# PAT'S SISTER IN DETROIT DENIES M'GREGOR

Six Burned To Death In Exeter Farm House Fire

### 'I KNOW WHERE PAT IS,' SAYS SISTER, 'HE IS SAFE AND WILL NOT BE CAUGHT;' LONDON MAN RECOGNIZES M'GREGOR

THE STORM CENTRE.

This is the picture which

is the present storm centre of the Norton-Murrell case.

It shows "George McGregor,"

Susanville, California, follow

ing his arrest with Sid-ney Murrell. Chief Birrell and

Sergeant of Detectives Down believe it is Pat Norton, miss

leader of the Murrell gang.

Norton's sister, located and in-

terviewed by an Advertiser re-

porter in Detroit this morning, declares that, the man is a

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stranger. Caretaker John Mc

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terious man who slept in the boiler room of the Y. M. C. A.

for several days following the

son to Ernie. May is a nice girl-

'Then this bank robbery and mur

"You are sure you do not recog-

I ought to know. I saw him not so

very long ago and there is no re-

"Yes. I have an idea where he is;

from the police, I am certainly not

caught. I will tell you, however, that,

and doing well. He is not in Detroit.

That much, also I will tell you, but

nothing further. He has been in

catch him, I am sorry, but I won't

Sure Pat Is Safe.

Mrs. Holmes seemed to be quite

Referring to her mother, Mrs. Nor-

give out any information."

I don't think so."

where he was?"

"Where is he now, or

one of the finest I have ever met.

der at Melbourne came along.

lying in jail in

Advertiser Reporter Finds Pat's Sister in Detroit-Norton Visited Her.

IS PAT IN DETROIT?

Says California Man a Stranger -Tells of Norton's Desperate Career.

Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Reporter.

Detroit, June 2.-Absolute denial that the photo of the man known as "George McGregor," and being held in Susanville jail, California, is that of her brother Ernie "Pat" Norton was made to The Advertiser this morning by Mrs. O. S. "Pearl" Holmes, 3405 14th street, Detroit, sister of the long-wanted bandit.

But with the denial came also an admission that she knew the whereabout of "Pat" and that he had visited her home within the past

She refused to divulge where he was at present or in what section of the country. She did state, however that he was not in Detroit and that he had a good position and was doing

Mrs. Holmes, who was seen at her home early this morning, greeted the reporter warmly and after a few minutes' preliminary conversation stated that she had seen in the paper that her brother was supposed to have been caught. Producing the photograph of McGregor, the reporter asked if she could recognize it as anyone that she knew. After staring hard at the picture for a few minutes; she replied;

"I have no idea who that is. I don't think that I have ever seen the man whose picture this is. It certainly is not Ernie, as I saw him less than a year ago right in this house and there is absolutely no resemblance.

Eyes Never Flickered. Her eyes never flickered when she That is about all I can tell you." saw the photo and her tone was quite emotionless, more or less proving her nize the picture?" asked the reporter statement that she did not know the

Mrs. Holmes, who is a pleasant woman of about 30 years, was dressed semblance at all." in a neat house dress and boudoir cap. The room in which she saw The Advertiser was well furnished, and the house itself a rug brick duplex. She did not appear to be at all worried at the questions asked. and when requested to outline "Pat's" history as she knew it she did so.

### Was Always Reckless.

"Always," she started, "even when he was a kid of 14 or 15 (you know that he left school when he was 14 and never went to high school at all) he was a sort of reckless dare-devil He was always doing stunts which frightened his mother and myself, but we could not break him of it. When he was 14 he ran away and was gone for some months, never letting us know where he had been or what he was doing. I have known him to leave the house in the morning without saying good-bye to us and not come home for probably six months, and in all that time we never knew whether he was dead or not. I have seen him drop from an overhead bridge near our home at Strabane, near Hamilton, Ont., on to the top of a freight car, and that would be the last we would see of him."

