

SUDDEN RISE IN THE THAMES WRECKS FLOTILLA OF CRACK MOTOR BOATS OWNED BY LONDONERS

Nine Torn From Their Moorings and Eight Went Over Dam.

SOME SMASHED AT SPRINGBANK

Neat Little Craft Rode Swollen River Until They Met Their Waterloo at Pumphouse.

Torn from their moorings at the foot of Dundas street by the sudden and unexpected rise in the River Thames, nine power launches, ranging in value from \$150 to \$350 each, were swept down stream and over the Springbank dam to be smashed to pieces this morning.

The owners of the missing boats are Richard Tuttle, John Blythe, Frank Fenech, Frank Vita, Mr. Taylor, owner of the new craft, "Hoot Mon," Bert Trebilcock, Fred Forbes, Roy Garrett, Gordon Finchamp, and Mr. E. B. Dawson, owner of a motor canoe.

River on a Rampage.
The heavy rains of yesterday afternoon, that continued on like cloud-bursts during the night, put the River Thames again on the rampage, and before the trouble was made known to the members of the club nine of the fleet had been swept away, and a dozen others were threatened with destruction.

Norman Trebilcock's boat was about to depart, when half a dozen men arrived, and with the greatest effort brought it back to shore.

The little drydock was carried off and torn to pieces in the whirlpool at the union of the north and south branches, and shortly afterward the main landing for the power launches followed, taking several of the boats with it.

A few planks remained, however, and swung over against the apron before Thomas's boat-house, holding Mr. Trebilcock's boat safely for the time being.

Some Were Saved.
Harry Struthers, Joseph Harrison and the Thrapleton brothers were also able to save their motors, and while considerable difficulty was experienced in pulling them back, they are now anchored safely out of the current.

Mr. Don Hennigar, whose launch was tied up below the London Club boat-house, brought it safely back and did a little service for the victims of the storm. A shortage of gasoline which has affected the power boat owners since the end of last week left several helpless, but Mr. Hennigar being more fortunate was able to start his engine and get back into a quiet corner. He found it impossible to get across the forks to the foot of Dundas street, however, as the current whirled the boat about like a chip.

A Hunt for Boats.
The officers and several members of the motor boat club organized an expedition and started down the river banks this morning in the hope that some of the missing launches would be found in safety. However, it was reported from Springbank that eight had gone over the big pumphouse dam, some of them being smashed to splinters.

Mr. Taylor's Hoot Mon was just pined in the river on Saturday, and was a very natty affair. It was rated at 6-horse-power. The Comet, owned by Trebilcock and Forbes, and Gordon Finchamp's long, both of which were lost, were also excellent boats.

Mr. Frank Fenech hurried down the river this morning and found his boat bobbing in against the north shore opposite Woodland Cemetery. Hastily securing a rope he pulled the launch up on the shore, and has since had a man on guard.

Others also scanned the quiet bends along the stream; only one out of the nine was located. Six of the eight to cross Springbank dam were in fair shape after crossing the big wall and continued toward Chatham. The Garrett and Blythe boats were completely wrecked, however, and will be total losses. It may be possible to recover the motors from the foot of the dam when the water subsides.

Rewards Offered.
Phone messages were sent to Delaware by Mr. R. R. Tuttle, of Ridout street, secretary of the Motor Boat Club, and rewards were offered for the recovery of any of the craft. According to the latest report nothing has as yet passed Delaware, although it is possible that some of the wreckage may have gone before notice was given.

The water continues to rise very rapidly this afternoon, and the swell is assuming the proportions of a real flood. Much loyving land along the river has been flooded and fences, trees, timber and all manner of rubbish is floating down from both the branches.

Six feet three inches of water was passing over the dam this afternoon. Continued on Page Eleven.

Naval Losses On the River Thames

Trebilcock and Forbes' "Comet".....	\$250
John Blythe's "Commodore".....	250
Roy Garrett's "Athres".....	300
Gordon Finchamp's "Ione".....	250
R. I. Tuttle's "Sir George".....	350
E. B. Dawson's motor canoe.....	150
Frank Vita's "I. D. K.".....	200
Mr. Taylor's "Hoot Mon".....	200

OBJECTS TO EQUAL RATES FOR ALL

Mr. Pocock Does Not Believe Outside People Should Be Treated as Citizens.

