

THE WEATHER:  
EASTERLY WINDS, LIGHT SNOW,  
TUESDAY—COLD.

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## BECK PROVIDES LINE OF CREDIT FOR L. AND P. S. Housing Commission Report Shows \$54,496. Deficit

### BECK ATTACKS COUNCIL STAND ON RAILWAY'S LINE OF CREDIT

Points to Attitude Toward City  
System Compared With  
L. and P. S.

BURDICK CHOSEN

Committee Chairmen Selected  
at Inaugural Meeting of  
1925 Council.

Declaring that if support from the city council is not given immediately he would personally have to secure credit from the banks, Sir Adam Beck, chairman of the London railway commission, appeared at the inaugural meeting of the 1925 city council and appealed for extension of a \$50,000 line of credit for the London & Port Stanley Railway.

That it was necessary to secure this credit in order to retain freight business was Sir Adam's emphatic assertion, and he was not altogether satisfied with the action of the new council in moving to secure the financial government's opinion before granting support for the line of credit. This action was taken when failure appeared in sight for the Douglas motion to grant the request of the railway.

Attended by every alderman and many citizens, today's inaugural session brought out much discussion. Committee appointments, previously drafted, were endorsed, though in some instances several votes were called for before decisions were finally made. The appointment of Ald. Henry Burdick as chairman of the committee and of George Burdick to the London railway commission came only after much heated discussion. The reading of the mayor's inaugural address and passing of bylaws took up much time, the session lasting from 11 o'clock until 12:40 p.m. Rev. R. J. Murphy opened the session with prayer.

**Attacks Attitude.**  
"When the street railway company is in default of agreement to provide a track allowance and the city makes a \$50,000 loan to the company for this work, the city-owned Port Stanley road ought to get consideration," said Sir Adam Beck, who was invited to speak on the L. & P. S. request. He played the laxity with which the London Street Railway company had been treated. With councils changing each year, suits instituted against the company had been permitted to lapse from time to time. "I'm glad to hear his worship say today in his inaugural that he is going to make them carry out their agreements," declared Sir Adam. "It will be a memorable year if that is done."

"You find money for the street railway at 6 per cent. That's pretty cheap money. It would be difficult to get funds from many banks at that."

The commission chairman pointed out that the road had been taken over by the city when prices were low and that it had since been sold at a profit. He said that the city had been sold at a profit of 80 per cent. more at present. During the regime of Mayor Little and Mayor Somerville these improvements had been put on, taking the funds from the company's own resources, instead of adding to the debt. "The city has been sold at a profit," he said, "and the city has been sold at a profit."

**Opposition to Opinion.**  
The motion's out of order. The move is in direct opposition to the city solicitor's opinion, was Mayor Wenig's attitude toward Sir Adam Beck's remarks. The mayor declared that the Douglas motion was the only one that should be considered.

**The Weather**  
FORECASTS.  
Today—East winds with light snowfalls.  
Tuesday—Moderately cold.  
Wednesday—The high pressure with cold wave, which was north of Lake Superior Saturday morning increased in intensity as it moved over northern Ontario and Quebec, and low temperatures have been general from the Great Lakes eastward. Another pronounced cold wave prevails in northwestern Canada.

**Temperatures.**  
The highest and lowest temperatures previous to 8 a.m. today were:  
Stations. High Low Weather  
Victoria 40 38 Cloudy  
Calgary 22 20 Clear  
Winnipeg 12 20 Clear  
Port Arthur 22 20 Cloudy  
Soo 2 4 Snow  
Toronto 10 12 Cloudy  
Ottawa 10 12 Cloudy  
Quebec 10 12 Cloudy  
St. John 10 12 Cloudy  
Halifax 20 2 Clear

**Below zero.**  
The lowest and highest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 18; lowest, zero.  
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 12; lowest, 10.  
**Barometric Readings.**  
Sunday—8 p.m., 29.50.  
Monday—8 a.m., 29.12.

