

THE WEATHER:
FAIR AND MILD TODAY.
SUNDAY—CLOUDY.

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JURY TO PROBE LEE GIN SUICIDE

Aldermen Reserve Judgment On New City Hall Effort

RUMORS OF CRUELTY STIR CITY

Jury Will Investigate Suicide of
14-Year-Old Chinese
Youth.

VIEW BOY'S BODY

No Marks Found To Indicate
Any Violence in
Death.

Lee Gin N'g will be buried today, but with his funeral a mystery that has stirred London East will not be cleared up.

Why did the 14-year-old Chinese student commit suicide in the little thimble of his father's Chinese laundry at 450 Hamilton road? What prompted this popular public school boy suddenly to take his life by swallowing carbolic acid? These questions have brought to the coroner's court a host of rumors; rumors that the boy had been maltreated, rumors that the son of his father had made him unhappy, and rumors that a Chinese superstition may have given him to take his own life out of revenge.

An inquest will be held. Last night Coroner Dr. Robert Ferguson and Crown-Attorney Albert M. Judd decided that Lee Gin N'g's death must be probed. The rumors have led to many tales and the public's demand can only be satisfied by a thorough investigation.

Three months ago a complaint was lodged at the juvenile court that Lee Gin N'g was being cruelly dealt with. That was on November 13, 1924, according to Major Bradshaw, probation officer. He investigated and found nothing that would substantiate the report. He spoke to Lee himself and learned from the boy that he was living in happiness. Lee, at that time, denied that he had ever been treated cruelly.

Viewed by Jury.
Lee's body has been lying in John Ferguson's Sons' funeral home since yesterday afternoon. A coroner's jury viewed it at 12 o'clock today and later hundreds of school children, playmates of the young Chinese boy, were admitted to attend the funeral services at 2 o'clock.

There was no post-mortem examination. Coroner Dr. Robert Ferguson made an examination of the boy's body soon after it was found on Thursday morning. Lee was lying dead in his bed with a bottle of carbolic acid by his side. His mouth was burned, and bore a strong carbolic odor, the doctor said. His body showed no marks of cruel treatment. This is evidence of the cause of death. The inquest is being held in an effort to trace the circumstances leading up to it. Dr. Ferguson said.

Lee was a Christian, a regular attendant at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church Sunday school, an apt and interested pupil. He was a member of a class of Canadian children, and they testified to their fondness for him by sending a wreath of flowers addressed to Lee, with deepest sympathy from the teachers and pupils of St. Andrew's.

At Chesley avenue public school he was a popular student, a good sport, and a willing pupil. His classmates sent him flowers. The small coffin at Please See Page 2, Column 7.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Today—Fair and mild.

Sunday—Easterly winds; mostly cloudy, followed by snow or rain.

Pressure is high on the Atlantic coast, and has increased over Manitoba, while a well-defined disturbance covers the southwest states.

The weather is somewhat colder in Manitoba, but continues mild in Alberta and from Ontario eastward.

Temperatures.

The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations. High. Low. Weather.

Victoria. 48. 16. Clear.

Calgary. 42. 16. Fair.

Winnipeg. 28. 8. Cloudy.

Port Arthur. 42. 20. Fair.

Sault Ste. Marie. 28. Cloudy.

Toronto. 32. 26. Cloudy.

Kingston. 28. 28. Cloudy.

Montreal. 30. 16. Clear.

Quebec. 26. 16. Cloudy.

St. John's. 32. 10. Fair.

Halifax. 29. 29. Clear.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 40; lowest, 16.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 35; lowest, 24.

Barometric Readings.

Friday—8 p.m., 29.12.

Today—8 a.m., 29.18.

Sun rises at 7:50 a.m. and sets at 5:35 p.m.



CHARMING DEBUTANTES WHO WILL ATTEND STATE BALL IN OTTAWA TONIGHT. Marie, and Miss Jean Burritt, all of Ottawa. Photo of Miss Ste. Marie by Pittaway, Ottawa.

