

THE WEATHER:
FAIR AND MODERATELY COLD.
FRIDAY—SNOW.

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CROWN ATTACKS GOUGH PLEA AS FLIMSY ALIBI

Londoner Warns of Great Coal Strike In U. S. In Spring

BIG LOANS MADE WHILE BANK WEAK

Crown Counsel in Gough Trial
Maintains Directors Were
Aware of Conditions.
LETTERS SUBMITTED
D. L. McCarthy Declares
Defendant Complained of
Bank Policy in 1918.

Associated Press Despatch.

Toronto, Jan. 8.—The crown case in the trial of R. P. Gough, former vice-president and director of the Home Bank, was finished at noon today, when D. L. McCarthy, K.C., crown prosecutor, concluded his address to Judge Coatsworth. Mr. McCarthy asked his honor to find that Gough knew all along during his time on the board the true condition of the bank. He tried to demolish the contention, the defence that Gough was deceived by Daly and Mason.

"It is part of the defence first to make Daly and Mason saints in whom anyone would have confidence, and then to damn them as sinners who practiced deception," said Mr. McCarthy. "To prove that they were deceptive the defence contends that certain items in the books were deceptive, but I must submit that if Daly had opportunity to know the real condition of the bank, so had the accused as vice-president. If he didn't know, I suggest that he did know, there was nothing under heaven to prevent him from knowing. The books were in perfect order, the returns were made regularly and reveal the true conditions. They were all in the head office; a question of a glance would have shown what shape the bank was in."

Mr. McCarthy contended that the omission of H. J. Daly to get control had associated with himself and the Home Bank. W. N. Tilley, defence counsel, will start his address this afternoon. D. L. McCarthy, K.C., crown counsel, continuing his address pointed out that Gough himself had made some complaint regarding bank policy in 1918. He referred to the letters by Gough and Daly to Mr. Haney accusing the latter of doing business without consulting the directors. Mr. McCarthy pointed out what he called the impropriety of the Reynolds Company deal, in which the bank put \$250,000 in 1918. He referred to the letters by Gough and Daly to Mr. Haney, which contained a stinging criticism and indeed a challenge.

"One would think it was up to Haney to resign or Gough and Daly to have quit. One would have thought that with these warnings ringing in their ears, the directors would have been careful of the bank's statement for the year 1918. But instead they received it in a cut and dried form. This statement, which gave a picture of the bank, was presented to the board just a few days after the Daly and Gough letters of protest went to Mr. Haney. Despite the fact that the directors knew the liquid position of the bank please see page 3, column 6."

The Weather

FORECASTS.
Fresh westerly winds; fair and moderately cold tonight and Friday; snow showers.
A feature is now lowest in north-western Quebec and the maritime provinces and indications point to high pressure with a cold wave coming into the western provinces from the north. The temperature continues quite moderate from Ontario eastward.
Temperatures.
The highest and lowest temperatures previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Victoria, 41; 38; Cloudy
Calgary, 22; 6; Cloudy
Winnipeg, 16; 0; Clear
Port Arthur, 22; 12; Cloudy
Sault Ste. Marie, 28; 18; Cloudy
Toronto, 37; 34; Fair
Kingston, 36; 24; Fair
Ottawa, 30; 20; Cloudy
Montreal, 30; 20; Cloudy
Quebec, 18; 18; Snow
St. John, 16; 12; Rain
Halifax, 29; 10; Snow
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, 35; lowest, 23.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 30; lowest, 14.
Barometric Readings.
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—29.09.
Today, 8 a.m.—29.12.



PRINCE GEORGE IN LOVE.

Prince George of England, the fourth and youngest son of the king, has previously been regarded as heart free, being only 21 years old. But London reports state that a romance has grown up between him and Miss Poppy Baring, the 20-year-old daughter of Sir Godfrey Baring, of Nubia House, Cowes. It is stated that this attachment is taken so seriously that the king has ordered the prince, who is attached to the royal navy, to be transferred from the Mediterranean to the Chinese station.

TRUSTEES DECIDE HEADS FOR BOARD DURING YEAR

Lawson Chairman and Cairncross Chosen For Vice-Chairman.
RECOGNIZE WORK
Three "Free Lances" Left To Be Placed on Other Committees.
Associated Press Despatch.
East Bridgewater, Mass., Jan. 8.—A fissure in the earth two inches wide and 40 feet in length was discovered here after the winter storms which affected Eastern Massachusetts and Southern New Hampshire yesterday. The fissure is on the top of a hill on Redford street. The hill itself is above a known rock ledge. A theory that the fissure was due to a "frost crack" appeared to be contradicted by the fact that the weather here has been extremely mild and the ground has not been frozen.

FASCISTI OPPONENTS PLANNING CAMPAIGN

Italian Chamber Prepares For Reopening While "Left Wing" Muscles.

