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Hear Hon. Mr. King, Minister of Labor, in Hyman Hall Tonight

QUAKE ROCKS CENTRAL ASIA WYERNY REPORTED DESTROYED

Many Buildings Razed and a Serious Loss of Life Throughout Russian Turkistan—London Instruments Record a Gigantic Disturbance.

[Associated Press Cable.] Tashkent, Asiatic Russia, Jan. 4.—A violent earthquake was felt at various points of Russian Turkistan from 4 to 4:30 o'clock this morning. Many buildings were destroyed and there were a number of fatalities, though the loss of life is not yet known. Great fissures opened in the ground. Practically all of the stores and residences at Wyerny, the capital of the territory of Semiretshensk, were destroyed or damaged. The city has a population of 22,000. Communication in the disturbed district is interrupted. London, Jan. 4.—An earthquake of gigantic proportions was recorded by the seismograph at the observatory at West Bromwich.

EIGHT CASES FOR WINTER ASSIZES

Five Will Be Tried by a Judge and Three by a Jury.

BURCHELL VS. G. T. R.

A New Trial Has Been Granted—One Case of Alimony—An Alleged Damage to Property Action.

Eight cases have this far been set down for the winter assizes, which commence at the court house on Monday next. Five of these will be decided by Chief Justice Meredith, who will preside, without a jury, while three go before a jury.

THE INQUIRY OPENS INTO DRESDEN FIRE

Explosion That Killed Two Citizens Not Due to Natural Gas.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Dresden, Jan. 4.—The inquiry into the late fire was commenced this morning. H. D. Smith, crown attorney, Chatham, is handling the investigation before Coroner Wiley and a jury. O. L. Lewis, of Chatham, is present in behalf of the United Assurance Co., which owned the premises.

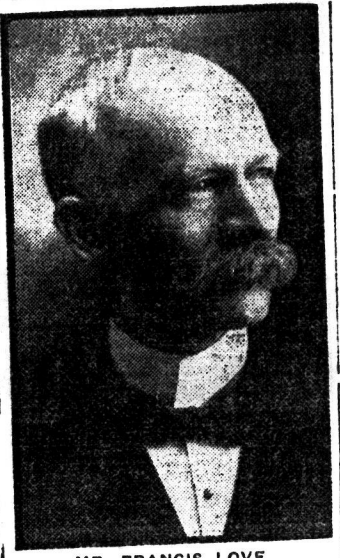
COACHES MADE COSY

Will Be Warmed Before They Are Occupied.

The Grand Trunk is experimenting with a scheme in the local yards by which it is expected that a great deal of comfort will be afforded passengers.

WHITSLIDE RESIGNS.

New York, Jan. 4.—W. H. Whitslide has resigned from the presidency of the Allis-Chalmers Company. It was announced today, and D. W. Call, formerly assistant to the president of the American Steel Foundries Company, has been elected to succeed Mr. Whitslide.



P. M. LOVE VERY CRITICALLY ILL

Physician Says the Outlook at Present Is Very Gloomy.

MRS. LOVE AT BEDSIDE

Unless There is a Decided Change for the Better Very Shortly, the End Is to Be Expected.

Police Magistrate Love is in a very critical condition in St. Joseph's hospital, whither he was taken on Saturday last.

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THE MINISTER OF LABOR

Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, minister of labor, will address the Liberal Club in Hyman Hall tonight, at 8 o'clock. All Liberals are expected to be present, and all others are invited. It was expected that Hon. Mr. King would arrive in the city at noon today, but he was delayed in Toronto, and will not be here until this evening.

FIRE AND PANIC IN CHURCH TAKE TERRIBLE TOLL OF LIFE

Seventeen Perish and Four Score Are Injured in Disaster at a Mexican Religious Celebration.

[By Associated Press.] Mexico City, Jan. 4.—A fire and panic, which occurred while a New Year religious celebration was in progress in a church near San Luis Potosi, cost the lives of seventeen and injured more than 80, chiefly women and children. News of the disaster reached this city today. The victims were workmen and members of their families.

