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PEMBROKE SWEEP BY FLAMES SCORES OF BUILDINGS GONE BUSINESS SECTION RAZED

Great Conflagration Raging Unchecked, and Already Many Commercial Houses, Hotels and Private Residences Have Been Wiped Out—Eye Witness Gives Graphic Description of Scene—Ottawa Asked to Send Assistance.

Special to The Advertiser.

Ottawa, Nov. 4.—A great fire is reported raging at Pembroke, Ont., and the local fire department has been asked for assistance. The origin and exact nature of the conflagration is not yet known, as some of the telegraph service has been affected, but the meagre dispatches that have arrived say that several large hotels and several banks have already been destroyed, and the flames are spreading. It is understood a section of the Ottawa fire department will be rushed to the scene at once.

FORTY RESIDENCES DESTROYED

Ottawa, Nov. 4.—(Later.)—A report received from Renfrew at 12 noon, states that the fire at Pembroke is still burning, and that forty residence have been destroyed.

STORY OF EYE WITNESS.

Renfrew, Nov. 4.—The following report of the Pembroke fire was told by a traveller who left Pembroke about 8 o'clock this morning. The fire originated at 4:20 a.m., in the foundry of the National Manufacturing Company's plant, spread to the Leland Hotel, and thence toward the street leading to the dock. Crossing that it burned the buildings down towards the C. P. Railway track, and spread up Main street as far as Manitoba Hotel. In the vicinity of the Leland Hotel the fire was checked. Around the old Manitoba Hotel the fire was apparently under control at 6 o'clock. At 6:30 it had caught in the wooden buildings and boat-houses along the river front up near the bridge, and opposite the postoffice. The fire broke out in a frame butcher shop between two large brick stores, and then it swept around and caught in the wooden work of the bridge and swept back towards the Copeland House. Soon that whole block of brick stores was on fire. Passage across the bridge was stopped. Then the fire leaped the street and seized on the grist mill on the west side of the river. Then as it swept back towards the business part it became evident that the Copeland House would go. Unless that could be saved, it was likely that a large part of the business section would be destroyed.

COPELAND HOUSE GONE.

Later reports say the Copeland House is burned, and also the Munro Block. At the bridge the sound of the roaring of the flames, the crackling of the melted rods, falling of glass and plate glass windows exploding like the report of a cannon, added to the general excitement.

Ottawa, Nov. 4.—Fire, which broke out at Pembroke at 4 o'clock this morning, starting in the works of the National Manufacturing Company, extended south to Pembroke street, burning all the principal buildings on the south side of Pembroke street. The Pembroke flour and grist mill and the Freeman building are a complete loss. At 9 a.m. the fire was burning in the rear of the Mackey-Ryan Hardware Company building. All the telegraph lines have been burned, and consequently no further details are obtainable. It is believed the loss will run into the millions.

When the Pembroke fire brigade arrived they did heroic service, and all that was possible that human strength, ably directed, could do to stop the progress of the fire, but the strong wind blowing from the river toward the town made it impossible for them to overcome the flames. Early in the morning Pembroke dispatched a train over the C. P. R. line for fire-fighting equipments, which train arrived back about 9:30 with the Renfrew brigade and hose reel, and quite a number of Renfrew citizens accompanying. Carleton Place also sent help a little later.

Tool Thief Juggled With Police Wm. C. Saville Was Found Guilty

Judge Talbot Macbeth Was Somewhat Puzzled This Morning.

William Charles Saville, late of London, England, broke all previous records in the county judges' criminal court today, when he appeared before Judge Macbeth, pleaded guilty to two charges of theft, withdrew one of the pleas, pleaded guilty to another charge and then finally pleaded guilty to two charges.

He was remanded until tomorrow for sentence. Saville was charged with stealing a few blacksmith tools from the shop of John Talbot, Wyton. The shop had not been in use for two years and entrance was effected by means of a window, which had no glass in it. The second charge was that of stealing a lap-rug from W. G. Lee, of Thorndale.

At first Saville said that he had stolen the rug, but not the tools. Then he admitted that he had stolen both articles. Finally he admitted stealing the tools, but said he had bought the rug from a man who was out west at present.

A Conundrum

"Why do you plead guilty to stealing

the rug if you didn't take it?" asked Judge Macbeth.

"Well, you see, your honor, I am a prisoner, and the witness who testified against me yesterday has a grudge against me. I am powerless to defend myself."

Saville said that he was a painter, and had come over from London, England, last April. He had a wife and a child about 8 years old in England, and was about to send for them when arrested.

His father paid his way over and the Salvation Army procured him work. Mr. J. F. Faulds, who appeared for the accused, asked for leniency on the ground that it was the accused's first offence, and that he had worked to go to it allowed his freedom.

A Good Painter.

