

THE WEATHER:
WESTERLY WINDS AND FAIR.
FRIDAY—COLD.

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

THREE CENTS.

ASQUITH BACKS LABOR'S NO CONFIDENCE MOTION Thugs Rob Taxi-Man; Williams May Face Manslaughter

TAXI OFFICE IS ENTERED AND DRIVER ASSAULTED

Clayton Harris, Bound and Gagged, Pounds on Door To Attract Aid.

SAFE IS UNTOUCHED

Another Employee, Asleep in Adjoining Room, Knew Nothing of Hold-Up.

Lurking in a corner of the Marley-Hexter Taxi Service office, 483 Richmond street, two thugs pounced on Clayton Harris, taxi driver, at 4 o'clock this morning, robbed him of \$12 and rifled a drawer in the building of \$85 in bills.

Harris had just returned from a call. When he entered the office to report, he says, two men jumped out from the adjoining washroom and threw him to the floor. He was then gagged and bound while the robbers plundered an office desk of money. Half an hour later Harris attracted the attention of a passing constable by banging against the door. The officer investigated and discovered Harris on the floor, tied hand and foot.

While the robbery was in progress John Collins, another taxi-man was sleeping in the adjoining room, and knew nothing about it until awakened by Harris.

No clue to the identity of the thieves has been obtained. Police headquarters were immediately notified and Detective Walsh was detailed to make inquiries. He questioned Harris closely, but could procure no information which might be of assistance in apprehending the thugs.

Hydro Power Off.
Harris and Collins went on duty at 7 p.m. yesterday. Harris, who was in the office, received a call just before 4 a.m. to take a customer living on Pall Mall street to the C. N. R. station. He returned 15 minutes later. Hydro power was off at the time and two candles had been left burning in the office. Entering this room after parking his car and taking off his coat, Harris observed that the

BENNETT DISAPPROVES ALL TAX EXEMPTIONS

City Assessment Commissioner Advises Graded Scale in Making of Levies.

Absolutely no exemptions for income and a graded tax is recommended by City Assessment Commissioner Harry Bennett.

COUNTY COUNCIL IS ASKED TO ACT IN BANK MATTER

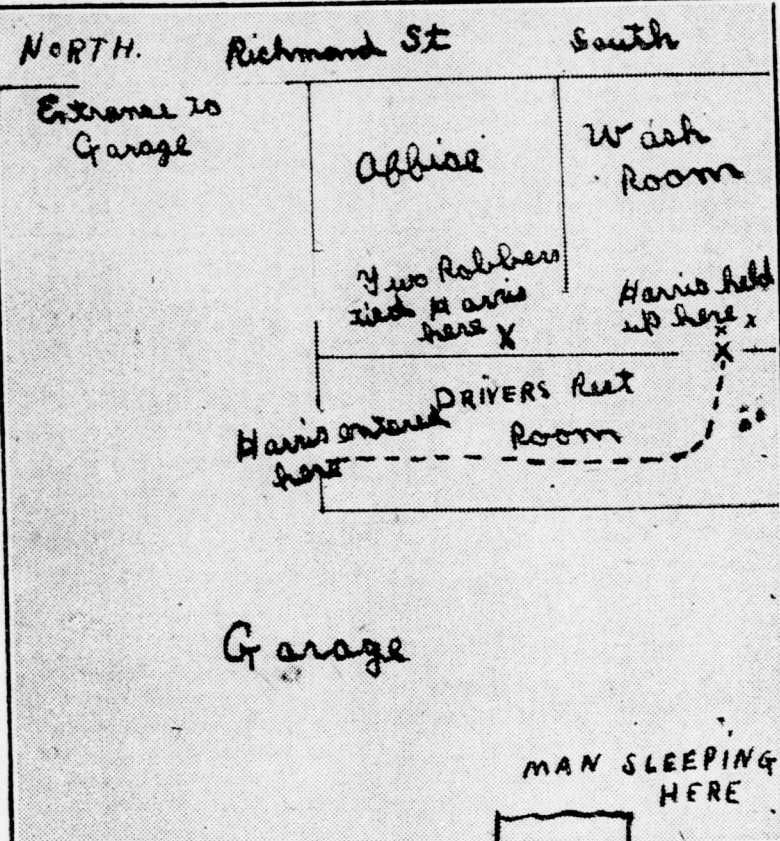
County Clerk John Stuart has received a communication from I. E. Weldon, secretary of the Home Bank Relief Committee, asking the Middlesex County Council to pass a resolution urging government assistance to Home Bank depositors.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.
Today—Westerly winds; fair.
Friday—Strong southwest winds; partly cloudy and cold; light local snow-falls.

