

THE WEATHER:
FAIR AND COLDER TONIGHT.
THURSDAY—SNOW.

London Evening Advertiser

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EIGHT KILLED WHEN AIR EXPRESS CRASHES

Finger Prints Show Criminal Record of London Prisoner

AIR LINER CARRIES 8 TO DEATH

London-to-Paris Express
Crashes Shortly After Leaving
Croydon Aerodrome.

BURSTS INTO FLAMES

Pilot and All Passengers Are
Killed When Motors
Cease To Function.

Associated Press Despatch.
Croydon, Eng., Dec. 24.—Eight persons were killed when an aeroplane crashed at the aerodrome here this morning. The plane which crashed was the big air express from London to Paris. It fell shortly after leaving the aerodrome and burst into flames, killing the pilot and all seven passengers.

The passengers, who were on their way to Paris for Christmas, were well in the air when the machine suddenly banked over Purley Down in a gust of wind, went into a nose dive and burst into flames through the explosion of the gasoline tank. All eight in the machine were burned to death and the machine was completely destroyed.

Helpless To Aid.
There were two women among the passengers, five men passengers, including Dr. Borbosa Lima, a Brazilian, and Cedric Trudgett, representative of the Chiltern Review, and the pilot. An eyewitness of the tragedy watching the plane, said he noticed it was flying low but it suddenly banked, cleared a nearby house and then staggered in the air. Almost immediately a gust of wind caught the plane, it fell and fell like a stone. The machine touched the ground and burst into flames. "I ran to the spot," said the eyewitness, "but by the time I got there the whole machine had burned away. The only things I could see were the sunken wheels of the machine under the wreckage. I could see the charred remains of bodies—that of the pilot and the passengers. Their clothes were gone and their bodies were black."

Charred Remains Removed.
Fire brigades from Purley and Croydon hurried to the spot, but were unable to arrive in time to be of any assistance. Even when they reached the machine the firemen could not approach because of the fiercely burning debris. The crowds of people which ran to the scene shortly after the accident, also could do nothing to help the prisoners. They could only watch the flames. The only thing left to do was take out the bodies. These were removed to the police mortuary.

LONDONER'S CLOSE CALL

The Paris-London air express is undoubtedly the fastest trip across the English channel this summer. The air journey from England to France proved extremely popular among Canadians and Americans who visited Europe this year. The trip was made more as a thrill and experience than a pleasurable mode of travel.

Many Londoners took the journey from old London to Paris and back and several expressed the opinion today upon hearing of the disastrous accident outside Croydon field that the aerial route was far from safe.

Two citizens experienced a slight mishap on a trip from Paris to London when the plane in which they were riding turned on its nose during an ascent.

Although no one was hurt eight occupants of a machine on the wheel carriage punctured as the plane was bumping along the ground in an ascent the machine was turned on its nose.

Other Londoners were badly frightened when their plane was lost in dense clouds over the English channel. For two hours the machine was driven with no apparent destination and when the clouds lifted the plane was headed in the opposite direction to which it was originally travelling and was almost 100 miles out of its course.

RAILWAYMEN BLAMELESS IN SOO LINE DISASTER

Associated Press Despatch.
Stevens Point, Wis., Dec. 24.—Railroad employees responsible in any way for the safety of the Soo Line passenger train which plunged into the Chippewa river at Chippewa Falls last Saturday afternoon, killing eight persons and injuring seven others, were exonerated by a conference of railroad and state officials last night.

General Superintendent C. E. Urbans said after the conference that the investigation had shown the wreck was due to a broken belt in a switch, caused by the cold.

NEW DRINKING FOUNTAIN

A new drinking fountain has been installed at the court house for the benefit of thirty lawyers and others whose business takes them to judicial headquarters.



ABOVE IS SHOWN A TYPICAL POLLING booth in a Presbyterian church of the city, in which, throughout the ensuing two weeks, a vote is being taken to decide whether the congregation, as an individual unit, shall enter the United Church of Canada on June 19 next, or remain out of the union. The Advertiser photographer shows in the foreground a member of St. Andrew's congregation casting his ballot on the most important religious question of the day.

CHICKEN THIEVES TRACED TO CABIN

Recent Zoo Killing May Be
Connected With Latest
Raid.

High Constable Wharton and County Constable Charles McConnell are on the trail of chicken thieves who raided the coop of a Mr. Ward on the River road last night. The thieves were traced to a lonely cabin near the river by Mr. Ward and a neighbor, who found a deer hide, several cow skins, and some of the chickens.

It was thought that a deer in Springfield park had been killed, but an artist, who has been employed by the police, found the deer under a tree. The thieves were stockings over his shoes, which led the officers to believe that he might be the same man that killed the zoo foxes over a week ago.

STATE CASE NARROWS IN \$50,000 BLACKMAIL

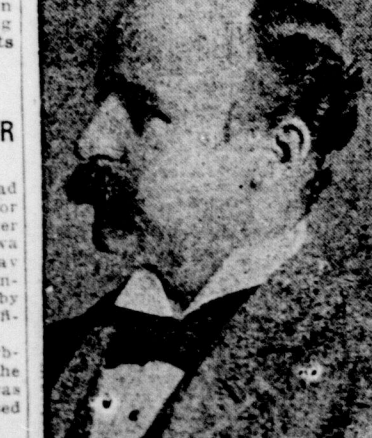
Four Now on Trial for Alleged
Extortion From Victor
A. Searles.

Associated Press Despatch.
Boston, Dec. 24.—The government yesterday discontinued the charges against two of the six defendants who are on trial for alleged extortion of \$50,000 from Victor A. Searles, an artist, who has been shown by testimony to have drawn a check for that amount that was cashed by Wm. J. Corcoran, former district attorney of Middlesex county, the principal defendant.

The prosecution then rested its case, and Corcoran announced that he would offer no defence. Those against whom the charges were dropped were Michael J. Lyons and J. Warren Kane, alleged to have been in the employ of the blackmailing that forced payments amounting to thousands of dollars from wealthy men compromised by women lured of the gang. Whatever Kane and Lyons did was on orders from Corcoran, the district attorney said.

LAW LIBRARY TO CLOSE

The Middlesex law library, situated at the court house, will close at 12 o'clock each day during the short vacation, which lasts from Dec. 23 till Jan. 6.



CHIEF JUSTICE ANGLIN, of the supreme court of Canada, whose membership in the privy council has been approved by King George.

Fireman Hurt In Dream Jump

Associated Press Despatch.
Jersey City, N. J., Dec. 24.—Thomas Steel, a fireman, is in a hospital suffering from injuries received as a result of a dream in which he answered an alarm and jumped out of his bedroom window on the second floor of his home into an air shaft, in the belief he was "shinning down" the pole in his fire station.

M'COY IN JAIL AS JURY GETS YULETIDE HOLIDAY

State Demands Verdict of First
Degree Murder in Closing
Arguments.

Associated Press Despatch.
Los Angeles, Dec. 24.—"Kid" McCoy sat in his cell in the county jail today while the jury which will determine his fate on a charge of killing Mrs. Theresa Mors was liberated until after Christmas.

Arguments in the former publisher's trial were completed in superior court yesterday with the prosecution demanding a verdict of first degree murder. In his closing argument Deputy District Attorney Ostrom declared it was not pleasant, on the threshold of Christmas, to be demanding the death penalty for any man, but "if we have not law enforcement, what is to become of us?"

Heavy Deposits Made At Banks

Local Managers State Christ-
mas Business Exceedingly
Good.

London bank managers state that merchants have enjoyed excellent Christmas business, judging by the size of their bank deposits. "All my customers have been making large deposits, especially during the last week," stated one "well-known manager. "The jewelry trade has been good and the same goes for clothing. Deposits are as good if not better than they were a year ago."

SHIP FROM VANCOUVER HITS PANAMA BANK

Associated Press Despatch.
Panama, Dec. 24.—The steamship Anglo-Egyptian, from Vancouver for Gibraltar, with wheat, struck the east bank of the Panama canal at Lapita Point yesterday, and is now beached at Gamboa. She will be returned to Balboa for repairs.

LEAGUE'S ANSWER AWAITED IN JUGO-SLAVIA CHARGE

Associated Press Despatch.
Geneva, Dec. 24.—No answer has been received by the League of Nations from Jugo-Slavia with regard to the raids in Albania. The latter country recently requested an inquiry into the alleged Jugo-Slav raids in Albanian territory.

ONTARIO WILL NOT KEEP ROADS OPEN

London's Offer To Aid in
Clearing Main Arteries
Is Declined.

The Ontario government does not intend keeping open provincial roads east of London this winter. In a letter directed to W. P. Near, city engineer, this advice was given today by W. L. Squires, deputy minister of highways. A week or so back Mr. Near offered the province the use of city snow-plows in helping to keep main arteries open. It is believed that if the province started at the beginning of winter and kept the roads plowed, the accumulation of snow would never be great. In this way traffic could be kept up all winter long.

25 BELOW ZERO HERE, ATLANTIC CITY THINKS

"Great Canadian Winter"
Spells Terror To Residents
of South.

"London is in the throes of an Arctic winter. It is 25 below zero. The snow is banked high to the roof tops. The city is frozen in solid for the great Canadian winter. The town pump has ceased to function. Every year about this time the message goes forth from the middle and southern states of the neighborhood. It is a sort of a sympathetic message. It says, 'How wonderful as to how Canadians ever come out of their winter alive. The deep forests covered with a heavy mantle of snow, and the howling wolves certainly must play havoc with the poor Canadians.'"

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Dinner Lineup at the County
Bastille Will Be Weighty
One.

CITIZENS KIND

Vegetable Soup
Celery
Roast Turkey, Cranberry Sauce
Mashed Potatoes
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HUNTED MAN CAPTURED BY FINGERS

London Criminal Record of
Prisoner Is Furnished
City Police.

GIVEN SHORT TERM

Second Case of Identification
Carried Out by
Harpur.

Through the finger print system of identification, the long criminal record of Leo Flannigan, sentenced in the local police court a few days ago to serve nine months for having narcotic drugs in his possession, has been revealed to the police. Flannigan will probably have to complete terms in three Canadian prisons upon the expiration of his term in the county jail.

He has been positively identified as an escaped prisoner of the Fort William industrial farm, and a man who has served fourteen jail terms in the past fifteen years. Flannigan's finger prints were taken by police constable Walter Harpur, head of the local bureau. Harpur said that Flannigan assured the court that he had never been in jail before, and for this reason he was given a minimum sentence under the narcotic drug act.

Forwarded Prints.

Constable Harpur forwarded the man's finger prints and photograph to the Canadian mounted police department at Ottawa and this morning word of his long record was received. His finger print identification corresponded exactly with that of a man called James Davies, and his photograph bore out the fact that he had travelled under five aliases. A Flannigan's record showed that he had been convicted in seven Canadian cities: Hamilton, Montreal, Belleville, Toronto, Sudbury, Guelph and Sault Ste. Marie. The charges against him included theft, larceny, assault, attempted robbery, escaping custody and trespassing. He had travelled under the assumed names of James Davies, George Watson, James Richards, James Duffy and Leo Flannigan.

Escaped From Prison.

Only one penitentiary sentence was registered against him.

He served in Kingston. The next longest term was two years, less one day, in Burwash reformatory. It was on July 17, of last year, that he escaped from the Fort William prison.

Only a week ago a similar case was brought to the attention of local police when John Conroy was sentenced here to one year for theft of an automobile. His finger prints were sent to the American police department at Washington, and he was discovered to be a man who had served four prison terms in Cleveland, Ohio, for various charges of theft and robbery.

The case of Flannigan and Conroy demonstrates the invaluable assistance the finger print system is to the police. Constable Harpur said today, "It is not a complicated system, and yet it never fails to positively identify."

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The two defendants received the verdict in silence and with no outward display of emotion.

Attorneys gave notice that they would ask for a new trial.

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H. H. COUSENS TO SUCCEED SIR ADAM

Former General Manager of
Toronto Transportation Com-
mission Being Trained for
Post.

WIDE EXPERIENCE

Beck Said To Be Greatly
Alarmed Over Impending
Power Shortage.

The frequent expressed fears of friends of Sir Adam Beck that some dire consequences may befall when he lays down the controlling reins of the hydro-electric power commission, were recently allayed by Premier Ferguson with the unexpected declaration that the government for some time has been training a man for the job.

The fact that the statement attributed to the premier was quite plainly made came to light here today with the added declaration that the man in training is Henry Herbert Cousens, who resigned the post of general manager of the Toronto transportation commission last April to accept appointment as vice-president of the Brazilian Traction Light and Power Company's properties with headquarters at Rio de Janeiro. If Mr. Cousens receives the appointment, and it is not doubted by Londoners in touch with the provincial government, he will leave control of a corporation with a capitalization of \$150,000,000 to assume charge of public enterprises representing an investment of more than \$242,000,000.

Had Extensive Training.
It is claimed that one of the principal reasons for such a choice is the fact that Mr. Cousens, a native of Ontario, is presumably a graduate of Canadian politics and consequently shielded from any imputation of patronage.

He was born Oct. 16, 1877, at Tynes, Devonshire, England, and is now in his 48th year. He proceeded directly from his scholastic education in England to become articled in mechanical and electrical engineering in Taunton, Eng. He became assistant engineer of the Taunton Corporation electrical works in 1898, and subsequently he held a similar position with the Bristol, Eng., Corporation electrical department. He was elevated to the position of city engineer of Bristol in 1901, and in 1902 to become manager and engineer of the West Ham, London, Eng., Corporation Electrical Supply. In 1912 he was appointed to a similar position with the Hampstead Borough, London, Eng., council, where he continued for one year. In 1913 he became general manager of the Taunton hydro-electric system, and during his experience that knowledge of the Ontario hydro-electric system, which the government believes will fit him for the post of executive head when Sir Adam Beck steps out. He was given an indefinite leave of absence from the Toronto hydro-electric system in 1920, when he took over the transportation management of the Toronto streetcar system.

Though Sir Adam Beck has made no very definite pronouncement concerning his intentions, it is not doubted by his friends that, as he says himself, "he is considering retirement."

The Weather

FORECASTS.