His honor then asked Saville if he thought the people he had been working for would again employ him, and received an affirmative reply. "I am considered the best painter in Canada," said Saville.

"Well, I wouldn't employ you," said Judge Macbeth.

Saville further explained that it was to obtain money to get Charles Tagg—who was accused of being his accomplice—out of jail, on a previous charge, that he had become a thief.

"That doesn't explain why you stole the rug," replied his honor.

FIRST HUSSARS FORM ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

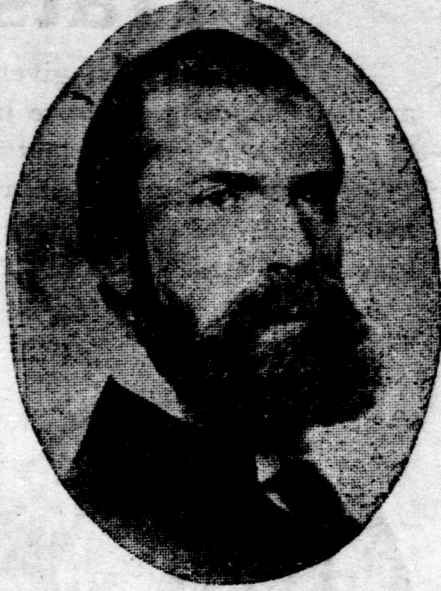
Indoor Baseball and Basketball Teams This Winter.

A meeting of the members of the First Hussars was held in the armory the other evening for the purpose of organizing for athletic sports for the coming winter. The following were elected as officers:

Honorary President—Lieut.-Col. Morrison.
Honorary Vice-Presidents—Major H. R. Abbott, Major Thos. McComb,

Major Thomas S. Hobbs, Major Leonard.
President—Capt. C. H. Reason.
Vice-Presidents—Capt. H. N. Abell, Lieut. W. G. R. Bartram.
Secretary—Sergeant W. H. Stevely.
Treasurer—Quartermaster-Sergeant H. Livermore.
Manager—Sergeant-Major R. O. Campbell.
Indoor baseball and basketball teams will be formed and an attendance of all members is requested this (Wednesday) evening.

Christian Workers' Call.
A Kingston dispatch says: Rev. G. A. Mackenzie, B. A., of Bethel Congregational Church, has been called to the Christian Workers' Church, London, Ont. He is considering the invitation.



GOV. HUGHES, OF NEW YORK.
Re-Elected in Yesterday's American Elections.

HOMES FOUND FOR TEN MORE CHILDREN

Who Were Inmates of the Shelter in South London.

As a result of the attention drawn to the matter through The Advertiser the Children's Shelter has found homes for ten of the twenty-six homeless waifs in charge.

The preference seems to be for girls between the age of two and six years, and in consequence the children now on hand are mostly boys. Some of the children are very attractive little tots, and should be able to find comfortable homes shortly.

BALLOTING FOR UNIVERSITY SENATORS

Three Representations for the Ex-Students Are To Be Chosen.

Balloting for the representatives of the graduates on the senate of Western University will commence shortly, the ballots now being prepared.

The representatives from ex-students will be chosen. The Arts States will select one, the Huron College another, and the Medical School will choose a third.

The faculties of affiliated colleges will select two representatives. Huron College and the Medical College are the only two in affiliation as yet, so each will select two representatives soon.

The council will choose three at its next meeting, while the boards of education have selected Rev. Father Tobin, and Mr. W. C. Fitzgerald.

"The senate will be chosen very soon," said Mayor Stevely. "Some selections have already been made, and the others are under way, so it will not be long until the whole body is complete."

TAFT'S CAREER

William Howard Taft was born in Cincinnati on Sept. 15, 1857. Prepared for college at Woodward High School, Cincinnati. Graduated from Yale, 1873, second in class of 120. Graduated from law school of Cincinnati College, 1880. Reporter on Cincinnati Commercial, 1880-1881. Assistant prosecutor of Hamilton County, O., 1881-1882. Collector of Internal Revenue, first district of Ohio, 1882. Judge of the superior court of Ohio, 1887-90. Solicitor-general of United States circuit court, sixth district, 1892-1900. President of United States, Philippine commission, 1900-1903. Civil governor of Philippine Islands, 1901-03. Secretary of war, 1901-03. In his record are included: The settlement of the Friar trouble in the Philippines, the setting up of the Philippine congress, the settling of the Panama trouble, the unravelling of the political confusion in Cuba, the reconciliation of the Japanese, which included a trip to Japan and the delivery of several speeches of international importance; the securing of the goodwill of China and a tour of the world, in which he won friends at court, everywhere, for his native land.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLD.

FORECASTS.
Toronto, Nov. 4.—3 a.m. Today—Strong northerly winds; partly cloudy and much colder, with local snow flurries.
Thursday—Moderate winds; fair and cold.