Extreme cold continues in the Western Provinces and eastward over the Lake Superior region.

Temperatures.			
The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:			
Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	40	36	Fair
Calgary	2	-14	Cloudy
Winnipeg	-14	-24	Cloudy
Port Arthur	2	-24	Clear
Toronto	44	20	Fair
Kitchener	42	26	Fair
Ottawa	36	18	Fair
Montreal	36	30	Clear
Quebec	28	26	Fair
St. John's	30	22	Cloudy
St. John	32	30	Foggy
Halifax	30	28	Rain



HOW HOLD-UP WAS PLANNED.
Here is the layout of the Marley-Hexter garage on Richmond street, where a driver was slugged and robbed at 4 o'clock this morning. The two robbers were waiting in the washroom and grabbed Harris as he passed through to enter the office.

MILK IS NOW SELLING AT PRE-WAR PRICES

Reduction Brings Mark Down to 10 Cents a Quart—9 Cents in '14.

IN EFFECT WEDNESDAY

Abundance of Supply and Less Consumption Said To Be Cause.

A drop of one cent per quart in the price of milk and 5 cents per pint in the price of cream, in effect yesterday, brings the price of these commodities to a pre-war level.

Yesterday London milk dealers charged 10 cents a quart for milk and 20 cents a pint for cream. In 1914 milk sold for 9 cents a quart, and cream for 18 cents a pint.

Local milk dealers gave the abundance of milk on the market and less consumption as the reason for the drop. Several days ago, cheese and milk powder factories in Ontario announced a big slash in prices. Canadian cheese dropped 6 cents, and is now being sold at 17 cents a pound.

This directly effects the price of milk and cream, the dealers say.

A further reduction in milk prices is not expected until spring, several dealers said this morning.

ORNAMENTAL LIGHTING FOR BLOCK COST \$5,500

Price Per Foot Frontage For Ten-Year Period Placed at 56.5 Cents.

An estimate on the cost of installing ornamental lights on Dundas street, from Waterloo to Colborne streets, prepared by the public utilities commission, and submitted to the city council, fixes the price at 56.5 cents per foot frontage for ten years.

The total cost of erecting the lights is \$5,500 for the block, which works out at a cost per foot frontage of \$4.158. It is understood that a petition regarding the lighting on this block has been received.

UNDERWRITERS REPORT FILED BY COMMITTEE

The Fire Chief Asks Speedy Decision in Department Matters.

The fire underwriters' report for 1923 came to the finance committee last night and was filed without a murmur.



MRS. ELEANOR HARLEY, divorced wife of Courtland S. Dines, the oil magnate, who was shot in Los Angeles by Mabel Norman's chauffeur.

RUGGLES CASE THOUGHT TO BE REASON OF CALL

Mayor Wenige does not expect to be able to go to Toronto until Tuesday next to interview Attorney-General W. F. Nickle, as requested yesterday.

The mayor understands that the consultation will be in connection with the Ruggles Motor Truck Company, and he states that the attorney-general has been making certain investigation to secure information that he desired.

WILL ATTEND BALL.

Colonels F. D. Ware, William Lawless and George H. Gillespie will attend the Oxford Rifles ball at Woodstock tonight as representatives of the headquarters staff, M. D. I.

THE SEVEN VANISHED MEN.

