

KIDNAPPED GIRL FIGHTS ATTACKER AND ESCAPES

WOMAN AND 2 MEN FAIL IN ATTACK

Leda Smith Escapes From Car When Men Go For Gasoline.

CLIMBS UP TREE

Darkness Aids Newbury Girl—Police on Trail of Abductors.

A fendish attempt to kidnap pretty Leda Smith, who lives with her father and mother near Newbury, was frustrated by the young lady herself, who valiantly fought her woman captor and escaped by hiding in a tree, while the two men who had thrown her into their automobile were away looking for gasoline.

The affair, which has stirred the village of Newbury, occurred last night, and had its inception in front of the village postoffice.

The girl, accompanied by her parents, drove into Newbury this morning at 9:30 and told the story of the daring attempt to kidnap her.

She immediately got in touch with High Constable Wharton here.

"I came into the village last night," related Miss Smith. "I was standing in front of the postoffice when a man came up to me and said: 'Miss Smith?' I said 'yes,' and he told me a friend wanted to see me."

He handed me a note from a friend, which asked me to go to the station. I was going to the station and he said he would drive me over in his car.

"Just when we got to the car, he and another man threw me into it, and before I knew it I was being taken away on the Longwoods road. The car ran out of gas, and after a talk with a woman who was in the car the men went away to get some gasoline. I was pretty sure I didn't know my only chance to get away from them had come. I fought with the woman as well as I could. I scratched her and pulled her with all my force, and finally I broke away from her and climbed out of the car.

"I ran down the road and I was just in time for the men were coming back. They all three gave chase, and I ran into some woods and climbed a tree. It was pretty dark, and I knew they didn't see me. Maybe they didn't think of looking in a tree for me.

"Finally they went away, but I didn't climb down for a long time afterwards. I was so scared, I didn't get home till 1 o'clock in the morning, and I was just about all in. It seems like a nightmare to me now, but it was very real at the time."

High Constable Wharton left for Newbury early this afternoon and will question the girl as to descriptions of the men and the women. Several villagers are said to have seen the auto party, and the high constable expects to secure some valuable clues which will lead to their identity.

SIR DAVID BRUCE WILL SAIL ON THE CARMANIA

Canadian Press Despatch. Montreal, Sept. 18.—Sir David Bruce, whose departure from Canada has been delayed by sickness following the convention of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, will be one of the number of scientists who will sail for England on the liner Carmania, which sails from Quebec this afternoon.

Lady Bruce will accompany her famous husband.

The Weather

FORECASTS.
Light to moderate winds, fair to moderately warm today and on Friday.
The tropical storm now south of Nova Scotia is rapidly dispersing and is no longer dangerous.
Rain is falling in the southern portions of the Maritime Provinces, and is fine and warm in all other parts of the Dominion.

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

Stations. High. Low. Weather.
Victoria. 62. 50. Rain.
Calgary. 76. 58. Fair.
Winnipeg. 76. 58. Fair.
Port Arthur. 74. 44. Foggy.
Parry Sound. 66. 50. Cloudy.
Toronto. 68. 50. Fair.
Kingston. 68. 50. Fair.
Ottawa. 72. 52. Fair.
Montreal. 68. 54. Clear.
Quebec. 64. 48. Clear.
Father Point. 56. 38. Cloudy.
St. John. 60. 50. Rain.
Halifax. 72. 52. Rain.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 62; lowest, 43.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 54; lowest, 43.
Barometric Readings.
Wednesday—5 p.m., 29.15.

Mrs. Gilbertson Acquitted On Murder Charge

Greater Activity Urged In Labor's Employment And Immigration Plans



JACK MACDONALD, of the Toronto Labor Council, was last night chosen president of the Canadian Labor Party. He has taken a vital part in the discussions of the Dominion Trade and Labor Congress here, and usually has represented the so-called left wing of labor. He is a Scot.

CHINESE WALL IS BOMBED FROM AIR

Planes Launch Vicious Attack on Armies of Peking Government.

