

THE WEATHER:  
SOUTHERLY WINDS, MILD.  
TUESDAY—SNOW.

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"SPORTING GREEN"  
ON THE STREET AT 5:00  
WITH LATE NEWS.

THREE CENTS.

## GRANT DEMANDS BETTER LONDON HIGH SCHOOLS Swanson To Appeal For Topping If Department Delays

### SWANSON TO APPEAL ON BEHALF OF TOPPING

Counsel Will Take Steps If  
Department Doesn't  
Act.

#### FURTHER EVIDENCE

Understood Murrell Family Is  
Seeking Funds For  
Appeal.

"If the department doesn't act within a few days and have the boy examined, I'm going to ask for a new trial," declared D. A. G. Swanson, counsel for Clarence Topping, who was sentenced Saturday to hang April 10 for the murder of his sweetheart, Geraldine Thurston.

Mr. Swanson, while he was treated with every fairness by Crown Prosecutor T. J. Rigney, K.C., of Kingston, thinks he has ample grounds on which to base his appeal for a new trial for Topping. Counsel for the defense claims he was not allowed to bring out all the evidence he wanted to regarding the general reputation of Topping around Strathroy, his old home.

"I will be satisfied, however, if Topping is examined by alienists and confined to an asylum," stated Mr. Swanson. "If this isn't done in a few days, I will move for a new trial."

Efforts are being made, it is understood, by the Murrell family to raise sufficient funds for an appeal in their son's case.

Although all officials will not discuss the three prisoners, who are sentenced to die on April 10, it is known that they are all in fairly good spirits and not worrying particularly about the events scheduled to happen two months hence.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSY, MORE CALLS SENT IN

More Alarms Answered Than  
Last Year, But Loss Is  
Less.

Three times the number of fire calls were answered between December, 1922 and February, 1923, as compared with the same period for this season. Fire Chief John Aitken reports. The loss is very much less than that proportion, he adds, there having been 41 fires last year attributed to a single source.

That source was Ison, the frebuge. The chief estimates the damage done to local buildings through Ison's operations at \$350,000. This season's total is not one-quarter that.

"The reason we are not so active is that we haven't a frebuge to contend with," he said. "Fire calls at this period should not be any greater than during the spring or summer."

### STUDENTS TO PRESENT PLAY IN PARISH HALL

Many university students will take part in a play soon to be presented by the G. F. S. of St. John's Anglican Church. The play, "A Kentucky Belle," was organized by Miss K. Brownlee, and will be staged in St. John's Parish Hall, directed by W. E. Bagnall, Arts '26. R. Appleyard is business manager. The principals of the cast of twenty are as follows: Marguerite Fisher, H. C. Blackwell, W. E. Bagnall, S. Brownlee, E. Gibberd, J. Gibberd, Miss R. C. Brown, Misses Jarvis, and H. Appleyard.

### THE WEATHER

Southerly winds today; light snow tonight and early on Tuesday. Pressure is low across Canada and relatively high over the greater part of the United States.

The weather has been comparatively mild over the Dominion with snow in Ontario and Quebec.

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

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	50	44	Rain
Calgary	46	22	Fair
Winnipeg	38	13	Cloudy
Port Arthur	34	10	Snow
Sault Ste. Marie	28	12	Cloudy
Cochrane	10	-8	Fair
Toronto	20	18	Fair
Kingston	30	8	Fair
Montreal	22	10	Cloudy
Ottawa	24	4	Fair
Quebec	20	10	Cloudy
St. John's	30	26	Cloudy
Halifax	30	26	Snow

Minus (-) means below zero.



OTTAWA GIRL WEDS DANISH PRINCE.

Miss Lois Booth, granddaughter of J. R. Booth, millionaire lumberman, today became the bride of Prince Erik of Denmark. The wedding was the culmination of a romance that began some two years ago. By her marriage to Prince Erik, Miss Booth attains the rank of royalty. Lord and Lady Byng were present at the wedding as representatives of King George and Queen Mary of England.

### OTTAWA GIRL BECOMES BRIDE OF DANISH PRINCE

Wedding of Miss Lois Booth  
and Prince Erik Brilliant  
Affair.

