

BUSY DAY FOR THE BOOTLEGGERS

According To the Trade, London Will Celebrate

STOCK UP FOR NEW YEAR

Expect Many Thousands Spent In Illegal Refreshments

London bootleggers are merry, for to-night they shall reap a harvest they have been waiting a whole year for, the sale of case upon case of contraband refreshments to New Year's Eve revelers. London's purveyors of "mule" are highly jubilant and state that they were anticipating one of the greatest rushes for liquor of all sorts since prohibition.

One Londoner, who controls one of the largest rum-running establishments in the district, stated that never before had he witnessed such a rush for refreshments as during the past few days, and "if the other dealers in wet goods in London experience the same trade as myself and my companions, then thousands of dollars will be spent in this district for liquor over the holidays." Continuing, he said: "I have brought in over 180 cases of favorite brands and this supply has been exhausted, which means I will have to make another rush trip out of the city to-night to bring in enough to quench the thirst of the holiday celebrants."

When asked how far he had to go for his supply the prominent "legger" said every member of the bootlegger's fraternity in this city has a cache in the country within 10 miles of London, which may be reached at all times, day or night. The man in question was one of the heaviest losers when hijackers raided a cache near the city last week and stole over \$12,000 worth of liquor.

LOCAL WAR.

Last week's occurrence was the first appearance of a war between local factions said to be operating in the city, and last night several bootleggers, when asked, stated that extra precautions were being taken this week so that none of the New Year's refreshment supply would be stolen.

Seven men, who were in the illicit liquor trade in this district, were "busy as bees" last night filling the numerous orders received from Londoners, who intend celebrating to-night's festivities without bothering the officials of the local dispensary. Others who also make rum-running their business were out of the city last night bringing in liquor from wholesale rum-running centers on the Detroit and St. Clair rivers.

A youth, who has graced the prisoner's box at the local police station on numerous occasions, said that he had put his savings, which amounted to over \$2,700, into a holiday liquor supply in an effort to get rich quick. When asked how he could do the latter, he said: "I have bought 90 cases of a popular brand of Scotch whisky for \$30 per case and the distributing centers and I will dispose of it to those who will be glad to get it to-night and to-morrow at the usual sum of \$70 a case, which will leave me a profit of nearly \$4,000, which I will use to take me to Florida the first of the week, providing I am not in jail at that time."

MOTHER OF SCREEN STAR TO UNDERGO OPERATION

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Dec. 30. — Mrs. Charlotte Pickford, of Toronto, mother of Mary Pickford, is to undergo an operation for the removal of a tumor, and, as a result, the European trip of the actress and her husband, Douglas Fairbanks, has been postponed for one or two weeks from its scheduled date, it is announced here.

The film couple, accompanied by Mrs. Pickford, was to have sailed from New York on February 2.

CREW IS RESCUED

ST. JOHNS, Nfld., Dec. 30. — The schooner Harriet, owned by Crobie & Co., this city, is reported lost off the Portuguese coast. The crew, with the exception of Thomas Miller, cook, was rescued. The vessel was bound for the European markets with 2,600 quintals of fish.

INCREASE OF \$3,000,000.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 30. — A total of \$5,315,264 passed through the pari-mutuel machines at the Maryland race tracks during 1925, according to the annual report of the Maryland Racing Commission just made public. This is an increase of more than three million dollars over the betting in 1924.

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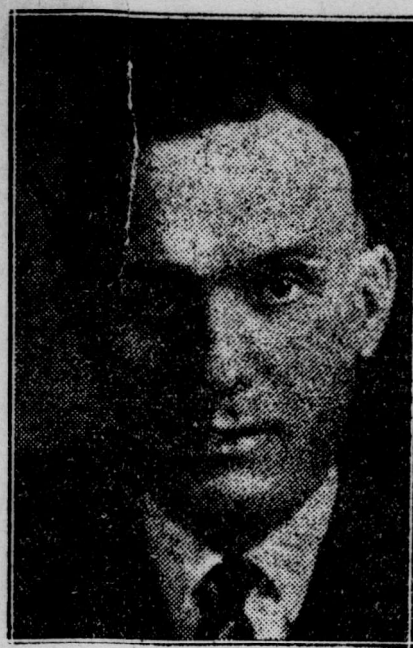
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ARTHUR M. BISHOP (left), manager of the Rectory and Dundas streets branch of Dominion Bank, and W. D. STEVENSON, president of the Canada Sales, Limited.

