

THE WEATHER:
EASTERLY WINDS, CLOUDY,
WEDNESDAY—COLDER.

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CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTIONS
FOR ALL THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS
ON PAGES 16-17.

THREE CENTS.

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AGED WOMAN DISCOVERED LYING IN ICY RIVER London's Mayor Will Receive Salary of \$3,000 Yearly

WOMAN IS RUSHED TO HOSPITAL

Found Lying in Shallow Water
of River Short Distance
From Home.

SERIOUS CONDITION

Suffering Greatly From Shock
of Fall and Cold—Little
Hope Held.

An aged woman, Mrs. Elizabeth Young, was found lying submerged in water beside the bank of the river Thames at the rear of a Nelson street home shortly after 12 o'clock today. She had wandered three blocks from her home at 221 Grey street, and was seen lying in the shallow water of the river by Mr. and Mrs. Merle Tanner, 217 Nelson street. They rushed to her aid and pulled her out. She was found to be in an unconscious condition, suffering from shock and cold. First aid was rendered and police were notified. Mrs. Young was carried from the home by police constables Walter Harnum and Charles Knight, and taken to Victoria hospital in the police ambulance.

It is believed she had walked along Nelson street, and across a vacant lot to the river. The bank at this point is slightly inclined, and it is thought Mrs. Young slipped and fell to the river. Her body had been submerged, but her head was above water, and although she was totally unconscious when admitted to the hospital it was not thought that the lungs were damaged by influx of the water.

Her condition is considered to be critical, and little hope is held for her recovery. Her constitution due to advanced age is not considered sufficiently strong to withstand the shock.

DITTY STILL GRIPS STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Associated Press Despatch.
Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 16.—Oklahoma's wave of bank banditry continues with the robbery yesterday of the First National Bank of Carny, Lincoln county, by four men, who escaped with \$2,300.

George Jonas, cashier of the bank, was shot from ambush by one of the robbers, when he pursued the men from the bank. Jonas is in a serious condition. Fieldweight, deputy sheriff, was with Jonas, and was slightly injured by buckshot.

MAN HELD AFTER FIGHT WANTED FOR WIFE MURDER

Associated Press Despatch.
Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Dec. 16.—Arrested after a fight in a boarding house at Plymouth, Joseph Prukis is being held here by the police for the alleged poisoning of his wife at Detroit in 1919 after his alleged crime, and has since lived in West Virginia and New Jersey, coming to Plymouth a few months ago. Detroit authorities have been notified.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Today—Easterly winds; mostly cloudy.

Wednesday—Strong northwest winds; turning decidedly cold; with local snow falls and blizzards.

The pressure is high on the Atlantic coast and decidedly high over the northwestern portion of the continent, with a shallow trough of low extending from Lake Superior southward to the Mississippi valley.

The weather has been mostly fair and cold from Ontario eastward and extremely cold in the western provinces.

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

Stations High Low Weather

Calgary -24 -40 Fair

Winnipeg -24 -40 Cloudy

Port Arthur -14 0 Clear

Perry Sound -24 17 Cloudy

Toronto -24 17 Cloudy

Kingsport -18 6 Cloudy

Ottawa -6 -2 Cloudy

Montreal -4 0 Cloudy

Quebec -4 0 Cloudy

Father Point -12 4 Fair

St. John's -4 2 Fair

Halifax -24 14 Cloudy

Minus (-) means below zero.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 25; lowest, 11.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 25; lowest, 23.

Barometric Readings.

Monday, 8 p.m.—23.29.

Today, 8 a.m.—23.19.



LIBERAL CLUB OFFICERS.

At the left is John M. Weber and at the right C. C. Ferguson, returned to office as president and secretary, respectively, of the London Liberal Club. Elections were held on Friday and Saturday of last week and all officers were returned for another year by acclamation.

ALL ONTARIO ROADS WILL BE MARKED AND NUMBERED

300-Acre Claim
Brings \$600,000

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Dec. 16.—The sale of a 300-acre claim on the west arm of Lake Huron, in Huron county, to a syndicate of Amherst and district business men to the Dominion Mines, is confirmed by J. S. Moir, Amherst, president of the Rouny Gold Pan syndicate. The sale was completed on Saturday, and was for \$600,000, the largest amount said to have been paid for such an acreage.

IBANEZ REFUSES TO OBEY SUMMONS

Famous Spanish Author Declares It Would Be Suicide To Appear Before Spanish Court.

