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GLOBE CASKET COMPANY'S WORKS WIPED OUT \$200,000 LOSS IN EAST LONDON THIS MORNING

One Hundred Are Thrown Out of Work Indefinitely by a Fire Which Baffled the Firemen and Destroyed Huge Building and Plant.

THE INSURANCE IS ONLY ABOUT \$84,000

Cause Is Attributed to Spontaneous Combustion—Water Pressure Was Weak—Fire Broke Out at 12:05 and Was Not Under Control Until After Six o'Clock.

Fire completely destroyed the plant of the Globe Casket Company at the corner of Dundas and Adelaide streets shortly after midnight last night. The origin of the fire is a mystery, but it is said to be due to spontaneous combustion. The loss is variously placed at from \$180,000 to \$200,000, with \$80,000 insurance. The fire was the worst the city of London has experienced in many years. One hundred employees, men and women, are out of work.

The premises of the East End branch of the Bank of Toronto was burned, and the bank's office has been removed across the street.

At midnight Watchman R. Dean made his rounds throughout the building and in the finishing room noticed something leaking near the elevator shaft, as if some turpentine or some such substance had been spilled and was running through the floor.

A few minutes later Andrew McLaren, who lives on King street, had occasion to go to the back door of his residence. Chancing to look up he noticed fire in the second story of the building, in the finishing room just west of the office. McLaren ran quickly to Mr. H. J. Childs' drug store and turned in an alarm.

FINISHING ROOM ABLAZE.

The brigade soon arrived on the scene and found the finishing room ablaze. At this time the flames were confined in a space about 30 feet wide. Several streams of water were turned on, but without effect, and the entire brigade was summoned, including the steamer.

The East London company went to the rear of the building and poured a stream on that part of the structure, while the firemen in front concentrated their streams on the centre of the blaze. There was a fire wall between the finishing room and the factory, but the firemen did not confine their efforts to keeping the flames within the space where the fire first broke out.

A DESPERATE STRUGGLE.

The engine was slow in getting started, fully fifteen minutes elapsing before a stream of water was turned into the building.

For nearly an hour the firemen waged an unequal struggle against the flames in that section. There was a strong wind blowing from the northeast at the time, and it appeared as if the firefighters would soon lose control of the blaze.

The stream from the steamer was directed along the fire wall between the two sections of the building, but at 1:15 the expected happened and from two of the alcoves the fire burst forth.

THE BUILDING DOOMED.

It was then that the building was doomed. Struggle as they might the firemen could not control the flames. The building, especially the west half of it, was filled with inflammable material, light lumber, oils and varnishes.

With increasing rapidity the flames spread. One after another of the alcoves flamed up and defied efforts to best them. The wind freshened considerably at 2 o'clock and the whole top section of the plant was a seething mass of fire. An attempt had been made to run ladders up, but they had none of sufficient length to reach the top of the building, and that had to be abandoned. The large extension ladder had been run along the front of the building but the weight of snow and ice on it made it immovable, and it also had to be abandoned.

SOME CLOSE CALLS.

It was shortly after 2 o'clock that several firemen had somewhat close calls. Fireman Georgie Gray and Capt. Case were on one ladder and Fireman R. Ferguson was on another when pieces of the cornice came toppling over. Some small pieces struck them, and they were compelled to leave their posts and fight the fire at a distance.

At half-past 2 o'clock the first and second stories lit up with a terrific burst of fire, and the heavens were brilliant red for a long distance.

ROOF CRASHES DOWN.

The whole building was then a seething, scorching furnace. The back walls crumbled, and the roof came crashing down with a loud report.

This added fury to the flames, and at 3 o'clock the fire covered the whole section west of the office. The flames were shooting to a remarkable height in the air.

The wind seemed to die down for a brief space, and then rose again. At half-past 3 o'clock, there appeared no possibility of saving any part of the building in the block, and the store-house was opened and all the finished caskets and valuable silver and brass goods carried outside. The office books and papers were also carried to safety.

REMOVED BANK FURNITURE.

