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SATURDAY—SNOW.

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FOR ALL THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS
ON PAGE 20.

THREE CENTS.

LONDON COUNCIL BACKS ST. LAWRENCE PLAN British Ministers Are Being Guarded From Assassins

F. M'GAUGHEY GOES CALMLY TO HIS DOOM

Slayer of Sweetheart Executed At Lindsay This Morning.
REPENTS HIS CRIME
Only Officials and Newspapermen Witness Hanging at Victoria County Jail.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Lindsay, Dec. 5.—Frederick William McGaughey was executed at 4 o'clock this morning for the murder of his sweetheart, Miss Beatrice Fee, on May 25 last. The shooting occurred while the couple were driving near here in a motor car, and when the subject of their marriage was being discussed.

The hanging this morning was two hours after the prescribed time, and ten seconds after the condemned man stepped on the gallows the execution was complete. Pulsation ended four minutes after the trap was sprung.

Relatives of McGaughey visited the jail last night and said farewell to the young man, his aged mother being among the visitors. Rev. A. McIntosh, his spiritual adviser, remained with McGaughey throughout the night and this morning declared that he fully repented his act.

McGaughey went to the gallows this morning with a steady step, and after the execution, Hangman Arthur Ellis announced that the fracture was a perfect one.

The funeral took place at 6:30 this morning, with interment in Lindsay cemetery. No relatives of the dead man were present, however, the minister and undertaker being the only persons to witness the burial of the body.

William Fee, father of the murdered girl, had requested permission to witness the execution, but this was not allowed by the authorities.

Refuses Stimulant.
The condemned man was lying on his cot, awake, when Hangman Ellis entered the cell at about five minutes to four. McGaughey was wearing a white shirt, brown trousers and shoes. He rose and stood silent and erect while Ellis stroked his hands, and then at a word of the official walked from the cell. The steps up to the scaffold, McGaughey ascended, declining an offer of a stimulant.

The only persons present at the execution were Sheriff Dr. Vrooman, Turney Grazele, Mrs. White and McCullough, Rev. Mr. McIntosh, and two newspapermen, and not many of those witnessed the actual springing of the trap, owing to the manner in which the scaffold was built in on all sides.

The hanging, which had at first been scheduled for 8 a.m. and then 6 a.m., was advanced to the earlier hour by order of Sheriff Vrooman in order to avoid the possible presence of a crowd outside the jail. The change was successful, baffling half a dozen persons who appeared outside the jail at 8:30.

McGaughey went to his death acknowledging the shooting of Beatrice Fee, but emphatically denying that any attempt at assassination had been made. There was absolutely nothing like that," McGaughey declared to relatives who had him farewell yesterday.

The Weather

FORECASTS.
Strong winds or moderate gales from the south-east, with rain tonight and part of Saturday.

The area of high pressure now centered over the New England states, while the south-western low has moved northeastward to Iowa.

The weather has been mostly fair and cold from Manitoba to the maritime provinces.

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

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	45	40	Clear
Calgary	45	23	Snow
Winnipeg	45	8	Snow
Port Arthur	28	19	Cloudy
Perry Sound	22	8	Cloudy
Toronto	22	20	Cloudy
Kingston	20	12	Fair
Ottawa	20	8	Fair
Montreal	24	14	Clear
Quebec	20	8	Clear
Port Hope	22	14	Fair
St. John's	28	12	Clear
Halifax	34	15	Clear

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 32; lowest, 23.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 27; lowest, 22.

Barometric Readings.
Thursday—8 p.m.—29.56.
Today—8 a.m.—29.19.

LONDON COUNCIL CHANGES FIRST WORK OF NEW YEAR



VISCOUNT CECIL, who has been declared winner of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation award of \$25,000 for his efforts on behalf of world-wide peace and justice.

FRENCH FLEET MAY BE RECONSTRUCTED

Naval Program Calls For a Huge Expenditure Over Twenty Years.

