

## MURDERER MOIR ESCAPED FROM HAMILTON ASYLUM ASSISTED BY OUTSIDERS

Man Who Killed Color-Sergeant Lloyd in Wolseley Barracks Two Years Ago Got Away Accompanied by a Toronto Murderer.

## GETAWAY WAS NOT DISCOVERED UNTIL FIVE O'CLOCK THIS MORNING

Police of the Province Are Hot on the Trail, But Dr. English Says Prisoners May Never Be Captured—Whisked Away in an Automobile.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Hamilton, Ont., Aug. 15.—Two desperate insane murderers, W. A. Moir, the London soldier who shot and killed Sergt. Lloyd, of Wolseley Barracks, two years ago, and Robert F. Taggart, of Toronto, who slew his wife in 1899, made a sensational escape from the Hamilton Insane Asylum during the night.

Today the fugitives are being sought by the police of the province. The authorities here admit that there is little prospect of capturing them. They had outside assistance, and the escape was so carefully planned that the police are satisfied Moir and Taggart are either safe across the border or now, or are in hiding where there is no danger of their being discovered.

"The men unquestionably had outside assistance," said Dr. English, medical superintendent of the asylum.

"Moir was the first to get out, and released Taggart.

"Moir was supplied with keys, and he opened several doors and locked them again. An automobile was heard in the grounds in the early hours of the morning, and we are satisfied the men were whisked away in it."

**FEAR THEY HAVE MADE GOOD THEIR ESCAPE.**

When asked what was being done to capture the fugitives, the doctor said:

"We are depending entirely on the police. We have sent no men out because we are satisfied it was no use.

"I believe that the men have made good their escape, and it is doubtful if they will be recaptured."

The asylum authorities are unable to fix the time when the men got away. About 4 o'clock an automobile was heard moving slowly across the grounds.

It was thought that some machine had come into the roads to the asylum ground through a mistake, and the noise created no alarm.

The engine was heard to shut down, and a few minutes later the chauffeur cranked up again.

There was a whirring of the engine, and Moir and Taggart were free men.

At 5:30 the attendant whose duty it was to visit Moir was alarmed to find his room empty.

An alarm was immediately sounded, and then it was discovered that Taggart was gone, too.

The police kept the telephone wire sizzling. They spread a drag net that extended from Windsor to the Falls. At 10 o'clock this morning no word had reached here of the men having been seen.

**HAD INFLUENTIAL FRIENDS.**

That Moir had influential friends helping him the asylum authorities are satisfied.

Since his admittance to the institution on Jan. 29, 1909, he has made fully half a dozen attempts to escape, and once he nearly beat a guard to death to gain his freedom.

A few months ago he saved several bars off a window and was preparing to let himself down three stories to the ground, with a rope made of bed-clothes, when an attendant discovered him.

Someone had smuggled a saw through to him. Two men were seen by the attendant driving rapidly away in a buggy. Extra precautions have been taken since then to guard against Moir having outside communication.

That someone on the inside was liberally bribed is the theory the authorities are proceeding on.

Moir apparently had duplicate keys of all the doors. With these he opened the door of his own room, climbed through a transom in the corridor, removing a bar, and liberated Taggart. He carefully locked all the doors again, even the front door of the buildings.

**NERVE IS AMAZING.**

The nerve Moir displayed was amazing. He and Taggart were confined in the east building, where a score or more of celebrated insane murderers are locked up. He might easily have opened the doors and given all these criminals a chance for their liberty.

Taggart was the only man he made any effort to assist, though. They had formed a strong friendship several months ago.

Moir and Taggart had to pass the doors of the attendants in getting from the second floor to the ground.

Dr. Smith, the provincial inspector, is expected here today, and a searching investigation will be made of the men:

Here are descriptions of the men:

W. A. Moir, admitted Jan. 29, 1909; height 5 feet 10 inches; weight, 165 pounds; light moustache and hair, brown eyes, dark complexion, dark grey check suit, tan laced boots.

Robert F. Taggart, height 5 feet 10 inches, robust build, grey moustache, grey hair, dark brown suit, does not match trousers, dark laced boots, aged 50.

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## CAUGHT IN MACHINERY AND CLOTHES TORN FROM BODY

Mr. Jos. Connor, foreman at the London Foundry Company, had a thrilling escape from death the other day, and his presence of mind alone saved him from a horrible death.