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, Dec. 16.—Vicente Ibanez, the Spanish author, who recently caused the "bombardment" of various towns in Spain with pamphlets attacking the king and military dictatorship, launched heartily when informed of the edict just published in Madrid summoning him to appear before a military judge in the Spanish capital.

"It is unnecessary to say that I shall not respond to the invitation," declared Ibanez. "I would just as soon take refuge on a cannibal island or throw myself into waters inhabited by hungry crocodiles as to appear before a military judge in the Spanish capital."

"I suppose they will confiscate everything I possess in Spain, but let them and welcome. The time is coming when a regular constitutional government will be established in Madrid, then I shall go there to face anyone who has charges to make against me. In the meantime I shall remain in France, and tranquilly continue my work for regeneration of my country."

STUDENTS' EXPENDITURES ON DANCING CRITICIZED

Associated Press Despatch.
Madison, Wis., Dec. 16.—The University of Wisconsin has at least one conference title—it is flying the big ten championship flag of "Fussers."

Scott H. Goodnight, dean of men at the university, was authority for this statement in a talk to members of the sophomore council. He condemned the state of affairs under which students spent \$100,000 a year for dancing.

A tradition is being established outside of Wisconsin among alumni and other institutions of the big ten that we are a bunch of cake eaters, said Dean Goodnight.

There are eighty fraternities on the campus that put on a dance or party on an average of once a month. There are ten fraternities that have an average of two dances a month and one that has an average of three.

PROOF OF COMPLICITY HAS BEEN SUBMITTED

Associated Press Despatch.
Bucharest, Dec. 16.—The Rumanian delegates at a meeting of the Russo-Rumanian committee for surveillance of the Danube frontier protested against the aggression of last September, producing alleged proof of complicity by the Ukrainian republic. The Russians replied that the incursion was without the knowledge of the soviet authorities and renewed their declaration of the pacific intentions of Russia toward Rumania.



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Plans Under Way by Department Will Make Travelling Easy.

WILL FURNISH MAP

Motorist To Get Plan of the System When He Buys License.

Plans are under way by the department of highways, Toronto, by which every road in Ontario, even to the back township highways and byways, will be numbered and marked with signs. County Engineer Charles Talbot stated today.

Mr. Talbot was asked why the county of Middlesex did not designate the exact spots on roads notifying the motoring public when they reached and left Middlesex county.

"That is already under consideration by the department," said Mr. Talbot. "I understand that a plan is being worked out whereby every road will be designated and marked with signs and numbers. A plan of these roads will be given to every motorist when he buys his license."

"This will mean that there will be absolutely no difficulty for tourists to find their way through Middlesex or any other county."

"I believe that the signs will be made by the government at cost price and given to the various municipalities to attend to. The government will also erect signs near all dangerous crossings and sharp curves, and take over to some extent the splendid work being done by the Ontario motor league."

TENNESSEE MOB LYNCHES 15-YEAR-OLD NEGRO BOY

Associated Press Despatch.
Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 16.—Sam Smith, 15-year-old negro, was taken from the city hospital here last night and lynched at Nolensville, Tenn., 12 miles from here, where he shot his Eastwood, a grocer, Friday night.

The mob, in 20 automobiles, sent seven or eight of their number into the hospital to obtain the lad and rushed away before officers could interfere.

The boy was hanged and his body riddled with bullets and left to swing until officers cut it down this morning. The boy and his uncle, Jim Smith, were surprised by Eastwood as they sought to steal parts from Eastwood's automobile. Jim Smith was captured by Eastwood, but Sam shot the grocer and was fleeing when Eastwood shot him.

It was thought at first that Eastwood had been wounded probably fatally, but he is recovering. The lynching was the second here since the civil war, the other being in 1894.

"TWENTY BELOW" WEATHER MAKES WINNIPEG SHIVER

Canadian Press Despatch.
Winnipeg, Dec. 16.—Though the snow flurries had ceased, Manitoba was getting the blizzard brand of weather last night, but not so intense as that experienced in Alberta during the past 24 hours. The mercury commenced to fall rapidly early in the evening and at midnight was hovering around the 29 below zero mark in Winnipeg, with a 25-mile-an-hour north wind, which sent the snow scurrying in all directions and pedestrians on "the double" to get indoors from the wintry blasts.

Provincial points reported severe weather recording from 15 to 29 degrees below and a stiff wind which is piling the snow and making traffic conditions serious.