GOLDEN WEDDING IS CELEBRATED

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lee Receive Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lee, well-known Londoners, yesterday celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee were early pioneers of the Township of West Nisour, Mr. Lee was born in Monaghan, Ireland, in the year 1839, coming to this country and settling in the above township in 1847, where he married Miss Sarah Ann, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Taylor, of the same township.

Mr. Lee, at the age of 15, was one of the first schoolmasters of West Nisour, where he taught school for six years, and in his early days was the township assessor and collector for a period of 12 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee moved to London in the year 1881, when he entered the Government service of the inland revenue, which office he honorably served for 35 years, retiring from active service in the year 1915.

Their family, all of whom are living, two daughters and four sons, with their grandchildren, relatives and many friends, were present for the happy wedding anniversary.

A wedding dinner was partaken of at the noon hour, after which the old couple were the recipients of many beautiful remembrances from their family and friends.

WESTINGHOUSE LAMPS VIGOROUSLY BOUNCED, BUT THEY DON'T BREAK

A unique demonstration of how an electric light bulb will withstand vibration is being carried on in the window of the Benson-Wilcox Electric Company, 264 Dundas street. Since the special demonstrating machinery was put in yesterday hundreds of citizens have stopped to examine and approve the test.

Six Canadian Westinghouse lamps are placed in six special sockets, which are attached to balanced arms. The ends of these arms come in contact with a rapidly revolving cam shaft, which is driven by a motor. The arms cause the lamps to bounce, exciting considerable vibration in the Westinghouse lamps. For hours at a time these lamps will continue to be bounced up and down, yet they do not break.

GENERAL HSU KILLED WHEN TRAIN BOMBED

PEKIN, Dec. 30. — General Hsu Shu-Cheng, and several members of his staff have been murdered by a bomb.

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KIWANIANS HAVE EXCELLENT YEAR

Review and Suggestions By Retiring President McHale

ABOLISH GRADE CROSSINGS

Says It Has To Be Done; Committee Heads Report

Yesterday London Kiwanians reviewed their work for 1925, a review which unquestionably gave evidence of the greatest year in the history of the local organization. It was a work carried out under the presidency of John J. McHale, now retired in favor of Harry B. Muir, who was installed in the office of president for 1926. The reports of the various committees gave in detail the activities of the club, revealing the magnitude of the undertakings which are fostered and carried out by this prominent service organization.

Past President McHale, before relinquishing his duties, paid tribute to the manner in which the 1925 executive and committee members co-operated with him. "When I took over this job a year ago I felt as though it was going to be a burden and a drag on me," he said, "but now it is with a certain feeling of regret that I see my term of office coming to a close. I have never done anything before that has given me quite the pleasure and reward as being your president for this year."

There are two or three important suggestions which Mr. McHale passed on to the new executive. "I think," he said, "that the Kiwanian Club might develop a better attitude towards the London Chamber of Commerce. That kind of an organization is the life blood of a business community. We should either get behind it and give it every possible support or else tear it down completely and build up one that we can get behind. In the present secretary of our Chamber of Commerce (W. H. Wood) we have a man who is a credit to the organization. I believe we can build a bigger and better place."

Speaking of municipal affairs he said that these now were losing the political aspect and it was "getting to be a case of selecting the best man for the job. That is the thing that should be encouraged. The Kiwanian Club should look to the welfare of our municipal government. Get untied behind the man; urge other organizations to do likewise. If necessary I would say have an inner organization in the club for that purpose."

The speaker also brought forward the idea that the club should do something to abolish the "grade crossings at Richmond street and another couple of blocks down. I know that is something big, but it is something that's got to be done."

The thing that was nearest to the retiring president's heart, he said, was the boys' work. In that work there was a definite object, something to pull at the heart-strings—"get us together and bind us in the job of being Kiwanians."

In suggesting an improvement in attendance it was thought that dividing the club into two groups, the "Blues" and the "Reds"—"What about the orange and green?" someone called out—would produce results. "You can have it 'orange and green' if you like," said John.

Prestige had been added to the club and a wonderful example had been set to the members by Past President McHale, the new president, H. B. Muir said, in accepting office.

