

STATION AGENT BADLY BEATEN MR. GILLEAN VICTIM OF ASSAULT

Physician Fears Concussion of the Brain May Result.

TRIED TO QUELL A DRUNKEN ROW

And Was Set Upon By a Number of Cowardly Assaultants
—A Popular Official.

Night Station Agent John S. Gillean, of the G. T. R., is in a serious condition at his home, 648 Waterloo street, as the result of an attack made on him while trying to quell a drunken brawl in the yards between Wellington street and Clarence street, late last night.

A party of young men who are said to have been in a drunken condition, became engaged in an altercation about a lady while returning from a dance, where they had made trouble.

A fierce fight resulted, and when word was brought to Mr. Gillean, he went down to stop the fight. The men turned on him, and after throwing him down, kicked him brutally about the head and abdomen.

Mr. Gillean was in an unconscious condition for some minutes, and was rescued by several railwaymen and taken to his home.

He has a severe wound over one of his ears, where it is supposed he was kicked.

Concussion of Brain.
In addition he has a wound on the back of his head, from which Dr. Drake, who attended him, fears concussion of the brain may result.

Dr. Drake was unable to say this morning whether the skull was fractured or not.

Detective on Case.
Grand Trunk Detective Teasdale is working on the case, and expects to arrest several of the parties concerned today.

It is alleged that among the party were three young men who have lately arrived from the old country.

The local detectives are also working on the case.

Mr. Gillean is a brother of ex-Ald. Gillean, the well-known jeweler, and is a very popular official.

Hon. A. Beck's Extravagant Horses Cost the Province \$190.11 Each

To Sustain the Dignity of Ontario in English Aristocratic Circles.

Under the head "Mr. Beck's Extravagant Horses," the Toronto Globe says today:

"Even horses grow extravagant when travelling abroad at the expense of the Province, and Hon. Adam Beck was unwisely sensitive in rejecting

the reflections of Mr. C. N. Smith, of the Soo, regarding expenditure on the minister's thoroughbreds in London, England. Hon. Mr. Beck and the Government took a deep interest in the International Horse Show, and the Government decided to pay for the transportation of Ontario horses. Hon. Mr. Beck was the only exhibitor, so his horses had no other inquisitive or extravagant equines to call their prodigality into question or to crowd in the share of the good fodder or sumptuous stables. Mr. Smith in Hamilton, (Continued on Page Eight.)

Squire Chittick in Snake Story Peculiar Case of Alleged Horse Theft

Justice of Peace Tried to Work Out Problem and Then Took the Count.

Squire Chittick was a busy man yesterday afternoon when Eli Snake, Henry Rufus, Louis Logan and Eddie Hall, Muncie Indians, appeared on a charge of horsestealing, preferred by Justin Hare, of Carleton Place.

After taking some eleven sheets of evidence on folio paper in longhand, the magistrate admitted that the problem was too much for him to solve on the moment, and decision was reserved for one week.

The Evidence.
According to the evidence given some one is very badly mistaken in their ideas of things, but just who it is remains to be seen.

Mr. Hare swore positively that he had purchased a racehorse known as "Betsey B" from the four defendants for the sum of \$160, and that later they held him up and took the animal away.

AN AUDACIOUS THEFT.
Rome, March 21.—A most audacious theft has been committed at Prasecati. Thieves broke into the magnificent villa Aldobrandini, which dates from the sixteenth century, yesterday, and carried off a valuable bust in Corinthian bronze, weighing 500 pounds, of Pope Clement VIII. The robbers entered through a window.

HUMMEL SALES AWAY.
New York, March 21.—Abraham H. Hummel, the lawyer, who was released from the penitentiary last Thursday, after serving ten months for conspiracy in connection with the Dodge-Morse divorce case, called for Europe today on the steamer Lusitania. He was accompanied by his sister, Mrs. S. H. Kaffenburgh, and his nephew, Abraham H. Kaffenburgh.

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FIFTEEN POUNDS FOR DOLLAR SUGAR PRICES ARE GOING UP

Meeting of Retail Grocers Called for Monday to Fix a Uniform Price for All Groceries—Biscuit Prices Will Also Be Considered.

Sugar took another jump of 10 cents a hundred this week, making an advance of 50 cents a hundred in the last few weeks.

