

WOMEN WRITHE WITH FEAR OF THE PENTECOSTAL MEETINGS GIRL COLLAPSED ON THE FLOOR

Gathering Last Night at the Home of Mr. W. H. Wortman Was Characterized by Many Sensational and to Some People Astounding Features.

THE GIFT OF TONGUES BOLDLY CLAIMED

Leader of the Group Addressed Assembly in a Passionate Manner—Says He Was "The First To Be Healed"—A Little Child Wracked by the Nervous Strain.

There is no doubt of the enthusiasm that has been aroused by the Pentecostal meetings being held at the home of Mr. W. H. Wortman, 546 Dundas street. Last night the parlors and halls were crowded to their capacity. It was a gathering that had evidently come prepared for something, and the strained eagerness with which they followed every move of the speaker, Mr. Durham, showed it appeared how easily they were to be played upon by any impulse.

Mr. Durham is a tall man, rather stooped, with a nervous habit of twitching his shoulders, and drawing his breath in sharply between his closed teeth. His hands are long and sinuous, and he uses them with effect. His eyes are dark, narrow and piercing.

MR. DURHAM SPEAKS.

Last night Mr. Durham spoke on the question of the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and the passages in the Bible where the baptism of God had come down upon the people and had made them speak in tongues.

"There is only one place where you can take issue with me on this question," he stated, "and that is you may hold that the speaking in tongues does not of necessity follow the baptism. I hold that it does, because I have never in my experience seen a person who was baptized who did not speak in tongues."

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CHARTER TO BE GRANTED SOUTHWESTERN TRACTION

Bill Was Amended to Meet the Request of the Municipalities.

A charter will be granted the Southwestern Traction Company in a short time.

The bill was amended to meet with the requests of the municipalities, and so far the amendments have been accepted as satisfactory.

message was received from Mr. T. H. Purdon, K. C., which stated that the bill was satisfactory and would probably be passed as amended. The changes were not of a serious nature, and will have little or no bearing on the bill itself.

Mr. Purdon is expected to arrive home this evening.

BEAR SAW SHADOW BACK TO THE WOODS

If Any Truth in Old Adage Another Winter Is Due.

If there is any truth in the adage about the bear seeing his shadow on Feb. 2, and going back to sleep for six weeks, Bruin will have the slumber all right, for there was absolutely no chance of his missing his shadow today. He could not have chosen a brighter winter day for coming out to look around if he had had it made to order. According to the saying there will be six weeks of winter, and then the bear will come out of his cave for good, and winter will end.

THREE ELECTIONS YET

All Others Are Over in Britain—A Liberal Gain.

London, Feb. 2.—Three elections are set to be held for Glasgow and Aberdeen Universities, for Edinburgh and St. Andrew's Universities, and for Orkney and Shetland. The Liberals made a gain in Scotland, according to the returns from Wickburgh, which were received yesterday. R. Munro, Liberal, polled 1,537 votes to 1,262 for Sir A. Bignold, Conservative. The seat has long been considered safely Unionist.

SHRINKAGE IN VALUES BROKE ONE FIRM

New York, Feb. 2.—The suspension of Fisk & Robinson, the bond and banking house, whose failure came yesterday when an involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed against the firm, was announced at the opening of the stock exchange today.

As a result of the unexpected news after the close of yesterday's business the market today opened with declines running from substantial fractions to a point of 80, with considerable volume of business. The market was not recovered from their nervousness caused by the market break of a couple of weeks ago. The failure was due to the shrinkage in the market value of certain bonds which the firm had underwritten. That caused the banks which had loaned money on the securities to demand additional collateral which the firm was unable to supply.

The receiver estimates that the secured obligations of the firm will amount to about \$5,000,000, and the unsecured obligations to more than \$1,000,000.

TOMMY BURNS MATCHED.

Sydney, N. S. W. Feb. 2.—Tommy Burns and "Big" Lang, heavyweight champion of Australia, were matched today to fight on March 28, for the Australian title.

A BILL TO REHABILITATE ONTARIO MEDICAL COUNCIL

Scheme to Reduce the Fee and Incidentally the Number of Members Will Be Introduced in the Legislature—Some of the Abuses Said to Exist.

The medical members of the Ontario Legislature have banded together in order to draw up a bill which will abolish a number of abuses that they claim have crept into the exercise of the powers of the Ontario Medical Council, a body chosen from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, says the Toronto News. They will ask the government to forbid the heavy fee, amounting to \$200, and over, which each university graduate is compelled to pay the council before he is allowed to take their examination and practice in the province. They will take the stand that the payment of the university course are sufficient, and that when the council examination is being tried only a small nominal fee shall be charged to cover incidental expenses.

