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**VANDERBILT NEARLY LYNCHED;
KICKS, CUFFS FOR MILLIONAIRE****An Italian Mob Clamors for Life of William K., Jun.,
for Injuring Child With Auto.****GENDARMES RESCUE PARTY IN NICK OF TIME**

Florence, Feb. 24.—The incident at Pontedera, 14 miles from Pisa, yesterday, which involved the detention there of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Jun., and their chauffeur, turns out to have been much more serious than at first reported. The dispatches received yesterday evening from Pontedera simply announced that Mr. Vanderbilt was detained there owing to an automobile accident, by which a boy was injured, but not seriously. It now appears that Mr. Vanderbilt and his chauffeur were mobbed, that the former drew a revolver, and that both Mr. Vanderbilt and the chauffeur were arrested and taken to the police station. Mrs. Vanderbilt was escorted to the best hotel in the place, where, according to the latest advice, she was awaiting developments.

Kicked and Cuffed.

The Vanderbilt automobile, it appears, was not going at excessive speed, but when turning a sharp street corner in Pontedera it ran down a child, a boy, about 5 years old, and injured him about the head. Though the boy was not seriously hurt, his face was covered with blood. The automobile, which was stopped so soon as its occupants noticed that an accident had occurred, was soon surrounded by a crowd of excited people, who indignantly and threateningly berated its occupants. In the midst of the excitement the report spread that the child was dead, and the townspeople became so enraged that they attacked the chauffeur. In fact matters reached a very critical stage, and Mr. Vanderbilt

believing that the lives of the party were in danger, drew a revolver. But, before he could use the weapon, several jumped into the automobile, disarmed Mr. Vanderbilt and kicked and cuffed him.

Narrowly Escapes Lynching.

By this time the police had become aware that something unusual was happening, and a party of gendarmes hurried to the scene to protect the automobilists. Owing to the fury of the people the officers took the Vanderbilts party into a neighboring shop for safety. There they were immediately besieged by the crowd, the most violent of the people urging their companions to take summary vengeance on the travelers.

As a coincidence the shop into which the Vanderbilts were taken was owned by a relative of the injured boy, which did not tend to calm the feelings of the mob.

Eventually an officer of gendarmes with reinforcements arrived on the scene, and after the townspeople had somewhat calmed down, succeeded in rescuing the automobilists, who were taken to the police station, followed by a crowd of shouting people. The leaders protested vigorously against the alleged carelessness of the automobilists, and said that it was time to put a stop to such incidents, involving the loss of life, which were constantly increasing in numbers.

Mr. Vanderbilt and the chauffeur were detained at the police station, under arrest, and Mrs. Vanderbilt, who was shown every consideration and attention possible, was escorted to the hotel.

**TWO MORE BANKS
LIKELY TO COME****Crown and Sterling Are Looking
Around for Suitable Sites.**

The Advertiser was informed on excellent authority today that a well-known real estate man of this city has been commissioned to secure options on sites for two additional banks for London.

The banks in question are the Crown and the Sterling, both of whom are very anxious to have branches here.

One site mentioned is in the Coote block, on the southeast corner of the Market Lane and Dundas street.

The other bank is casting about for an option on a very valuable store across from the Market Lane.

LABOR CANDIDATE WINS**Verville Elected in Constituency of
Late Mr. Prefontaine.**

Montreal, Feb. 23.—A. Verville, labor candidate, defeated L. O. Grothe, the Liberal candidate, in the bye-election in Maisonneuve, the constituency represented by Hon. Raymond Prefontaine till his death.

Verville wins with a majority of 1,175.

His opponent was a prominent manufacturer.

The new M. P. is president of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress and he is well known in labor circles throughout the Dominion.

Rothschild Emigrants.

Toronto, Feb. 23.—Thirty families, aggregating over 100 people, will sail from England on the 27th inst. for Ontario. They are the second party to be sent out under the Baron Rothschild scheme, and all are going to the county of Leeds at the request of J. R. Dargaven, M. P. for that constituency.