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, Dec. 5.—France's new naval program as outlined in the report of the chamber of deputies commission just published calls for complete reconstruction of the fleet at a cost of 10,000,000,000 francs, the work to be spread over a period of twenty years.

The program provides for a fleet of 1,000 ships, consisting of 178,000 tons of battleships as authorized by the Washington agreement; 360,000 tons of cruisers and destroyers; 65,000 tons of submarines and 150,000 tons of special craft such as seaplane carriers, tankers and mine layers. Out of the 1925 appropriation of 1,300,000 francs 500,000,000 will be expended on the building of secondary ships the construction of ships of the line not to be assumed until 1932.

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WIDOW OF MURDERED MAN NOW ARRESTED

New Sensation Appears in the Hamilton Murder Mystery—Charge Pending.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Hamilton, Dec. 5.—New sensations in Hamilton's murder mystery were precipitated today when Mrs. Amelia Bayliss, widow of Joe Bayliss, whose remains were found on the mountainside several weeks ago, was held by the police on a nominal charge of vagrancy.

M. J. O'Reilly, appearing before Magistrate Jelfs this morning on Mrs. Bayliss's behalf, stated that she was being held in custody, some definite charge must be laid.

"Don't worry, there will be," the crown replied to his argument.

Inspector Hammond, while declining to discuss the arrests, intimated that a serious charge might be levelled against the murdered man's widow. Both prisoners have been remanded.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT OPENS NEGOTIATIONS

Special to The Advertiser.

London, Dec. 5.—The British government, it was stated in official quarters today is expected to address a note to the United States and French governments in the course of the next few days requesting those governments to inform Great Britain what steps have been taken or are anticipated in settling the French war debt to the United States.

TWO YOUTHS PERISH WHEN ICE GIVES WAY

Canadian Press Despatch.
Fredericton, N.B., Dec. 5.—Garfield Matheson, 17, and Thomas Corbett, about the same age, were drowned a Lakeside near here Wednesday night, when they went through thin ice on a half-frozen lake.

A number of people were skating notwithstanding that there were several unfrozen areas on the lake. A third boy went through the ice, but was saved.

ALDERMEN DEAL WITH QUESTION FIRST, THEN SENT TO TORONTO

EXPECTED TO PASS
Only Four Councillors Will Be Elected Yearly After 1925.

Proposed changes in civic government, endorsed by the citizens of London in Monday's election, will come up for ratification at the first meeting of the 1925 council, according to Ald. Edwin Smith, who fathered the changes in the council of this year. The three proposals which secured affirmative majorities in the plebiscite voting will be included in the city of London bill and will come before the provincial legislature during the winter session. When passed by the legislature, the changes become law and will be brought into effect for the elections of December, 1925.

"There is no hurry just now with these proposals," Ald. Smith informs The Advertiser. "There will be plenty of time when the new council sits. They cannot help but accept the mandate of the people and send the result of the plebiscites on to the government."

When the sanction of the 1925 council is given, notice of the change must be published in the local press and the Ontario Gazette before coming up in the city of London private bill.

When municipal election time comes around once more citizens will vote to elect only eight aldermen, but these aldermen will be elected by a city-wide vote. The four leading aldermen will hold office for two years, and the remaining four will be elected by a general vote and for a two-year term.

New Venture.
London will have a council in 1926 elected on a different principle from that of the present council. The reduced council is a distinctly new venture, other cities having increased the personnel of their governing bodies from time to time. Many cities have abolished the ward system, but few have a two-year term for aldermen.

The proposed changes date back to a visit made here by Dr. Horace L. Brittain, director of the Clarence Research Institute, at the time that organization was making a survey of the city's administrative offices. A committee was appointed, of which Ald. Smith, Ald. Douglas, Ald. Walsh and Ald. McKay were members and Gordon Ingram and Col. J. Brown represented the chamber of commerce. The abolition of the ward system was fought by Labor representatives and favor in Labor circles was shown to keep the British election system in vogue. They did not favor other proposals, either.