Less Cumberse.

This body, they declare, will be less cumbersome and more representative of the medical profession. They will also restrict the powers of the council to sue and issue warrants for the collection of the annual fee. At present, if this is not paid, the council has the power to prevent a reputable physician from practicing in the province.

Other changes are being considered. The bill, it is understood, will come before the Attorney-General before coming before the House.

The strongest support that strong support has already been promised for the new bill, and that the application of the osteopaths may be modified so as to conform with the changes in the constitution that are now proposed.

The Membership.

The membership of the council has increased from 17 to 30 since it was established, and they claim a number of colleges are represented which have not of necessity followed the baptism. I hold that it does, because I have never in my experience seen a person who was baptized who did not speak in tongues."

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A DECREASE IN SOME PRICES BUT MEAT CONTINUES HIGH

Butter Shows a Drop of a Cent a Pound—A Drop in Beef Prices Is Looked for Shortly—Butchers Claim That Scarcity of Cattle Is To Blame—The Situation in Toronto—A Comparison of Prices.

There has been a slight decrease in the price of food staples during the past week or so, for which the careful householder will doubtless be very thankful, if it happens that she is careful enough to discover the almost microscopic change.

Butter on the open market has been a cent a pound less, than during the past few weeks, and eggs, too, show a tendency to be somewhat easier. The supply is so limited at present, however, that the chance of any appreciable drop is very unlikely. Then, too, the prices on these commodities are dependent largely on the prices of other commodities, that are still high in price.

Meat Prices High.

Despite the talk of a boycott against meat, the prices continue high, while the dealers claim that the prices are only the natural result of the scarcity of the supply, and that they have not been boosted unnecessarily.

Be this as it may, the price of beef does show a tendency to be somewhat easier than it was a month or more ago, as now \$8 to \$9 is a good figure, while a month ago it was selling at \$7 to \$8 a hundred. The chances are, however, that the prices will have to be raised again, as the supply is not so certain, at least, not because of any increased supply, but of a decreased demand. Most of the butchers are beginning to feel a very decided tendency to the right, though. People will not pay beyond a certain figure for meat, and when that figure is passed they simply cease to use it. This is a very decided slump in sales.

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LONDON HOTELS SATISFACTORY SAYS PROVINCIAL INSPECTOR

Second to None in the Province—Mr. Snyder Has Left for the Country and There May Be Trouble for Some People Who Are Not "Keeping Hotel."

Provincial Inspector Snyder, of Toronto, who has been in the province for some time, has just returned from a tour of inspection of the hotels in the province. He has found the hotels in general to be satisfactory, and has no complaints to make. He has, however, found some cases of inadequate accommodation for the travelling public.

A number of cases have, it is understood, been mentioned to him by travellers who go over the ground regularly, and it is likely that if he finds things as represented, he will take action against the hotels. He will keep hotel as they should, or else recommend that their licenses be taken away.

Commercial travellers state that in some localities accommodation is simply intolerable.

CONSTRUCTIVE WORK AS WELL AS CRITICAL

The Legislature Liberal Caucus Adopts Programme for the Session.

Ten Bodies Washed Ashore—Nine Boats and Forty Men Missing.

Toronto, Feb. 2.—The members of the Liberal Opposition held a short caucus at the conclusion of the legislative session yesterday. The leader, Hon. A. G. MacKay, who got a very hearty reception, briefly addressed the members, pointing out that, while the Liberals were small numerically in the House, the members stood by its principles and record and were full of heart. Plans for the budget debate were discussed, the speakers selected and the character of the work of Opposition outlined. It is the aim of the Liberals to make their influence upon legislation constructive as well as critical.

BIG C. P. R. MOVE

Immense Freight Sheds To Be Erected in the Heart of Toronto.

Toronto, Feb. 2.—Word comes from Montreal that the C. P. R. has decided to erect big freight sheds on the block of land lying within King street, Spadina avenue, the Government House and the bay front. The company already has purchased a considerable portion of this land, and is preparing to expropriate the remainder. When this is done the freight sheds, now situated on the lake front, will be transferred to the new site. This move on the part of the railway company is regarded as an indication that the C. P. R. has become reconciled to the idea of the viaduct.

WANTS FOOD STANDARD

An Anti-Adulteration Bill Introduced in the Commons.