### The Council of 1925

Committee personnel, committee chairmen and council appointments, endorsed officially by the new 1925 council today, are shown as follows:

No. 1 committee—Ald. G. F. W. McKay (chairman), Ald. Robert Carswell, Thomas Chitt, Paul Doig, L. H. Douglass and Edwin Smith.

No. 2 committee—Ald. H. H. Bottrell (chairman), Ald. F. B. Kilbourne, C. M. Linnell, James McCormick, H. B. Neely and W. J. Ashton.

London railway commissioners—Donald Wright (re-appointed) and George Burdick.

Board of health—Ald. L. H. Douglass (re-appointed), Ald. W. J. Ashton and C. H. Mitchell (re-appointed).

Public library board—Ben Noble (re-appointed).

Board of governors, University of Western Ontario—John Pringle (re-appointed).

Senate, University of Western Ontario—Dr. W. J. Stevenson, M.D. (re-appointed), T. S. Hobbs (re-appointed) and Dr. Hadley Williams, M.D. (re-appointed).

Court of revision—A. Murphy (re-appointed) and George Hyatt.

Western Fair association—Ald. Frank McKay (re-appointed), Ald. L. H. Douglass (re-appointed), Alds. Edwin Smith, James McCormick and H. H. Bottrell.

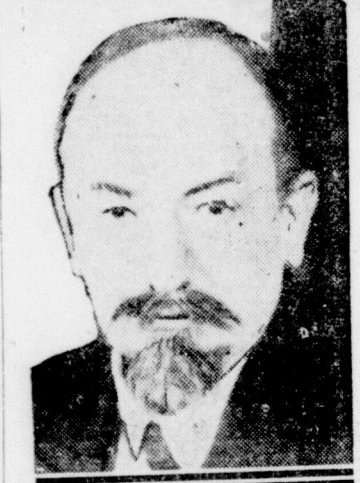
Town planning commission—Ald. C. M. Linnell, Ald. H. H. Bottrell, Col. I. Leonard (re-appointed).

L. & P. S. railway board—Mayor Wenig, Ald. Ashton, Carswell, Chitt, Doig, Douglass, Kilbourne, Linnell and Neely.

Children's Aid society—Ald. Edwin Smith and Ald. F. B. Kilbourne.

Housing commission—R. H. Hessel, H. Wray and Harold Doig.

### MAYOR URGES CITY BUILD ONE SCHOOL DURING YEAR



M. TCHITCHERIN.  
Soviet foreign minister, who has taken up the question of the Russian debt to France with the newly-arrived French ambassador, Jean Herbet.

### LONDON NOT SURPRISED OVER KELLOGG HONOR

Rumors of Hughes' Resignation  
Have Been Current  
For Weeks.

Associated Press Despatch.  
London, Jan. 11.—The appointment of Ambassador Frank B. Kellogg to a cabinet post at Washington causes no surprise in London, where for weeks the papers have published rumors that he was to be given a place in the home government. Similar rumors that Charles E. Hughes would resign as secretary of state also have been about here for some time, although it was hardly expected here that Ambassador Kellogg would be appointed to the leading cabinet position.

In diplomatic circles Ambassador Kellogg has been considered a very able man. His accomplishments in London have never been heralded or hailed with a fanfare of publicity, but it is generally known that he worked steadily and quietly not only in Anglo-American affairs, but in connection with the League of Nations. He was given an exhaustive examination before the court.

### LACK OF EVIDENCE FREES SIRDAR DEATH SUSPECT

Associated Press Despatch.  
Cairo, Egypt, Jan. 12.—Owing to the lack of incriminating evidence against him in connection with the murder of Sir Louis Stack, sirdar of the Egyptian army, Abdul Khmen Fahmy, organizer of the notorious "Vengeance society," has been liberated. He was arrested Dec. 29 and was given an exhaustive examination before the court.

**RADIO STORE ROBBED.**  
Canadian Press Despatch.  
Brantford, Jan. 12.—The Turvey radio store was again robbed over the week-end, the second time in a week this establishment has been visited by thieves. Only radio goods and these to the value of \$200, were taken, as before, although other valuable electrical equipment was available.

