

### CLAP OF THUNDER RESTORES SPEECH

**Veteran, Deaf from Shell Shock Talks After Heavy Peal**

### NERVOUS OVER STORM

**Dramatic Occurrence on Board Lake Vessel During Heavily Barrage**

MONTREAL, July 12.—"It's too strong," exclaimed C. Lavier, a Canadian army veteran of Ogdensburg, N.Y., who had been totally dumb for nine months from shell shock after hearing a particularly terrifying clap of thunder during Friday night's storm. For some minutes before he had been trying to explain that a cigarette offered him was too strong. Lavier was on board the steamer Rapida King, en route from a Toronto military hospital to visit his sister in Montreal when the storm restored his power of speech.

Just before the thunder and lightning came, Lavier had been extremely nervous and all efforts on the part of fellow passengers to soothe him were of no avail.

Jack Delaney, a New York friend, who was travelling with him, offered him a cigarette, but with shaking fingers, the dumb man wrote on his pad that the tobacco was "too strong." No sooner had he done so than a terrific peal of thunder shook the vessel, and Lavier, to the amazement of all around repeated the written words in a natural voice, exclaiming over and over again, "It's too strong."

### OAK LAKE PLANS FOR CAMP MEETING

Gipsy Smith, Famous Evangelist, will be the main attraction. Preparations are again under way for the big camp meeting at Oak Lake this year. Mr. Fred Smith, of Belleville, has put up a new cottage in the grove and several others are considering a similar enterprise. This is truly a delightful place to camp.

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The opening sermon this year will be given by Evangelist, N. R. Duetta, who is becoming favorably known in the Bay Conference, because of his faithful work on several circuits in campaigns last year. Rev. I. C. Wickware who was song leader last year.

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### Angus Buchanan Sun Burn Victim

Head of Boy's Camp at Moira Lake Under Doctor's Care at Present

Sunburn is a serious business in these times and though no doubt people have read of its dangerous consequences at distant points this was brought home today when it was learned that Angus Buchanan, head of the Boys' Work Dept. of the Y.M.C.A. and just now in charge of Camp Community, Moira Lake, was ill in bed from the effects of too much sunburn.

Blisters formed on his shoulders and these had to be treated by a doctor.

Mr. Buchanan fortunately is not in any danger, it was stated today, but is very uncomfortable and will have to go carefully for the rest of the summer.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—William Howard Taft was sworn in on Monday as Chief Justice of the United States.

### BATHING SITES OFFERED CITY PARKS COMMITTEE TO DECIDE

Messrs Tickell & Sons Co. have offered the city "for a bathing site either Dickson's or Fairman's Island as a gift to the city so long as it is used as a bathing site and for that purpose only. As the bay-bridge is now free either of the above islands could be linked up with the city at a small expense by pontoon bridges from the Prince Edward approach."

"Where is the five thousand the late Senator Corby left for baths?"

### Many at Funeral of Late Mr. Edwards

Impressive Service at St. Thomas Church—Interment in Belleville Cemetery

The funeral of the late George Edwards who passed away in Belleville Hospital on Saturday evening took place at ten o'clock this morning from his late residence on South John street to St. Thomas' Church where a full choral service with communion was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Webster in the absence of Archdeacon Beamish. Prof. Wheatley presided at the organ.

The late Mr. Edwards was for the past seventeen years the respected sexton of the church and the high esteem in which he was held by the members of the church and the community at large was evidenced by the attendance of citizens and officials of the church.

The pall-bearers were members of Oxford Lodge, Sons of England, of which the deceased was a Past President. The services at the grave in Belleville cemetery were conducted by Rev. Mr. Webster after which the beautiful ritual for the dead of the Sons of England was conducted by President W. J. Savage and Chaplain R. G. H. Barlow. Rev. Mr. Webster spoke in very glowing terms of the good life led by the deceased and urged his hearers to endeavour to imitate the same Christian character as displayed throughout the long and faithful life of the deceased.

Among the mourners were his widow, two sons and two daughters, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The high esteem in which the late Mr. Edwards was held was also evidenced by the many beautiful floral tributes lovingly contributed by friends and relatives. Among them were the following:

Sprays—From his wife.

Pillows—The children.

Cross—St. Thomas' Sunday School.

Wreaths—St. Thomas' church choir, Miss Pheasantly, Mrs. and Miss Corby.

