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PRICE TWO CENTS

WIDOW'S NAME FORGED TO SPURIOUS CHECKS

Three Local Banks Were
Mulcted to the Extent
of \$100 Each.

POLICE AFTER
WALTER BARR

A Daring Piece of Swindling
Comes to Light When the
Banks Investigate.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Walter Barr, jun., of Hamilton, by the police department of this city, and thereby hangs a most interesting tale of a clever swindling scheme worked on three local banks a few days ago.

Barr is not to be found, and the banks are wondering when they are going to recover some \$300 contributed to the man.

Barr arrived in London early last week, with a woman, whom he said to be his wife. They registered at a local hotel, and as he was not known, no questions were asked. On Saturday he paid his bills and walked out.

In the meantime he worked his little game. He secured blank checks, and presented them at several of the banks. The tellers refused to cash them, and notified him that he must have some person identify him, or have the checks indorsed.

Used Widow's Name.
It seems that Barr was acquainted with a widow living in South London, and asked her to indorse the checks. She refused, and Barr left.

A few days later, messengers from three banks called at her home, and asked about the checks she had indorsed. She denied doing anything of the kind, and her signature was shown on the documents. Her reiterated statements that she had not signed the checks led to a comparison of the handwriting, and while it was discovered that there was some similarity, the signature of indorsement was undoubtedly a forgery.

The police department was notified, and after making a complete investigation, it was decided to issue a warrant for the arrest of Barr.

That was done, and the police were warned in other cities to be on the lookout for the man.

A full description of him has been secured, and has been wired to Hamilton, Toronto, and other cities. Detroit, Buffalo, and other American points have been also asked to look for Barr.

\$100 From Each Bank.
Three of the banks were hit by Barr, each to the tune of \$100. The other banks were approached, but none of them were caught in the trap.

Barr is known in London. He worked here some years ago with the Rogers Electric Company. Later he left the city, and was supposed to have gone to the United States. He is described as a tall man, about 30 years of age, fair complexion, and rather slight in build.

The woman with him was tall also, and rather good-looking. No good description of her could be obtained.

The police are confident of effecting the arrest of Barr, and expect to get him within a short time.

LOGAN DISCHARGED

His Father Will See That He Is Good
in the Future.

Frank Logan, of Glencoe, who pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing a robe from Melvin B. Watterworth, of that village, before Judge Macbeth a few days ago, was again brought up this morning, and was allowed to go on suspended sentence, his father providing a bond that he will keep the peace.

FATAL ELECTION ROW
AT WINDY CITY

[Canadian Press.]
Chicago, Feb. 28.—One killing and several less serious disturbances marked the municipal primary today.

Arthur Quinn, son of James A. Quinn, former city sealer and a well-known city politician, shot and killed Richard Clark, street car driver, in North Clark street, near West Chicago avenue, after the shooting was the climax of an election row.

GLAD OF VOTE ON
RECIPROCITY BILL

Washington, Feb. 28.—Senator Money had been informed that the President would not submit to any vote from the Canadian reciprocity bill, and that he would be glad of a vote, whatever its result.

A BRILLIANT WEDDING AT THE CAPITAL

Second Son of Colonel Peters
Marries Miss Claudia
Bate.

[Canadian Press.]
Ottawa, Feb. 28.—In All Saints' Church at 2:30 this afternoon, Miss Claudia Bowman, second daughter of the late Lieut.-Col. H. Allan Bate, and Mrs. Bate, and granddaughter of Sir Henry Bate, of Trenick House, was united to Mr. Frederick Hathaway Peters, second son of Col. and Mrs. James Peters, of Victoria, B. C. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. W. Mackay, and only the relatives and close friends of the bride and groom were present, owing to the bride's family still being in mourning.

Mr. and Mrs. Peters left for New York on a fortnight's honeymoon before proceeding to Calgary. The guests included many relatives from Toronto, Montreal, St. Catharines, Quebec and Winnipeg.

UNIONISTS AGAIN
ATTACK BRYCE

Object to His Part in the Reciprocity Agreement.

Says Ambassador Was of Great Use to the Canadian Government.