This steady advance has placed sugar at a higher price than it has been for many years, and the retail grocers have decided to hold a meeting on Monday afternoon and adjust the quantity of sugar that they will sell for a dollar.

In view of further advances, which are considered not unlikely, they will probably decide to sell 15 pounds for a dollar, instead of 18 as now.

The American Sugar Refining Company, one of the largest firms in the business, is now quoting sugar on a basis of \$5 10 a hundred for granulated for prompt shipment only.

Circular issued.

In a circular issued the refiners state that the prime cause for the sharp advance is the fact that English speculators have bought up nearly all the sugar in the market.

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Spring, Gentle Spring, Is Here!

Spring is here. Look at the calendar. Today, March 21, is the official opening of spring.

And almanac information, like almanac jokes, is made truthful by long life. This has been true since Father Time started out with his scythe.

The weather today makes the first official day of spring feel like the real thing.

Robins are here in large numbers, and at daylight they were singing the spring song right merrily.

The noise of the spring hat is also heard in the land, some of the real creations of 1908 making considerable commotion on the highways this afternoon.

Some of the braver citizens have hung up their overcoats, in the hall, of course, not at "your uncle's."

They throw out their chests and tell everybody that "this is spring, and that the winter has been lulled to slumber by the beautiful spell of daisy time."

Information from Medicine Hat, where weather is invented says that the weather in the "banana" belt is fine, and easterners need not worry about any more cold snaps.

Of course it may get chilly, but nothing serious. It was also rumored this afternoon that the backbone of winter is broken.

This is an absolutely new expression. This day is a very beautiful day, one of the real things; a day that makes Canada's climate one of the most delightful in the world.

It is worth a winter to have a day like this. Get out into the air, and it will be found that in London life is worth the living.

ROWDIES BROKE UP DANCE RIOT ON WELLINGTON STREET

Peaceable Young Scotchmen Were Wantonly Interrupted While Holding an Assembly in Cullis' Hall—Roughs Blamed for Assault on Stationmaster.

The intrusion of a number of uninvited rowdies early this morning broke up a dance and dinner given by a jiffy canteen, the result of which was a riot on Wellington street.

A number of young Scotchmen at Cullis' Hall, on Wellington street, and caused a general riot.

Mr. R. H. Cullis, the owner of the hall, when interviewed by The Advertiser this afternoon, stated that during the winter he had been receiving his hall to a number of respectable young Scotchmen, who would hold their dances and then go home in an orderly manner.

Last night the final dance of the season was being held, and a dinner was being given to wind up the affair.

Rowdies Rushed In.
About 3 o'clock this morning the rowdies mentioned rushed into the hall, and attempted to take charge of things.

The Scotchmen naturally resented the intrusion, and attempted to eject the intruders, with the result that a jiffy canteen, the result of which was a riot on Wellington street.

Eventually matters became so warm that an adjournment was made to the street, where there were more room, and more chance to run.

Just which party got the best of the argument is not known, but at all events the rowdies going one way and the Scotchmen the other.

Stationmaster Assaulted.
Shortly after the battle had ceased (Continued on Page Eight.)

Ringleaders In Students' Strike Expelled By Woodstock College

Ninety Others Are Campused and Considerable Feeling Prevails.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Woodstock, March 21.—Four of the ringleaders in the strike of students at Woodstock Baptist College yesterday morning have been expelled by the college over the matter.

Principal MacNeil, and ninety others have been campused for an indefinite period, and must not leave the college grounds. The boys were dissatisfied because one of their number had been expelled and held a demonstration on streets contrary to orders.

When they returned to the college just in time for dinner, the principal announced the above punishments. There is a good deal of feeling at the college over the matter.

Toronto, March 21.—Chief Justice Meredith quashed the bylaw recently passed by the city council reducing the number of liquor licenses. He also has confirmed the election of the three controllers, Spence, Hockin and Harrison, who consequently will retain their seats. The judgments were handed out this morning. The bylaw was quashed in its entirety. The reason given by his lordship was that the wording of the law was in contradiction of the statutes. The chief justice called attention to the fact that the bylaw became operative when the license year ended on May 14, and the board of license commissioners were then expected to issue the licenses out of 150 that have been withheld for the past year. As the action of the bylaw would interfere with the property rights of a great number of people, his lordship decided that it must be quashed.

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ABRUZZI HAPPY HAS HE WON HER?

