

THE WEATHER:
TODAY—MOSTLY CLOUDY.
TOMORROW—MODERATELY COLD.

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NEW COUNCIL LIKELY TO REFUSE BUS LICENSES

One Is Killed and Twenty-five Injured In Theatre Panic

P. U. Profits Are \$53,000 During Year

Waterworks Surplus of \$18,000 Will Not Go To City Council.

COVER 1924 DEFICIT Cut in Operating Costs Caused Margin of Profit This Year.

Statements to be submitted by Manager E. V. Buchanan to the public utilities commission at the last regular meeting of that body tomorrow afternoon will indicate a surplus of \$18,000 in the waterworks department and a surplus of \$53,000 in the electrical department for the year just drawing to a close.

"The surplus from the electrical department will be utilized in the making of extensions to our system," remarked Mr. Buchanan this morning, "while the surplus in the waterworks department will go to making good a deficit of \$15,000 last year. The balance of about \$2,000 will hardly be sufficient, however, to cover construction work done in addition to that for which debentures to the extent of \$90,000 were issued.

"The waterworks surplus can be chiefly accounted for by reductions in operating costs," observed Mr. Buchanan, "but, while the city council takes our waterworks surplus to reduce the tax rate, the commission has to assume full responsibility for any and all deficits and thus the deficit from last year is the first thing that has to be looked after."

Little other business is to come up except the remarks of the various commissioners on the occasion of the last regular meeting of the year. Since there will be two changes in the membership of the commission next year, Philip Fieser, vice-president of the commission, and Mayor G. A. Wenig, being the two members to sever their connection, the speeches will be of more than ordinary significance.

Mayor-Elect J. M. Moore and John C. Doidge, vice-president of the London Concrete Machinery company, are the two new members of the commission, who with Jared Vining (chairman), T. W. McFarland and R. J. Webster, will constitute the commission during the coming year.

SETTLEMENT PLAN MEANS PROSPERITY

Immigration Official Enthusiastic About Empire Scheme Announced From Ottawa.

John Farrell, dominion immigration agent here, enthusiastically received the report this morning that a new empire settlement agreement had been reached, as a result of which substantial reductions will be made in the fares of passengers from Great Britain to Canada.

"This will be a big thing for Canada and Western Ontario," said Mr. Farrell, "Western Ontario has plenty of land lying out for settlers and, apart from this, there is a phenomenal demand for farm labor throughout the counties in the western part of the province. Demands from farmers for help have been pouring into this office. There have never been so many requests before."

"Last spring farmers were disappointed when they were unable to obtain hands, so they are taking on men at winter wages in order to have them on hand when the spring work starts."

"As a result there is an unprecedented shortage of farm hands, and if this agreement goes through we will be able to meet it."

"Up to this time our great difficulty has been to get passage money for the type of Britishers we wanted. Many of them were fine, upstanding fellows, who were unable to raise funds to get over here. This agreement will put emigration within the reach of all. And if the men did succeed in borrowing enough money to get over here and get started, they were loaded heavily with debt as a result and their earnings for years had to be applied on payments. Now all that will be over."

"I have not been officially advised, of course, regarding the agreement, but I can say this, when I am notified definitely of the new rates, we will be doing big business right away in this office. You can look for big things for Western Ontario now that there are definite prospects for intensive settlement here. A new era of prosperity is being inaugurated for this province and for Canada."

MERELY CANCELS DEBT.
Associated Press Despatch.
Athens, Dec. 16.—Premier Pangalos made the statement to correspondents yesterday that the 30,000,000 leva which Greece, by the decision of the council of the league of nations must pay to Bulgaria for the invasion of Bulgarian soil, is amply covered by sums owned by Greece by Bulgaria in virtue of the treaty of Neuilly.

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LONDON GIRLS MAKE GOOD.
Shirley White, above, and Blanche Tancock, London young women who appeared in a dramatic production at the American Laboratory theatre, New York, recently, both holding major roles. They studied the drama at Western University, in Littleton, Colo., and later went on the professional stage.

Only 800 Purchase Low Railway Fares

Tuesday's Trade Hit L. S. R.—Back to Five-Cent Rate Today.

Citizens of London are paying 5 cent fares today on the London street railway, but the 800 people who purchased the seven for 25 cent tickets yesterday may continue to use them. Manager Leonard Tait of the street railway states, "As a rule we sell from \$500 to \$500 worth of tickets per day, but this amount was cut to between \$100 and \$200."

"When passengers were handed their tickets a great many refused to take them, stating that they felt the company was entitled to a 5 cent fare, and they paid a cash fare rather than accept the tickets."

"We appreciate this attitude of the public. They know that we can't pay fair wages and operate at less than a 5 cent fare."

Mr. Tait said that on Monday, the first of the two days low fares were in effect, 222 people rode on the seven for 25 cent tickets and 21 on the 9 for 25 cent tickets, indicating that people were with the street railway in its battle for 5 cent fares.

NO REFERENDUM NOW ON BOUNDARY QUESTION

Associated Press Despatch.
Dublin, Dec. 16.—The Free state senate today endorsed a resolution adopted by the Dail Eireann last night declaring the bill ratifying the London Irish boundary agreement necessary to the public peace.

By this action possibility of a popular referendum on the issue is excluded, and the bill becomes operative immediately.

The objections to the referendum, as stated by the government, were that it would cost a large sum of money, and would delay for 90 days a measure upon which all the people, except Republicans and the official laborers, were agreed.

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Outing of Motors, Even Where They Do Not Parallel Car Lines, Is Demanded

TIE-UP OTHERWISE
"We Want To Serve Sections of City Not Getting Transportation," Says Bus Man.

A careful study of the street railway and bus situation today makes it more or less apparent that the 1926 city council will at its first meeting next Monday morning accede temporarily at least to the demand of the street railway company and force all buses off the streets of London on Jan. 1.

It is pointed out that the buses have been an asset to London transportation facilities, and it may be that the street railway if given exclusive rights will use buses in South London, Chelsea Green, Ealing and Knowlwood Park districts.

"This is the way the thing looks to me right now," said one man in close touch with both buses and street railway. "However, anything may happen before Monday. At the present time I believe that the majority of the 1926 aldermen are in favor of cancelling bus licenses on Dec. 31 and making a 60-day agreement with the street railway for a 5-cent fare."

"At the end of that period, I look for a 10-year agreement at 5 cents. If at the end of 5 years the street railway decides it cannot operate on a 5-cent fare, they can put their cars in the barn. The city will then call in the railway board to operate the line for a month and you will have the same old situation that exists today."

All or Nothing.
Some of the aldermen are in favor of granting the buses a license providing they do not operate on streets where there are street cars. This does not meet with the approval of the street railway officials, who insist that they must have a whole lot or none at all. "There are no districts where the buses can operate without hurting us," said one official. "They must cross our tracks somewhere, and naturally we would place before the new council on Monday next. If it is decided to allow the buses to continue, a separate resolution will be necessary."

"There are six aldermen in favor of allowing buses to operate on streets parallel to the street railway," said one member of the new council. "I have passed the situation pretty thoroughly, and that is the way I find it. Personally, I am not prepared to say what will happen next Monday, but I don't know how to get on without the street railway. At the same time I think the buses have proved a welcome addition to London transportation service, especially in the outlying districts."

URGES STATES TO FOLLOW ONTARIO'S LIQUOR SYSTEM
Associated Press Despatch.
Washington, Dec. 16.—The United States should follow the bootlegging method as Canada is endeavoring to do, Senator Edge, New York, Republican, suggested yesterday in declaring before the United States senate that "Volstead act is a failure and must be amended if existing conditions as to general law violation are to be improved."

He commended especially the Ontario provincial government for its means of dealing with the liquor problem.

The New Jersey leader proposed as the first steps towards amendment of the prohibition act, his bills for 2.75 per cent beer and removal of the restriction on the amount of liquor a physician may prescribe.

JAPANESE INTERVENE IN WAR IN MANCHURIA

Will Not Permit Fighting Near Mukden—Send Korean Troops.

Associated Press Despatch.
Tokyo, Dec. 16.—Japanese spokesmen today stated that troops had left Korea for Mukden, Manchurian capital, and that additional forces would leave tomorrow, after which no fighting would be permitted within six miles of the capital.

It was stated that both Marshal Chang Tso Lin, commander of Manchuria, and General Kuang-Sung-Lin, his former lieutenant, and now his principal adversary in the factional fighting in progress in Manchuria, would be notified by the Japanese that this order must be obeyed.

BRITISH HOUSE PROROGUES ON MONDAY FOR HOLIDAY

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London, Dec. 16.—The British parliament will be prorogued for the holiday season next Monday. The new session starts early in February.

ITALIAN QUEEN MOTHER ILL.
Associated Press Despatch.
Turin, Italy, Dec. 16.—Queen Mother Margherita is suffering from an attack of grippe with fever. The royal mother recently celebrated her 74th birthday.

LONDON GIRLS IN ROLES AT NEW YORK'S LITTLE THEATRE

Blanche Tancock and Shirley White Appear in Professional Drama and Win Praise of Gotham Critics For Their Ability.

Presentation of numerous plays at the well-known New York's Little Theatre, house at No. 107 West 58th street, by players of the American Laboratory theatre, marks the appearance of two London girls, Miss Shirley White and Miss Blanche Tancock, as leads in professional drama.

Both Miss White and Miss Tancock starred in amateur theatricals of this city two years ago, playing in the annual play of the University of Western Ontario and several productions of the London Drama League.

Evidence of their success in New York is given in a laudatory review in the New York Evening World by E. W. Osborn, who gives ungrudging praise to their dramatic talent.

The World carries a two column caricature of Miss Tancock appearing in the first presentation of the Sea Women's Club.

Miss White, who is the daughter of Arthur White, Wortley road, and Miss Tancock left London with the Canadian Players for a dramatic course at Vancouver almost two years ago. They then went to New York, joining the American Laboratory Players. Miss White herself has directed several productions, and in a forthcoming production at the Little Theatre, she is to be given the leading role.

The World described the course at which Miss Tancock is featured and which Miss White was instrumental in directing, as being "vivid, colorful, moving, sprightly and full of laboratorial in fetching fashion and highly to be recommended."

Turks Are Indignant At Award

Representatives Declare Next Step Is Up To Angora Government.

DENY ALL CHARGES

Will Not Treat With British—Britain Accepts League Terms.

Associated Press Despatch.
Geneva, Switzerland, Dec. 16.—There can be no question of Turkey making emergency arrangements favorable to an Iraq which includes Mosul, said a Turkish spokesman today in discussing the award in the Turco-British dispute over Mosul, which is a subject of great importance to the Turkish government. "If what we read about Mosul is true," the spokesman continued, "it means that Turkey gets worse treatment and less Mosul than she received under the Treaty of Sevres. In other words we have gone backwards and the Turkish government and people can scarcely be pleased. The word is now up to Angora."

Coming to Mosul.
"By the sworn act of our national assembly, we are ready to waive our rights to Syria, Damascus and what has been known as Iraq, but we will not to Mosul as a natural and necessary part of the new Turkey."

"Even the league of nations commission of investigation on which the council bases its decision, recognizes that Mosul is juridically ours, and remains our until we renounce it."

Turkey, he continued, was ready to help Iraq by removing the customs barriers, but it was fantastic to assume that Turkey would be so generous as to give Mosul to a nation which was not even ready to recognize her sovereignty and included in Turkish territory. The Angora government was also ready to conclude a mutual security pact of guarantees with Iraq, but he insisted that these and other concessions had been ignored by Great Britain and the league council.

Asked if the council's decision would be continued on page 4, column 4.

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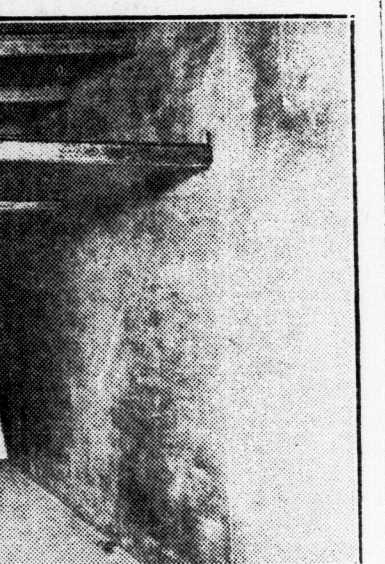
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Canadian Press Despatch.
Montreal, Que., Dec. 16.—A panic, resulting in the death of one person, and the serious injury of some twenty-five others, was caused in the local moving-picture house last night, when the film which was being shown caught fire.

A little boy was crushed to death in the wild stampede for the door, and a number of men and women were more or less seriously injured.

The fire did not spread, and the interior of the theatre was only slightly damaged. There were some four hundred people in the theatre at the time of the occurrence.

The theatre is an upstairs hall. When a flash of flame darted from the moving picture machine, a panic ensued and everybody rushed for the doors. A few cool heads in the audience endeavored to calm the people, but were not successful. In the rush, the little boy was crushed, while many of the people injured, sustained their hurts by being jammed against the walls, or being knocked down.

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Tchitcherin Thinks World Affairs Cannot Proceed Without Russian Aid.

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, Dec. 16.—George Tchitcherin, former commissar of soviet, who recently arrived in Paris after visiting Warsaw, Berlin, Geneva and other centers, took occasion yesterday to express his sentiments on certain world affairs. These sentiments may be outlined about as follows:

Continued distrust of the league of nations, lack of confidence in the Locarno pact, readiness to discuss the resumption of political relations with the United States opposition to security negotiations in advance of general disarmament, and confidence that the existing hostility to the soviet republics will lose its force little by little.

Recent events, M. Tchitcherin declared, have shown the immense importance of the union of soviet in international politics and commerce.

"The general settlement of international affairs is impossible without us," he said.

