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MASKED MEN AT WOODSTOCK HOLD UP C. P. R. OPERATOR

Clean Him Out of Watch and Money and Rifle Till of a Large Sum.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Woodstock, Oct. 9.—The night operator at the C. P. R. station here, which is on the outskirts of the city, was held up by masked burglars at 2:35 this morning, and his silver watch and chain, \$10 25 of personal funds, and \$52 20 of office money was taken. The latter was secured by prying open the till. The first indication Operator Harry Southcott had of anything wrong was when he heard "hands up" called out. He turned and saw a man pointing a revolver at him through the ticket window. His hands promptly went up. The second masked man then climbed over the partition, and with a rope and a strap secured the operator's hands and feet, after which they rifled his pockets and the till in a businesslike manner and decamped. After a time Southcott managed to free himself and telephoned police headquarters, and in a short time the whole force was after the daring men. They have good clues, which are expected to lead to their apprehension.

Auditors on a Hunt for Vouchers; Rumored Accounts May Not Be Passed

Interesting Statement of a Dealer as to Short Weight of Cars of Coal Received.

The coal matter, like Banquo's ghost, refuses to stay down. It is still the talk of the man on the street. In addition, there comes the rumor that the auditors have refused to pass the accounts for the coal until the vouchers are forthcoming. It is certain that the auditors are at present working on the school board accounts.

It is also known that there have been vouchers for the hard coal examined and passed upon with the exception of the two cars lots mentioned in The Advertiser Tuesday. But what to do about the other 875 tons is the puzzle at this minute. All the auditors have is the contract which says all coal must be weighed on the city weigh scales and vouchers for the same must be signed by the dealer.

same must be signed by the dealer or the principal of the school board. The coal and there must also be the wholesalers' invoices.

Peculiar Situation.
How the two can be made to agree is rather difficult to understand. So the rumor around the city hall is that the auditors have refused to pass the accounts and had sent or were going to send them back to the board of education.

City Auditor Jewell refused to discuss the matter at all, and no definite information could be obtained. The shiftness methods of handling a very important branch of the work of the board has come in for much condemnation. Approximately \$4,150 will be paid out for coal, for which it is alleged, there is no check—a considerable sum to be spent without knowing exactly where every cent it goes.

In any other department of the civic government, such vouchers must be signed (Continued on Page Eight.)

GREAT GALE ALONG THE COAST FOUR DROWNED NEAR SYDNEY

Halifax, Oct. 8.—A fierce wind storm blew all the afternoon and continued till 8 o'clock tonight. The gale has swept the whole coast, at Sydney the wind attaining a velocity of 65 miles an hour. At 8 o'clock four men left in a dory in North Sydney harbor to board one of the New-foundland bankers lying in the stream.

When off the ballast heap a huge sea struck the frail craft, overturning it, and throwing the occupants into the water. That was the last seen of them, and as it was impossible to launch a boat to ascertain what happened, they were believed to have been drowned. The identity of the men, who doubtless perished, remains a mystery.

Cigar Prices Likely to Soar Here; Manufacturers Say They Will

Raw Leaf Is Costing More Money Every Month—Cuban Tobacco Has the Call.

Cigar manufacturers in this city state that it is likely that there will be an advance in the price of cigars before very long.

This will result, they say, on account of the increased demand for tobacco.

"We have to pay far more for the raw leaf than formerly," said one large manufacturer, "and even with the increased prices we can hardly obtain the goods."

"It is a mistake to believe that we depend upon the United States for our supply of tobacco. Probably all the factories in Canada do not buy more than \$175,000 worth of tobacco that is really grown in the States in a year."

"Much of the raw leaf that is supposed to come from the United States is really grown in Cuba, and only comes through the United States in transit. Havana tobacco is without any rival, and although many attempts have been made to grow tobacco equal to it in other countries, none of them have as yet succeeded. In some parts of the States they have even gone so far as to bring the earth from Cuba and the seeds, but the quality of tobacco produced was so far inferior to the real Havana that there was no comparison."

Can't Use Canadian.
"We can't use Canadian tobacco at all, for the simple reason that the quality is too poor. We could not sell the cigars if we used Canadian-grown tobacco for filler. The Canadian growers are doing much to force the price up here. They have already secured a protective duty of 50 per cent, and want it increased to 200 per cent. If they were to offer tobacco that the manufacturer could use, we would only be too glad to use Canadian products and save the duty. The aim of the Canadian grower seems to be to try and force the manufacturer to buy his product at any price. He simply will not give the tobacco plants the attention that is needed to produce a fine grade of tobacco and then wonder why we don't buy it. We practically use nothing but Cuban and Sumatra tobacco in manufacturing our product, and while the outlook for our supplies is not over bright, we are rushed with orders."