#### NOTED PEOPLE ATTEND

Entire Official and Social Life  
at Canada's Capital Are  
Represented.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—Miss Lois Frances Booth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

J. Fred Booth, and granddaughter of J. R. Booth, multi-millionaire lumberman, today became Her Highness Princess Erik, Countess Rosenburg, relation by marriage of the sovereigns of Britain and Denmark and the ruling houses of other countries.

The wedding ceremony was a brilliant affair and was witnessed by many noted people.

Prince Erik and his bride will start for their honeymoon abroad. By special train they go to Quebec tonight and from there to New York to sail for England on the 16th. They will go on to Denmark where they will be received by King Christian, and will visit other countries.

Prince Erik and Princess Erik, on their return will live in California, where they will take up orange growing. Confirmation of this comes from the Booth home.

Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Byng of Vimy will be present and will represent King George and Queen Mary of England. The Prime Minister, Right Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, C. Meyer, Danish consul, other diplomats stationed in Ottawa, in fact, the entire official and social life of the capital were represented, the guests going from the church to the reception at the home of Prince Erik, according to Danish custom, was supported to the altar by his father, Prince Valdemar.

John R. Booth, Sr., owing to his illness, was unable to be present.

BEAUTIFUL GOWNS WORN.

Special to The Advertiser.

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—The gown Miss Lois Booth wore today at her marriage to Prince Erik of Denmark came from a small, exclusive New York shop. It is of white satin with a long court train hanging from the home of Prince Erik, according to Danish custom, was supported to the altar by his father, Prince Valdemar.

The sleeves are long.

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### WEEK-END SNOWFALL COSTS \$600 TO CLEAR

City Engineer Has Snowplows  
Out Twice on Sunday.

City Engineer Near stated that the cost of removing the snowfall of Sunday from downtown streets would be more than \$600, in addition to the amount paid by the street railway company for certain sections of Richmond, Dundas and Ridout streets.

The last heavy fall cost the city \$500, and Mr. Near declared that time it would amount to considerably more. In addition to the cost of clearing it from the streets the snowplows were out twice on Sunday cleaning the sidewalks.

The sewer work being done by the city suffers a delay of practically one day as the unemployed working on it are doing the street cleaning.

The regular employees of the board of works are cleaning out the sewer excavations.

### Prince and Bride To Grow Oranges

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—Princess Erik of Denmark and his bride, Miss Lois Booth, will leave on their honeymoon this evening, going to Denmark via New York. On their return they will live in California, where they will take up orange growing. Confirmation of this came from the Booth home last night.

### CHURCHES BENEFIT IN ROSSER WILL

Denfield Man Bequeaths \$1,100  
to Several Charitable Institutions  
and Baptist  
Organizations.

John T. Rosser of Denfield, who died January 10 last, has left \$1,100 to church and charitable institutions, according to the will filed for probate at the Court house today.

Mr. Rosser left \$500 to the Baptist Church, Denfield, and \$100 to each of the following institutions—the Home Mission Board of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec; Canadian Baptist Foreign Mission Board; Master University; Baptist Mission, Grand Ligne, Quebec; Sick Children's Hospital, London, and Aged People's Home, London.

Various bequests are made to three brothers, one sister and a number of nieces and nephews.

The estate was valued at \$22,622, the will being probated by Mortimer, Clarke and Co. of Toronto.

### DANISH AVIATOR KILLED.

Associated Press Despatch.

Buenos Aires, Feb. 11.—The Danish aviator, J. P. Hansen, was killed yesterday when his aeroplane collided with the antennae of the naval wireless station on the river front here. The accident occurred while Hansen was carrying out "stunts" in a bombing manoeuvre.



SIR MONTAGU BARLOW, minister of agriculture in the Baldwin cabinet, has been made a baronet in the new honours list.

### SIX PERSONS DIE IN TENEMENT FIRE

The Village Fire Department of  
Rockville Centre, N. Y., Saves  
Others From Death.

Associated Press Despatch.

Rockville Centre, N.Y., Feb. 11.—Before policemen on the scene had called the village volunteer fire department, six persons, including four children had been burned to death in a fire, believed to be of incendiary origin, which yesterday destroyed a three-story tenement house recently converted from an inn.

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### HIGH SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN CITY SCORED BY CHAIRMAN

Grant Declares One Firetrap  
and Whole Situation a  
Disgrace.

#### DEMANDS ACTION

Believes Construction of at Least  
One Should Be  
Started.

