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WOMAN PATIENT KILLED HERSELF

Mrs. Lucy M. Phillips, Aged
67, Ended Her Life by
Hanging Today.

CAME FROM CLINTON

Had Been a Patient in the Hospital
for the Insane Here for
Five Years.

Mrs. Lucy Mary Phillips, aged 67
years, an inmate of the local hospital
for the insane, committed suicide
in that institution shortly after break-
fast this morning by hanging herself
with the sash cord off a window.

When found she was breathing, but
death followed a few seconds later.
About 9 o'clock, Mrs. Brock, one of
the nurses, had occasion to enter the
room, and she was horrified to find
the woman partly lying on the floor
with her head suspended by the sash
cord of the window.

The suicide had broken the cord,
and, using the free end, had tied it
around her neck.
She then jumped off the bed to the
floor, and slowly choked to death.

The knot with which she tied the
rope was so insecure that when she
was lifted from the floor it came un-
done.

Dr. MacLaren, coroner, was
summoned, but after viewing the remains,
and hearing the circumstances, decid-
ed that an inquest was unnecessary.

Mrs. Phillips was committed to the
institution from Clinton about five
years ago. She had been employed in
the kitchen, and had never given any
previous trouble.

PETITION SIGNATORIES CANNOT WITHDRAW

Decision at Osgoode Hall of
Great Importance to Local
Optionists.

[Canadian Press.]
Toronto, Dec. 6.—A name once on a
petition for the submission of a local
option bylaw cannot be withdrawn at
the option of the signatory, according
to a decision handed out by Mr. Jus-
tice Sutherland at Osgoode Hall this
morning in an action brought by C.
W. Keeling against the township of
Brant, Bruce County, Mr. Keeling ap-
plied to the court for a mandatory or-
der, compelling the township council
to submit the bylaw. According to the
requirements of the statutes, the local
optionists presented the council with a
petition containing 303 names. The
council struck off eleven as not rightly
being on the voters' lists, leaving 292
names. As there were only 1,104
names on the voters' lists the petition
still had more than the 25 per cent.
required by the statute.

At this stage seventeen persons
asked that their names be withdrawn
from the petition, leaving only 275
names on the list, or less than the re-
quired 25 per cent, by just one name.
The council then refused to submit the
bylaw.

In declaring that the bylaw must
be submitted, Mr. Justice Sutherland
pointed out that there is no provision
in the statutes for a counter petition,
and that it is too late for the local
optionists to secure additional names and
say: "It is contended that parties who
have seen fit to change their minds for
some reason not in evidence, when
action taken by the council on the
original have the right to withdraw. I
do not think it is open for them to do
so under the statute."

HEBERT CASE NOT ENDED

Action of Damages Against the Eccle-
siastical Court May Be Started.

[Canadian Press.]
Montreal, Dec. 6.—The Hebert mar-
riage annulment case entered upon a
new phase yesterday afternoon, when
Mr. George V. Cousins, acting in the
interests of Mrs. Hebert, entered an
application for final judgment ex parte
on the opposition entered against the
ruling of Mr. Justice Laurendeau some
months ago. The opposition asks that
the judgment be nullified and set aside;
that the marriage be declared legal and valid, and that
the court ruling annulling it be pro-
nounced null and void. It is prom-
ised that other developments will fol-
low closely upon the presentation of
the application, it being stated un-
officially that the next step in the pro-
ceedings will take the form of an at-
tack on the validity of the marriage
annulment itself whereby the marriage
was declared null and of no effect,
while an action for damages against
the ecclesiastical court, which promul-
gated the decree, is also spoken of as
a possibility.

"We claim that the dissolution of
the husband has not the effect of an-
nulling the judgment in so far as that
Dame Hebert. This case can be brought
about only by a final judgment on the
opposition now asked for, and which
should prove to be the end of the val-
idity of the marriage."

LUNCHEON FOR BRUCE

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 6.—President Borden
will tender Right Hon. James
Bryce a luncheon at the Rideau Club
this afternoon, when the British am-
bassador will meet members of the
new cabinet. The members of the Cana-
dian section of the international
waterways commission will see Mr.
Bryce this afternoon.

IRISH HOME RULE MEASURE BY THE PRESENT PARLIAMENT

The British Premier Announces That He Will Use Every Con-
stitutional Means at His Disposal To Pass the Bill In
Face of Opposition in Upper House.