Gates Ajar—Springer Lock Works Anchor—Oxford Lodge, Sons of England.

Cross—Mr. and Mrs. Stephen D. Lazier.

Wreaths from his grandchildren and great-grandchild.

Bouquets and sprays—Rector and Wardens of St. Thomas' Church, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Adams, Mrs. and Miss McCrodon, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Symons, Mrs. Geo. Carr, Mr. and Mrs. D. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bateman, Mr. and Mrs. Westlake, Master Billy Quinn.

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The Lake Level.

Lake Ontario is .07 feet higher than a year ago, .2 foot below the average state of June of the last ten years, 2.02 feet below the high stage of June, 1870, and 1.72 feet above the last ten years the June level has averaged 0.2 foot higher than the May level, and about the same as the July level.

### MADE BIG POTATOES OUT OF LITTLE ONES

Yesterday's Fine Shower Was Welcome, and Country Could Stand More

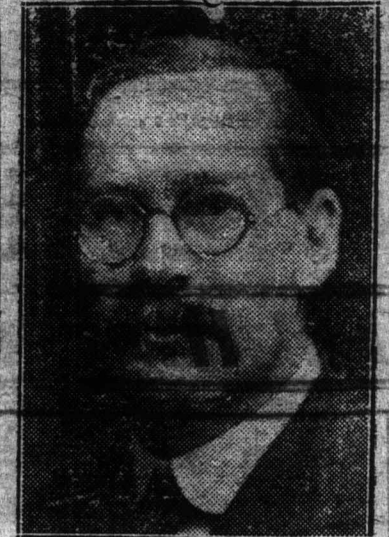
"That rain will spoil all the little potatoes," said a prominent Belleville man to his wife early today and she was rather anxious until the "joke" was explained.

Yesterday afternoon's fine shower put everyone in excellent humor. It will make big potatoes out of little ones and do all sorts of good things. This being the "twelfth" it usually rains, (doesn't it?) but loyal Orangemen were saying that a down-pour would do more good than harm.

TAFT IS SWORN IN

WASHINGTON, July 12.—William Howard Taft was sworn in on Monday as Chief Justice of the United States.

### G. T. CLARKSON



Who is government commissioner in the inquiry into alleged frauds on the Militia Department in connection with the sterling exchange operations.

### WHAT PRESS AGENTS PROMISE

FASCINATING MYSTERY STORY INTERWOVEN IN HUMOROUS THEME OF "THE SMART SEX."

EVA Novak heads the capable cast which last night established "The Smart Sex," as one of the most entertaining comedy-dramas of the month. The picture was shown at Griffin's last evening before an audience which demonstrated enthusiasm as the clever bits of comedy and drama unfolded. With the first scene Miss Novak is seen as a stranded show girl who decides to share her poverty with Arabella, a trick goose. They walk the tracks to the city and there they come to a theatre where an amateur performance is to be given for prizes.

The girl and the goose win the first prize and leave for the country, where \$20 is considered more elastic. There they stumble into a thrilling adventure which results in happiness for the girl and permanent immunity from the kitchen for the goose. "The Smart Sex" is a clever story told with a brilliant humor that should assure its popularity everywhere.

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### News About People and Social Events

THE bee that gets the honey, does not hang around the hive. —Selected.

Mr. Roblin of this city spent Sunday in Campbellford.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McDiarmid, of Toronto, are in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Hogle, Chillicothe, Ill., are visiting friends in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Taylor and son, North Carolina, are visiting friends in the city.

Mr. F. Lee and family of this city spent Sunday with Mrs. M. Shannon, Campbellford.

Mr. G. A. McClatchie and wife of New York, have been spending a few days with his father, Mr. A. McClatchie, Queen St.

Mr. J. S. London, Assistant General Manager of the Standard Bank of Canada was the guest of Mr. Jno. Elliott for three days last week.

Mrs. Mary DeShane, Mrs. F. R. Childs and daughter Eileen, of Toronto, are visiting at the home of Mrs. M. D. Denton, W. Bridge St.

LATE ALFRED DIGWEED

All that was mortal of the late Alfred Digweed was laid to rest on Sunday afternoon in Belleville cemetery. Rev. George Brown conducted service at the family residence, Wicksteed Street. The bearers were A. Allison, C. Frost, W. J. Thrasher, H. McKnight, H. Carter and F. Pantzer.