West to north-west wind; mostly fair and colder tonight and Thursday; local snow flurries. The pressure is low over the great lakes and on the Atlantic coast, and quite high near the Pacific coast and over the western states.

Snow has fallen in Ontario and Western Quebec, while in the maritime and western provinces the weather has been fair.

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

Station	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	32	26	Clear
Calgary	—12	—19	Clear
Winnipeg	0	—20	Cloudy
Port Arthur	48	—18	Clear
Perry Sound	29	24	Snow
Toronto	24	24	Snow
Kinross	28	26	Snow
Ottawa	26	26	Snow
Montreal	24	22	Snow
Quebec	29	18	Snow
Father Point	14	14	Cloudy
St. John	26	29	Snow
Halifax	33	24	Cloudy

Minus (—) means below zero.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 22; lowest, 10. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 22; lowest, 21.

Barometric Readings.

Tuesday, 8 p.m.—29.96.
Today, 8 a.m.—29.91.

Preston and Niagara Falls Tie With London 75's For Top Rung of Big Six

Crippled Stratford Team Goes Under To Big Roar Six

Niagara Falls Opens Season With 4-1 Victory Over Indians.

COLE STANDS OUT

STANDING.	W.	L.	T.	P.
LONDON	10	0	3	2
Preston	10	0	3	2
Niagara Falls	10	0	3	2
Galt	10	0	3	2
Stratford	0	1	1	4
Kitchener	0	1	2	3

Special to The Advertiser.

Stratford, Dec. 23.—With two men still suffering from injuries received at Port Colborne two weeks ago, the Indians tonight lost the first of their series by 4 to 1 to Niagara Falls. Both Burke and Griffin were stiff and in the end, and Graham was in poor condition. Cole was the star of the evening for the locals, tallying the lone goal. Honors were divided for the visitors. Kitchener, Moulton, Fraser and Harrington were the goal-getters. About 2,000 people saw the game.

First Period.

The first period was productive of much fancy shooting, but only one goal. Fraser, anxious that for the Cataract City in the first four minutes, the period, played the game as a team play, had the edge so far as team play was concerned, but shots on goal were about equal. Both goalkeepers were in fine condition. There was considerable bumping and "loose" kept a steady pressure on the Indians. Kitchener, former Stratford star, was the center of much of the bumping, and went into more stiff body checks in the period than in the six years he played here. He also served a penalty for tripping. Both teams tried valiantly toward the end of the period.

Second Period.

There was no lack of pep in the second period. Both teams hit the ice going strong, and there was a snappy session of hard-fought hockey. Kitchener added another goal to Niagara's count by a lucky shot that oozed in over Dolson's shoulder. From then on, the Indians worked like fiends. Cole being particularly dangerous on the attack. His persistence in the attack picked up a loose puck from F. Carson and beat Mayo for the home team's first tally. The heavy checking continued, drawing down another for looking at the puck. Bill Carson's skates broke in the first period, and he made hasty going of it with a borrowed pair. The Indians showed more team play, but the big water lads kept in a most perfect defense. The period ended 2 to 1 for the Falls.

Third Period.

The third period started all right with Stratford forcing the play, but the attack lacked smoothness and failed to produce results. Kitchener, but his team picked up another goal, a long shot at nine minutes. Four minutes later Moulton scored on a dribbling shot which beat Dolson. The Indians' legs. An offside goal was a feature of the closing minutes of the game. F. Carson putting the puck in the net. The game was rather tame, though the period was fairly even so far as penalties were concerned. The Indians worked hard to score, and the Falls still very much in the game.

The line-ups: Stratford—Goal, Dolson; defense, Burke, Carson, center, F. Carson, winger, P. Carson, right wing, Cole, Griffin, Niagara Falls—Goal, Mayo; defense, Fraser, Kitchener, center, Rice, winger, Kelterborn, Harrington, sub, Seibert, Murray.

Referee—Lou Marsh, Toronto.

Thistle Curlers Start Christmas

Getaway Gun To Be Fired On Stroke of Ten.

With five sheets of ice in perfect shape and everything in readiness at the Thistle curling club for the formal opening of the present season on Christmas morning when the quarter games, the president and vice-president, respectively, will clash. All members are expected to be on hand at three the getaway gun will be fired sharp on the stroke of ten.

At present the games committee is in the throes of preparing a program for the season's activity, and the result of its efforts along this line will be made known in a day or two.

PHIL GRANVILLE TO WALK AT NEW YORK MEET

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, Dec. 23.—The Finnish-American Great European distance runner, Paavo Nurmi, are taking the color of the Olympic contests. The nations, including Canada, have entered men who appeared in Paris for the two-mile walk. They are Philip Granville, Canada; Harry Finkle, United States, and Mike Pelotte of Hungary.

Charlie Stewart Jumps At Last

Associated Press Despatch.

Beaton, Dec. 23.—Norman Fowler, co-owner of the Beaton professional hockey team, has been indefinitely suspended and fined \$200 for interfering with the club's business. Fowler admitted that he did not give best efforts in the game against St. Patricks of Toronto here last night. The Toronto team won, 10 to 1. Dr. Charles Stewart, former of Hamilton, will play goal for Beaton against Canadiens at Montreal Christmas night.

Orients To Present Fast Cage Five

Senior O. A. B. A. Entrants Rounding Into Shape.

Orient cages and entrants in the senior O. A. B. A. are making serious preparation for the coming season, and are staging practices every second night on the "court" over at the O. A. B. A. who has taken up the coaching, is fast rounding the wealth of material at hand into a five of championship caliber.

Three players, Gerald Goodman, the captain, Harold Gilles and George Douglas, provide a strong core around which the team is being built. The youngsters include Bill Wanless, "Jill" Ardill, Bernie Plamondon, Bud Caselman and Cecil Hill. These are all products of collegiate basketball, and help to make the team a combination of experience and youth.

EMPIRE BRASS WINS

The Varsity boxing play-off between A and B groups was played last night at Mitches' recreation club. The Empire Brass, from London, defeated D. S. Perrins, from B. three games out of four for the championship of the first series. The scores:

Steele	141	101	245	205	656
Henry	125	109	132	115	578
McNeish	236	134	205	196	765
McNeill	146	208	169	183	706
Curtis	189	118	185	186	678
Totals	831	726	946	916	3453

Empire Brass.

J. Stevens	218	189	184	170	741
S. Thorpe	209	210	174	245	837
Smith	229	224	179	140	772
B. Molise	115	179	196	176	666
B. Crawford	120	247	173	329	869
Totals	878	1029	906	1058	3571

SPORT SNAPSHOTS

President Norman Siegel, of the Southern Counties' Baseball league, announced some time ago that the S. C. B. L. next summer would operate a Junior series in addition to the senior league. The Junior series would be the league next March will move that an intermediate division be operated. The Junior series would be operated in the summer, while the senior county league last summer and went on to the semi-finals for the intermediate series. The Junior series would be operated in the summer, while the senior county league last summer and went on to the semi-finals for the intermediate series.

The Cincinnati Nationals have given up all hope of obtaining Johnny Neun, first baseman recruit of the Detroit Americans, who spent last season with St. Paul of the American association. Manager Jack Hendricks said that five clubs in the American league refused to waive their rights to the youngster, with the result that the Reds have dropped all negotiations for Neun.

Rube Bressler, Reds' utility man, probably will leave the team, made vacant by the death of Jake Daubert. They have funny amateur organizations in the U. S. If all tales are true. They tell one now in hockey circles of Rube Bressler, who took the matter up and proceeded to investigate. They, it is alleged, wrote not to any amateur association in Canada, but to the Amateur Association of Canada. Leo assured them that Joliet was No. 1 pure, and he was given a trial at Joliet. It was then that the amateur folks across the line are not too particular, always providing the applicant can play enough hockey.



Poke and Cross Checks

Down go the champions—Owen Sound, Niagara Falls, Soo Greyhounds. This S. P. A. cup is sure as hell to crown winners.

Joe Dwyer, the Peterboro goalkeeper, using the set of goal pads he used in his first S. H. A. game at Port Hope, 17 years ago, Joseph lost his first game and tried to fix the referee.

The Calgary management has purchased "Red" MacFarlane from Vancouver. He is a Calgary youth, and starred for Seattle last winter.

Two games instead of one, as formerly, will be played between the O. H. A. and S. O. H. A. junior champions in the O. H. A. Memorial cup series this season.

Eddie Lowery, former Queen's university coach, may take charge of the Peterboro seniors. One of Lowery's brothers plays for the Montreal Pros. Jerry plays for London, and Bob, a third, for St. Michael's college.

The teams finishing the O. H. A. group No. 2 senior scheduling in first and second place will play a series of home-and-home games, goals to count, to decide the Toronto group for the O. H. A. championship.

"Hooley" Smith received a cut in his leg last Wednesday and was unable to finish the game against Canadiens on Saturday night.

That some of the other clubs in the N. H. L. will sell surplus players to the Boston team is the general belief of followers of pro hockey. The defeats with which the United States team has been swamped recently leads to the belief that some drastic action must be taken to bolster the newcomers to the league.

Among his players Art Ross has a number of good performers who are capable of better hockey than the rather listless showing they have been making since being relegated to B for them. It is too soon to enter the thought that with the acquisition of one or two suitable players the team could soon be made a fighting combination with a punch that would, if not actually send them up the ladder, at least enable them to provide stiff opposition and make a battle out of the games. It is known that this is the attitude of Ross and C. F. Adams, the head of the Boston club.

TELFOORD AND MOFFATT WILL SKIP SOUND RINKS

Special to The Advertiser.

Owen Sound, Dec. 23.—The Owen Sound curling club at a meeting today selected J. C. Telford and R. Moffatt to skip the Ontario tankard competition, which will be played here in January. Both are experienced players, and have twice won the governor-general's competition. For the district cup competition, the sides selected were D. A. Christie and Frank Smith. The competition will be played off at Palmerston on a date to be selected by the umpire.

WIN SENIOR S. P. A. TROPHY.

Peterboro hockey club, winners of the Sportsmen's patriotic association series, whose victory over Parkdale was of the unexpected variety. The Pates defeated Soo Greyhounds, Allan cup holders, Saturday in the final game for the trophy. From left to right: Top row—Josh Craig, executive; F. E. Conner, secretary; Salmon, Foley, Joe Dwyer, McLeod, Collins, Parker. Front row—Ranger, Bailey, Burgess, Halpin, Rose, R. M. Glover, past-president, O. H. A., coach.

On the Side Lines

With C. S. G.

Even the word of the O. H. A. executive that the main stumbling block to Pete Bellefeuille's reinstatement came from the north has not dulled the suspicion hereabout that the move was the result of Stratford machinations. The fact that the president of the O. H. A. is a Stratford man adds to the suspicion. The fact that the president of the O. H. A. is a Stratford man adds to the suspicion.

A RUMOR.

The fact that the floor of Westminster rink is covered with frozen snow and water gave rise to the rumor yesterday that the old structure was after all going to be used for its normal purpose. However, it proved to be mistaken foresightedness on the part of a businessman, who intended to take the rink over for skating and minor league hockey if the community center project fell through. It is understood that the aldermen will be taken to the rink today and the projected plans discussed and explained on the ground.

THE FORWARD PASS.

The intercollegiate rugby union is flitting with the idea of mild form of the forward pass for introduction into the Canadian game, and choose a time when American coaches are coming to the decision that the play is a menace to American football. Any restricted form of the pass would have the effect of giving to the forward pass as used in America, it before every play got into action. The forward pass as used in America, it before every play got into action.

Stove Leaguers' C-h-a-t-t-e-r

Cozy Dolan was seen at the Chicago meeting and denied that he was "kicked out" of the Giant's office a week or so ago. He says he left of his own accord. There seems to be a difference of opinion between Cozy and John McGraw as to just what constitutes being "kicked out" of a place.

Some years ago, before the reign of Volstead, a gentleman called on me. Upon the fourth entrance the bouncer crossed him over the head with a blackjack, remarking at the same time: "This guy simply won't take a hint." Perhaps Cozy wouldn't take a hint.

OUR BOARDING HOUSE

Colonel Rupert says there is no truth in the rumors that Ban Johnson would resign and Ed Barrow would succeed him as president of the American league. The magnates want Johnson to continue in office, and they hope his future actions will restore him to good standing, and prove that he was seeking the betterment of baseball.

BY AHERN

Up to the present no word or wall from Joe Bush has been received at the Yankee office. Perhaps Joe will save it all up and tell it at some stirring moment in a game between the Browns and the Yanks this coming season. It will make good listening.

His Moods

Kaleidoscopic Changes—Heights of Optimism—Depths of Pessimism.

CHAPTER LII.

By H. G. SALSINGER.

Ty Cobb has always lived in moods. He would change from the happy and gay to the gloomy and morose. Sometimes he was a mate for Pollyanna, at other times a fit companion for a hypochondriac.

There were times when he wondered what it was all about and what use it could be. On one of these occasions he said: "If I had my life to live over again I would be a surgeon instead of a ball player. I think I could have done a great deal of good in surgery. I would then have been of some deep use to humanity."

At other times he decided he would quit baseball. Often, in the last five years, Cobb seriously considered leaving the game. He intended to settle down, fish, hunt, read and enjoy life.

Changing Moods.

"Down south we know how to live," he would say. "Down south there is not the hustle, the bustle, the tear and the wear that you find in the north. We know something out of life down there. We know what home is and where; in the north, most people believe that an apartment of a few rooms is sufficient. We could never think of such a thing down south. We know food down there and we know how to relax. There is no battle and strife for the dollar that you find in the north. Tell me, what do they get out of life—these people that are fighting for fortunes that few of them ever get? They grow old and helpless long before their time and when they have passed their usefulness what have they got left? What do they get out of life even if they do succeed in getting money? By the time they accumulate their fortunes they don't know how to enjoy the money."

At other times he would say: "When I quit baseball, which will be very soon now, I shall depart with one deep regret, and that is that I have done no real good to humanity. I suppose everybody will be forgotten in a few years' time."

A Dying Conflagration.

Year after year he made up his mind to quit baseball. He said at 32, when a man reaches that age he loses his finger, his pep and his speed. I am not at top form now. Since 1914 I have gradually let down.