[Canadian Press.]
London, Feb. 28.—The Unionist attack upon the part which Ambassador Bryce had in the Canadian-United States reciprocity negotiations was renewed in the House of Commons today. Sir Edward Grey, to whom the critics directed their inquiries, gave the British diplomat's course the same unequivocal support which it received recently from Premier Asquith.

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ADJUTANT GORDON INGRAM.
Who Succeeded Major McCrimmon in the Seventh Regiment.

CARS RAN AWAY IN G. T. R. YARDS

Mail Clerks Thrown Violently
When They Crashed With
Another Train.

THE SARNIA MAIL TRAIN
Struck the Coaches Which Were Made
Up For Windsor—Runaways
Were Being Shunted.

There was a close call from a serious smash at the Grand Trunk depot this afternoon, when a train of cars which was being shunted on the third track ran away and collided with the cars of a Windsor train, which were standing there.

One of the runaway cars was the Sarnia mail coach, and as it was on the end which struck first it received the full force of the collision, and Clerk McGregor and McDonald, who were inside sorting letters, were thrown heavily against the side.

Several of the windows in the mail coach and the passenger coach at the end of the string of cars standing on the track were shattered.

"The force of the collision raised the trucks right up in the air," said a gentleman who witnessed the accident, to the Advertiser. "Had there been any great force behind the runaway cars the smash would have resulted seriously."

The Canadian secretary flatly refused to promise. He said that the assistance given by British ambassadors to the Canadian minister in recent years had been both useful and acceptable. In the reciprocity proceedings at Washington, the action of Mr. Bryce had been, he believed, beneficial both to Canada and the United States, because in communicating with the Canadian representatives and the British diplomat he had kept their interests in view.

Sir Edward added that in recent years the Canadian government had expressed itself so grateful for the help that Mr. Bryce had given them at Washington, that it had come to be regarded as a matter of course that when the ministers of the Dominion went to Washington they would receive the aid of the British diplomat.

SEVEN DIED OF
TUBERCULOSIS

Grip and Pneumonia Carried
Off Many People in
February Also.

CUPID WAS VERY BUSY

About Twice as Many Couples Were
Wedded This Month as in Same
Month of a Year Ago.

Grip, pneumonia, and tuberculosis were responsible for many deaths during the month of February. In fact, the white plague destroyed seven young people, and pneumonia was responsible for the demise of no less than ten persons, a total of 22. This is rather a gruesome record, due largely to the changeable weather of the past month.

There were a large number of old people who passed away during February. Eighteen were over 70 years of age. The oldest was 98, and three others reached the ripe old age of 90.

Twelve babies died during the month.

Cancer caused three deaths.

Cupid Was Busy.
Dan Cupid was a busy party at a wedding which took place at a certain hotel in the city. This is about the number of marriages in February, there being but 25 couples united during the second month of last year.

The story was not so recent a visitor as in 1910. According to the figures as in 1910, the number of marriages was 67 in February last year.

MONIS REQUESTED
TO FORM CABINET

Paris, Feb. 28.—President Fallieres today asked Mr. Monis, formerly a vice-president of the senate, to form a cabinet in succession to the Briand ministry. Mr. Monis replied that he wished to consult his friends before announcing whether he would accept the responsibility.

BRITISH BYE-ELECTION.

London, Feb. 28.—In the bye-election in Westbury, Wiltshire, Hon. Geoffrey Howard (Lib.) was elected with 5,073 votes. His Unionist opponent, G. L. Palmer, had 4,492 votes. Sir John Fuller, whose recent proposal caused the vacancy, had 2,941 in December to Palmer's 4,162.

FATHER M'CABE'S HOT WORDS WIDEN BREACH IN ESSEX

Sizzling Sermon in Which He Criticized French-Canadians For
Attack On Bishop Fallon Causes Clash Between
the Two Societies.