Arthur Somers Roche has a mystery story, "The Seven Vanished Men," and there is more fiction from Juliet Wilbor Tompkins.

And humor? Read "The Janitor of the Clink," a sketch of army days—"So This is Chicago," and of course "Life's Little Comedies," by Frise.

FOUR COLORED COMICS—ANDY AND JIGGS.

The Page About People is a little magazine of interesting anecdotes in itself, and on top of it all comes the four-page colored comic section with Andy Gump and Min, Jiggs and Maggie.

SCOTLAND'S LABOR MEN TO DEMAND HOME RULE

Amendment to the Address Is Regarded in Nature of Manifesto.

CHURCHILL URGED

Laborite Opponents Want Former Minister To Take Lead Against Macdonald.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Jan. 17.—Former Premier Asquith, leader of the reunited Liberal party, announced in the House of Commons today that he would vote in favor of the Labor amendment expressing "no confidence" in the Baldwin government, and would advise all his friends to do the same.

The Labor amendment was introduced by John R. Clynes, deputy leader of the parliamentary Labor party, at the resumption of the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Jan. 17.—Another Labor amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne besides that of the want of confidence amendment of the Labor leader, Ramsay MacDonald, emanates from 14 Scottish Labor members of the House of Commons, who demand home rule for Scotland.

EXPRESS TAX APPEAL REOPENS TOMORROW

Judge Talbot Macbeth Will Continue Hearing Against City.

Judge Talbot Macbeth will, tomorrow, continue his hearing in the appeal against city business tax assessment, entered by the Canadian National Railroad, Express Company.

This suit has already claimed attention of the court, adjournment being ordered several weeks ago to allow the submission of further evidence. In the meanwhile a Toronto judge has handed down a judgment in favor of the railroad, in a similar case. The C. N. R. express department is appealing in every instance throughout the province, against the business tax.

The local suit involves an assessment of about \$30,000, the assessment commissioner reports.

PORCUPINE GIVEN TO ZOO BY BROWNSVILLE RESIDENT

Springbank zoo will soon be in possession of a porcupine, an offer of one having been made to the general manager this morning by A. D. Honsberger, Brownsville.

According to Mr. Honsberger, the animal was caught on a hunting trip last fall. Mr. Buchanan wrote, accepting the animal, asking that it be sent by express to the commission.

Romance and Humor

You'll find them both in the Evening Advertiser's Magazine Section every Saturday afternoon—eight pages of clever entertainment—four colored pages of friendly comics.

The Saturday Magazine Section is filled with all sorts of good things.

Do you know the Isle of Orleans? It is the romance of the old St. Lawrence, a place little visited and filled with whispers of a colorful past. It has a page this Saturday.

ICE THAT FLOWS LIKE WATER.

With it comes a page on Canadian glaciers in the mighty Rockies and the mystery of solid ice which flows like a river—an article on Berlin's Battling Amazons, the women boxers of the cabarets—another on the Giant-Killers who handle the great trees of British Columbia's forests—and another on the possibilities of Polygamy in France.



WINSTON SPENCES CHURCHILL, who is being urged by Labor's opponents to take the lead in the British Commons against Ramsay MacDonald. Mr. Churchill has not yet given his decision on this question.

KING THANKS FALLON FOR SUGGESTION

Premier Makes No Attempt To Analyze the Bishop's Proposal.

UP TO PARLIAMENT

Considerable Interest Aroused in Ottawa Over Open Letter.

Special to The Advertiser.
Ottawa, Jan. 17.—The open letter of Bishop Fallon to Premier King on the banking situation has aroused considerable interest in Ottawa.

In the nature of things, it was not to be expected that Premier King would make any extensive reply or undertake to analyze the proposal set forth by the bishop of London.

REV. C. H. BUCKLAND IS APPOINTED INSPECTOR

Former Guelph Member Secures Important Post in Children's Aid Organization.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Jan. 17.—Rev. C. H. Buckland, former Conservative member in the legislature for Guelph, who retired prior to the last general election, has been appointed inspector of the Children's Aid by Hon. Lincoln Goldie, provincial secretary.