The staff of the Bank of Toronto's East End branch also arrived on the scene and removed all the furniture from the buildings.

At 4 o'clock it looked as if the whole of the residential section west of Adelaide street would be burned. The large

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The Insurance

The insurance totals \$84,386, so far as can be learned. A large portion of this is placed with London agents, but there is some with Toronto insurance men, and it is quite possible that some of this may have been overlooked. Of this sum \$4,000 is on lumber, on which the loss is small.

The companies involved and the amounts are as follows:

WITH MR. E. J. MACROBERT.	
Independent	\$1,323
Canadian	5,000
London Mutual	5,000
Atlas	6,000
Monarch	2,000
Standard	2,500
Economical	2,500
Sun	5,000
Guardian	3,753
Manitoba	5,000
German-American	2,500
WITH H. MINTON, TORONTO.	
London Mutual	\$4,323
Waterloo	3,043
Manitoba	6,086
Royal	14,201
Rimouski	2,028
Ontario	3,043
Perth	3,043
With Richmond & Drummond	3,043
London Mutual (on lumber)	4,000
Total	\$84,386

FIFTEEN LADIES ARE NOMINATED

For The Advertiser's Free European Trip Contest.

MANY MORE WITHIN A WEEK

Much Interest Manifested in Names of Those Nominated.

THE NOMINATIONS.

District No. 1—Mrs. (Dr.) Kingenill, 219 Queen's avenue; Miss Kate McLaughlin, 266 Hyman street; Miss May I. Mountjoy, 120 Mount Pleasant avenue.

District No. 2—Miss A. S. Stevenson, 391 Dundas street; Mrs. Ronald Emery, 338 Dundas street.

District No. 3—Miss Ethel Earl, Egerton street; Miss Margaret Edgar, 130 Dreaney avenue.

District No. 4—Miss Maude Wheatcroft, 254 Hill street; Miss Winnie Grimsom, 229 Richmond street; Miss Winnifred Bignell, 13 Bruce street; Miss Edith Glanville, 153 Wharncliffe.

District No. 5—Miss Gladys Malcolm, Littlewood.

District No. 6—Miss Irene Marriott, Sarnia; Miss Clara Kipp, Chatham.

District No. 7—Miss Maude Law, Harrietsville.

District No. 8—

With the great European trip contest of The Advertiser just beginning, there have been not a few nominations received. Already fifteen ladies have sent in their nomination blanks, properly signed. Their friends have entered into the affair with spirit, and judging from the prospects there will be a battle of ballots from start to finish.

In London the contest has awakened an interest that is felt in every home.

It is a main topic of conversation in all quarters.

Many Yet to Enter.

The indications are that the competitors will be numerous. It is expected that before the week is ended at least ten ladies will be entered from each section. The rivalry will then be keen, extremely so, and the prize of victory all the sweeter.

There is nothing to be gained by delay. Every lady desirous of entering the contest should send in her nomination blanks and start the battle in earnest.

The rules of the contest are printed on another page. Read them carefully and then mail your nomination papers, or bring them in if you so desire.

No one on the staff of The Advertiser has the right to vote in the contest, and no Advertiser employee or member of his family can be a candidate. The contest is to be conducted absolutely above-board. The records of the voting will be open to the inspection of nominees. A large clerical staff has been engaged, so that there will be no delay or confusion in compiling the returns.

SUNDAY CARS IN THE COUNCIL REFERRED TO A COMMITTEE

Citizens' Committee Ask the Mayor and Aldermen To Petition the Legislature To Amend the Law So That Cars May Be Operated in This City on Sundays.

"To the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of London:

Gentlemen,—On behalf of the citizens of London, as expressed by popular vote on the 4th day of January, instant, in favor of Sunday cars, we now request your honorable body to petition the Legislature of the Province of Ontario at its approaching session, to make such amendments to the statute law as may be necessary to enable the citizens of London to obtain the running of Sunday cars, in accordance with their expressed wish."