**DIETING JAPS TO MAKE THEM BIG;
SOON TO BE OF CAUCASIAN SIZE**

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 24.—That he will increase the size of the Japanese race to the normal stature of the Caucasian race, by teaching them how and what to eat, was the declaration made by Surgeon-General Takaki, of Japan, in a lecture yesterday afternoon. The surgeon-general quoted statistics about the men of the army and navy to prove that by giving them a proper diet he has brought them nearer the standard of weight of the men of the English and American navies. Surgeon-General Takaki declared that many diseases common in Japan have been almost wiped out by the same method. He has made it his life-work to find a method by which the size of the Japanese race can be made normal.

"Within a few generations I am sure that the Japanese race will be of normal size," he added. "It is one of the greatest humiliations of our life that we are so small. The Caucasian race is normal in size, and that is what we want to be. That is what we will be within a short time, if the people of my race follow my directions. The Emperor has promised to join hands and help the work along. Learned men must now agree that the Japanese only need proper food and plenty of it. Give them nourishing food and all of it they can eat."

**KING LAMED
FOR LIFE**

New York, Feb. 24.—According to the London correspondent of the World, King Edward can never walk again without the aid of a cane. The King's fall while shooting in Windsor forest last November resulted in breaking a tendon in his right leg.

The World's correspondent states this on undisputed authority. It was announced at first that the King had sprained his ankle. The King is 65 years old, and nature even with surgical assistance cannot completely repair the broken tendon of a man of that age, the correspondent avers. Lending on a stick, King Edward walks very slowly and with a pronounced limp. His Majesty leaned heavily on a crutch-hander, stout Malacca cane when he opened Parliament. He could not arise from the throne until the cane was handed to him. He wears an orthopaedic instrument inside his boot to support his ankle.

Otherwise the King looks to be in good health, but is planning for a quiet, restful stay at Biarritz before his Mediterranean cruise.

**MATHESON TAKES
CUE FROM OTTAWA****Will Bring Down Estimates
Before the Budget.****A DAY SET FOR DEPUTATIONS****Premier Whitney Says There Are
Too Many and Interfere With
Cabinet's Business.**

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Feb. 23.—The weekly get-away day at the Legislature saw the usual short session, followed by the rush of members to catch the earliest trains for their week-end visits home. The only interesting feature of the afternoon was the announcement by the Provincial Treasurer (in answer to Hon. George W. Ross' query), that the public accounts were almost ready, and would be brought down Monday or Tuesday, and the estimates as early as possible during the week. Following the usage of the Dominion House, Mr. Matheson said it was proposed to have the estimates taken up and discussed before the delivery of the budget speech. This would give the House something to do next week.

"While the budget speech is being prepared," asked Mr. Ross, with a sly smile.

Mr. Matheson answered that the finances of the Province could be more intelligently discussed after the House had mastered the estimates, whereas Mr. Ross remarked humorously that they could be still more intelligently discussed if the budget speech was dispensed with.

In reply to Mr. Harcourt's query, Dr. Pyne said that the educational bills were under consideration, and would be brought down immediately on their completion.

A bill to amend the municipal act, by providing for the holding of municipal elections every two years, instead of annually, was presented by Mr. Thompson (Center Simcoe), and read a first time.

A Day for Deputations.

Premier Whitney announced today that owing to the pressure of business and the necessity of the cabinet, the Government will receive deputations on Thursday of next week, and thereafter only on Wednesdays, during the remainder of the session.

Mr. W. K. McNaught, the member for North Toronto, will be introduced on Monday or Tuesday afternoon.

Notice of Motion.

The following notices of motion were given:

Mr. Duff—Bill entitled "An act to amend the election act."

Mr. Crawford—Bill to amend the liquor license act.

Mr. Pratt—Bill to amend the toll roads expropriation act.

Mr. Smith, Saul Ste. Marie (Inquiry of Ministry)—Has the Government, or any member thereof, received any official intimation that the Province is to be relieved on or before the 1st of May of the guarantee given in connection with what is known as the \$2,000,000 loan to the Soo Industries?

Mr. McDougall, Ottawa (Inquiry of Ministry)—In what business was the license inspector at Mattawa engaged before his appointment? Does he still continue in the same business? Does he hire laborers for employment on the Teniskaming Railway? Has he supplied any beef or other commodities to the Government or the commissioners of the railway?