SINGLE CHRISTMAS CAKE WEIGHS MORE THAN TON

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 16.—Making a Christmas cake each year bigger than the one of the year before, has been the hobby for 29 years of S. F. Stevens, a baker of Clapham, 71 years old. This year he has produced a cake weighing more than a ton, portions of which are being sent to many parts of the world.

The ingredients for this cake, the preparation of which required two months, include ten cases of currants, 175 pounds of sugar, 275 pounds of flour, 125 pounds of butter, 225 lemons, 2,500 eggs, 150 pounds of candy peel, 20 quarts of milk, 125 pounds of almonds, 84 pounds of citron and eight boxes of raisins.

RUSSIA AND FRANCE WILL TAKE UP DEBT QUESTION

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, Dec. 16.—French and Russian delegations will soon meet in Paris to resume negotiations for settlement of the Russian debt to France, it was announced today.

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CITY ANALYSIS OF PEAT OFFERS MUCH INTEREST

Middlesex County Bogs May Provide Useful Substitute For Coal.

FUEL FAMINE LOOMS

1,500 Tons of Peat May Be Taken From Dorchester Bogs in 1926.

In the event of a coal famine in Canada, which is not altogether an impossibility, a variety of substitutes will be pressed into service. Of these substitutes, peat is likely to be important.

There are 37,000 square miles of peat in the dominion, and the peat areas are widely distributed, one bog of large dimensions being situated in Middlesex.

Peat men believe it may play a big part in future fuel economy. Aside from the prevailing scarcity of bogs, coal and high prices which have been asked, the fuel problem in Canada presents a serious and alarming aspect. The question, which has reached critical proportions within the past few weeks, has become one of national concern.

Effect Would Be Drastic. If, for any reason, the importation of coal from the United States should ultimately cease, or even worse, be prohibited, the results and the effects upon Canada would be most vital. This fact, which is by no means a remote possibility, according to well-informed authorities, would be a very serious matter, and would be a very serious matter, and would be a very serious matter.

Together with this, when the manufacturer is today being forced to secure a high price for his products as the result of a corresponding increase in the cost of raw materials, which will result in a corresponding increase in the price of his products, it is of prime importance to note the introduction of any material which will relieve, in any way, the pressure of the serious conditions which prevail. That peat is a less expensive fuel than anthracite or other varieties of coal, and quite as suitable for industrial and domestic purposes, is the statement made by Dr. J. McWilliam and W. J. Chapman of this city, for many years associated with the production of the fuel in Ontario. Their statement is substantiated by the results of exhaustive experiments which have been conducted by the department of the interior in the vast peat bogs near Ottawa.

Analysis is Made. To place before the public of London, and to provide information as to the qualities of this fuel, The Advertiser, through the courtesy of Prof. J. W. Russell, is analyzing at the university this week a quantity of peat taken from Dr. McWilliam's large bog near Dorchester. Many Londoners are today using this fuel for heating their homes, and the results of the analysis, to be published tomorrow, will prove most interesting.

Every feasible step is being taken by various industrial organizations in the province to alleviate the threatening condition which has developed. The mining situation in the United States presents little indication of a settlement, and the coal supply in Canada, especially in the dominion, is almost nil. Ontario, especially, is suffering from the vice-like grip of this prevailing shortage, which, it seems, the public is now looking forward to as an annual occurrence.

The wood supply of Canada is rapidly becoming depleted and falls short of supplying even the demand for domestic fuel. With coal areas situated in the extreme eastern and western provinces, and the long haul necessary to bring it to this section, and the subsequent high price, its use is made prohibitive to a great extent. As a result the central portions of the dominion have for a long time been dependent upon the United States for a non-biomimous coal supply in sufficient quantities to maintain the maintenance of their industries and the comfort of their homes.

Imports Enormous. Last year, some 4,843,524 tons of anthracite coal were brought from the Pennsylvania district, the value of which amounted to \$41,934,241. The total supply of anthracite, bituminous and dust coal imported from the United States amounted to approximately \$85,000,000.

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Peat Bogs May Give Much Fuel

The Advertiser today publishes the first of a series of articles on peat bogs. With a considerable acreage of available peat in Middlesex county, the interest in this sort of fuel has grown locally, and a useful substitute for coal may be provided. Tomorrow The Advertiser will publish a second article, showing the result of Professor Russell's analysis of peat taken from bogs at Dorchester. This will be compared with anthracite and bituminous coal. A third article will provide an interesting history of the peat industry in Canada.

244,500, which means that during the year Canadians paid almost \$9 per capita for this one imported article.

According to those most intimate with the subject, the most promising means of permanent relief from the high per capita expenditure, and from this ever-menacing situation, is in the development of peat fields which are to be found in abundance in Canada.

"The peat enterprise in the dominion," states Dr. McWilliam, "is still in its infancy, but with an infinitely great supply of the substance in large parts of the country, and with an accepted method of manufacture and development which is proving most successful, financially and mechanically, it remains only to create a demand for the product by making known its qualities as a fuel to create market conditions which will insure the interest of capital in its development, and create an expansion which the importance of the problem justifies."

"We can not allow depend upon the United States for our coal supply," continued Dr. McWilliam, "and a new fuel source must be sought. Peat, I believe, the one fuel that will meet the requirements. With some 37,000 square miles at our disposal, I am sure that Canada's fuel question will find a solution in these large deposits."

"The value of the product and the ultimate necessity of developing the fuel has already led many individuals to attempt the production of peat on a large commercial scale. Much money and energy have been expended but thus far the attempts have met with only varied success. This is due to lack of financial backing and subsequent inadequate facilities, according to Dr. McWilliam.

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SCHOOL OFFICIALS BACK FARM PLAN

Proposed Institution Would Give Feeble-Minded Children Proper Training.

Establishment of a farm for feeble-minded children of Western Ontario, just outside London is not beyond the range of possibility next year. The announcement made by Premier G. H. Ferguson, minister of education, that the government is prepared to pass legislation in this connection, providing municipalities in the province will co-operate, has been very cordially received by prominent educationists in London.

Administrator G. A. Wheable, B.A., S. F. Lawson, chairman of the board of education, Trustee Rev. R. D. Mess and Rev. G. Q. Warner, B.D., judge of the London and Middlesex juvenile court, all expressed themselves to The Advertiser in terms distinctly favorable to the establishment of a farm for feeble-minded children and in terms indicating that the London board of education would be prepared to do its share in promoting such work.

V. K. Greer, M.A., chief inspector of public and separate schools, who is known to be very sympathetic to any plans for looking after feeble-minded children, a type for which as yet little is being done, has also done his share in promoting such work.

"There is about one feeble-minded child in every 500, and a farm for London and Western Ontario would have about 50 or more children," states Mr. Wheable, "and I believe that such a farm would be a very good thing. We in London are doing considerable work for sub-normal children in our auxiliary classes, and in the establishment recently of vocational classes for boys and girls over 14 years of age of similar type, but this farm plan is for children who test below 50 in mental tests. This class is in the ranks of the feeble-minded, and in any child testing below 50 mentally the value of the product and the ultimate necessity of developing the fuel has already led many individuals to attempt the production of peat on a large commercial scale. Much money and energy have been expended but thus far the attempts have met with only varied success. This is due to lack of financial backing and subsequent inadequate facilities, according to Dr. McWilliam.

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Service of Two McCormick Workers Totals 89 Years

Thomas Dempsey of 722 Elias Street Has Been Biscuit Maker 46 Years, and James Craig of 103 McClary Avenue a Candy Maker For 43 Years.



THOMAS DEMPSEY.

Forty-six years of continuous service in the employ of the McCormick Manufacturing Company is the record that Thomas Dempsey, 722 Elias street, has set. He has the honor of being the oldest employee of the plant. He started his career as a biscuit maker with the Perrin Biscuit Company when a young man, but quit the work after losing a finger.

After a year's layoff he began his work with the McCormick firm at their old site on the corner of Wellington and Dundas street in 1879. At the time there were only five men working in the biscuit department, where Mr. Dempsey has spent all the years of his life. Now this department has an employment of over a hundred hands.

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JAMES CRAIG.

Born in London, Mr. Dempsey has lived his entire life in the city, and has spent at his present address for the past 33 years. Although he is 67 years of age he is still active, and hopes to reach the 50-year service mark.

James Craig, 103 McClary avenue, also has seen many years of service with the McCormick plant, and shares along with Mr. Dempsey the honors of long employment. Mr. Craig has been in the employ of the firm for 43 years, since 1882. He started to work in the candy and gum department, and his knowledge of the candy business was responsible for his appointment as chief superintendent. He held this position for 20 years, and is still connected with the office.

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MISS GRANT RAPS CERTIFICATE PLAN

Absurd To Demand It When Bride-To-Be Is Obviously Over 21.

A deputation of the Ontario Municipal Association executive, numbering among its members Miss Mary Grant, clerk and treasurer of London township, met members of the Ontario government recently and presented a request for modification of the present regulations covering the issuing of marriage licenses. Premier Ferguson, Col. Price and W. F. Nickle received the delegation.

Miss Grant, who issues licenses at her office on Dundas street, recently returned from Toronto and this morning discussed the situation arising as a result of the necessity of producing a birth certificate before a marriage license can be taken out.

"When the bride-to-be is obviously over 21 years, as many of them are," said Miss Grant, "it is absurd for the parties concerned to have to wait sometimes for weeks till a birth certificate can be produced. Many Canadians have been born in European countries, and if it is necessary to get birth certificates for them a wedding would, of necessity, be delayed for nearly a month. And then three more days would have to elapse after the certificate arrived before the marriage could take place. It is a very unpleasant thing to ask any woman to do and none of them like doing it."

"There's a lot of responsibility resting now on a person who issues marriage licenses, and I can't see what difference it would make if responsibility for establishing them were the contracting parties were added as well."

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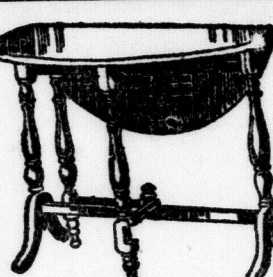


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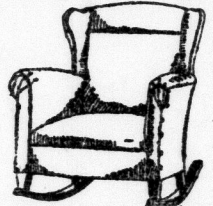
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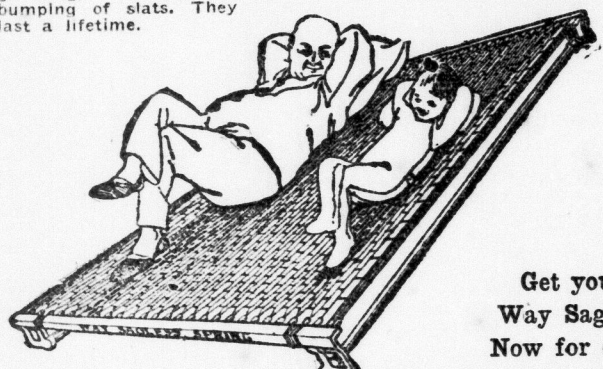
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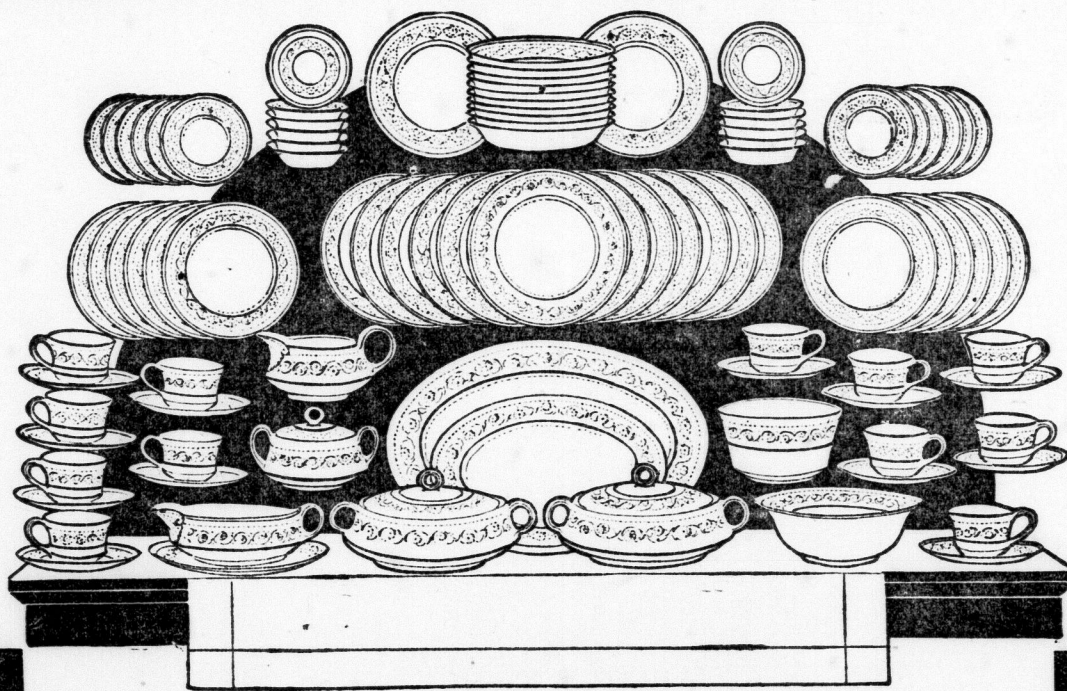


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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16.
(All schedules 1.30, except that time after midnight is denoted by heavy figures.)
(Eastern Standard Time.)
CJCC, LONDON—330M.
1:20 p.m.—Kennebunk and weather forecasts.
1:30—Hampshire trio.
1:45—Mason & Ruse studio program.
CFCA, TORONTO—356.
2:00—Readings for children.
2:30—Hampshire trio.
11:00—Gilbert Watson and his orchestra, from the Pavilion restaurant, Sunnyside Beach.
CFCE, MONTREAL—411.
12:45—Montreal Royal orchestra.
7:00—340—Orchestra.
CKAC, MONTREAL—411.
1:45—Lunchtime concert.
CNR, OTTAWA—435.8.
7:00—Stories and markets.
8:00—Dinner concert.
9:00—French program.
KGW, PORTLAND—491.5.
9:00—Dinner music.
11:00—Concert program.
CNRW, WINNIPEG—384.4.
8:00—Stories and markets.
8:00—Fort Garry orchestra.
9:00—Waterhouse quartet.
11:00—Pumpkin orchestra.
KDKA, EAST PITTSBURGH—309.1.
6:30—KDKA dinner music.
8:30—Westinghouse band.
KFI, LOS ANGELES—467.
8:30—Regular features.
19:00—Stories and markets.
1:00—Patrick Marsh orchestra.
KFKK, HASTINGS—388.3.
6:30—KDKA dinner music.
10:00—Program from Lincoln.
KFR, COLUMBIA, MO.—499.7.
9:00—Concert program.
KHJ, LOS ANGELES—405.2.
9:00—Stories and music.
11:00—Lecture and music.