"When he grew older, it was the same thing. We had no control over not in California, and still I don't him at all. When he got in with a had bunch, and it was one scrape stay with the Murrell's after their after another, till it finally ended escape from jail." haps he was. I don't know. Mother she had ringed around with blue used to settle many of his troubles pencil. and debts, paying for a diamond ring that he had stolen in St. Thomas, and also for a motor car, for which sure that her brother was safe, and he had received the money and spent. would not be caught, stating that if He would seem to appreciate this at he was it would be through an accithe time, but it was not fong before dent or slip-up on the part of somehe would forget and start again. body else. She was also quite eager

Divorced First Wife. to disclaim all knowledge or recogni-"Then he got married. I forget tion of the picture, but beyond saywho his first wife was. We never ing that she knew where he was she knew much about her, except that would give no further information. she was an American. He liv.1 with her a short time; afterwards ton, she said that her mother, after he secured a divorce. His first wife leaving London, had come to Detroit is now married again and living in with a younger son, Oral, at present Virginia. He is the father of a 7- about 18 years old, and a delicate year-old girl who is with her. His youth. After staying here for some second wife took the girl, who is now time, she went to Canton, Ohio, where keeping house for Norman Bogue, the boy had secured a good position farmer, at Lambeth. I went over and A breakdown forced him to quit was there I was struck by the re-turned to the old home at Strabane, day. This brings mblance of her small 3-year-old. Turn on Page 2, Columns 2 and 3. protests to seven.



RECOGNIZES PHOTO

Man Said He Came From Montreal-Assistant Caretaker Disagrees.

Did Robert Ernest (Pat) Norton fourth member of the Melbourne bank bandit gang, sleep in the basement of the London Y. M. C. A., while posses were scouring Western Ontario for him, a few days after the Melbourne murder?

John McIntosh, caretaker of the Y M. C. A., believes that The Advertiser's picture of "McGregor" taken in California is that of a man who for a period of ten days following the Melbourns crime ate and slept in the boiler room of the Y. M. C. A. "McGregor" is the man whose photograph Chief Birrell and Sergeant of Detectives Down believe to be the

missing Pat Norton.

The caretaker's curiosity was first aroused by the first picture of Norton which The Advertiser printed. It was a picture of "Pat" taken some years ago.

"He was a bit fuller in the face than that picture would lead you to believe," said the caretaker.
The Advertiser showed him the recent picture taken in San Francisco Mr. McIntosh studied it carefully,

and then said: "I am positive that is the man who slept here. "I am going to see him, if I can when he comes here," he added. "I guess they'll let me, won't they?"

Two Days After Murder. "This fellow came to the Y. M. C. A. about two days after the Melbourne affair," Mr. McIntosh continued. "The first time I saw him was when I was asked if I had any objections to him getting a wash-up and a sleep in the boiler room. "He stayed around there for more

than a week. He told me that an other fellow who had been with him I had gone on to Detroit. They were it looking for work. His friend had don't know whether he was in it obtained a job in Detroit, or not. Or, at least, I won't say expecting him to get one for him too whether I do. He might have been. We used to give him odd bits of change as he was without money.
"He told me that he came from Montreal. He had a lady's watch, and said that it belonged to a girl in "Absolutely not," she replied, "and Montreal.

"He used to come in with pie and all kinds of sweetmeats. He said this girl in Montreal sent this food "I never saw him out in the dayknow?" another question by The Ad-

time, except once. He used to go out by the side way, where the ashes go He seemed a bright fellow "He would be about the same age as that which has now been given

as 'Pat's.' but I won't tell you, and you could "He used always to turn to the not expect me to. Blood is thicker Murrell case when he opened the paper. And he used to make com-ments about the case. "After he left here, he went to the than water, and if he can keep away going to be the means of his being

assistant caretaker's home to stay for a while. He was out of work, and Mr. Robinson (Mr. Robinson was the as far as I know, he is working hard assistant caretaker at the time) took "I found two or three boarding

communication with us, and has seen "After he left Mr. Robinson's he us and visited, but when it comes to disappeared. He just dropped out of telling you and then having the police Rebinson Not Sure.