The Sunday car proposition was discussed at some length at the council meeting last night, when the above petition of Sir John Carling and others was presented to the council, asking the aldermen to memorialize the Leg-

islature to amend the act governing the operation of cars so that the citizens of London might have cars on Sunday at the earliest possible moment. The question was referred to No. 1 committee to be dealt with.

There was a very large gallery present, much larger than usual, to hear the discussion on the subject. Both sides were represented by strong deputations and considerable attention was paid to the discussion.

The Argument.

When the question came up, Ald. Garratt moved that the prayer of the petition be granted. This was seconded by Ald. Saunders.

Ald. Beattie opposed the motion. He did not consider the small majority in favor of Sunday cars in face of the small vote polled any reason at all for sending it to the Legislature. Only 6-

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THE FIRE IN A NUTSHELL

Scene—Globe Casket Company's plant, corner of Adelaide and Dundas streets.

Building—Three-story solid brick, L-shaped, three fire walls, slate roof, about 300 feet in length and 150 feet east wall.

Owners—John Ferguson, Robert Watson and Fred W. Coles of this city.

Years in business—Seventeen.
Loss—\$200,000; buildings \$110,000, contents \$90,000.

Insurance—\$84,000.

Cause—Spontaneous combustion.

Time fire commenced—12:05 o'clock.

When under control—6 a.m.

Employees out of work—One Hundred.

Will probably rebuild.

Other losses—Bank of Toronto.

Amount—\$1,000 to \$2,000 insured.

Value of stock—\$100,000.

All fire apparatus at fire.

A Nice Point in Local Liquor Case Police Raided a Military Mess

Defence Alleges Inspector Galpin Had No Right to Interfere in the Matter.

At this morning's session of the police court a case, which promises to be somewhat interesting and may be sweeping in its results, was heard. When Inspector Galpin laid a charge against a member of the combined messes of the Sixth Field Battery, "A" squadron of the Hussars and "A" company of the Army Medical Corps, charging the messes with a breach of the license laws for selling liquor in a room in the Oddfellows' Hall.

After hearing the evidence Magistrate Love reserved his decision for a week and will consult legal works before giving his opinion.

The Case.

Inspector Galpin stated that he had gone to the room with several officers and had found a number of young men there. An adjoining room was apparently used as a bar-room and

had many glasses, corkscrews and other appliances there. In a closet under the stairway he found nearly 300 bottles of ale, beer, whiskey and other liquors and articles such as are used in bar rooms.

Mr. Galpin Cross-Examined.

To Mr. Plock who appeared for defence, Mr. Galpin said he had been told the room was used as a military mess, but stated that it was contrary to law to have such a bar in a building of that kind.

The defence contended and produced evidence to show that a military mess had been established under proper regulations, and as such the inspector had no power to interfere.

Mr. McKillop elicited the information that other persons than those belonging to the mess had had liquor there.

Mr. McKillop stated that according to the statute of 1897, such selling of liquor was entirely illegal.

The court asked what about the army messes, and Mr. McKillop cited the case which occurred in London two years ago, when objection was made to the sale of liquor, and his sale stopped.

Mr. Plock contended that Mr. Galpin should, if he stopped the sale of liquor in this mess, also stop it in the mess at the barracks and at the armories.

The magistrate then reserved decision.

DID THOS. ROBB ROB INSPECTOR?

Mr. Sanders Went Bail for Him When He Failed to Appear.

Thomas Robb, arrested yesterday on complaint of Mrs. Elizabeth Fortner, who charges him with not supporting his children, has apparently played a trick on Inspector Sanders, of the Charity Organization.

Robb induced the inspector to bail him out yesterday, and promised profusely to be present in court this morning. When his name was called, however, Robb was conspicuous by his absence and inquiry, elicited the information that he had been seen earlier in the morning all attired in his best clothes.

It is not known whether or not he has left the city.

A warrant has been issued for him and the police are endeavoring to locate him.

Robb has been up on several occasions for refusing to support his children.

HIS BACK BROKEN.

Uxbridge, Ont., Jan. 19.—James Buck, an employee of the tannery here, had his back broken yesterday by being thrown from a load of hay. His condition is very critical.