ANNEXATION IS FAVORED

If Manufacturers on the Outside Are Dissatisfied They Should Come Into London.

Chairman Philip Pocock is of the opinion that the request of the city council to furnish water to manufacturers outside the city limits at city rates. It will be noted that at the meeting of the city council on Monday night, this request was passed unanimously. The whole matter is under the jurisdiction of the water commissioners, and they will take definite action at their next regular meeting.

"I do not think it wise to give manufacturers outside the city limits the same consideration as those who have established within our borders," declared Mr. Pocock. "I think it a mistake to give the suburbs any of the benefits, which cost us so much, without adequate return. We have to assume the liability for the whole water plant and its operation. Those who live outside the city limits do not have to assume any liability whatever, and yet we are asked to give them the same treatment that we would accord to our own manufacturers. I do not think it right. If we give outsiders the same privilege, as those who dwell within the city limits, what inducement is there to come in? We are only charging outsiders double the ordinary city rates. I do not think this excessive. It would be much better to my way of thinking if all the manufacturers were inside the city. Ald. Spittal, on the contrary, declares that every manufacturing establishment within any distance of the city is a good thing for London, and should be encouraged as far as possible.

"We benefit, and we should help them in every way within our power," he declared.

MAJOR W. G. COLES IS NAMED FOR THE ARMY SERVICE CORPS

Will Be Gazetted a Major Shortly—Will Be at Goderich Camp.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, May 21.—The next issue of the Canada Gazette will announce the appointment of Capt. W. G. Coles of the Seventh Regiment, to be in charge of the Army Service Corps to be organized in the city of London. He will be given the rank of major. Under him will be five subalterns, and the corps will be 100 men strong.

For some time, the change has been in contemplation, and it is now officially announced that Capt. Coles will be named for the place. The appointment is a very popular one. He will be in charge of the commissary department at the camp at Goderich, at which there will be about 3,000 men.

LIGHTNING CRIPPLES TORONTO ST. RAILWAY

Storm Bolt Puts the Cars Out of Service for Several Hours.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, May 21.—Lightning struck the feed wires supplying the Toronto Electric Light Company some place between here and Niagara Falls during the storm this morning, and the local street railway service was tied up for several hours as a result.

Services of all kinds dependent upon electric energy have been more or less disorganized all morning. The hydro-electric system was also affected, but only temporarily.

The T. E. L. started up their steam plant at noon to relieve the situation. Street cars started running again at 1 o'clock.

FORMED FIRST FIRE BRIGADE

Mr. Jacob Brown, an Old Resident of This City, Died Monday Night.

75 YEARS A RESIDENT

Had Been for Years Guardian of the Old Phoenix Fire Engine of the Volunteer Company.

Mr. Jacob Brown, one of the oldest residents of the city of London, died on Monday night in the Aged People's Home, in his 82nd year.

Deceased was born in Toronto in 1831. In 1857 he came to London with his mother and father. He entered the cabinetmaking business with Clark & Matthews, who had a furniture manufacturing establishment where the Bank of Commerce now stands. After learning his trade he married here and reared a family of twelve sons and one daughter.

In 1848, he, with the late Daniel Perrin and Edmund Beltz, formed the first fire brigade in the city of London. It was known as the "Wheelbarrow Brigade."

In 1851 a fire engine was purchased by public subscription and by a grant from the city council, and the famous Phoenix Fire Department was formed. Mr. Brown was appointed warden of the engine, which position he held for a long term.

For many years Mr. Brown followed his trade. His family grew up, and are now scattered far and wide. His wife died a long time ago. Of recent years Mr. Brown had been a resident of the Aged People's Home, but at every parade of the Veteran Firemen he was always a conspicuous figure.

The funeral service will be held on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Ferguson's undertaking parlors. Interment will be at Mount Pleasant Cemetery. The Veteran Firemen will attend the funeral in a body.

ALL IS READY NOW FOR DUKE'S ARRIVAL

Mayor Returns From Toronto, Where He Saw Col. Lowther on Monday.