W. J. Robinson of Moir avenue, who was living at 11 Charles street "Has He Changed Much?" at the time the man stayed at the Y. M. C. A., could not identify the picture. Neither could his wife. "No, he has not changed much in the past nine or ten years. At least "If that is the man who stayed at the Y. M. C. A., he has changed quite a bit," Mr. Robinson told The Adver-"How did you know that there

might be a possibility of police com-This fellow went by the name of ing after him if they knew you knew Pat Conley.' He told me that his brother and his father were on the Dublin police force. He stayed at "Well, in this morning's Detroit my home on Charles street a few days. I took pity on him because he Free Press there is an item that a man being held in California might had no money and was out of work be "Pat" Norton. When I saw it "He said he had secured a job with the city, and had worked about an hour, because he did not like the I was shocked, as I was sure he was think he would be fool enough to

"Just after he left here, he is supup in this affair at Melbourne which they say he was connected with. Perthey say he was connected with. Perthey say he was connected with the paragraph in the paper, which is the paragraph in the paper.

"We did not think anything at the time," said Mr. Robinson. "This young man came to the Y. M. C. A. one day and asked me if he

told me he had been a railroadman

could wash up.
"I said to him: 'You're pretty dusty.

Must have traveled a long way!"

"'Yes,' he said, 'Montreal.'"

Mr. McIntosh, however, remains convinced that the picture of McGregor, obtained by The Advertiser from Susanville, California, is the picture of his mysterious boarder. His opinion may yet have an import ant bearing on the solution of the

#### U. S. LIQUOR DECISION BRINGS MANY PROTESTS

in England; practically every public park offers accommodation. It is pro-posed that the same plan should be Washington, June 2 .- Portugal and Japan have joined in the internation-al protest against enforcement of growing as it does on light sand, the supreme court's decision that would be much too tender for putting foreign ships cannot bring liquor within American territorial waters, I was there I was struck by the re-



WHERE THE FIRE FIEND TOOK SIX LIVES.

MANY CITIZENS BOOK

Shriners' Big Festival in Wash-

ington Attracts Londoners

and Wives.

and Mrs. Charles Forrester, Mr. and Mrs. John Willis, Mr. and Mrs. Geo.

McLachlin, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Ruse, Mr. and Mrs. C. F, Cayser, R. Reeve,

J. Morrison, Paul Doig, D. Manness

Marshall Ryan, Mrs. B. F. Cascadder

(St. Thomas), Mrs. A. E. Gibbons

Marley, Mrs. H. Morgan, Mrs. Storie

Mrs. F. Thompson, Mrs. A. Robin-son, Mrs. C. Reid, Mrs. Olive Peters, W. A. Anderson, J. Boughner and J.

Proposal To Build 18

Putting Greens.

The parks department of the pub-

lic utilities commission is considering

a proposal for the building of greens with eighteen holes in all for putting

purposes only. If this is done golf clubs may be rented out at so much

each, and the public will then be able

of golf at will.

Putting greens are in common use

o play one phase of the great game

But according to the parks super-

**GOLF GREENS LIKELY** 

D. Sheppard.

abilities.

PASSAGE TO CAPITAL

Here The Advertiser shows the of Exeter, where fire at an early hour brother, and four Stanlake children, year-old son, Harold, and an adopted still-burning ruins of the Silas Stan- this morning took the lives of Mrs. Clarence, 12 years old; Charlie, 9; daughter, Beatrice, were saved. The lake home at Sodom, three miles west Silas Stanlake; Alfred Stanlake, a weeks old. Silas Stanlake, his 15-other pictures are on inside pages.



# **LONDON UNIT OF**

# D.S.C.R. NO MORE

Centralization Order From Ottawa Makes This City a Sub-Office.

STAFF CUT DOWN

London district no longer exists as separate unit of the D. S. C. R., for vesterday the administration offices in this city became a suboffice of "D" unit, with headquarters

portrait on the left shows Silas they are: Albert Stanlake, 40, and unnamed three-weeks-old baby were Stanlake, whose home was burned three children—Clarence, aged 12; also burned to death. n Toronto. The change was made following centralization policy adopted by the government, following which the administration work for each province will be done in one office, with the assistance of sub-offices when conditions warrant it.