Associated Press Despatch.
Rome, Jan. 8.—Arrangements are being going forward for the reopening of the chamber of deputies, which adjourned last Saturday until its committee should be ready to report on the electoral bill introduced by Premier Mussolini.
Interest for the present centers on the question whether the deputies of the opposition will decide to enter the chamber or continue their policy of abstention. A meeting of opposition groups will be held today, when it is believed their plan of campaign will be determined. The efforts of the leaders of the opposition are understood to be bent toward avoiding a schism between those who are desirous of returning to the chamber and those who are determined to remain away.
Some anxiety has been felt at the Vatican lest the conflict between the fascists and their opponents interfere with the regular development of the holy year festivals, but this is disappearing. Assurance has been given that the public order will not be disturbed and that Rome and the rest of Italy will be perfectly calm and ready to receive and greet as many pilgrims as wish to come.

RESIDENTS ARE AROUSED BY MIDNIGHT PROWL

A midnight prowler through property surrounding several London south homes gave the residents a scare last night. Police were notified and a thorough search of the neighborhood was made.
The man was seen in a field on the east side of Carleton Crescent, but the approach of policemen ran away the prowler.

WILL COMPLETE PLAN. Horace L. Seymour, town planning expert, will be in London again next week, when plans will be commenced for completing the new town planning bylaw. Public meetings to discuss zoning will be held later, and Mr. Seymour plans to secure the interest of Westminster and London townships in the matter of county improvements with the city and building up main arteries.

35 YEARS DANGEROUS? Thirty-five years of age is apparently a dangerous period in man's life. Five men appeared in police court this morning, and each gave his age as 35. Three of the five were charged with drunkenness. The other two were vagrants.

CONFERENCE OBSTACLES ARE PASSING

Allied Ministers of Finance
Carefully Paving Way
to Settlement.
PROGRESS SLOW
French Desire For Greater
Share in Annuities Under
Discussion.

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, Jan. 8.—The British chancellor of the exchequer, Winston Churchill, and James A. Logan, Jun., of the United States delegation to the inter-allied financial conference had another talk this morning. Afterward it was reported that their negotiations, seeking to iron out the Anglo-American differences over the United States' claim for payment of her occupational army costs and war damages from the Dawes plan proceeds, were proceeding normally.

Mr. Churchill, following his meeting with Mr. Logan, conferred with the French finance minister, M. Clemenceau, at the ministry of finance. The interview lasted more than half an hour. Mr. Churchill was accompanied by two experts of the British treasury. The impression prevails that the subjects dealt with were conference matters and not inter-allied debts. Mr. Churchill also saw the Italian minister of finance, Professor Alberto de Stefani, and the Belgian premier and finance minister, M. Theunis.

The exclusion of the subject of war debts from the conference agenda, which now is generally taken for granted, will not prevent discussion of the subject here among all the interested parties with the possible exception of the Americans. It is thought in French official circles.
No great is made of the fact that M. Clemenceau and Mr. Churchill got no further yesterday than mere statements of their respective positions, but the extent to which the revision of the reparations schedule depends upon the question of debt payments is regarded as certain to make further talks necessary.

SPOUSE HAD NO MONEY, WIFE LOSES SEAL COAT

Montreal Bandit Trio Take Garment at Point of Revolvers.

Associated Press Despatch.
Montreal, Jan. 8.—Three firemen were injured and nine residents fatally hurt when a fire broke out in a Sherbrooke street west apartment house yesterday. The fire broke out in a rooming house, a tenant, who she rented her apartment, that a ladder be provided for her in the event of fire. The fire broke out in a rooming house, a tenant, who she rented her apartment, that a ladder be provided for her in the event of fire.

SIR A. COCKS OPPOSED FOR IMPORTANT POST

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London, Jan. 8.—In connection with the recent appointment of Sir A. Cocks as agent-general in London for Western Australia, strong opposition to the continued practice of giving such posts to retired politicians is being expressed in West Australia, according to the Sydney correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph.
Sir A. Cocks a short time ago announced his intention of retiring from the Western Australian ministry on the ground of ill-health. Opponents of his appointment as agent-general argue that if he was not well enough to continue to hold office in the government he was not well enough to become agent-general.
The Telegraph's Sydney correspondent adds that there is a strong body of opinion in Western Australia in favor of abolishing the position of agent-general altogether.

ARABIAN SHIPS WARNED BY HEDJAZ KINGDOM

Associated Press Despatch.
Cairo, Jan. 8.—The foreign ministry of the kingdom of the Hedjaz has notified its consul at Jeddah in Arabia, on the Red Sea, that the ships in southern Hedjaz are under blockade. The notification adds that ships entering the port are liable to seizure.

ELDERS BY VOTE DECIDE TO LEAVE NEW ST. JAMES

Meeting Held and Thirteen
Members of Session Will
Join Union Congregations.
FAREWELL PLANNED
Addition Expected From Mem-
bers of Other Presbyterian
Churches.

