

THE WEATHER:
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THURSDAY—COLDER.

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BRITISH AMBASSADOR TELLS
REAL STORY OF LEADERS IN GREAT WAR
SEE PAGE 12.

THREE CENTS.

RUM SMUGGLERS TAKEN AFTER GUN BATTLE Council Attacked For Listless Work In Industrial Area

DELAY DUE TO GERMAN NEGLECT

Allies Give Specific Reasons
For Postponing Evacuation
of Cologne.

U.S. PRESSURE ALARMS

British and French Believe the
Davies Scheme May Be
Jeopardized.

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, Dec. 31.—The British and French governments have agreed on what they are going to say to Germany in their note advising her that the Cologne area will not be evacuated on Jan. 10, the allied council of ambassadors meeting here today is expected to settle upon the final draft of the document in short order. The council is also expected to decide upon the date for forwarding the note to the Reich.

The reasons given in the note for the extension of the evacuation are understood to be briefly these: Conviction on the part of the allies that Germany has not fulfilled her military obligations under the Versailles treaty, the impossibility of her fulfilling them by Jan. 10, the insufficiency of the proportion in which she has fulfilled them up to the present, and finally, the necessity for the allies to await the general report of the inter-allied control commission so as to be able to judge what may be expected of Germany in the future.

PRESS ALARMS.
London, Dec. 31.—The question of the French debt and the Franco-American relations arising therefrom are occupying the attention of the politicians and public here, and a big share of front page space in the morning newspapers is given to long dispatches from Washington, New York and Paris. A great majority of the papers refrain from editorial comment, but what is available suggests a strong division of opinion for and against France, such as characterized the controversy regarding the evacuation of the Ruhr some time ago.

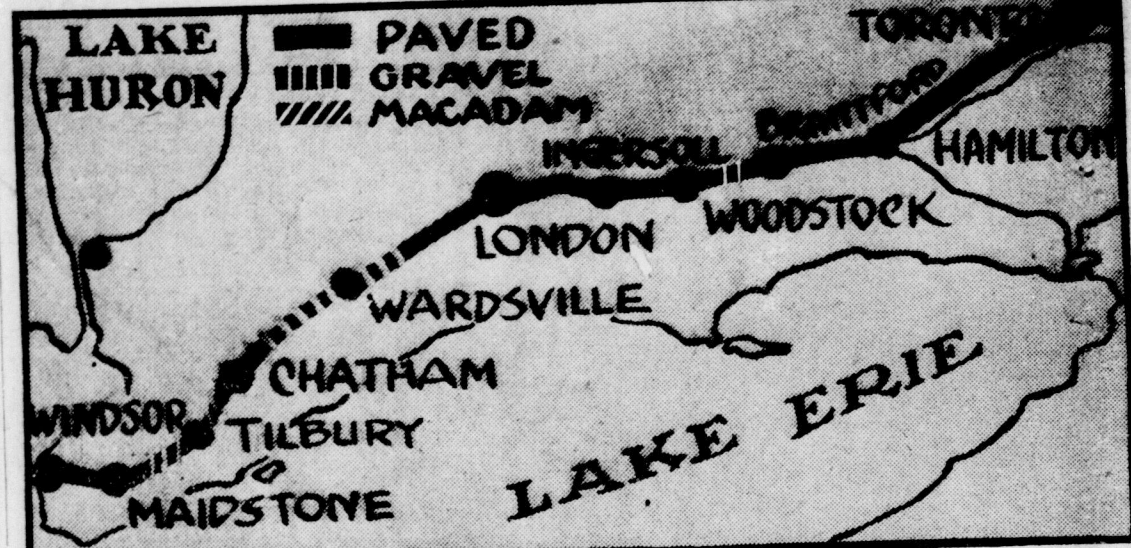
The Morning Post, championing France, declares: "The main difficulty to be faced is to convince the American people that these debts are not commercial transactions, and that if they are rigorously treated as such the creditor will in the long run suffer much more than the debtor. It asserts that in saying this it does not 'seek to deprive either the intelligence or good faith of the American people.'"

After lengthily arguing its position the paper continues: "If the American pressure on France is resolutely maintained some things will follow. First, the Davies scheme itself may be jeopardized. It is clear from M. Clemenceau's statement that France cannot and does not intend to be dragged from her savings."

"Second, the good relations between France and Great Britain may be put to severe strain, and the entente upon which the real recovery of Europe depends may be indefinitely postponed."

"Third, the United States, apart from serious economic dangers, may lose the proud position she occupies in the moral leadership of the world. For in this strange controversy, in which dead men are more potent than living dollars, the more the American imposes its will on France the greater will be France's moral victory."