Mayor Graham returned on Monday evening from Toronto, where he was consulting with Col. Lowther, military secretary to His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, regarding the reception on May 23. The details of the programme were approved, and everything was arranged to the satisfaction of all concerned.

The only change in the original programme was the part the school children are to play in the entertainment. They were quite overlooked. In the first arrangements, but the duke expressed a desire to see them, and so arrangements will be made for them. Inspector Edwards will assemble all the school children of the city, about 6,000 in number on the Collegiate Institute grounds. Dufferin avenue from Picton street to Waterloo will be roped off, and the space reserved for the youngsters from every section of the city. Each one will be given a British flag, a daffodil ten minutes or more they will sing to the royal party. Rehearsals on their portion of the programme will be commenced at once.

The invitation list is in course of preparation. It was announced by his worship. The list will not be ready until Wednesday noon, when it will be given for publication. This will include not only the guests to be invited to the luncheon to be tendered to His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught at the Tecumseh House, but also those who will be present at the luncheon to the Duchess of Connaught and Princess Patricia at the Normal School.

"The details of the entertainment are being rapidly arranged," said Ald. Spittal, chairman of the reception committee. "On Wednesday the invitation list will be announced."

WANTS COMMISSION.
Guelph, May 21.—Ald. Carter gave notice of motion at last night's council meeting. "I shall move that a by-law be introduced and submitted to the electors at the next municipal election to provide for the election of a board of commissioners to take the place of the city council and the several boards of commissioners now managing the municipal business of the city."

ONE IDEA OF A REAL HERO



Chicago Journal.

THE FIRST STRAW HAT.

HEAVY DAMAGE AT HAMILTON BY GREAT TORRENTIAL RAINS

Radial Lines Three Feet Under Water and Completely Tied Up.

[Canadian Press.]
Hamilton, May 21.—Thousands of dollars of damage was done by flooding as a result of the torrents of rain that fell yesterday afternoon and last night. The filled-in roads across Coal Oil Inlet, where the city and Oliver and International Harvester Company spent several thousand dollars, were washed away. The radial tracks to that point are under three feet of water, and traffic on the Burlington and Oakville line is tied up. There was also heavy damage at the west end, and many reports of minor flooding in the city.

GERMAN APACHES CORNERED, KILL OFFICERS AND SUICIDE

Caught Burglarizing They Shoot Constable and Later One Bandit Kills Wounded Comrade to Prevent His Falling Into Hands of Police.

[Canadian Press.]

Nauen, Germany, May 21.—The example of the Apaches, who recently terrified Paris and its environs, has been quickly followed by some German criminals here. Two of them, detected last night while committing burglaries, dashed to their bicycles, which had been left outside the house. On the way they were confronted by a policeman, whom they shot dead. They then rode away as rapidly as possible, but the people in the vicinity were roused and pursued them, firing at the criminals as they fled. One of the bandits was wounded by a shot, and his comrade then deliberately killed him to prevent his capture and possible betrayal. The surviving burglar continued the battle against hundreds of armed police and countrymen until he was finally shot dead.

Such resistance to the authorities by German criminals has hitherto been extremely rare.

MILITARY ENGINEERS WILL MAKE SURVEY OF PROPERTY

Minister of Militia May Come Here to Take Over the Parade Grounds.

Word has been received from Ottawa to the effect that as soon as Hon. Sam Hughes, minister of militia, returns to the Capital City, he will reply to the invitation of Ald. Coles, chairman of the city hall building committee, to come to London and inspect the proposal made to turn the block bounded by Dundas, Waterloo, King and Wellington streets, into a site for the new city hall and parade ground for the Seventh Regiment.

"It seems that the minister has been out of Ottawa for some time."

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR, WARMER.

Forecast.

Toronto, May 21—8 a.m.

A few local showers, but mostly fair today and on Wednesday, with higher temperatures.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. to day:

Stations. High. Low. Weather.

LONDON.....59.....53.....Rain.

Calgary.....52.....32.....Cloudy.

Winnipeg.....54.....34.....Clear.

Fort Arthur.....58.....36.....Cloudy.

Ferry Sound.....46.....26.....Fair.