1:00—Hickman's orchestra.
KOA, DENVER—322.4.
8:30—Dinner music.
9:30—Dinner program.
10:00—KOA anniversary program.
12:00—Dance program.
KPO, SAN FRANCISCO—428.3.
9:40—Orchestra music.
11:00—Orchestra and artists.
1:00—Linda's orchestra.
KYRC, HOUSTON—296.9.
6:30—Children's period.
8:30—Martin's orchestra.
9:30—Concert.
KSD, ST. LOUIS—545.1.
7:00—Dinner music.
8:00—Studio program.
9:00—Troubadours (WEAF).
KTHS, HOT SPRINGS—374.8.
10:00—Southern melodies.
10:45—Organ recital.
KWCR, CEDAR RAPIDS—277.8.
10:00—Musical program.
KYW, CHICAGO—535.4.
7:00—KWK dinner music.
8:00—Stories and talks.
9:00—Studio program.
11:00—Midnight revue.
2:00—Innocent club.
WAG, RICHMOND HILL—315.6.
7:30—25 hours in the studio.
10:15—Patterson's orchestra.
WBAP, FORT WORTH—475.9.
7:00—Dinner music.
8:30—Hawaiian music.
10:00—Dance program.
WBZ, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—333.1.
6:30—KDKA little symphony.
7:30—Radio nature league.
8:00—Pianist quartet.
9:00—Concert program.
9:30—Trio quartet.
FCAD, CANTON, N. Y.—263.
8:00—University program.
WCAE, PITTSBURGH—461.3.
6:30—William Penn orchestra.
7:30—Santa Claus, etc.
8:30—Program from WEAF.
WCAP, WASHINGTON—468.5.
7:00—Markets, army band.
9:00—Troubadours (WEAF).
10:00—Roxie and his gang.
11:00—Concert program.
WCCO, MINNEAPOLIS-ST. PAUL—416.4.
6:30—Children's period.
7:30—Weekly markets.
8:00—Synagogue services.
9:00—Troubadours (WEAF).
11:00—Emmett Long's orchestra.
WDAF, KANSAS CITY—365.6.
7:00—School of the air.
9:00—Classical program.
12:45—Nightmare frolic.
WEAF, NEW YORK—491.5.
6:00—Waldorf orchestra.
7:00—Synagogue services.
8:00—United States army band.
8:00—Entertainment.
9:00—Roxie and his gang.
10:00—Bernie's orchestra.
KQAO, COLUMBUS—293.9.
8:00—Lectures and music.
9:00—Ladies' orchestra.
WEEI, BOSTON—348.6.
6:45—Big Brother, Santa.
8:00—Program from WEAF.
8:30—Earle Nelson, etc.
9:00—Program from WEAF.
WGHB, CLEARWATER, FLA.—266.
8:30—Musical program.
WGHP, DETROIT—270.
8:00—WGHP little symphony.
WGN, CHICAGO—370.2.
6:30—Skeezix time.
7:00—Organ and dinner music.
9:30—Classic hour.
11:30—Jazz scamper.
WGR, BUFFALO—319.0.
6:30—Gospel melodists.
8:30—Program.
9:00—Troubadours (WEAF).
10:00—Special presentation.
WGY, SCHENECTADY—379.5.
6:30—Santa Claus; orchestra.
7:30—Book of knowledge.
WHAS, LOUISVILLE—399.8.
8:30—Kentucky Night Owls.
WHB, KANSAS CITY—365.6.
8:00—Finley's trio talk.
WHO, DES MOINES—526.0.
7:30—Reese-Hughes orchestra.
7:30—Santa Claus soloists.
10:00—Dance program.
WJAR, PROVIDENCE—305.9.
7:30—Program from WEAF.
WJR, DETROIT—516.9.
7:00—Pettie symphony.
9:00—Serenaders.
11:30—WJR Jesters.
WJZ, NEW YORK—454.3.
6:30—University of the air.
7:00—Levitov's orchestra.
8:15—Zoo talk.
8:30—Hunter college concert.
9:30—To be announced.
10:30—Speeches of Cincinnati—422.3.
9:00—Book talk; orchestra.
10:00—Koenig Little Symphony.
WLIT, PHILADELPHIA—394.5.
7:30—Dream Daddy.
8:00—Melrose concert company.
9:00—P. H. P. night.
10:00—Arcadia orchestra.
7:30—Organ; Ford and Glenn.
8:15—WLS Trio and players.
8:15—Musical features.
11:40—Ford and Glenn; organ.
WLW, CINCINNATI—422.3.
7:00—Santa Art Gillham.
8:00—Visconti's orchestra.
11:00—"Pop" concert.
11:30—Readings; quartet.
12:45—Entertainers; organ.
WNAK, LOCKPORT—266.
7:45—Harmonica recital.
8:00—Musical program.
WNAQ, CHICAGO—447.5.
7:00—Organ; stories.
9:00—Lecture; music.
10:00—WMAQ players.
WNEB, MIAMI BEACH—384.4.
7:00—Dinner concert.
10:00—Dance music.
WNAQ, BOSTON—280.3.
6:00—Krazy Kat; orchestra.
7:35—Federation program.
8:00—Musical program.
WOC, DAVENPORT—483.6.
6:45—Chimes, Sandman.
10:00—Organ recital.
WOO, PHILADELPHIA—508.2.
7:30—Lizzo's orchestra.
8:00—Program from WEAF.
9:00—American male quartet.
10:00—Fox theatre studio.
10:30—Lizzo's orchestra.
WOR, NEWARK—405.2.
6:15—Santa Claus; shorts.
8:30—Dinner program.
8:00—Topics; studio features.
9:30—Allen trio; contralto.
10:45—Pennsylvania orchestra.
WOS, JEFFERSON CITY—440.9.
9:00—Lectures; Potters.
WSAI, CINCINNATI—325.9.
8:45—Art talk.
9:00—Program from WEAF.
10:00—Roxie and his gang.
11:00—Lecture; string quartet.
WSM, NASHVILLE—282.8.
7:30—Craig's orchestra.
8:00—Bedtime story.
9:00—Girls' program.
11:00—Hoffman artists.
WTAG, WORCESTER—267.7.
7:15—Stories; stocks.
8:00—Organ recital.
11:00—Roxie and his gang.
WTAM, CLEVELAND—389.4.
6:00—Dinner hour music.
8:00—Organ recital.
11:00—Lombardi's Canadians.
WTC, HARTFORD, CONN.—475.9.
6:30—Bond trio and soloists.
10:00—Humboldt's orchestra.
WWJ, DETROIT—352.7.
6:00—Dinner music.
8:00—Orchestra and soloists.
9:00—Dance program.

WEDNESDAY'S SILENT STATIONS:
WFA, WNC, WQAW, WJW, WGSB,
CNRA, CNRE, CNRM, CNRT, CNRV,
WSUI, WBVA, WBAL, WPG.

CUBA GETS MUCH LIQUOR
FOR CHRISTMAS SEASON

In the past month 136 carloads of liquor have passed through London on the railways for export to Santa Maria and other well-known Cuba towns. Just now the corporations are experiencing the heaviest liquor shipments they have had in months, the reason for which is undoubtedly the rapidly-approaching Christmas season.

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RELIEF IS HALVED
IN WESTMINSTERCouncil Holds Last Session—
Manor Park School
Granted \$200.

Westminster township council disposed of much business yesterday in its last session of the year, lasting from 9:30 a.m. till after 6 o'clock. The council passed a bylaw changing four of the thirteen polling booths for the 1924 election. It looked to be a waste of time, as it is generally expected that all members of the council from Reeve Cousins down, will be returned by acclamation.

At Belmont, the polling booth will be held in the village library instead of Campbell's harness shop. The booth on concession 5 will be placed in the home of L. McCallum, in place of the schoolhouse. Lambeth Masonic hall will be used instead of Reynolds' garage. Line road will be located in the home of Mrs. S. Abel.

The council granted Manor Park school \$200.

The ratemakers on the Pipe Line road drain will be relieved of a percentage on their assessment, pending arrangements to spread the cost of the drain over a period of 10 years.

Taxes Come Early.
Tax Collector C. Vanslyke stated that over 90 per cent. of the taxes had been collected, and that some \$75,000 was now in the bank.

Payment of a number of accounts was authorized by the council, including the salary of the medical officer of health, and F. W. Farncombe, who presented a bill for \$432 for work in connection with the Hampton creek drain.

Reeve Cousins reported that township relief to needy families had been cut in two so far this year.

"The members of the council have at all times kept the welfare of the ratepayers to the front, and this example has been followed in no small degree by the officials. We have a most efficient staff in road superintendent Jim Johnston, Clerk E. S. Hunt, and Treasurer J. W. Laidlaw," declared Reeve Cousins, who is also an ex-warden of the county of Middlesex.

Deputy Reeve Boler stated that his work during the year had been made more efficient through the advice given him by Mr. Cousins. He also paid glowing tributes to the work accomplished by the township officials.

Official Thanks Council.
E. S. Hunt thanked the council on behalf of the officials, and stated that it was a pleasure to work with such a fine body of men.

In 1924, \$20,000 was spent on highway construction and improvement in the township, while for the past year only \$8,000 was expended on actual work. Repairs and expenses resulting from accidents brought the amount up to around the \$10,000 mark.

ALLEGED KLAN QUINTET
TO BE TRIED THURSDAYDresden Men Face Charge of
Assaulting Robt. Tiffin in
Own Home.

Special to The Advertiser.
Chatham, Dec. 15.—County police announced today that the trial of the five Dresden men charged with assaulting an out of an alleged assault upon Robert Tiffin of that place would be held there on Thursday morning at 11 o'clock.

Police allege that the defendants were members of the party of eight, who, wearing hoods and gowns of the Ku Klux Klan, attacked Tiffin in his apartment.

Clarence Broughton and Reginald Ayres will face charges that they were members of an unlawful assembly which disturbed the peace by assault on Robert Tiffin. Both will also face a charge of common assault on Tiffin, with Broughton facing an additional charge of having dangerous weapons in his possession. Charges of common assault have been preferred against Tom Varnum, William Farslow and Howard Mischelbrook.

Town's Pioneers
Feted By RotaryOlden Days of St. Marys Are
Recalled at Banquet Mon-
day Night.

Special to The Advertiser.
St. Marys, Dec. 15.—The St. Marys Rotary club held one of its most interesting meetings since inception when they held a pioneer night last evening, at which many of the oldest pioneers of the town were the guests of the club. Following a very enjoyable banquet at the Bluebird restaurant, reminiscences of the old days of St. Marys were related by the pioneers, and they formed a story that was intensely interesting.

Tales of the days of 60 years ago, when St. Marys was in its infancy, of the rough-and-ready habits and customs of the times, of the coming of the railroad, of the days when whiskey sold at 50 cents a gallon and twelve hotels did a thriving business here, all combined to form a most interesting history.

The pioneers, with the number of years they have resided in town, are: Jerry White, 62 years; William Andrews, 58 years; A. H. Loft, 45 years; F. E. Butcher, 68 years; William Richards, 50 years; Mr. Towle, 70 years.

HOME FROM NORTHLAND.
Special to The Advertiser.
Exeter, Dec. 15.—Russell Ratcliffe, who is in the employ of the Hudson Bay Company, 160 miles beyond the terminus railway, is home on a visit.

CANADIAN LEGION WILL
KEEP PENSION BUREAU

Canadian Press Despatch.
Victoria, Dec. 15.—The Great War Veterans' association adjustment bureau at Ottawa, which the G. W. V. A. has announced it may have to close owing to lack of funds, will be taken over by the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League, the newly-formed united veterans' organization, as soon as the unity merger is completed, according to an announcement by Lieut.-General Sir Percy Lake, legion president.

M. O. H. REPORTS DEFECTS
IN TWO CITY SCHOOLS

Sanitary conveniences in Chelsea Green and Pottersburg schools are not all they should be, according to the yearly report of Dr. W. H. Downham, M.O.H. Dr. Downham reports them as "defective," and has drawn the attention of the board of the matter on several occasions without result.

Unless conditions are improved in the near future, it would not be surprising to see the board of health take some drastic action early in the year.

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A Vulnerable Explanation.

A heroic effort is made by the Mail and Empire to defend Mr. Meighen's attitude—or attitudes—in regard to Canada's participation in British wars. For this it deserves credit and not censure. Loyalty to a party friend is commendable. And if the article in the Mail and Empire is vulnerable, it is because the case is weak.