The Weather
FORECASTS.
Today's North-east winds, partly cloudy and cold, local snow flurries.
Thursday—North-east winds, cold with a snow fall.
The north-western area of high pressure now extends from Saskatchewan across Manitoba and the Great Lakes to New England, while pressure continues low near the Gulf of Mexico. The weather has been decidedly cold in the western provinces and northern France, the turning colder over the eastern half of the dominion.



PAVEMENT WILL CONNECT TORONTO WITH WINDSOR.
Above is shown the highway connecting Toronto with Windsor which according to Hon. G. S. Henry, minister of highways, will be all paved in less than two years. The plan is to provide a pavement eight miles long across Ontario from Windsor to Montreal. London's share in this highway will be complete and new stretches of pavement will not add to the tax rate in this city.

LONDON-TORONTO HIGHWAY ALL PAVED BUT SIX MILES

Present Improvement Plan
Will Mean Completion
in Spring.
NO COST TO CITY

Associated Press Despatch.
Washington, Dec. 31.—When drunk, a man knows more about it than the innocent bystander, unless the bystander is a psychologist. Answering the question, "When is a man intoxicated?" the American Psychological Association yesterday said the only correct answer could be given by psychological measurement, but that generally speaking the person who is intoxicated knows more about it than he does a casual observer.

WIFE'S EXTRAVAGANCE IS BASIS FOR DIVORCE

Congressman Frank D. Scott
of Alpena, Mich., Claims
Political Career Wrecked.

Associated Press Despatch.
Alpena, Mich., Dec. 31.—Congressman Frank D. Scott of the eleventh Michigan district, continued his testimony in his suit for divorce, which is being contested by Mrs. Scott, contending that the attitude of his wife toward other members of congress from Michigan and their wives had almost wrecked his political career, and that her extravagance had left him almost penniless. He told Judge Frank E. Baker that he testified yesterday that at one time after he had accused his wife of indiscretions he had dared her to kill him. "I went into my bedroom and she took her revolver and ordered her maid to shoot me if I lied in my accusations. She refused to shoot."

BRANDON COLLEGE HEAD PASSES AWAY SUDDENLY

Canadian Press Despatch.
Brandon, Man., Dec. 31.—Dr. Frank L. Sweet, president of Brandon College, who came here from Cleveland, Ohio, about two years ago, and is very widely known in Baptist circles in the United States and Canada, died suddenly at his home in Brandon, Man., today. Dr. Sweet was returning to his home when he fainted on the street. He was assisted home, but lost consciousness immediately, and died within a short time. Dr. Sweet, who was 55 years of age, was born in Dayton, Ohio, 55 years ago. He served as pastor of the Calvin Baptist Church, Minneapolis, for several years, was overseas in charge of Y. M. C. A. work, and on his return in 1919 was stationed at East End Baptist church in Cleveland.

BOYS FAVOR THE HOLDING OF NATIONAL PARLIAMENT

Canadian Press Despatch.
Saskatoon, Dec. 31.—The Saskatchewan Older Boys' Parliament, at its closing session here yesterday, passed a resolution strongly endorsing the idea of holding a national boys' parliament at Ottawa. They elected four outstanding Saskatchewan boys as representatives of this province at the national gathering.

BROADWAY READY FOR FESTIVITIES

Rum Smugglers Captured After
Gun Battle With the
Police.

OFFENSIVE OPENS

New York Authorities Sending
Out Extras to Watch New
Year's Celebrations.

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Dec. 31.—A gun battle between marine police and rum smugglers aboard a motorboat which contained 200 cases of champagne early today inaugurated the offensive against the flow of liquor into New York for the new year celebrations. The battle, during which fifty shots were fired, in a 15-mile chase off the Battery, ended with the capture of the boat and five prisoners. While the rum fleet carried out its final manoeuvres to check liquor smuggling and the police department completed plans for increased patrolling on Broadway, the other centers of amusement went ahead with plans for gay celebrations to usher in the new year tonight. Police officers called for 300 extra policemen on Broadway, between 42nd street and 49th street, with 100 extra men to keep a watch on the festivities in Greenwich village. Reservations in all hotels, restaurants, dance and supper clubs far exceeded accommodations, according to the proprietors, who said there was every indication of its being one of the gayest new year's celebrations in a number of seasons.

TROTSKY WOULD LEAVE ON CERTAIN CONDITIONS

Soviet War Minister Insists on
Guarantees Before Leaving
Russian Capital.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 31.—Leon Trotsky, Russian soviet war minister, is still in Moscow, according to newspaper despatches received by way of Hel-singfors and Copenhagen. Trotsky is said to have declared himself willing to leave the soviet capital if his dismissed adherents are reinstated in their old positions and not exposed to reprisals, also if his opponents in the supreme revolutionary war council, especially Gen. Fomine, are removed from the council. Trotsky's friends are of the opinion that the reconciliation will not endure.