"After a ball player reaches 30 he becomes methodical. I have become methodical and today I find myself doing out each play before I make it, with a view to conserving as much energy as possible."

Grows More Difficult.

Fire belongs to youth, and even with Cobb, in whom the flames burned longer than in the average mortal, it became more and more difficult to stir the ember of youth. "Baseball is a hard, nerve-racking life when you play the game for all it is worth. There is no rest when you are weary and the travel is tiresome."

He wanted to have time to read. He liked books, as he liked pure and music and other works of art. In books he appreciated fine phrasing. The play of words has a fascination for Cobb.

And he likes biography. He has read nearly all the biographies of Napoleon. He has engaged in reading the biographies of the illustrious Bonaparte during the winter seasons. The greatest character in world history, in Cobb's opinion, was Napoleon, and he thinks Caesar next. And it would be difficult to say that his biographical study did not have powerful influence over Cobb's career. He, probably, would be the last to say that it did not.

Tomorrow: Chapter LIII.—Rest.

Preston Riversides Defeat Green Shirts In Fast Mix

Kitchener Sextet Goes Down 3 to 2 in First Big Six Fixture.

Will Order Gene To Defend Title

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, Dec. 23.—Tommy Gibson, challenger to Gene Tunney, United States light heavyweight champion, for a title match was announced by the state athletic commission today, and the commission announced that Tunney would be ordered to accept the match at the earliest possible date.

OWEN SOUND KIDS DEFEAT PARKDALE

Greys Run Wild in Third Period To Make Score 6-1.

Special to The Advertiser.

Owen Sound, Dec. 23.—Going at top speed from start to finish, the Greys continued their winning streak, which they started at Kitchener on Monday night by coming right back home and giving the Parkdale canoe club of Toronto a 6 to 1 thrashing here tonight. The Greys showed their best form of the season, and the result was a victory which brought the domination championship here last March.

The Paddlers were at full strength, and for two periods held the Greys to a 2 to 1 score, with Taylor in goal saving almost impossible shots time and again, but in the final period the champions could not be stopped, and they gradually played the tide down to their feet, and scored four counters in quick succession by playing superb hockey. For Owen Sound, the Greys were best-in fact, he was the fastest man on the ice, but the whole Greys team played great hockey. Smith in the nets, being exceptionally fine. There was no scoring in the second period. Fleming and Sturges were the best on the line for the visitors, while Taylor starred in the nets.

Parkdale—Taylor, goal; Ratki and Wheeler, defense; Richardson, center; Galt and Fleming, wings; Hogarth, Morgan and Robertson, subs.

Owen Sound—Smith, goal; Brophy and Galt, defense; Sturges, center; Keeling and Randle, wings; Burmeister, Burns, Clarke and Belrose, subs. Referee—J. H. Jones.

CANADIAN PACIFIC, SPECIAL TRAIN SERVICE FOR CHRISTMAS.

The special train service arranged for Christmas will provide patrons an opportunity to leave Toronto, afternoon prior to Christmas, and return on Christmas day at a later departure time.

On Dec. 24, a special train will leave Parkdale at 3:15 p.m. for London, making all intermediate stops, and will carry through coaches to St. Thomas.

On Dec. 25, special train will leave London at 8:00 p.m. for St. Thomas, Woodstock, 8:45 p.m.; Galt, 9:45 p.m., making all other stops, due Toronto Union 11:30 p.m.

Inform your friends of this special service, and advise them to travel Canadian Pacific—Advt.

WILLIAMS TRIES COMEBACK.

Associated Press Despatch.

Baltimore, Dec. 23.—Kid Williams, former heavyweight champion, will begin his comeback attempt on Monday, when he opposes Joe Schwartz of Washington in a twelve-round bout here.

EMPIRE BRASS HANDICAP TOUR.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
H. Dillon	207	207	207	207	207
F. Jacques	275	183	238	238	238
H. Tupper	129	129	129	129	129
C. With	123	176	149	81	823
H. Brockman	175	204	147	79	246
P. Wossey	52	7	120	121	121
W. Howard	197	190	136	69	62
M. Thorpe	168	141	142	120	67
A. Taylor	146	174	124	120	68
A. Watow	117	168	208	120	612
J. Beer	146	255	143	168	462
Stevens	106	206	109	108	8
R. Crawford	145	159	229	87	420
J. Beaumont	213	125	135	117	536
A. Howard	49	2	120	120	120
W. Gordon	155	150	120	120	120
G. Williams	110	136	150	111	207
E. Dean	164	174	124	120	68
R. Garfield	158	106	62	120	440
V. Hodgins	221	151	207	120	709
B. Brockman	125	114	97	120	458
E. Gardner	198	145	147	120	610
T. Pearson	149	177	120	120	617
W. Johnson	197	180	120	120	617

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What gift that will bring more pleasure to the recipient? What gift that will be a better proof of the donor's good taste than a genuine, old reliable Kola Briar?

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In appreciation, we are continuing our Sale, and would ask all our patrons to call within the next 8 days during our Fire Sale.

ORTH, Limited

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FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE, MAJOR,--
WHATEVER POSSESSED YOU LAST NIGHT, RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PLAY, TO STOP AND MAKE A SPEECH!

BY JOVE, MISS CHURCH, MY DEAR LADY,-- EGAD, I FELT THAT I SAVED THE ENTERTAINMENT FROM BEING AN UTTER FAILURE!-- I SAW THAT THE PLAY FAILED TO REGISTER ANY INTEREST, SO I HIT UPON THE CLEVER IDEA OF MAKING A SPEECH!

SAY--THAT'S A DASH OF TRIP!-- YOU MEAN YOU FORGOT YOUR LINES!-- THE PLAY WAS GOING OVER BIG UNTIL YOUR MEMORY BLEW A FUSE!

AN' THAT SPEECH OF YOURS WAS A FINE EXIT MARCH!-- THEY ALL STARTED FINGERING FOR THEIR HATCHECKS AS GOOD AS YOU TURNED ON 'TH' FAN!

GENE AHERN.

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When Sir Adam Retires.

Sir Adam Beck has stated both in public and privately to his friends that the time is not far distant when it will be necessary for him to resign from the chairmanship of the hydro-electric commission of Ontario. His health is not what it was a few years ago, and Sir Adam chose a sphere of public service that from the start called forth the united and untiring opposition of those whose devotion to private interests stood in danger of being seriously disturbed. It was only recently that the remark was made at Ottawa that Sir Adam had no friends in either political party there or at Toronto, a remark which in itself might be taken as a compliment, but indicating a course that was not an easy one to follow.

With Sir Adam's retirement in view, the matter of supreme importance to the municipalities is how the hydro-electric system shall be managed. It can do one of two things:

- (1) Be managed and controlled by a commission on which the municipalities shall have sufficient representation to secure their interests, or
- (2) Be allowed to pass over as a straight government department, and become part and parcel of the political fortunes of the party in power.

The hydro-electric system belongs to the municipalities in Ontario that are taking power from Niagara and elsewhere and distributing it to the users; these municipalities exercised the initiative in the first place; they assumed the financial risks; the province pledged its credit for the sale of the bonds, but has never had to put up a dollar for forfeiture of these securities. It is the municipalities that would be looked to for higher rates if serious alterations had to be made in the system, and it is the municipalities that receive back any accumulated surpluses. Right now, it is understood, there is a surplus of about \$500,000 on hand, which will go back to the municipalities. The system is the most valuable asset they own, and the municipalities cannot afford to lose sight of the fact that the whole business is their property.

That is why it becomes so very important that the municipalities should see to it that the future course of management is definitely fixed, so that when the time does come for Sir Adam to retire as the dominating figure in the direction of affairs, there shall be no possible question about the property being recognized as a municipal undertaking and not as a department of the government.

A step in this direction was attempted a week or so ago, when a delegation from the municipal association, representing the real owners of Hydro, asked Premier Ferguson to place ex-Mayor Maguire of Toronto on the hydro-electric commission as a representative of the municipalities. The government did not take action, and gave as a reason that it would prefer several names being submitted, so that it could have a choice in the matter. That attitude at once raises the point mentioned above as to whether the municipalities, and not the government, have the right to name a commissioner to manage their own business.

Premier Ferguson's preference for procrastination in this matter opens another question. He is quite well aware of the fact that Sir Adam intends to resign in the not distant future. If he can leave matters in abeyance until that time, and not have the future course of hydro definitely defined, would it not give him the opportunity he seeks, with Sir Adam out of the way, to make such appointments as suited the government only, and move toward a policy that would bring the entire undertaking directly under the control of a political party?

The government found in hydro a very convenient election issue at the last provincial contest. It was not a wise move because the supporters of hydro are not in any one political camp. The undertaking was made possible in the first place because men who believed in cheap power and cheap light came together, not as politicians, but as interested, public-spirited citizens, impressed upon the government that they were in earnest, and by their votes in the various municipalities pledged their credit to the carrying out of the plan. It is these people, scattered all over the province, some of them prominent Conservatives, others Liberals, who have been the power behind hydro development. It would be absolutely out of the question to secure such support for electrical development on the basis of it being a plank in any political party's platform.

It is on account of the situation outlined above that The Advertiser believes the interested municipalities should move now, firmly and unitedly, to make sure that a policy is adopted and made certain that will secure for them official and unalterable recognition of the fact that the great hydro undertakings are the property of the municipalities interested, and that they shall never become part of the political machinery of any Ontario government.

A Landmark in Petrolia.

The passing of the firm of Vaughn & Fairbank, private bankers of Petrolia, marks the closing of an institution that for 55 years played a large part in the development of that town and the oil-bearing district around it.

The bank building, which stands at one end of Petrolia's main street, almost opposite the home of one of its founders, now the residence of Major C. O. Fairbank, has none of the ear-

marks of a bank of the present age. Were it not for a fairly massive brass plate telling the name of the institution, one might pass it by as a schoolhouse of a former generation. No imposing front, no stone columns, no marble floors, a substantial box stove serving as the heating plant, yet in that place millions of dollars have passed in and out. In there could be written the history of the oil industry of Ontario, of the days of gushers when money was abundant, and of the days when prices for oil dropped so suddenly that the bank had to summon all its resources to help the producers to hang on for a favorable turn in the market. It was a local bank that was ready to stake its fortunes on the success of local enterprise, a feature too often missing in the methods of today.

The withdrawal of such a firm as Vaughn & Fairbank after a career that has been for over half a century intimately associated with the history and development of its own town and territory, and that has seen the men of that district go out and make the name Petrolia known in nearly all the oil-bearing countries of the world, is one of the turns of business that may be advisable but none the less regrettable.

When one looks back at the history of banks past and present, and notes the wrecks piled along the road, a record of fifty-five years, terminated by an orderly closing of the institution such as is being done in the case of Vaughn & Fairbank, marks a business chapter that reflects credit on those who in all those years have been responsible for the management.

Note and Comment.

Turkey at 45 cents a pound is liable to cause an awful last-minute rush on liver and tripe.

Two Toronto young men went down to the lake and had a swim the other day. They did it only once.

It's not much of a trick to hide a pair of cuff links until Christmas, but where under the sun can we stick a pair of skis?

As further proof of the fact that they do feel the cold in Winnipeg, a million dollar extension to the central heating plant will be built.

Toronto has a mayoralty candidate running on a platform of "Pure Water and Pure Beer." Accent on the last four letters of the last word.

Another pilot in the air mail service of United States has been killed, his plane going wrong in a storm. The quest for speed continues to make its levy on human life.

Orangeville man's sanity is unbalanced because he does not know which of two girls to marry. He should move to United States, and in a short time he could marry them both.

It turns out that Samuel Gompers cut his wife off from all but her legal share in his property. It will be around \$10,000, and many a widow of 31 has made a fairly good match on less.

San Francisco public library has such a run on dictionaries by cross-word puzzle workers that a time limit of five minutes has been set. Instead of driving people crazy the puzzles drive 'em to the dictionary for the first time in years.

Toronto's mayor was hoisted to the top of the tallest building in that city so that he might put up a new flag. It is always well to have a mayor who can rise to the occasion.—Hamilton Herald.

Not quite right. Toronto's mayor did not rise to the occasion. He was risen.

Vicente Blasco Ibanez, Spanish author, is in a heap of trouble for an article he wrote about King Alfonso of Spain and the men around him. Ibanez is at present in France, and two officials of the Spanish war office and an editor from Madrid are on his path seeking for a duel. Ibanez in the meantime is seriously wondering if the man knew what he was talking about when he wrote that the pen is mightier than the sword.

Joe's Shoppin'

I met Joe Cowhide on the street, not carin' where he went or how, his eyes was bulgin' from his head, the sweat was parked upon his brow.

Joe says look out and let me past, I have no time to gas with you, I've sixty-seven things to do before this blinkin' day is through.

I seen Joe two hours later on a lookin' like a hack for hire, his whiskers stood upon their end, and when he spoke he belched out fire. For Joe he looked just like a plate of boiled and salted oatmeal mush, his corns was bent, his bunions sore from shoppin' in the Christmas rush.

For Joe he was a foolish gent who'd left his Christmas shoppin' late, and now he was a-doin' his stuff and pourin' out his hymn of hate—he'd bought a drum for little Ben, it had a dint upon its head; he had a Noah's ark for Sue, the monkey and the cow was dead; and for his wife he had some gloves, he wanted them both trim and neat, instead he grabbed a set in which his wife could easy warm her feet.

His wife's folks was a-comin' too, so Joe he had to fix them up, so for her dad he'd gone and grabbed the last remainin' shavin' cup—it had a crack along the side, it really was a Christmas fright, and decent whiskers mowed from this would wizzle up and die of fright.

And for the mother of his wife, she'd landed just today at noon, and Joe he dashed and got for her a nifty bottle of perfume. The stock was all picked off says Joe, I simply had to pay and take, we sniffed it and it was much like vanilla in a picnic cake.

So Joe he went a-puffin' on a hangin' to his load of stuff, I know darn well when Joe got home they'd start and use him sort of rough. For Ben will spot that dented drum, and Sue she'll wall about the cow, they'll take that giddy shavin' mug and crash the thing upon his brow. And when his wife she gets them mitts she's certain sure to start and bawl, and in this glad-some time of year Joe Cowhide won't be glad at all.—ARK.