TEMPERATURES.

	Today.	Yesterday.
London	28	28
Calgary	28	28
Winnipeg	24	24
Port Arthur	24	24
Parry Sound	22	22
Edmonton	22	22
Ottawa	22	22
Quebec	24	24
Father Point	22	22
Dawson	22	22
Vancouver	53	53
Victoria	62	62
Battleford	22	22
Prince Albert	16	16
Qu'Appelle	22	22
St. John	22	22
Halifax	22	22

Minus (—) means below zero.
WEATHER NOTES.
Storms are displayed on the great lakes and along the seaboard.

MOTHER AND HER TWO SONS RUN DOWN BY A LOCOMOTIVE

Mrs. Robert Scott and Her Boys, Aged 12 and 14 Years, Instantly Killed Near Blyth, Ont., Through Rig Being Struck By a C. P. R. Engine.

Blyth, Nov. 4.—A terrible accident occurred at a C. P. R. crossing in Hullett Township, about three miles from here, this morning. While Mrs. Robt. Scott and her two boys, one 12, and the other 14 years of age, were driving to town, an engine and tender running light to Goderich, caught them and killed Mrs. Scott and one boy instantly. The other lived a few minutes after being picked up. The horse escaped.

Four Horses Burned in a Bad Fire Belmont Farmer's Barns Destroyed

Neighbour's House Had a Close Call From Destruction Last Night.

The barns and outbuildings on the property of Mr. Victor Cline, of Belmont, were burned last night. Four horses, twenty tons of hay and all the farm implements were destroyed. The fire is evidently of incendiary origin. About two months ago, the large barns of Mr. Cline, containing the summer crop, were destroyed by fire. The origin of the blaze could not be explained, and it was suspected at the time that it was the work of an incendiary.

Last night, Mr. Cline attended to his chores, retiring early. There was no evidence of fire anywhere. About 3:30 this morning, Mr. W. Connors who lives near him, was awakened by the fire, and aroused Mr. Cline. It was too late then to save anything from the building, as it was wholly in flames.

WIND CUT CAPERS LAST NIGHT BUT THE DAMAGE WAS SLIGHT

'Hot Air' Campaign in the U. S. Is Blamed by a Wag for the Sudden Change in Temperature—True Stories of What Happened to Some Londoners.

The first real windstorm of the autumn season arrived last night, and for a few hours it made things decidedly interesting about the city. Early in the evening it was quite warm, but about midnight the wind changed. It shifted rapidly to a hard northwest blow, and the weather became much colder.

Houses shook, and it was feared that considerable damage had been done, but so far as can be learned the damage is very slight.

Of course, this does not refer to the loss of sleep occasioned. Many cases have been reported where timid wives had their husbands pursuing imaginary burglars, and locking doors and putting down windows.

A Big Blow.
The wind howled most dimly through the trees, and made the night

about as unpleasant as it well could be.

One man declares that the wind shook his bed like a ship in a storm. He is a truthful person, and that goes. When he said he got seasick it did not quite convince the listeners that he was right.

Wearied pedestrians who remained out late to hear the election returns had a hard time "making the grade." Some exquisite tacking was done.

The many trees in the city stood the storm well, and few were damaged to any extent.

A joker said the wind was due to the hot-air pressure in the United States. The wind brought a heavy snowstorm to "Bill" Bryan, and he is snowed under. The same joker said this. It will go down in history as "the big wind" that blew "Big Bill" Taft into office.

The London Natural Gas Company will insist on having a franchise, it is said.

"This matter will have to be settled very soon," said ex-Ald. Scarlett, who is one of the firm. "If we cannot get a franchise here, we will go to Woodstock and other cities, and give them cheap gas."

"There are 20,000 people along our pipe line, and we can sell them power," St. Thomas, I think, will take cheap gas."

The members of the committee are looking for a long session.

REV. MR. PENHALL LAID AT REST

Funeral Was Held This Afternoon to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

The funeral of Rev. William Penhall, of Moncton, whose death occurred very suddenly on Monday, was held this afternoon from the residence of Mr. A. M. Hunt, South London, and was very largely attended. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. H. Going, of Exeter, president of the Methodist Conference, assisted by Rev. James Livingstone, of Mitchell.

and Rev. A. K. Birks, of Askin Street Methodist Church.

Interment was made at Mount Pleasant Cemetery. The pallbearers were Reverends Jewett, of Westminster; Tiffin, of Lambeth; Anderson, of London; McCamus, St. Marys; Kerr, Lucan, and G. N. Hazen, of the Centennial Church, East London.

DETROIT MAYORALTY CONTEST.
Detroit, Nov. 4.—The result of the mayoralty contest here is not yet definitely known and will be close. The counting of votes is proceeding very slowly, but indications so far are favorable to Breitmeier's election.