Western Market.
"The western market is developing rapidly and we are shipping double the number of cigars there which we did a year ago. Last month our business was so heavy that we had to take our travelers off the road for two weeks and even now are away behind with our orders. Unless more people start tobacco-growing there is certain to be a shortage of goods for some years to come, as in the present state of things the consumers are increasing rapidly while the growers are remaining the same."

Magistrate and the Armstrong Case

Magistrate Love takes strong exception to an article which he says appeared in yesterday's issue of the Toronto Globe, criticising him for not giving Joseph Armstrong a longer term in prison than six months.

"The charge of vagrancy, which was preferred against Armstrong, gave me power to send him down for six months," said his worship this morning. "There was no evidence that would justify me in sending him down for assaulting his mother. She had no marks on her, and did not complain of having been attacked. For disorderly conduct, which might have been charged against him, I could have fined him \$20 or 20 days in jail, but at the end of that time he would have been out, and would have been back annoying his mother again. Now

he will not bother her any more for at least six months."

What Was Said.
Here is what the Globe says: "A young man who was supported in his profane life by his widowed mother in London has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment for beating her with a heavy cane. The penalty is ridiculously inadequate. He should have been sentenced to six years in the penitentiary, with severe flogging at intervals during his term. Human brutes can be restrained only by the fear of physical pain."

—Mr. Thompson Walton, of 4 Maryboro Place, has gone to Toronto, where he will take a course in the School of Practical Science.

London Lad Captured in Detroit; Is Wanted Here On Many Counts

Chas. Stinchcombe, Who Evaded Inspector Sanders, Rounded Up at Last.

Rambling around Detroit with a pair of pistols in his pocket and a belt full of cartridges around his waist, Charles Stinchcombe was arrested a couple of days ago by the Detroit detectives and brought back to this city last evening by Detective Egleton.

Stinchcombe was arrested by Detective Egleton and Rider in this city on Sept. 25 on a charge of having broken into two residences and stolen therefrom sums amounting to over \$40. He was sentenced to a term in the Industrial School and it was supposed that all was well.

On the way down to Toronto the boy who is only 18 years old, evidently had an idea, and when near Dundas managed to slip his handcuffs and the next thing Inspector Sanders knew was that his charge had jumped from the swiftly-moving express and was, after alighting safely, taking to the tall timbers at a speed that would make Longboat look like a mere amateur.

Was Prosperous.
When he escaped the lad had on a

suit that had seen better days and boots that were not new by any means, but a wave of prosperity seems to have struck Stinchcombe, for in court this morning he was clad in a brand new suit of the latest American clothes with a dashing soft hat of the latest style and a pair of shoes that had everything in the court room beaten out of sight.

People would hardly recognize in the neatly-dressed prisoner the somewhat untidy lad who a few weeks ago might have been seen hanging around the market in ragged clothes, deeply engrossed in the latest copy of "Dead-wood Dick," or "The Train Robber's Revenge."

But events seem to have moved swiftly, and as near as can be learned Stinchcombe, after jumping from the express managed to beat his way back to a point near Wallaceburg, where he engaged to work with a farmer.

Too Tame.
Farm life, however, was must too tame for so ardent a spirit, and was probably only used as an end to a means, for next morning Stinchcombe was missing. So was much of the farmer's movable worldly goods in the shape of cash and valuables. Stinchcombe, apparently, then headed for Detroit, and put up at a \$2 a night hotel. (Continued on Page Eight.)

MAJORITY OF KEYMEN FOR STRIKE

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Oct. 9.—It was learned today that the C. P. R. railway telegraphers have asked for a flat increase of 13 or 20 per cent if overtime is to be included. On Oct. 1, the company sent out a notice to the men, irrespective of any conference, announcing an all round increase of 12½ and 10 per cent for linemen. This,

however, provided for cutting out holiday allowance. Over 87 per cent of telegraphers have voted for a strike, if the general committee in conference here today with the Government commission and railway officials, do not come to terms. The men are restrained by law from striking till the Government's report is put in, but may defy this regulation.

Relatives Want an Investigation Into the Death of Henry Fretwell

Think Man Who Was Found in Park May Have Been Foully Dealt With.

Some of the relatives of the late Henry Fretwell, the man who was found in a dying condition in Victoria Park on Sept. 26, have arrived in the city from Michigan and are asking the police to investigate the matter thoroughly as they are inclined to think that the old man may have been the victim of foul play.