FARTHING'S SUCCESSOR

Rev. E. J. Bidwell Appointed Dean of Ontario.

Kingston, Jan. 19.—Rev. E. J. Bidwell, M. A., D. D., head master of Bishop's College School, at Lennoxville, Quebec, has been appointed rector of St. George's Cathedral here and dean of Ontario.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FINE.

FORECASTS.
Toronto, Jan. 19.—8 a.m. Today—Fresh southerly winds; partly cloudy and milder; some snow showers.

Wednesday—Northwesterly winds; fair, with a little lower temperature.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	Today.	Yesterday.
London	28	8
Calgary	14	24
Winnipeg	4	24
Port Arthur	26	12
Parry Sound	10	12
Toronto	22	6
Victoria	8	10
Montreal	14	10
Quebec	14	4
Father Point	22	14
Dawson	14	28
Atlin	40	28
Port Simpson	26	34
Victoria	34	44
Vancouver	34	41
Kamloops	24	40
Edmonton	4	4
Battleford	4	4
Prince Albert	4	4
Moos Jaw	21	41
Qu'Appelle	6	28
St. John	4	4
Halifax	2	4
Minus (—) means below zero.		

CONCERN MAY NOT REBUILD DOUBT REGARDING CASKET CO.

Mayor Stevely Is Busy and Has Made Overtures to the Owners—His Worship Admits There Is a Possibility of the Factory Leaving London, Perhaps for Toronto.

There is some doubt as to whether the Globe Casket Company will rebuild in this city.

So far the members of the firm have not discussed the matter at all, but are awaiting developments.

It is understood that several Toronto people, who are interested in the concern, are anxious that the company remove to Toronto, where a suitable building awaits their disposal.

Mayor Is Busy.

However, Mayor Stevely has made overtures to the company, and will use all his endeavors to keep the firm in the city.

It is pointed out that two of the members of the firm are well up in years, and the strain of putting the business again on its feet may be too much for them.

Mr. Watson Speaks.

"We have not discussed the question

at all yet," said Mr. R. Watson. "We hardly know what we will do at the present time. We will probably rebuild, although I cannot state definitely as to that. If I were 25 years younger, I would not hesitate, but would quickly rebuild the plant."

Mr. Coles.

"I am too sore to even think of it," said Mr. R. W. Coles. "We do not know what we will do. I have not the faintest idea what the company will do."

"There is some possibility that the company will not rebuild in this city," said Mayor Stevely. "I have got in touch with the members of the firm, and will endeavor to keep them here if it is at all possible. We need the industry here. It was looked upon as one of the most substantial in the city, and the destruction of the plant is a source of great regret to all of us. We will do our best to keep the industry here in London."

Single-Handed He Captures Warship

Hong Kong, Jan. 19.—The Chinese harbor guardboat Samstui yesterday fired two shots at the British steamer Cherpo for fouling a wood raft. This angered Capt. Lewington, of the Cherpo, who, arming himself with a revolver, boarded the Samstui in a small boat, arrested the commander, and turned him over to the captain of the British gunboat Robin. The capture is now being investigated by the captain of the Robin and the British consul.

OTHER PLACES OUTBID LONDON

Possible Loss of Globe Casket Company Rouses People.

The possible loss of the Globe Casket Company to the city is causing a great deal of interest among the manufacturers in London, and the unfavorable position of London compared with other cities is being greatly outbid, as has been the case very often.

While Toronto and other cities offer free sites, and other inducements, London has not been able up to the present time to make any grant to any industry.

"What are we going to do?" said Mayor Stevely. "We cannot bonus a concern. That is against the law. We have no sites that we can sell for a nominal figure to worthy manufacturers. In Toronto they have a considerable amount of tax lands which they dispose of to industries, while we have nothing of the sort. We are not favorably situated in that regard here, for the people pay their taxes. However, we will make a strong effort not only to keep industries here, but also to induce others to locate in this city. I must admit that so far we have not met with very great success, nevertheless, we hope to do better in the future."