Toronto.....49.....29.....Rain.

Ottawa.....48.....28.....Fair.

Montreal.....46.....26.....Clear.

Quebec.....58.....42.....Clear.

Father Point.....45.....25.....Fair.

Weather Notes.

Pressure is still low to the west of the

but he will consider our invitation as soon as he arrives back," said Ald. Coles. "I am hopeful that he will come to London, if he does I feel satisfied that we can convince him of the reasonableness of our proposition."

Made a Survey.

It is understood that the military authorities have instructed their engineers to make a survey of the property in question, and report to the department at once.

The kindergarten at Aberdeen school has been condemned as insanitary by Dr. Hutchinson, M. H. O., and he has notified the board of education to that effect. The communication will be dealt with at the next regular meeting.

If a new school is built to replace the present structure a modern kindergarten will be included in the building.

Mississippi, while it is increasing slowly over the Great Lakes, the Peninsula of Ontario and eastward to Western Quebec, and very heavily near Lake Ontario.

Local showers are also reported in the Maritime Provinces and Southern Alberta.

ANOTHER BANK RUMOR

This One Says the Montreal Is To Absorb Royal-Traders.

Toronto, May 21.—The Telegram revives the story this morning of another big bank merger. The report is that the Bank of Montreal will absorb the Royal-Traders combination. "The Union is not in the new merger," H. S. Holt, of Montreal, is named as probable man to manage the business.

TRAVERS STICKS TO REFUSAL TO TELL WHO GOT \$3,000

Once More Declares It Was Nobody in Connection With the Finance Department—Explains Basis on Which the Farmers' Bank Issued Circulation.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, Ont., May 21.—That W. R. Travers, former manager of the defunct Farmers' Bank, sent to the branches of that institution notes of subscribers for capital stock, had them discounted, and then allowed the notes to figure in the Government returns as paid-up capital, was the admission made by him when the investigation into the bank's affairs was resumed this morning by Chief Justice Sir William Ralph Meredith. He also said that the bank had issued circulation on this basis as its business necessitated. Any doubt he had as to the right of the bank to do this, he declared, had been set at rest by Sir Richard Cartwright, then acting minister of finance. Travers declared he had met Sir Richard on a dining-car in March of 1907. He was not certain as to the date.

Asked Sir Richard.

"I asked him whether it was irregular for a bank to issue circulation against good farmers' notes," said Mr. Travers.

"Sir Richard replied: 'If you can't notes, what can you issue it against?'"

Issue circulation against good farmers' notes.

Travers stated that he had not explained to Sir Richard that the notes he referred to were held and discounted by his own bank.

"Regarding the question as to who received that check for \$3,000, which you refused to answer at the last sitting, have you thought it over?" asked Frank Hodgins, K. C.

A Personal Matter.

"Yes," replied Travers. "I have also consulted my counsel. He advises me to answer if it related to anyone connected with the finance department. If it was purely a personal matter he advised me not to answer. It is a personal matter and I prefer not to reply."

"What do you mean by a personal matter?" asked the commissioner.

"Was it your money?"

Travers replied that he got the money in commission, but refused to say where he had paid for it.

"We may get to that later," remarked Mr. Hodgins, after questioning Travers as to an item of \$500 paid out in the provisional directors' account, which Travers said he believed. Continued on Page Eleven.

ADD 2,000 PEOPLE TO THE CITY BY ANNEXING THE SUBURBS

City Council Accepts a Recommendation to Take in the Eastern Districts.

The first step towards the annexation of Pottersburg and the district intervening between that suburb and the city was taken by the city council on Monday night when the recommendation of the manufacturers' committee to annex the district south of Oxford street, west of the easterly limits of Pottersburg, and north of the River Thames, was adopted. This section includes Ealing as well.

Chairman Spittal introduced the motion, and explained that the cor-

poration as a whole was not responsive for local improvements which would have to be borne by the property benefited. As a result, there was no penalty in adding territory to London. In addition a population of over 2,000 would be added to the city, which would bring the total close to 50,000. An amicable arrangement regarding the tax rate in the new territory could be made. He considered 13 mills would be reasonable.