GUARDS ON DUTY AT CAVE'S MOUTH

Last Hope of Rescuing Collins
Lies in Sinking of
Shaft.

Associated Press Despatch.

Cave City, Ky., Feb. 7.—The measured tread of Kentucky troops beat time today to the frenzied picking of miners, digging away at a new shaft behind the cave where Floyd Collins, entombed, has lain, pinned by a boulder, for almost 200 hours.

Determined that no effort shall interfere in any way with the operations, the guardsmen, under Brigadier-General H. H. Denhardt, last night ordered Homer Collins, brother of the victim, and John Gerald, away from the cave. Gerald was the leader of one of the numerous rescue parties which earlier in the week made fruitless efforts to get Collins through the cave passage.

Both men were called to national guard headquarters and officers there told them the mine drill now boring downward was the last chance to reach the cavern prisoner.

Slowly but surely the shaft, preceded by a diamond-point drill for the sake of safety, was going down. Early today it had gone below the 20-foot level, and had that much more to go, possibly more. Workers have been digging for 48 hours, day and night, and another 48 hours probably will have passed before the opening is made.

Homer Collins, during the night, made a forbidden trip into the cave a few hours before he was called to military headquarters. He found the light near the "squeeze still burning," and by turning off all lights outside for a few moments said he determined that the entombed man's light still glowed.

DUCHESS IS WOUNDED BY AN ANGRY TENANT

Corsets Save French Noble-
woman From Bullets—
Shooting Is War Echo.

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, Feb. 7.—Six revolver shots in rapid succession yesterday disturbed the peace of the aristocratic Germano quarters, which became thoroughly shocked when it was ascertained that the elderly Duchess d'Albifera, nee De Cambaceres, had been wounded three times.

The duchess was only slightly wounded, however; the force of the bullets being spent on her thick corsets. Her assailant turned out to be Andrew Deanes, a former lessee of part of the duchess's estate. He told the police he shot the duchess because she had caused his financial ruin by preventing him from obtaining war damages suffered through the destruction of his property.

ACTOR'S DEATH IN FOLLOWS
WIFE'S IN FOUR DAYS

Douglas O. Secord died suddenly this morning at his home, 826 Steadwell street, four days after his wife passed away, last Tuesday. Mr. Secord was a well-known actor in Canada and for many years played with his wife in stock companies. He was born in Niagara-on-the-Lake 70 years ago, and is related to the famous Secord family.

He ne son, Harry Secord, and two daughters, Mrs. J. G. Steen and Mrs. V. Stidolph, are the survivors.

Grain Speculators Warned That Additional Declines In Wheat May Be Expected

Manitoba Free Press. After
Careful Study of Situation,
Urges All To Hold Back.

THREE SUDDEN DROPS

London and Liverpool Dealers
Temporarily Lose Prestige
as Price Dictators.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 7.—Just how far prices will fall none can tell, but when wheat prices, with the exception of the war period are of unprecedented high levels, it might be well to utter a word of warning, so those who still have a profit or any part of their original capital still left, may protect themselves while there is still time.

Such is the "warning" issued to the speculators who have been so active in the grain pits of the country of late by the Manitoba Free Press in an article this morning.

The Free Press states: "The sensational advance in wheat prices that has taken place since last spring, values climbing from 57c to \$2.50, has been brought about by a combination of circumstances, which in the first place warranted a legitimate upward tendency, but is undeniably true that the dizzy heights finally reached was the result of speculation by the outside public."

Speculators Set Price.

This class of gambling has not only been going on in Winnipeg and Western Canada, but has been going on more or less, in every market of the world. To such an extent has this speculative buying been carried on that the control of market prices was completely taken out of the hands of the trade, and for the first time in many years the Liverpool and London markets have been unable to dictate the prices they were prepared to pay for food grains, based on the law of supply and demand, and have been forced to pay prices that have been boomed by speculation.

"With a market jumping quite often several cents a day, with the general tendency steadily upward for so long a period as six or seven months, there is bound to be a belief in still higher prices, and based on this belief a certain class of buyers, whose speculative tendencies far exceed their capital, are always active."

