

\$10,000 FIRE AT DOMINION ABATTOIR WORKS.

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Tomorrow's Weather—Colder.

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Sun Rises 6:13—Sun Sets 6:36.

Full Explanation of British Army Trouble Given in the House—Mutilated Body of Man Found on G.T.R. Near Ingersoll—More Chinese Atrocities—Second Proposition From Natural Gas Company Expected—Big Addition to St. Joseph's Hospital.

FIRE DESTROYS 28 CATTLE IN ABATTOIR STOCK PENS

Early Morning Blaze Does \$10,000 Damage When Big Barn Catches From Spark—Firemen Forced to Lay 3,000 Feet of Hose to Tap Nearest Hydrant.

Twenty-eight head of cattle were burnt to death and \$10,000 damages done at the Dominion Abattoir, London Junction, this morning, when the stock pens were destroyed by fire. When the blaze was discovered there were thirty head of cattle in the building, but so fiercely did the building burn that employees had only time to unchain two before the place was a mass of flames.

Cause of the fire is unknown. According to Fire Chief John Aitken, a spark from a passing locomotive or from the abattoir chimney was undoubtedly the cause. It was discovered simultaneously at 7:30 by a man walking on the Grand Trunk tracks and Foreman John Kervin, of the plant. Both saw smoke coming from the barn. The stranger opened the rear door of the pens almost the same moment as Kervin reached the front.

Private Department Responds. An alarm was immediately sounded, and the private fire department of the abattoir responded. Scarcity of water, however, stopped anything like effective fighting against the flames, but the prompt action of employees is credited with having reduced the loss considerably.

3,000 Feet of Hose Arrived. When the city fire department arrived it was necessary to lay hose for 3,000 feet to the nearest hydrant at Pottersburg station. The half-mile canvas water line reduced the city pressure materially, and it was very weak. The firemen, however,

confined the fire to the stock pens, after it had threatened the entire plant.

Valuable Machinery Damaged. So fierce were the flames that the windows of the killing room and engine house, across the lane from the stock pens, were charred and broken. Valuable machinery in both these sections of the plant were badly damaged by water, while several frame structures close to the destroyed pens were also scorched and slightly burned. Their safety from total destruction is credited to the abattoir fire department's quick work when the blaze was first discovered.

When the fire was the hottest, scores of rats ran from the burning barn into the fields close by. Several of them were killed by the onlookers.

Slaughtered Animal Left. The rapidly rising flames which the flames licked up the building was shown by a charred beef on the wrecked cattle-way, which had been slaughtered a moment the fire was noticed, and had to be left there.

The building, which was a story and a half barn, where the animals are penned before being slaughtered, was partly filled with barrels of refuse, and the stench arising from this and the burning carcasses of the cows was sickening.

Loss Fully Covered. The loss is fully covered by insurance. Einar Rehnitz, president of the city company, is at present out of the city, but is expected to return shortly.

PRESIDENT EXTENDS OFFICIAL WELCOME TO W. A. DELEGATES

Mrs. G. B. Sage Reviews Important Questions Coming Up for Discussion.

\$975 THANK OFFERING Large Sum Raised by Annual Thank Offerings—Committee Reports.

Reviewing in optimistic terms the spread of Christianity in India and China, referring to the past successful year of the Women's Missionary Auxiliary in Huron diocese, and outlining the important questions to be discussed by the auxiliary, Mrs. (Rev. Dr.) G. B. Sage, the diocesan president this morning warmly welcomed to London the delegates to the Huron Auxiliary's twenty-seventh annual convention, meeting in Bishop Cronyn Hall this week.

Mrs. Sage referred to the new plan of work whereby the Women's Auxiliary in the diocese throughout Canada were held responsible for missionary efforts conducted by the Church of England, among women and children, both in the foreign field and in the Canadian West. Last year it was shown that the total giving of the Women's Auxiliary had been \$101,739, and this amount was likely to be exceeded in 1914. Yet some twelve years ago, the amount asked from the church in Canada, exclusive of the Women's Auxiliary, was only \$75,000. God had prospered missionary effort in a most wonderful way, she said, and this was doubtless due to the deep spiritual tone of the work.

More Bible Study. At the meeting of the general board in Toronto, strong emphasis was placed upon the necessity of reading and studying the scriptures, especially from a missionary point of view. More study of the Bible in school and home was being advocated on all sides, the president said. This question will be discussed during the annual sessions. Although the year had been one of such encouragement, yet the great aim, to have a branch of the Women's Auxiliary organized in every parish of the diocese, had not been attained. The president hoped that in view of the great responsibility resting upon the delegates, they would be able to report success.

MUST HAVE MAINS IN NEW SECTION

Fire Chief Declares They Are Imperative for Protection of Residents.