Mr. Fretwell died in Victoria Hospital on Sept. 23, from pneumonia, caused by exposure, and as far as the authorities are aware at the time there was absolutely no mark or other indications that he had been the victim of foul play.

The police, however, are again investigating in order to satisfy the relatives.

GALE FANS FIRE
One Thousand Dollars Damage Done Mount Forest Residence.

Mount Forest, Oct. 8.—Fire completely destroyed the dwelling-house and contents of Mr. Jas. Allen, Northman street, early this morning. A terrific gale was blowing at the time, and it was feared that there would be a serious conflagration. The loss is estimated at \$1,000 with \$300 insurance on the contents and \$350 on the house. The origin of the fire is a mystery as the family has not been keeping house for three months.

LIFE IS CERTAINLY A FUNNY PROPOSITION

Chicago, Oct. 9.—A dispatch from San Francisco says Tom Hughes Alson, of Manitowish, N. Y., who married his grand-mother, is here on his honeymoon. "My grand-father, Dr. Buf-fum, of Rochester, was a peculiar old fellow," said he. "First he disinherited my sister because she married a big bet. This left me his sole heir. He decided to marry, although he was past 70. I didn't know it, but the girl he picked out was my sweetheart, only 17 years old. She decided to accept his offer to save her life. That was nearly 6 years ago. He died a year ago and the young woman whom I called my grand-mother became my wife."

REV. DR. FREEMAN CALLED

Accepts Pastorate of Prominent Church in England.

Toronto, Oct. 9.—Rev. J. D. Freeman, until a few months ago pastor of Bloor Street Baptist Church, has accepted an invitation to the pastorate of Belvoir Street Church, Leicester, Eng. This is one of the oldest Baptist churches in England, and with it are associated the names of the famous missionary, William Terry, and that of Robert Hall, the great Baptist preacher. Rev. Mr. Freeman, who has been in Britain for some time, occupied the pulpit in July and again in September. Mrs. Freeman is now on her way to England.

TORNADO IN ALABAMA

Fifteen Persons Dead and Property Damage Enormous.

Leeds, Ala., Oct. 8.—A tornado that struck this section today caused the death of about fifteen persons, who were hit by falling trees and timbers. The damage to property was enormous.

A GREAT FIRE AT NEW YORK

125 Electric Cars Were Destroyed and \$400,000 Damage Done.

New York, Oct. 9.—Hundreds of lives were endangered and thousands of persons were thrown into a panic, 125 electric cars were destroyed and property loss to the extent of \$400,000 was caused by a fire in the Fourteenth street car barns today. Cross-car lines were put out of business today and will not be able to operate until a sufficient number of cars to operate them can be drawn from city lines.

CASSIE CHADWICK AT DEATH'S DOOR

Troubled With Heart Failure and May Pass Away at Any Moment.

Columbus, O., Oct. 9.—Mrs. Cassie Chadwick, the bank wrecker, today is reported much worse at the woman's ward of the Ohio Penitentiary, where she is serving a ten-year term. Her pulse is weak and she is partly delirious. Physicians are making all preparations to attempt to stay any sinking spells. They decline to say how long she may survive. Mrs. Chadwick has been confined to her bed since the first severe attack, about three weeks ago, when, while talking to her son, she collapsed and was unconscious for some time. It was intimated she was "playing off" in order to excite sympathy, and secure a pardon, but within a few days it was known that her case was serious and she was placed under the constant care of the prison physician. Her trouble is due to heart failure and weak stomach, the latter, according to the physician, being caused by indulging in rich food. She made confession to a Roman Catholic priest yesterday and the rite of baptism was administered to her by Rev. Father Francis Kelly, the Catholic chaplain of the state prison. The ceremony was performed as she lay upon her bed.

MOSTLY DRUNKS AT POLICE COURT

Police Magistrate Love Deals With Them in Various Manners.

John McDonald who was allowed to go by Police Magistrate Love yesterday on condition that he get a job and go to work was found last night by a policeman sleeping in a fence corner. The magistrate does not think open air sleeping is good for McDonald's constitution and remanded him to jail for a week, after which he may be sent down for the winter as he has neither home, friends nor money.

MANY WRECK SUITS SETTLED BY COMPANY

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Oct. 8.—Over 120 suits for damages in connection with the Caledon wreck have been settled by the C. P. R. without going to trial. There are several other suits yet to be settled, and it is probable that very few of them will go to court. The damages range from \$50 upward.

This is the wreck that occurred at the horseshoe curve, where an excursion train jumped the track, killing seven, and injuring a large number.