### COMMISSION DOCUMENTS NOT FOUND

Auditors' Report on Housing  
Commission Shows Deficit  
of \$54,496.08.

GOES TO COMMITTEE

"Unabsorbed Cost of Property" Explained as Covering Greater Part.

Showing a deficit of \$54,496.08 in the housing commission accounts at the end of 1923, the official report of the joint audit for 1923 was handed to the new council today and was passed on to the committee for discussion. The report, made by H. B. Ashplant, city auditor, and the Oscar Benson Company, dealt in considerable detail with the various accounts and pointed clearly to the condition of books and accounts when the audit was commenced in 1922. As decided in the audit of 1922, housing commission accounts were in bad shape at that time and the work of the auditors was made exceedingly difficult. Many accounts and other documents were missing. Some of them have not been found yet. This condition resulted in the appointment of E. Houghton as accountant and of J. Cunliffe as commission manager. At the present time some twelve documents, chiefly agreements for the sale of houses, are missing.

**Two Major Items.**  
The deficit announced today was made up of two major items: unabsorbed cost of properties amounting to \$26,717.45, and deficit on interest earnings of \$17,778.63. "Unabsorbed cost of property," explained the auditors, "represents the capital loss incurred through the speculative ventures of the commission. As mentioned in the auditors' report it does not appear to have been contemplated in the framing of the act that the local housing commission authorities would have embarked on building operations until there was an actual demand for houses."

Building costs were high when houses in the Pine Lawn and Garfield avenue subdivisions were put up. The commission then sold at figures below cost to get the buildings off their hands. The deficit on interest earnings is given as the loss on current account for 1923.

The balance sheet, as at Dec. 31, 1923, is given as follows:

Assets.  
Balance on agreements... \$472,994.76  
Houses for sale... 128,810.83  
Lots for sale... 10,337.29  
Miscellaneous... 3,883.90  
Deficit... 54,496.08  
\$671,522.86

Liabilities.  
Province of Ontario (balance of advances)... \$352,874.38  
City of London... 283,124.84  
City of London current acc... 27,907.59  
Miscellaneous... 7,450.95  
\$671,522.86

### RIGHT TO PROSECUTE IBANEZ QUESTIONED

Pressure Brought to Bear on  
French Government in the  
Spanish Author Case.

Associated Press Despatch.  
Paris, Jan. 12.—Vicente Ibanez, the Spanish author, who has recently been denouncing the King of Spain and the Spanish government, has been summoned by Examining Magistrate Baquet to appear before him in Paris on Jan. 13, together with Ernest Flammarion, Ibanez's French editor.

Senator Ibanez is reported to be in inferior health at Mentone, and according to an announcement last night has telegraphed the magistrate that he will not be able to appear on that date. He added, however, that Maitre Moutet, his counsel, would appear to answer the summons.

Deputy Paul Lafont, former under-secretary of state, has sent Premier Herriot a letter, saying he has decided to interpellate the government on the Ibanez proceedings.

"I shall interpellate the government concerning the judicial proceedings instituted against the Spanish writer Ibanez," he declared. "I hope, for the honor of my country, that the case will not be condemned. I hope that not a single judge in France will pronounce the smallest penalty against the author who during the war displayed magnificent friendship for France. It is positively too much that of all the free countries where Ibanez's courageous book was published, democratic France is the only one whose government hands over the author to justice for the crime of lese majeste."



CECIL L. SNYDER.  
popular university Western Ontario student who was chosen as the new editor-in-chief of the University Gazette on Saturday.

### FIREMEN SAVE BOY IN FIRE TRAP

Clyde Burch, 17, Now Lying  
in Victoria Hospital in  
Serious Condition.

Trapped in the second story of a frame structure at 325 Clarence street, occupied by the London News Company, this morning while it was being swept by flames, Clyde Burch, 17 years old, of 144 William street, was badly burned. His life was saved when firemen managed to carry him to safety through the window and down a ladder.