PAY \$3,000 ON BRIDGE

City Council Hands Over Instalment on Free Structure

The Bay Bridge is "free," but it's not all paid for yet. Last night another \$3,000 was ordered paid, and the city will hand this sum over to the Belleville-Prince Edward Bridge Co., former owners, as the present instalment on the purchase price.

NEW TENDERS

New tenders have been called for the erection of a school on College Hill, the plans having been revised.

Port Hope dealers have received word that coal has advanced 40 cents a ton.

### GROCERY PRICES SLIDING DOWN SUGAR, TEA, FRUITS, LOWER!

Falling prices constitute the outstanding characteristics of the commodity outlook for the present summer and approaching autumn season, a condition deplored by the interested trader, but which should bring joy to the hearts of thrifty housewives.

Supply and demand as usual are the regulating forces, and through displayed greediness in the past, hoarding for maximum prices, sugar refiners primarily are caught, forced to sell at loss now or hold indefinitely for probable heavier indirect losses later. Analysis of the trade conditions lead informed wholesalers to predict a gradual decline in sugar prices as the season progresses.

As to fruits, generally, information is too indefinite to warrant conclusions, but as for apples it is reported that "prospects are for a very heavy crop, and prices likely to be very low."

Low prices rule on all teas at present—extremely low in trade opinion—while reasonably low prices are likely to prevail in coffees.

Prices of currants are expected to be about one-half of what they were last season; while as to rice, "very low prices will hold throughout the season."

The barley crop also is heavy, and the price of this commodity will be low; as to beans, it is noted that "the prospects are for a heavy crop and low prices," and as to canned goods, "there is likely to be a heavy carry-over from last season"—from which one may look in this quarter also for a reduction of living costs.

### SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. J. CANNING

Former Alderman and Well-Known Citizen Dropped Dead While at Work

HEART FAILURE CAUSE Had Complained of Feeling Ill Monday Morning—Was 54 Years Old

The City Hall flag was flying half mast today out of respect for the late Mr. John Canning, ex-alderman of this city, who died very suddenly yesterday while superintending a shipment of cement at Point Anne.

Heart failure was announced as the cause of death, with the heat and acute indigestion as contributory causes.

Hundreds of friends in the city and neighborhood of Mr. Canning were shocked when they learned of his death, the news of which spread rapidly last night and this morning. He was well known and well liked and there is sincere regret felt by all classes of people at his passing.

Mr. Canning was born the year of Confederation and was therefore 54 years of age. He had lived here all his life.

Mr. Canning was formerly a blacksmith on Bridge St. W., but retired from that occupation some years ago on account of his health which was giving way. He went into the insurance business and followed this by going to Point Anne where he held a position at Plant No. 5.

Mr. Canning leaves a widow but no family, his home being at No. 10, Isabel street. There is one brother, Mr. Joshua Canning and a sister, Mrs. Chas. Boyle. Mr. Canning was a Presbyterian, a Mason and a member of the Canadian Order of Odd-fellows. He was the Past Master of the Belleville Lodge No. 123, A.F. & A.M.

Mr. Canning complained of not feeling well yesterday morning and was urged not to go to work. He, however, disregarded this advice and went. About 4 o'clock he suddenly went faint and although men working near him gave what assistance was possible under the circumstances, he passed away.

He was formerly an alderman and was for one year chairman of the fire committee.

The funeral will be under Masonic auspices.

Mr. Canning's birth place was Mountain Grove, Frontenac County.

When Age Begins to Tell On Sight

Along about 40 most people begin to notice that it is a little more difficult to see clearly at close sight.

It is natural condition easily taken care of by properly fitted glasses. Without glasses the constant strain will cause serious trouble.

The glasses must be fitted by a person skilled in this science. At Blackburn's you get this skill and in addition real personal interest taken in the benefit, comfort and satisfaction you will receive from the glasses.

