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TOMORROW'S WEATHER.

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Sun Rises Tomorrow, 7:39.
Sun Sets Tomorrow, 4:41.

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MAN FOUND DEAD ON TRACKS

Remains of Italian Discovered
Mangled Near Kingscourt
Today.

DEATH IS A MYSTERY

But It Is Thought the Victim Fell Off
One of the Crowded Specials
Which Went Through on
Thursday Night.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Watford, Dec. 8. — The body of an unknown Italian, middle-aged, was found mangled on the Grand Trunk tracks, one mile east of Kingscourt this morning by the crew of the westbound freight in charge of Conductor Franks, of London.

The man was one of a party of Italians going home for Christmas from Chicago, and soon after the train had passed Kingscourt was missed, and some of his friends notified the train crew that they thought he had fallen off.

Crews were notified to keep a sharp lookout, and about 10 o'clock the body was discovered. Both legs had been cut off, and the remains badly mangled.

A Petroler coroner has been notified, and as soon as possible the remains will be taken to Wyoming, where an inquest will be held.

The railway officials are tracing the matter, and will notify relatives.

At the local offices this afternoon it was stated that the dead man's name was Antonio Simonski, and that his home was in Chicago. His friends stated that he was going home for Christmas. They had no idea when he fell off the train, or how, as he was not missed until after the special passed Kingscourt. The train passed Kingscourt about 7:45 this morning, and it is thought that Simonski was going from one car to another to see some friends when he missed his footing in some way and fell down the steps and rolled so that his legs went under the wheels.

UNDERWRITERS ISSUE THEIR ANNUAL WARNING

Care Must-Be Exercised With
Christmas Greens and
Decorations.

Fire Chief Allen has received the following circular from the underwriters: Following our usual custom at this season of the year, it is our duty to call your attention to the dangers to life and property from Christmas decorations, displays, etc., which are frequently made at this time of the year. The use of Christmas greens, harvest specimens and other inflammable materials such as draperies, tinsel, cotton to represent snow, and the like (especially in connection with electric and other lighting systems), is decidedly an increase of hazard, it being impossible to make displays of that nature perfectly safe.

The third statutory condition of your insurance policy reads in part as follows: "Any change material to the risk, but within the control or knowledge of the assured, shall avoid the policy, as to the part affected thereby, unless the change is promptly intimated in writing to the company or its local agent."

In addition to the danger to property from the displays referred to, the danger to life in crowded stores or places of meeting, by reason of a panic occasioned by a fire, even though it be small, and easily controlled, is so great, that the underwriters, who have made a study of such hazards, would fall in their duty should they not give this warning. By order, JOHN A. ROBERTSON, Secretary.

CUT \$806 OFF BARBER ACCOUNT FOR PAYING

City Engineer Wright Made a
Big Hole in Bill Against
the City.

At the meeting of the board of works Thursday night, City Engineer Wright presented a report to the effect that he had examined the account of the Barber Asphalt Company, and found that it should be reduced \$806 as the yardage was not so great as the company figured on. He advised that this amount be deducted from the account, and that it be passed. This is quite a saving, nearly half as much as the engineer's yearly salary. The account was ordered to be paid as recommended by Mr. Wright. The engineer reported that it would be necessary to relay the drain on Adelaide street south, owing to the fact that Ward Foreman Harry Wallace had not followed the lines given him by Assistant Engineer Willis. The cost was estimated at \$90. There was some discussion as to the advisability of bringing Mr. Wallace before the committee but nothing was done. The request of the Helena Costume Company to cross several streets was held over for further consideration. Superintendent Clausen was given permission to hold an electrical display in the city treasurer's office during the Christmas vacation. Other routine business was transacted. Those present were Ald. Cooper, Ald. Mitchell, Ald. Morgan, Mayor Beattie, City Engineer Wright



The Warden and Members of Middlesex County Council.