Explained Changes.
During the recent election campaign candidates contended themselves with explaining the changes, and few were ready to seek re-election with the council changes as part of their platform. However, with continued press comment and explanation as an aid, a surprisingly large vote was polled in favor of all three changes on Monday.

With all three proposals receiving substantial majorities, it is understood that no impediment is now offered to prevent the changes becoming law by special act of the legislature and elections being held under the new principle next December. Sections 46 and 74 of the municipal act clearly cover action to be taken to secure such legislative alterations.

FLLOUR PRICES LOWERED

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, Dec. 5.—The price of flour has dropped two francs a quintal since last week, and Minister of Agriculture Queuille hopes to reduce the price of bread one sou a kilogram by Christmas if the downward movement continues.

MINUTES OF EDUCATION BOARD WILL BE PRINTED

At the last regular meeting of the board of education for 1924 yesterday afternoon, the recommendation of Senior Inspector V. K. Greer that the board's minutes for 1925 be printed, was adopted with little or no comment.

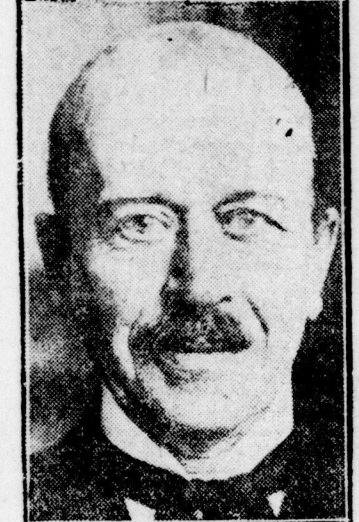
It was pointed out by Inspector Greer that it had been the custom up until two years ago to print the minutes, but that the plan had been temporarily abandoned on account of expense.

"The minutes are the most important record of the board's activities," read the Inspector's report "and it is felt that they should be filed in the most convenient and permanent form."

In answer to a question asked by Trustee A. N. Udy, it was stated that the printing of the minutes each year costs between \$750 and \$800.

GREATER CO-OPERATION IS URGED BY PRES. COOLIDGE

Associated Press Despatch.
Berlin, Dec. 5.—Anton Flettner, creator of the sail-less wind propelled "Roter" ship, is being flooded with invitations to visit neighboring countries and explain his invention. The Scandinavians have urged him to take his experimental vessel, the "Buck", to Copenhagen, Stockholm and Christiania, assuring him a hearty welcome.



SIR L. WORTHINGTON EVANS, the new British minister of war, who has been closely watching the Egyptian situation in connection with foreign minister Austen Chamberlain.

TRUSTEES' CLAIM IS CUT TO \$8,000

Garrow Denies Trust Company \$25,000 From Matthew Wilson Estate.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 5.—Upon the application of the Trusts and Guarantee Company for remuneration as trustees of the estate of the late Matthew Wilson, K.C., of Chatham, Charles Garrow, K.C., master of the supreme court, has considered the claim for \$25,000 excessive and allows \$8,000, from which is to be deducted charges already made.

The claim for \$25,000 was for services for "additional care, pains, trouble and responsibility falling upon and borne by the trustees of the estate of the late Matthew Wilson, K.C., in connection with the litigation in which the late Matthew Wilson was involved from time to time, and which continued for some years afterwards."

The litigation referred to arose out of the sale of timber lands in Arkansas.

The master in giving judgment points out that much of the work and responsibility in connection with the litigation was that of solicitor and counsel, to whom \$30,000 had been paid, and that disbursements in connection with the litigation had run up to \$11,000.

THREE-CORNERED FIGHT SEEMS SURE IN DUNDEE

By-Election Is Necessary To Fill Vacancy Caused by Morel's Death.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 5.—After all, there is to be a three-cornered contest in the by-election for one of the seats in Dundee, left vacant by the death of E. D. Morel, the Labor member.