Demeanor of the Duke Would Indicate He Is Engaged to Miss Elkins.

New York, March 21.—The Duke of Abruzzi, a cousin of the King of Italy who is reported to be engaged to marry Miss Katherine Elkins, sailed for Europe today on the steamer Lusitania. Up to the hour of sailing the duke declined to affirm or deny the reported engagement, but his demeanor was regarded by the reporters who gathered at the steamship pier as not that of a man who had failed in an important mission.

The duke registered on the ship's passenger list as Luigi Sartò. He boarded the steamer early this morning and was accompanied to the dock by an attaché of the Italian legation at Washington, and by a secret service man. To the reporters who were gathered on the deck he said: "I am very sorry that I have no interview to give out, but come and see me at 8 o'clock."

"But the ship sails at that hour," said one of the newspapermen.

"Yes, I know it. I stayed up late to escape this. Everything is all right. Miss Elkins's family refrained from making any public statement and an erroneous construction has been placed upon their silence."

It is understood that the duke will disembark at Liverpool and hasten to Rome.

REFUSES CHARITY

Trooper Mulloy Will Not Accept Fund Being Raised by the Globe.

London, March 20.—Trooper Mulloy, writing to the press, says: "I have just received a Globe of March 5. While grateful to the Globe and all who subscribed, I cannot receive the right of any man to thrust on me his benevolence. I must firmly refuse to accept private charity, and the gifts given now to the patriotic fund are really donations to myself."

From the Canadian Government or from the original fund I will thankfully accept what is my due, but to take private gifts would be to lower me in my own esteem, and to take what I believe in my manhood, which, I thank God, is still strong in me."

REICHSTAG PRESSMEN OUT Demand an Apology From Member Who Referred to Them as Swine.

Berlin, March 20.—The press representatives, whose duties are to attend the Reichstag, have ceased entirely to report the meetings of the body because of the incident yesterday during the debate on the colonial budget, when Herr Groeber, the Center leader, called the journalists "swine," because they jeered at a statement used by a member to the effect that negroes also had immortal souls.

Over 100 newspapermen debated the matter in the Reichstag building this morning and decided that no further reports would be sent out unless an apology was forthcoming. The news proprietors and the agents all support the reporters.

It was suggested by various of the newspapermen that one of their number be selected to challenge Herr Groeber to a duel.

PITTINGER SIGNS.

Baltimore, March 21.—Pitcher Pittinger, for several years past one of the pitchers of the Philadelphia National League Baseball Club, has been signed by the Baltimore Eastern League Club.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—MILD; SHOWERY. FORECASTS.
Toronto, March 21—3 a.m. Today.—Southerly winds; fine and mild.

Local Temperatures.
The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ending 8 p.m. yesterday were: Highest, 23°; lowest, 12.5° above zero.

TEMPERATURES.
Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.

Calgary 22 22 Fair
Winnipeg 22 22 Fair
Port Arthur 22 22 Cloudy
Perry Sound 26 18 Fair
Toronto 23 25 Cloudy
Ottawa 18 12 Snow
Montreal 22 14 Fair
Quebec 6 2 Clear
Father Point 16 4 Clear

The first column in the above table records the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.
The weather from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces is now dominated by an area of high pressure, which is centered in the Ohio Valley, covering Canada and the United States east of Lake Superior, and the Mississippi.

The temperature is rising throughout Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, and it was above the freezing point yesterday in the Western Provinces.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.
Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, zero—12; Atlin, 24—28; Port Simpson, 34—44; Victoria, 40—42; Vancouver, 37—40; Kamloops, 40—50; Edmonton, 22—18; Battleford, 6—20; Prince Albert, 6—22; Calgary, 28—38; Regina, 2—34; Winnipeg, 6—32; Perry Sound, 2 below—30; Toronto, 14—23; Ottawa, 8—28; Montreal, 12—22; Quebec, 10—27; St. John, 12—28; Halifax, 18—28.

DOUBLE TRACK L., H. & B. LINE? IMPORTANT MOVE BY G. T. R.

JULIA MARLOWE IS COMING TO LONDON

Will Be Seen at the Grand Opera House on April 6.

Mrs. Helen Avery Hardy was in the city today, making arrangements for the appearance at the Grand Opera on April 6 of Miss Julia Marlowe, who will likely be seen as Rosamond in Shakespeare's "As You Like It."