SCOTCH HISTORIAN DEAD

Professor David Masson, Who Edited De Quincey's Memoirs, Was 85.

London, Oct. 8.—Professor David Masson, Historiographer Royal of Scotland since 1893, for many years professor of rhetoric and English literature, and before that professor of English literature in University College, London, died yesterday. He was the author of many biographical works and editor of De Quincey's works, fourteen volumes. He was nearly 85 years old.

THROWN UNDER CAR.

Tweed, Oct. 9.—An accident occurred here about 8 o'clock last night on Ontario powder works railway siding. In which Alex. Ferguson, of Perth, brakeman on the C. P. R., lost his life. Two cars left the track throwing Ferguson under them.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COOL.

Today—Winds increasing to moderate from south and west; showery to night.
Thursday—Strong westerly winds; fair and cool.

TEMPERATURES.
Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.
Calgary 38 34 Fair
Winnipeg 36 30 Fair
Port Arthur 42 40 Rain
Perry Sound 44 32 Fair
Toronto 36 30 Fair
Ottawa 32 28 Fair
Montreal 32 32 Clear
Quebec 30 30 Clear
Father Point 38 34 Clear

The first column records the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.
The storm which was centered near Quebec yesterday morning has passed to the eastward of Newfoundland. Another disturbance now centered over Lake Superior is moving southward, and is likely to cause moderate storms and rain. The weather continues fair and moderately warm in the Western Provinces.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.
Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, 36-50; Dawson, 23-40; Atlin, 36-48; Victoria, 42-50; Vancouver, 42-60; Calgary, 36-50; Edmonton, 40-55; Prince Albert, 38-52; Regina, 38-52; Port Arthur, 26-50; Perry Sound, 30-50; Toronto, 36-50; Ottawa, 30-46; Montreal, 44-56; Quebec, 44-52; St. John, 50-58; Halifax, 48-62.

MURDER CASE WAS POSTPONED; WITNESSES CANNOT BE FOUND

Trial of Thomas Noah Will Not Take Place Until the January Assizes—Action Against the C. P. R. by Brakeman Fails.

True bills were returned yesterday afternoon by the grand jury at the assizes against Thomas Noah on a charge of murder, and Joseph Gray on a charge of rape.

On motion of Mr. E. Meredith, K.C., counsel for Noah, the murder case will not come up until the January assizes. The Gray case is being "argued today."

Noah was asked to plead and he pleaded not guilty. In arguing for an adjournment in the Noah case, Mr. Meredith and Crown Counsel Smith, who will prosecute, engaged in a clash of words, in which both made some rather pointed remarks.

Pointed Remarks.
Mr. Meredith said he wanted the case adjourned, owing to the absence of six witnesses who were present on the night of the murder, and whom he could not hope to locate in time for the present assizes.

"Yes, we know all about those witnesses," retorted Mr. Smith, pointedly. "We have had cases of this kind before."
"My learned friend is slightly off the track," returned Mr. Meredith. "Well, I may be off the track," was the reply, "but if you will furnish me with the names of those witnesses, I will agree to produce them in court by Thursday morning."

Mr. Meredith replied that he was not able to produce the names on the moment, and that furthermore, even if

Mr. Smith were able to produce the witnesses, which the speaker very much doubted, he would not feel that he was doing his duty to his client by going ahead on such short notice. Further argument was indulged in, and the case was finally adjourned until the next assizes.

Verdict for the Company.
The jury in the case of McCabe vs. C. P. R. late in the afternoon brought in a verdict for the defendant, Alexander McCabe, a local brakeman, sued to recover \$5,000 damages for injuries received while attempting to uncouple the air hose of a train at Tillsonburg last November.

The jury got no further than the first written question put to them, which read as follows:
"Were the defendants guilty of negligence, causing the plaintiff injury?"
The answer was "No."

The nature of the case was such that had a verdict been rendered in favor of the plaintiff, the engineer in charge of the train which caused the injuries to McCabe would have been placed in a compromising light. J. MacMurphy, of Toronto, acted for the defendants in the action.

Roberts vs. Belton.
The case of Roberts vs. Belton, which had been set down for the jury list, was transferred to the non-jury list at the request of Mr. T. G. Meredith, counsel for the defense.

Argument was opened in this action late in the afternoon. From the evidence given it was learned that Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Roberts were at one time neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Belton, who reside near this city, and (Continued from Page Eight.)