[Canadian Press.]
Windsor, Feb. 28.—It is a well-known fact that the feeling between the French-Canadians and Irish-Catholics in Windsor and Essex County has been much strained ever since the commencement of the bilingual school trouble, but the red-hot, sizzling sermon from Rev. Father McCabe, parish priest of Malden, in the centre of a large Catholic community, in which that priest denounced the French-Canadians of Essex County and throughout the entire diocese for helping insults upon Bishop Fallon, has stirred the matters up, and increased the feeling between the two factions in the Catholic Church.

To Hit Back.
It is confidently expected that Essex County French-Canadians and the St. Jean Baptiste Society will "come back" as soon as they have recovered from the upper blow of this Malden parish priest, and some lively doings are looked for. Feeling between the two factions of the church has reached such a state in Windsor that the C. M. B. A. of this city may make a move to throw the St. Jean Baptiste Society out of their hall in the Davis Building. The local branch of the C. M. B. A. hall in the Davis Building for the purpose of holding their meetings, and the St. Jean Baptiste Society are urging that the St. Jean Baptiste Society be told to find other quarters.

CITY SECURES A LARGE FARM FOR THE USE OF MILITIA CAMP

Mayor Beattie and Ald. Eckert Procure an Option on Macarthur
Property Near the Cove Ranges—City Working to
Prevent Removal to Goderich.

Mayor Beattie and Ald. Eckert are making a strong effort to hold the militia camp in London, and already much work towards that end has been done by the city.

Yesterday afternoon they visited the Macarthur farm, near the Cove ranges, and secured an option to rent the place for the months of July and August, and in addition, an option to purchase the property. It is good for one year.

His worship also sent a letter to the militia department at Ottawa, laying out their claim before them, and notifying them that they desire to be heard if they intend to remove the camp.

"We consider the camp a good thing for the city," declared Ald. Eckert. "We are going to make every possible effort to keep it here."

These remarks were made in the railway committee of the Commons this morning, and marked the culmination of the bitterest row of the session. It was a row between Conservative members only.

The bill of the Western Central Railway Company was again under discussion. Since its last appearance (Continued on Page Nine.)

CROSSING IS A DANGEROUS ONE

Coroner's Jury Declares C. P. R.
Is to Blame For J. C.
McIntyre's Death.

TRAIN CREW IS CLEARED

Crossing is in a Dip in the Road.
Where it is Difficult to See the
Approach of Trains.

"We find that James C. McIntyre came to his death by being struck by C. P. R. express, No. 5, west-bound, on Tuesday, Feb. 21. We find on evidence adduced that the train crew were not responsible. We find also that the company is guilty of a serious neglect of public safety in maintaining a most dangerous crossing at the intersection of the C. P. R. tracks and concession 3 of Lobo."

The above verdict was returned last night by the jury which, under Coroner Ross, of Hyde Park, investigated the death of J. C. McIntyre at Komoka.

The evidence showed that no one had witnessed Mr. McIntyre's death, but Mr. W. Waugh had observed him approach the crossing, and a moment later had seen the horse come out by itself.

All the witnesses agreed that the crossing is a most dangerous one, and their evidence showed that to approach it, anyone driving or walking has to descend into a sort of hole and cannot get out very well. It is also very difficult to see trains from the nature of the cut.

Engineer's Evidence.
Engineer Rodwell, of the C. P. R., who was in charge of express No. 5, said he knew nothing of the accident until the cushion of Mr. McIntyre's buggy was picked up some distance down the line on the plot of the engine.

The other witnesses called were Messrs. Alfred Campbell, Wm. Waugh, Edward Waugh, Christopher Waugh, George Edwards, J. Grossnick and Edward Hladson.

It was shown that Mr. McIntyre was driving in a cart, and that although he was hurled against a cattle guard when the express struck his vehicle, the horse was unhurt.

The Jury.
The jury was composed as follows: James MacArthur, foreman; John W. Graham, Colin McKinlay, Peter A. Campbell, Walter Caverhill, J. G. Edwards, John A. MacLachlan, Thomas Johnston, George McIntyre, Charles Tuckey, Peter C. Campbell and Herbert D. Steele.

The Fast-Striding northwesterly winds, fair and cold.

Lake Superior—Avalanche winds; fair and moderately cold.

Western Provinces—Fair weather; cold.