AGRICULTURE IN COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

Inspector Edwards Says Study Is Possible Here, But Nothing Definite.

"The department of education has established departments of agriculture in some schools, but the majority of them are in rural districts," said Inspector Edwards this afternoon. "There is one at Essex, and at several other points such as that. None have been established as yet in Toronto or any of the larger centers. It is possible that one may be established in London, but I do not know when."

STOESSSEL BEGINS TERM

Enters St. Peter Fortress to Serve Ten-Year Sentence.

St. Petersburg, March 21.—Lieut. Gen. Stoessel, whom a court-martial recently sentenced to death on charges of cowardice and treason in surrendering Port Arthur to the Japanese, but whose sentence was commuted by Emperor Nicholas to ten years' imprisonment, yesterday began serving his term in the St. Peter and St. Paul fortress.

BANK WRECKER SENTENCED

Marienburg, Prussia, March 21.—Rudolf Woelke, the banker, who was involved in the failure of the Marienburg Bank last fall, was found guilty yesterday by a jury of hypocriteing the securities of customers, and of other offenses, and sentenced to ten years' loss of civil rights. His assistant, Julius Schneider, also was convicted, and was sentenced to five years in jail and to five years' loss of civil rights.

NO C. P. R. OVERHEAD BRIDGE CITY'S HANDS TIED IN MATTER

Company Owns Wellington Street and the Council Has No Control Of It—Interesting History of An Agreement Made Many Years Ago.

There is absolutely no chance for an overhead bridge or subway at the C. P. R. at Wellington street.

This information was given out this morning by Ald. Beattie, who has been looking into the matter.

In the year 1901, when the C. P. R. ran only as far as London, a proposition to run the line west was considered, and the city gave \$40,000 and certain lands between Piccadilly and Pall Mall streets, and Waterloo and Richmond streets, to the company.

During the mayoralty of the late T. D. Hodgins, a bylaw was passed, giving this land to the C. P. R., and closing up Wellington street.

The deed was given over to the company. This included the piece of land between Piccadilly and Pall Mall streets, that formerly was Wellington street.

Ald. Beattie thought the same was done with Elizabeth street in the east end, but was not certain.

Agreement Made.
An agreement was made by which the C. P. R. was to pay \$15,500 for the erection of an overhead bridge or subway on any two streets the city might in future decide upon.

"Now the position we are in is simply this," explained Ald. Beattie this afternoon. "The C. P. R. own the property that was formerly Wellington street, and the company has the deed. Now, if we went to the company and said we want to build a bridge over Wellington street, the officials would answer: 'That is private property. You cannot build a bridge over our property. They would show us the deed, and what could we do? Therefore, I am convinced that we cannot do a thing regarding Wellington street. I understand the company takes the position that it is private property, and that effectively blocks the opening of Wellington street either by bridge or subway.'

The Alternative.
"Of course, the information we gained is valuable, because no person seemed to know how we stood. We certainly know now that we cannot open that street. We can still build a bridge or subway on any two streets traversed by the C. P. R., for which the company must contribute \$15,500, but the point I want to emphasize is, that we cannot touch Wellington street."

130 Men Leave Wolseley Barracks For Halifax on the First of April

Local Barracks Is Now 155 Above Strength, But Will Be Reduced.

One hundred and thirty men from Wolseley Barracks will in all probability be transferred to the barracks at Halifax on April 1.

At present there are more than 280 men at Wolseley Barracks, which is 155 over strength.

It is said the object in keeping so many men here is to fill the vacancies caused by desertion at Halifax.

Men are not easily obtained there, especially in the spring, and the London officers have authority to take on numerous recruits.

The London force will be joined at Toronto by a detachment from Stanley Barracks, and will proceed to Halifax in charge of Lieut. Brown.

REFORMERS ARRESTED.
Pekin, March 21.—The authorities on March 17 inaugurated a series of wholesale arrests of reformers and suspected revolutionists, and up to the present time no less than 100 men have been taken into custody. It is reported that four of the prisoners have official rank, and that one is a member of the family of Wang Wen Shao, former

grand councillor. Most of the prisoners are men educated abroad, who had recently come into Pekin from the outlying provinces.

Yuan Shi Kai, grand councillor, has established a "personal" police force under the direction of foreigners, whose duty it is to safeguard all the officials who are apprehensive of attack.