Rarebits By Rex

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

He is coming 'cross the prairie,
He is speeding o'er the plain,
Hear that jingle, jingle, jingle—
Santa Claus is here again.
From the wind-swept Arctic Circle,
From the northlands, black and drear,
He is winging, ringing, singing,
With his message of good cheer.

To the lowlands and the wildwood,
To the city and the glen,
He has come to gladden childhood
And make young the hearts of men;
And tonight when all is quiet
I shall greet him in the hall
As he shuffles down the chimney,
Reindeer, cutter, gifts and all.

And I'll stuff his gorgeous presents
In a tiny baby sock
While old Santa watches gladly
With his eye upon the clock,
Then the chink of ancient glasses
Will be sounded through the maze,
And you'll hear our voices crying:
"Here's to childhood's happy days!"

When you are devouring the succulent turkey
and spilling the cranberry sauce tomorrow, my friends, pause for a moment and think of those two unfortunate families in this city that could not get a prescription.

You can tell whether your gift to father was a success or not by taking note of what part of the turkey he gives you.

This is about the time for girls to hang their mistletoe and invite their boy friends around for a rehearsal.

Speaking of modest people, how about the young man who sends pictures of himself to his friends as Christmas presents.

Useful gifts are all right. But the line was drawn too fine when a friend of ours sent us a bottle of hair tonic.

In the old days men used to be ruined by drink. Now it's cross-word puzzles.

Some men are born great, some achieve greatness and some grate upon you.

One way to enlarge your apartment is to have the three rooms made over into six.

A man usually thinks he can afford a car until he buys one.

Some women have a better ear for gossip than music.

TABLOID DRAMA.

"I was never so insulted in all my life, Maisie. After lettin' Jack take me to the movies three times in succession he only give me a box of chocolates for Christmas."

London Will Sing

HERE is another of the grand old Christmas hymns that will be sung when Londoners turn out in Victoria park at 7:30 on Christmas eve. It promises to be one of the notable community events of the Christmas season, an old custom followed in many lands, of singing hymns and carols. The Salvation Army band will lead the music, choirs of the city are to attend as well as other organizations.

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING.

Verse I.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled;
Joyful all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th' angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
Glory to the new-born King!

Verse II.
Gracious bond of earth and sky,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth;
Hail, the heav'n born Prince of Peace!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris'n with healing in his wings,
Hark! the herald angels sing,
Glory to the new-born King!

Editorial Opinion

PUBLIC WANTS ECONOMY.
(From the Montreal Gazette.)

DURING the recent municipal elections in Ontario the voters defeated so considerable a number of bylaws for borrowing and spending money that it caused comment, and was used as a warning to governments, provincial and federal, to keep their outlays down or it would be worse for them. The saving sentiment is not confined to Ontario. In recent municipal elections in Calgary the economy issue was introduced. The Herald, commenting on the fact that the economies were returned, says:

"Commissioner Graves, running for re-election, was the representative of the policy of consistent and careful economy in civic administration for which the civic government association has stood since it was organized. By his candidature the course of the mayor and the majority of the city council and the school board was put to the test of public approval. This policy was challenged by Mr. Adshead, a candidate of good parts, who, personally, conducted a dignified and effective campaign. In this campaign Graves had to bear the brunt of various dissatisfactions. Economies that involve curtailment of street car services and so on are not popular. The service tax had aroused some ill-feeling. The clinic matter diverted votes to Adshead. Nevertheless, the total of all this sentiment, combined with the solid Labor vote, was not enough to offset the larger body of opinion that firmly believes in and supports the policy of reasonable economy that is so necessary for the city."

Should Mind Their Own Business.
Several boxes of ties intended for distribution among employees of a Toronto firm were stolen and recovered. This seems to be one of those cases where the police shouldn't be so darn efficient.—Hamilton Spectator.

To the Editor

Two Years at Normal.

Teacher Says Proposal Would Not Be in Best Interest of the Schools.

Editor of The Advertiser:
Sir—Allow me space to voice my disapproval of the two-year normal course, suggested by the minister of education, at the instigation of those who have surely neglected to consider the merits of our present system.

I admit that there is a surplus of teachers, but such a fact is not alarming, since such conditions inevitably kill themselves by their own extravagance. The great pendulum of time will swing to the other extreme, and that, too, without man's interference.

"Two years is merely nothing in the lives of young people," says the casual chatterbox, but two years means success or failure, wealth or poverty, in the lives of some who are cast on their own resources. An additional year at normal may lose to the world many born teachers.

There are many business courses the length of which is less than two years, and which open up possibilities to the student, surpassing school teaching. And again, two years on any professional course is very considerable, and in this field of profession great possibilities of wealth, fame and social distinction may be acquired. The teaching business in comparison is insignificant, since it affords no fields of wealth and prestige.

Should the two-year course become effective, youthful energy will turn to professional activities, and leave the public schools at the mercy of the aged teachers, who cannot inspire their pupils with the vigor of the age and ideals of modern times is good, since it standardizes the salaries and holds them at a minimum. Normal graduates are well educated, and the surplus can be utilized in offices as secretaries and bookkeepers.

It is true that there are many in normal schools who are not natural teachers. But the condition might be corrected by culling the unfit and giving them credit for time spent in the work. By so doing the said students might be eliminated, and in the new era of efficient teachers would grow up, which with only one-year course at normal would reflect credit on Ontario schools.

Arkona, Dec. 18, 1924.

Water and Teeth.

Old Citizen Says Medicating Water Injures False Teeth—Department Doubts It.

Editor of The Advertiser:

Sir—Allow me space in the column of your paper to speak on the practice in vogue by the health department of this city in medicating the

water supply for human consumption. Of late there has been too much corrective matter being placed in the drinking water, which is causing people who unfortunately have artificial teeth to get cankered gums and mouth that is caused by the action of the medicating matter coming in contact with the vulcanized rubber in which the artificial teeth are set, thereby giving a great deal of stress and discomfort to people of this city who have to have artificial teeth.

This will be a great blow to the dental profession, for on the other hand the people would give the dentist the go-by, knowing that they would have a great deal of discomfort arise from the use of them, caused by the water being medicated the way it is.

I suggest that the mayor and aldermen take steps to stop the practice of medicating the water, as the health department is under their control. Thanking you in advance for your valuable space, I remain,

AN OLD CITIZEN.

Springbank Drive, city.

Note—Inquiry at the waterworks department brought the information that there was no foreign substance being put in the water at present. A daily test is made by the health department, and when necessary a very small preparation of chlorine is used. The proportion is one ten-millionth of chlorine to water. We are advised that there is nothing in the chlorine to cause the trouble complained of. It would be advisable for "Old Citizen" to take the matter up with the manager of the public utility, as this department is interested in hearing of any happenings in connection with their water service.—Ed., Advertiser.

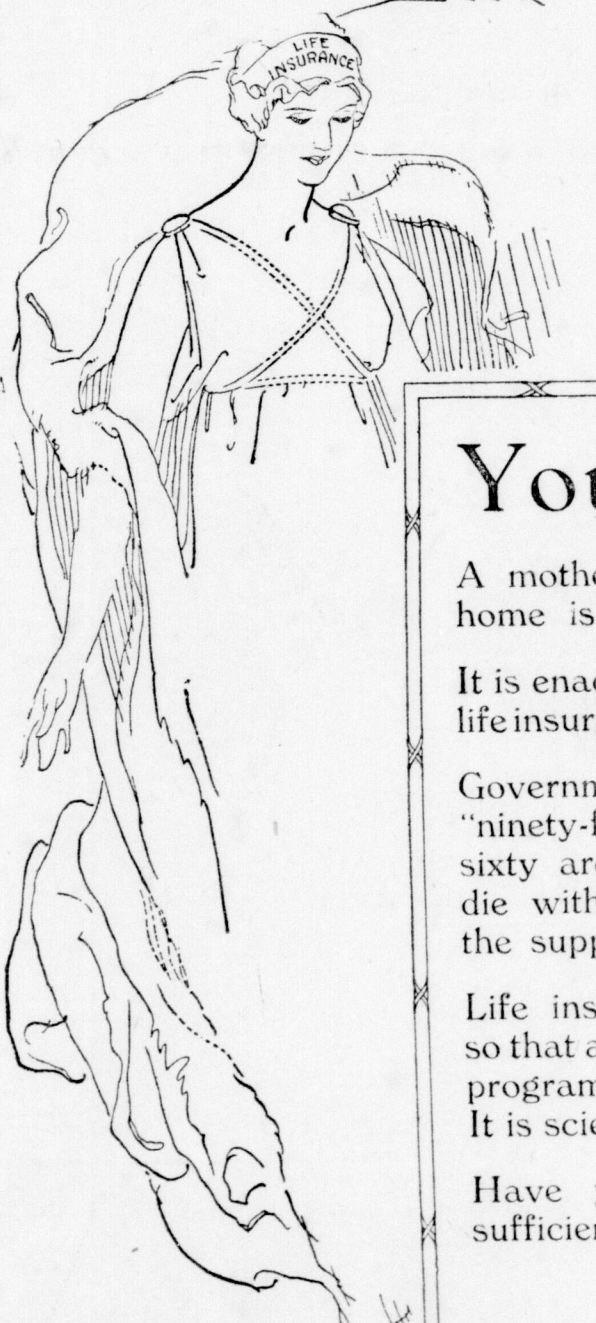
Leave the Clutch In.

Experienced Driver Says Throwing Clutch Out Makes Skidding More Certain.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

Sir—I was riding down Richmond street with a gentleman who kindly picked me up while I was standing at the corner of Grosvenor. He had a good car, a sedan, and seemed to be approaching Oxford street he saw another car coming along that street from the right and in order to make a quick stop, put on the brakes and at the same time shoved in his clutch. The result was that he skidded quite badly on the slippery street.

I ventured the remark that he should not have shoved in the clutch, and he asked me how I knew. I replied that I was a chauffeur, and had been for some years a driver in different places, and had tried all ways of stopping skidding. He seemed to be in doubt, so I asked him to change places with me and I took the wheel. There was no traffic a little farther down the street, and I braked the car quite sharply, but left the clutch in; we swerved just a trifle. I repeated the experiment farther on, and threw the clutch out along with the brake.



Your Family

A mother and children bereft of home is life's most pitiful drama.

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—Life Insurance Service

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St. Catharines, Dec. 23.—Sheriff Henry O'Loughlin today received word that his nephew, Cyrus O'Loughlin, was killed in a wreck of electric trains at Oakdale, Cal., on Dec. 5, when the train in front suddenly stopped and the two crashed. Four others were also instantly killed and three have since died. Cyrus O'Loughlin was born at Niagara Falls, N. Y., 39 years ago. He leaves a widow, one brother and one sister.

KILLED IN CALIFORNIA.

NEW CANADIAN PACIFIC—TORONTO TO WINNIPEG—361-4 Hour Feature Service.

The new daily 251-4 hour Toronto to Winnipeg service just inaugurated by the Canadian Pacific Railway not only establishes a record in fast, convenient transportation but provides the traveller with a feature service to Port William from both Toronto and Winnipeg inasmuch as the Winnipeg special leaving Toronto at 9:45 p.m. every night and arriving in Sudbury at 5:30 a.m. arrives in Port William at 11:00 p.m., leaving there 15 minutes later and arriving in Winnipeg at 9:00 a.m.

Returning, the "Toronto-Montreal Special" leaves Winnipeg at 7:00 p.m., arriving in Port William at 6:49 a.m., leaving 15 minutes later, arriving in Sudbury at 1:05 a.m., and in Toronto at the convenient hour of 8:35 a.m.

Direct connections are made by travellers from Winnipeg for all main points in Ontario, Quebec and East, which will receive the serious consideration of those who desire efficient service. Dominion Express shipments are delivered hours earlier which is also a feature.

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LASSEN PEAK ERUPTS.

Associated Press Despatch.

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Rupert Hughes, well-known novelist and movie director, and Elizabeth Patterson Dial, movie star, are to be married early next year, according to her relatives. This will be Hughes' third matrimonial adventure.



This golden eagle, pet of a Colorado man, proves to be the tamest bird of the species in the country and is not the least bit camera-shy.



Miss Betty Howlett, the twelve-year-old mayoress, has just returned to school in Leicester after undergoing her civic duties in London, where her father is the mayor of Richmond. She is the youngest mayoress in England.



The Prince Regent of Japan visits the naval college at Tokio for the annual commencement exercises. H.R.H. is the second man from the front.



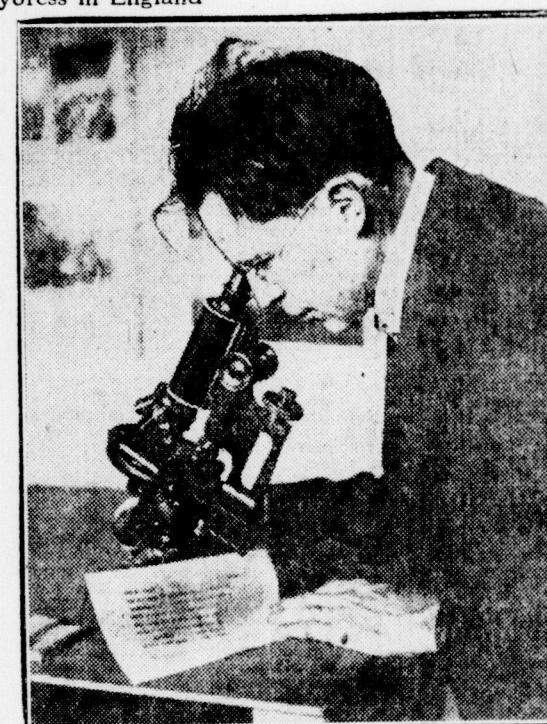
The schooner "Piamigan" of the Topographical Survey of Canada is shown in the harbor at Lockhart river at the east end of Great Slave Lake.



Here's introducing the leading lady, "Miss Blanche Bailey," as portrayed by J. D. Barrett of Yale University in the play the college gave in New York.