Please See Page 16, Column 7.

Don't Miss Mr. Gump

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew
Gump have gone south
for the winter, as you've
probably noticed.

In another week or so
Andy will be in the mid-
dle of fishing adventures
and a successful flutter at
the race track.

It is Andy Gump at his
best—don't miss him.

Famous Singer Buys Journal

Associated Press Despatch.

Belfast, Feb. 7.—It is reported here that a syndicate which includes among its members John McCormack, the tenor, has purchased the Freeman's Journal. The price is given as \$155,000.

(The Freeman's Journal, established in 1763, and long famous for its defence of the Irish Nationalist cause, discontinued publication in December.)

U.S. AND CHINA CREATE DEADLOCK AT PARLEY

Both Quit Conference When
All Chances of Agreement
Fade.

By HENRY SOMERVILLE.
Special Cable to The Advertiser.

London, Feb. 7.—American delegates quit the opium conference because their instructions prevented them from signing any agreement which did not limit opium to medical and scientific needs. China and the United States made a common cause at the conference, but neither of them attempted to meet arguments of Lord Cecil or of the French delegate. The latter gave evidence that in China today the cultivation of opium is enforced by military commanders. A missionary in Tung Ling Szechuan, West China, writes:

"Opium is again becoming one of the features of life here, shops openly displaying signs on the streets, saying it may be purchased and smoked inside. All around fields are planted with it, and at times of harvest, quantities of the heads may be seen being carried along the roads. The latest phase is a move by a military commander of this district to order that every one's land shall be estimated as to how many opium plants can be put on it—they must then plant that number. When the crop is reaped, they must pay a tax of one dollar and fifty cents per thousand plants."

CHATHAM MAN OVERCOME BY ESCAPING COAL GAS

Special to The Advertiser.

Chatham, Feb. 6.—Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Dowling, Victoria avenue, had a narrow escape from death by asphyxiation, due to coal gas, which escaped from the parlor heater while they slept. Mrs. Dowling, aroused by the strong smell of gas, found that she could not bring her husband to consciousness. It was past noon before he revived.

NEW YORK BODY WANTS U. S. TO JOIN WORLD COURT

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, Feb. 6.—The chamber of commerce of the state of New York yesterday adopted a resolution urging the president and congress to pass legislation enabling the United States to join a permanent court of international justice "that it will not involve the participating nations in any association beyond the judicial settlement of international disputes."

UTILITIES PRESENT STATEMENT

Surpluses Are Shown in Water-
works and Electrical De-
partments of Report.

THREE OVERDRAFTS

Financial Statement Covering
All Work in Year Given
Out by Manager.

Surpluses of \$3,139.65 in the water-works department, and \$8,561.57 in the electrical department, will be announced in the 1924 financial statement of the public utilities commission at the annual banquet of that body this evening.

A net profit of \$1,575.19 will be shown in the operation of the sales department. Overdrafts are noted in the parks department, golf course and playgrounds departments.

The financial statement given out by Manager E. V. Buchanan is as follows:

Revenue	\$36,166.66
Expenses	\$34,591.50
Net profit	\$1,575.19

Parks Department.	\$2,666.15
Expenses	\$7,929.71
Overdraft	\$5,263.56

Playgrounds Department.	\$2,666.15
Expenses	\$7,929.71
Overdraft	\$5,263.56

Parks Department, Golf Course.	\$7,795.44
Revenue	\$8,811.29
Ex. construction	\$1,015.85
Ex. maintenance	\$2,552.37
Net profit	\$1,133.66

Overdraft	\$3,568.22
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Waterworks Department.	\$257,983.03
Revenue	\$257,983.03
Operating expenses including interest on bank overdraft, and debentures	\$209,311.89
Net surplus	\$48,671.19

Sinking fund	\$4,871.19
Net surplus	\$43,800.00

Electrical Department.	\$790,745.34
Revenue	\$790,745.34
Operating expenses including interest on bank overdraft, and debentures	\$685,402.16
Net surplus	\$105,343.18

Sinking fund	\$2,911.27
Depreciation reserve	\$3,870.24
Net surplus	\$105,343.18

ROB WAREHOUSE.	\$3,561.57
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Associated Press Despatch.