First it says that Mr. Meighen still stands by his declaration of 1922. "Ready, aye ready." Next, his new policy of consulting the people in an election is consistent with his declaration of 1922, because it is to be taken for granted that the people would vote for his policy of "Ready, aye ready."

Then why hold a general election at all? This brings us to the next contention of the Mail and Empire. That is that in view of the Locarno treaty the peace of Europe is secured, "consequently the contingency of war may nowadays almost be left out of account," and "consequently the possibility of Canada being called upon again to take up the sword is remote. His own remarks therefore would be intended as of academic rather than of live political interest."

We thus arrive at the position that Mr. Meighen is "ready, aye ready," to have Canada take part in a war which is not likely to happen; and that he is in favor of a general election to decide upon participation in this war which is not likely to be fought. One naturally asks why these declarations are to be made at all. The Mail and Empire says that a public man is to have some liberty of speculation and that the *obiter dicta* of a statesman are not always to be regarded as binding. But Mr. Meighen himself evidently did not regard his declarations as mere random speculations and musings, for he followed up his speech at Hamilton by a journey to Bagot, where his object was not to make an academic speech, but to win an election. He surely wanted the people of Bagot to believe that he meant something, and that he was not merely talking to himself about a dream.

The truth is that Mr. Meighen's perplexity or the perplexity of his defender are due to a man desire to disagree with Mr. Mackenzie Mr. King in the Chevak case in 1922 took reasonable attitude that the parliament ought to be consulted about war. War was carried on without the consent of the people which must vote the supplies or refuse to vote them. Mr. Meighen, in trying to take different ground, takes two positions, both wrong.

They Cut It In Two.

When two women came to Solomon disputing the ownership of a child that very wise ruler suggested that it be cut in two. The same course was followed by London city council last night in dealing with the ultimatum of the street railway that operations would cease unless they had a five-cent fare and a promise of the elimination of the competing buses.

In the time of Solomon the sword did not fall, but in London it did. The section allotted to the 1925 council was a 60-day agreement that the five-cent fare would be in force during that period. To the 1926 council goes the question of taking the buses off the streets. As a result, the street cars operate until Monday, Dec. 21, on which day the new council is inaugurated.

The discussion, which lasted for four hours, was informative, if not final. It was brought out that the street railway's difference in revenue between a seven-and-nine fare and a five-cent charge was \$150,000 a year; that in November, the first full month of bus competition on lines where street cars operated, there had been a drop of \$4,500 in revenue as against the same month last year.

The 1925 council went as far as it had any authority to do in granting a 60-day extension of the five-cent fare. It could not decide on the question of taking buses off the street, for they are already licensed until the end of the year. The renewal or refusal of bus licenses for 1926 is a matter entirely within the province of the 1926 council, and it was quite proper that they should not commit themselves, even verbally, before they were inaugurated as a council, although they were all present at the meeting.

Will Russia Come In?

The Genoa conference failed to interest Russia in meeting the nations of the world, and so did The Hague conference, but it is being tried again from Geneva. There is nothing on the surface to indicate that there will be success attending an effort to bring Russia into touch with the League of Nations. Since 1917 Russia has lived her life apart, regarded with suspicion, much of which has been justified. She has carried on propaganda intended to create trouble for Britain in China and India; from Moscow direction has been given to a campaign to spread discontent and rebellion in the British army. Her record in finance has been bad mainly because she settled foreign obligations by cancelling them and defying collection. Russia owes Britain \$2,807,010,000 without any allowance for interest.

It was on March 12, 1917, that the world got its first intimation of what had taken place in Russia. Revolution forced Nicholas II to abdicate, and a provisional government under Prince George Lvov lasted until May 16; on August 6 the short-lived Kerensky regime came, and was snuffed out on November 17 when the military revolutionary committee seized power. Since then legislative fanaticism and despotic experiment have tried out on Russia all the tenets of communism. The complete story of what has taken place in that great empire of limitless possibilities will probably never be correctly recorded.

Yet the League of Nations wants Russia, and the reason is not hard to gather. The strength of the League becomes greater as more nations enter; it is stronger since France and Germany settled their differences. It would be stronger still were Russia in sympathetic understanding with the other nations, for the old Russian empire contains about one-seventh of the total land area of the world, and it has a population of 200,000,000. Although its naval power is not great it maintains a standing army on a peace footing of 562,967. It is rich in grain-growing lands, coal, iron ore, copper, zinc, lead, asbestos.

Any attempt to bring Russia into a reasonable and honorable understanding with the rest of the world is immeasurably better policy than leaving suspicion and prejudice to work out their own desperate ends.

Debtenture Debt and Taxes.

One of the candidates for office in a city which has yet to hold its municipal election is advocating the "pay-as-you-go" plan of financing. In a report of an appeal made he is quoted as saying: "We must cease piling up the city debt and the only way to do it is to stop piling up debtentures."

His idea is not new. It really means that the city must not issue in any one year more debtentures than mature and are wiped off in that period. It would be an ideal system were it possible to have expiring debtentures arranged in such nice order that they would fall out just in time to permit new ones being issued when it was imperative that they should be. But they do not work out that way. London increased its debtenture debt on election day by \$375,000, which means \$30,000 a year for twenty years; in 1924 it increased it by \$466,000 for storm sewers and new school buildings; it will be increased by another \$267,000 for the east end collegiate, and while this increase of \$1,128,000 was being made the amount of debtentures maturing was almost negligible.

London's total debtenture debt for 1921 and 1924 compare as follows:

1921	\$11,580,484.13
1924	12,974,695.15

It may not be admitted that increasing the debtenture debt does not increase the tax rate, or the actual taxes paid year after year on a given property, but the taxes in London have not reflected the increase shown in the debtentures in the years compared above. This does not hold good all the way through, or in the case of non-revenue producing expenditures.

The local improvement debtentures in 1921 and 1924 were as follows:

1921	\$1,918,406.81
1924	2,227,355.43

The city's share of local improvement debtentures, which includes all street intersections, is really an investment that brings back more revenue. To illustrate—a new street is opened, and those owning property ask for pavements. The work is done and becomes a charge against the property, although the total adds to the debtenture debt. The city is obligated for street corners. Houses are built and occupied, and these become a source of new revenue in the way of taxation.

It is worth noting also that many increases to debtenture debts are not made by the council, but by the people themselves or by spending bodies over which the council does not exercise control. The size of the debt is not the surest certain method is by comparing for a term of time to gauge the tendency of taxation. The one year's actual amount of money paid in taxes—excluding local improvements—on a given property.

Note and Comment.

Our idea of scarce is the number of times Jack Dempsey defends his title.

Hamilton Spectator says the feeble-minded should be put together in a farm colony. Another safe Conservative seat.

H. J. Childs announces that he has a new stock of 1926 auto markers. Get out, we haven't worn the last ones a year yet.

Better not put off until tomorrow what you're reckoning on doing today, because by tomorrow there may be a law against it.

Just when all the moves are toward peace some inventive Johnny comes along with a great improvement on armored tanks, like the third party in a divorce case.

One U.S. congressman complained that the president's speech was "shot through with too much optimism." That wouldn't hurt so much as a charge of buckshot.

Manitoba Free Press: "It is a first-class thing for Mr. Meighen that the president of the Bank of Montreal did not make his observations on the improving state of Canada's business some six weeks ago."

The Hamilton Spectator is certain if the youngster has seen four Santa Clauses down town in the afternoon, heard a dozen more speak from different broadcasting stations in the evening and still retains his faith, you may be sure that some day he will buy some old stock.

A farmer near Greenwich, N.J., shot an animal that was raiding his chicken-house. It is described as about the size of an Alfrede dog but its forequarters are higher than the rear. Its hind feet are webbed and it has fur like astrachan. The farmer had to shoot it at close range six times before scoring a hit, and this may account for his description.

A Good Reason

By ARK.

There's lots of preachers sayin' now as how the fathers, if they're right, should plan when done of workin' hours to stay around their homes at night.

It seems a proper thing to me and quite a helpful thing to do, so thus for once I guess as what the preachers said on that is true.

When I get home to stop a spell why little Angus comes to me, and wants to know about the folks who fish around the China sea, and what's the name of some strange land, the population of Japan, and how a person starts from here and takes a trip to San Juan.

And if a farmer had ten sheep, a billy goat, a brindle cow, and sold them for ten cents a pound to buy a binder and a plow, how much would he have left beside to paper up three dining-rooms if one goat ran away from him and ten cents bought a pound of prunes.

Then Rory he comes in a spell, he's farther on than Angus be, and wants to know by A plus X who put the bottom in the sea.

And then he's got another there on why A B it equals C, of course the like of things like that is all the same as Dutch to me, but I can't say how I don't know and put myself up on the shelf, and so I say it's better far for him to work it out himself.

And when he's through with things like that I find as how he gets me tired, by askin' where King John had been six weeks before come Runnymede, and why Charles kept his parliament and why they called old Alfred Great, and how it was that Henry had such trouble pickin' out a mate.

Perhaps the preachers know such things, and tellin' them be their delight—but it's the reason lots of times why I don't stay to home at night.

The Once-Over

At the risk of having our poetic license cancelled, we celebrate the day's Chinese war news thusly:

General Li Ching Ling

Was governor of Chihli.

He dealt his foes

Such tingling blows

It knocked them all sky high.

Even Feng Yu-Hsiang at Yangtsu

After doing all he could do

Was chased right in

To Tientsin

And with him went his gang, too.

Do your Christmas walking early!

Today's wisest speculation consists in buying up a supply of street car tickets at seven and nine for a quarter in the hope that the company will continue to operate.

A Polish citizen drove his auto head-on into a street car. A little of the polish was knocked off both.

We've heard of street cars hitting poles, but this time the Pole hit the street car.

Add Christmas alibis: "I was going to buy you a present, my dear, but you see the street cars stopped running and I couldn't get down town."

A GENUINE WHITE ELEPHANT.

From Paris comes a story of an elephant that ate all the box office receipts of the circus to which it belonged.

Wife Still Continues to Hunt For Husband, says a headline. All of us married men are wondering what the poor beggar did, or forgot to do.

Future prosperity of the Maritimes is assured. They've discovered a new turf for golf courses, tough enough to resist the assaults of the most frantic beginners.

Isn't It the Truth?

Short and effective ceremony: "Flatter him; put her; married."

Obscurity consists in being one of the other English princes.

"There is no more sacrifice at the altar." Huh! Ask benedict.

Slang serves. If it wasn't for slang, some people would have to make signs.

The correct measure of a family is the size of the people it likes to gossip about.

Prosperous times are those in which the people are too busy to notice them.

Alas! Another thing that got a vacation was the old savings account.

If the photograph shows a man made in Italy.

The old-time colony grabbers were different. They made the job pay its own expenses.

In the old days, stock-raisers were mere cattle-men—not financial bulls.

He isn't insane if he has wit enough to engage a lawyer who will prove that he is.

Maybe the dear things get fat because kind Nature is trying to make up for the lack of clothes.

The objection to a paternal government is that it coddles too much and spans too much.

Think of a past buried as long as Tui's and to chance for the scandal magazines to get in on it.

At times investigations seem no more significant than a small boy's interest in another boy's ball.

Correct this sentence: "Christmas is near," said she, "and I have no idea what Dad is going to give me."

Editorial Opinion

BUSINESS BACKGROUND.

From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.

HARVARD has gathered a gallery of 1,000 pictures of business, commerce and transportation before 1900 to hang on the walls of the new business school buildings which the \$5,000,000 given by George F. Baker is to put up. The idea is to impress the students with the fact that a great deal was going on in the business world before they consented to prepare to "accept a position." The sound conduct of business affairs demands a background and horizon no less surely than artistic pursuits and literary culture.

HELPING U. S. TAXPAYERS.

From the Brantford Expositor.

EVERY Canadian who burns Pennsylvania anthracite ought to remember that in doing so he is contributing toward the taxes of that state. Pennsylvania derives a tax from every ton of coal mined, and it is not to be wondered at that Governor Pinchot is anxious to settle the strike. Some day Canadians will insist on getting coal produced in the dominion.

Resents Liberties



LION-KEEPER BULL.—"No, I shouldn't do that, y'know, me man; 'e doesn't like 'avin' 'is 'ed patted, any more than 'e likes 'avin' 'is tile twisted by a stranger."

Ministers and Calling

By OBSERVER.

IT HAPPENED to be talking to a minister the other day, and from one cause or another the conversation turned to the number of people he called on and what he accomplished by it.

You know there is always a great deal said about a minister being a good "pastor." That is taken to mean that he spends a great deal of his time out visiting the people, whether they need it or not. I have always had some what of a suspicion that this calling business was quite a good deal overdone, and that is, I guess, how I happened to ask the minister himself what he thought of it.

This is about what he told me: "I try and keep a record of all the families in my church, and for that purpose use a card index system that has them put in the various districts where they live so that it is easy to get to them in order and without a waste of time."

"Now that's simple enough, but it all takes time. You asked me what percentage of this calling was effective and well worth while. I should say that 20 per cent would be a fairly high average. That means that half my effort is wasted, or as good as wasted, and that is exactly what I mean."

"In order to get around I have to make a good many calls during the afternoon. At that time of day I generally find the wife or mother home, and perhaps some of the smaller children. There are times when it is possible to call on those who are shut in from sickness or old age. That I find is a good investment of time, and it is certainly my business to make those calls and put everything into them that I can."

But for the rest of the afternoon calls I don't think they are particularly effective. For the most part I reach the people who are coming to church anyway, and unless I am very much mistaken they should be just as anxious about the success of the church as I am. It becomes more or less of a social duty, and I don't think a minister has much time to devote to that."

"I have members of my congregation who come to me and say: 'You don't need to make one of your calls on us just because we're on your membership list. If you have time, come in; if not, go some place else where people are not attending church.'"

