

THE WEATHER:
THUNDERSTORMS, SOUTH WINDS.
TOMORROW—FAIR, WARMER.

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TORONTO MAN TRIES POISON IN LOCAL HOTEL

Windsor Member Protests Methods of C.T.A. Officers

MAN FAILS IN ATTEMPT TO END HIS OWN LIFE

Langlois Lefroy of Toronto
Drinks Paris Green in
Local Hotel.

CRITICAL STATE

Little Hope Held For His
Recovery by Hospital
Authorities.

Langlois Lefroy, 407 Merton street
Toronto, who has been staying in the
Tecumseh House for several days,
was found in his room this morning
by a bellboy lying on the floor in a
heap and in a semi-conscious condition.

The bellboy, Alex. Black, had been
sent up to the room on the third
floor, because the telephone opera-
tor reported that the buzzer on the
switchboard corresponding to that
room was ringing continuously, and
she could get no answer from the
party at the other end. When he
was found the man was lying on the
floor and was crying out, "Doctor,
Doctor."

Black then went down to the office
and reported what he had seen. The
manager of the hotel then went to
the man's room and there he found
him lying in a heap on the floor, and
saw that his face was covered with
a green powder. Dr. C. P. Jento was
called, and as soon as he arrived
he saw that the man had taken Paris
green. He ordered him sent to Victoria
Hospital.

A stomach pump was brought into
play immediately, but the man re-
fused to allow them to put the pump
down his throat. The pump was
forced down into his stomach and the
Paris green was vomited out, but he
had the poison in him such a length
of time that small hope is held out
for his recovery.

When on the operating table he
constantly called for his wife and a
telegram was despatched immediately
to her by the police department.

The container which held the
poison was found on the court of the
hotel, and a large amount of the
contents were also found there. It
is thought, however, that the man
rested on the window, so as no
means would be visible as to what
was the cause of his illness.

At a late hour this afternoon he
was reported by hospital authorities
to be in a critical condition, and
that no change had been noted in his
condition since he came from the
operating room.

A survey of the room shows it is
probable that he took the poison from
the box, as no glass was found that
showed that it had held Paris green.
There were no letters to be seen or
any other indications that could pos-
sibly give a clue for the reason for
the man's action. The room was in
an orderly condition, and it is likely
that the man sat on a chair and
drank the poison. He did not make
any noise to attract attention, but
when he slipped from the chair after
being attacked by the poison he
probably knocked the telephone off
the table, and the receiver came off
the hook.

As Paris green, taken in large doses
strikes at the kidneys, it is thought
that the man had such severe pain
it was impossible for him to hold out
any longer against summoning the
doctor, and he cried out for help only
when he was nearly unconscious from the
effect of the poison.

He was removed to the hospital in
Oatman's Ambulance.

The Weather

FORECASTS.
Today—South
and southwest
winds; thunder-
storms in many
localities.

Saturday—
Westerly winds;
fair and moder-
ately warm.

Pressure is now
highest in the
Lower St. Law-
rence Valley, and
lowest over the Upper
Lakes and south of Nova Scotia.

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

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Winnipeg	59	50	Fair
Port Arthur	60	55	Cloudy
Perry Sound	75	54	Rain
Toronto	72	55	Fair
Kingston	74	60	Fair
Ottawa	80	52	Fair
Montreal	74	56	Clear
Quebec	74	54	Clear
Father Point	68	38	Clear
St. John	68	54	Clear
Halifax	63	54	Fair

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures
recorded in London during the 24
hours previous to 8 o'clock last night
were: Highest, 75; lowest, 54.
The official temperature for the 12
hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:
Highest, 85; lowest, 56.
Barometric Readings.
Thursday—3 p.m., 29.25.
Today—8 a.m., 29.18.



TELLS OF CROPS IN CANADIAN WEST.

Above, an Advertiser photographer shows "Chief" Doug Graham, prominent Londoner and head of the famous Graham clan, with Mrs. Graham. They have just returned from a trip through the Canadian West, where Mr. Graham reports a great spirit of optimism prevails regarding the outcome of the present farm season. Fifteen bushels of wheat to the acre is predicted, while some places will reach as high as thirty.

General Spirit of Success Found In Western Canada By Prominent Londoner

Western Indians Growing Hostile

Canadian Press Despatch.
Prince Rupert, B. C., Aug. 22.—
Indians of Kitwano valley, near
Kitwano, are showing signs of
hostility to tourists visiting the
district, according to reports re-
ceived here. Mr. and Mrs. Donald
Creaser of Prince Rupert, were
turned back by the Indians when
they attempted to pass from Kit-
wano to the Naas river.

HON. J. A. ROBB NOW ON WAY TO CANADA

Minister Leaves England To-
day, After Immigration
Agreement Completed.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Aug. 22.—Hon. J. A. Robb,
acting minister of finance and min-
ister of immigration and colonization
for Canada, who recently concluded
an agreement between the Canadian
government and the imperial govern-
ment providing for the migration
from Great Britain to the Dominion
of 3,000 families, sailed for Canada
today on the Montrose.