HAMILTON WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH

Aged Woman Stood With Back to Fire—Her Daughter Badly Scorched.

Hamilton, Jan. 19.—Mrs. Elizabeth Tulk, 85 years of age, was fatally burned yesterday at her home, Jackson street east, and her daughter was frightfully injured while trying to extinguish the flames. Both are dress-makers.

Mrs. Tulk was standing with her back to the stove in the sewing-room, when her clothes caught fire. She ran downstairs enveloped in flames. Her body was horribly burned before the daughter smothered the flames. The daughter will probably recover.

THE TEETER'S BURIED

Two of the Victims of the Grimby Accident Laid to Rest.

Grimby, Ont., Jan. 18.—The bodies of George Teeter and wife, who were among those who met death in the crossing accident, which took place near here early on Saturday morning, were interred in Queen's Lawn cemetery this afternoon. A large crowd followed them to the grave. Gordon Nelson's body will be buried tomorrow morning, the funeral taking place from the home of H. H. Garra, brother-in-law, and tomorrow afternoon the remains of the other victims, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wilson, will be buried from the house of Mr. Wilson's father.

SMALLPOX AT PORT HOPE.

Port Hope, Ont., Jan. 19.—At the town council meeting last night Medical Health Officer Dr. Dickinson, in answer to a query from Mayor Giddy, reported the presence in Port Hope of three very mild cases of smallpox. The families are isolated, and due precautions are being taken for the public safety. The school children have been vaccinated, and watches placed on the homes in question. The council ratified the actions of the medical health board, and no alarm was expressed at the presence of the trouble.

FIRE SWEEPING MESSINA'S RUINS

Fearful That Many Victims Still Living Will Be Burned.

Messina, Jan. 18.—A serious fire broke out today among the ruins of the ruins of the Messina Palace fell in and added to the disaster. The flames are spreading in spite of the fearful work of the soldiers in control them and the situation is serious.

An odor of burning flesh is mingled with the smoke, and it is feared that persons still alive are being consumed. A large number of corpses undoubtedly will be burned up.

"The Duke of Genoa is at present here working in the interest of the survivors. He made a heroic rescue today of a demented woman, who insisted upon forcing her way into a burning pile of ruins to save her husband, whom she decreed was being burned alive. He dragged her back from the flames, and eye-witnesses declared he almost lost his own life in doing so."

DEATH OF MRS. CAHILL SOUTH LONDON LADY

Deceased Had Been Ill But Little More Than a Week.

One of the oldest and most esteemed residents of South London died at her home, 137 Bruce street, this morning in the person of Mrs. Jane Cahill, relict of the late Joseph Cahill. Mrs. Cahill had only been ill a little more than a week, and the news of her death will come as a sad shock to her many friends.

Mrs. Cahill was 75 years old, and was born in Alston, Cumberland, England. She came to London about 30 years ago. Three sons, James W., John W., and T. J., of this city, and one daughter, Miss Annie, at home, survive. One brother lives in Orillia. The funeral, which will be of a private nature, will be held on Thursday afternoon.

ENGINEER WILL GET BUSY WITHOUT DELAY

Mr. Graydon Will Soon Have Work for the Unemployed.

City Engineer Graydon will commence work on the storm sewers at once to give the unemployed of the city work to tide them over the dull season.

He has \$1,000 with which to do the work, and although he would prefer a somewhat larger sum, he will make the best of it, and make it go as far as he can.

"I have not made up my mind exactly where I will lay the sewer, but it will be somewhere in the east end," said Mr. Graydon. "We will commence work as rapidly as I can get ready, so that these men can find work. I think it will help them materially."

EARTHQUAKE IN TURKEY KILLS THREE PERSONS

A Sharp Shock Experienced at Smyrna This Morning.

Smyrna, Turkey, Jan. 19.—A sharp earthquake was experienced here this morning, but there was no local damage. Reports received here from Pnops, 25 miles to the northwest, say that a number of houses fell, and that three persons were killed. Buildings were damaged in other towns. The United States battleships Louisiana and Virginia are at present in this harbor.