"I had more than one of them like that, and it would save me from the impression a good many times that I am simply going through the motions because I feel I should. I believe ministers in general feel that too much of their time is taken up in looking after those who are members of their church, and in this way he is handicapped in getting out and spending his time looking for those who have no church interest or no church connection."

Calls It a "Barren Victory"

An Editorial in The Hamilton Herald.

LONDON has been successful in its litigation with the local street railway company. It made application to the courts for an order restraining the company from charging fares any higher than those provided for in the agreement made thirty years ago. The agreement calls for seven tickets for a quarter and nine tickets for use in rush hours. Thus the city has secured a victory over the company.

But it is likely to prove a barren victory. The company has already declared that it cannot operate with these fares without serious loss; that it has been losing money for years; and that it cannot afford to lose any more. Its statement finds support in the experience of the Ontario railway board, which operated the London street railway for a while and couldn't make it pay its way with the old fares. Now the company announces that it is going to stop operating next Thursday, and the civic authorities are face to face with the problem of making adequate provision for local transportation. The results are not likely to prove satisfactory.

It is not always expedient to insist upon the fulfilment of every contract to the letter, without regard to changed conditions.

To the Editor

A Few Comparisons.

Editor of The Advertiser:

Sir,—As a city grows transportation facilities must change to meet requirements.

A trolley system is fixed and cannot be changed only at a heavy cost; consequently it does not meet the requirements of the public. A bus system may be changed at a moment's notice. A trolley system may be wholly or partially tied up with any of the following: broken wire, disabled car, power shut off, or fire hose across the tracks. With a bus system only one of the above is applicable.

A trolley hogs the center of the road which should be left for all thorough

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25 Years Ago

From the Advertiser, Dec. 16, 1900.

The municipal council of 1900 held its last regular meeting last night. It is announced that no legacy of deficit is left for the new council.

Mayor Rumball was the guest of the aldermen and school trustees at a dinner, held at the Grand Trunk dining hall last night. The mayor announced that he would run for re-election.

High Constable McLoud of this city won

New Shrine at Forte St. Marie :: Icy Waters Too Much for S-51 Salvagers



COCK OF THE WALK—Miss Zela Chambers of Carrolltown, Ga., with the White Leghorn which was adjudged best cock at the great Georgia winter poultry show.

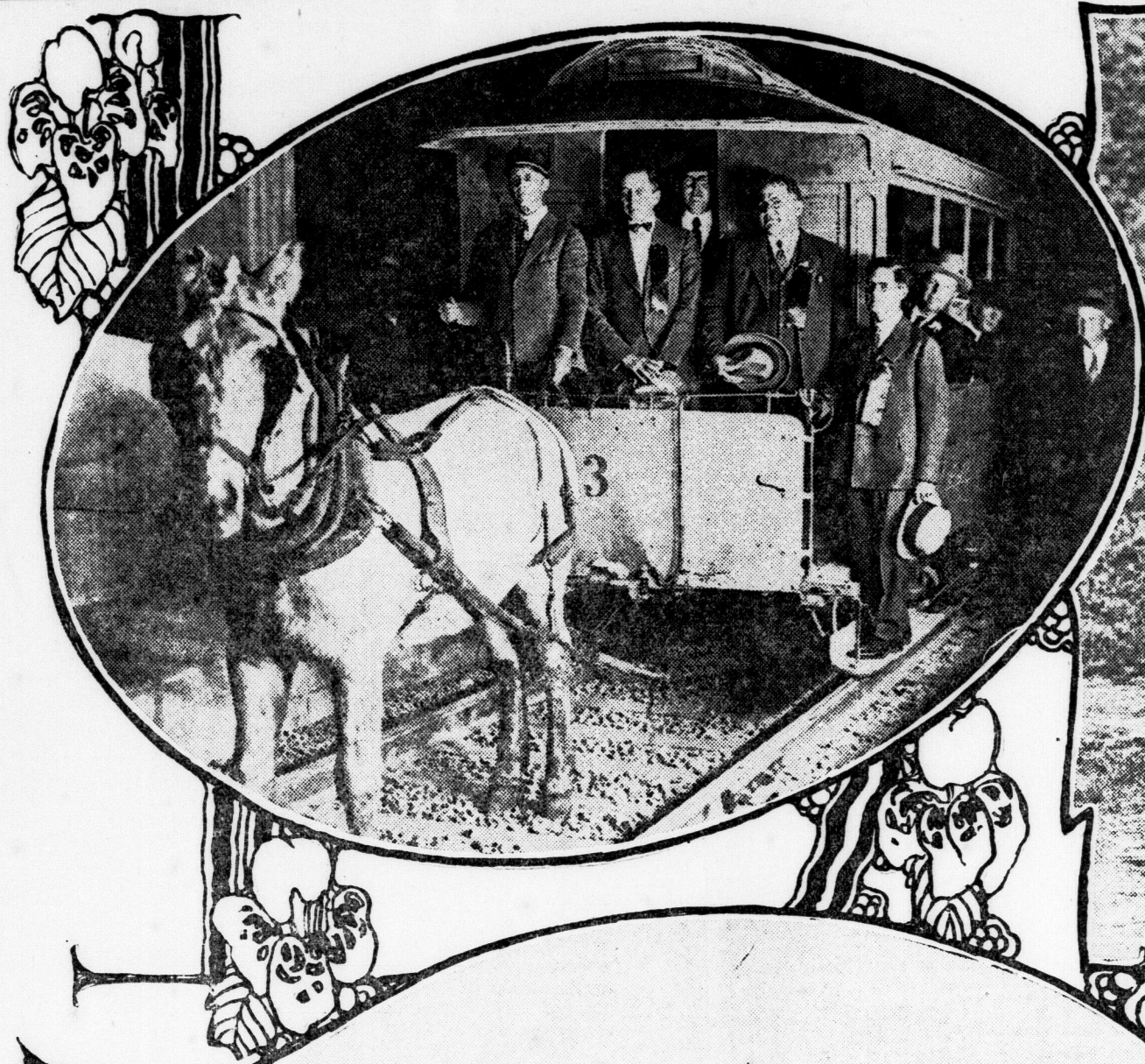


BREAKS PRECEDENT — The above photograph shows Miss Mitsuko Yabe, who takes up her work this month as the first woman stenographer in the Japanese imperial diet.

CONSISTENCY — Miss Agnes O'Laughlin, as she appeared in Central Park, New York, recently, attired in what is said to be quite the latest from Paris—fur coat, fur-lined boots, but without the stockings.



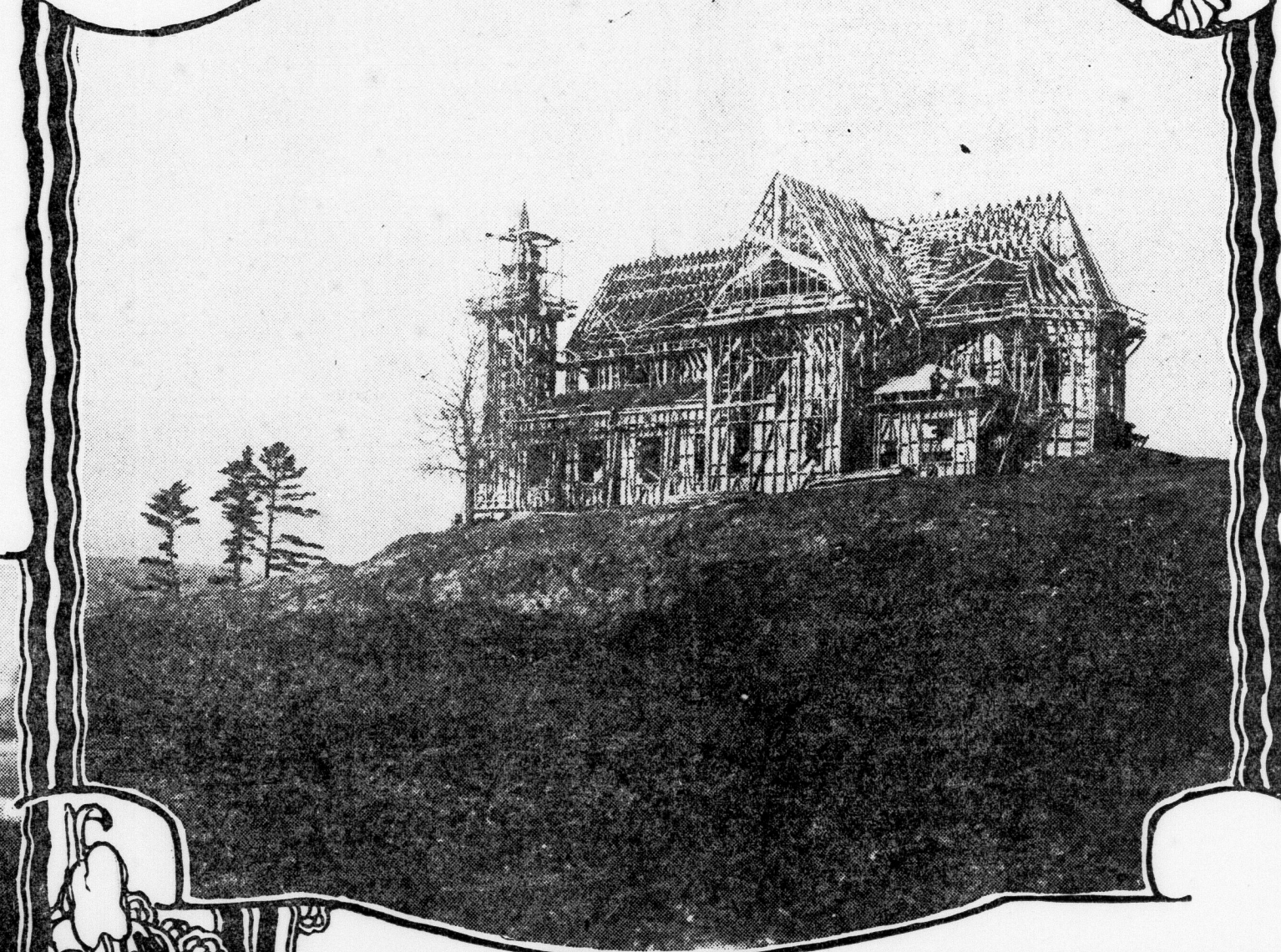
NERVY AVIATRIX — Mlle. Louise Maryse, the latest addition to the French female air force, who recently made a record flight from Bordeaux to Paris.



DOWN IN THE DUMPS—Remarkable action photograph, taken at Hawthorn Hill, England, showing Jockey Trudgill and Mrs. G. Fosdick's Poor Princess going down in the three-year-old hurdles.