Another occupant of the store was rescued in a similar manner, but he escaped with no injury. The fire broke out shortly before 10 o'clock. Although the damage was not heavy, magazines and newspapers, which became ignited, blazed readily and firemen had difficulty in extinguishing the flames. Considerable damage was caused through water and smoke. The total loss is not expected to exceed \$500, however.

The fire is believed to have started through an explosion in a victrola. Burch was taken to Victoria hospital by firemen. He is badly burned about the face and hands. His condition is considered extremely serious although not critical.

### 3,000,000 Koreans Hit By Famine

Government Relief Measures  
Found Inadequate.

Associated Press Despatch.  
Tokyo, Jan. 12.—As the intensity of winter in Korea increases, more than 3,000,000 persons are reported suffering from lack of food. The government today from the Associated Press correspondent at Seoul, Zena reports received at Seoul indicate that more than 50,000 extreme cases of starvation exist in that district alone. The peasantry is attempting to starve off death by living on roots and bark. Government relief measures are wholly inadequate. It is inevitable, the correspondent reported, that suffering will increase with the advance of winter.

### SLAYERS' BETRAYER IS LED TO TRIAL AFTER 45 YEARS

Russian Faces Death Sentence  
For Turning Traitor in the  
Alexander Assassination.

NOW 65 YEARS OLD

Associated Press Despatch.  
Moscow, Jan. 12.—One of the most extraordinary trials in the criminal history of Russia opened here Saturday night in a courtroom, crowded with communists, revolutionists and foreign visitors. The defendant is Alexander II, 65 years old, who participated in the assassination of Alexander II, in 1881.

Okladski is on trial for his life on the charge of having turned traitor and betrayed his accomplices in that famous murder which shocked the world. The slaying caused the death or exile of all his associates. Nikolai Krylenko, Soviet Russia's most ruthless prosecutor, is conducting the case for the state, and although nearly 45 years have passed since the killing of Alexander, a formidable array of surviving revolutionists of the 1881 period and thousands of documents will be produced in court to show Okladski's disloyalty to his former revolutionists and anarchists.

Okladski had been in the employ of the czar's secret police up to 1917 and in later years worked as a clerk in a government institution. Several thousand tickets to the courtroom have been issued to workers, peasants and others, and the communists are seizing the hearing as a good medium for propaganda.

### ELECTION RUMOR IS REVIVED

King Government Supporters  
Activities Leads to Belief  
Vote Is Impending.

TIME PROPITIOUS

Liberals Confident of Increase  
in House Majority If  
Appeal Made.

Special to The Advertiser  
by Staff Correspondent.

Ottawa, Jan. 12.—Recent political activities in Liberal circles have again given rise to the well defined rumor that a general election during the present year is impending. Included among the activities in question are the meetings now being held in Toronto, and the three-day rally which will take place in the city of Quebec, at which Premier King and certain of his colleagues will be present. In addition organizers from Western Canada have visited the capital during the past few days, and have reported progress.

These latter claim that the government is gaining marked headway on the prairies, and predict that at the next election the Liberal party will make several important gains. Maritime province members who have been here in considerable numbers of late, are not optimistic about present political conditions down by the sea, but declare that with careful organization the government should be assured of 75 per cent of the representation in these provinces. In the matter of an election, it may be said, that the premier and his cabinet have an entirely open mind. The results of by-elections in St. Antoine and West Hastings have emphasized the great value of organization, particularly among that generation of electors which has grown up since the war commenced. It is realized that the personality of candidates will in the next election.

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### CATHEDRAL OFFICIALS HAD PREVIOUS WARNING

St. Paul Authorities Were Told  
Edifice Unsafe in  
1913.

Associated Press Despatch.  
London, Jan. 10.—While no one wishes to cramp the efforts of the St. Paul's cathedral authorities to raise sufficient funds to meet the cost of restoring the cathedral to a state of safety, it is certain that they were expected eventually to offer an explanation to the public as to why they have only just awakened to the fact that the building is in danger.