Associated Press Despatch.

It is quite possible that the majority of the 230 members of New St. James' Presbyterian church, north London, who voted for union with the United Church of Canada, will leave the congregation, which has voted itself out of the union, ere the close of the present month.
The thirteen members of session, favorable to union, held a meeting last night for the purpose of discussing the question as to their future course. The elders decided that they would immediately resign from the session and leave the congregation.

WRIGHT, BURDICK SURE OF POSTS

Former Alderman Named to
Commission on Eighth
Ballot.

Ex-Ald. George Burdick and Commissioner Donald Wright are assured of appointments to the London railway commission. Authoritative information in council circles indicated that there is little possibility of councillors changing their decision last night, and that these two men will get the vacancies.
Donald Wright was named for the open vacancy on the commission by a solid ballot. Eight nominations were made for the other vacancy, the most ultimately going to George Burdick after the ninth ballot had been taken. Mr. Scandrett was the last prospect to be dropped before Mr. Burdick was decided on. Other nominations are said to have been Gordon Drake, Frank Harley, John May, Dr. Hugh Stevenson, R. H. Hessel and W. J. Fitch.

Much interest surrounds the appointment, and it is understood that in the naming of a commissioner, several of the occupants of the house, the council had their only real task of the night. Many appointments are noted to various bodies, and only one change was asked in the striking of major committees. This change was not made, but the original slate found no really serious objection.

TENANT'S LADDER SAVES MANY IN HOUSE BLAZE

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LONDON LEADS BIG CITIES IN BRITISH-BORN PEOPLE

Census Shows Number Here Is
58,000 Out of 64,000
Total Population.

CANADIANS AHEAD

London has a larger percentage of British-born population than any other city in Canada with a population of more than 60,000. The official census figures give London a British-born population of 58,000 out of her total population of 64,000.
In spite of the influx of foreigners to the dominion in the last 20 years, the percentage of Canadian-born is still long way ahead of all other nationalities. From 1871 to the present time the figures show that Canadian-born have increased from 2,822,358 to over seven millions.
The present percentages of population throughout the dominion, according to population, are: Canadian born, 77.75; British born, 12.12; American born, 4.26; and foreign born, 5.86.

Here are a few interesting figures showing the number of foreigners of various nationalities in London, taken from the census returns: English, 24,000; Irish, 10,800; Scottish, 5,789; French, 759; Chinese, 238; Italian, 582; negro, 209; Scandinavian, 179; Japanese, 1; Hebrew, 703; Greeks, 61; Russians, 115; Austrian, 84; and Swiss, 53.

HARD COAL WORKMEN TO STRIKE

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Sees Trouble in Mines
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Colder Weather Increases the
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UNIONISTS HAVE BIG LEAD IN VOTE

Out of 471 Congregations, 407
Decide in Favor of United
Church.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Jan. 8.—Of the 471 Presbyterian congregations reporting their votes on church union up to noon today, 407 voted in favor of going into the United Church of Canada, and 64 voted to stay out.
The following is a summary by provinces of returns received by the church union bureau of information:
For Against
British Columbia 8 2
Alberta 25 6
Saskatchewan 168 3
Ontario 138 46
Quebec 37 0
Nova Scotia 23 2
Prince Edward Island, 8 0

Mushers Cheat Death In Race

Two Teams of Huskies Reach
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Canadian Press Despatch.
Calgary, Alta., Jan. 8.—"Mush-Haw-Buck," "Up There," "Thunder," "Mush" with a crackle of whips and the drivers shouting encouragement, two teams of snapping, snarling huskies, attached to a couple of light sleds rushed into the city last night from Banff, after a journey of more than ninety miles over one of the roughest and most dangerous trails that a dog team was ever taken over in the west.
The teams of huskies, in charge of Harry Knight, winner of the 1924 Banff dog derby, and Reg Harris and George Childs, all of Banff, left the mountain resort Sunday morning for Calgary, and after an adventurous trip in which Harris almost lost his life, when he fell into the Bow River, they finally arrived last night.

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RESOLUTIONS GIVEN CREDIT FOR CONSCIENCE MONEY

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Ottawa, Jan. 7.—Nineteen resolutions are believed by the department of customs and excise to account for the receipt this morning of the sum of \$21 in "conscience money." The envelope was postmarked "Sherbrooke, Que." and attached to the two \$10 and \$1 bills was a typewritten note stating "this is duty on personal effects purchased in the United States at various times, not declared and not hidden." The amount is being deposited to the credit of the receiver-general.

SMELTS ARE POPULAR

Fried smelts have been introduced as a restaurant dish in London. With the seasonal lull in supply of fresh water fish, local cafe men are importing their supplies of fish from the Maritimes and British Columbia. One man reports a big run on a fresh supply of smelts, a novelty seldom available so far inland.

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