[Canadian Press.]
London, Dec. 6.—Premier Asquith an-
nounced the House of Commons this
afternoon that the Government would
use all the constitutional means at its
disposal to pass a home rule bill for
Ireland during the lifetime of the pre-
sent Parliament. He declared this in re-
ply to a question from Mr. O'Brien,
member for Cork city, who expressed
concern at a recent report that Mr. As-
quith was trying to get the House of
Lords to throw out the home rule bill
when it reached the Upper House.

The Premier by his announcement to-
day, means that he undertakes to force
the home rule bill through three consecu-
tive sessions if necessary, thus making
it become effective in spite of the oppo-
sition of the peers.

Santa Claus Letters on Page Eight.

The Santa Claus letters for today will be found on
Page Eight

MOCHA TEMPLE SHRINERS HERE

Last Ceremonial Session of the
Year Is Now Being
Held.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A Warm Battle for the Honor of Dele-
gate to Convention in Cali-
fornia.

The Shriner are here.
The red fox is to be seen everywhere
this afternoon, the last ceremonial
session of the year being in progress.
There is a big delegation from out-
side cities. Forty came from Sault Ste.
Marie this morning over the C. P. R.,
headed by Col. Elie, and Mr. Keeling, an
equal number, and Windsor, Brantford,
Ingersoll, Stratford and other places are
well represented.

The most important matter at the af-
ternoon session was the election of offi-
cers. There was keen competition for
many of the positions. Ill. Potentate
C. W. McGuire presided.

There were many candidates for the
position of delegates to the convention
to be held in Los Angeles in May. Among
the names mentioned for the honors were
Nobles Dr. R. W. Shaw, C. W. McGuire,
A. L. Davis, Frank D. McGill, Ben Noble,
R. H. Held (Guelph), J. Craig
(Windsor), and others.

In the evening a large class of can-
didates will be tried by Mr. McGuire
to see the mysteries of the Shrine.

Many visitors from Detroit and other
cities are expected on the evening train.

PLAINTIFF LOST CASE AGAINST LOCAL FIRM

Action of W. G. Arnold vs. H.
T. Reason & Co. Thrown
Out By Court.

The action brought by William Gor-
don Arnold against H. T. Reason &
Co., paper box manufacturers, of this
city, for \$500 damages for personal in-
juries which he claimed to have sus-
tained in a box-ending machine, was
dismissed by the trial jury Tuesday afternoon.

The case was first tried by the
court judge, having been given first
position on the list in place of Hughes
vs. A. M. Smith & Co., which was
dismissed by the court. The witnesses for
the plaintiff were Arnold and George Terry,
and for the defence H. T. Reason, Edward
W. Charlton, Charlotte Kettle and Blake
Sutton.

The jury was composed of George
Jackson, London; E. Ralph, London;
Robinson, London; John Ross, North
Dorchester; Allan Swaine, London; Henry
Piggott, London; Garnett, London;
Robinson, London; Duncan Wray, Car-
adoc; Thomas Pike, Metcalfe; M.
Steel, Westminster; James Develer,
London; and Joseph Mollard, McGill-
livray.

The evidence showed that Arnold
had not suffered any personal injury as
his fingers while operating the machine,
and that his earnings powers were not
affected. George S. Gibbons, for the
defence, for the defence, and A. H. M.
Graydon, for the plaintiff.

DR. WYCKOFF WILL TENDER RESIGNATION

East Ender Decides To Be
Relieved of Duties on Board
of Education.

At the meeting of the board of edu-
cation Tuesday afternoon, Dr. A. J.
Wyckoff announced that he would
tender his resignation as member of
the board at the end of the year.

After the meeting he reiterated his
desire to retire, and his friends expect
him to resign. He has another year to
serve.

There will be several vacancies on
the board. Messrs. Teasdale, Weekes,
Hunt and Balfour retire this year. If
the board is not re-elected, and the
majority he will have to resign from
the board, and Dr. Wyckoff's resigna-
tion will make the sixth vacancy.

Four will have to be elected, and the
other two will be appointed by the
board.

CASE DISMISSED.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
St. Marys, Dec. 6.—The case vs.
Loveday forger was dismissed at
St. Marys by His Honor Judge Bar-
ton, before whom the case was tried.