Associated Press Despatch. Tientsin, Sept. 18.—The eastern extremity of the great Chinese wall, once considered an adequate defence against the Manchurian and Mongolian invaders, was being pelted today from the air by Chinese Tsolin aviators from Mukden, principal city of Manchuria. The aviators appeared over a mobilization point, where the armies of General Wu Tei Fu, now head of the Peking government, and started dropping bombs on the city at 8:30 this morning.

The surprising element in the appearance of planes and the heavy concentration of Mukden and Peking forces today, shifted the scene of interest from Shanghai, where rival Tuchenos are fighting for possession of that city to the Chihli-Manchurian border, where General Cheng Tsolin, Manchurian war lord, will attempt to wrest from the Peking administration control of the government of all China, by invading Chihli province, where Peking is located.

HEAVY LEATHER SAVES FOOT OF BRAKEMAN

George Flood Has Ankle Broken When He Fell Beneath Train Wheels.

Jumping from one train and tripping on a switch, a brakeman on the C. N. R., George Flood, 630 York street, had his foot broken and severely crushed when he fell beneath the wheels of another train on an adjoining track at an early hour this morning.

The heel of his shoe and the heavy sole saved Flood from having his foot completely crushed beneath the wheels of the freight train. The accident happened at 2 o'clock this morning at the C. N. R. yards.

Flood was taken to Victoria Hospital where his injuries were attended by Dr. F. R. Clegg, railway physician. It was found that the ankle was broken, and he was suffering from minor cuts and bruises about the body.

This morning he was reported to be resting easily, and amputation of the foot is deemed unnecessary by hospital physicians.

DECEASED WAR VETERAN HONORED AT THE BORDER

Canadian Press Despatch. Windsor, Sept. 18.—The body of Sgt. Major John Slattery, a former member of the 99th Essex Battalion, who enlisted here with that corps at organization and served overseas with distinction, will lie in state at the armories from 8 to 10:30 a.m. Friday, funeral being held to Windsor Grove Cemetery under military auspices. Sgt. Major Slattery, who was gassed and wounded, died Sun-

"Left Wing" at Labor Congress Causes Keen Debate.

DIVIDE UP WORK

Provincial Autonomy in Dealing With Immigration Asked.

A determined demand from the so-called left wing of the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress for greater activity on the part of the executive in carrying out the immigration and unemployment policies of the congress and for provincial autonomy in dealing with immigration, was made at this morning's session.

Immigration, when it appeared under the officer's report, was the subject of the keenest discussion yet featured in the 1924 congress. Delegate Tim Buck of Toronto summed up the aspirations of the younger element in the congress when he said:

"All our resolutions and policies on immigration and unemployment are useless until such time as we get a labor government at Ottawa. Until the Canadian Manufacturers' Association knows what it means to pay unemployment insurance, it will not cease from its policy of flooding this country with labor. Our policies are well enough. The solution of the immigration and the unemployment problems lies in getting some action out of them."

Senator Gideon Robertson, formerly minister of labor under the last administration in Ottawa, criticized the present immigration policy of the federal government, by which the department of labor and immigration, and which came into effect this summer.

Loss Increasing. "The figures of the exodus of Canadians into the United States shows that the loss of Canadians to the country to the south is increasing rapidly. In return the immigration of Anglo-Saxons from that country to Canada has almost entirely ceased in spite of statements to the contrary."

"I am definitely opposed to an unrestricted immigration into Canada from Southern Europe, and would urge upon the congress immediate action to try and restore the conditions of a few years ago in Ottawa, whereby there was complete co-operation between the departments of labor and immigration. The two questions are really one, and it is the height of folly to attempt to differentiate between them."

In answer to the demands of those opposing the policy or rather the lack of effect from the policies of the congress, President Tom Moore read a series of resolutions which formed the policy of the congress and which covered every request that the delegates had made during the debate.

Talk of Change. It was then that some delegates talked of a change in the methods pursued in carrying out the policies of the congress and looked to a change of representation in the federal government and the advent of a Labor government before any great progress would be made. The debate lasted briskly until noon, and Senator Robertson was the last speaker before adjournment.

Delegate Varley of Toronto entered a protest against the attitude of the federal government toward the British harvesters last year.