DUCHES OF NORFOLK TO VISIT CANADA AND U. S.

LONDON, Dec. 30. — The Duchess of Norfolk is expected, in accordance with plans announced several months ago, to visit Canada and the United States early in the coming year, with their children, including the duke, who is a minor, and his eldest sister, Lady Rachel Howard.

This is a part of the duchess' scheme for the education of her children, as she is a great believer in the educational value of travel. This year the family toured Italy and Spain.

The young duke, who succeeded to the title upon the death of the 15th duke, his father, in 1917, is 17 years old.

TO HOLD RECEPTION.

OTTAWA, Dec. 30. — The Governor-General and Lady Byng of Vimy will hold a drawing-room reception in the Senate chamber on the evening of Saturday, January 3, following the day of the formal opening of Parliament. It was officially announced to-day.

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BOY SCOUTS

The Second Scout Troop, under Scoutmaster Henry Wolfe, was tendered a party on Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. Sutherland, of Clarke street, the father of one of the boys. Games, scout work and a dinner formed the evening's program.

The First London Troop held its Christmas party about a week ago and enjoyed refreshments and games. Scoutmaster John C. Steene, assisted by Joe Markham, is in charge.

Arrangements are under way for a great scouting program for 1926.

TARA RECTOR GOES TO PARISH OF SHELburne

TARA, Ont., Dec. 30. — Rev. R. P. D. Hurford, rector of Tara Anglican Church for the past two years, has been transferred to Shelburne and will take up his work there about January 15. During his pastorate in Tara Mr. Hurford served a term as member of the Board of Education. Tara citizens generally regret his removal.

SAYS POLITICAL SITUATION AT OTTAWA IS A GAMBLE

TORONTO, Dec. 30. — That the political situation at Ottawa was "much of a gamble," was the opinion expressed by Hon. Robert Rogers, member-elect for Winnipeg South, who arrived in Toronto to-day and spent the afternoon in conference with Premier Howard Ferguson. He stated that he was leaving for Montreal immediately and expected to return to Toronto before he went to Ottawa for the session.

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TO PLAN AT ONCE FOR CENTENNIAL

No. 1 Committee of Council Discusses Celebration

SECRET MEETING HELD

City Council To Have Charge of the Celebration

No. 1 committee of the City Council last night recommended the appointment of the City Council as a whole to be the governing body of the London centennial celebration. The recommendation will be brought before the meeting of the Council on Monday night next for their approval. Taking into consideration all previous plans made it will start organization at once and will in all probability appoint a manager for the celebration. By the recommendation Mayor Moore automatically becomes chairman of the committee.

The press was excluded from all conversation on the centennial celebration. Previous to this general and routine business was transacted with. T. J. Maher, representing an amusement company, asked the committee that they consider a proposition he had ready to offer on amusements during the celebration. It was referred to the committee that will be appointed to deal with that matter.

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CAIRO-INDIA AIR SERVICE TO BE START OF GREAT ORIENTAL SYSTEM

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LONDON, Dec. 30. — Immense developments of British aviation, culminating probably in the inauguration within the next 12 months of a regular air service from Cairo to India, was forecast to-day by Sir Eric Geddes, speaking at the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Imperial Airways.

He declared the projected service would bring India five days nearer to England and possibly enable a letter written in one country to have an answer from the other 10 days sooner than is now possible.

Sir Eric declared that if the first India air service of the company from Cairo to Karachi, which is expected to be functioning in January, 1927, is successful, there will be extensions to Bombay and Calcutta, and later to Rangoon, Singapore and other remote Oriental cities.

He pointed out that airplanes not only are being used in constantly increasing degree nowadays for passenger traffic, but also for transportation of manufactured goods, articles of luxury, food, important documents and breakable articles of value.

PLUM TREE IN BLOOM IN BRUCE COUNTY GARDEN

MILDMAY, Dec. 30. — Although Bruce County is generally regarded as anything but a California clime, especially at this season of the year, Mrs. Illebrun, of Decemerton, discovered a plum tree nicely in bloom in her garden yesterday. This is taken as an indication of a very mild winter.

JUDGE SUFFERS RELAPSE

The condition of Judge J. C. Judd was reported yesterday to be not so well. He suffered a relapse in the morning, and while his condition is not considered serious, members of the family were called to his bedside.

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