As a direct result of the change here will be a considerable reduction in the staff of the local offices. J. W. Bizley, who is in charge of the administration work in this city, informed The Advertiser that the services of 15 accountants and clerks would be dispensed with immediately. The employees who will be affected have already been notified of the change.

It is not expected that any of the administrative officers will be af-fected, for considerable work still-remains to be done in this city.

The new policy was adopted by the government during the last week in May. In order that economy might be affected, the work in the provinces will be centralized as rapidly as con-The medical department of the D

S. C. R. is a thing apart from the administrative department and therefore will not be affected by the change.
Col. Gordon Morrison, D.S.O., Foronto, will be in command of "D unit, while Mr. Bizley will remain in charge of the sub-office in this city

will sitll be 43 employees

RAGING AT ENGLAND Truculent Editors Lash Curzon

and Whole Power of Britain. By F. A. MACKENZIE.

Special Cable to The London Advertiser and Chicago Dally News. Copyright. Moscow, June 2.—Bolshevist newsstopped, then, as if panic-stricken, darted back toward his bedroom and was seen no more. papers comment today in terms of eign affairs to the latest Russian note. Both the Pravda and the Izvestia was seen no more.

Harry, heeding his father's advice, criticize Lord Curzon in bitter terms. rushed down the stairs, plunged through the barrier of fire, and groped his way behind the father to the front of the house.

They reached the front door. There, vainly trying to force it open, was Turn to Fage 2, Columns 5 and 6.

Frenzied Followers of Power Potentate Desire Definite Decision.

EXECUTIVE PEEVISH

Cameron Wilson's Attempt To Elicit Announcement From Hydro Knight Proves Fruitless.

Events are hastening to a showlown among the local Conservatives. The sparks were flying at a special session of the executive this morning and another meeting has been called If no decision is made by that time it is anticipated by members of the party, exclusive of inner circle," that a forced announcement will be forthcoming.

If all reports are correct the party s in a turmoil, and there

reciation of Sir Adam's delay. Cameron Wilson was responsible for the emphatic declaration last night, The Advertiser was informed at noon today, that "Sir Adam would be in the field." Whether he knows whereof he speaks or is merely voic-ing the "wish father to the thought"

has yet to be determined.

There is further evidence at hand that the squabble about the London and Port Stanley pay list will be a oig factor in the local campaign. members of the council declared this afternoon that they had "been approached by members of the Conservative Association seeking their cooperation to thwart Mayor Wenige and his associates in this matter."

Sir Adam Beck is taking a mighty

Sir Adam Seck is taking a mighty long time to make up his mind about the local nomination.

And if he doesn't say something to the executive about it pretty soon they are liable to draw up a proclamation of their own and give it widespread nublicity. spread publicity.

The boys at Tory headquarters are

getting fidgety and nervous, and a bunch of them haven't forgotten that they cooled their heels until a late hour last night waiting for their candidate date pro tem.

But the latter is fast adopting Dr

Stevenson's methods. He was some-what "conspicuous by his absence." "President" J. Came Wilson finally located him he had little to say, and nothing of a definite nature. Sir Adam had to see "a few friends" this morning and this neces-

sarily set back the promised declar-The Conservative situation repre-

sents the famous "chaotic erraticism" one sometimes encounters. Every-one knows about as much as his neighbor—nothing.

Ald Judd states with evident dis-

gust that "he never heard about any Turn to Page 2, Column 7.

### **VICTIM OF SUICIDE** BURIED IN ST. MARYS

Funeral of Mrs. "Dolly" Whiting Held This Afternoon.

Mrs. P. "Dolly" Whiting, who, in a mood of loneliness and discourage-ment took a fatal dose of strychnine in her room at the McCallum Apartments Thursday morning, was buried today from the home of her sister. Mrs. David Farr, St. Marys. The remains were transferred from the funeral parlors of E. C. Killingsworth to St. Marys Thursday night

by motor. The girl victim, who was but 23 years of age, resided with her mother, Mrs. Claire Kennedy, and becoming desperate after several atempts to obtain employment, she decided to end her life while her mother immediately called but she died just

as she was being taken into St. Joseph's Hospital.

### THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.
Today - Moderate winds; fair and

Today — Moderate winds; fair and moderately warm.
Sunday—Fair and moderately warm.
Pressure has risen over northern Ontario and has fallen along the maritime coast and the Gulf of St. Lawrence, while over the western half of the continent, it continues relatively low. The weather has been fine from Ontario eastward, and unsettled with showers in many parts of the western provinces.

Temperatures.

Stations— High Low Weather Victoria ... 54 50 Rain Calgary ... 42 Rain

Calgary ..... Winnipeg ..... Port Arthur ... Kingston

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The highest and lowest tempera-tures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock night were: Highest, 88; lowest, 43.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 78; lowest, 59.

Barometric Readings.

## MOTHER, FOUR CHILDREN AND BROTHER PERISH IN FIRE IN STANLAKE HOME

Father, Fighting Through Walls of Flame, Throws Adopted Below is an additional list of London people who have booked passage Daughter and One Son Out Window to Safety and Then recently on the Shriners' trip Collapses, While Wife, Four Other Children Washington, and includes many well Londoners and their wives and Brother Perish in Veritable Furnace. Mr and Mrs. Carlyle Trebilcock, Mr

SIX CHARRED BODIES IN FARMHOUSE RUINS

Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Reporter. Exeter, June 2.—In the smouldermidnight, and turned the dwelling awaken his sleeping loved ones. nto a mass of flame before the frantic father could raise a hand to rescue

VICTIMS AND RESCUED IN FI RE TRAGEDY.

Above are four of the six dead and Mr. Stanlake escaped, but lost his Charlie, 2, and Wilfred, 5. Below are

the three rescued in this morning's tragic fire near Exeter. The large four of the dead. From left to right saved. Mrs. Silas Stanlake, and an

With sympathetic neighbors, who band. have kept vigil through the night, Stanlake at noon today, was standing at the edge of the remains of the old Stanlake homestead at Sodom, waiting for the hot embers to die, when he will be able to take part in Public Utilities Considering will be able to take part in turning. the work of recovering the bodies. At the homes of neighbors are his oldest boy and an adopted daughter, the only ones, other than himself, to escape death in the flames. Putting greens at Springbank Park

The dead are: Mrs. Maude (Porter) Stanlake, 35, wife; Albert Stanlake, brother, 40; Clarence, 12; Charlie, 9; Wilfred, 5, and Baby Stanlake, weeks.

Those who escaped the flames are: Silas Stanlake, father, 45; Beatrice. adopted daughter, 18, and Harry, son, At 10:30 the family retired. midnight Stanlake was awakened by a crackling noise. Through the win-

dow of his bedroom he noticed a In light attire, he went down the stairs to the kitchen. Underneath the door leading to the summer kitchen, mall tongues of flames were trying to lick their way.

greens. Springbank, because of its meisture, would prove much more suitable, and it is possible that action will be taken to equip the beautiful park with a series of greens.

Driven Back by Flames.

Intending to fight the blaze, which he imagined was small, and the result of some smoldering smudge.

used during the day to rid the house of mosquitoes, Stanlake opened the door to get a fire extinguisher which ng ruins of the Lake Road home of he kept in the summer kitchen. A Silas Stanlake, 45, today, are the wall of pent-up flame, burst in upon the functions which formerly becharred bodies of his wife, his brother and four of his small children, but still calm. Stanlake rushed back victims of a fire which broke out at to the bedrooms on the second floor to

> The mother started for the stairs Then she turned and hurried back to the bedroom. "My baby," she'shouted in explanation, as the husband stared at her re

"Go downstairs and out. house is on fire," advised the hus-

Then he rushed to the three front pedrooms, awakening Beatrice, brother, Albert, and his son, Harry, all of whom slept in separate rooms Beatrice was the first to heed his varning. She rushed downstairs. Finding her path blocked by flame at the rear, she rushed to the front of the house.

By this time, the flame had spread to the kitchen, and had reached the foot of the stairs. Blinding smoke and gases began to fill the upper portion of the house. "Come on," ordered Stanlake to his brother and his oldest boy, as they reached the head of the stairs. Barrier of Fire.