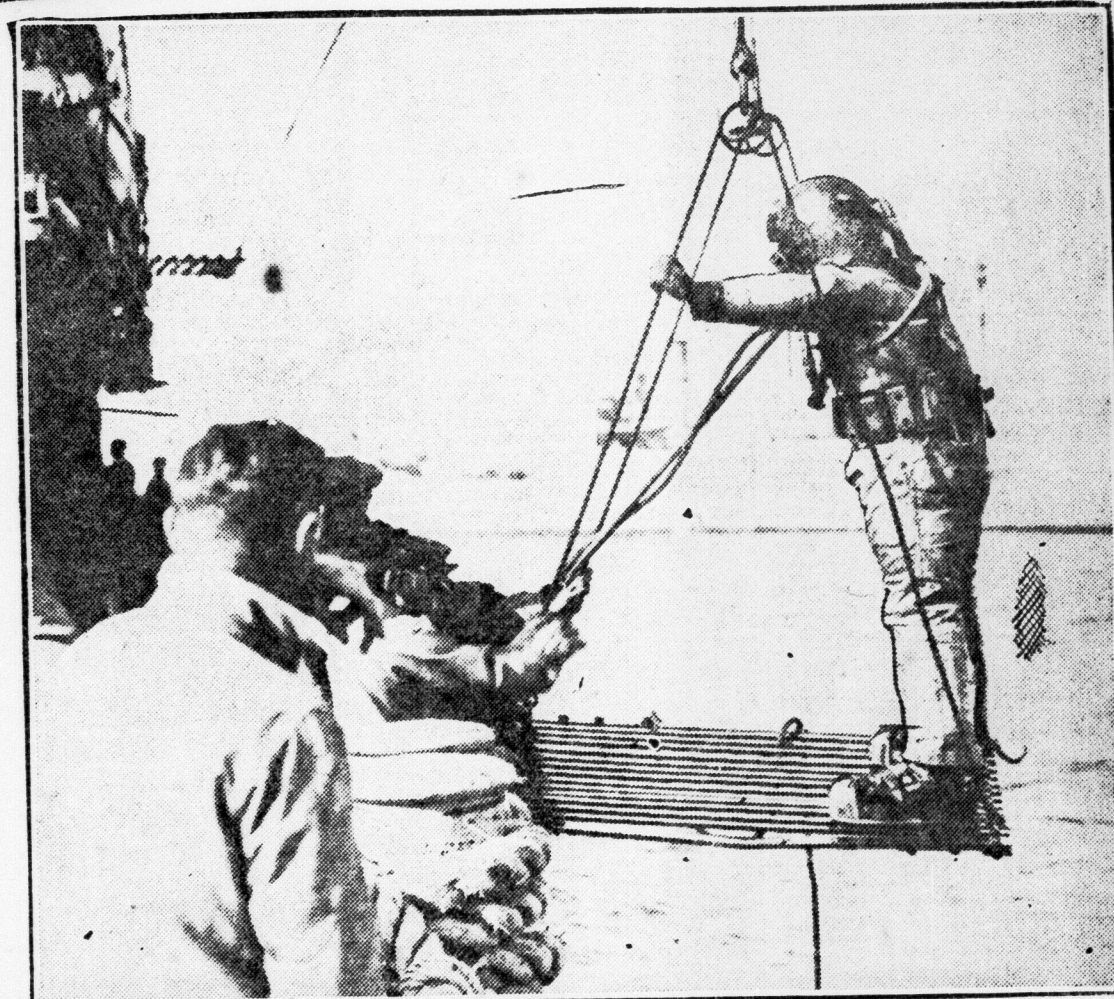
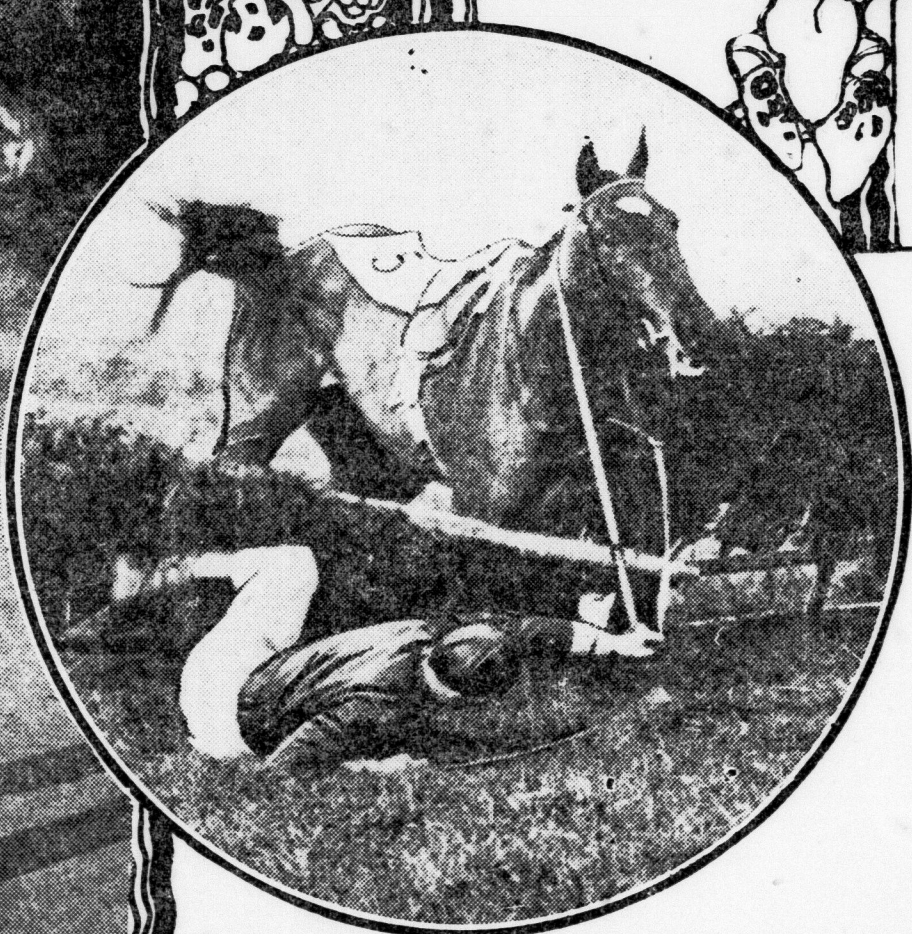


SOMETHING NEW — Gebhardt, noted automotive engineer of Munich, Germany, demonstrating his power roller skates, which are propelled by tiny acetylene-gasoline motors. He is at present at work on a new type of improved aeroplane engine.



(Upper center.)
WEST'S FIRST SUBWAY — Los Angeles opens its new underground transportation system. An ancient horse car, driven by its original pilot and carrying the official party, made the circuit before the power was turned on.

THE NEW SHRINE at Fort Ste. Marie, Ont., shown in a recent photograph under course of construction. The unveiling of the tablet to the martyred Jesuit fathers, Brebeuf and Lalemont, was held last June.



ABANDON S-51 SALVAGE FOR WINTER—Due to the fact that the lives of the divers were imperiled through the freezing of the air lines, the work of raising the sunken U. S. submarine from 129 fathoms off Block Island has been postponed to the spring. Photo shows the final descent into the icy waters being made.

WOMEN and THE HOME

TO GIVE PAGEANT AT ALMA COLLEGE

The Coming of Christ Will Be Depicted by Girls in Costume.

FOURTEEN CAROLS

Several London Girls Are Included in the Talented Cast.

A number of London girls will take part in the annual Christmas pageant, "The Coming of Christ," which will be given in the auditorium of Alma college, St. Thomas, by the students on Thursday evening of this week. This is one of the most charming of the Christmas celebrations being held in that city.

There will be nine scenes, beginning with the prophecies of Isaiah and others. Zacharias will be shown in the temple, Mary at the home of Elizabeth, and a court scene will be given, presided over by King Herod. The pageant will conclude with the birth of Christ and the coming of the Wise Men, with their attendants. The scenes have been arranged and are being directed by Miss M. B. Adams, head of the department of expression of the college. Eastern costumes will be worn, and elaborate preparations have been made for suitable scenery and effective lighting. Fourteen carols will be sung in the course of the pageant, and these will be accompanied by the college orchestra, under the leadership of Miss Nancy Poole.

The principal parts are being taken as follows: Mary, Katherine Dobson; St. Thomas, Joseph, Madeleine Boucher; Zacharias, Charles Bartzold; Herod, the three Wise Men, Marion Peel of London, Viola Wright of St. Thomas, and Melinda Brown of Kingsville; Angel Gabriel, Marian McKillop; West Lorne, Elizabeth, Freda Richardson; King Herod, Zacharias, Lela Swin, Dooktown, N. B.; Innkeeper, Marian Stewart; London, traveler, Isabel Keene; London, Helen Stephenson of London will also take part.

Y. W. C. A. CLUBS PLAN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Are Busily Scheming Christmas Cheer For Other People.

The Y. W. C. A. clubs have a very fine Christmas program in front of them, a program which consists largely of giving. The Brownies, which meet every Saturday afternoon, are holding a Christmas party this Saturday afternoon. They have been busily engaged making scrapbooks and dressing dolls for other children, but on Saturday will have a party provided for them by the "Nightingales" club.

Westerville's club members are making Christmas gifts for ten children, while the Y. W. C. A. Guides are preparing a present for each of the girls at the Bethesda home. The Optimists and Canadian Girls' club members are looking after families in which they have a special interest.

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LADY ELEANOR SMITH.

Shingled heads are the neatest, tidiest and healthiest heads in existence, declares Lady Eleanor Smith, daughter of Lord Birkenhead, who is developing almost as prolific a pen as her august parent.

Social and Personal

Mrs. E. Wolfe expects to spend the Christmas holidays season in Boston.

Mrs. B. Matthews will visit friends in Toronto for the holiday season.

Mrs. Louis Greisman leaves shortly to spend the winter months in Florida.

Mrs. L. Jessel, Wellington street, is entertaining her bridge club on Thursday afternoon.

Miss Edith Wynne-Pryce leaves the city a week from Thursday to spend Christmas with friends in Peterborough.

Miss Grace Brand, Wharfedale road, will spend the Christmas holidays at her home in Woodstock.

Mrs. Reginald Martyn, William street, will spend a few days in Detroit this week.

Miss Edith Brown of Windsor will spend the Christmas holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown, Wortley road.

Mrs. Harry White, The Ridgeway, was a recent guest with her daughter, Mrs. Robert Hart, and Mr. Hart, at their home in East Orange, New Jersey.

Mrs. David Nichols is entertaining her sister, Miss Kitty White, a bride-elect of the Christmas season.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Petrie, who recently moved to London from Toronto, have taken up residence at 54 Waterloo street.

Mrs. James Bickell of Woodstock was a recent visitor in the city, a guest with Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Johnston, Windsor avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher of North London are entertaining at a young people's party for their daughter, Miss Mary Fletcher, during Christmas week.

Mr. Philip Woolley of Toronto will spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woolley, Richmond street north.

Mr. Walter Dowell, Mrs. Dowell and their children, Frances and Walter, Jun., of Flint, Mich., will be Christmas guests with Mr. and Mrs. F. Dowell.

Miss Marion Stewart comes from Alhambra, where he spent his Christmas vacation at her home in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Halls, Jun., were in Toronto last week-end for the annual Tyrothea ball at the King Edward Hotel.

Miss Allison Buchner is entertaining this week for Miss Kitty White, the event to take the form of a bridge party.

Dr. K. P. R. Neville's class of the Robinson United Sunday school met for an enjoyable social at the church parlours last evening.

Miss Marion Peel, who is attending Alma college, St. Thomas, will be a Christmas guest with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Peel, Emory street.

Miss Helen d'Avignon leaves a week from Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays with her mother and sister in Windsor.

Mrs. Earl Mann, formerly Miss Lorna Kennedy, was a recent guest with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Kennedy, Partridge street.

Mrs. James Lamb of Toronto was in the city over the week-end, attending the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Margaret W. Skelton.

Miss Madeleine Boucher, who is attending Alma college, returns to her home in Chapleau on Friday to spend the Christmas holidays there.

Miss Melinda Brown, who is attending Alma college, St. Thomas, will leave on Friday to spend the Christmas holidays at her home in Kingsville.

Miss Marian McKillop of West Lorne, who is attending Alma college, St. Thomas, will spend the holiday season with her parents in West Lorne.

Judge and Mrs. H. C. Pope of Melville, Sask., will be Christmas guests with the latter's sister, Mrs. Edwin Seaborn, and Dr. Seaborn, Park avenue.

Miss Helen Stephenson, who is attending Alma college, St. Thomas, will be a Christmas guest with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson, of the Kensington apartments.

Mr. and Mrs. William McGill of Walkerville will be Christmas guests with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woolley, Richmond street north.

Miss Villena Foster, of the University of Western Ontario staff, leaves at the end of the week to spend the Christmas holiday season at her home in Scotland, Ontario.

Webb, Hale street, was the scene of a happy evening recently, when the members of the choir of St. Matthew's Anglican church presented Mrs. Webb with a coffee percolator. Following the reading of a kindly worded address by Mr. E. T. Wright, Miss Elsie Wright presented the gift on behalf of the members. The record spoke briefly, telling of the services of both Mr. and Mrs. Webb, who are leaving to reside in Hamilton.

CLUB NEWS

MIZPAH COMFORT CLUB.

The annual meeting of Mizpah Comfort club was held yesterday at the home of Mrs. M. Horner, Central avenue. It was a very informal session, the members discussing their business about a cheery fire in the grate. The annual reports were most gratifying.

The officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Honorary president, Mrs. J. Weir; honorary vice-president, Mrs. A. Wilkes; president, Mrs. T. Welch; vice-presidents, Mrs. J. Paterson and Mrs. S. Arbutnot (re-elected).

At the conclusion of the election the retiring president, Mrs. A. Wilkes, thanked the officers of her year, and the club members for their splendid co-operation and bespeke for her successor the same loyalty. She then presented each of her officers with lovely gifts. The Scotch shortbread, donated by Mrs. Horner, was won by Mrs. May.

Following the meeting a banquet was served by the hostess on tables gay with Christmas colors, red mums and red candles. Assisting Mrs. Horner were Mrs. M. Tucker and Miss Betty Saunders.

ST. LAWRENCE CLUB.

A splendid meeting of the St. Lawrence Mothers' club was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. S. Wald, Huron street, with Mrs. W. A. Tanner, past president of the London Union Mothers' club, as the speaker of the afternoon. Mrs. Tanner spoke to the members on "Teaching Children the Laws of God, Man and Nature." She also brought in the idea of Christ as an example.

Following a short business session, the afternoon took the form of a social time, during which a vocal duet was given by Mrs. Phyllis and Mrs. Morrison and solos were given by Mrs. Morrison and Violet Brown, accompanied by Mrs. Granger. The hostess served dainty refreshments, assisted by Mrs. Wilbur.

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LITTLE SICKBEDS WILL HAVE TREE

Children of St. Paul's School Are To Be Donors of Gift—Arranging Closing.

The children of St. Paul's cathedral school are to be the donors of the gifts on a Christmas tree to the wee folk at the War Memorial hospital, and their eager hands and scurrying feet are to decorate the big boughs and load them with gifts. Great excitement hovers over the choosing and purchasing of this very important feature of the Yule festival.

The young students will go with Miss K. S. Matthews, head mistress of the school, and her staff to the hospital on Christmas eve to decorate the tree, and each little sick child in the hospital will have a special gift. These are being chosen very carefully by the juvenile scholars themselves, as the name, age and taste in gifts of each little sickbed has been secured from the hospital authorities, so that the presents will be exactly right.

The annual closing exercises of the cathedral school take place in Crosby hall on Monday evening, when parents and other interested group folks will form the audience. Under the direction of Miss H. English the pupils will present two French plays and there will be a group of French songs and some old traditional English songs.

The girls of the third form are putting on a play entirely by themselves, and not even the teachers are allowed to know the name or to witness a rehearsal. Those taking part will be Rosemary Shuttleworth, Margaret Boucher, Betty Clarke, Ethel Collier, Ada Lunn and John Calver.

Mrs. Shuttleworth-King will speak on an educational topic, and Miss Horton is giving a demonstration of the health education course recently taken by the children.

Aileen Lamont Chats on Dress

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New York, Dec. 15.—Women who would suffer torture rather than appear in a ragged-edged frock are buying ragged-edged notepaper in scores. This fashion has been sponsored by the queen of England, who uses it for her own private correspondence. Instead of cypher, coat of arms or monograms, the paper is adorned in one corner with a tiny etching of one of the Queen's favorite corners in the palace gardens.

Nowadays shoes come in half sizes, but in half tones or in-between shades. This idea has been developed to harmonize with or match the multiplicity of shades of hostelry, and those browns with a decided tinge of green in their composition.