According to Fire Chief Aitken, fire hydrants and mains will have to be installed in the newly-annexed territory at once if adequate protection is to be given the residents there.

This morning it was necessary to lay more than half a mile of hose to reach the big fire at the Dominion Abattoir works. The fire chief estimates a pressure loss of three pounds for every hundred feet of hose. With over 3,000 feet of it in a single stretch the weak stream was no surprise to the firemen.

When Ealing and Pottersburg came into the city one of the conditions of annexation was the extension of water mains to those suburbs. They have been extended as far as Hale street, just past the Asylum gates.

When the boundaries of the city were again extended to include the Dominion Abattoir property, it was understood that ample fire protection would be provided for property in the additional territory.

Officials of the water commissioners' department have not been aware that General Manager Glubitz's plans for the extension of water mains included extension to the Dominion Abattoir, although it has been discussed, but not definitely in the board of water commissioners.

NEW ALLIANCE IN ORGANIZED LABOR Building Trade Form Very Strong Combination in Montreal.

[Canadian Press.] Montreal, March 25.—A new era of strength for organized labor in Montreal will begin on May 1. The building trades council has decided that a new alliance between the unions of the various trades affiliated with the council will then go into effect.

It will have a sweeping effect, inasmuch as no non-union man in the trade connected with the building trades council will be allowed to work with a union man on jobs controlled by the council, and that, if there is an important enough grievance for one branch of the building trade on the work to strike, all the men on the work who belong to the unions affiliated with the building trades council will also strike.

Premier Puts the Officers of Army Into Their Places

Will Never Consent to Give Assurances of Hypothetic Character Asked.

[Canadian Press.] London, March 25.—The refusal today of Premier Asquith to accept the proffered resignation of Colonel Seely, secretary of war, was followed by a strong speech by the head of the cabinet, in which he told the House of Commons that the Government had made a firm stand in regard to the position of public servants. He said he would never assent to the claim of any body of men in the service of the crown to demand from the Government assurances of a hypothetical character as to what should be done in circumstances which had not arisen. It would, he said, be a new claim, and would put the Government at the mercy of the military and naval authorities.

The Premier's pronouncement sent the supporters of the Government wild. They climbed on the benches, waving papers and handkerchiefs, to the accompaniment of salvos of cheers, which lasted several minutes.

LATEST DISPATCHES FROM MEXICO SAY REBELS REPULSED

Federals Put Up an Unexpectedly Strong Resistance to Villa's Men.

MANY REBELS WOUNDED El Paso Hears That the Attacking Forces Were Driven Back Twenty Miles.

[Canadian Press.] Bermejillo, Mexico, March 23.—(By Courier to El Paso, March 25).—Rebel wounded from Gomez Palacio and the lesser recent fights in the vicinity are being brought north in large numbers, and it is officially admitted the federals put up an unexpectedly strong resistance at Gomez Palacio.

Rebels Repulsed. El Paso, Texas, March 25.—Miguel Diebold, the Mexican federal consular service, said today that he had been officially informed that the rebels were repulsed with heavy loss at Torreón, and that some of them were driven back twenty miles.

"It is very significant that Juarez is without news and I regard it as confirmation of my dispatch," said Senator Diebold.

[Canadian Press.] Washington, March 25.—The Mexican embassy has received the following telegram from the city of Mexico dated last night:

"The rebels were repulsed today in an attempt to reach Torreón. Gen. Velasco well prepared for attack."

NATURAL GAS MAY BE USED IN FACTORIES Southern Gas Company Said To Be Approaching Manufacturers in East End.

That the Southern Ontario Gas Company, the firm which made a proposition last January to supply natural gas to London users through the City Gas Company, was turned down, will enter the city through another route is practically certain.

The Advertiser learned last night that managers of industrial enterprises in the east end factory district have been approached on this matter, in an indirect way, and that negotiations would be opened within a short time to supply manufacturers with the natural product.

PREMIER ASQUITH REFUSES TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF SECRETARY FOR WAR SEELEY

What Is Left of Big Stock Pens



Photo by Hines. Fire chief and two of his men directing a stream from 3,000-foot line of hose into the ruins of the Dominion Abattoir stock pens, destroyed by fire this morning. Bodies of some of the 28 cattle that were destroyed can be seen in the foreground.

MANY DELEGATES ARE ALREADY AT OTTAWA

London Men on the Spot—Over a Thousand More Hydro-Radial Men Expected.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, March 25.—The advance guard of the Hydro-Radial delegation has come to Ottawa. Hon. Adam Beck, every county in Western Ontario there are already small delegations here. It is expected that there will be over a thousand arrive in the morning for the hearing which is to take place at noon before Premier Borden, Hon. Robert Rogers and Hon. Dr. Reid.