TAFT WINS IN A LANDSLIDE BRYAN HOPELESSLY BEATEN

The Republicans Once More Put Into Power in the United States Federal Elections.

NEW YORK STATE GOES FOR HUGHES

Taft Breaks a Record By Capturing Greater New York by a Handsome Plurality—Hearst's Independence Party, the Socialists, and Prohibition Parties Poll Small Vote —South Solid for Bryan.

THE UNITED STATES ELECTIONS

Republican landslide.
Judge Taft next President.
Bryan defeated for third time.
Taft carried New York City.
Republican electoral vote, 298.
Governor Hughes re-elected.
Missouri returns to Democrats.
Hearst's party nowhere.
Strong Republican Congress.

New York, Nov. 4.—William Howard Taft, of Ohio, Republican, will be inaugurated on March 4 next as the 25th president of the United States, succeeding Theodore Roosevelt, of New York. James Schooler Sherman, of New York, will succeed Charles Warren Fairbanks, of Indiana, as vice-president. This is the most important thing decided by the people at the ballot-box yesterday, as the culmination of one of the most remarkable political campaigns in the history of the republic.

Bryan's Third Defeat.
William Jennings Bryan, of Nebraska, the Democratic candidate, went down before the storm of ballots, in the third defeat of his life's ambition to occupy the White House. With him in his ill-fortune went down John W. Kern, of Indiana, candidate for the vice-presidency.

Taft's Figures.
Returns received up to 8 a.m. today indicated that Mr. Taft would have at least 298 electoral votes, and as the details came in in increasing fullness from the west, it began to look as if he might have considerably more than that—might reach the 325 claimed as assured to him in the ante-election forecasts of Chairman Hitchcock, of the Republican national committee, or possibly even approximate the 336 achieved in 1904 by Mr. Roosevelt. The number necessary to a choice is 242.

Taft Carries Gotham.
One of the results surpassing the most sanguine hopes of most Republicans was Mr. Taft's carrying the greater city of New York by a plurality of 15,545. Furthermore, his plurality in New York State will be approximately 189,333, exceeding by nearly 14,000 Roosevelt's big plurality of 1904.

Hughes Re-Elected.
Only second in point of general interest was the victory of Governor Charles E. Hughes, who is re-elected (Continued on Page Nine.)

Cottages for Tuberculosis Patients Nel on St. Near Hospital the Site

Plan to Buy a Number of Houses Out of the Blair Fund.
It was rumored at the city hall today that the finance committee of the council will recommend the purchase of four cottages and lots on Nelson street, on the south side, east of Colborne street, for the care of consumptive cases.

These houses are close to the hospital and could be managed from Victoria without any difficulty whatever.

The nurses would be close to the Nurses' Home, and the site would prove ideal for this purpose. It would be paid for out of the Blair fund.

The cottages are plenty large enough, and would afford a pleasant place for convalescing patients, opening over the river, with plenty of good, fresh air available, it would be a pleasant spot for the sick.

Options will be obtained on the property immediately, and in case the locations cannot be purchased reasonably, arbitration proceedings will be recommended.

Hughes Had a Thumping Majority

New York, Nov. 3.—Governor Hughes won by over 50,000, the biennial battle of "High Bridge," which was waged again today as the regiments of ballots were marshalled.

Hughes came down to the city from up-state with an indicated plurality of about 121,000. Chanler's plurality south of High Bridge was approximately 68,000. The vote of two years ago was increased by about 150,000; Chanler surprised the Democratic leaders by an unexpectedly large vote in the rural districts, but lost tremendously in the city of Greater New York, where his followers had expected at least 100,000 plurality.

Murdered By an Unknown Man

Montreal, Nov. 4.—Murdered by an unknown man was the verdict rendered by the coroner's jury today, in the case of Harold Patterson, the Longueuil boy who was shot down a few weeks ago on Sunday, while out shooting with a companion named West. West was also shot, and was unable to attend the inquest until today, when he stuck to the story that neither he nor Patterson knew the man who shot them. An Italian girl, Del Vecchio, who admitted having known Patterson, was on the stand for one hour, but claimed ignorance of the whole affair.

Last of Trunk Sewers Completed
The last of the trunk sewers has been finished, Blyth & Fielder completing the north end sewer at noon today.

In addition a new sewer was laid on Dundas street, and also a sewer connecting with the new works of George White & Sons.

With the completion of this work, the city is now well equipped with trunk sewers.

The septic tanks erected for the disposal of the sewage finishes a very thorough sewer system.

1909, according to an announcement made today by the Harvard board of overseers. The resignation has been accepted. No reason is assigned, and Dr. Elliot refuses to comment on his resignation to take effect May 13, action.