While working about some machinery, his clothes caught in a set screw of the main shaft. In a moment he was whirled about, and thrown on the floor, where he held onto a piece of machinery. His clothes were still caught in the set screw, and it was with great difficulty that he retained his hold.

In a short time the material gave, and he was stripped.

The workmen did not realize for a moment what had happened, but when they discovered Mr. Connor's plight they rushed to his assistance.

Mr. Connor escaped with three broken ribs and a badly bruised body. He will recover, but will be laid up for some time.

## A FINE PEACH CROP

Outlook at Present is Very Promising. The outlook for a fine peach crop is promising.

Mr. Jos. Graham, who has returned from a trip through the fruit belt in the Niagara Peninsula, states that there will be any quantity of peaches.

"The prospects are immense," he stated. "There will be plenty of peaches."

The same reports come from the Leamington belt.



PRIVATE WILLIAM MOIR, Murderer of Color-Sergeant Lloyd, of Wolseley Barracks, who last night made his escape from the Hamilton Asylum for the Criminally Insane.

## COUNCIL MUST SIGN CONTRACTS

Mayor Beattie Insists and a Special Meeting Will Be Called.

## TENDERS FOR CONDUITS

Must Be Acceptable to Mayor and Aldermen as Well as to the Water Commission.

The tenders for the underground work for the downtown street lighting will have to be considered by the council, and to that end a special meeting will be called by Mayor Beattie.

At a meeting of the water commissioners some time ago, the work was awarded to a New York company.

The contracts were ready for Mayor Beattie's signature, but he has decided not to sign them until they are passed by the council.

"There is no doubt in my mind that these contracts must be awarded by this council," said his worship, "it will not be necessary to call for new tenders nor make any change. All we will have to do is award them as the commissioners did. However, it is clear that this awarding under the jurisdiction of No. 2 committee and the council, and in order to avoid legal complications I will call a special meeting of the council to award the tenders."

**No Hold Up.**

From what can be learned there will be no disposition on the part of the board of works to hold the matter up, and it is not at all likely that any change whatever will be made in the tenders. It will be necessary to commence work at once, and the tenders will be hurried through with dispatch.

"We have no desire to hold the matter up," said Chairman Tannock. "We pointed out some time ago that the work should be done by No. 2 committee, but we will not stand in the way."

"There will be no delay, so far as I am concerned," said Ald. Saunders. "I first pointed out that this work should be done by our committee to be legally done, and I was right. I do not want to hold the work up, but when everybody is holding out to the strict letter of the law, it is just as well to be careful."

## WORK ON RESURFACING COMMENCED AT LAST

London Street Railway Is Going Right Ahead With Its Share.

Work was commenced on the resurfacing of Dundas and Richmond streets this afternoon.

The London Street Railway started their men at the job and are now laying a temporary track along south Dundas street, from Richmond to Yonge street. They will put a big staff of men on duty, and the work will be hurried.

The underground work undertaken by the city and the Bell Telephone Company will be done at once also.

It is expected that it will take six weeks to complete the job.

## THE WEATHER

Tomorrow—Fine and Warm.

FORECASTS.

Light to moderate winds; a few scattered thundershowers, but generally fine and warm today and on Tuesday.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. Max. Min. Weather.

Victoria 64 54 Rain

Calgary 62 42 Rain

Winnipeg 59 42 Cloudy

Port Arthur 58 46 Cloudy

Sarnia 58 46 Cloudy

Toronto 62 42 Fair

Ottawa 78 62 Cloudy

Montreal 78 54 Clear

Quebec 78 58 Cloudy

St. John's 72 48 Clear

WATER NOTES.

Showers and thundershowers are occurring over the greater portion of the Western Provinces. Elsewhere in Canada, irrespective of a few scattered thundershowers, fine weather prevails generally.

**SUNDAY'S WEATHER.**

Since Saturday, except for scattered thundershowers in the west and on Lake Erie, and from Manitoba eastward very warm.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, 58-67; Vancouver, 53-65; Kamloops, 54-69; Calgary, 59-69; Prince Albert, 52-70; Qu'Appelle, 54-74; Winnipeg, 66-81; Toronto, 60-85; Ottawa, 74-83; Montreal, 66-80; Quebec, 64-78; St. John's, 62-78; Halifax, 58-82.

