitable from the standpoint of the one paying. The applicant always intended payment and still does. It is only a question as to which bank account shall pay it, Standard or Home Bank.

TWO CHILDREN AND GIRL ARE BURNED TO DEATH

Associated Press Despatch.

Oklmugee, Okla., Dec. 24.—Two children and a 19-year-old girl were burned to death, the mother of the two children was critically burned, three others were injured, and thirteen others barely escaped with their lives when a three-story frame hotel, the oldest in this place, burned down today. The dead are: Clem Wall, 14; Lorena Wall, 10; and Beatrice Mulberry, 19, of Arkansas.

French Now Want Peace, Fear Turks

Reports From Syria Say Turk
Forces Are Joining Druses
in North.

POSTS ARE OCCUPIED

Cairo Reports Armistice Has
Been Signed by Opposing
Forces.

Associated Press Despatch.

Cairo, Egypt, Dec. 24.—An armistice is reported to have been signed between the Druses and the new French high commissioner in Syria, Henri de Jouvenel.

All the French prisoners held in Syria on political charges are to be liberated. The despatch states.

REPORT TURKS ACTIVE

Associated Press Despatch.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Cabling from Damascus on Wednesday, Reuter special correspondent in Syria said the French were endeavoring to speed up their peace negotiations with the Druses. They were moved by disquieting rumors regarding the situation on the northern frontier, where Turkish hands were reported to be massing. The Turks, it was said, have even occupied some of the French posts.

The French peace delegation which conferred with the leaders of the Druse tribesmen had returned to Damascus. The correspondent said. They regarded the prospects of peace as hopeful, but declined to make any statement before interviewing High Commissioner De Jouvenel.

Brigades were active on the outskirts of the city and some penetrated the 'chagour' quarter the day the despatch was filed.

The French authorities took the precaution of strengthening their barricades. The Druse tribesmen had mostly left the district, but were reported to be active around Hama.

COMMISSION BILL IS \$28,500 LOWER

\$32,000 More Power Sold to
Consumers During the
Past Year.

By expert management the public utilities commission has saved \$28,500 on its power bill to date this year.

The commission bought only \$3,500 more power from the H. E. P. C. of Ontario for the first 11 months this year than last year and has sold \$32,000 more power to the commercial and domestic consumers.

The difference comes in the economical use of power during off-peak hours, that is the commission tries to keep the peak load from "floating unevenly" by working out needs and calls for power during off-peak hours, thus maintaining the peak at as consistent a level as possible.

APPEAL MADE TO SAVE STANTON FROM GALLOWES

Canadian Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, Dec. 24.—Appeal to quash the conviction of John B. Stanton, former St. Marys, Ont., boy, now under sentence of death for the hammer murder of John Penny, 70, here on Dec. 27, 1922, has been lodged with the registrar of the court of appeal by Percy E. Hagel, his counsel. Grounds for the appeal are contained in four charges claiming error and misdirection on the part of the trial judge, Mr. Justice Adamson.

PEOPLE OF THE WORLD ENDING YEAR OF PENITENCE

Associated Press Despatch.

Rome, Dec. 24.—Pope Pius XI, picturesquely clad in pontifical robes of rich medieval designs and surrounded by ecclesiastical dignitaries whose sumptuous attire for such occasions is famous the world over, today performed the ceremony of closing the holy door of the Basilica of St. Peter, the thirteenth mother church of Roman Catholicism. The ceremony, officially brought to a close the year of penitence and pardon specially marked in Catholic calendar once every quarter of a century.

The holy door had remained open since one year ago today, when the pope was the central figure in a similar opening ceremony. Since that time more than three million Catholic pilgrims from every corner of the world had crossed the sill and kissed the doorposts as a sign of devotion and humility.

Saved thousands of pilgrims, together with multitudes of Romans, men occupying high positions of state and members of historic Roman aristocracy, composed the vast number congregated in the spacious St. Peter's square.

Except for the touch of modernity lent by the lay participants, the ceremony was an exact reproduction of the first holy door ceremony of 1599, when Dante and St. Francis of Assisi were numbered among those present.

One Paper Tomorrow

In accordance with the usual custom, only the morning edition of The Advertiser will be published on Christmas Day. All Evening Advertiser subscribers will be served with the morning paper.

Convicts Become "Actresses"



FOOLED AGAIN; THEY'RE HOLD-UP MEN.
Sing Sing, the New York state penitentiary, is merrily enjoying its own musical comedy, which the hardened inmates have produced. The gushy scene pictured above is being enacted between the ingenious 'Coy Bill' Vought, hold-up man serving two and a half to ten years and the leading lady, beautiful Tom Rice (knock-em-cold hold-up man).

Christmas Day On Friday Is Welcomed By Workers

Number of Larger Business
Concerns Remaining Closed
Until Monday.