LONDON, ONTARIO, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1911. TWELVE PAGES.

HUSBAND ABSENT 17 YEARS FINDS WIFE HAS REMARRIED

Windsor Woman, However, Declares in Favor of Her First
Husband and They Are Again Living Together, as Second
Man Has Not Been Seen For Some Time.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Windsor, Dec. 6.—One of the most
curious matrimonial tangles that has
ever come to the notice of the local
police has developed as a result of the
statements made by Mrs. Henry Bren-
nan.

After an absence of seventeen years,
during which time he had failed to cor-
respond with his family or advise them
of his whereabouts, Henry Brennan re-
turned to his home, 163 Bruce avenue,
yesterday, and that his wife, giving
him up for dead, had remarried, and
had been married to another man for
seven years.

"My husband left me over seventeen
years ago," stated Mrs. Brennan to-
day, "and after I had failed to hear from
him for nine years, I decided he was
dead. A few months later I met Mr.
Robert Clingman and married him. Af-
ter he had lived with me for a few
years he also left, and has been away
for over two years. Early in the sum-
mer my first husband, whom I thought
was dead, began writing to my children
and I found out how matters stood before he

BOARD OF HEALTH IS CRITICIZED!

Drastic Action in Regard to
Creek Displeases Manu-
facturers' Committee.

A BLOW TO INDUSTRY

Firm Some Time Ago Offered to Pay a
Large Part of Cost of Tying
the Creek.

The manufacturers' committee are
not satisfied with the action of the
board of health in causing an in-
junction to be issued against C. S.
Hyman & Co. for polluting Carling's
Creek.

Ald. Mitchell, the chairman, does
not consider that the board has given
the matter sufficient attention, and as
a result they are making it a hard-
ship for one of the city's best con-
cerns to do business.

"I was greatly surprised at the ac-
tion of the board of health," Ald.
Mitchell informed The Advertiser.
"The whole proposition should not have
been carefully considered. Here we
have been doing our best all year to
encourage industries to come to Lon-
don, and also to keep what we have
heard of any person becoming in-
famous for one of the city's best con-
cerns to do business."

At no time was Prince Chun's re-
gency smooth one. He tried to hold
a middle ground, which pleased neither
the Manchurian reactionaries nor the
native progressives. He has handled
the present crisis with perhaps some-
thing less than his old-time vigor and
recent reports have hinted that his
mind was weakening.

Wu Ting Fang, who is now one of
the revolutionary leaders in Shanghai,
issued an appeal to Chun a few days
ago, urging him to abdicate in favor
of the republic. It was reported later
from Peking that Chun was willing to
accept a pension and retire to Je-Hol
if his personal safety was assured.

L. AND P. S. R. BOARD WILL INSPECT SITES

Ald. Bennett Has Arranged for
a Special Train on the Pere
Marquette Railway.

The London and Port Stanley Board
will consider the question of securing
factory sites along the London and Port
Stanley Railway line at 3 o'clock to-
morrow afternoon.

Ald. Bennett has been taking the
matter up, and arrangements have been
made with the Pere Marquette to run
a special train for the accommodation
of the aldermen to the proposed loca-
tion. There will be some prominent
members of the board of trade also in
the party, and a thorough investigation
of the problem will be made.

"We think the scheme is a good one,"
said Ald. Bennett. "We will demon-
strate tomorrow the possibilities of the
place."

PROBABLE SITES FOR NEW CITY HALL

Places That Are in the Public
Eye If City Hall Sale Is
Not Held Up.

The question of a suitable site for the
new city hall is agitating some citizens.
Half a dozen locations have been sug-
gested, but it is very likely that the pre-
sented council will not settle the matter
but hand it as a legacy to the incoming
body.

The places most mentioned on the
streets are:
Dundas and Waterloo streets.
The "Y" Richmond street.
The site now occupied by the Bank of
Montreal and the Merchants' Bank, on
Richmond street.

The market, where the fish market
now stands.
The court house site.
The site where the Merchants' and
Bank of Montreal are now on be pur-
chased, it is said, for \$50,000.

However, there is not much danger of
the present council making the selec-
tion, as it is a problem filled with dif-
culties, particularly near election time.

An effort will be made, it is under-
stood, to get the incoming council coun-
cil to reconsider the matter of joint
municipal buildings.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Fine and Mild.