WOMEN JURORS SAVED MCCOY FROM GALLOWS

Nine Out of Ten Favored
Acquittal, But Finally
Agreed to Compromise.

Associated Press Despatch.
Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 31.—Nine women jurors of the panel which considered the evidence against Kid McCoy, ex-prize fighter, convicted of manslaughter on Monday night in connection with the murder of Mrs. Theresa W. Moss last August, favored an acquittal earlier in the deliberations. It was the influence of women, according to the three men of the jury, that discarded the request of the state for the extreme penalty early in the proceedings. The marriages of McCoy, of which there were eight, and upon which the prosecution laid stress in its arguments, failed to swerve the women jurors. "Although we reached a compromise verdict," one of the women said, "it would have been impossible to hang McCoy. He is not the type of man that hangs."

SEARCH IS BEING MADE FOR NORTH MAIL CARRIER

Canadian Press Despatch.
Fort St. John, B.C., Dec. 31.—Anxiety over the non-arrival of the mail, 48 hours overdue between Rolla and Fort St. John, has started Constable Barber of the British Columbia provincial police, out on the trail to investigate the cause of the delay. With a reputation for seldom being late, regardless of weather conditions, Douglas Cadenhead, veteran north man and mail contractor, who has as a passenger Miss Hyndman, school mistress of Hudson Hope, is delayed somewhere on the Peace river, between Cut Bank and Fort St. John, a distance of 35 miles from which point he was reported ahead of Vern McLean's team, which broke through the ice and were drowned early on Sunday morning at a point a short distance above the Cut Bank river. Barbering the river trail and finding passes through the barriers of piled-up ice, may be the cause of Cadenhead's failure to show up, as he is the first team to take the river route this winter.

RESOLUTIONS AGAIN FACE THE NEW YEAR UNABASHED

Paradise of Achievement Will
Seem Closer to Everyone
Tomorrow.

CONSCIENCE PROMPTS

Custom of Heralding Year
With Good Intentions Em-braces High and Low.

Tomorrow, with the other burdens of a new year, the optimistic and the very young lightly assume the weight of New Year resolutions. Tomorrow, with its promise of the fulfillment of each of our fondest hopes, seems to point with friendly help to a paradise of achievement along the road of good resolutions. So everyone makes the resolutions which his or her conscience and experience prompt as most likely to lead to the promised land of success and happiness. New Year resolutions are entirely a personal matter, whether the promiser intends to keep them or not. In fact if the exactions of the resolutions are likely to be difficult, the matter is left to the more personal and private. However, there are always a host of general resolutions which are followed by the great majority in all lands. They are the stock-in-trade of vaudeville turns at this season of the year. Everyone can name them without difficulty. For instance, men are supposed to swear off such incidentals as tobacco, barber's shaves, unnecessary street car fares, uncalled for tips, and certain parties, and to cultivate as far as lies in their power tact, diplomacy, courtesy, unselfishness, and a generally engaging personality both in business and domestic affairs.

YOUTHFUL BANDIT KILLS MESSENGER

Fails in Effort To Open Safe
on Fast C. and N.
Train.

Associated Press Despatch.
Chicago, Dec. 31.—A youth held up the express car crew of the Viking fast Chicago and Northwestern Railroad passenger train, near Highland Park, Ill., last night, shot and killed a messenger, locked up the train conductor and baggage man, and escaped after a futile attempt to open the safe, which contained bonds, jewels and money, valued at upwards of \$200,000. Russell Dickey, 44, Milwaukee, Wis., was slain when he attempted to disarm the robber, who took one of two keys necessary to open the safe from Dickey's body. He failed to find the second key, which was in the messenger's overcoat, hanging a foot away from the safe, and leaped from the train as it pulled into Winnetka, Illinois.

NEW YEAR PEACE HITS COURT, OFFENDERS NIL

New year resolutions with police court habits apparently common on the last day of the old year. Police court today was utterly devoid of any offender of any act or bylaw. The court blotted, which usually bears the name of at least one individual charged with a minor breach, was a clean blank today. Not even a pen scratch, indicating that this is the 31st day of December, was visible. Although on numerous occasions during the past year no court has been held, seldom does a day go by without some offender of a city by-law or highway traffic act being forced to pay a small fine and hawker.

CABINET FACED PISTOL

Lord Bertie's diary, written when he was the British ambassador to France, is giving each day a fascinating story of the inside working of the allied leaders. It tells a frank, detailed story with harsh words for some, but contains a fair-mindedness throughout. It pictures war's preparations as they really existed and gives us a real glimpse into that great shadowed past.

Here is Lord Bertie's report on Joffre, the French general, when he met the British cabinet: "November 9, 1915.—Kitcheners account of Joffre in London was that he pointed a pistol at the cabinet and said, 'If you back out of Salonika it is the end of the entente' and he thumped the table and the cabinet gave way."