All throughout the session there was general sympathy with the suggestion made by the delegates that the federal government should declare that absolute autonomy for all the provinces in dealing with immigration was the solution of their immigration troubles.

Another solution was found in the Please See Page 3, Column 6.

O.T.A. Will Be Strengthened

Premier Ferguson Makes Definite Promise If People Vote in Favor of Continuance of Present Act.

Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Reporter. Toronto, Sept. 18.—Definite assurance that if the people of Ontario vote to continue the O. T. A., the government will vigorously enforce it and even strengthen it where it is weak, was given yesterday by Premier C. Howard Ferguson in a letter to Rev. Dr. T. A. Moore, secretary of the Ontario plebiscite committee. The premier wrote:

"Dear Dr. Moore—I was rather surprised when you intimated to me that some people had suggested that my statement with reference to the plebiscite was not clear and unequivocal. You will remember in the discussion with Mr. Hellmuth, Mr. Monaghan and Mr. Boyle, representing the Moderation League, and Mr. Lees, Mr. Macdonald and yourself, representing the prohibition organization at the conference with the attorney-general and myself, it was made perfectly clear that all parties realized that if the people voted for the continuance of the Ontario temperance act the government would treat it as any other piece of legislation and would strengthen it where it was weak, and give it active and vigorous enforcement."

"We were dealing with the question of principle, not a matter of mere verbiage. For that reason, I purposely said in my statement that an affirmative answer to the first question would mean the indorsement of principle underlying the present Ontario temperance act."



HON. FRANCIS A. ANGLIN, Canada's new chief justice, who has been appointed to the highest judicial post in the Dominion. His elevation fills a vacancy created by the death of Hon. Louis Davies.

SMITH TO TESTIFY IN OWN DEFENCE

Former Home Bank Chief Accountant To Take Stand Today.

Special to The Advertiser. Toronto, Sept. 18.—Oscar G. Smith now on trial in the first of the Home Bank cases, is likely to take the stand today in his own defence. The crown expects to close with one or two more witnesses and then Gordon Shaver, and W. J. Beaton will put in the defence.

It is anticipated that the line of defence will be that Smith was an official whose work consisted of routine duties and that he should not be held responsible for any inaccuracies in the returns.

This is the eighth day of the Smith case.

BOSANQUET FARMER LOSES \$4,000 IN FIRE

Barn and Season's Crops on the Farm of George Jamieson Destroyed Today.

Special to The Advertiser. Theodore, Sept. 18.—George Jamieson, of the 4th concession of Bosanquet, lost his barn by fire this morning. The building was completely destroyed, as well as the newly threshed grain and all the implements.

The fire, which started about 9:30, made rapid headway and was nearly burned down when help arrived. The loss is estimated at \$4,000. It is not known whether any insurance was carried.

Mrs. Jamieson was the only one on the farm at the time. Two horses were saved.

The origin of the fire is unknown.

SANDWICH RESIDENT MISSING FROM HOME

Special to The Advertiser. Windsor, Sept. 18.—John A. McNab, a resident of Sandwich, has been missing since Monday and his family today asked police to aid in search for him. He was employed as a collector for the Hamilton and Sandwich Companies here and lived at 101 Peter street, Sandwich. Officials of the company say McNab's books are correct and that he turned in most of his collections before he vanished.

ARTFUL MAIL ROBBERS SOUGHT IN DETROIT

Pair Make \$10,000 Haul by Posing as Bona Fide Postal Inspectors.

Associated Press Despatch. Detroit, Sept. 18.—Postal inspectors, aided by agents of department of justice, were conducting a thorough search Wednesday for two men, who by a clever ruse, had obtained a mail driver of \$10,000 in currency. The robbery occurred last Friday, but it was not until today that the fact became known to the public.

The driver handed a registered mail pouch, containing the currency, over to the two strangers, who produced credentials purporting to show they were postal inspectors, and who also had an order for the pouch, bearing forged signature of the Mount Clemens postmaster.

The money was being forwarded by Mount Clemens Savings Bank to First National Bank, Detroit. Discovery of robbery was made in Detroit office upon receipt of the pouch.

NAMED ECUADORAN MINISTER. Special to The Advertiser. Guayaquil, Ecuador, Sept. 18.—Francisco Ochoa Ortiz today was named Ecuadoran minister to Washington.