FORECASTS.
Toronto, Dec. 6—8 a.m.
Moderate to fresh westerly and south-
westerly winds; fine and mild today and
on Thursday.

The following are the highest and low-
est temperatures for the 24 hours pre-
vious to 8 o'clock this morning:
LONDON 38 22.5 Fair
Calgary 30 14 Fair
Winnipeg 30 14 Fair
Port Arthur 28 20 Cloudy
Sault Ste. Marie 28 20 Cloudy
Toronto 42 28 Clear
Ottawa 42 28 Clear
Montreal 42 28 Clear
Quebec 42 28 Clear
Father Point 42 28 Cloudy

WEATHER NOTES.
Fair, comparatively mild weather pre-
vails this morning throughout Canada,
except on the British Columbia coast,
where the "Y" Richmond street.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.
Toronto, Dec. 5.—The weather yester-
day was generally fair throughout Can-
ada, but rain fell on the British Colum-
bia coast and there were some light
snowfalls in Southern Saskatchewan and
Cape Breton Island. Mild conditions pre-
vailed from the Western Provinces to
Ontario.

Minimum and maximum temperatures:
London, 28-32; Dawson, 4-10; Kamloops,
lin. 24-32; Vancouver, 42-48; Kamsloops,
lin. 24-32; Calgary, 24-30; Prince Albert,
lin. 24-32; Regina, 16-28; Moose Jaw, 16-28;
Regina, 16-28; Winnipeg, 16-28; Port
Arthur, 28-30; Sault Ste. Marie, 28-30;
Toronto, 42-28; Ottawa, 42-28; Montreal,
42-28; Quebec, 42-28; Chatham, 42-28;
St. John, 10-18; Halifax, 20-30.

FOUR R. R. CLERKS PUT UNDER ARREST

C. P. R. Passenger Department
Employees at Toronto Are
Charged With Frauds.

VOUCHERS WERE FORGED

Company Is Said To Have Lost Ten
Thousand Dollars by the
Fraud.

[Canadian Press.]
Toronto, Dec. 6.—In addition to Ben-
nett, McPherson and Adamson, arrested
last night for frauds upon C. P. R.
passenger department, a fourth employee,
Rupert Lawlor, stenographer to the chief
clerk, was arrested this morning. The
first three were in court this morning,
and the case was remanded for a week,
bail being allowed to the amount of
\$4,000 each.

The charge against J. A. McPherson is
"that during the month of January, 1911,
he committed forgery by making an ac-
quittance or voucher in the name of R.
P. Gough, having received certain
moneys to amount to \$10.10 from the C.
P. R., knowing the said amount to be
false."

Two other charges of a similar nature
have also been laid against him, the
names of the people used these times
being Thos. Bengough and Mr. C. Nelson,
and the amounts being \$3.40 and \$2.95
respectively.

Against Burton A. Bennett there is a
similar charge of forgery, in signing the
names of B. O. Brooks, and the amount
being \$6.85.

Then Bennett is also charged with
stealing \$1,333.99 from the C. P. R. dur-
ing 1910 and 1911.

Forgery Charges.
McPherson, Bennett and Lawlor are also
charged with conspiring, confederating
and agreeing together by deceit and
fraud to defraud the company of the in-
dictable offence of defrauding the C.
P. R. out of \$1,500 and over. This
also in the years 1910 and 1911.

There is only one charge so far against
Adamson, and that is for conspiring in
a similar manner with Bennett to de-
fraud the C. P. R. out of \$100 and over
during the same period.

Against Lawlor, the last of the four
to be arrested, is the charge of conspir-
ing to defraud the company out of "cer-
tain moneys." The amount is stated,
and with him in the charge are Ben-
nett and McPherson.

The police cannot say whether there
will be any more arrests or not.

For several months now the C. P. R.
have been under the impression that
there was something wrong being done
in connection with their refund depart-
ment. Detectives were put on to in-
vestigate, and the investigation was
conducted from the head offices at Mon-
real.

It is believed the company has lost
ten thousand dollars through these pecu-
liations.

The case against Lawlor seems to be
a purely technical one. He has no per-
sonal gain from the operations, and
seems to have ignorantly signed forged
vouchers.