Photo by George A. Henry, Dundas street.
Top row—Richard Banks, reeve of Dorchester; Richard Fitzgerald, reeve of West Nisour; J. T. Buttery, reeve of Stratford; John McGugan, reeve of Lobo; J. A. McGugan, reeve of Carleton Place; George Elliott, M.P., reeve of West Williams; W. T. Ulen, reeve of McGillivray, and County Engineer Charles Talbot, of this city.
Second row—Charles M. Macfie, reeve of Exfrid; William Toodhill, reeve of Metcalfe; Frank Boyce, deputy reeve of Dorchester; J. C. McDonald, reeve of East Williams; W. A. Roberts, second deputy reeve of London Township; A. G. Linden, reeve of Wardville village; Thomas Benstead, deputy reeve of Stratford; A. K. Hodgson, reeve of Biddulph.
Third row—Thos. Munro, reeve of Parkhill; Capt. Thomas Robson, county clerk; James Murray, reeve of Westminster Township; Warden W. Moss, reeve of Glencoe; D. S. Campbell, reeve of Adelaide; D. D. Graham, reeve of Moss; and B. C. Brock, first deputy reeve of London Township.
Bottom row—Andrew Ferguson, deputy reeve of Lobo; C. W. Hawkeshaw, reeve of Lucan; Thomas Clark, third deputy reeve of London Township; S. Frank Glass, reeve of London Township; L. W. Beach, deputy reeve of Carleton, and John Laidlaw, deputy reeve of Westminster Township.

HANGMAN BERRY TELLS HIS STORY

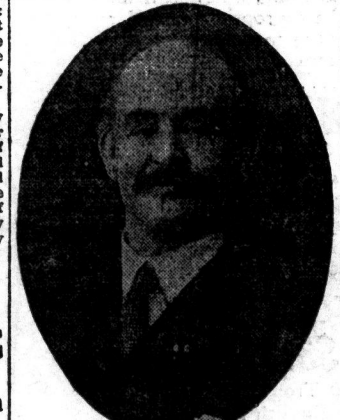
"Worked Off" 200 People
While in Office in
England.

NOW AGAINST HANGING

Innocent Woman Was Put to Death,
and He Is Out Against Capital
Punishment.

James Berry, for many years hangman in England, and who quit the job because he learned that he had hanged an innocent woman, was a caller at The Advertiser office today. Mr. Berry takes exception to certain statements made in a New York paper in which it is asserted that he lost his position as hangman because he was addicted to liquor.

Mr. Berry is now devoting his life to preaching against capital punishment, as he believes that every year scores of innocent persons are put to death by the law. He is a florid-faced man, of medium height, rather round, and very mild-mannered and gentlemanly. He regards in a philosophical



JAMER BERRY.

light the work of a hangman, and though there appears to be nothing of the brute in him, he is a stranger to sentimentality. In conversation he is intelligent and concise.

Hanged 200 Persons. In his time he has "worked off" as Mr. Dennis, of "Barnaby Rudge" fame, would say, about two hundred persons, many of them being, in his opinion now, absolutely innocent of the crimes with which they were charged. He was born in Bradford, England, 39 years ago.

Circumstantial evidence he regards as unreliable, and after many years' experience, he has come to the conclusion that it is within the province of no man to say that another shall die for any cause, he has succeeded in interesting prominent people in Great Britain, and has been the means of having a bill read twice in the British House of Commons to do away with capital punishment. This measure was introduced by Sir Edmund Leashere, but before it could be read a third and final time, Parliament was dissolved, and an election followed. In the interim Sir Edmund died, and the bill has still hung fire. Sir Edmund was editor of the Hereford Times.

Good Advice. Mr. Berry has one message for young and old, but especially for the young

THREE PERSONS MEET DEATH IN QUEBEC CITY BLAZE

Mother and Her Two Little Sons Cut Off by the Flames While
Third Child May Succumb to Injuries—Family
Upstairs Escapes by a Rope.

[Canadian Press.]
Quebec, Dec. 8. — In a fire which destroyed a three-story building on Champlain street shortly after eight o'clock this morning, three persons lost their lives, and a fourth is likely to die.

The victims are: Mrs. Thos. Jones, aged 25 years, and two sons, Charles, aged 5, and Alfred, aged 4. Still lingering between life and death is Mrs. Jones' two-months-old infant,

who is badly burned about the face.

The upper portion of the building was occupied by Harry Marquis and family, but these escaped by means of lowering themselves down in the rear of the building by a rope. It seems that Mrs. Jones, after giving her husband his breakfast and seeing him off to work, went back to bed, and shortly after the fire occurred. So rapidly did it make headway that the unfortunate victims were overcome and burned to death.

HEAVY PENALTY FOR EMIGRANT SHIP

Fined Nearly Eight Thousand Dollars
for Terrible Neglect of Steerage
Passengers.

Washington, Dec. 8. — Penalties aggregating \$7,960 were today imposed by the department of commerce and labor upon the British steamer Orlerie, charged with what the department characterized as the worst case of neglect of steerage passengers ever brought under the passenger act of 1882.