A committee, composed of Ald. Johnston, Ald. Coles, Ald. Robinson, and Ald. Spittal, was named to take the necessary steps to carry out the wishes of the council.

"I think we will succeed," declared Ald. Spittal at the council. "It would be a good thing for the city."

MAN STRUCK BY LIGHTNING WANDERS ALL NIGHT IN FIELDS

"Sticks" Legge Found By Two Men in the North End Today.

While taking a short cut across the old camping grounds near the Wolseley Barracks shortly after 6 o'clock this morning, two north end laborers were startled to see a man crawling on his hands and knees through the wet grass. On coming up with him they found that he was drenched through to the skin, and was in a stunned condition. On assisting him to his feet the man told them that his name was Legge and that he was a cripple. He stated that while coming through the grounds early this evening he had been struck by lightning and had wandered around the field the rest of the night in a dazed sort of way. He said that he had lost his crutches soon after he was struck and was hunting for them.

The men assisted him in his search and finally located the crutches some distance from the spot where the man was found. Legge was assisted to his home at 552 William street. He was suffering from the shock of the lightning, and also from exposure.

A Well-Known Character.

Although Legge did not give his full name it is thought that he is a man who is known in the north end as "Sticks" Legge. He also goes by the name of Donohue, and is well-known about town. Whether he wandered around the field all night on his hands and knees or whether he was stunned by the lightning and lay all night in the rain he could not state. He remembered walking across the field during the storm, but his mind is hazy as to what followed, although he recalls the fact that he missed his crutches and spent some time in trying to find them.

INQUEST WILL BE HELD IN WEST LONDON TENT

Jury Empanelled to Inquire Into Death of Leonard Brooks.

The jury empanelled by Dr. C. C. Ross, of Hyde Park, to investigate the death of Leonard Brooks, the well-known West Londoner, who was strangled by a guy-rope in his tent yesterday morning, when he fell in a faint with his throat across it, viewed the remains at the undertaking parlors of George E. Logan this afternoon, and adjourned to meet this evening. The session will commence at 8 o'clock, on the scene of the death of Mr. Brooks, Prospect avenue, West London, and it is expected that all the evidence will be taken in time to return a verdict tonight.

APPEAL ALLOWED

Mr. Justice Riddell Gives Interesting Judgment in Stratford Case.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, May 21.—An interesting echo of the recent Stratford case of Pringle vs. the city was heard in court today before Mr. Justice Riddell. The action arose from an appeal by the plaintiff from the order of the local judge refusing costs of proceedings taken to prevent the city from buying the property, land, buildings and machinery of the McDonald Thresher Company for \$20,000 to either party.

In giving judgment Mr. Riddell said: "There is no denial of the intention to proceed of either party. The plaintiff, although it must have been the allegation of such intention which influenced the local judge in granting the injunction order, and although the plaintiff's affidavit sets this up as the reason for hurry, it must be taken then that such was the intention. Appeal allowed and defendants directed to pay the costs of action, application to the local judge and this appeal."

MET C. N. R. PEOPLE BUT NOTHING TO SAY

Mayor Is Reticent On This Occasion Regarding Visit To Toronto.

While in Toronto on Monday Mayor Graham had a conversation, with some of the Canadian Northern officials, but he refused to state what had taken place at the interview. "I met some of the officials," he informed The Advertiser. "However, there is absolutely nothing for publication." Efforts to secure from him information regarding his movements, what the company intended doing, or anything of that nature resulted in his refusal to discuss the question under any circumstances.

"There is nothing for publication as yet," he invariably answered.

The aldermen have not been taken into his confidence, none of them professing to know the slightest thing about the negotiations now going on between his worship and the Mackenzie-Mann interests.

BAIL REFUSED

Chatham Man Is Held for Assaulting His Mother.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Chatham, May 21.—William Freeman, colored, charged with assaulting his mother with intent to do bodily harm, came before Judge Dowlin, in the county court, and was remanded for trial until June. Bail was not accepted. Freeman lived in Raleigh Township, and is a relative of the Freeman who killed Constable Rankin, a number of years ago. When Constable Peters went out to arrest him he offered resistance, and was arrested with considerable difficulty. It is thought that his mind is unbalanced.