Maya, as she is known throughout Europe, the world-famous London mannequin, has secretly married Harold Baker in London, who is said to be a Canadian doing business in New York.



R. P. Tolman, curator of graphic arts at the Smithsonian Institute, Washington, is shown reading a letter of forty-four words, which is so small it is contained in the eye of a needle.



An Indian mother and child are shown resting for dinner while en route with pack horses to another part of the country. This photograph was taken in Northern Alberta by the Topographical Survey of Canada.



When some irregular local police mutinied at Gardai, India, they took possession of a block house and defied the world. A small British gun, however, upset their calculations and they were captured.



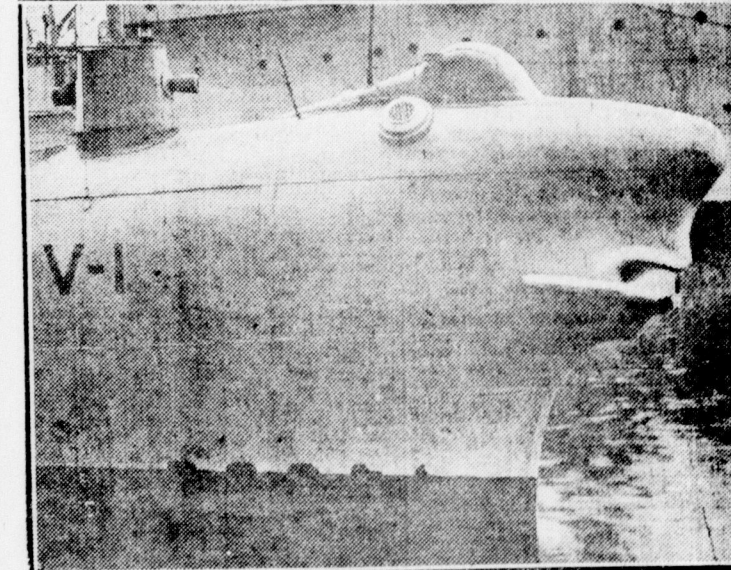
The Duke of Sutherland, one of the best known of England's titled men, is at Montreal, Southern France, seeking a divorce. It is reported that he will marry a prominent American girl.



The society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals now has an ambulance in New York City equipped for emergency operations on dogs and other animals.



Dr. J. H. Jeans of the Royal Astronomical Society, London, comes forward with the startling idea that there is life on the planets adjoining the sun in the same proximity as the earth.



The bow of the newest of American submarines, the V-1, has the appearance of the head of a giant whale. The undersea dreadnought is now in New York, being made ready for its trial trip to Portsmouth.



Another wealthy young man has chosen a beauty from the "Follies" for his bride, the happy young woman being Mae Day, wed to Gravaet Young Kaufman, son of Louis G. Kaufman, president of the Chatham and Phoenix National Bank, New York City.



Here is the best women's rowing crew in France. The girls are from Saint Germain and recently won the championship against the fastest teams in the country.



Baroness Massola Taligarne, a true type of Italian beauty, poses in the old sedan chair that was used by her grandfather. The baroness has often been cited for her charm and beauty.



Gwendolyn La Gallienne, wife of the famous violinist, Andre Polah, daughter of the celebrated poet, Richard La Gallienne, and sister of the prominent actress, Eva La Gallienne, is seeking fame in her own right as a sculptress. She is shown in her Paris studio.

ST. MARYS IS SUED BY EX-CONSTABLE

John Thompson Asks Salary
For Month or Damages
As Alternative.

Special to The Advertiser.
St. Marys, Dec. 23.—The town clerk was today served with a writ by Sheriff Hillings, issued by R. Harlestone, acting on behalf of ex-Constable John Thompson, who is suing the town for salary for the month of December, amounting to \$75.90 or \$250 damages. He was dismissed Nov. 30.

Council Meets.
A special meeting of the town council was held tonight to consider the finances of the year 1924. There will be an overdraft this year of approximately \$4,467, not including the So-Cosy debenture of \$2,500, which had to be met by the town this year. The overdraft consists of committee overdraft of \$1,247, second failure of the road-oil account to balance by \$900, and also of the failure to include public school debenture of \$2,320, which should have been included when the tax-rate was set.

Debtors Payment.
The overdraft in committee work is accounted for by extensive road building. The current overdraft amounts to about \$30,000, consisting of the \$4,467 and debtors payments of 1924, which amount to \$25,000. These are due Jan. 12, but will be included in next year's estimates. A motion was passed authorizing the borrowing of the \$30,000.

CABINET TO DISCUSS CROWS NEST RATES

Another Conference Will Be
Held by Ministers at Ot-
tawa Today.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Dec. 23.—Another attempt to arrive at a decision on the Crows Nest Pass rates will probably be made by the cabinet tomorrow. Yesterday's lengthy meeting broke up without a decision having been reached, and it is now regarded as probable that a meeting will be held tomorrow. Current rumor has it that there is a decided divergence of opinion within the ranks of the cabinet on the matter. The western ministers, it is reported, are a unit in demanding that the appeal of the pebble provinces be upheld and the duties of the railway commission upset, while some of the eastern ministers are opposed to such a course.

WHIPPING THREATENED FOR ALL WIFE-BEATERS

Magistrate Gundy of Windsor
Gives Warning To Two
Men.

Special to The Advertiser.
Windsor, Dec. 23.—Whipping sentences will be dealt out to wife-beaters hereafter, Magistrate William E. Gundy of Windsor has warned. He sounded his warning in the cases of Ernest Talbot, 214 Aylmer avenue, and Albert Scram, 731 McLaughlin street, charged with wife-beating. Scram pleaded guilty to attacks on his wife when he became drunk. He was released on suspended sentence through the aid of Adjutant Wallace Buntun, Windsor Salvation Army officer. Talbot was remanded for trial within a week.

HOTEL CLERK CHARGED WITH DEFRAUDING BANK

John Baird, Hamilton, Placed
On Trial—Branch Man-
ager Testifies.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Hamilton, Dec. 23.—John V. Baird, hotel clerk, charged with theft, receiving and conspiracy by the Union Bank, was placed on trial before Judge Gault this afternoon. John F. McLelland, manager of a branch of the Union Bank, now held on a charge of theft, testified against Baird, and when his cross-examination was completed the case was enlarged until Jan. 5. Baird's bail of \$25,000 was renewed. McLelland on the stand admitted that his accounts at the bank showed a shortage of \$60,000, and he declared that a great deal of this money had been lost in horse-race gambling, and Baird received it. Baird pleaded not guilty to all three counts when arraigned.

Pope Recovers From Influenza

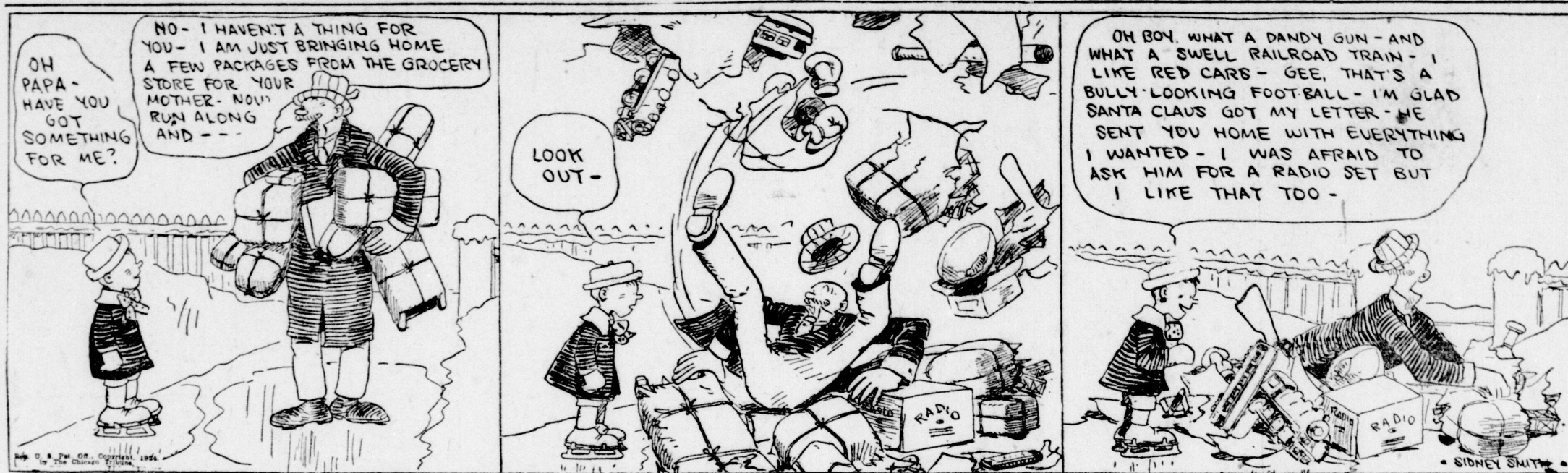
Pontiff Receives Christmas
Greetings From Cardinals.

Special to The Advertiser.
Rome, Dec. 24.—Pope Pius XI, who has been suffering from a slight attack of influenza, was able to be up today. At 12 o'clock he received greetings from the cardinals. Cardinal Vanutelli, spokesman for the cardinals, expressed hope that the holy year would bring peace among the nations, a peace unwritten in treaties, but in the heart of the peoples. The pope, replying, said he hoped the jubilee would mark a return of world-wide peace, not only among individuals, but among nations.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME IS PLANNED BY MARX

Associated Press Despatch.
Berlin, Dec. 23.—Charles Marx and Cardinals Faulhaber of Munich and Schulte of Cologne are among the prominent German Catholics who have indicated their intention of making a pilgrimage to Rome during the holy year.

THE GUMPS—THE FALL GUY



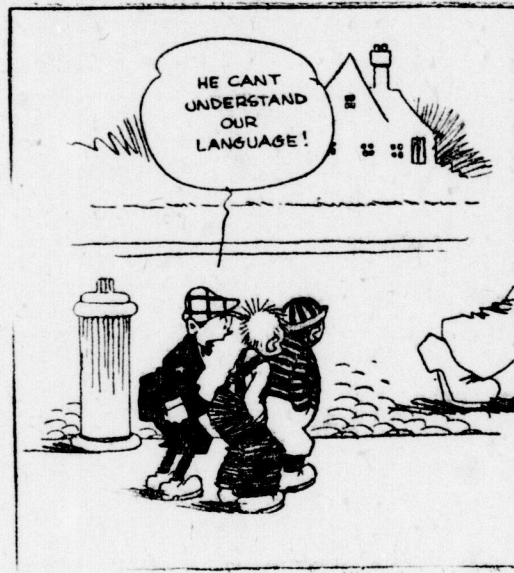
REG'AR FELLERS



Puddinhead Thinks He's Deaf.



By GENE BYRNES



TOOTS AND CASPER



Buttercup's Collared.



By JIMMY MURPHY



Luther Burbank Upholds Darwin

Special to The Advertiser.
Santa Rosa, Cal., Dec. 23.—Luther Burbank, world-famous plant scientist, is today included in the ranks of the evolutionists. In an address here last night the sage of Santa Rosa, continually coupled science and religion, took a friendly rap at those who oppose the Darwinian theory, and incidentally disagreed with the view held by William Jennings Bryan, outstanding enemy of evolution.

FOOD PRICE INVESTIGATORS MAKING RAPID PROGRESS

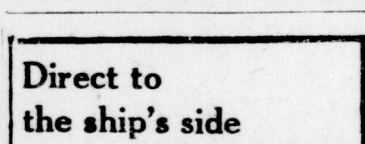
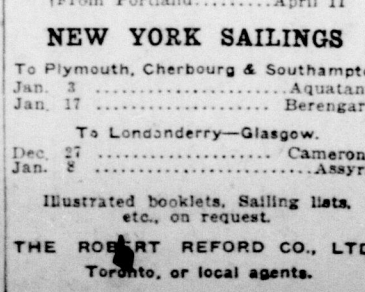
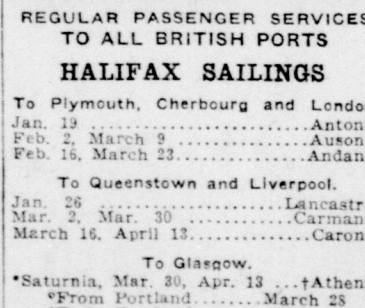
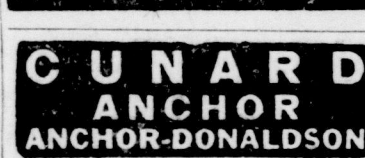
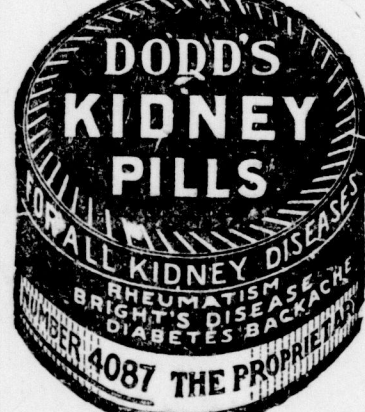
Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 23.—The secretary of the royal commission under Sir Auckland Geddes investigating food prices, in which he says that the commission has held eight public meetings, at which it has taken evidence regarding the prices of foodstuffs in general and in regard to the wheat, flour and bread trades in particular. The commission has not heard evidence in respect to meat and no scheme for licensed imports or control of supplies has been submitted so far.

SEAS SWAMP SEAPLANE KILLING FOUR PEOPLE

Associated Press Despatch.
Norfolk, Va., Dec. 23.—Three navy men and a civilian met death here today when a naval ambulance seaplane, returning from off the North Carolina coast with a hospital patient, was swamped at the Hampton Roads naval air station landing.