TWO NEGROES KILLED.

Buffalo, Dec. 16.—Two negroes were killed and three were injured when a one-man trolley car struck an automobile at Grand street and Lafayette avenue today. The dead are Govan Moses and Charles Buel. Police were searching for the trolley car motorist.

TENEMENT FIRE TAKES HEAVY TOLL

Six Persons Perish When Trapped in New York Conflagration.

YOUTH SAVES FAMILY

Many Rescued From Burning Building as Flames Sweep Structure.

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Dec. 16.—Six persons are known to have perished in a fire which swept through a brick tenement house off upper Fifth avenue early today. Their bodies were recovered. At least three other persons were seriously burned by the flames which drove scores of families into the street.

The fire occurred but two blocks from Mount Sinai hospital and the attendant noise and confusion alarmed the tenants who found the sky about the institution a quivering red. Nurses patrolled the wards, putting down blinds and assuring their patients that there was no danger. Five of the dead were women who had been trapped on the upper floors of the house and overcome before help could reach them, although firemen had made heroic efforts to rescue those trapped on the upper floors. The flames swept through the building with such speed that the victims were scarcely able to leap from their beds.

YOUTH SAVES FAMILY.
The bravery of a 19-year-old youth, Fred Nugent, saved an entire family. Awakened by smoke, he ran into the room occupied by his mother, Mrs. Anna Nugent, and her two children. He dragged his sisters Barbara and Antoinette to safety, and then for the second time plunged into the flaming street. This time he was given back by the flames as he attempted to enter the room of his uncle, Edward Russell, who had been weakened by a long illness. Nugent was taken to Mount Sinai hospital with his mother and sisters, all suffering from burns. Meanwhile firemen, who also sought to rescue Russell, had dropped a rope to him at the window of his room from a higher floor in an adjoining building. The rope was cut by the flames, but his grip gave way and he fell five stories to his death.

Patrolman Discovers Fire.

The fire was discovered by a patrolman shortly after 2 o'clock. He found the building on fire and the beating of a police club against their doors. Swarming from their apartments in night clothes, the tenants, who had been awakened by the fire, fled to the street. Those on the upper floors were forced to escape by fire escapes and by fire ladders.

CENTENNIAL PASTOR ACCEPTS RIDOUT CALL

Pulpit Exchange Now Lacks Only Official Conference Sanction.

The exchange of pulpits between Rev. J. A. Agnew of Ridout street Methodist church and Rev. A. E. M. Thomson of Centennial Methodist church on June 1 next now lacks only the official sanction of the London conference.

Last week Mr. Agnew forwarded to the officials of Centennial church his acceptance of the invitation extended to him by that congregation to become its pastor at the close of the current conference year.

Prior to coming to London, Mr. Thomson held pastorates at Rodney, Merlin, Woodleeve, Amherstburg, Aylmer and Wallaceburg. He holds the degree of Bachelor of Divinity, having graduated from Victoria college in 1900.

FAN NOLI GOVERNMENT FACING EXTINCTION

Associated Press Despatch.
Belgrade, Dec. 16.—Rapid extension of the revolutionary movement in Albania has made the situation of the Fan Noli government critical, according to the latest despatches. Besides the insurrection headed by former premier Ahmed Zogu, the whole of the tribes in Northern Albania and the Skodar region are said to have joined the movement.

On the other hand, the despatches say, government troops are going over to the insurgents in large numbers and the latter's successes in the north make the fall of Skodar imminent. Insurgents commanded by "Sag" Bey are reported to have captured the town of Tiranë, the capital.



REV. A. E. M. THOMSON.

pastor of Centennial Methodist church, who has accepted the call to Ridout street Methodist church, having notified officials of both churches to that effect today. Rev. J. A. Agnew, pastor of Ridout Methodist church, accepted the Centennial call some days ago.

ALLENBY RECEIVES BLACK HAND NOTE

British High Commissioner's Life Threatened as He Leaves Cairo.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 16.—Viscount Allenby, British high commissioner for Egypt, received a letter threatening his life and signed "The Black Hand," before leaving Cairo Monday for his visit to Alexandria, says a despatch to the Daily Mail.

The Daily Telegraph's Cairo correspondent reports that a great majority of the British and other foreign officials have decided to exercise their option and quit the Egyptian service next April.