Another Life Plan Quits.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 24. E. B. Morris, of this city, announced today that he had resigned his trusteeship in the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York. Mr. Morris gives as a reason for his resignation the pressure of business. He is the president of the Girard Trust Company of this city.

SNAP SHOTS AT SCHOOL CHILDREN

Like all the other kiddies whose photographs have been reproduced, this bright-looking school boy was not aware that he had been caught on the camera for The Advertiser. Hence he will be a little surprised when his eyes drop on the picture. If he calls at this office between 5:30 and 6 o'clock, on Monday afternoon he will receive \$1.

Mabel Dexter, of No. 7 Beaufort street, West London, is the little girl whose picture appeared in Thursday's Advertiser. Mabel is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Dexter, No. 7 Beaufort street, West London, and is one of the brightest pupils in grade V. of the West London school. While on his rounds a few days ago The Advertiser man came across Mabel at the corner of St. Andrew and Oxford streets, a short distance from the school, and succeeded in getting an excellent snapshot of her. The picture was readily recognized by her, as well as her numerous school chums, who have been closely watching for the picture.

**SNAPSHOT NUMBER SEVEN.****Whitney Says the County
Council Act Will Change****Premier Declines to Agree to
Wishes of Large Delegation
That Interviewed Him.**

The committee, composed of Councilors Hutchinson (chairman), Cousins, Young, Robertson and Graham, sent by the Middlesex county council to interview Premier Whitney at Toronto yesterday in the matter of changing the present county council act, returned this morning.

With the Middlesex delegation were large deputations from nearly every county in Ontario. The majority of them had been sent down to protest

against the changing of the county council act, so far as it related to the method of election.

"We were well received by Premier Whitney," said one of the delegates today, "but there will be a change in the present system, all right. We thought the old system was unwieldy, and we told Mr. Whitney so. We also told the Premier that under the old act the councils did not do their work as they should, but Mr. Whitney replied that he had told the country that he was in favor of the old system, and he would have it. We think the new is wrong, and Mr. Whitney was told so by a large number of the delegates. But the Premier is determined to make the change, so I guess it will come."

FORGOT THEIR TRAINING**The Boys in Military Academy Panic
Stricken by Fire—Three Will Die.**

Gambler, Ohio, Feb. 24.—The buildings of Kenyon Military Academy were burned at an early hour this morning, and are a total loss. Three cadets are missing, and at least eight are injured, three of whom will probably die.

Those most seriously injured are: Shannon, New York; Henry, Bay, Cleveland; Nicholson, Stouenville. Eighty-five boys were in the dormitories when the fire broke out. An effort was made to effect a military formation, but the younger students fled in panic, shrieking and crying for help.

MR. HYMAN'S SUGGESTION**New Report on Niagara Falls by the
Waterways Commission.**

Ottawa, Feb. 24.—Before Canada adopts any policy with respect to the preservation of Niagara Falls, the Minister of Public Works, Hon. C. S. Hyman, feels that the fullest official data should be obtained as to the extent to which the scenic beauty of the Falls may be impaired by the operations of the power development companies having authority to generate electrical energy. Accordingly he has made the suggestion that the international waterways commission should appoint experts to make surveys and compile the necessary information and pronounce authoritatively whether or to what extent the falls are being defaced and injured. Mr. Hyman's suggestion will be considered at a meeting of the commission to be held probably in Toronto next week. If the idea is approved, information should be obtained both from the Dominion and the United States Governments will be better able to reach a conclusion which will be fortified by the best engineering advice.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Mild.

Location	Temperature
London, Saturday, Feb. 24.	Sun rises, 7:03 a.m. Moon rises, 7:53 p.m. Sun sets, 5:53 p.m. Moon sets, 7:33 a.m.
Toronto, Feb. 23—3 p.m.	Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 25 below; Yellowknife, 16 below; Winnipeg, 14 below; Alton, 16 below; Victoria, 40-52; Vancouver, 30-52; Kamloops, 32-41; Calgary, 15-22; Qu'Appelle, 6-24; Winnipeg, 2 below; Port Hope, 20-48; Toronto, 32-48; Ottawa, 30-34; Montreal, 18-40; Quebec, 14-28; St. John, 12-22; Halifax, 10-20.

FORECASTS.