PROVINCES URGED TO COOPERATE

Senator Beaubien Pleads For Greater Understanding Between Quebec and Ontario.

ALL LEARN FRENCH

Points Out the Advantages of Speaking in Two Languages.

Pleading for a better and more sympathetic understanding between the people of Ontario and Quebec, Senator C. P. Beaubien of Montreal addressed a joint luncheon of the Canadian Club and chamber of commerce in the Tecumseh House at noon.

Sensor Beaubien, who is an orator of outstanding ability, painted numerous word pictures of the people of his own province. He told his hearers that for every dollar spent by Quebec on French schools another dollar was spent for English schools.

"We know you because we speak your language. Why are you deaf to my province?" asked the senator, who went on to refer to "small politicians" who would poison the minds of French Canadians simply to gain office.

The danger of that sort of thing was all the greater because Ontario and Quebec did not know each other as they should.

There was only one thing to do to help the situation, the speaker declared, and that was for Ontario and the other English-speaking provinces to learn French.

"You say you are too old," declared the speaker. "What about your children? Is it too late for you to learn French?"

Sensor Beaubien pointed out that a second language was necessary for this country and that much greater business could be done by English-speaking businessmen in Europe and South America had they a knowledge of the French language.

The senator also referred to the loss of Canadians who had migrated to the United States. He declared one-third of the Canadian overseas armies were done by English-speaking businessmen in Europe and South America had they a knowledge of the French language.

The speaker was introduced by Tom Yull, president of the Kiwanis Club, in French as well as English.

'Speejacks' Capt. Divorced by Wife

Mrs. Jeanne Gowen Charges Cruelly Against Husband.

Cleveland, Ohio, Sept. 18.—A divorce effective in thirty days, was granted Mrs. Jeanne Gowen, wife of Albert J. Gowen, of "Speejacks" fame, after an uncontested hearing today before Judge James J. Nease.

Mrs. Gowen, who accompanied her husband on a cruise around the world in their forty-foot yacht "Speejacks," testified she gradually became cold toward her husband, the trip progressed, and charged him with extreme cruelty and neglect of duty.

They were married in New York July 18, 1919, and there are no children, she testified.

FATHER DROPS DEAD AFTER GIRL IS MARRIED

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, Sept. 18.—But a moment after giving his eldest daughter away in marriage, Carl Shiemann, aged 62, dropped dead in St. Luke's Church here last night. Heart disease was the cause of his death.

Mr. Shiemann had retired to a rear pew in the church while the marriage ceremony was being carried out, and his death was not noticed until after the service had been concluded.



MEET "PRINCE OF WALES." Here is the greatest bulldog on the North American continent. He is Prince of Wales, owned and raised by Charles F. Webster of this city. He carried off all the first prizes at the Canadian National Exhibition and was acclaimed by judges as the greatest bulldog on the continent. He duplicated himself at a cost exceeding \$250,000. The Prince is owned by Mr. Webster, also. The prince is fifteen months old today.

POSSE TRAPS SCHOOLHOUSE BUT FINDS "DRY" GATHERING

Delaware Residents Chagrined When Visions of Big Coup Fail.

ARMED SALLY Prohibitionists Had Forgotten To Notify Trustees of Important Session.

An amusing incident occurred at a schoolhouse west of the city in Delaware Township last night when a neighbor reported to several powerful cars were drawn up in front of the schoolhouse and that men had been seen tramping quietly to and fro with lanterns.

The school being isolated the trustees had visions of the place being used as a rendezvous for bootleggers. He phoned another trustee, and arming himself with a revolver, he neglected to inform the trustees and after an explanation mutual apologies were made and the posse withdrew without even the semblance of a drink as a reward for their evening efforts in the cause of law and order.

The two trustees crept slowly to one of the windows and peered within. They saw several men in deep conversation, but could not ascertain their identity by the feeble flicker from the lantern.

The words "whiskey," "beer" and "gin" were overheard several times and the watchers were certain they were on the trail of a rum-running outfit.