UGO-SLAVS ARE UNITED AGAINST BOLSHEVISM

M. Kaloff Declares Balkan States Must Co-operate to Defeat Reds' Purpose.

Associated Press Despatch.
Sofia, Dec. 16.—Commenting on the declaration by the Ugo-Slavian foreign minister, favoring a united front of the Balkan states against Bolshevik activities, the Bulgarian foreign minister, M. Kaloff, is quoted as saying: "The Ugo-Slavian front of united action is welcomed here, especially in view of our condition of an intensified campaign in Bulgaria this spring. We are ready to join the other Balkan states to save our institutions from subversion by foreign agency. If our hands were free who would be able to co-operate more fully in a common Balkan effort to resist the intensified Russian menace?"

SHOOT BIG TIMBER WOLF.

Special to The Advertiser.
Thessalon, Dec. 16.—A large timber wolf, measuring six feet nine inches from nose to tail, was shot by Mr. William Ferrier, near his place, about nine miles from Thessalon, in Bridgeford township, today.

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He kept a furnished room here, he said, for division of the spoils after each foray.

JELFS REQUESTS NICKLE TO ALLOW HIM TO REMAIN

Hamilton Magistrate Maintains He Is Being Dismissed Without Cause.

UNFAIRNESS CHARGED

Attorney-General Makes Public Communications Between Himself and Magistrate.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 16.—Hon. W. P. Nickle, attorney-general, this morning made public the correspondence in connection with the action of the government in asking for the resignation of Magistrate George Fred Jelfs of Hamilton. Beyond making public the letters that passed between himself and the magistrate, Mr. Nickle would make no further comment on the subject. Mr. Jelfs' letter to the magistrate, dated Dec. 11, is as follows:

"Dear Mr. Magistrate: "After mature consideration, it has been decided by the government that it is advisable that you should be removed from the position of justice in the administration of justice a change be made on Jan. 1 in reference to the occupant of the position of police magistrate for the city of Hamilton."

Chance to Resign.
"As you have for many years occupied this position, I feel that you are entitled to be given an opportunity, if you so desire, of tendering your resignation, to take effect so as to permit what is contemplated being done. This letter, therefore, goes to you."

"May I at your earliest convenience, be favored with a reply."

"Yours sincerely,"
"(Sgd.) W. F. NICKLE."

Magistrate Jelfs' letter in reply is as follows:

"Honorable Sir: "Your letter of the 11th inst. is before me. I have served the public faithfully as police magistrate for 21 years and defy anyone to make a charge against me that the administration of justice has suffered by my act of mine. Were I to resign now I should have to find some other occupation in order to maintain myself and family, my sole income would be cut off."

Asks Reconsideration.
"I cannot conceive how any government could think of treating me so summarily, especially as for about 20 years I have had no voice in the election of Ontario representatives. One would think that a police magistrate, the office would be treated similarly to that of a county or city court judge and not be subject to dismissal except for a good cause."

"Under the magistrates' act, the city may superannuate me at the age of 70 years, and I have a right to expect this."

"I would, therefore, respectfully ask the government to reconsider its decision."

"Yours truly,"
"(Sgd.) GEORGE FRED JELFS."

LIKE A BOMBHELL.

Special to The Advertiser.
Hamilton, Dec. 16.—"It struck me like a bomb-shell out of the clear blue sky," said Magistrate George F. Jelfs, local police magistrate, when he received in reference to the request he had received from Hon. W. P. Nickle, attorney-general, to resign as magistrate, to take effect Dec. 31. The request was only made public last night.

"To say that I was surprised is to put it too mildly," said the magistrate, who has been in office since 1932, and who in that time has made a multitude of friends.

"Was your failure to levy \$1,000 fines for breaches of the Ontario temperance act the cause?" The magistrate asked the magistrate as he ascended the bench at today's court.

"I do not know," he replied, "but I have never been requested to levy such fines, and always supposed I was entitled to use my own judgment as magistrate."

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PREMIER DUNNING.

Outlining his government's liquor sales policy in the legislature yesterday, declared he expected the greater portion of the trade would be on the cash and carry system.



DR. HALJAMAR SCHATZ.

noted German financier, declares that the Reichsbank will not permit any further inflation of the German currency. He states the aim of the Reichsbank is to accumulate as much foreign currency as possible.