Saturday, Feb. 24—8 a.m. Today—Easterly winds and mild weather, with rain this evening or tonight. Sunday—Mild at first, followed by colder before night.

TEMPERATURES.

Station	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather
Winnipeg	16	16	Cloudy
Port Hope	32	32	Cloudy
Ottawa	30	30	Fair
Montreal	26	30	Cloudy
Quebec	20	22	Cloudy
Father Point	28	16	Cloudy

The sign—Indicates below zero.

WEATHER NOTES.

A disturbance is approaching the great lakes from the Southwest States. The weather has turned cold in the Northwest Provinces, but continues mild from Ontario to the Atlantic coast.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Friday were: Highest, 54.5°; lowest, 21.5° above.

**CITY MAY BE ASKED TO PAY
PART COST OF THE CROSSINGS****Manager McGuigan Gave Hint to That Effect—Overhead
Bridge To Be Erected at Egerton Street.****CHANGE IS TO BE MADE IN THE STRATFORD BRANCH**

The proposed changes of the Grand Trunk in London continue an extremely live topic of conversation, especially those changes which have reference to the overhead tracks.

It was learned today that at the meeting on Thursday Manager McGuigan gave the city to understand that it will be expected to contribute something toward the cost of the street crossings under the elevated tracks.

"In Chicago," he said, "the city paid 25 per cent of the cost of all such passageways."

As there are twelve streets at which these passageways must be constructed, it is seen that the city will be in for the payment of quite a large sum if called upon to pay one-quarter the cost of such passageways. These streets will be Thames, Ridout, Talbot, Richmond, Clarence, Wellington, Waterloo, Colborne, Maitland, William, Adelaide and Rectory.

The steel superstructure will be very costly, and it is expected that the share of the work would be somewhere between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

It is on these matters involving the streets that the city, and the company will likely find it hardest to agree, but nowhere does there appear to be any disposition to harass the Grand Trunk.

Everyone realizes that the city will jump ahead a quarter of a century when the changes are made by the company. In fact, it is said that fully 500 outside men will be brought here to push the works ahead, so as to complete them this year. There will be no delays once operations are started.

As was prophesied long ago, East

London will profit hugely by the changes the Grand Trunk intends to make.

Overhead Bridge at Egerton Street.

The city and the company are practically agreed that the Egerton street crossing is dangerous. It is the opinion of Mr. McGuigan that it is the worst in the city. But the company is ready to come forward and remedy the evil.

To the railway committee of the city council, Mr. McGuigan showed plans for an overhead bridge, over 250 feet in length, to cover the entire crossing, and remove all danger to pedestrians and vehicles. This bridge will cost a very large amount, but the company is desirous of doing what is right by London.

On the east side the city practically ends at Egerton street now, but the territory is rapidly filling in with houses, and it will not be many years until London will extend a full mile east of its present limits.

Consequently, the city feels that it should look after the Egerton street crossing with jealous eyes, and see that its dangers are removed. There are probably a dozen tracks across the street now, and there will undoubtedly be more, as the company intends to do a great deal of shunting there, but the overhead bridge will be long enough to cover all tracks and do away with the deadly level crossing.

It is rumored that the Grand Trunk contemplates the erection of a huge auxiliary freight shed near Egerton street.

Change on Stratford Branch.

The plans of Mr. McGuigan show a Continued on Page Eight.

**BITTER PASSAGE
IN THE COMMONS****Chamberlain and Bannerman
Tilt Over South African
Coolie Question.**

London, Feb. 23.—An amendment to the address to the throne, in reply to the King's speech at the opening of Parliament, expressing regret at the fact that the Government had brought the reputation of the country into contempt by describing the employment of Chinese in South Africa as slavery, was defeated in the House of Commons this afternoon by 45 to 61 votes.

The debate, which lasted two days, developed considerable bitterness.

Joseph Chamberlain and other members of the Opposition declared that the Government had ridden into power on false pretences.

Mr. Chamberlain asserted that he had been informed that the mining magnates had approved the Government's proposals, which could not be carried out for several years.

Premier Campbell-Bannerman interrupted Mr. Chamberlain, saying the statement was false.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Asquith said that he would like to do so, but the Government could not take a wet sponge and wipe the hateful ordinance off the slate.