The provincial secretary now occupies the seat that was formerly held by Capt. Buckland. The new inspector served during the war and is a well known "padre."

PAIR OF TRESPASSERS REMAINED ONE WEEK

Skelton and Harrington Impress Court—Came From Detroit.

James Skelton and Edward Harrington jumped a train at Detroit yesterday and decided to get off at London to seek a job. They were arrested on C. N. R. property charged with trespassing.

The pair appeared in police court this morning with heavy growths of beard. They admitted they had neglected to buy tickets covering their passage here, but the quiet, even tone of their voices impressed the court.

"I don't think either of you is of the criminal class," Magistrate Graydon said. "Why did you trespass on railroad property?"

No explanation was forthcoming. Skelton said his home was in Ottawa but his wife was in Detroit. Harrington came to see a friend in London who offered him a job, but before he had a chance to communicate with said friend the police clamped him in jail.

\$20,000 CAMPAIGN BEGINS WITH RUSH

The Advertiser's New Campaign Headquarters in Dominion Savings Building Besieged by Early Workers—Read Details of Circulation Plan On Pages 10 and 11.

BIG PRIZES INCLUDE 11 AUTOMOBILES

BANG!
That's the best way of describing the start of The Advertiser's \$20,000 campaign for circulation.

BANG!
The first announcement was made only yesterday. Last night coupons and inquiries were pouring in.

Candidates have already been nominated and are busy organizing their friends to work in the drive for votes.

The Advertiser's Campaign Headquarters—a new office on the ground floor of the Dominion Savings building—was crowded with people seeking information before all the furniture had been moved in.

Everything is hustle and excitement and good will. Things are moving with a rush and everyone is enjoying it.

It's to be expected, of course.

\$20,000—AUTOMOBILES—CABINETS OF SILVER.
Twenty thousand dollars—eleven automobiles—cabinets of silver—cash prizes of \$2,000, \$1,000, \$600 and \$500, and generous bonuses in commissions and special prizes—a sweeping offer that has caught everyone's imagination.

It's a smashing, clean-up drive and the splendid start which it has made proves that people like The Advertiser's idea of spending its money with Advertiser readers and friends. It's a sort of big family affair, and The Advertiser is very happy in giving its friends a first opportunity to win the big prizes at stake.

Simple Business Proposition.
The whole idea is a simple business proposition. The Advertiser, after months spent in improving its quality and mechanical equipment, wants more readers, and to establish its daily friendship in more homes.

To get more readers the plan of distributing \$20,000 in prizes has been adopted.

THREE DISTRICTS ANNOUNCED.
The Advertiser's territory as announced yesterday has been divided into three districts:

NUMBER ONE—The City of London—All territory within the city limits.

NUMBER TWO—The Counties of Middlesex, Lambton, Kent, Essex, Huron, Perth and Elgin.

NUMBER THREE—The Counties of Bruce, Grey, Wellington, Waterloo, Brant, Norfolk and Oxford.

The contest is open to everyone. The big thing is to get an early start. Turn to pages 10 and 11 and see how simple the whole plan is.

Here is how you may enter your name:

THE LONDON ADVERTISER,
London, Ontario.