"As ministers for the most part only follow what they take to be the public sentiment, instead of leading, what would be the vote of the majority at a general election were it not for the press is a hazard. Luckily, almost every newspaper is for a fight to a victorious finish, and that creates a public opinion for continuing."

And the American attitude Lord Bertie could not understand, and made no attempt to conceal his feelings. Dealing with America's stand on the Germans' piracy, he says: "Nov. 12, 1915.—Will President Wilson do anything to show resentment in any practical form to the German Ancona piracy?"

"I doubt it. He will quote Ezekiel!" "His note to us is not agreeable. He quotes the declaration of Paris of 1856, to which the American government have never adhered, and they require us to search vessels at sea instead of taking them into port, which they know is impossible nowadays, with big ships and cargo overlying cargo."

"They are a rotten lot of psalm-singing, profit-mongering humbugs." These are part of today's story in The Advertiser. It is packed with interesting facts, intrigue, despair, and triumph. Another will appear in The Advertiser tomorrow. Have you started to read them?

INDUSTRIAL AREA HEAD ASKS ACTION

Chairman Cater Charges
Committee Indifferent in
Advancing City.

URGES CHANGES

Smaller Board Favored, With
Definite Powers To
Act.

Playing indifference of the city council towards the industrial area commission of 1924, Chairman M. S. Cater of the commission today handed his annual report to the mayor. In his letter to Mr. Wenige, the commission chairman declared that dis-interest or obstruction had hindered any progress by the commission. Mr. Cater recommends that the commission either be done away with or a smaller committee, with powers to act, be appointed for the new year. The report reads: "While we have met at intervals, I regret the apparent lack of interest taken by some of our members, as evidenced by their non-attendance. I would, therefore, recommend, with your approval, the appointment of a two-year term and giving them jurisdiction over the industrial commission. My impression is that this commission, as it now stands, has no status whatever."

POWERLESS TO ACT

"We are simply a sub committee of No. 1 committee of the city council, and therefore powerless to act, except to make recommendations, which are usually met with a rebuff from that body. Our last recommendation, which was before the council for consideration at their meeting on December 18 and was deleted, only three of that body voting to consider it—His Worship, Mr. Mayor, Aldermen Towne and McKay. The other members are apparently indifferent to any legitimate industrial progress. The coming of the new year has not altered the situation. We have been consulted by the city council as a body, and the chamber of commerce industrial committee. No one has been consulted by the latter body on any matter pertaining to the securing of new industries. The taxpayers of Ottawa have paid \$2,500 towards the salary of the secretary of the chamber of commerce, who also Please See Page 2, Column 5.

UNION AND TORONTO BANK MERGER DENIED

J. R. Lamb, Manager of Lat-
ter Institution, Says Report
Is Untrue.

J. R. Lamb of Toronto, general manager of the Bank of Toronto, in conversation with The Advertiser this morning, denied a report from Ottawa, which summed the amalgamation of the Union Bank of Canada with the Bank of Toronto.

The Ottawa despatch stated that the amalgamation of the two Canadian banking institutions was about to be consummated and that this information was gathered from reliable authority. "Utmost secrecy has been observed in regard to the rumored merger," the Ottawa despatch stated, "and Mr. Lamb declared that he had seen the newspaper despatch and that it was entirely untrue. No such plan is being considered, he stated."

The following telegram was sent to the London Free Press: "Amazed to hear of your unwarranted statement in today's issue that a merger of this bank has been or is being arranged with Bank of Toronto. There is absolutely no foundation whatever for such a rumor, and as far as this bank is concerned there is no merger of any other institution in contemplation. Kindly publish the above in your evening and tomorrow morning's edition with my emphatic disclaimer."

"GEORGE WILSON,
Assistant General Manager."

BUFFALO BUSINESS AREA SCENE OF \$300,000 FIRE

Associated Press Despatch.
Buffalo, N.Y., Dec. 31.—Fire today swept through a block of stores on the south side of Seneca street, between Washington and Elliott streets, causing damage estimated at \$300,000. Clothing and shoe stores were the heaviest losers. Starting in the store of the Bankers Ship Company at Nos. 51, 52 Seneca street, the fire spread east and west. Five stores were destroyed. The fire started shortly before 2 o'clock. The blaze was in what is known to the firemen as the "hooded" section, where many disastrous conflagrations have occurred in the past.

CHINESE FIGHTING RESUMED

Associated Press Despatch.
Shanghai, Dec. 31.—Fighting, which began on a small scale near Sungking, Kiangsu, yesterday, was in what is known as the "hot" section, where many disastrous conflagrations have occurred in the past. More than 100 casualties occurred today.