It was agreed at first that in order to make sure that the Labor candidate, Johnston, should not be elected, the Dundee Conservatives would not put a man in the field, but allow the Liberal nominee to fight it out with Labor, but the Conservatives are not satisfied with the Liberal candidate, E. D. Simon, who holds advanced views, and now they have selected a third candidate, S. Ferguson, former Conservative member for Motherwell, Lanarkshire, who has been in Syria, succeeding Gen. Maxine Weizand, who becomes head of the French central military schools. Sarrail is named as a prospective member of France.

There are two seats in Dundee, one of which is held by Edward Scrymgeour, progressive and prohibitionist.

ROBINSON WOULD REPAY RAJAH FOR LOST \$725,000

Appeals Bank Case Judgment and Makes Deed of Assignment.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 5.—C. E. Robinson will appeal against the judgment in the Midland Bank case and has executed a deed of assignment making over all his rights in the \$725,000 which he claims from the bank, according to a statement made to the press on behalf of Mrs. Robinson who says she has begged her husband to fight the case to the last ditch.

The deed of assignment, according to Mrs. Robinson, provides that if the appeal is successful the money shall go to a public trustee to repay Rajah Sir Hari Singh, who parted with it in consequence of an alleged blackmailing plot hinging on his reputed relations with Mrs. Robinson; if the rajah refuses to accept the money the trustee is empowered to pay the amount to any hospital or charity chosen by him.

Further startling developments in connection with the case are impending, according to current reports. The question whether the rajah will testify in the coming criminal prosecutions of William Cooper Hobbs and James Charles Arthur, former aide-de-camp, is much canvassed, but reports in this connection are contradictory.

The Daily Mail says the rajah is now in Europe and can easily be communicated with if necessary.

NEW GOVERNMENT BUILDING CONSTRUCTION STARTED

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 4.—Construction of the Ontario government's new administration building on Queen's Park Crescent was commenced this morning. The work will be carried on by day labor.

MANY CARS DAMAGED ON ICY STREETS

Drivers Lose Control When Brakes Applied, and Collisions Result.

NO ONE INJURED

Garage Men Busy Towing in Trucks and Motors at Noon.

A light drizzle of rain, chilled with its descent through a nippy atmosphere, froze into a thin layer of ice as it struck the pavements turned London streets into a veritable skating rink this morning and played havoc with pedestrians and motorists alike.

Even the motorists who boasts of their wheel brakes was helpless as the icy streets became coated with ice, and the busy business man was forced to walk to his noonday luncheon with trepidation.

Traffic on Dundas and Richmond streets lacked its usual noon hour rush and fury and at one time horses faltering under a heavy load slipped and fell. Motorists skidded around corners. Auto bumped auto and pedestrians shuffled carefully along, fearing streets risk of accident.

None Serious.
No serious mishap was reported, however, but minor accidents were many. Garage men were busy towing in motors and trucks which had turned corners at too great a speed. One heavy truck at the corner of William and Grosvenor streets waltzed almost twice around the corner and halted against a curb with a broken wheel.

Another driver was proceeding very carefully along York street going east, pulling up a little to make room for a big touring car that was turning in the same direction from Clarence. At the corner the driver of the touring car made the turn not once but twice, and when he finally stopped the motorist around business was being transacted in the wrong direction.

"Through Yet?"
The other driver, not wishing to do any of this fancy driving, finally stuck his head out of the door of his caboose and inquired, "Are you through yet?" and the answer he received was, "Well, I'm pretty near hoping."

A sedan was standing with one wheel up over the curb at the corner of Richmond and Victoria streets at noon. When we state one wheel, it should be said that it was the remains of one wheel. Another service car was busily engaged at the corner of York and Waterloo where two cars had become tangled up due to the slippery going.

SCALDED TO DEATH

New York, Dec. 5.—A vagrant, who was sleeping in the basement of a Fifth street tenement, was scalded to death early today, when a plug blew out of a hot water boiler and the boiling water flooded his improvised bed.

The man, known in the neighborhood only as "Polish Joe," was sleeping beneath the boiler.