Brussels, Feb. 7.—Fire aboard the German steamship Odenwald in a dock at Antwerp with a cargo of saltpetre and copper from Chile resulted in a loss estimated at 20,000,000 francs.

WOMAN LIKELY TO BE ACQUITTED

Polish Actress Charged With
Killing Fiance to Relieve
Sufferings.

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, Feb. 7.—Can any circumstance justify taking human life? Is the question which a jury in the Paris court of assize will be called upon to answer today, when Mile. Stanislaw Umiska, a beautiful and talented Polish actress, is arraigned on a charge of killing her fiancée, Jean Zyznowski, writer and war veteran, last July.

The slaying occurred in a hospital, and Mile Umiska alleges she shot her fiancée to release him from his sufferings from an incurable malady. Her tragic story has caused a deep impression, and she has been treated with the greatest consideration in her court appearance thus far, not being required to stand in the prisoner's dock, but being given a seat beside her counsel, Henri Robert.

It is understood that the advocate-general will not press the case, and that a prompt verdict of acquittal is expected from the jury.

LOSS IS 20,000,000 FRANCS IN FIRE ON GERMAN SHIP

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Associated Press Despatch.

Brussels, Feb. 7.—Six armed and masked robbers today held up six employees of a United States bonded warehouse in West 18th street and escaped with furs valued at \$100,000.

Do You Buy Bonds?

Whether you do or not you will find interesting information in these six articles by local bond brokers—starting next Saturday on the Advertiser's financial page.

Perhaps you haven't \$100,000 cash in the bank, and perhaps your investments consist chiefly of tucking two dollars in the old china sugar bowl on the sideboard every Saturday.

On the other hand you may have so much money that your greatest problem is deciding what kind of bonds or mortgages or stocks to buy.

In any case here is a series of six articles coming on The Advertiser's financial page which will interest you because they are being written to give information to everyone.

These articles are being prepared for The Advertiser by six London bond dealers, each writer covering one phase of the subject. They will appear on The Advertiser's financial page each Saturday—the first coming next Saturday, Feb. 14.

Here are the six articles and the men who are writing them:

1. "Bonds As An Investment," by W. T. Bartlett of Wood, Gundy & Co.

2. "Government, Provincial and Municipal Bonds," by H. I. Smith of the Dominion Securities Corporation, Limited.

3. "Public Utility Bonds," by Eldred Cumberland of Harris, Forbes & Co.

4. "Realty Bonds Compared With Mortgages," by Ronald Cottrell of R. A. Daly & Co.

5. "Power Development and Corporation Bonds," by J. C. Seybold of Nesbitt, Thomson & Co., Limited.

6. "The General Investment Market," by W. H. R. Jarvis of Cochran, Hay & Co.

Watch for the first article on the financial page next Saturday—"Bonds As An Investment," by W. T. Bartlett of Wood, Gundy & Co.



BEN NOBLE,

who was elected chairman of the London public library board at the annual meeting held Thursday night. Mr. Noble has taken an active interest in the library for ten years. This is the second term he has headed the board.

MAN RUNS AMUCK OWING TO FRIGHT

Commits Suicide After Shoot-
ing Wife—Property
Worth \$35,000.

Associated Press Despatch.

Fort Munroe, Mich., Feb. 6.—Expressing the fear that the world would come to an end sometime today and that his property, worth approximately \$35,000, would become worthless, Karl Frederick Danzeisen, 49, a farmer living near Temperance, ten miles from here, shot and seriously wounded his wife at their home late yesterday and then took his own life with the same gun.

His wife said today that Danzeisen had become terror-stricken over predictions that the world was to end today.