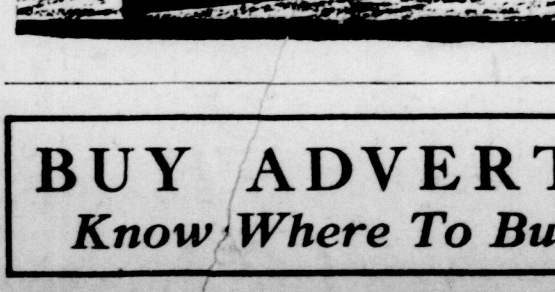
GLENCOE PRESBYTERIANS PREPARE FOR UNION VOTE

Special to The Advertiser.
Glencoe, Dec. 23.—Municipal affairs are still quiet. More interest is being taken in church union. A meeting of the congregation is to be held on Dec. 30 to determine the form of ballot to be used for the voting. Opinion seems to be pretty evenly divided. The anti-unionists have a committee with S. Irwin as convener, while Geo. F. Munroe is convener for the committee in favor of union. Meetings have been held in the interests of both sides.



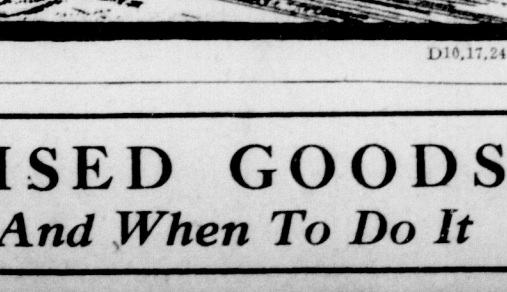
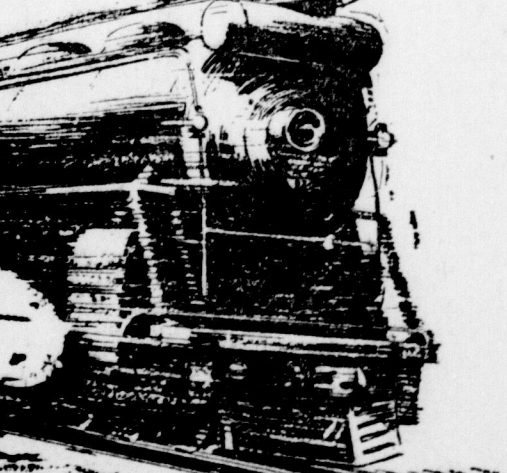
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CHRISTMAS DAY,
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Thursday's Special Features.
WNYC—Christmas cantata.
WGY—Christmas cantata.
WOR—Handel's "Messiah."
WCRD—Christmas program.
WOAW—Christmas program.
RGO—Christmas concert.
(Eastern Standard Time)
WEAF, NEW YORK—492.
No broadcasting today.
WNYC, NEW YORK—336.
8 p.m.—Christmas night program.
Brooklyn Strand.
WJZ, NEW YORK—456.
7 p.m.—Levitov's orchestra.
8 p.m.—Mixed quartet.
8:30 p.m.—Bellevue trio.
9 p.m.—Christmas program.
10:30 p.m.—Waldorf orchestra.
WGBS, NEW YORK—316.
8 p.m.—Dickens "Christmas Carol."
Triangle Players.
8:30 p.m.—Robson's orchestra.
8:30 p.m.—WGBS dramatic circle.
9 p.m.—"Gift of the Magi."
9:30 p.m.—Christmas carols.
10 p.m.—Christmas scene.
10:30 p.m.—Harold Noble, tenor.
11 p.m.—Broadway program.
WOR, NEW YORK—405.
4 p.m.—Handel's "Messiah."
6:15 p.m.—Radio for the layman.
6:30 p.m.—Levitov's orchestra.
7:15 p.m.—Sports resume.
WIP, PHILADELPHIA—509.
8 p.m.—Christmas cantata.
6:07 p.m.—Cogan's orchestra.
7 p.m.—Up to Wip's roll call.
8 p.m.—Philadelphia police band.
11 p.m.—Marburger's orchestra.
WFL, PHILADELPHIA—395.
8 p.m.—Christmas concert.
WCAE, PITTSBURGH—462.
9:30 a.m.—Christmas cantata.
3 p.m.—Christmas services.
6:30 p.m.—Christmas concert.
6:30 p.m.—William Penn orchestra.
7:30 p.m.—Ulele Kayhoe.
8:30 p.m.—Christmas concert.
KDKA, PITTSBURGH—326.
10:30 a.m.—Christmas services.
3 p.m.—Musical features.
12:30 p.m.—Little Symphony orchestra.
1:30 p.m.—Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus.
7:45 p.m.—Rector's orchestra.
8:20 p.m.—Little Symphony orchestra.
WR, WASHINGTON—469.
7 p.m.—Christmas cantata.
10:30 p.m.—Waldorf orchestra.
WBY, SCHENECTADY—380.
6:30 p.m.—Christmas cantata, "The Hope of the World." WGY Double Mixed quartet and WGY Concert orchestra.
11:30 p.m.—Bellevue organist.
WGR, BUFFALO—319.
6 p.m.—Halifax quartet.
WBZ, SPRINGFIELD—337.
6:30 p.m.—Reisman's orchestra.
7:05 p.m.—Stories, features.
7:45 p.m.—Rector's orchestra.
8:15 p.m.—Lina Jeffcott, soprano.
8:30 p.m.—Estey organ recital.
8:45 p.m.—St. John's choir.
WEEI, BOSTON—303.
6 p.m.—Bonard's orchestra.
7 p.m.—Big Brother club.
7:30 p.m.—Musical program.
9 p.m.—Gillette singers.
10:30 p.m.—Eberhard's orchestra.
WTAM, CLEVELAND—390.
6 p.m.—Lombard's orchestra.
(Central Standard Time)
WMH, CINCINNATI—309.
8 p.m.—Christmas cantata, vocal duets; Ruth Hahn, soprano; Emma Grace, contralto; Grace Shiller, mezzo-soprano; Luke Burgett, violinist.
WLV, CINCINNATI—423.
6 a.m.—Christmas services.
10 p.m.—Christmas concert.
WLS, CHICAGO—345.
12 (noon)—Walter League choir.
6:30 p.m.—Ralph Emerson, organist.
7 p.m.—Lullaby time.
7 p.m.—Christmas cantata, "The Coming of the King."
KYW, CHICAGO—536.
2:35 p.m.—Christmas cantata.
8 p.m.—20 minutes of good reading.
8:20 p.m.—Musical program.
10 p.m.—Evening at home.
WCBD, ZION—345.
8 p.m.—Zion Junior Choir; Celestial Bells; String quartet; Brass; trio, soloists, in special Christmas program.
WCCO, MINN.-ST. PAUL—417.
5:30 p.m.—Children's hour.
6 p.m.—Haley's orchestra.
10 p.m.—O'Brien's orchestra.
WHAS, LOUISVILLE—400.
7:30 p.m.—Rapp's orchestra; The Radio Franks.
WHAA, IOWA CITY—484.
8 p.m.—Mrs. Laver, contralto.
KFKM, HASTINGS—29.
9:30 p.m.—Lyric Glee club.
WHB, KANSAS CITY—411.
8 p.m.—Christmas concert.
WDAF, KANSAS CITY—411.
3:30 p.m.—Star radio trio.
6 p.m.—School of the air.
11:45 p.m.—Nighthawk frolic.
KTHS, HOT SPRINGS—375.
8:30 p.m.—Organ recital; Christmas concert, Davis orchestra.
WMC, MEMPHIS—500.
8 p.m.—Bottom stories.
8:30 p.m.—Clusia orchestra.
WFAA, DALLAS—476.
12:30 p.m.—Edmund Boettcher, tenor; William McEwen, pianist.
8:30 p.m.—McDowell's orchestra.
11 p.m.—Adolphus orchestra.
WBAP, FORT WORTH—476.
7:30 p.m.—Christmas cantata.
9:30 p.m.—Fred Wagner, guitarist. (Pacific Coast Standard Time)
4 p.m.—St. Francis orchestra.
6 p.m.—Christmas program by RGO.
10 p.m.—Halstead's orchestra.
KPO, SAN FRANCISCO—423.
8:30 a.m.—Christmas carols.
9:30 a.m.—Christmas concert; Theodore Irwin, organist; Annas K. Blotchy, contralto; Hiram McCoy, bass; Rev. James Gordon.
1 p.m.—Seiger's orchestra.
4:30 p.m.—Seiger's orchestra.
8 p.m.—Christmas concert.
10 p.m.—Bradfield's band.
KFI, LOS ANGELES—395.
6:30 p.m.—Children's program.
7 p.m.—Gala Christmas concert.
KFI, LOS ANGELES—469.
6:45 p.m.—YMCA lecture.
7 p.m.—Christmas play.
7:30 p.m.—Instrumental trio.
8 p.m.—Song recital.
10 p.m.—Chorus orchestra.
KGW, PORTLAND—492.
12:30 p.m.—Civic Club concert.
1:30 p.m.—Christmas carols.
2 p.m.—Organ recital.
4:20 p.m.—Concert program.
6 p.m.—O'Brien's orchestra.
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Ex-Mayor C. Alfred Maguire of Toronto said, after seeing "THE FOOL":
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LOEWS Entertainment Fit For a King.

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS IN

ROBIN HOOD

Fairbanks has had many successes, but this is his supreme achievement.

Owing to length of this picture, show will start at 1:15. Continuous performance.

3 ACTS OF LOEWS' SUPREME VAUDEVILLE

A-R-E-N-A CHRISTMAS WEEK

Monday—Skating afternoon and night

Tuesday—Skating afternoon and night. Band at night.

Wednesday—Skating afternoon and night.

Thursday—Skating afternoon and night. Band both sessions.

Friday—Skating afternoon.

Stratford and London League Game at Night.

Seat sale for this game opens Wednesday at noon at Strong's Drug Store and the Arena.

Saturday—Skating afternoon and night. Band at night.

LET'S GO TO THE ARCADE!

Roller skating to snappy music, afternoon and until midnight Christmas Day. No advance in prices.

MONUMENTS

CONSULT your family funeral director about the new Automatic Concrete Sealing Burial Vault.

MALE HELP WANTED

WANTED—Salesman to sell electric washers and furnaces to the trade; one who has had farm machinery selling experience preferred. Give references and experience. Box No. 69, Advertiser.

WANTED—Men and women to earn \$125 weekly at home. No canvassing, experience unnecessary; distance immaterial. For particulars, address: The Auto Knitter Hosiery Co., Ltd., Dept. C 13, Toronto.

AGENTS WANTED

AGENTS WANTED to sell the "Old Reliable Fonthill Nannies"; experience not necessary; we offer exclusive territory, liberal commissions and furnish handsome free outfit; start now at best selling time. Stone & Wellington, Toronto.

HELP WANTED

MAKE money at home writing snow-cards. We instruct and provide work. E. W. Shawcross, Bond, Toronto, Canada.

PERSONAL

ALL FOOT ailments relieved by George Boyd, foot specialist, 150 King St.

ALL KINDS of scissors, knives, etc., sharpened. London Kneel Edge, 608 Dundas St. Phone 3199.

A—PEERY A. SWAN, clairvoyant, adviser, psychological palmist, analyst, advice upon all affairs, 424 Clarence St., opposite Patricia theatre.

BEVON Private Nursing Home 510 King St. Phone 4163W.

CORSETIER will call to demonstrate Squirella figure training and fitting garments. Phone 2241P for appointment.

DRESSMAKING. Fur coats refitted, prices moderate. Miss Marshall, 240 Dufferin Ave. Phone 4473W.

DR. LE ROY HILES, specialist in all foot ailments, 202 Dundas St. Phone 3199.

DR. M. W. EDGAR—Nervous, circulatory and organic diseases permanently cured. Phone 1093M.

EVENING GOWNS, and beautiful sewing of all kinds. Work guaranteed. Mrs. J. B. Bueche, 505 William.

FOR FANCY sewing, crocheting, knitting, embroidery work, call Mrs. J. B. Bueche, 505 William.

GENUINE old antiques at Lessee's Antique Shoppe, 71 Dundas St.

HANDKERCHIEFS, fancy linens, table damask, towels, etc., for sale at the Irish Linen Shop, corner of Huron and Richmond streets. Phone 3621.

HEMSTITCHING cotton, linen, 70c, silk, 85c per yard, mail order filed. Viola Williams, 195 Hamilton Rd., Tel. 3400.

LADIES' ATTENTION!

VERY latest New York boys, shingle and boyish bob done by experts. Marceline Thompson and Misses. For appointment, call Miss Woodall, our expert hairdresser. Trench House Barber Shop, Phone 2400.

LEVITT, M. J. (successor to Henry Edwards)—Cancer cured with guaranteed Advice free. 230 Ridout St. Phone 2686.

LOOK YOUR BEST—Have a permanent wave. Grey Beauty Shop, 12 Dundas St. Tel. 2622W. Miss Daugherty, Mrs. J. B. Bueche.

MARRIAGE—Home, private—Mrs. T. White, 1009 Midland St. Phone 1452.

PRACTICAL NURSE—Experienced, country calls accepted, will assist with light duties. Apply 412 York St.

REOPENING of classes in dressmaking Oct. 1 for appointment. Phone Miss Robner, 240W evenings.

SEND for free catalogue of knitting patterns and ladies' and children's garments. McDewen's Yarn Shop, 501 1/2 King St. Phone 1823W.

SKIRTS pleated, \$1; cleaning and pressing. London Pleating Company, 114 Dundas St. Phone 6970.

TALBOT, J. W.—Experienced nurse, oral and rectal treatment. Phone 2341.

THE BLUE DRAGON TEA Room—All home cooking. 247 1/2 Dundas St. Phone 7102.

WANTED—Sewing of any kind, also knitting and crochet work, at 806 William St.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

ONE share, first-class barber shop, for sale, call rent premises in London, Box 70, Advertiser.

TO buy London rooming-house, confectionery, city grocery stocks, shop repairing all open for inspection. Sydney Smythe, fire insurance agent, Market Lane, London.

MEETINGS

LANGEMARK L. O. L., Orange Lodge, No. 2525, meets Thursday evening, 8 o'clock.

OSTEOPATHY

CATON, DR. H. V., has removed to 358 Adelaide St. between Dundas and King Sts. Phone 1973.

BORN, MARRIED, DIED

BORN.

GOWAN—On Friday, Dec. 19, 1924, to Mr. and Mrs. Austin Gowan, London Township, a son (Murray Austin).

SCOTT—At Victoria hospital, on Tuesday, Dec. 23, 1924, to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert W. Scott, 23 Pipe Line road, a daughter.

MARRIED.