TRAINS ARE CROWDED

Additional Sections Necessary
To Carry Unusually Large
Volume of Traffic.

Everywhere today there is hustle and bustle preparing for Christmas Day tomorrow.

Doubtless it has been the same the day before Christmas for one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four years, but.

The fine fall of snow has added just the desired finishing touch and it will be genuine Christmas weather that greets London and all western Ontario for that matter, tomorrow morning.

Hundreds of office and store workers will be delighted that Christmas falls on Friday this year because a number of the larger concerns, including Smurman & Ingram's, the Bell Telephone Company, and the London Life Insurance Company, are remaining closed until Monday.

The downtown streets are particularly crowded today, as was the case last night, with last-minute shoppers buying delayed and belated gifts. Incidentally all the storekeepers report that business has been distinctly above the average this year.

And the railroads are making no complaint concerning their Christmas traffic, while the postoffice authorities can hardly take time off from their rush for a few hours' rest for fear they will never get caught up again.

The schools, of course, are all closed and will remain closed until Monday, Jan. 1 at 9 a.m. and thus 11,000 or more students from 5 to 21 years are set at liberty to roam where they will.

Plenty of Diversions.

LONDON will probably spend Christmas rather quietly tomorrow though. Continued on Page 19, Column 7.

BRITAIN SIGNS TREATY WITH SULTAN OF NEJD

Pursues New Policy in Arabia
As Result of Change
in Rulers.

Associated Press Despatch.

Jerusalem, Dec. 24.—The text of an agreement between Great Britain and the new sultan of Nejd, whose victories in central Arabia recently caused the abdication of King Ali of the Hedjaz, was published yesterday.

It is said to mark a new line of British policy in Arabia resulting from the collapse of King Ali's dynasty, with which the British government has been in close contact since the latter part of the great war.

The first article of the treaty fixes the frontier between the sultanate of Nejd and Transjordan, which is under British mandate. The outlying territories of Wadsihran are left within the territory of Nejd. Other articles are aimed to insure the safety of the frontiers of Transjordan, Palestine and Iraq, freedom of passage for travellers and pilgrims being guaranteed.

Holy Door Closed By Pope Ending Year of Penitence

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Three Dead After Fire In Prescott

Mrs. Edward Boyle and Two
Children Die As Result
of Burns.

HOME IS DESTROYED

Mother Receives Fatal Injuries
While Trying To Save
Others From Flames.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Prescott, Ont., Dec. 24.—Fire last night claimed the lives of a mother and her two children in their home here. The dead are: Mrs. Edward Boyle, aged 36; Hugh Boyle, aged four, and Francis Boyle, aged two.

Hugh perished in the flames which consumed the family residence on Henry street, while Mrs. Boyle and Francis died within half an hour of each other between 4 and 5 o'clock this morning, as a result of burns received in the fire.

The family of three were sleeping in a rear room of their home when the fire started towards the front of the house. Mrs. Boyle awakened to find the room full of smoke. There was only one door in the small building.

It is believed that Mrs. Boyle grabbed the children from their beds and staggered to the door, being badly burned herself. To open the door she was forced to drop Hugh. She threw the younger boy from her into a snowbank, and herself staggered out the doorway. Little Francis was unconscious when found by Mrs. Boyle, while conscious, was suffering greatly from pain. Physicians stated that 90 per cent of her body was covered with burns.

After subduing the flames, flames found the charred body of little Hugh inside the building, a short distance from the door. Both legs were completely burned off.

An exploding lamp is held accountable for the fire. Neighbors said that a few seconds before the alarm was spread they heard a loud crash, and the belief is that the oil lamp exploded, scattering the flaming oil over the furniture.

The family came to Prescott last spring from Throopville, Ont. The husband was away from home employed in the construction work on the new Roman Catholic church at Throopville. He was notified late last night.

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MOTHER BRINGS GIFT, FINDS SON MURDERED

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Husband Shoots Boy and Kills Self in Fear of Separation.

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VOTING MADE COMPULSORY TO COMBAT COMMUNISTS

Associated Press Despatch.

Athens, Dec. 24.—The Greek government has decided to combat communism. To this end it will make voting compulsory in the future.

This is an outcome of municipal elections at Salonika, where M. Patrinos, elected mayor, notwithstanding the fact that the government had annulled his previous election on the ground that he was communist.

FORMER MIDDLESEX MAN DIES IN WINNIPEG CITY

Associated Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 23.—J. Frank Grundy, Winnipeg's first piano dealer, who came here in 1882 from North Middlesex, Ont., is dead.

Loss Totals Million.

Associated Press Despatch.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 23.—An official estimate placed the loss caused by the burning of E. Steen & Bros. here last night at \$1,000,000. Captain Harry C. Jones, 51, aide to Fire Chief August Emrich, was killed and five other firemen were injured, two seriously, when they were caught under a falling wall.