SAVINGS BANK OFFICIALS HELD

Provincial Branch Manager and Accountant Face Theft Charge.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 16.—Charged with the theft of \$18,000, the property of the Provincial Savings Bank, Vernon Heron, manager of a downtown branch, Frank F. Smith, accountant at the branch and Fred H. Arncliffe, act of mine. Were I to resign now I should have to find some other occupation in order to maintain myself and family, my sole income would be cut off."

Auditors who have been examining the books during the past three days discovered that certain payments had been made in respect of loans to Arncliffe, Hon. W. H. Price, provincial treasurer, stated this morning.

He added that it was then decided to take the men in custody on a charge of theft. It is said that Heron is also vice-president of the lumber company and Smith, secretary-treasurer.

NO TRACE IS FOUND OF YOUNG FOX KILLER

High Constable Takes Trip to St. Thomas in Connection With Case.

No trace has been found by county police of the young Byron man suspected of having killed and skinned two foxes belonging to the Springbank Zoo.

Charles McConnell, keeper of the Zoo, discovered the affair yesterday morning and with Superintendent Robert McCormick of the Springbank pump house traced the footprints of the man to the house in Byron where a pair of socks worn by the thief had been discarded. Public utilities officials are loud in their praise of the work accomplished by Messrs. McConnell and McCormick who phoned for a search warrant before entering the house.

High Constable Wharton visited St. Thomas this morning in connection with the case but had nothing to report for publication.

The young man suspected of the crime lives alone in the house at Byron. Every effort is being made to capture the youth.

BETTER BUSINESS SEEN BY C. N. VICE-PRESIDENT

Expressing the hope that the beginning of the new year would see a turn for the better, that the tide of depression felt all over the world would change and give way to good times, W. D. Robb, vice-president of the Canadian National railways, in a brief interview this morning, said he business was in the offing and would soon be realized.

Mr. Robb arrived at 11 o'clock this morning in his private car "Ottawa." He will leave for the west tonight. He had nothing to say regarding his visit, but displayed a keen interest in business in London and hoped that the merchants were enjoying good Christmas sales.

TORONTO UNIVERSITY FEES WILL BE INCREASED

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 15.—It was announced today by Sir Robert Falconer, president of the University of Toronto, that the board of governors of the university has decided to increase the annual tuition fee for students in University College from \$40 to \$75, the increase to go into effect in September, 1925. The university fee for examination remains at \$10, so that the combined fee will be \$85, instead of \$50 as at present.

WOMEN FAVOR DISMISSAL OF POLICEMEN WHO DRINK

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—That the use of intoxicating liquors by members of the local police force was sufficient cause for dismissal was the belief expressed yesterday by members of the local council of women. A resolution to this effect will be forwarded to the police commissioners.

MAYOR IS GIVEN RAISE IN SALARY

Change in Vote Makes \$1,200 Increase For Chief Magistrate Possible.

FIRST NEGATIVE

Alderman Shaw Informs City Clerk Vote Not Properly Taken.

George Wenige will get a \$2,000 stipend for his services as mayor of London during the 1924 term. Statements by Alderman Shaw, who the mayor this morning changed the complexion of the vote taken at last night's council meeting and indicated that an increase of \$1,200 for his worship would be forthcoming.

For many years the city has paid its chief magistrate \$1,800 a term for expenses of the office. When there was a board of control an additional \$1,000 was given. The Mayor is usually allowed extra expense money for trips made out of town on duty. But it is generally admitted that \$1,800 is much too low a figure for the maintenance of the mayor's office.

At the same time, a negative vote was recorded last night when Ald. Gordon Drake's motion was put to the ballot. The whole council was present and all the aldermen were recorded as voting.

Just before the conclusion of the meeting Ald. Drake and Ald. Nelson Walsh brought forth a motion that the stipend of the mayor be increased from \$1,800 to \$3,000 for the year 1924. Arguments in favor of the motion appeared generally although Ald. KAY, Ald. Greer and Ald. Hayden were amongst those who declared that the time was not right for the change.

A negative vote that such an election expenditure was deemed bad business. Before the election the mayor had declared himself opposed to city hall salary increases. Now many of the aldermen were leaving office and it was thought by some that the time had come to vote an increase to the mayor at the last meeting of the 1924 council.

Vote Called.

A vote was called for and was recorded as follows:

Yeas (5)—Drake, Walsh, Smith, Towne and Warren.

Nays (7)—Douglass, Anderson, McKay, Greer, Bottrell, Hayden and Shaw.

"Are you not voting, your worship?" asked Ald. J. Anderson.

"No, that's my privilege," stated the mayor.