BLACK—MACHESON—At London, on Saturday, Dec. 20, Margaret, eldest daughter of Mrs. Agnes MacPherson, and the late Duncan MacPherson of Dunwich, to Archibald Elgin Black, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Black.

MURRAY—BOOTH—On Dec. 22, 1924, at Hyatt Ave. Methodist parsonage, by Rev. Johnston McCormick, cousin of the bride, Alice Booth, to John A. Murray, this city. (Listed papers please copy.)

DIED.

ABEL—At his late residence, Pipe Line Rd., on Dec. 22, 1924, Sextus Abel, beloved husband of Elizabeth Abel, aged 48 years.

FUNERAL service at the above address on Thursday, 2:30 p.m. Interment at Campbell's Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

CHUMMER—At 17 Picton St., on Tuesday, Dec. 23, 1924, Louis, beloved husband of Elizabeth Chummer, aged 72 years.

FUNERAL services on Friday, Dec. 26, at 10 a.m. Interment in Stratford cemetery, on arrival of the 1:15 P.M. train.

GRAHAM—In Detroit, on Dec. 23, 1924, Catherine, wife of the late William F. Graham, formerly of London.

FUNERAL notice Friday.

McVICAR—At Canada, on Dec. 23, Sarah McVicar, beloved wife of Alan McVicar, in her 67th year.

FUNERAL will take place from the late residence, lot 25, con. 7, Carleton Place, on Thursday, Dec. 25, service at the house at 2 p.m. Interment at Campbell's Cemetery. Friends will please accept this intimation.

IN MEMORIAM.

CLARK—In loving memory of our dear husband and father, Alexander Clark, who passed away so suddenly on Dec. 24, 1922.

Days of sadness still come o'er us, Tears in silence often flow, For memory ever keeps you near us, Though you died one year ago today.

—His Wife and Son.

MILLSON—In loving memory of Harriet Millson, wife of Charles Millson, who died one year ago today, Dec. 24, 1923.

There is a sad but sweet remembrance, There is a memory fond and true, There is a token of affection, mother, And a heartache for you.

—Hisband and Family.

CHRISTMAS

GIFT SUGGESTIONS

FOR THE GENTLEMEN.

ACCORDIONS—From 45 up. Ashton's Music Store, 627 Dundas St. Phone 995M.

BRUSHES—Ebon and tortoise-shell. J. Darch & Sons, 379-383 Talbot street.

CHARMETS—Beautifully made, outstanding value at \$1.39; shaving brushes, well made, set in rubber, from 45c up; complete vest pocket tool kits, every boy should have one, special at 25c. The Paint Shop, now at 241 Richmond street, Dominion Savings Building.

SUBSCRIPTION—A year's subscription to The Advertiser will be a gift that he certainly will appreciate; \$7.50 a year in the city delivered, \$8.00 a year by mail. Call City Circulation Department.

BAZONS—Inlaid ornaments and bound (underboards), a real gift for Christmas. Mason & Rich, Ltd., 248 Dundas St.

CANARIES—Singers, \$5 up; hens, \$1 up. Apply to Proudfoot, 620 Hamilton St.

CLUB BAGS—Leather, \$4.50-\$40.00. J. Darch & Sons, 379-383 Talbot street.

DRESSING ROLLS, ebony or tortoise-shell. J. Darch & Sons, 379-383 Talbot street.

MUFFLERS—A large assortment of Christmas mufflers. A gift that is sure to be appreciated. Call City Circulation Department.

NECKTIES—The old reliable Christmas gift, the very thing, at Oak Hall.

PARKING LIGHTS—A sensible gift, \$1.25. J. Darch & Sons, 379-383 Talbot street.

SAXOPHONES—The finest made, the "Conn." A small deposit holds one for Christmas. Special prices for Christmas. Mason & Rich, Ltd., 248 Dundas St.

SOCKS—It is just as well to give something useful. Wonderful bargains at Oak Hall.

SMOKER STANDS, \$1.95. This is something he would appreciate. Thomas Furniture Company.

SPOT LIGHTS—Make ideal gifts. Orval Bryant, 238 Dundas St. Phone 490W.

TENOR BANJOS from \$12 up. Ashton's Music Store, 627 Dundas St. Phone 995M.

TIRE CHAINS—An inexpensive gift, \$3.99 set. Orval Bryant, 238 Dundas St.

UCCULELES, MOUTH-ORGANS and a wonderful variety of \$5. Any of these instruments will please the young man with the musical ear. Gerhard Heintzman, Ltd., 222 Dundas St.

VIOLINS—A fine assortment to choose from, complete, from \$10 up. Mason & Rich, Ltd., 248 Dundas St.

FOR THE HOME.

A GAS TOASTER makes a handy gift. City Gas Company, London Commercial Department, 215 Dundas St. Phone 835.

ACTUAL WEATHERS—Several varieties. Dominion Seeds, Limited.

BARGAINS can be found daily in The Advertiser Want Ads.

BOOK-ENDS, \$1.95. What makes a book stand out from the rest? These Thomas Furniture Company.

BRASS BIRD CAGES—Large assortment, prices right. Dominion Seeds, Limited.

CANARIES that sing, \$5 to \$15. Every bird guaranteed. Responsible service. London Aviary, corner Talbot and Bathurst.

CHRISTMAS PLAYER ROLLS—CHRISTMAS CAROLS in groups of three. Gerhard Heintzman, Ltd., 222 Dundas St. Phone 560S.

COMFORTERS—A large stock to choose from, \$2.50. Come early. Thomas Furniture Company.

CONVOLUTED RUGS, all sizes, \$1 down. Have one put away now for Christmas. J. P. J. P. Finnegan, salesman for nationally advertised electrical appliances, 305 Dundas St.

ELECTRIC BIRD LAMPS—Many beautiful color combinations to choose from and at reasonable prices. The Electro Shop.

ELECTRICAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS—Any of the following: White Cap Electric Washer, Colloid Electric Washer, Catast Wash, Eas, Royal Electric and Ohio Cleaner, automatic freezers, and many other electrical appliances for nationally advertised electrical appliances, 305 Dundas St.

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LAMPS—Bridge, Junior, table and floor, \$1 down. These lamps improve a room 100 per cent. Thomas Furniture Company, 627 Dundas St.

LAYER FELT MATTRESSES, \$5.95, \$1 down. Let us save you one of these. Thomas Furniture Company.

POUNSETTAS—Foliated, artistic, beautiful, each one Dominion Seeds, Limited.

PHONOGRAPHS—Why not a new or used phonograph for Christmas? Many posited holds one for Christmas; balance easy terms. Mason & Rich, Ltd., 248 Dundas St.

PHONOGRAPHS from \$5 up. Your own terms suit you. Ashton's Music Store, 627 Dundas St. Phone 995M.

PHONOGRAPH RECORDS—Popular songs and sacred music for Christmas. Mason & Rich, Ltd., 248 Dundas St.

RADIO SETS—Have one this Christmas. We handle only the best, at \$45 up. Cowan Hardware, 125 Dundas St.

PLAYER ROLLS, all the latest hits, from 75c up. Christmas rolls now on hand. Gerhard Heintzman & Co., 222 Dundas St.

PIANO—Give her the best. Come in and see the Gerhard Heintzman & Co. Steinway. 222 Dundas St.

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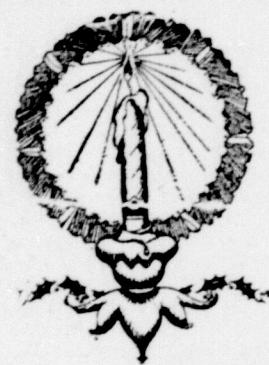
PLAYER-PIANO ROLLS—All kinds popular and old-time music, \$1 for \$1. Mason & Rich, Ltd., 248 Dundas St.

RADIO SETS—A combination of Gerhard Heintzman Marie Antoinette photograph and long-distance receiver. Price, \$100.00. Come early. Gerhard Heintzman, Limited, 222 Dundas St.

RADIO SETS—Get a set now and make sure of a Merry Christmas. We sell all the best makes, priced from \$30 to \$500 complete. Easy terms arranged. Thomas Furniture Company.

RONEY ELECTRIC, 35 Pipe Line road, Phone 7556P.

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With That Rich Flavor and Fragrant
Aroma, Try
ROWAT'S COFFEE, 75c Pound
T. A. Rowat & Co.
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That yours may
be a
Christmas
of joy, merriment
and plenty
is the
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Our fitters are
experts. \$1.50 to
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trusses to fit
all needs.
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PANT SALE

Closes January 2nd. Come
and get your share of this
\$8,000 stock at less than
factory prices.
\$2.98 • \$5.95
WEGNER CLOTHING CO.
571 Talbot St. Opp. Market.

ROAD BODY PLANS MORE PAVEMENT

Will Add Three Miles of Con-
crete To Hyde Park
Highway.

The suburban road commissioners
meeting at the county buildings yester-
day afternoon passed estimates for the
work in London district for 1975
totaling \$90,095.

Some \$76,000 of this amount is the
estimated cost of three more miles of
pavement on the Hyde Park highway
which possibly may not be approved
by the provincial government owing
to an agitation on foot to have the
fifth concession of London township
passed as far east as the Proff Line
road instead of the Hyde Park high-
way which approaches the city from
London West.

The estimates must be approved by
Middlesex county council at the Janu-
ary session, before the commission
can proceed further with the work
outlined by their engineer, Charles
Talbot, at yesterday's gathering.

The cost of the estimated program,
including paving operations, to the
county, would be \$19,428.50, and the
same for the city. The provincial
government would assume the balance
of \$51,235.

The net cost without the pavement
for suburban roads would be \$19,428.
Of this amount the city and county
would each pay \$5,273.50, and the On-
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The upkeep of the Sarnia gravel
road, should the highway not be autho-
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The upkeep of the Pipe Line road
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SOCIETY FOLK TO LOSE PREFERENCE ON SHIPS

Many Lines Agree to Abolish
Steering Rates For Pub-
licity Value.

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Dec. 23.—Leading trans-
Atlantic passenger line operators yester-
day abolished the preference system
whereby socially or professionally promi-
nent people have been able to ride the
ocean in first class accommodations on
payment of steerage rates of fare. The
action was taken by the trans-Atlantic
passenger conference, representing the
United States Line, the United Ameri-
can, North German Lloyd, Cunard,
White Star and French lines.

Officials said that "preference" pas-
sengers had come to comprise upward of
40 per cent of all first class traffic; that
abolition of preference would save the
steamship operators hundreds of thou-
sands of dollars yearly; and that actors
and society folk, who almost invariably
ride "preference" because of their pub-
licity value to the lines, would be
hardest hit by the new regime.

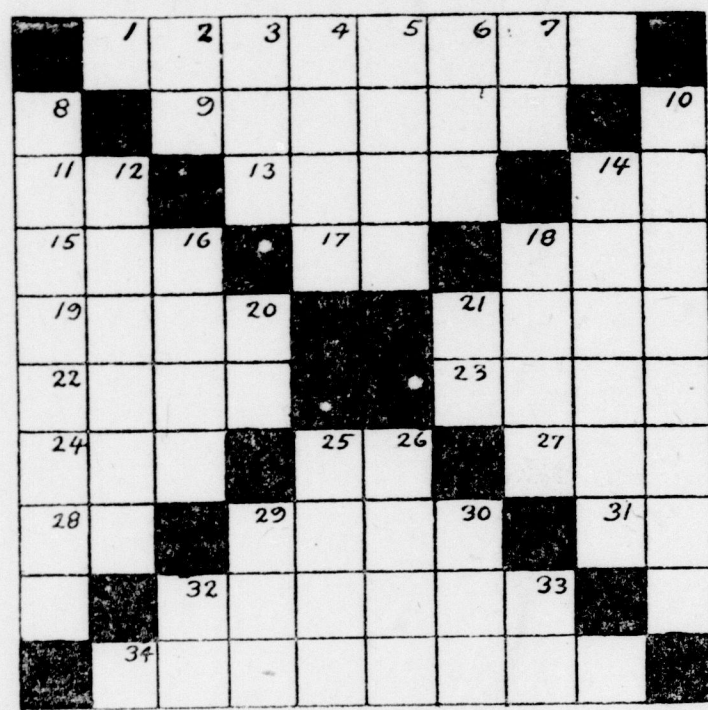
CROSS WORD PUZZLE NO. 61

How well do you know the plays of Shakespeare? In this unique and
entertaining puzzle there are four eight-lettered words and four six-
lettered words symmetrically arranged, each of which is the name of a
character in one of Shakespeare's plays. The cross words are miscellaneous,
but the Shakespearean characters form a border, as it were, around the
composition. In case the newcomer has difficulty with several, here are 15
horizontal, shy, and 21 horizontal, huss. Vole is 4 vertical.

Each number in the puzzle indicates the position of the first letter of
a word.
Each word reads from left to right (horizontal) or downward (vertical)
according to position. Lettered in correctly, words that cross will inter-
lock.

Each number in the white squares also refers to a definition in the
accompanying table.
Each definition suggests a word possessing the exact number of letters
to fit the white spaces allotted to it.
Each white space is to receive one letter only. Words starts only in
numbered squares.

THE ADVERTISER'S DAILY CROSS WORD PUZZLE.



HORIZONTAL.

VERTICAL.

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| 1 Steward to Olivia in "Twelfth Night." | 22 Knowledge gained from tradition and history. | 2 Three-toed sloth. | 3 Merry Wives of Windsor. |
| 9 Heroine of "Cymbeline." | 23 A comic strip figure. | 10 Uncle to King Richard II. | 18 A Latin pronoun. |
| 11 An account (abbr.). | 24 A writing fluid. | 4 Water rat. | 20 An English pronoun. |
| 13 A vessel. | 25 Extinct wingless birds. | 5 Writing used by the ancient Irish (alt. spelling). | 21 The king (abbr.). |
| 14 A parent. | 26 Extinct wingless birds. | 6 A limb. | 22 A large Ontario lake. |
| 15 The sheer of a vessel. | 27 Shakespearean word meaning "swail." | 7 Reverse of out. | 23 Earthenware drinking vessel. |
| 17 A printer's measure. | 28 A position on a baseball team (abbr.). | 8 Heroine of "As You Like It." | 24 For all time (poet. abbr.). |
| 18 An abbreviated preposition used in poetry. | 29 Shakespearean word meaning "swail." | 9 Comic figure in "The Merry Wives of Windsor." | 25 A boy's name. |
| 19 A Bohemian reformer. | 30 Romeo's sweet-heart. | 10 Comic figure in "The Merry Wives of Windsor." | 26 Initials of a former U. S. president. |
| | 31 A foolish officer in "Much Ado About Nothing." | 11 A male character in "The Merry Wives of Windsor." | |

SOLUTION TO NO. 60.