SOME BIG JOBS ARE IN SIGHT

Builders Looking for a Busy
Summer in London This
Year.

PERMITS ARE FEWER

But it is Hoped That the Prospects
Will Greatly Improve as the
Season Advances.

Builders are commencing to show considerable activity, and it is expected that the present year will see some advancement made.

While the number of permits taken up to date is not so large as last year, there are many large jobs in sight, and contractors are hopeful that the year 1911 will be a record-making year.

The C. P. R. contemplate erecting a roundhouse, station and office building in the north end. The exact amount that this plant will cost is not known at the city hall, but it is expected that at least \$100,000, probably more, will be spent in this work.

If the city hall is sold, a decided impetus will be given the building trade. The Royal Bank will have to renovate the present building of itself. The latter course will probably be adopted, and a sum not less than \$100,000 will likely be expended.

A New City Hall.
Then the city will, of necessity, erect a new city hall. If the council decide to play the game, a building costing \$150,000 will be erected, and if they decide to go in with the county the new structure will cost at least \$200,000, and it might cost \$300,000. Joint buildings would at least be profitable for the building trade.

McClary are contemplating an addition to their plant to cost \$50,000. It will be erected during the summer. The Alexandra school, for which contracts have already been let, will be constructed this summer.

The Masonic Temple costing at least \$50,000 will be started. It is rumored to be a few weeks.

The Hobbs Manufacturing Company will erect a mirror plant in connection with their glass works on York street at a cost of \$30,000.

Others are contemplating building, and it may be that before long the best year for contractors in any will be in sight.

TEN ALDERMEN WANT ENGINEER TO STAY

Sign a Round Robin Naming
Salary at From \$3,200
to \$4,000 a Year.

City Engineer Van Cleve leaves this afternoon at 4:25 o'clock for Niagara Falls. He completed his work with the city today, and will remain at his home for some time. He is suffering from a rather severe attack of the grip, and will rest for a short time.

It is not known definitely whether or not he will return to the city at the expiration of a month. Ten of the twelve aldermen have signed a round robin asking him to remain.

The salary mentioned runs from \$3,200 to \$4,000. There are several who would pay him the larger sum to have him stay. It is understood that the two aldermen who have not signed are Ald. Saunders and Ald. Wilson.

Mr. Van Cleve will not decide for some time.

SCION OF THE HOTSPURS IN RECORD TRAMP

Earl Percy, A. D. C. to Grey,
Walks From Montreal
to Ottawa.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 28.—Not so footsore and weary as might have been expected, Earl Percy, A. D. C. to the Governor-General, arrived at Rideau Hall towards 8 o'clock last evening, after tramping every foot of the 115 miles from Montreal to Ottawa.

This a member of the family which Hotspur made famous is something of an athlete and is fond of walking. He was asking last week of long tramps he had made in Europe, when someone warned him that he could not do the same in Canada during the winter. He at once accepted the challenge, and volunteered to walk from Montreal to Ottawa within three days. According to the report, he had not raised a single blister, and having sent forward to various hotels along the way some underclothing and boots, the weather was good. No snow fell, and the only discomfort was the cold wind of yesterday. Earl Percy has some interesting experiences to tell regarding the difficulties he had in commanding that very necessary underclothing.

RAIDED A STILL

Alleged Illegal Liquor Plant in the
Heart of Ottawa.

[Canadian Press.]
Ottawa, Feb. 28.—Shortly after midnight last night, 36 Gloucester street in the central part of the city, and placed four miles from the city hall, was raided by a party of police, and a large quantity of liquor were found on the premises. In the police court today, James J. O'Brien, who owned the place, pleaded guilty, and was remanded without bail for sentence. Patrick Flynn, James Ryan and James Bellan pleaded guilty to charges of being accessories, and were remanded for trial. The first still still found in Ottawa in a decade. It is alleged that the liquor was being supplied to the "blind pig" trade in Cobalt.

GORDON INGRAM IS ADJUTANT

Popular Captain Succeeds Major
McCrimmon in Seventh
Regiment.

NEW OFFICERS ADDED

Financial Statement Read at the Annual
Meeting Was Very Satisfactory to
the Crack Corps.