A Reception for Mrs. McWatters

The members of the Salvation Army are planning to hold a big special service at the Citadel on the evening that Mrs. McWatters arrives in this city from Ireland. The officers of the army feel that the occasion will be a memorable one, and in returning thanks for the untiring of the mother and her little daughter they will at the same time be able to give Mrs. McWatters a warm welcome to this city, one which she, no doubt, will remember.

The money which has been collected has been forwarded to Mrs. McWatters in Ireland, and it is expected that as soon as she can conveniently do so she will leave for this city. No word has as yet been received from her, so it is not known when she will arrive.

How happy little Martha McWatters is, and how grateful she feels for what has been done the following letter to The Advertiser tells:

Writes The Advertiser.
"I want to tell all the kind people who have been so very good to me in giving so generously to bring my dear mother and brother and sister out to Canada, how very grateful I am. I was surprised and delighted at the large sum of money contributed. I think the Canadians are just as kind and good-hearted as the Irish, and that is a good deal for an Irish girl to say. Dear people, you have made a very happy little girl. I never cry myself to sleep now, but am singing all day long. I wish, also, to thank Staff-Captain McGillivray, of the Salvation Army, for his great kindness. Last, but not least, I thank you very heartily for telling my troubles in your paper, so that all could help. Yours gratefully,

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What the Increases Will Mean

The increase in salaries to the Collegiate teachers proposed by No. 1 committee will not come into force this year, but will probably be recommended to next year's board to carry out. The teachers at present are with one exception, getting the maximum salary. This increase will mean about \$2,250 the first year in the appropriation for salaries. The heads of departments are now receiving the maximum, \$1,400. Next year, if this goes through, each will be given the minimum, or \$1,500.

This means an additional expense of \$500, besides the increase of \$300 each to two new heads of the departments vacated by the resignation of Mr. W. C. Ferguson, and the promotion of Mr. McCutcheon. This amounts to \$1,100.

The assistants are now getting the maximum, \$1,300 under the old regulation, and they will all receive \$1,400 next year. This will amount to \$600 all told.

Four non-graduates will receive \$100 a year increase, \$400 all told. One lady teacher will receive \$100 increase, the other not getting her increase until the year following.

This is a total increase of \$2,200 a year. As every teacher will increase \$100 a year until the maximum is reached, \$1,800 a year will be added each year for three years.

The increase of salaries is meeting with approval everywhere, as it was felt that the City of London has not been doing all that it could for the teachers.

OPPOSE EXPORTING OF PULPWOOD

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Oct. 9.—The Canadian manufacturers of pulp and paper waited on the Dominion Government today and asked that the export of wood-camp be prohibited. The delegation represented the pulp and paper section of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association and presented the views of that body. J. D. Rolland, president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association; C. Riorden, president of the pulp and paper section of the association; Mr. Rowley, of the E. B. Eddy Company;

F. J. Campbell, of the Canada Paper Company; H. Beirns, of the Belgo-Canadian Manufacturing Company; J. Armstrong, Grand Master, Que., and Albert McLaren, of Buckingham, comprised the delegation. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. W. Fielding and Hon. Wm. Patterson received the delegation in the Premier's room. They pointed out that if the export of pulp were prohibited the Americans would come to Canada and develop the paper industry of the Dominion, instead of depleting the forests by taking away the raw material.

DR. NESBITT TALKS TOO PLAIN; WHITNEY MAY FORCE HIM OUT

Toronto, Oct. 9.—Premier Whitney and this morning characterized the remarks of Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, registrar for West Toronto, at Gravenhurst, where the latter made an alleged indirect attack upon Hon. Mr. Hanna, as "tawdry." There was a rumor at the time this morning that the Government would likely get rid of Dr. Nesbitt as registrar, and that the latter is quite willing to be made a martyr of himself, as he desires to re-enter politics. It is also said, however, that the Government do not desire to allow Dr. Nesbitt to pose as a man with a grievance, but that the latter will be told to stop talking politics or get out.

SUCCEEDS HENSHAW.
Montreal, Que., Oct. 8.—George B. Drummond, formerly president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, was today appointed to the board of directors of Moisons Bank to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Lieut.-Col. Henshaw.

CAN INCREASE DEBENTURES.
Toronto, Oct. 8.—The Ontario railway board has granted the request of the town of Berlin to be allowed to increase the rate of interest on its debentures. The increase is from 4½ to 5 per cent on \$122,000 required for general municipal improvements.

Celtic Reported.
(Reported by Wireless.)
Cape Race, Oct. 8.—Steamer Celtic, for New York, was 1,110 miles east of Sandy Hook at 6 p.m. Will dock Friday evening or Saturday morning.