SOUTH AFRICA FEARS BALDWIN GOVERNMENT

Party Journal States Militarism
Gaining Since Tories Took
Command.

Associated Press Despatch.
Cape Town, S. A., Dec. 23.—The
Debuter, the government party
organ, today very frankly states its
dislike of the new Baldwin adminis-
tration in Great Britain and warns
South Africans to "be on guard." The
paper comments as follows:

"Events of the last two months
show that with a thoroughbred Con-
servative government in Britain, mili-
tarism is raising its head, and imperi-
alism is again seeking to indulge
its appetite."

"After discussing developments in
connection with the Singapore base,
the Anglo-French alliance, the estab-
lishment of an imperial council at
London, and the alleged denial of
Ireland's dominion status in connec-
tion with the treaty creating the Irish
Free State, the Debuter concludes:

"Baldwin's attitude to these mat-
ters is a warning for us to be on our
guard. From this Conservative gov-
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ment of the rights which we already
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Mother of Six Is Burned To Death

House Destroyed by Early
Morning Fire.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Trumbull, Alta., Dec. 23.—Their
mother burned to death and six chil-
dren homeless was the result of a fire
that started at two o'clock this morn-
ing in a two-story house near the
C.N.R. bridge here. The family's name
is Pauluk and the husband is at pre-
sent at Round Hill, near Camrose.

GIVE ENTERTAINMENT.
Special to The Advertiser.
Mitchell, Dec. 23.—Last evening the
officers and teachers of Trinity
Church Sunday School gave the
scholars a Christmas tree and enter-
tainment. The children were pre-
sented with gifts from the Christmas
tree and a program of choruses,
songs, recitations, etc., was given by
them.

PRESENT OPERETTA.
Special to The Advertiser.
Wallaceburg, Dec. 23.—The operetta,
"Santa Claus at Miss Prim's," was
staged at the Knox church S. S. hall
and proved a big success. Sixty chil-
dren took part.

SURPLUS OF GOLD HURTS AMERICANS

Wall Street Bankers Tie Up
Funds in European En-
terprises.

By HENRY SOMERVILLE.
Special Cable to The Advertiser by a
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London, Dec. 23.—Since Britain
has been the largest gold producer in
the world, it has been confidently ex-
pected by the British treasury and by
bankers that the States would find a
policy of hoarding gold too expensive
and that America would either have
to inflate her prices or else get rid of
the superfluous gold.

These expectations have been real-
ized during the last few months when
the value of sterling and other Euro-
pean currencies has risen remark-
ably against that of dollars. This rise is
all the more important because it has
taken place during a season when the
States are exporting cotton and grain
and when the dollar is usually at its
highest point.

It is now admitted in a publication
issued by the National City Bank of
New York that the decline in the ex-
change value of the dollar is due to
momentary inflation in America. The
imported gold is having its normal
effect in the crossing the creation of
credit by American banks.

In the twelve months ending No-
vember 14 last, the loans, discounts
and investments of member banks of
the federal reserve system rose by
over two billion dollars. Nearly all
of this increase has taken place since
June.

The new credit has been mainly
utilized not in loans and discounts,
but in foreign investments which
could not easily be turned into cash.
American banks are thus being driven
to tie up their funds in European
enterprises, leaving their only alterna-
tive to leave their funds idle
or else use them for increasing credit
in American trade, which would in-
flate American prices.

This new policy of the American
banks is a very good thing for Europe
and, by assisting the European recov-
ery, it will also be advantageous in
the long run for the United States.

The net cost without the pavement
for suburban roads would be \$19,428.
Of this amount the city and county
would each pay \$5,273.50, and the On-
tario government \$8,773.

The upkeep of the Sarnia gravel
road, should the highway not be autho-
rized, is estimated by Mr. Talbot at
\$8,225.

The upkeep of the Pipe Line road
is fixed at \$1,800, Wellington road,
\$1,265; Adelaide street, \$2,390; Ham-
ilton road, \$2,780, and River road,
\$5,880.

Those present at the meeting were
Chairman E. S. Little, Wm. Fuller,
J. L. Robinson, Joe Winters and En-
gineer Charles Talbot.

STROKE PROVES FATAL TO SCHOOL EMPLOYEE

Louis Crummer Had Been a
Resident of London For
Many Years.

Louis Crummer, an employee of
the board of education for many
years, who was taken ill on his way
to work yesterday morning, passed
away at his home last night. Mr.
Crummer had been janitor of the
Talbot street school for many years,
but lately had been working at the
Empress avenue school. He was in
his 72nd year, and had been a resi-
dent of the city for many years.

He is survived by five sons, Ernest
of Windsor, Charles of Blenheim,
Frank of Calgary and James and
Howard of this city, also three
daughters, Mrs. M. J. O'Meara, Miss
May and Miss Florence of this city.
The funeral will be held Friday
morning. Interment will be made in
Strathroy on the arrival of the 11:50
C. N. R. train.

TENANTS EVICTED ON FAILING TO PAY

Stirring Scenes Accompany
Long-Threatened Ejections
by Officers.

ONE ARREST MADE

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Dec. 23.—There were stir-
ring scenes at Dalmaur and Clyde-
bank, Dumbarton county, Scotland,
today when long-threatened evictions
for non-payment of rent took place.
In connection with the Dalmaur evic-
tions some ugly rushes occurred, but
only one arrest was made.

A body of eviction officers, acting
in behalf of the landlords, escorted by
about sixty policemen, timed the first
eviction in Dalmaur so well that the
night patrol employed by the non-
paying tenants to warn the rent-
strikers of the approach of possible
"evictors" had withdrawn and the
tenants had been lulled into a false
security for the night. However, the
alert tenants quickly realized the sit-
uation, and at once they summoned
assistance by the ringing of hand-
bells.

Immediately men, women and chil-
dren rushed to the scene from every
direction. When they observed the
eviction officers they made a rush at
them and the attendant noise at-
tracted still another crowd. The
police, however, promptly stomped the
rush and pressed back the intruders.
A press photographer appeared on
the scene when the excitement was at
its height. He at once started in to
take snapshots of the crowd, but this
roused the hostility of the gathering
and a rush was made at him. He
was carried off his feet and severely
kicked.

The police at this juncture pressed
forward and took a hand in the pro-
ceedings. It was then that the ar-
rest was made. The streets were
cleared by the police shortly after-
wards. Then the eviction officers pro-
ceeded with their work of dispos-
sessing non-paying tenants.

The first house was cleared within
half an hour. The evicted tenants
and their supporters remained in the
vicinity, however, and the whole area
was seething with excitement. The
presence of the police, though, had a
restraining effect on the dispossessed
tenants and their sympathizers.
Five evictions were carried out at
Dalmaur.

FIND AGED COUPLE DEAD AT PETROLIA

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Staples
Discovered Lying Near
Gas Stove.

Special to The Advertiser.
Petrolia, Dec. 23.—Mystery sur-
rounds the death of Mr. and Mrs. W.
Staples, well-known residents of Pe-
trolia, who today were found dead in
their home in the east end.

The aged couple were discovered by
their daughter, Mrs. James White-
head, who went to call on her parents.
The doors being locked and receiving
no response to her knocks, she appeal-
ed to neighbors who broke down the
door. On entering the sitting-room
she found the two bodies lying on the
floor, one on each side of the gas
stove, which was still alight. Corner
Dr. Mulligan was summoned but
could not definitely decide whether
death was due to inhaling gas fumes
or to heart failure, but believes gas
was responsible. He stated they
might have been dead for two or
three days.

Both were well known here, and
were over eighty years of age. Mr.
Staples was a Labrador fisherman
before coming here.

PORT STANLEY REEVE GIVEN ACCLAMATION

Dr. George H. Jackson Re-
turned For Third Term
in Office.

Special to The Advertiser.
Port Stanley, Dec. 23.—Dr. Geo. H.
Jackson will continue to serve as
reeve of Port Stanley during 1925,
having been accorded an acclama-
tion here today. The acclamation
indicates approval of Dr. Jackson's
work as reeve of the municipality
during the past two years.

Elections will be held on New
Year's day for four councillors and
three school trustees, nominations for
which were as follows:

Council—William Eastwick, Charles
Finley and Frank Young of the bar-
nards of the city, and J. A. MacDonald,
J. Ryckman and J. H. Burke.

School board—E. Fahner, James
McIntyre, John Moore, J. H. Burke
and J. A. MacDonald.

AMERICAN CORPORATION SEEKS NITRATE CONTROL

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 23.—"Control of one
of the largest British nitrate com-
panies is likely to come into the hands
of a powerful American company,"
according to a statement issued today
by the Exchange Telegraph Com-
pany.

The statement continues: "A meet-
ing of the shareholders of the Anglo-
Chilean Nitrate and Railways Com-
pany, Limited, has been called for
January 2, to sanction an agreement
between the company's board and the
Guggenheim Brothers of New York
for the sale of the company's assets
for \$2,800,000, to be satisfied by 7 per
cent mortgage debenture stock of an
American company to be formed by
the Guggenheim Brothers."

6,000 BAGS OF MAIL IN DAY.
Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 23.—Toronto post-
office was flooded last night with a
record quantity of mail matter. After
the collections from the ten postal
stations and the 118 substations had
been completed there were close to
6,000 bags of mail at the chief postal
station.

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St. Thomas, Dec. 23.—William
Armstrong, retired C. V. R. and
Wabash train despatcher, was
honored at his home, Rosebery
place, on Monday evening by his
business associates and officials of
the road. Mr. Armstrong was
presented with a beautiful diamond
ring, while Mrs. Armstrong re-
ceived a valuable diamond bar-
pin. J. C. Crombie, former super-
intendent of the road, made the
presentation and spoke of Mr.
Armstrong's unique record of 55
years of service with glowing
words.

ASK DEATH PENALTY FOR HIGHT, SWEETIN

State Demands Extreme Sen-
tence in Trial of Ex-
Pastor.

Associated Press Despatch.
Mount Vernon, Ill., Dec. 23.—The
state demanded the death penalty in
argument late today before the jury
trying Lawrence M. Hight, former
Ill. clergyman, and Mrs. Elsie
Sweetin, for the alleged poisoning of
her husband, Wilford Sweetin.

"Counsel for Mrs. Sweetin, on the
other hand, appealed to the jury to
send her home to her children, but
added, "Whatever your verdict is, she
will take it with a smile, for inno-
cent minds meet death with a smile."

The state's attorney, Joe Frank Allen,
opening for the state, urged the jurors
not to let the fact that one of the de-
fendants is a woman sway them in
their decision. "The state is asking
you to do your full duty," he said.

Robert E. Smith, attorney for Mrs.
Sweetin, emphasized that the testi-
mony showed Hight had been with
Wilford Sweetin frequently before
his death and had opportunity to
administer poison to him. Mrs.
Sweetin's alleged confession, he said,
was simply what Hight had told her
to tell.

Spanish Author Would Cross
Swords With Alfonso,
Whom He Attacked.

DRAWS LINE AT TWO

Declares He Will Not Accept
the Many Other Chal-
lengers.

Associated Press Despatch.
Mentone, France, Dec. 23.—"Alfonso
and Primo de Rivera, whom I have
attacked in my writings, are the only
two men I will fight in a duel."

Vicente Blasco Ibanez, the Spanish
author, made this declaration to the
press today when informed of the
numerous challenges emanating from
Spain from various personages men-
tioned in his book, who are leas-
tured of seeking satisfaction by arms.

"I need not fight all these people to
prove my courage," Ibanez continued.
"I have already fought nine duels
either with pistols or swords, and
two of my opponents were seriously
wounded, one of them being at the
point of death for several days."

The writer remarked that he had
received no official challenges either
directly or through third parties offi-
cially appointed by General Azules,
former minister of war, or Benigno
Varela, editor of the Madrid royalist
newspaper La Monarquía, all of whom
have expressed their intention of
seeking a duel with Ibanez or meeting
him in some kind of physical en-
counter.

"I am not acquainted with Senor
Varela," continued Ibanez. "I know
the others slightly. Refusal to fight
them is not due to a feeling that they
are unworthy my steel. But I have
struck at the heads with my writings
and am prepared to strike at them
with weapons on the field of honor."

The Spanish author has taken up
his residence in his villa "Fontana
Rosa" and intends to spend the better
part of the winter here. He declared
that threats of duels or sentence of
death by court-martial in Spain would
not deter him from continuing his
campaign in favor of the liberty of
his country. He is preparing an-
other book in which he promises
veritable revelations against the re-
gime actually in force in Spain.

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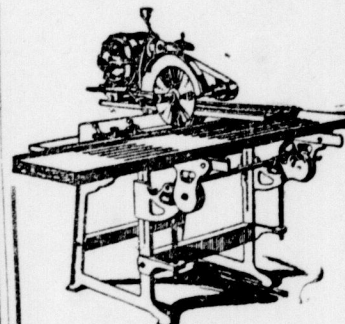
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EATS CHRISTMAS CANDY, WOMAN IS NEAR DEATH

Special to The Advertiser.
Olean, N.Y., Dec. 23.—Search was
started today for a poisoner who
mailed a holly-trimmed Christmas
package of candy stuffed with poison
to six-year-old George Esmerine.
The child's grand aunt, Miss Hattie
Mosler, who ate one of the pieces of
candy, is in a serious condition to-
day, but the other four members of
the family did not touch the sweets.

KING GEORGE APPROVES APPOINTMENT OF ANGLIN

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 23.—His Majesty King
George has given his approval of the
swearing-in of Chief Justice Anglin
of Canada as a member of the privy
council.



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