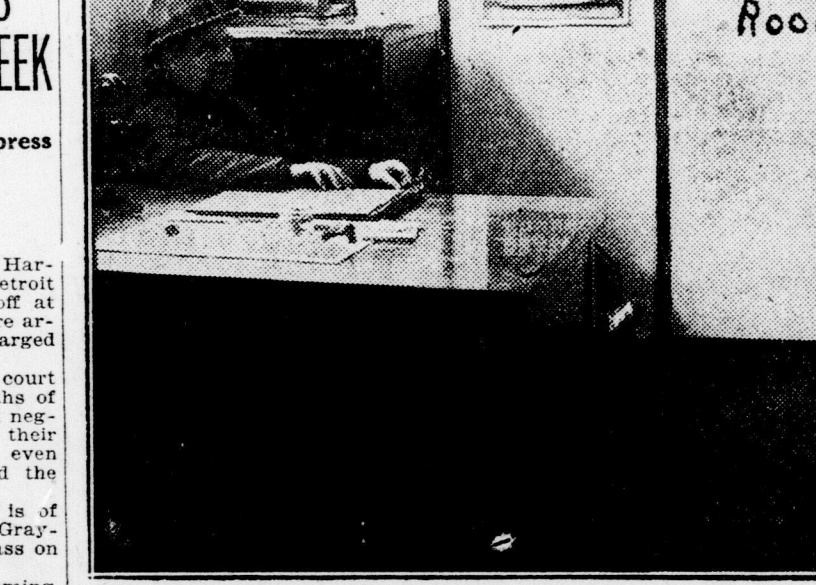
Gentlemen:—Please enter my name in your \$20,000 Prize Contest, and send me all particulars.

Name

Street

Town or City

Mail this coupon to the office of the London Advertiser today.



WHERE THUGS ROBBED TAXI MAN.
This is the office of the Marley-Hexter Taxi Company on Richmond street, where Harris was slugged and robbed at 4 o'clock this morning. Two unknown men grabbed and tied him as he came through the washroom door, shown in the picture. A policeman later found him lying trussed up on the floor. The thugs escaped after prying open the desk at which Mr. Marley is seated and securing a small sum of money. The big safe in the corner was not touched.

BANDIT PAIR MAY HAVE SEPARATE HEARINGS

Rigney Intimates That Charge Against Williams May Be Reduced to Manslaughter.

ADDITIONAL EXPENSE

City Pays 75 Per Cent of Costs, Rest Met by the County.

"Slim" Williams and Sidney Murrell now seem likely to have separate trials with the charge against Williams reduced to manslaughter and Murrell alone standing trial for murder of Russell Campbell.

Questioned by The Advertiser today, T. J. Rigney, K.C., who will prosecute both criminals for the crown, stated that there was a possibility of the men being tried separately and that the charge against Williams might be reduced to manslaughter.

"However, I would not care to say anything positive for publication at the present time," declared Mr. Rigney. "I have yet to receive all the information I desire in connection with the matter."

Should the Melbourne robbers and alleged murderers be tried separately, it will mean much additional expense to county and city. The trial will last from three to four days each, jury expenses being figured at \$40 a day, for although only 12 men will be sitting on the case at hand, the others will be seated in the courtroom drawing down their \$5 a day.

The city of London pays 75 per cent of the cost of the trials, the county paying the rest. It was the plan in this connection that the more crimes committed in the city than in the county and that the rate was looked upon by the city and county officials as satisfactory.

ACTION OF \$5,000 IS FIRST CASE

Judge Riddell To Hear Breach of Contract Suit at Assizes.

The first non-jury action to come before Mr. Justice Riddell, who will preside at the winter assizes at the court house, has been set down for trial. Fred Howlett, Petrolia brick manufacturer, is suing the Peninsula Sugar Company, also of Petrolia, for \$5,000 and damages for alleged breach of contract.

Mr. Howlett, in his statement of claim, says he contracted with the defendant company to supply one and a half million bricks at \$18 per thousand, the agreement being drawn up on November 4, 1922. He states he manufactured 550,000 bricks and delivered 550,000. On October 12, 1923, he was notified that no more bricks would be required.

The defence alleges there was no contract made to purchase their total requirements and that all bricks accepted were paid for.

J. W. G. Winnett is acting for the plaintiff, and R. G. R. Mackenzie, Petrolia, for the company.

The Bravest Man

Tex Rickard ever met was a sheriff out in the badlands in the old gun days. The sheriff faced a lynching mob single-handed and—

But then, you'll want to read about it for yourself in Rickard's story. The first of the twenty chapters starts this Saturday—only in The Advertiser.