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—Major Currie (North Simcoe), introduced a bill in the House yesterday afternoon which is to be known as the pure food act. At present there are several statutes in Canada on this subject, including the adulteration act, the food and drugs act, the bill seeks to codify these and to put in force more advanced legislation along the lines of the pure food standards of the United States Congress.

Major Currie explained that there could be no adequate enforcement of pure food standards unless, and until, the government established the standards for the manufacturers to live up to. His bill proposes a commission to establish and enforce pure food standards. It will consist of fifteen members, including the Dominion food analyst, two provincial health officers, and the remaining twelve are to be college professors, one being taken from each of the universities named in the bill.

Mr. Templeman, minister of inland revenue, said that the chief analyst was now at work preparing standards and would announce them on April 1.

HUDSON BAY RAILWAY TO START IN SPRING

Will Be Built by Government But Operated by Private Corporations.

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—Canada will begin the construction of a railway to Hudson Bay next spring. This announcement was made to Parliament yesterday by George P. Graham, minister of railways. The road will be built as a Government work, but probably will be operated by one of the existing private corporations or by several joint-ventures.

It is calculated that the route will be available four months in the year, and that the great portion of the Western Canadian wheat crop can be hauled each year at a saving of five cents a bushel in freight. The line is expected to be opened for business in three years.

500 CLUB TO BOOST WESTERN UNIVERSITY

Idea Is That There Should Be 500 People in London Ready to Subscribe \$100 Each.

A "500" club to boost the Western University is the latest suggestion. The idea is that there are or should be 500 citizens in London who would subscribe \$100 each towards an endowment fund for the Western University.

This sum of money would, with Government aid, place the Western in a proud position among the universities of Canada.

A number of gentlemen interested in education have been talking the matter over, and it is probable that a club of this nature will be formed within a very short time.

BAN THE BOOKMAKERS MEANS MORE HAND BOOKS

Head of Thiel Detective Agency Tells of His Experience on the Race Tracks.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—At the opening of the last day's sitting for the hearing of evidence before the Commons anti-gambling committee this morning a letter was read from the Canadian Standard-Bred Horse Society, protesting against the passage of Mr. Miller's bill, E. R. Carrington, of the Thiel Detective Agency, said he had had experience of race tracks in France, England, Italy, Canada and the States. He expressed the opinion that since the Hughes law passed in New York state the class of people frequenting the race track was very inferior and the law, he said, had increased the number of hand-books.

"Prior to the Hughes law," he said, "hand-booking was very little known. It was done by the bookmakers, and the bookmakers were done away with hand-book men would still continue doing business?"

Mr. Meredith—They would make their own odds?

Mr. McCall, M. P.—And that would be much worse than now?

Replying further to Mr. McCall, the witness said he thought betting on the course was the fairest form of betting. He was against poolrooms, selling advance information or sending it through the mails, hustlers and touts. He believed that the present bill, which would legalize private betting, would make matters worse than they are at the present time. Asked by Mr. Meredith if he knew of any cases where men had got into trouble through betting on the race track, the witness replied that in his experience of twenty years he did not know of a single instance of that kind. Though the newspapers had often given such statements to the public.

When asked if the bottom where such reasons had been given out, said the witness, "I have found that the real trouble was due to one of several causes. I know of a hundred cases where a race track gambler had been given out to the public as the cause of trouble, but it was without foundation. That is what the newspapers like to put up."

Replying to Mr. Blair, M. P., the witness said he thought 10 per cent of the people attending the race meetings saw the horses before they made bets.

HERMITAGE BALL

Fitzel's Orchestra Is Being Brought Here From Detroit.

The third annual ball of the Hermitage Hotel will be held in the Masonic Temple on Friday evening. It will be one of the biggest affairs of the season, and nothing is being spared to make it a splendid success. Fitzel's orchestra is coming from Detroit especially for the occasion, and the decorations will be under the direction of A. Screaton & Co. A great many out-of-town people have been invited and a large number of Londoners.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—FAIR. FORECASTS.

Toronto, Feb. 1-3 a.m.

Today—Southerly winds and milder. Thursday—Mild, with occasional light sleet or rain.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Max.	Yesterday.
London	38	28	48	38
Victoria	38	28	48	38
Calgary	20	0	30	20
Winnipeg	20	0	30	20
Port Arthur	32	14	42	32
St. John	32	14	42	32
Ottawa	32	14	42	32
Montreal	32	14	42	32
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