**T. Blackburn Jeweller & Optician**

**July Sales**

**House Dresses \$1.49**

15 DOZ LADIES' HOUSE DRESSES in several styles, regular up to \$2.50, to Clear at \$1.49

**At 98c**

We have filled a table with Dressing Scaques, Middies, Underskirts, Nightgowns, Camisoles, Bungalow Aprons, are at One Price 98c

**Crepe Kimonos \$2.95**

5 DOZ. ONLY JAPANESE CREPE KIMONOS in sky, Pink, Mauve, Rose and Copen, extra value Only \$2.95

**Summer Corsets 98c**

10 DOZ. D. & A. CORSETS, in sizes 19 to 25, Sale Price 98c

**Special Value in Hosiery**

15 doz. Ladies' Cotton Hose in Black and White, and Brown, sizes 8 1/2, 9, 9 1/2 and 10, Sale Price 29c

25 dozen CHILDREN'S HOSE, in 1/1 Rib in Black, White, and Brown, extra Value 29c

**EARLE & COOK CO., LTD**

**SINCLAIR'S**

**Sheer Summery Voiles 63c yd.**

This Clearing Table of Summer Wash Goods includes a great variety of figured, striped and plain Voiles, Crepes, Etc. All are much reduced from their regular prices and are wonderful values at 63c yard.

**Gingham Frocks**

are not the common ordinary garments they once were. They are now fashioned in such pretty styles and of such dainty patterns that they are worn on almost any occasion. We are offering some uncommonly good values at prices that are reduced away down. The better sort of these practical dresses are placed in two lots for clearance at

**\$3.95 and \$5.00**

**Bath Towels 23c each**

These are colored Towels in striped effects, size 15x32 inches. Good value at 23c each, 45c a pair.

**Holeproof Hosiery**

This well known quality of ribbed-top Silk Hosiery is shown in Black, White, Navy and Brown, at \$2.00 a pair.

**Embroidery Flouncings**

These Flouncings are all of a quality of voile that alone would be worth more than this price. They are 45 inches wide and beautifully embroidered. Come in and see them. They are marked at about half their value at 89c yard.

**Tubable Skirts**

are a necessity these hot days and these Skirts have a lot of style in addition to their tubable qualities. Good qualities of gabardine and bedford cord are trimmed with fancy pockets and stitching. Prices \$3.00 to \$8.50.

**Lingerie**

**Blouses 98c**

This is an opportunity to have a good supply of Voile Blouses at a low price. They are well made from fine voile and are neatly trimmed with embroidery work. Specially priced at 98c each.

**Middies**

Every girl must have lots of Middies for the hot weather. You may choose here from a host of good styles. White or colored collars, at \$1.00 to \$4.00. Flannel Middies are \$5.00 and \$7.00.

**STORE CLOSURE WEDNESDAYS AT NOON.**

**SINCLAIR'S**

**FOR RECORD WITH**

Canada Wants to be a Great Nation

**CABLE TALK**

Sir George Premier to Han

OTTAWA, July 12.—The subject of the Government's Commonwealth has finally added to the list of the things that are to be done up with Australia the subject of a reciprocal trade agreement with the United States.

The American down in resolution and has been but it is only a tentative effect was by this tariff, a to Great Britain, Britain or count operate against however, a generalizing reciprocity other Dominion be availed of in ing trade between

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Canada cover a much principal items, all kinds, automobiles and new view between and Hughes on expected to pave the way for a reciprocal arrangement in the course

**FOSTER SHIP**

Sir George Kisses of People

OTTAWA, July 12.—Foster disposed of controversy and when referring to ganisation, through shielded the effort blame in determining of dismissed employment, it is barbaric "to state day by foreign experts a missing employment simply suggest a tion is by the de If there are three and the experts enough, their w point. It is the sials and the Civ tion who determine are to stay and go."

Sir George also over 65 are being let out inefficient or not

**FUNERAL OF**

The obsequies Elizabeth Eustace, onto, were held in Michael's Church, been officiating a made in St. James' church, being Hughes, J. M. Hu ley.

Mrs. Eustace h year and died a daughter, Mrs. B. 129 Kendall. A was born in Bell and ten years ago onto. She conducted store here. Her Eustace died clay Five daughters vire. They are Montreal; Mrs. H. nipeg; Mrs. W. J. York; Mrs. W. J. P. McMillan, Tor Eustace, Montreal.

**MRS. JOE**

The obsequies Joshua Dodds to late home to Mont Rev. Mr. Knox choir sang "Beau where" and the impressive sermon made at Mounta ing being bearers Fred Lawder, Wood, J. Black a

Arthur Blaney, drowned in Savin