The annual meeting of the Seventh Regiment was held last night in the armouries, and was attended by practically all the officers in the regiment. The financial statement was presented and was most encouraging. At the present time the regiment is in a high state of efficiency, and in addition, the surplus is the best in some years. Every department was managed with economy, and the officers were more than delighted with the results.

A number of new officers were added to the roster, among them being Lieuts. T. C. Wright, Fred C. Wright, W. A. Mitchell and C. G. Carlton.

The promotion of Lieut. F. B. Ware to the captaincy was announced, and Lieut. W. Russell Brown was recommended for promotion. It is expected that he will be gazetted shortly.

Adjutant Ingram.
Capt. J. G. Ingram was made adjutant of the regiment, to succeed Major McCrimmon, who has acted in that capacity for some years.

The three men to represent the Seventh Regiment at the coronation will be selected on Monday night next. The captain of each company will name a man, and the three will be selected from this number.

"Everything looks very bright for the coming year," said Col. Campbell. "The financial statement was most gratifying. We have now our full quota of officers. All are fine fellows, and there is no doubt that the regiment will make a good showing this year. We are busy preparing for the work, and I anticipate a good season's drill. We are all pleased with the prospects."

The Committees.
The committees for the year were selected as follows:
Regimental Committee—Major McCrimmon, Surgeon-Major Kingsmill, Capt. Spittal and W. G. Coles.
Band Committee—Capt. A. Little, J. G. Ingram, P. B. Ware, W. R. Brown and Lieut. King.
Mess Committee—Capt. Bachar, Major Graham and Lieuts. Thompson, Carlton and Shuttleworth.
Rifle Committee—Capt. W. G. Taylor, T. J. Murphy, G. A. Bentley, and Lieuts. T. C. Wright and Forbes-Mitchell.
Athletic Committee—Lieuts. "Mortimer, Dillon, Campbell, Mitchell, E. G. Wright and Watson.

Instruction Classes.
On Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings instruction classes are conducted for officers and men and those who attend regularly are receiving an education both physically and intellectually that cannot be acquired elsewhere. The lectures by Capt. Chrysler give much valuable and practical information that not only every soldier but every civilian should know. The meeting last night showed that every department of the regiment is now being conducted on intellectual, patriotic and practical lines.

BOYS ARE CARELESS IN USE OF FIREARMS

Inspector Sanders Will Take the
Matter Up With County
Police.

Inspector Sanders is going to take up the matter of the careless use of firearms by boys with the county authorities.

The accident at Broughdale, following some narrow escapes south of the city, has called his attention to the necessity of such action.

"It is time something was done," the inspector informed the Advertiser. "We have received many complaints of late. Not long ago some workmen who were engaged in building houses on Windsor avenue heard the whirr of bullets quite close to them. They might have been hit and seriously injured. It is no playful matter. I can assure you. It seems that a number of young boys along the line of the Traction Company are actually shooting at targets. If the bullets miss there is no telling what damage they may do. We will endeavor to put a stop to the practice."

MANY MEETINGS FOR THE FAIR DIRECTORS

A Busy Ten Days Has Been
Mapped Out by Secretary
Hunt.

The directors and committee men of the Western Fair will be busy for the next ten days. Secretary Hunt has outlined a rather stiff programme of meetings for them, as he is anxious to have the work finished as soon as possible.

The list of meetings is as follows:
Wednesday, March 2.—Main building committee, 2 p.m.
Thursday, March 2.—Horse committee, 2 p.m.; cat and dog committee, 8 p.m.; Saturday, March 4.—Cattle committee, 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 7.—Horticultural committee, 2:30 p.m.; poultry committee, 1 p.m.
Wednesday, March 8.—Dairy and honey committee, 2 p.m.; gates and tickets committee, 8 p.m.
Thursday, March 9.—Agricultural committee, 2:30 p.m.; manufacturers' committee, 8 p.m.

February Weather.
The rainfall for February amounted to 17.37 inches; the snowfall to 32 inches. The highest registration of the thermometer was 60.5 on Jan. 25, and the lowest 7.5 above on the 20th.