The penalized vessel was employed to carry Spanish and Portuguese immigrants through Magellan Straits to Honolulu. Among the 1,342 passengers there were in the eight weeks of her voyage 58 deaths, 57 being children. The investigation further revealed that the sexes were not properly segregated, and that inadequate ventilation increased the mortality. The general sanitary condition of the vessel, including the hospital quarters, was found to be almost beyond belief.

CROSSINGS AND MOTORISTS

Kent County Council Met After the
Railways and Automobiles
Chatham, Dec. 8. — Kent County council is making a dead end on the double-track railways that maintain neither gates nor alarm bells on rural crossings. Yesterday afternoon they passed a resolution earnestly petitioning the railway company to make rigid regulations forcing all double track roads to place proper protection for the public at rural crossings. They have asked for co-operation from other county councils.

The good roads movement meets with little approbation from Kent council. Members stated during a discussion that daily automobile speeding on rural highways in Kent not only makes driving dangerous and unpleasant for farmers, but is actually ruining gravel roads.

Reeve Abraham of Chatham Township, says that if the auto owners were taxed to help build the roads the farmer would be more willing to build them.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Showers.
Toronto, Dec. 8.—8 a.m. Fair and mild today; showers in many localities during the night and on Saturday.

The following are the highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock this morning:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
London	45	34	Clear
Calgary	45	34	Clear
Winnipeg	40	30	Cloudy
Perry Sound	40	34	Cloudy
Toronto	40	34	Cloudy
Ottawa	40	34	Cloudy
Montreal	44	38	Cloudy
Quebec	40	34	Cloudy
Father Point	40	34	Cloudy

WEATHER NOTES.
Some hard icy showers have occurred during the night in Ontario, but otherwise the fine weather has continued throughout Canada.

HUNDREDS OF RUSS WORKMEN GO TO DEATH IN THE VOLGA

Plunged Into Icy Waters by Collapse of a Railway Bridge Near
the City of Kazan on Which They Were Engaged
at Construction Work.

[Canadian Press.]

St. Petersburg, Dec. 8. — Between 150 and 200 workmen were today plunged into the Volga River through the collapse of a railroad bridge near Kazan. The bridge was under course of construction, and was carried away by the pressure of ice. Only four corpses thus far have been recovered.

It is hoped that some of the victims will be able to save themselves by clambering on ice floes. All the towns along the lower part of the river have been warned to keep a sharp lookout for survivors. The current at this point in the Volga is very swift, which makes the case for the victims almost hopeless.

FIVE PROVINCES FOR A REPUBLIC

Nothing Less Than Abdication
of Baby Emperor Will
Be Accepted.

THE NEXT MOVE TO PEKIN

Chinese Rebel Military Authorities
Are Arranging for the Besieging
of the Capital.

Shanghai, Dec. 8. — The provinces of Kwang-Tung, Kiang-Su, Kiang-Si, Fukien and Hu-Peh will not accept less than the emperor's abdication. They have decided upon the establishment of a republic. Kwang-Tung announces that it will remain independent even if all the other provinces consent to a united monarchy. The Kwang-Tung delegates now here assert that General Li well knows that the majority oppose a limited monarchy, and do not trust Yuan-Shi-Kai, and that the Wu Chang conference with Tang Shao-Yi will prove fruitless.

The delegates from Kiang-Su, Chekiang and Kwang-Tung have declined to join any peace conference based on the preservation of the Manchu dynasty. Nevertheless they are awaiting General Li's conference with Tang Shao-Yi before calling a national conference at Nanking, because it is believed possible that Yuan Shi-Kai, finding the retention of the emperor hopeless will yield to the majority and join the republican movement. The republican military authorities announce that the next move will be on Peking. They are now arranging for transport. The leaders here assert that Premier Yun has succeeded in winning back Shiang-Tung and Hu-Nan by the use of money, but they are convinced that when the convention is held in Nanking and a president has been selected and the organization of the provisional government completed, all the minor states as well as Sze-Chuen, Hu-Nan and Shiang-Tung will promptly join the federation. They say they have assurance of ample funds the moment the provisional government is organized.

JUDGE EDWARD ELLIOTT PRESIDES AT COURT

Takes Judge Macbeth's Place
Owing to Death of the
Latter's Mother.

Judge Edward Elliott presided this morning when the sessions of the county judges' court were resumed. After the adjournment necessitated Thursday afternoon by the death of hitherto Judge Macbeth, who had previously been in charge.