Condemnation of the present makeshift secondary school accommodation, and a presentation of the urgent need for facilities for academic work to keep pace with the development of the University of Western Ontario were combined in the address delivered to the Rotary Club today by Dr. Alfred Grant, chairman of the Collegiate committee of the board of education.

Dr. Grant was vigorous in his denunciation of the present secondary school accommodation.

"Following the destruction of the old Collegiate by fire," he said, "the unit system was adopted for London. The Central Collegiate was built for 540 students. It can be made to take care of 600 and maintain efficiency. We are now struggling with 820, with the assistance of the old north commercial school, so that efficient work is quite impossible.

"Two old condemned schools have been pressed into service to house the residue. If these buildings were condemned as public schools, and replaced by modern structures, do we need any further argument as to what sort of secondary work can be done under such conditions?"

"The old Princess Avenue School was abandoned some years ago, and is now reintroduced to the citizens of this city as the East London Collegiate, with a student body of 245 bright boys and girls."

Emphatic Criticism.

Dr. Grant was particularly emphatic in his criticism of this school.

"The old Smead-Dowd system by which the building was heated was never a success. Now it is augmented by no less than seven hot air furnaces, planted in every conceivable corner of the basement. The whole building, roomed at full capacity, cannot maintain a living temperature on a windy day.

"There is no system of ventilation. Pupils are either roasted or frozen and mostly frozen because the opening of the windows provides the only means of freshening the atmosphere. Coughs and colds are the order of the day. Is it not a crime to inflict this on our children?"

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### Convicts Begin Battle With Guards As Blast Tears Away Prison Gate

Western Penitentiary Near Pittsburg Is Scene of Wild Outbreak.

#### HELP IS SUMMONED

Two Officials Reported Killed  
in Hand-to-Hand Conflicts  
With Prisoners.

Associated Press Despatch.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 11.—Two prison officials were shot to death and a number of convicts were wounded, more or less seriously, today in a riot at the Western Penitentiary. After an hour's fight, during which riot guns, tear gas bombs, clubs and bricks were used, the prison guards, assisted by the county detective and Pittsburg police forces, succeeded in quelling the disturbance, which started when the convicts used explosives in an effort to dynamite their way to freedom. No prisoner escaped.

Associated Press Despatch.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 11.—A mysterious explosion shattered the big gate at the main entrance to the Western Penitentiary in Lower Allegheny at 9:45 o'clock this morning. It is not known whether any of the convicts escaped, but Warden John M. Egan said over the telephone that all the guards were armed and in position to prevent any further outbreak. A few minutes after the blast rocked the prison, a riot call was sounded. All available county detectives and city patrolmen were sent to the place. Reports of firing from the interior of the stockade were taken to mean that guards were shooting over the heads of the convicts to intimidate them. So far as known there have been no casualties.

A fire alarm brought several companies from the district surrounding the prison, but when the firemen reached the gates they were halted by the guards. Instead of opening the doors to permit entrance of the apparatus, the firemen were admitted to the inclosure one at a time, indicating to those outside the warden that there was serious trouble in the prison yard.

An overseer was said to have been shot and killed in the first outbreak, and an assistant deputy warden killed later in the fight.

Not all of the fighting was going on in the prison yard, but according to reports, guards have penetrated the cells east and west of the office building, and there hand-to-hand conflicts were in progress.

A rush order was sent to hardware stores throughout the city for ammunition, and at 10:40 o'clock it was being hurried to the prison in motor cars.



STANLEY BALDWIN, ex-premier of Great Britain, who was unanimously re-elected leader of the Conservative party at a big gathering of his supporters today in the British capital. Baldwin's ability to continue his leadership.

### TRUSTEES WILL DEBATE FIGURES

Revision Means Reduction in  
Tentative Estimates Prepared  
Last Fall.

Associated Press Despatch.

A revision of the public school estimates for 1924 calls for the expenditure of approximately \$640,000, a decrease of \$25,000 from the tentative estimates prepared last fall.

The discussion of these figures will occupy the attention of number one committee this afternoon and also number two committee tomorrow, the accounts being divided into management, and buildings and grounds.

This figure, unless a decrease is shown in other estimates of the board of education, will mean an increase in the tax rate in respect of public schools, as last year's rate applied on the 1924 assessment will produce only \$630,465, according to figures prepared by Chief Inspector V. K. Greer.

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