

CLEVELAND SAILINGS WILL STOP IF PORT HARBOR NOT BETTER

Threat Made To Discontinue
Excursion Trips.

ENGINEER IS IMPRESSED

Views Situation and Sees That
Immediate Dredging Is
Necessity.

Unless improvements were made to the harbor at Port Stanley it was threatened that the trans-lake steamer Theodore Roosevelt would discontinue its excursions to and from Cleveland. Reassuring this fact the various municipal and other bodies of Western Ontario interested in the improvement of the Port got busy, and as a result District Engineer Craig of Windsor, accompanied by Mayor C. R. Somerville, Philip Peacock, chairman of the public utilities commission, and Ald. I. Cunningham, of London; Mayor E. A. Horton, of St. Thomas; Reeve N. Cornell, and others of Port Stanley, this morning inspected the harbor.

London and St. Thomas authorities communicated with their respective municipalities, Mr. Craig continued his investigations. Although permanent work cannot be done this year, sufficient dredging can be done to allow the boat to operate for the remainder of the summer.

At present the steamer is but coming as far as the pier and landing its passengers there.

"Port is no good if boats can't come in," remarked Mayor Somerville after arriving home from the tour of inspection.

Frank Manenti Back To Face Forgery Charge

Returned By Hamilton Police After
Acquittal There.

Frank Manenti of this city, who was committed for trial here recently on a charge of raising American one-dollar bills to ten-dollar denomination by cleverly pasting a "ten" from a revenue stamp over the "one," and who was held at Hamilton charged with complicity in a hold-up of four Austrians in that city recently, has been returned to London and now resides in the county jail awaiting trial on the local charge.

Manenti was brought here yesterday by Provincial Detective John Miller. He was tried in Hamilton last week on the hold-up charge, which resulted in an acquittal for him.

Lebert Kresella, a local youth, charged with attempting to pass the forged notes here, and who is believed by the local police to have been the tool of Manenti, will appear for trial in the local police court in the near future.

Ronald Roy Gray Memorial Home Opening On Thursday

Colonel John McMillan of Toronto Will
Conduct Ceremony.

At 4 o'clock on Thursday afternoon the Ronald-Roy Gray Memorial Home, 35 Evergreen avenue, will be opened by Col. John McMillan of Toronto. Mayor C. R. Somerville will preside.

The home, which was given to the Salvation Army by James Gray of Gray's, Limited, as a memorial to his sons, Ronald and Roy, who gave their lives for the country's cause.

Mrs. Higgins, wife of the chief of staff of the Salvation Army, will be here on a visit of inspection. This will make two beautiful Salvation Army homes in London, this one on Evergreen avenue, one of 14 beds, and the other in London, the other the beautiful new Bethesda Maternity Hospital, opened little more than a year ago.

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No Wild Stampede To Get Beautiful Peace Programs

Evidence of the lack of interest taken in what purported to be London's official peace celebration on July 19, is still to be seen about the city hall. The evidence is fifteen packages of peace programs which were secreted in an old room in the hall. Each package is approximately a cubic foot. As the programs are colored, and as there are probably several thousands in the packages, the cost of the unused programs would probably amount to a little sum.

Thousands of Londoners, who were expected to attend the peace services, were not present, and as a result there were all these programs wasted.

LONDON COUPLE DIE IN AWFUL DOUBLE TRAGEDY

Mr. and Mrs. George Near of
This City Found Dead With
Bullet Wounds in Head at
Pontiac, Mich.—Letters of
Husband Show Deed Was
Planned.

Lying side by side on the grass within a stone's throw of the structure of the state insane asylum at Pontiac, Mich., with bullet holes in their foreheads, a searching party in the early morning hours yesterday discovered cold in death the bodies of two Londoners.

GEORGE NEAR, aged 23, 229 Queen's avenue.
MRS. MABEL NEAR, aged 19, 229 Queen's avenue.

Beside the dead bodies of Near and his young wife and close to the husband's outstretched hand was found a .38 calibre revolver, two chambers of which were powder stained, where the fatal bullets had passed through them. It was a new weapon, fully loaded with the exception of the shells discharged.

One month ago when Mrs. Mabel Near left London, she spoke to no one of a tragedy lurking in her young life, yet separated from her husband, she went her way in the world to earn her living and found employment in this Pontiac institution.

George Near, on Saturday packed up his worldly possessions, and bade his mother and brother farewell at his home 229 Queen's avenue. He stated that he was going to the Canadian West, or Toledo, Ohio, to start life anew. No thought of the tragedy that had been brought to light was so much as hinted at.

Near's last words and little attention was given to the departure of the Grand Train train that started him on his way to the west.

They were words of encouragement and a decided urging on her not to worry, as all would go well with him.

With a fond farewell and a smile on his face the curtain fell on the young man so far as London, Ontario, was concerned. The train sped on its way.

Sunday Near arrived in Pontiac. Letters found on his body showed that he was molly and deliberately planned the taking of his own life and that of his wife.

Monday night the staff of the asylum gave a dance. Mrs. Near was invited. Near was there. The couple danced together once or twice, then they broke up the dancing they were in going out on to the lawn together.

As they passed out of the doorway Near and his wife chatted and those who noticed them thought they were lovers. That was the last seen or heard of them alive.

In the early morning hours it was discovered that Mrs. Near had failed to appear at the dance. Her roommate notified the asylum authorities.

The fact that the woman was missing was reported to the asylum. A search was made and in the cold, grey hours of the day the bodies were discovered and the double tragedy revealed.

The Nears were well known in London and at the time of their marriage considerable attention was attracted by the fact that the girl was at that time a survivor of the war.