TRADES UNION OFFICERS CONDEMN M'NAMARAS

But They Declare That the
"Kidnapping" of John J.
McNamara Was Wrong.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 6.—Steps
were taken last night at a meeting of
the conference of International Trades
Unions of Indianapolis, composed of
international officers, to protect their
members from becoming victims of
unfriendly societies.

Resolutions were adopted condemn-
ing the McNamaras, but maintaining
that the procedure in taking John J.
McNamara from Indiana was wrong.

Believing that the same procedure
might be adopted in the arrest and
deportation of other union officials, the
conference decided to be prepared to
make a stronger fight than was made
in the case of McNamara.

In the resolution it is stated that
the so-called "kidnapping" of John J.
McNamara has been accepted as a
legal proceeding. This resolution
asks what is to prevent organizations
fighting union labor from hiring de-
tectives to break into international
union offices and carrying away re-
cords.

When James M. Lynch, president of
the conference, was asked if he antici-
pated paid on offices of international
unions he said: "We are not
anticipating anything. These steps
are being taken merely as a matter of
protection."

KOMOKA LADY DEAD

Demise of Mrs. Annie McCallum, Wife
of Station Agent McCallum.

The death of Annie McCallum, wife
of Norman McCallum, Grand
Trunk station agent at Komoka, oc-
curred Tuesday morning at her late
residence at Komoka station. The
late Mrs. McCallum was in her 37th
year, and had been ill for some time.
She is survived by her husband, one
daughter Norma, and two sons, Gor-
don and Eric, all at home.

The funeral will be held from her
late residence in Komoka on Thurs-
day afternoon at 2 o'clock. Services
at the house at 2:30, will be conduct-
ed by Rev. Dr. Nixon. The remains
will be forwarded to Hagersville, Ont.,
for burial.

DRIVEN BY HUNGER EX-CONVICT STEALS

Had Just Been Released From Kingston
Penitentiary After a Five
Years' Term.

[Canadian Press.]
Kingston, Dec. 6.—Desperate from
starvation, Edward Roberts, aged 26,
ex-convict from the penitentiary here,
was caught burglarizing the home of
Mrs. Peter Roblin, at Waterville, N.
Y. He is a tailor by trade, and says
he was unable to obtain employment.
He was discharged last Wednesday
after completing a five-years term.

BAD WRECK ON PENN.

Several Men Killed in Wreck of Two
Freight and an Express.

[Canadian Press.]
Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 6.—Four men
were killed and a score injured, a
number of them seriously, shortly be-
fore 8 o'clock this morning over the
wreck of two freight and an express
train on the Pennsylvania Railroad at
Devils Bend, one-half mile east of
Manor, Pa.

Engineer Frank Daily, of the express
train, and three unknown men who
were in the express cars, were the vic-
tims.

Fireman John Myers was perhaps
fatally injured, while several other
members of the three crews were se-
riously hurt. Many others sustained
bruises.

Twenty-six out of twenty-seven val-
uable horses, which were being carried
on one of the express cars, were killed.
The debris was scattered over the
four main tracks and traffic was tied
up for hours.

A Writ for Alimony.
A writ has been issued by Mrs. Al-
bina McCabe against her husband,
Frederick Alexander McCabe, for al-
imony. The parties reside in London.

RICHESON'S TRIAL.

Boston, Dec. 6.—The Rev. Clarence
V. T. Richeson will be placed on trial
Jan. 11, charged with the murder of
Miss Avis Linnell, his former sweet-
heart.

Washington, Ga., Dec. 6.—While
standing at the prisoners bar just af-
ter being sentenced to hang yesterday,
T. B. Walker, a negro, was asked in the
face by the brother of the man he
killed. He was not badly hurt, and al-
though proceedings were temporarily
halted, the black priest the deposed pen-
itent on the gallows here yesterday af-
ternoon.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 6.—Two
negroes and one young negro were
burned to death by a mob of white
land tenants, who object to the occu-
pancy of land by negroes, near Savan-
nah, Tenn., yesterday, according to
meagre reports received here today.
The lynching is said to have occurred
ten miles from Clifton, Tenn.

The three negroes were travelling to
a gin with a load of cotton. They
were waylaid and tied to the wagons
load of cotton, it is said, and the mob,
after building a fire beneath the wag-
ons, stood guard until the negroes
were cremated.