APPOINT BOARD OF CENSORS FOR CITY'S PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS

Ald. Stevenson is out with a suggestion that a board of censors, to pass on theatrical attractions, picture shows, and the like, be named by the present council.

ANOTHER MYSTERIOUS PERSON IN THE OXFORD GRAFT PROBE

Rumors of Circulars Sent Out to Shareholders of Road Signed by "M. Thomas" Asking Them to Send Certificates to Bank.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Windsor, Jan. 4.—Prior to opening of the court of investigation in the Oxford graft case this morning all witnesses were requested to leave the court room and wait in an ante room. The witnesses did not arrive until 11:40 and it was some time before the proceedings commenced.

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COUNCIL PLUMS ARE NOW SOUGHT

Board of Works Appears to Have Greatest Attraction For Aldermen.

GUESS AT COMMITTEES

Who May or May Not Form the Governing Boards of the City of London for 1911.

The city council of 1911 will have more than a little difficulty in selecting its committees. In the olden days, even last year, there was a deadlock party, the members of which could force their wishes upon the others.

HUNTING DOWN BURGLAR GANG

Old London Is Greatly Excited Over the Sensational Battle.

TWO WOMEN IN CASE

"Peter the Painter" Amongst Those Killed When the House Collapsed.

[Associated Press Cable.] London, Jan. 4.—Public excitement over the hunting down of the anarchy-burglar gang continues at fever heat. Today great crowds swarmed about the dingy east end street, which yesterday was the scene of a battle the like of which had not been known in the history of London's police department.

THE LATEST GUESS

The latest guess as to the committees is as follows:

No. 1.—Ald. Rose, chairman; Ald. Stevenson, Ald. Bennett, Ald. Richter, Ald. Stevenson or Ald. Eckert will likely be chairman.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The board of education will have less trouble in striking their names. Trustee George N. Weekes will be chairman of the board.

FEW HAVE QUALIFIED

Successful Candidates Are Apparently in No Hurry.

The gentlemen elected on Monday are qualifying slowly.

HACK WAS STRUCK BY FREIGHT CAR

Accident to One of Tom Baker's Rigs on Colborne Street.

While crossing the Grand Trunk tracks at Colborne street, a hack belonging to Thomas Baker, East End driver, and driven by a young fellow named Putnam, was struck by a freight car, which was being shunted by a yard engine. The car struck the rear end of the cab and twisted off the rods on the side, and damaged the back sleighs. The driver retained his seat and was uninjured. Who is responsible for the accident is hard to ascertain, but the driver declares that the watchman gave him the signal to cross, and he was not aware of the car until it struck the cab. It also appears that the watchman did not see the hack.

ADDITION TO RULES

The executive of the Tri-State Bowling Club has made an addition to the rules published on the sporting page today. All games of the first round in the contest for the Warren Thompson trophy must be played or defaulted by Friday evening at 6 o'clock, and all games in the second round by Monday evening at the same hour.

THE WEATHER

Tomorrow—Cold. Forecasts.

Fresh southerly wind, cold light snow, falls tonight and tomorrow.

TEMPERATURE

Stations. Max. Min. Weather.

Calgary 28 8 Clear

Winnipeg 28 8 Clear

Port Arthur 28 8 Clear

Park Sound 28 8 Clear

Toronto 28 8 Clear

Ottawa 28 8 Clear

Montreal 28 8 Clear

Quebec 28 8 Clear

Father Point 28 8 Clear

Minus 6, maxima below zero.

FOURTY-TWO BELOW AT MOOSEJAW

Winnipeg, Jan. 4.—Severe weather conditions are reported throughout the west. At Moosejaw, 42 below zero.

TEACHERS' BIBLE CLASS

Mr. S. W. Perry, of the Collegiate Institute staff, will conduct a teachers' Bible class in the Y. M. C. A. every Friday night this winter. All the city teachers will attend the class. It is understood that Mr. Perry is one of the best qualified teachers in the section. The first session will be held on Friday evening next at 7:15 o'clock.