**TODAY'S PROBES.**

Gulf and Maritime Provinces—Moderate southerly to westerly winds; fine and warm.

Lake Superior—Moderate winds; fine and warm.

Manitoba—Mostly fine and warm; local thundershowers.

## LONDON SOLDIER WAS NURSED BY FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

Peter Madden, Now in Mount Hope Home, Was Wounded at the Battle of Inkerman and Was One of Those Who Came Under the Influence of the "Angel of the Crimea."

Mr. Peter Madden, an aged veteran of the Crimean War, now living in the Mount Hope Home, has vivid recollections of Florence Nightingale. Wounded severely in the decisive battle of Inkerman, after passing through many skirmishes without serious injury, he was taken to the Scutari Hospital, where he distinctly remembers being waited on by Miss Nightingale herself.

Mr. Madden tells many stories of her love and tenderness for wounded soldiers, and how the eyes of the sleepless men, fevered with pain, brightened when she made her midnight rounds.

Always unsparring in her efforts to have every delicacy and every care provided which the hospital surgeons might allow for the wounded, it is to her credit that the soldiers were well cared for while in the hospital.

**SOLDIERS HER DEFENDERS.**

But even Florence Nightingale, the noblest, the purest and most lovely type of English womanhood, was not without her enemies and unfair critics. Mr. Madden delights to tell many a time of her return to England, the veterans of the war have meted out heroic punishment to those who dared speak slightly or disrespectfully of the heroine of the Crimea.

Nothing can be more touching or pathetic than the intense love with which the few aged soldiers of the war still living remember Miss Nightingale.

## A NEW SYSTEM OF RADIALS MAY BE BROUGHT TO LONDON

Mr. Wm. Gray, of King Street, Is Interested With the Rothschilds in a Contact System Enterprise—A Big Test Will Be Made in Toronto.

London may soon have a new radial be present, as it will be the first line, one of the most up-to-date systems in the world.

A demonstration of the system's value will be made shortly in Toronto.

Mr. William Gray, of King street, is interested in the project, and a stretch of track will be laid from Toronto to Brantford, and later extended to London, he stated to The Advertiser.

The system is known as the contact system, and is an European invention. There are no poles nor wires necessary, power being furnished by a simple contact device.

The Rothschilds are behind the company. A mile will be laid at Toronto, and an experiment made of its efficiency. Experts from all over America will later we will continue it to London."

"There is no question that the invention will revolutionize the traction business," declared Mr. Gray. "It has been tried with success in Europe, and it is bound to be a success here. It does away with the necessity of poles and wires, and consequently reduces the cost of installation as well as the cost of maintenance.

"Experts from all over America will be invited when we make the test in Toronto. When we have given the demonstration we will commence work on a line from Toronto to Brantford. Later we will continue it to London."

## SMALL BOY IN PARK FOUNTAIN HAD A CLOSE CALL FROM DEATH

The two-year-old son of Mr. W. Mable, messenger for the Bank of Montreal, had a narrow escape from drowning on Sunday afternoon in the fountain at Victoria Park.

The timely appearance of Mr. Harry Cox, messenger for the Bank of British North America, alone saved the youngster.

While Mr. Mable was talking to some friends the little fellow wandered away and climbed up on the fountain. Losing his balance, he tumbled into the water. Mr. Cox was passing, and thought he heard a splash and went over to the fountain.

The baby had gone down in the meantime, but he was promptly fished out. He was brought to in a few moments and was apparently little the worse of his ducking.

## CANADA'S BUILDING WAS NOT BURNED

Dominion's Exhibit Escaped the Great Conflagration at Brussels.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 15.—Canada's fine building at the Brussels exhibition was apparently not burned in the big fire of Sunday, which destroyed a million dollars' worth of property.

The department of agriculture this morning received the following message from Director Hutchinson: It makes no mention of damage to Canadian building:

"Brussels, Kermesse and whole main building, containing Belgian, British and a large part of the French sections, completely destroyed. One-third of French section saved. Italy, international machinery hall and the rest of exhibition untouched. Exhibition will not close."

**WOMAN'S FURNITURE  
WAS THROWN OUT**

Now She Is in Jail Charged With Being Insane.

A middle-aged woman who has had a great deal of trouble during the past few years, and who has been put on the street and her furniture sold twice within a comparatively short time, is at the county jail charged with insanity by the city police.