However, no new licenses for the importation of coolies would be issued.

The ordinance would be amended, and all coolies desiring to leave South Africa would be repatriated at the cost of the imperial exchequer.

When a responsible government is established in the Transvaal it would have full power to determine whether to retain the Chinese; but the conditions would be subject to the assent of the imperial Government.

PELEE IN ERUPTION**Pelts People With Rocks and Fresh
Catastrophe Is Feared.**

New York, Feb. 24.—A Bardoe dispatch to the Herald, dated Friday, says that Mount Pelee, in Martinique, is again active, and the inhabitants of the island are in terror of a recurrence of the great eruptions of four years ago. Five persons are in the hospital in Fort-de-France, who were struck by falling rocks thrown up by the volcano. A trading schooner which arrived at Bardoe Friday reported that the volcano is in violent activity. By day a column of heavy black smoke several miles high, rising from the crater, was visible to those aboard the schooner, 30 miles away, and at night the flames could be plainly seen at a greater distance.

Clark-Patton Wedding.

Toronto, Feb. 24.—Rev. Prof. Wm. Clark, D. C. L., of Trinity College, was quietly married at St. Alban's Cathedral this morning to Miss Louise Patton, daughter of the late James Patton. The ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Toronto, assisted by the Rev. Canon Cayley, D. D., and Rev. Provost Mackinnon, of Trinity College. Dean Duckworth supervised the groom and Miss McKellar was bridesmaid. Miss Patton was given away by Mr. G. B. Nicol. Mr. and Mrs. Clark left on a short wedding trip.

**WANTED OPTION
ON UNIVERSITY****Jesuit Fathers Said To Be
Anxious to Establish a
College in the West.**

It was stated today that a certain prominent Catholic resident of this city has been commissioned to secure an option on the Western University property, the Jesuit Fathers of Montreal being anxious to establish a college in this part of Ontario, and having understood that the Western was to be sold.

As there is no intention on the part of the Church of England to give up the institution unless it be to convert the university into an undenominational institution, it is understood the attempt to secure the option failed.

ROBBINS SEES A STRIKE**Believes Bituminous Coal Fields Will
Be Tied Up April 1.**

Pittsburg, Feb. 23.—Francis L. Robbins, chairman of the Pittsburg Coal Company, and leader of the bituminous coal operators, declared upon his arrival from New York today that he could see no probability of averting a coal strike in the bituminous coal regions.

Mr. Robbins said he has met President John Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers' of America, in New York.

"I have no authority to settle for the operators and Mr. Mitchell cannot settle for the miners," said Mr. Robbins.

"I do not think there is any possibility of averting a bituminous coal strike on April 1."

**LONDON SHOULD EMBRACE
OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE VAR-
SITY UNDENOMINATIONAL**

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

The opportunity of securing a university for London and the west is one which should not be lightly passed over by our citizens; such an opportunity may never again present itself, neither is it likely to do so.

The policy of our provincial authorities is to absorb everything of an educational line, especially pertaining to higher education in Toronto and Toronto University, Victoria University, Albert University and lastly Trinity University, all of them being denominational in character. Have surrendered their charters and degree conferring powers. The heads of both political parties appear to be solidly united along this line, viz., that of centralizing all higher education in Toronto and Toronto University. For this reason it is not likely that in future another university charter will ever be granted in this province. This makes it all the more important that London and the west should embrace the opportunity now presented of securing the great boon of an undenominational university, one in which all sects and creeds shall have an equal right, as

now prevails in our national public school system.

We should not work selfishly for the present and allow great opportunities to escape our grasp, but rather let us rise to the occasion and work for the future as well as for the present.

The benefits to be derived from the presence of a university with a teaching faculty are two-fold.

(1) It will benefit the city in a financial way, as, in time, a large number of students will avail themselves of its advantages. Many will, no doubt, be induced to move into the city while members of their families are receiving their education, and thus may become permanent residents.

(2) But the greater benefit will be the presence of the university teaching faculties in our midst, partly by their refining influence as accomplished scholars, but chiefly the easy access afforded our youth in the way of obtaining a higher education.

Canada is now rapidly emerging from a state of comparative poverty and obscurity to a position of opulence and wealth, which brings with it educated men and women of equal right, as

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