The couple had a young child, which died some months ago.

Near, during his residence in London, had been employed by both the Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk Railways, as a car repairer and roundhouse employee.

For a brief period Near and his wife had been in the London Hospital for the insane.

The bodies are being held at the Pontiac, Mich., Farm House, where they are expected to be shipped to London, and arrangements are now being completed to hold the funeral on Thursday from Griffiths' undertaking parlour.

Leon, Harold, Frank, Harry, Benjamin and Joseph Near, brothers of George Near, are now in London. Near is her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dobson and her sister, Miss Olive Dobson, 359 Hale street.

Allen Theatre To
Be Begun Here In
Very Near Future

Rumor has been busy in the city announcing that Jules and J. Allen, of Toronto were not going to carry out their plan of building a new theatre on Dundas street. As so often happens, the rumor's worst fault is that it is absolutely untrue, say Messrs. Allen, without any basis in fact.

Messrs. Allen have informed The Advertiser that they certainly are going ahead with the erection of a beautiful building here, and that a start will be made probably in about two weeks.

T. W. Logan, Allen's manager here, has seen the plans accepted for the new London theatre, and is enthusiastic over them, believing the house will be one of the finest in Western Ontario. Allens have been busy building a huge theatre in Toronto, which will be completed soon, and immediately after this is finished, the construction work will be commenced here.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

ADELAIDE WOMAN DEAD.

There passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Austin Carrothers, in Adelaide township, Mary Patterson, widow of the late Wm. Morgan, about seven weeks ago she went to visit her daughter, and while there took sick.

She was the eldest daughter of the late Thomas Patterson, and was born in Ireland 72 years ago. She lived at Port Stanley for a few years, and then moved to Adelaide Township.

She leaves two sons and two daughters: Mrs. L. B. on the homestead; Will, Mrs. Austin Carrothers, of Adelaide; Mrs. Walter Bowley, of Adelaide; and Mrs. Fred Shields of Strathroy, and one sister, Mrs. Jane Currie, of Adelaide.

The funeral was held at Strathroy Cemetery, the services being conducted by Rev. Mr. Brown of Kerwood Methodist Church, of which deceased was a member. The pall-bearers were her five sons-in-law, and her nephew, John Currie.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH
WINS JUNIOR C. S. E. T.

St. George's Church won the championship in the Junior C. S. E. T. League in a well played game at Springbank last evening, by a score of 12-6, by defeating the Centennial Methodist team. Everett, the winner, pitched good ball during the whole game. W. Hynd gave a good exhibition of umpiring. Batteries: St. George's—Bartlett and Milne; Centennial—Deady, Pennaligan and Bond.

MAGISTRATE RETURNS

Has Had Good Holiday in the Soo District.

Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon is back on the job today after enjoying a two weeks' vacation in the Sault Ste. Marie district. He spent his holidays fishing the majority of the time, and reported this morning that he spent a real vacation. He stated that he had enjoyed the trip very much, and that the trip was a most successful one.

Then the doctor whispered something in his ear and the boy darted for home. His arm was caught by a parcel under his arm. Soon he was in the water, having a merry time with his comrades.

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ENUMERATORS ARE MAKING ROUNDS TO GET VOTERS' LISTS

About Seventy Made Start
This Morning.

This morning about 70 enumerators set out on their rounds in the city to enroll on the lists the names of those qualified to vote at the coming provincial elections or on the referendum. There are a few vacancies on the enumerating staff, so those who fill these will be a day or two late in starting.

It is emphasized that all who desire to have their names placed on record make arrangements to meet the enumerators. He will call three times at each house, if he follows out his instructions. If he fails to find the householders at home on either of the first two visits, and will leave his card, with his address, so that anyone may seek him out and have his or her name enrolled.

W. C. Fitzgerald, chief enumerator for the city, has not announced the names of those acting in the city. He has promised them soon. All are appointed by the Ontario Government.

It is worth noting that every man or woman, 21 years of age or within 56 days of that age, is entitled to vote who is a British subject, by birth or naturalization, and who has been a resident in Canada for twelve months and living in the same electoral district for six months preceding the new enumeration, unless otherwise disqualified. Soldiers and nurses do not require to have reached this minimum age.

COURT-MARTIAL TO TRY THREE MEN ON DESERTION CHARGES

All Accused of Leaving 1st
C. G. R.

Ptes. George McLean, Peter McKee and Lawrence Murray, all former members of the 1st Detachment Canadian Garrison Regiment at Carleton Place, will appear before a district court-martial at Wolsely Barracks tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock, to stand trial on charges of desertion in each case. Major H. M. Farley of the Canadian Engineers, president of the court, will have assisted him by Capt. A. W. McNally of the Army Medical Corps and W. Y. Hayden of the Army Dental Corps. Major G. N. Weeks of the Canadian Corps of Guides will act as judge advocate during the trial, and Lieut. W. T. Bartlett of the Canadian Garrison Regiment will act as prosecutor.

The three above-named soldiers are alleged to have deserted the military while in training here. Two of them were apprehended and the third surrendered himself to the military authorities.

MEMORIAL METHODIST
CHOIR HOLDS ANNUAL
PICNIC AT PORT STANLEY

Novelty Events Provoke Interest and
Much Merriment.

The choir and music committee of the Memorial Methodist Church held an annual picnic at Port Stanley, Ont., yesterday. The choir, consisting of twelve members, was accompanied by the ladies of the choir, a served program of sports was held on the Inverurie Heights, comprising a variety of games, the professional, most efficient, and the ladies' balloon race was the cause of much excitement, the participants proving themselves most efficient. The ladies' balloon race was the cause of much excitement, the participants proving themselves most efficient.

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