The age and old lace no longer has a compelling fashion appeal. It has given way to old lace and ermine. One newly-imported evening coat is of black lace over black satin, collared and girdled in ermine and with huge wide sleeves, ermine lined.

Now that many countries have re-

turned to the gold basis, the metallic scarf has come to the fore. These scarves are about two and a half yards long of satin or metallic, and are in broad bands of metal net. Frequently they are knotted loosely at the back of the neck and allowed to hang with one end in front and one behind the right shoulder.

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RADE MODERATE ON TORONTO MART

Advance in British Columbia Fishing Is Feature—Brazilian, Smelters Strong.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 16.—With no definite
end to the market, trading was mod-
erately heavy on the Toronto stock

Canadian Pacific Railway	146
Chicago Great Western	118
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul	99
Illinois Central	100
Indiana Harbor & Chicago	82
Long Island	82
Metropolitan	82
Montreal & Western	29
New York Central	144
Norfolk & Western	29
Ontario & Western	29
Pennsylvania	84
Reading Railway	25
St. Louis & Nashville	144
Texas & Pacific	82
Union Pacific	100
Western Railway	25
Wisconsin Central	144
Yukon & Northern	25

Southern Pacific	100
Union Pacific	150
United States Steel	150

CHEESE

New York, Dec. 13.—Cheese steady receipts, 129,765 packages.

Montreal, Dec. 15.—The receipts of cheese were 1,332 boxes. There was a change in the condition of the market, business in all directions becoming quiet, and prices on spot for current receipts at 18 1/2c, generally quoted at 18 1/2c to 18 3/4c, October make at 20 1/2c, and earlier makes at 21 1/2c to 22 1/2c.

Liverpool, Dec. 15.—Cheese—Canadian, finest white, 11s; colored, 11s.

HAY AND STRAW
Special to The Advertiser.
Detroit, Dec. 15.—Hay, No. 1 timothy
\$24.50 to \$25; standard, \$23.50 to \$24;
No. 1 light clover, mixed, \$23 to \$23.50;
No. 2 timothy, \$21 to \$22; No. 1 clover,
mixed, \$20 to \$21; No. 1 clover, \$19
to \$21.
Wheat and oats straw, \$12.50 to \$13;
rye straw, \$13.50 to \$14 per ton.

Montreal, Dec. 15.—Hay, No. 2 per ton, carlots, \$14.50 to \$15.
Toronto, Dec. 15.—Straw, in carlots per ton, \$9 to \$9.50.

EGGS AND POULTRY

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—The production of eggs is on the increase, and the market is inclined to be easier. Receipts of poultry are much heavier. There is keen competition among buyers particularly for turkeys on account of the near approach of the Christmas holidays.

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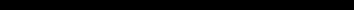
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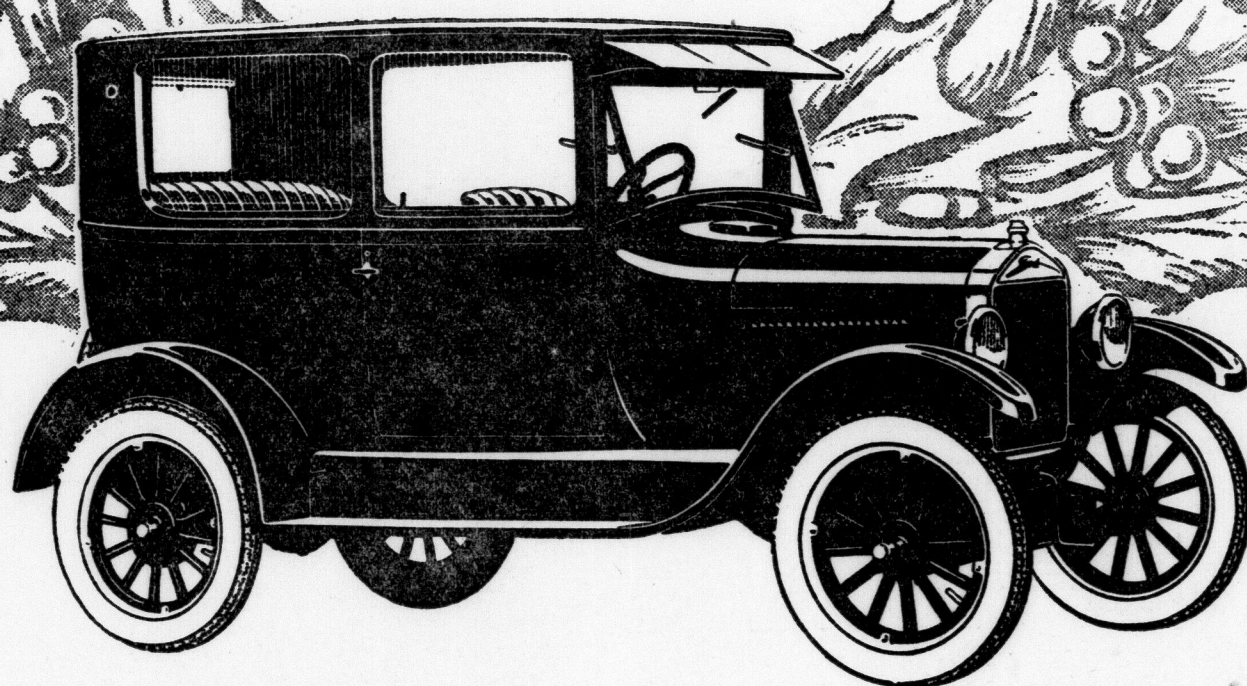
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Five-Cent Fare Until New Council Meets—Company May Operate For 60 Days If No Bus Licenses Issued in 1926.

In reply to a question by Mayor Weston as to why the city had not taken any action if the company ignored the railway board's order, Mr. Vye pointed out that it would be in the city's interest to subject to severe penalties.

Lenoard Tait, manager of the secretaries and treasurer of the company, was then called and supplied interesting figures on the operation of the road since it was handed back to the city.

Figures for the past three years were particularly striking. In 1934 the gross revenue of the company was \$693,000, the net income being 6.6 per cent.

Mr. Tait then stated that the com-

pany could not afford to operate at a loss and he would welcome any opportunity of making a deal with the city, as he had done by Ald. Neely's suggestion. He admitted that he did not know the city's financial position, but he said the company was operating successfully on a five per cent. in Toronto, however, had operated on a five per cent. in London.

Ald. Smith interjected, "Mr. Tait, you are not giving me the explanation that they were in Toronto because present law is against them."

Players' Club Members Show
Real Talent in Delight-
ful Comedy.

SMALL FIRE OCCURS.
A small fire at 11 o'clock last caused No. 5 company to take a run to the corner of Cathcart Bruce streets. Little damage was reported, and the men were back station within a short time.

the Conservative candidate.
Application was then made on be-
half of Mr. King to Justice Wright for
an order to compel the county court
to detach the counterfoils from the
lots and then count the ballots.
An order was made last week and
that order is being appealed.

MACBRIEN CONVINCED ANOTHER WAR COM

Assistance in Beck Campaign Brings Appreciation From Leaders.

The many and varied styles and numbers of the dancers at the Gardens last night with ample proof of the fact that there are few in London who can do the Charleston. From a statistical series of jumps and leaps, the dancers bounced their merry way about in time to the rhythmic beat of "The Charleston" by "The Charlestoners."

number of schools are subscribing the plan.

J. Eugene Durrant, president of the graduating year, when interviewed yesterday, stated that in his opinion the plan was well worth following up.

was awarded the \$1,400 overseas scholarship offered by the I. O. D. E. in British Columbia under its war memorial scholarship plan.

Mr. Brand will next summer leave for England where he will study mathematics, natural philosophy and modern languages at Cambridge with a view to filling a chair in a Canadian university subsequently.

He was a student at Victoria college

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Alumni Events—Tentative
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was given by Justice Wright with grounds. Hon. N. W. Rowell and H. Spence, K.C., opposed the application on behalf of Mr. King. Mr. Row argued that there could be no appeal under the elections act, and Mr. H

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Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Dec. 15.—"It is used

Manager Lifts Ban For Night
But Says Exhibition Is Not
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LONDONERS WILL ATTEND OPTOMETRIC CONVENT

The annual convention of the Canadian Optometric association, which is being held at the Optometrical as-

**SCHOLARSHIP OF \$1,400
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and Squire Chittick met at the court house this morning to select a jury from which Jurymen will be picked.

Forty-eight petit and 13 grand Jurymen were chosen for service at the winter assizes.

FUNERAL OF MRS. SKELTON
The funeral of Mrs. Margaret

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 15.—While a line of men guarded the grounds of the United States Veterans' hospital, four miles north of San Fernando, near

They are in all sizes from six inches to thirty feet in diameter and shoots to quite large trees, with trunks ranging from five cents to five dollars.

DAIL RATIFIES TREATY FIXING IRISH BOUNDARIES

Associated Press Despatch.
Dublin, Dec. 15.—The Dail Eireann today ratified the Anglo-Irish treaty of 1921, which fixed the boundaries of the new Irish Free State.

Schedule of Christmas Postals Dates Calls For Early Mailing.

**STATE CONTROLS LIBERTY
FASCISTI SENATOR CLAIMS**

Mayor Wenige then put the question, "Will your company be able to deliver 90 or a hundred buses by city Thursday morning in the event of a strike?"

The special bylaw authorizing the company to operate at five cents per ride, which Mr. Kamm protested against the cancellation of the licenses. The final result was that the company was allowed to continue until next Monday, when the newly-inaugurated council will meet with the bus license problem.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—"It is useless to deceive ourselves into believing there will not be another war," Major-General J. H. MacBrien told members of the Anglican Fellowship.

FIX RAIL EXCHANGE RATE
Ottawa, Dec. 15.—The rate change in connection with shipment of freight between points in Canada and the United States from Dec. 1, inclusive, will be 3 one per cent. There will be no charge on international freight sender business.

gamated with the Optometrical association of Ontario, will be held in Toronto, Jan. 18, 19 and 20. All persons of optometric practice will be brought up at the convention for discussion.

On a third charge of disorderly conduct he was remanded for sentence.

WINDSOR FIRM SUED.

D. H. Howden & Co., Ltd., has sued a writ in county court against Mrs. A. M. Roreson of Windsor. The writ is for breach of contract in business under the name of R. & Graydon Hardware Company, of \$556.82 for goods sold and delivered to the defendant between March 1 and Dec. 9, of the same year. R. & Graydon are the plaintiffs' solicitors.

The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Skelton, widow of the late Levi Skelton, was held from the residence at 637 Wellington street, on Sunday afternoon to Woodland cemetery. Rev.

pleading with Mayor Frank J. Murphy and city officials at the city hall this morning for transportation to the hospital where their 15-year-old son was reported to be dying, word came that the boy's death.

Walter, the only son of the couple, had been at the Orillia institution for five years. He was a victim of the white plague. It was two years ago that the parents saw the boy,

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Orillia authorities yesterday notified the boy's serious condition and hoped to assist in locating the parents who had recently moved and whose new address was unknown. A story carried in the newspaper, seen by Mr. and Mrs. Cowan, who live near the Walkerside farm, which East township.

Mayor Mitchell will ask the town officials to assist the parents to make arrangements for the funeral, which it is believed, will be held at

Associated Press Despatch.
Rome, Dec. 16.—The contrast between the Fascist and the Liberal concept of statecraft was brought into sharp

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SARNIA FERRY CO. SEEKS EXPANSION

**\$150,000 Increase in Capital
Stock Planned—Another
Boat Is Bought.**

Special to The Advertiser.
Sarnia, Dec. 15.—Increase of \$150,000 in the capital stock of the Port Huron and Sarnia Ferry Company will be made if the public utilities commission of Michigan approves a petition to be presented to that body. Many improvements, including the purchase of a boat formerly used by the state as a ferry boat at the Straits of Mackinac, will be made. The boat is already negotiated for and is now on its way to Sarnia. Although four vessels are now operated, increase of traffic is said to warrant another boat.

CANADA WILL PROFIT BY BRITISH TARIFF ACT

**Leather Gloves, Cutlery, Gas
Mantles To Receive Third
Preference.**

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Dec. 15.—Canadian exports of leather, gloves, and certain classes of cutlery will, it is expected here, benefit under the new "safeguarding of industry" duties proposed by the British government. The dominion government has been officially notified that Canada will receive a third preference under the new duties.

COUNCIL ENDS YEAR'S WORK

Mayor C. E. Richardson, St. Marys, Retires After Two Years.

Special to The Advertiser.
St. Marys, Dec. 15.—The term of the 1925 St. Marys town council was brought to a close at the statutory meeting this morning. Provision was made for the holding of nominations for the municipal offices on December 28. The council accounts amounting to \$15,429 were passed. Mayor C. E. Richardson thanked the council for the harmony and co-operation that existed during the year. Mayor Richardson, who has acted for two years, will not run again. Councillor Dr. J. R. Stanley, chairman of the finance committee for the past two years, will likely run for the mayorship.

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The Dream Detective

By SAX ROHMER

"Good morning, Mr. Seales," came his rumbling greeting over the wires; "it is very wet again. This appalling English climate becomes disastrous. I have lost in one week two marmosets and a Peruvian squirrel. They see the fog and rain, they sneeze, they cough, they die. I have to make to you a request, Mr. Seales: it is that you secure for myself and I the invitation to Mr. Len Hassett's party at his new studio."

"Certainly, Mr. Klaw," I replied, trying to keep out of surprise from my voice. "Hassett and I are old friends. I have only to mention your name and you will be heartily welcomed."

That I was would be welcome I did not doubt, but mentally picturing the eccentric figure of Morris Klaw at such a gathering, I could not deny that it seemed out of place. However, I doubted not that some purpose deeper than amusement underlay the request, and the matter was arranged accordingly.