Sir Francis Cox, the eminent engineer who saved Winchester cathedral when it was in danger of collapse, made a report twelve years ago, it is understood, recommending filling with liquid cement the piers supporting the dome of St. Paul's cathedral.

Apparently nothing was done in the matter until 1921, when some work was begun which it is now evident was of insufficient magnitude to accomplish the desired end.

### French Premier Is Recovering

Associated Press Despatch.  
Paris, Jan. 12.—Premier Herriot yesterday took a short walk in the grounds of the foreign office after lunch. This was the first time the premier had been out of doors since he became ill about a month ago.

Robbers Break Open Safe  
In Bakery at Toronto

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Toronto, Jan. 12.—Making an entrance into the office of Vogan's, Limited, cake bakers, early today, robbers used crowbars to break open the safe and stole cash estimated at between \$500 and \$700. The receipts of the drivers from Saturday's sales. After removing the money the robbers were evidently disturbed, as they left the crowbars in the office when they fled.

REICHSMARK ON BOURSE.

Associated Press Despatch.  
Paris, Jan. 10.—The German gold reichsmark was quoted today for the first time on the Paris bourse. One hundred reichsmarks opened at 44.50 francs, and closed at 44.75, which is slightly under par for the new currency.

### DWARFS AND AMAZONS FACED BY EXPLORERS

Colonel Fawcett, Great British Scientist, Goes to South America  
in Search of Civilization Older Than Egypt's—Enters  
Great Black Area—Seeks Lost White Race.

MAY UNCOVER MYSTERIOUS LIGHT

Col. P. H. Fawcett, famous British explorer, has left for Brazil, with the endorsement and support of great scientific societies of England and America. He seeks knowledge of ancient peoples which, if he is successful, will rewrite the story of mankind. What he finds he will describe in The Advertiser.

Will he reach the ancient city, the "once opulent citadel" of a race possibly older than the Egyptians?  
Will he bring back the secret of the mysterious light?  
Will he establish South America as the origin of human civilization?  
Will he find white descendants of the first great white race to develop a high civilization?

Through the North American Newspaper Alliance, The Advertiser has arranged for exclusive publication of Col. Fawcett's future dispatches. His progress to the unexplored heart of Brazil, the cutting of the last link with civilization, and his emergence will be fully recorded in the columns of this newspaper.

Special to The Advertiser.  
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New York, Jan. 11.—Col. P. H. Fawcett, F.R.G.S., D.S.O., distinguished British explorer, sailed on the Vauban Saturday for Rio Janeiro to smash through 1,500 miles of swamp, jungle and desert to a hidden ancient city in the heart of Brazil, which he believes will give proof that South America, and not the Valley of the Euphrates, is the cradle of civilization. The expedition is sanctioned and aided by the Royal Geographical society of England, the American Geographical society of New York, and by the museum of the American Indian. Fawcett goes also as correspondent of The Advertiser and the North American Newspaper Alliance.

It is perhaps the most hazardous and certainly the most spectacular adventure of the kind ever undertaken by a reputable scientist with the backing of conservative scientific bodies. It is the culmination of Col. Fawcett's years of exploration in the South American jungles, which have revealed discoveries of such astounding interest that he has guarded them zealously, awaiting an opportunity to bring back final and convincing proof.

Ancient Civilization.

He already has gone far toward validation of his contention that there existed in this region a majestic civilization of an unknown white race, perhaps 10,000 years old, antedating Egypt; that it held the secret of a mysterious, possibly deadly, derivation from some knowledge of basic atomic forces; that these ancient people knew astronomy and mathematics, and that they had perhaps the oldest highly-developed indigenous culture in the history of the world. He has so far analyzed and articulated his theory that, as he now says, he is ready to announce his conclusions and risk his scientific reputation upon them.

The ancient city—and this is not an incredible chapter from "King Solomon's Mines," but a statement by the holder of the coveted medal of the Royal Geographical society—is guarded by tribes of desperate ferocity and encompassed by all but impenetrable jungles. Col. Fawcett and his companions must brave arrows, pestilence, giant anacondas, savage black panthers, and all the creeping, crawling, biting horrors of the jungle; they must cross arid desert wastes and ascend to a desolate, blasted volcanic region, where the ruins of a once opulent civilization have been walled and guarded by the mountain peaks.