The action of Samin Saddy against the London and Lake Erie Railway and Transportation Company to recover the value of a horse which he alleged was killed in a runaway after being frightened by a radial car on the Wharfcliffe road in September last, was heard, and while all the evidence was in the matter was set over to the jury until after the noon luncheon.

The Judge's Address. Judge Elliott, although of the opinion that the responsibility of the company had not been very clearly demonstrated, allowed the case to go to the jury. He however, informed counsel that even should a verdict for the plaintiff be rendered he would not give final judgment without further serious consideration.

The action of Redmon vs. the McCormick Manufacturing Company has been postponed indefinitely owing to the absence of an important witness. The suit of Boug vs. Dickson, an action for recovery of a piano, which was entered for trial by jury, has been transferred to the non-jury list.

May Go Over. It is possible that a settlement will be effected in the matter of Kondras vs. Hrisikos, and it is also reported that the two slander suits, Bray vs. Halliday and Bray vs. Wagner, may not come before the court, although no action has been taken as yet in court.

Should the court find it necessary to continue next week, as is very probable, it is understood that adjournment will be made until Tuesday owing to the Provincial elections of Monday.

Death of Mrs. Loney. The death of Mrs. Marjorie Loney, wife of Joseph Loney, 25 Thornton avenue, took place this morning in Victoria Hospital after a lengthy illness. She is survived by her husband, four sons and one daughter. The funeral will be held from her late residence on Monday at 5 p.m., to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Services at the house at 2:30 p.m. will be conducted by Rev. Canon Craig.

ALD. ECKERT IS OUT FOR MAYOR

Announced Definitely Today
That He Will Be in
the Field.

A CONTEST IS ASSURED

Ex-Ald. C. M. R. Graham Has Also
Stated He Will Run, and Ald.
Stevenson Is Considering.

Two candidates for the mayoralty have announced themselves as definitely in the field for the honor—Ald. R. C. Eckert and C. M. R. Graham. The latter some time ago stated that he would be a candidate, and today Ald. Eckert informed The Advertiser that he had definitely decided to contest the office. In any event, the citizens are certain of a contest. Ald. W. J. Stevenson, prominently mentioned for the honor, has not yet decided, but it is possible that he will also run.

"Yes, I am a candidate," said Ald. Eckert. "After looking the matter over from various standpoints, I have made up my mind to go to the people. I have no idea what the others will do, but I am out."

This means that Ald. Richter will be a candidate for the council. He had made up his mind to retire, but Ald. Eckert secured a promise from him that if he ran for the mayoralty Ald. Richter would go back to the council.

No other candidates have made an announcement as to their position as yet. They will come out in a few days.

There has been a revival of the movement to give Mayor Beattie a third term, and several influential people have approached him. However, his worship informed The Advertiser that he would not take a third term even by acclamation.

CHARGED WITH THEFT FROM BROTHER-IN-LAW

Sidney Bliss Pleads Guilty to
Taking Money From Lorne
Heatherly.

Sidney Bliss, a young man, was arrested Thursday by Detective Nickle on a charge of stealing the sum of \$33 from his brother-in-law, Lorne Heatherly. The offence was committed on Nov. 1, and it is alleged that Bliss took the money out of a trunk at Heatherly's house at 205 Grey street, while the latter was absent. Heatherly stated that he thought that the reason Bliss took the money was because he was going to get out of town, fearing he was going to get into trouble because of an accident he had encountered while driving one of Gorman, Eckert & Co.'s delivery wagons. Bliss elected summary trial and pleaded guilty. Magistrate Judd remanded him until Monday for sentence.

Contributions Acknowledged

The Advertiser wishes to acknowledge the receipt of donations for those of the children who wrote Santa Claus letters who appeared to need assistance. Mrs. (Dr.) Kingsmill has been exceedingly active in behalf of the little ones, and none of those whose childish appeals have touched the hearts of all should have a less cheerful Christmas than any of the boys and girls who are in prosperous homes. The Advertiser appreciates the numerous kind offers of assistance made. In most letters, however, it has been apparent that the children were in good circumstances. Among those whose contributions have been put to good use are those of: Mr. J. E. Boomer. "A Sympathiser." A Santa Lady. Miss D. Brown Brothers. W. B. Lawson. Mrs. (Dr.) McDonald. Lord Elgin Chapter, D. of E. Mrs. H. A. Kingsmill. Mr. E.