Some days ago her furniture was thrown out of her home on Nelson street and sold, and since that time the family has lived in the house without even a stove or a chair. Whatever food they secured was eaten on the floor, and the mother and her family suffered many hardships.

This morning the family was put out of the building entirely, and as the officer who was given charge of the case was afraid to leave the woman alone, the city police were notified and one of the officers sent to the scene.

It was feared that she would injure herself, as she made several attempts to reach the river, but as she had done nothing the policeman waited until her actions caused him to lay a charge of insanity. She was remanded by the magistrate, and will be given another hearing in a few days. The case is a very sad one, and although four members of the family are working the mother has had the greatest difficulty in keeping the home together.

**REPAIRING PAVEMENT.**

The spring breaking holes in the Talbot street pavement, south of Dundas street, are being repaired. A wide strip up the centre of the pavement has been torn up between Dundas and King and a new pavement will be laid.

The matter will come up at a meeting of the board to be held tomorrow evening.

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## MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS TO INSPECT PT. STANLEY HARBOR

Influential Deputation from London, St. Thomas and Elgin Will Wait on Hon. Mr. Pugsley and Impress Upon Him What the Harbor Needs—A New Pier Recommended

Hon. Wm. Pugsley, minister of public works, will visit Port Stanley harbor some day next week, and he will be met by a deputation from London and St. Thomas businessmen, as well as by deputations from London, St. Thomas, Port Stanley and County of Elgin councils, to impress upon him the necessity of building a pier to the east of the present dock, and making other improvements that will make Port Stanley one of the most complete harbors in Canada.

Word was received this morning to the effect that Mr. Pugsley would visit these parts. It is quite possible that he may run into London to spend a few hours looking over the Government works here.

The exact date of the visit of Mr. Pugsley is not known, but it will be some day next week.

It depends largely on the weather. At the present time he is on a tour of inspection of the Government works on Lake Huron. He has been at Goderich, Port Elgin and other places, and is at the present time in the Soo. He will leave there today or tomorrow for Sarnia, going thence to Windsor, and from there to Port Stanley. The party are travelling in a yacht, and their progress may be delayed if rough weather should prevail for any length of time.

As soon as it was announced that the minister of public works would visit the Port, the question of preparing a deputation to meet him was discussed, and a committee will be placed in charge of the arrangements.

It is proposed to have a number of deputations to wait on him.

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## FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE DEAD FAMED AS "ANGEL OF CRIMEA"

Took Staff of Women to the Front To Save British Soldiers—Given Fortune by Government But Used It To Build Hospitals.

London, Aug. 14.—Florence Nightingale, the elder, and organizer of the nursing in the Crimean War, died today at the age of 91.

Miss Nightingale's father was the son of a rich Sheffield banker. His real name was, Shore, and he came of an old family which has been possessed of lands in the counties of Derby and York since the fifteenth century, and exists today in the person of Mr. Harrington Shore, of Norton Hall and Lindridge House, Leicestershire. Mr. Shore assumed the name of Nightingale on inheriting his maternal uncle's fortune, and the estate of Lea-Hurst, in Derbyshire. He was both a very wealthy and a very cultivated man and mingled much in the literary and fashionable society of the day.

There was but one other child, also a daughter, who bore the remarkable name of Parthenocoe. She, married Sir Harry Verney, of Claydon, and died some years ago, leaving Miss Nightingale the only representative of the name.

During the time of the great exhibition in 1851, when all London was keeping high holiday, Miss Nightingale stole away to a remote Rhine-land town, where she studied the training of sisters of mercy. From that time she became enthusiastic in the desire to help the suffering and to

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## LABOR DAY DEMONSTRATION WILL BE THE BEST EVER HELD

Arrangements for the annual Labor Day demonstration, Monday, Sept. 5, are being rapidly perfected, and it will be one of the best that has ever been held in London.

A fine programme of sports is being prepared. A number of original features are being released, and they should produce a great deal of interest. Not the least interesting will be the tug-of-war contest. A great deal has been said about the last contest, among the McCarthys, C. P. R., Woodman & Ward, Empire Brass Company and Collins teams, and they have decided to come together and settle the question of supremacy.

A prize of \$20 has been offered for this event, and it should be a thriller.

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