Among those from London here already are Mayor Graham, Phillip Poole, chairman of the water commission, and City Solicitor Meredith. The chief request tomorrow will be for a subsidy of \$6,400 a mile to the radials which are to be built in connection with the cheap power policy of the Ontario Government.

Hon. Adam Beck is conferring with the ministers and the members today.

Many Go Thursday. More than 200 men will leave London tonight on the special C. P. R. train, and other specials will be run on the Grand Trunk, Sarnia, Petrolia and other Western Ontario towns are sending big representations, the Sarnia delegation, 28 strong, leaving that town on a special Pullman attached to a Grand Trunk train, this afternoon.

Will Have the Floor. Everything is complete for the reception of the delegates. The representatives from the various sections will be introduced by the members for their respective ridings, and will occupy the floor of the House, while the Parliamentarians will rest in the gallery. The speakers for the occasion have been chosen, and the great delegation will put up a strong case to the Government for recognition of its claims.

Returning, the delegates will leave Ottawa Thursday night, and will reach their homes on Friday.

POLICE TO INVESTIGATE YEAR OLD DESERTION Child's Appearance as Witness in Abduction Case Starts Inquiry.

Alleged to have been deserted by her parents in London more than a year ago, 12-year-old Madeline Nichols is still in this city, and today Chief of Police W. T. Williams and officers of the Children's Aid Society started an investigation of the case. Following the disappearance of her parents, the girl was taken in charge by Mrs. John McNeirne, 429 Elizabeth street, now out on bail on a charge of abduction, preferred by the father of 15-year-old May Eveland, a neighbor.

The Empire Theatre, a little over a year ago, looked an act, named The Nichols, which included a man, woman and little girl. They all boarded at Mrs. John McNeirne's rooming-house during their stay in London, which extended over some weeks.

One night on returning home from visit to the couple, Mrs. McNeirne learned that the couple, who claimed to be man and wife, had disappeared, leaving behind their supposed daughter, Madeline Nichols. Since then nothing has been heard from them.

Yesterday Chief of Police W. T. Williams learned of the conditions of affairs surrounding the desertion of the child, and stated to The Advertiser that he and members of the Children's Aid Society would investigate the affair, and do all in their power to find the parents of the little girl.

It was the result of the girl appearing in the Eveland abduction case as a witness, which led Chief Williams to receive information which led him to investigate the affair.

MORE ATROCITIES BY "WHITE WOLF"

Chinese Brigands Sack Another City, Killing 230 Inhabitants and Wounding Hundreds More.

[Canadian Press.] Peking, March 25.—"White Wolf," the Chinese brigand, and his followers today captured and sacked the city of Lun Chu Tai, in the Province of Shen-Si. They killed 230 of the inhabitants and wounded and captured many hundreds more.

The terrible depredations committed by "White Wolf" had hitherto been chiefly confined to the Provinces of Hu-Peh and Ho-Nan, and many thousands of Chinese regular troops are in the field against him.

NO LUMBER COMBINE SAYS GEO. BELTON

Ridiculous Idea of Local Dealers Being in "Trust"—Explains Lath Prices.

George H. Belton of the Belton Lumber Co., declares there is absolutely no truth in the statement made by London contractors that there is a lumber combine in London that keeps prices raised in this city.

Taking the statement made by one of the contractors in yesterday's Advertiser that lath, selling at \$12.50 per thousand in London, could be purchased for \$4.75 plus teaming in St. Thomas, he declared that lath is scarce at the present time, owing to exceptional demands, and that \$12.50 is the universal price.

"We pay \$4.75 per thousand for them at the mills," declared Mr. Belton. "That is the price that we paid for the last lot, and since then prices have gone up."

The statement that St. Thomas only charged \$4.75, while London prices were \$12.50, is due to a misunderstanding. London is one of the few places where lath is sold by the foot, two lath being figured as one foot, while in other places lath is sold by the piece. At \$4.75 per thousand pieces it would mean \$9.50 per thousand feet plus the teaming.

"I am willing to pay \$50 per thousand feet to anyone who can buy lath of the first quality in St. Thomas or any other place for \$4.75 per thousand feet."

[Canadian Press.] North Bay, March 25.—Alfred Crotty, of Arnprior, aged 27, fell beneath the wheels of the Soo express at Mattawa last evening, and received injuries which caused his death, in Mattawa Hospital. Both legs were amputated.

Crotty had been working in a lumber camp near Mattawa for McLaughlin Brothers, and was on his way to his home in Arnprior for a visit when the accident happened.

Paget's Instructions Directly From War Office, Without Premier's Knowledge.

CHURCHILL UNDER FIRE IN HOUSE

Indignantly Denies That Government Tried to Encourage Hostilities.

SEELY MAKES STATEMENT

Government Guaranteed Officers No Intention of Using Army for Politics.