Referring to the new agreement for
the settlement of British immi-
grants in Canada, Hon. Mr. Robb re-
marked just before leaving for home that
the British government will provide a
minimum sum of \$1,500 per family for
equipment purposes, and part of this
amount may be used at the wish of
farms in the maritime provinces.

All the land and equipment pro-
vided under the agreement, Mr. Robb
said, will be sold on terms of pay-
ment extending 25 years and inter-
est at the rate of five per cent will
be charged in connection therewith.
Canada will provide the machinery
for the immigration and settlement
of the immigrants. Hon. Mr. Robb
had been impressed during his stay
in England with the great amount of
working operations being carried on
and gradually from the period of
depression. He thought the crops ap-
peared to be good, and he expressed
confidence that the British Isles
would soon be doing business as
usual.

Tugs Refloat Liner Majestic

Associated Press Despatch.
Southampton, Eng., Aug. 22.—The
great steamship Majestic, inbound
from New York, grounded on a sand
bank at the entrance to Southampton
water at low tide this afternoon, but
was refloated with the aid of two
tugs a short time afterward and
proceeded to Southampton.

TORONTO MAN ELECTED HEAD OF UNDERWRITERS

Canadian Press Despatch.
Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 22.—J. J.
Sweeney of Toronto was today elected
president of the Life Underwriters'
Association of Canada, now in con-
vention here, and W. J. Young of
Saskatoon was elected vice-president.
Edward Morwick, Hamilton, Ont.,
retiring president, was elected hono-
rary president.

LIBRARY IN SOUTH PART OF LONDON WILL CLOSE

People in District Will Have
To Use the Main
Building.

COUNCIL REFUSED

Debuture Plan For \$5,000
Turned Down Following
Conference.

The south branch of the public
library will be closed temporarily
tomorrow. The public library board
has been unable to secure the neces-
sary quarters to keep it up for the
present. This means that the citi-
zens of the area affected will be
without library service.

A special meeting of the library
board was held at the library last
night to consider the difficulties
which have arisen in connection with
the south branch. It was decided
that for the present the branch would
have to be closed.

Librarian C. E. Crouch said today
that the closing of this important
branch of the library service was
much regretted. It will affect the
children more than their parents,
because the younger ones are not
in a position to go to the main
library.

The south branch serves practically
one-quarter of the population of
London, including three schools,
Wortley road, Victoria and River-
side, as well as the London South
College, and the branch has been
located in Victoria school.

The present quarters are needed
by the board of education for the
expansion of its classes.

The library board, in its desire to
serve the south district, asked the
city council to buy a building, for
the purpose of buying a building,
which had been found eminently
suitable for library purposes, said
Mr. Crouch, adding that the council
passed the request and referred it
to City Solicitor T. G. Meredith. After
a conference with Alderman Douglas,
chairman of No. 1 committee, the
city solicitor turned down the re-
quest of the public library board,
for the request of the debutures to
the amount of \$5,000.

Building Sought.
Subsequently the public library
board has, during the month, made
strenuous and serious efforts to
locate a temporary and possible
location for the branch, but no suit-
able place has been found.

The board reluctantly decided at
the meeting last night that the only
possible thing that was left for them
was to close the branch. This goes
into effect tomorrow until adequate
quarters can be found. The mem-
bers expressed regret that they found
it necessary to deprive the citizens
of South London of their library
privileges in that branch.

It is hoped that some arrange-
ments may be made in the near
future for the re-opening of the
branch.

The library will be closed tomor-
row, and members of the board
request the co-operation of the pub-
lic in returning books that have been
loaned. It is desired to have all
books in by Thursday, Aug. 28.

The library will be open during
that time to receive the books.

Children Affected.
Librarian Crouch said this morn-
ing that the children will be the
hardest hit by the closing of the
branch. The children's department
places before all children the best
of literature. They take advantage
of it. The library places expert
guidance in the selection of the best
proper works. The library is an es-
sential service to the educative forces
of the city.

The reading supplementary to
school text books and high school
reference works have become a very
definite part of the service of the
library.

The south branch was opened in
1918 in the residence just around
the corner from the present loca-
tion. It was moved into Victoria
school on the completion of the new
building.

Fifty thousand volumes per year
have been circulating steadily from
the branch. At present there are
about 4,000 adult books and 1,500 for
children available at the branch. This
is outside of the reference works.

The members of the public library
board who were present last night
were: Dr. G. B. Sage, who occupies
the chair in the absence of Dr. A.
O. Jeffery, who is in New York; W.
H. Winnet, Dr. N. D. L. McCrae,
Dr. S. N. Best, Dr. C. H. Ziegler
and Librarian C. E. Crouch.

MONTREAL MARKSMAN WINS GOVERNOR'S PRIZE

Canadian Press Despatch.
Connaught Ranges, Ottawa, Aug.
22.—Capt. Stewart Boia of the Vic-
toria Rifles, Montreal, this morning
won the governor-general's medal for
the second stage with a total score
of 198 points out of a possible 205.