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The resolution reads in part: "An adequate supply of electric energy for civil, industrial and domestic purposes is absolutely necessary to the continued well-being and development of this province, and we greatly regret that delay in granting said approval, in addition to the power shortage already apparent in Central and Eastern Ontario will create a further power shortage all over Ontario, that in addition to the power shortage already apparent in Central and Eastern Ontario will create a further power shortage all over Ontario, that in addition to the power shortage already apparent in Central and Eastern Ontario will create a further power shortage all over Ontario."

BLACKMAIL PLOT

Indian Prince May Testify in Prosecution Against Former Aide.

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GENERAL M. P. E. SARRAIL

former commander-in-chief of allied operations in the Balkans, who has been made French high commissioner in Syria, succeeding Gen. Maxine Weizand, who becomes head of the French central military schools. Sarrail is named as a prospective member of France.

Public Utilities Members Are Unanimously In Favor Of Developing St. Lawrence

Believes Cost of Canal Should Be Borne by Federal Government.

TWO RESOLUTIONS

City Council Asked to Take Similar View on the Question.

The public utilities commission of London is unanimously in favor of the early development of the St. Lawrence river for power purposes.

The commission is just as strongly in favor of that development being undertaken by the hydro-electric power commission of Ontario.

With regard to the construction of a canal from Lake Ontario down the St. Lawrence to Montreal, the commission takes the strong stand that the cost of such a canal system be borne by the federal government.

The double-barrelled question of the power development of the St. Lawrence and the construction of a canal was brought to the attention of the commission by two resolutions pertaining thereto, which were forwarded to the commission by the Ontario municipal electric association for its endorsement.

The commission accorded both resolutions its unanimous support, but did so only after giving the matter serious consideration at its regular meeting yesterday afternoon.

Having supported the resolutions, the substance of which is outlined above, the commission is asking the city council to take a similar view of the question, in order that London, "the hub of hydro in Western Ontario," may be "unanimous in its stand."

Express Alarm

The first resolution proposed by the municipal association expresses regret at the delay of the federal government in granting the repeated requests made by the municipalities of Ontario for approval of the plan early in the year by the H. E. P. of Ontario for the construction of a power development plant at or near Morrisburg on the St. Lawrence.

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BODYGUARD FURNISHED MINISTERS

British Government Taking No Chances Against Alleged Plotters.

PROBE UNDER WAY

Police Ordered To Ascertain All Details of Plan to Assassinate.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 5.—The British cabinet ministers and many other officials of state are going about their duties today, accompanied by the bodyguards of various proportions attached to them by orders from the home secretary as a precaution against violence by Egyptian sympathizers, whose alleged plots against these personages have been disclosed.

The discovery in Cairo of a plot in which the prime movers were said to have been planning out-rages against the British ministers was communicated to London yesterday and placed before the cabinet here. That body immediately took steps to safeguard itself and the others concerned.

In the official departments to which the plot was revealed, it was stated today that the facts were as yet very meagre, that the exact extent of the plotters' activities was not known and that the bodyguards were being used as more of a precaution than against the existence of any imminent danger.

Similar precautions were taken often during the European war.

LONDON PIONEER CALLED BY DEATH

Frederick A. Fitzgerald, Prominent Manufacturer, Dies at His Home.

Frederick A. Fitzgerald, one of London's best known business men of a decade ago, died suddenly early this morning at his home, 293 King street.

Although Mr. Fitzgerald had been in ill health for the past year his condition was not considered serious at any time, and his death came unexpectedly. He was in his 85th year.

He was extremely well known and popular throughout the city and Western Ontario, partly through his widespread business activities, but chiefly because of his lovable character and genial personality. He was associated with a number of large wholesale and manufacturing concerns in London years ago, but in 1905 he retired from active business although he retained an interest in London real estate and a few manufacturing concerns.

He was a pioneer in the oil industry in the Petrolia district and was organizer of the firm of the Fitzgerald Oil