[Canadian Press.] London, March 25.—Premier Asquith refused today to accept Col. Seely's resignation. After the sympathetic reception by the House of Commons of the Secretary for War's explanation of his action regarding the army officers in Ireland, the Premier decided that he would not sacrifice his lieutenant.

[Canadian Press.] London, March 25.—The resignation of Colonel John Seely, secretary for war, followed quickly after the publication today of the white paper, giving details of the crisis in the British army, whose officers refused to participate in active operations against the inhabitants of Ulster, who had prepared to offer armed resistance to the introduction of home rule.

Colonel Seely, in his valedictory address to the House of Commons, denied that King George had taken any initiative of any kind in the army crisis. He said: "The suggestion is absolutely without foundation in the broadest sense. His Majesty took no initiative of any kind. The correspondence between Col. Seely and the officers in Ireland had astounded the country and in the opinion of seasoned politicians, demanded one of two courses—the cashiering of one of the two, or the resignation of the Secretary for War or the resignation of the entire cabinet. The first course was decided on at a protracted cabinet council this morning. Later in the day, in the House of Commons, Premier Asquith, in reply to a question, made it clear that the instructions given to General Sir Arthur Paget before his interview with the officer under him had emanated directly from the war office and were not submitted to the Prime Minister by the Secretary for War."

House Excited. The House of Commons buzzed with excitement and was crowded to its utmost capacity when Lord Charles Bessborough opened the attack on the Government by demanding information as to the naval movements in connection with the situation in Ulster.

"Was the battle squadron ordered to steam at full speed from Spanish waters to the Irish coast and ordered to embark field guns?" he asked. Amid ministerial cheers and derisive laughter from the Unionists, Winston Spencer Churchill, in reply to the inquiry, admitted that the battle squadron had been ordered to Lamlash, "so as to be in proximity to the coast of Ireland in case of serious disturbance arising. With the view of the military precautionary movements had been carried out without opposition, it was decided that this movement of the fleet could be delayed until the Easter leave period of the crews was over."

Churchill Angry. The statement of the first lord was immediately followed by a cyclone of questions. Unionist members asked if Mr. Churchill expected that "this precautionary measure for movement of troops would lead to fighting."

In a moment the first lord flared up. "I repudiate the hellish suggestion," he shouted.

When the consequent uproar had subsided the Speaker reprimanded Mr. Churchill, saying that such an expression should not have been used. If Mr. Churchill expected that "this precautionary measure for movement of troops would lead to fighting," he should have said so.

Guns For Exercise. Mr. Churchill, concluding his reply to the Speaker, said: "The admiral wanted the field guns."

\$125,000 ADDITION TO ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL

New Wing Will Accommodate 70 Private Patients, Chapels and Nurses' Home.

Tenders will be called next week for a new wing to St. Joseph's Hospital, to cost approximately \$125,000. The addition will be built on the west corner of the property, having a frontage on Richmond street of about 250 feet, and on Grosvenor street of 95 feet. It will be connected to the main building by a closed corridor.

At the present time the hospital has about 80 patients, and is overcrowded. The new building, which will be four stories in height, will accommodate approximately 70 patients, the sisters' dormitory and a new school. It will be divided into suites of two rooms each, with bath, and will have a flat roof for nurses' recreation. The structure will be complete throughout and modern in every detail, including the latest telephone system and other sanitary arrangements and other desirable features. Watt & Blackwell are the architects.

DOES NOT BEAT WIFE EVERY DAY, HE PROTESTS

Hamilton Man Declares He Sometimes Has Not Time.

[Canadian Press.] Hamilton, March 25.—Joseph Wysulak appeared in court today charged with assaulting his wife. Doctors told of the woman's injuries. Through an interpreter, the man said: "I don't beat my wife every day. I have not time to, because I work sometimes once a month to keep her quiet."

The magistrate will sentence him tomorrow.

THE WEATHER.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London for the 24 hours preceding 8 p.m. yesterday: Highest, 45 above; lowest, 18 above.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today: Highest, 48 above; lowest, 31 above.

TOMORROW—COLDER.

Toronto, March 25—8 a.m.

Forecast.

Today—Strong southerly winds; showers tonight.

Thursday—Mild until night, then turning colder, with northerly winds.

Temperatures.

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	48	—	Clear
Calgary	10	—	Cloudy
Winnipeg	22	6	Cloudy
Port Arthur	38	24	Snow
Park Sound	36	24	Cloudy
Toronto	40	32	Cloudy
Montreal	34	18	Cloudy
Ottawa	32	22	Clear
Quebec	30	12	Clear
Father Point	30	16	Clear

Minus (—) means below zero.

Weather Notes.

The disturbance which was centred in Colorado yesterday has moved to Wisconsin, and southerly gales with rain now prevail over the western portion of the Great Lakes.

The weather continues fair and comparatively mild from Ontario eastward, and very cold in the Western Provinces.