Keeping all means of escape guarded, the trustees threw open the door and entered the school. To their amazement they found they had interrupted an important conference of the local "dry" forces organizing for the coming plebiscite. The men who had called the trustees had neglected to inform the trustees and after an explanation mutual apologies were made and the posse withdrew without even the semblance of a drink as a reward for their evening efforts in the cause of law and order.

The lock was ripped from the door of the creamery, the high constable states, and it is believed that the high constable obtained several clues, and has strong hopes of landing the guilty parties who headed towards Port Huron.

Chances are that the border make a business of ferrying stolen goods into the United States and a close watch is being kept all along the border for the butter.

BANK CLEARINGS DECREASE. London bank clearings during the past week show a decrease over the same period last year. This year they were \$2,493,741; last year, \$2,717,511.

HAGERSVILLE WOMAN IS NOT GUILTY

Mrs. Helen Gilbertson Is Acquitted After Two-Day Sensational Trial.

JURY OUT HOURS

Faced Trial on Charge of Having Poisoned Her Husband.

Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Reporter. Cayuga, Sept. 18.—Mrs. Helen Gilbertson of Hagersville was found not guilty today on a charge of having administered poison to her husband, George Gilbertson, on June 22 last. The verdict of the jury was returned after some hours of deliberation.

Throughout most of yesterday's session of Hamilton County's third sensational trial on a murder charge involving a death of husband, Mrs. Gilbertson wept bitterly, with her face buried in the folds of her handkerchief.

Today her eyes were still red from yesterday's weeping, but apart from that her composure was perfect. Not once during the judge's arraignment did she shift her eyes from the jury box.

Judge's Charge to Jury. After reminding the jury of their oath, instructing them as to their obligations and responsibilities and explaining to them the various factors which in the eyes of the law, constitute murder, His Lordship proceeded to deal directly with the case in hand.

"The crown's case is that the accused administered poison to her husband so that he died," explained Mr. Justice Kelly.

"Dr. McEachern says that the cause of death was strychnine poison. No person has contradicted that evidence and besides Professor Rogers, the government pathologist, says that he found traces of strychnine in the viscera of the deceased. The defence was held that the evidence was not complete, that it had not been shown that the accused had administered the poison. They have suggested that both the body of the deceased and the jar containing the sample of viscera, might easily have been tampered with."

"You have the positive evidence of Dr. McEachern that the man died of strychnine poison. You must ask yourself the question, 'Could a man die of strychnine poison and if so, where did he get it?'"

Justice Kelly drew attention to the suggestion of the defence that there were bottles in the barn containing preparations of strychnine contents, that the accused had a cold for which he was taking medicine and that he might have taken the wrong medicine by mistake.

Reviewed Evidence. It had been intimated by the defence that Dr. Quance had shown himself to be a biased witness. "But what has Dr. Quance's conduct in 1921, and subsequent to death to do with the present innocence or guilt of Mrs. Gilbertson?" he asked. "The crown has pointed out to a number of motives on which the accused might have based her act and evidence has been submitted to establish the motive."

After briefly reviewing the evidence of the four women witnesses who had testified as to their conversations with the accused, Judge Kelly expressed surprise that either the crown or the defence had not elaborated on the fact that there was a very important piece of evidence, namely, the testimony of Constable Coates, who said that on June 2 he had heard a box of partly dissolved capsules similar to the one alleged to have been taken by the deceased prior to his death, in the 12 inches of water which covered the cellar.

He was at a loss to understand why more had not been made of the incident of this discovery.

"There was the financial condition of the deceased, obviously poor, and yet evidence has been put in to show that Mrs. Gilbertson had made extensive purchases in Hamilton early in June, the amount of her obligations totalling almost a thousand dollars. The suggestion has been made by the crown that she was looking forward to paying for these goods from the proceeds of Mr. Gilbertson's death."

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Galt Will Meet St. Thomas Here

Galt's twice crowned Ontario champion nine and the St. Thomas seniors invade London on Saturday for the third game of their crucial series.

Mayor Wenke, at the request of numerous London fans, wired the association headquarters last night to have London named as neutral ground for the big game. This afternoon the O. B. A. definitely named Tecumseh Park. More than 10,000 spectators are expected.