FRENCH UNIVERSITIES RECOGNIZE WESTERN

Students With Degrees May
Complete Studies Abroad.
It Is Announced.

Students who have obtained the degree of bachelor of arts at the University of Western Ontario will be received into French universities and may continue their studies abroad for further honors. This information was received at the college of arts by Dean W. Sherwood Fox today. The announcement came from an official of the French government in Canada.

For a long time there has been uncertainty among graduates of Canadian universities as to the recognition that would be given their bachelor's degrees if presented to French universities. The information clears up any doubts. The Canadian student may begin post-graduate courses in science, letters or law.

Henceforth any holder of the degree of bachelor of arts will be admitted to candidacy for the doctorate of science providing the doctorate has taken as a major part of his work in natural science.

Any student possessing a degree in arts where the major portion of the work has been taken in languages will be eligible for the degree of doctor of letters.

The list of Canadian universities so recognized was passed by a government decree on Oct. 26, 1924.

Mr. Benedict Benner,

900 Maple Grove Ave.,

London, Ont.

Dear Mr. Benner:

You have a large residence with

spacious garret and cellar.

Most people who have such

large storage space seem some-

times to accumulate a lot of things

no longer use—old books,

pictures, furniture, garden im-

plements, and so on.

This message is merely to re-

mind you that all such discarded

things may quickly and easily be

disposed of through the want ad.

columns of The Advertiser.

You may telephone such a "For

Sale" ad, if you care to use one.

Just phone 3670 Advertiser Want

Ad Dept. Ask for ad taker.

Yours truly,

Advertiser Classified Dept.

MAYOR IS OPTIMISTIC OF RESULT

Awaits Further Word From the
Attorney-General on New
City Hall Plan.

ALDERMEN SILENT

Prefer To Take Up Question
When Brought Before
Council.

Complete details of the mayor's scheme for a new city hall are missing and city aldermen today withheld their opinions on the matter.

Though the project has not come before a session of the 1925 council, the matter has been broached at Toronto and special legislation sought by the mayor. According to his

worship, a reply from Attorney-General W. F. Nickle may prove favorable to construction of a half million dollar city hall without a further vote of the people.

Opposition to such a scheme is held in some circles, on the grounds that it would be untimely and illegal expenditure. However, the mayor hopes that an affirmative answer from the provincial authorities and employment conditions will justify the expenditure. Aldermen are inclined to go at the matter cautiously

and with other matters piling up daily at the city hall, they are not taking the time to give decision in the project until a vote is called for in council.

Matters left over from previous years, necessity of special meetings on a number of important questions and rather lengthy recommendations in the municipal inauguration, coupled with many routine requirements of office are making the duties of 1925 aldermen burdensome. Today, several stated that they would not give further opportunity to the matter until it is brought up in the regular way at a council session.

Economy Advocates.

Some members of the council are strong advocates of economy and also stand for strict adherence to legal procedure, no matter how urgent a matter. It would therefore appear that there would be some opposition to the erection of a new city hall for a time yet, on the grounds of economy and to give the citizens further opportunity to express their views at the polls.

Mayor Wenig's idea is that a further vote of the people on the question of a new city hall may not be necessary. He hopes for a favorable ruling on the matter from the attorney-general, with whom he had a short conference on Wednesday. Mr. Nickle had only a few moments to spare, and stated that he would send his ruling to London's mayor at a later date.

Urgency of unemployment relief is given by the mayor as partly the cause of the move. The city needs a new municipal building, too, and on the eve of an era of prosperity, can afford the expenditure. He hopes to secure authority for the construction of such a building without a further vote from the citizens.

Awaits Letter.

"We can do nothing more with this until we get the opinion of the Please See Page 2, Column 3.

Weddings

Somebody always has a good cry. It is mother-in-law if you happen to be the groom.

The world is such a funny place. One trains for business with an adequate education. A war means a year's solid drill. A profession takes about seven years of solid plugging.

But a man goes untrained for the great test. It is the top rung of the public's attention to the average man.

The average woman, according to statistics (still unpublished), starts preparing