Is Veteran Explorer.

Col. Fawcett has spent the greater part of the last eighteen years in this wilderness. He has seen men impaled by the arrows of the Indians, and has seen a male crushed by a 30-foot anaconda. So great are the hazards that he is taking only two men with him, his son, Jack Fawcett, 21 years old, and a young Englishman, whom he has known from birth, who for the last three years has been living in Los Angeles.

"Any larger party would stand small chance of surviving," said Col. Fawcett. "Krupp, the German iron-monger, spent \$20,000 on a great expedition into this region a few years ago. It was annihilated by pestilence and Indians. With only three men, we have a small chance of entering and returning. I speak the language of the Indian tribes, and I know what to do when they attack me with their bows and arrows—as they have done, many times before. If I took a large expedition, it would surely be wiped out."

Black Dwarfs and Amazons.

The site of the ancient city lies on the south watershed of the Amazon, between the Xingu and the Tapajoz rivers. The expedition will visit the ruins of the black dwarfs, Pit-dwellers, who live in holes covered with leaves and sticks; it will skirt the country of the Mundurucos, who are red-skinned Indians, between the Tapajoz and Parana rivers; having won chiefs; on beyond the ancient city lies the country of the Amazons; to the east is the dwelling place of the Asurins, or white Indians; farther to the east lie the buried ruins of another ancient city of majestic Cyclopean architecture, which Col. Fawcett has previously visited and which he hopes some day to excavate.

To the north of the Asurins are the Roncador ridges, the land of the "snoring mountain," which rumbles and groans incessantly in its sleep of centuries, over volcanic fires, far to the west lies the site of the ancient city of Truxillo, where, in the eighth century, the great white race developed a high civilization.



COL. P. H. FAWCETT,  
noted British explorer and scientist, who will go into the heart of South America in search of mysterious races.

### SHANGHAI IN HANDS OF MILITARY LOOTERS

Both Winners and Losers  
Engage in Wild Orgy  
of Thieving.

Associated Press Despatch.  
Shanghai, Jan. 12.—Both victor and vanquished in yesterday's coup, by which Chi Hsieh-Yuan, deposed military governor of this (Kiang-Su) province, regained control of Shanghai, united this morning in an orgy of looting.

The soldiers, both of General Chi, whose attack was a defiance directed against the provincial government in Peking, and of the defending forces, led by the Peking appointee, Chang Yung Min, ran wild through Nantao, the native city, which adjoins on the south the French settlement here.

Native merchants and householders in that region today were frantically removing their possessions into the protected foreign quarters, in defiance of which the volunteer corps, comprising most of the foreigners in Shanghai, had been called out. The volunteer corps, aided by Chinese merchants and members of the Chinese fire-fighting brigade, were endeavoring to restore order.

Several bands of soldiers which penetrated with their bounding efforts, immediately adjoining or surrounding the foreign quarter were at the mercy of the soldiers, but authorities of the foreign quarter today expressed their confidence that their defence units would be able to handle any emergency and that no fear need be felt for the safety of any foreigners in Shanghai.

### EIGHT NEGROES DIE WHEN FIRE SWEEPS THEIR HOME

Associated Press Despatch.  
Caldwell, N.J., Jan. 12.—Three women and five children, all negroes, were burned to death when fire destroyed their two-family house in the woods near here early today. The men of the two families escaped by leaping through the windows when the flames swept through the house.

### FAILURE IN CANADA SHOW DECREASE FOR PAST WEEK

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Toronto, Jan. 10.—Failures in Canada during the week ending Jan. 9 totalled 57, as compared with 71 for the corresponding week of 1924. This week's assignments were distributed as follows, according to R. G. Dun's bulletin: Ontario 22, Quebec 10, Manitoba 13, Alberta 7, Saskatchewan 3, British Columbia 6, Nova Scotia 4, New Brunswick 3.