Morris Klaw called for me in a Dalmatian, wherein, queenly, I reclined in an ermine cloak. I think I had never before become so fully conscious of the mystery enshrouding the life of this oddly assorted pair as I did during that drive to Chelsea.

Who, I asked myself, was Morris Klaw, the inscrutable genius who so gladly offered his services to the guardians of law and order—who dealt in beasts and birds and reptiles, old furniture and fusty books—who lived in one of the most unsavory quarters of London?—whose daughter was an unchallenged beauty, possessed of clothes and jewels which never were purchased out of the profits of the Wapping business? My reflections, however, availed me nothing.

Arrived at Chelsea, we met our host in the lounge hall of the house, and, introductions being over and the beauty of Isis having annoyed every other pretty woman in the place I presently found myself escorting Morris Klaw's daughter through the garden to the studio, whither some of the party had preceded us. We paused for a moment and looked in at the window.

A group of a dozen people were gathered around the piano at the farther end of the place; but, nearer to us, seated in a high armchair before the blazing fire and expressing a black cat which rested upon his knee, was a strange-looking, gaunt-faced man. Upon his harsh features the dancing firelight played odd shadows, so that at one moment it was a smiling, benevolent face, and in the next, the face of a devil.

It was a mere illusion, of course, but when I turned again to Isis and we proceeded toward the door, I saw her biting her lip in sudden agitation and: "What is the matter?" asked.

"Nothing," she replied—"but what a queer-looking man that was sitting before the fire."

Presently we met him, however, as well as the black cat (which proved to belong to Len Hassett). He was Serg. Skobolov, a Russian pianist whose reputation was growing by leaps and bounds. Upon Isis his curious small eyes rested greedily, and that she was repelled, the girl was unable to disguise. In due course, when the merriment was in full swing, there were songs, and a certain amount of dancing took place, and then meeting at the right moment, and the entrance of Hassett, Skobolov agreed to play.

"You know," said a lady journalist who was sitting on the floor near me, "Skobolov has composed numerous works, but not one of them is published."

"Ah," came a hoarse whisper. "I glanced over my shoulder and saw Morris Klaw standing in the shadow behind us. 'How strange! Does he refuse then to publish his compositions?'"

"Absolutely," the lady declared earnestly. "He maintains that no one else could play them."

"Perhaps he is right. Presently we shall hear and judge for ourselves."

He became silent, as the pianist, seating himself, began to speak.

"Ladies and gentlemen," he said in his broken English, "you know that the friend of us all, our good Hassett, takes this studio because it is haunted. Here, murder is done, yes, and so I shall play to you a prelude newly composed in which—it is appropriate—I try to express in music the last of slaying."

He paused amid an uncomfortable silence, and then:

"Some of you must know," he resumed, "that all my compositions are emotions, attempts to paint in chords things experienced. Some experiences one cannot have and so can never paint—for atmosphere, atmosphere, is everything! Now I shall paint for you the story of this studio."

With that he began to play, and although I had never heard him before, I realized from the outset that he was a master of his instrument. Indeed, I thought, a genius. His theme and its treatment alike were unusual, grotesque. There was some quality in the man's technique which I found myself unable to define. He possessed uncanny power. When at last the prelude ended it was greeted by a silence more eloquent than any applause.

It was only momentary, of course. Then came a wild outburst of enthusiasm. Yet it had been long enough, that moment of stillness, for me to hear the quivering of Morris Klaw's seat spray immediately behind me. And when at last the clapping and shouting died down:

"That prelude," came his voice, almost in my ear, "it has a bad smell. Soon, Isis my child, we must go. It grows late. But perhaps Mr. Hassett will permit me to telephone to my chauffeur, as I allow him to go away? It is all right? Very well. How wonderful is that prelude."

CHAPTER V

Skobolov's attentions to Isis Klaw became very marked. Presently following some whispered words from her father, I noticed with surprise that she had ceased to avoid the Russian pianist, indeed was consenting to smile upon him. Hence, when presently Morris Klaw's car arrived, I was prepared for Skobolov's acceptance of an offer of a lift as far as his hotel.

For my own part I confess quite frankly that I disliked the man. I had disliked him on sight, and nearer acquaintance did nothing to dispel that first impression. That Isis disliked him also I could not doubt. Therefore, I divined that she was playing a part, although its purpose defeated my imagination.

Throughout the drive from Chelsea to the hotel Morris Klaw discussed music, a subject with which I had not hitherto believed him to be acquainted. Perhaps his intention was to exhibit Skobolov's intense egotism, for indeed the man was a monument to his own colossal vanity. His genius I could not dispute, but his personality was detestable.

I had foreseen that he would try to detain the party at his hotel, or, rather, that he would try to detain Isis. I had no doubt whatever that he would gladly have excused both Morris Klaw and myself. But I had not been prepared for Klaw's acceptance of the offer. However, as we descended from the car and I hesitated whether to accept Skobolov's grudging inclusion of myself in the party, or to walk home, I detected an unmistakable expression in Morris Klaw's queer eyes, twinkling behind the pebbles of his pince-nez.

Suddenly the fact came home to me that I was a minor actor in some mysterious comedy directed by the genius of Wapping Old Stairs.

The Russian occupied a luxurious suite, and Morris Klaw, with reluctance which I could see to be feigned, agreed at Skobolov's pressing invitation to drink one glass of wine and then to depart for home.

Skobolov did his best to make himself agreeable, proffering cigars and cigarettes, and opening a bottle of Bollinger. Morris Klaw and I declined to smoke, but Isis accepted a cigarette and lay back in a deep lounge chair blowing smoke rings and watching the vainglorious Russian musician through half-lowered lashes.

There was a grand piano in the room and Morris Klaw, who had not touched his wine, prevailed upon Skobolov to play for us once more the prelude which we had heard at Hassett's studio.

The pianist shrugged, glanced at Isis, and then seated himself at the instrument. Placing his cigarette in a little ashtray, he laid his fingers carelessly on the keyboard, and once more my soul was harrowed by those indescribable strains.

As the sound of the last chord died away:

"Good," said Morris Klaw, "excellent, most excellent. And now, please"—he stood up and, as an old musician, an absent odd fool. Do you object that I telephone to my chauffeur? I just remember that Isis leaves her ermine cloak in the car. Is it not so, my child?"

"Good heavens, yes!" Isis exclaimed. He crossed the room to the telephone, circled ungainly around the piano, raised the instrument, and:

"Will you be pleased to ask Mr. Morris Klaw's chauffeur to bring in from the car the cloak," he said, distinctly. "Yes, all right, very well." He hung up the receiver and turned to face us again, shrugging his shoulders. "So greatly tempting," he explained, "to some prowler thief."

I now became aware that Isis had suddenly grown very pale. She had stood up and was watching Skobolov intently. He seemed rather to be enjoying the scrutiny of her fine dark eyes—when there came a preemptory rap upon the door.

"Come in!" said the Russian sharply. The door opened—and Detective Inspector Grimby stood on the threshold.

Morris Klaw nodded in Skobolov's direction, and literally stupefied with astonishment, I heard Grimby say:

"Serg Skobolov, I arrest you on a charge of having murdered Mr. Pike Webley at his studio on the night of November the fourteenth. I must warn you—"

"But he got no further. Uttering a sound which I can only describe as the roar of a wild beast, Skobolov leapt upon him, clasped his hands about the speaker's throat, and hurled him to floor.

To Morris Klaw, Grimby owed his life. The Russian was kneeling on the detective's chest and literally squeezing the life out of him, when Klaw, surprisingly agile, sprang forward. He stooped over the would-be murderer and perforce, in his simple operation which threw Skobolov upon his back, he figured by such evil as I could not have supposed to reside in any human being. He opened and closed his hands in a horrible, writhing, suggestive movement, looked at Grimby who was trying slowly, painfully to struggle to his feet, looked at Isis, looked at Morris Klaw, looked at myself. Then, bursting into peals of laughter, he ran to the French windows, threw one open, sprang on to the parapet outside, and uttering one final frenzied shriek, leapt into the courtyard sixty feet below.

CHAPTER VI

"Everyone will say," Morris Klaw declared, "he was a failure that old fool from Wapping"—for how can a dead man confess, and what use for the newspapers to tell the public why this poor Russian leaps from his window?"

He shrugged his shoulders, looking around my study. "You say to me," he continued, addressing Grimby: "What is the sound you hear when you sleep in the studio? and I do not tell you because you would not understand. But now I shall tell you. I hear, my friend, a chord in G minor."

CONTINUED TOMORROW.

JUNIOR FARMER CLUBS

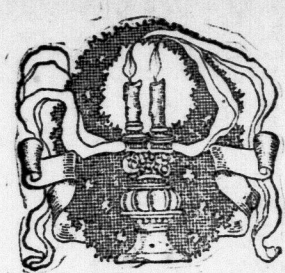
TO MEET JANUARY 13

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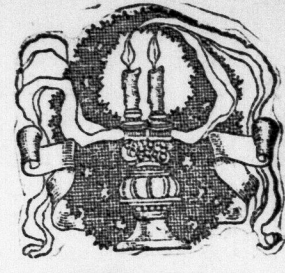
Miss Marian Campbell presided at the meeting, with R. A. Finn and Frank Parrish present in an advisory capacity.

Details of the program of the society for the coming winter include a debate at the university, public-speaking contests, musical competitions, and a dance on January 13th. Details of the latter party were left in the hands of Mr. Finn and Mr. Parrish to arrange.

About 25 young men and women were present, and enthusiastically entered into the proceedings.

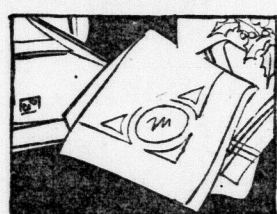


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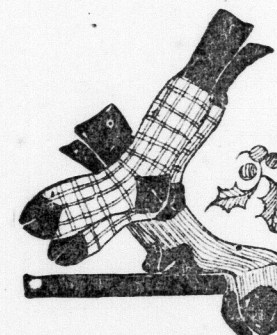
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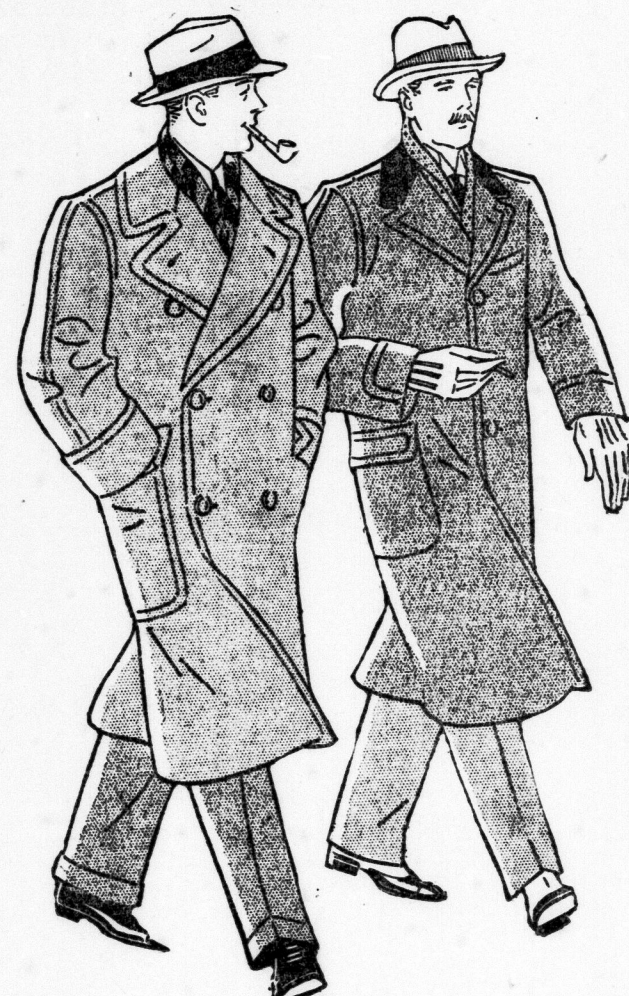
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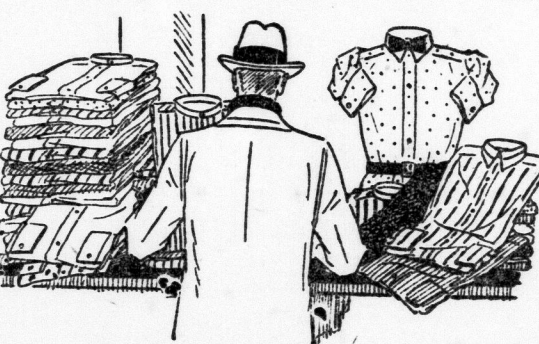
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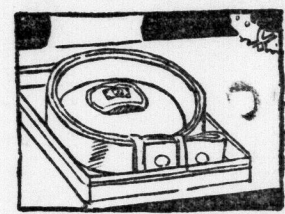
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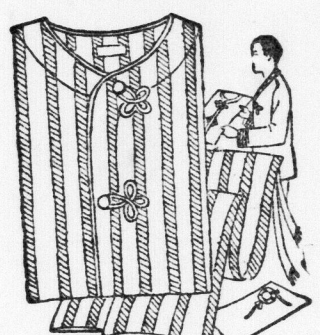
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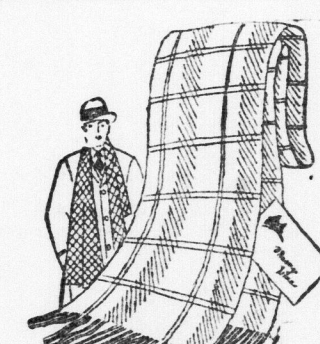
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