STANLEY M. BRUCE,
premier of Australia, who has sent
a message of congratulation to Pre-
mier MacDonald of Great Britain,
praising the latter upon his magnifi-
cent handling of difficult situations
in connection with the inter-allied
conference.

YOUTH IS DROWNED IN ST. CLAIR RIVER

Word Sent to Parents on Ves-
sel on Lake Huron by
Wireless.

Special to The Advertiser.
Sarnia, Aug. 22.—Clyde Moore,
sixteen years old of Detroit, was
drowned in the St. Clair river, near
Corunna, at 6 o'clock last night.

He was standing on a pier in front
of what is called the Widdell cot-
tage, near the Elm cottage, when he
fell into the river.

Bernard Covey, his companion, im-
mediately went to his rescue, but was
not strong enough to bring him to
shore.

Dragging operations were soon
started, and the body was recovered
two hours later about 250 yards down
the river.

The boy was not a good swimmer.
His father is a captain on a lake
vessel, and the boy's mother had gone
for a trip with her husband, leaving
him at Corunna. Word of the drown-
ing was sent to the parents on Lake
Huron by wireless.

TWO YOUTHS DROWNED.
Coldwater, Ont., Aug. 22.—Garnet
Gallagher, 13, of this town, and Percy
Gallagher, 17, of Newwood, Ont., who
were cousins, who were working for
a farmer near here, and who have
been mysteriously missing since
Tuesday last, were drowned while
swimming near here. Their bodies
were found last night.

GALLOWS OR DEMENTIA ALL THAT IS LEFT FOR KID M'COY

Once Dapper Hero of the Ring
But Shadow of Former
Self.

HAS HALLUCINATIONS

Alienist Gives Opinion After a
Careful Examination of
Prisoner.

Associated Press Despatch.
Los Angeles, Aug. 22.—Death on
the gallows or the living death of
paralysis and total dementia today
appeared to be all that was left for
Kid McCoy, once dapper hero of the
ring, charged with the murder of
Mrs. Theresa W. Mors here Aug. 12.
The prisoner's eighth wife, Dagmar
Dahlgren, dealt his defense a blow
when she repudiated a previous alibi,
volunteered to show he could not
have been guilty of the murder. Then
an alienist, sent into his cell by de-
fense attorneys, reported that even
if McCoy could prove his innocence
he would fall victim within three
months to complete paralysis and total
dementia.

The alienist, Dr. Cecil Reynolds,
said McCoy is "without question"
suffering from parietic form of de-
mentia. At present there are no
changes of the brain and brought on,
in his case, by excessive addition to
alcohol and a blood infection of long
standing.

The disease is in its early stages,
the alienist's report said, during
which acts of violence should be ex-
pected as a matter of course. Mc-
Coy's shooting orgy in and near the
Mors antique shop the morning after
Mrs. Mors was shot was a "natural
manifestation" of the disease, accord-
ing to the doctor.

Physically, too, the prisoner is but
a pale reflection of his former self,
says Dr. Reynolds, although, as is
characteristic of parietic victims, he
labors under the delusion that he is
a "better man physically than he
ever was."

SPOTTERS' ACTIVITIES CAUSE M.L.A. TO PROTEST

Frank W. Wilson, Windsor
Member, Files Objection
Against Methods.

100 SUMMONED

Wets Win First Round of
Battle in Windsor Police
Court.

Special to The Advertiser.

Windsor, Aug. 22.—Frank W. Wil-
son, Conservative M. L. A. for the
Windsor district, has sent a protest
to Hon. W. F. Nickle against the use
of youthful spotters in obtaining
convictions against bootleggers.

Mr. Wilson was elected upon a wet
platform in the last provincial con-
test. He promised his supporters that
he would do all in his power to ob-
tain modification of the Ontario
temperance act, consequently when
four secret agents of the provincial
police came here and filed charges of
selling liquor against upwards of one
hundred alleged bootleggers, the leg-
islative representative was placed in a
most embarrassing position.

Mr. Wilson is a successful young
lawyer, and during the last few days
he has been deluged with hundreds
of letters, complaining about the
means adopted by the attorney-
general's department of obtaining
evidence against alleged O. T. A. of-
fenders.

Objects to Youthful Spotters.
In his letter to Hon. W. F. Nickle,
Mr. Wilson objected bitterly to the
employment of a young man aged 22
years, of Toronto, as a spotter. This
youth, he pointed out, had admitted
in court that he had gone from place
to place purchasing liquor. The
whole principle involved was revolting,
according to the Windsor mem-
ber.

While Mr. Wilson was writing this
protest to his temporary leader, the
attorney-general, the Windsor court
presented a vivid picture. In it were
assembled representatives of the
bootlegging business from all parts
of the far flung Essex border. One
hundred of them had been charged
with selling liquor illegally.

J. C. Makins, K.C., special prose-
cutor from Stratford, realized that he
had an uphill fight upon his hands.
Each case occupied several hours,
and if all of the one hundred are to
come before the court it will take a
great deal of time.

It looks as though the attempt of
the attorney-general's department to
clean up bootlegging activities in
Windsor will not be a shining suc-
cess. Many men known to be en-
gaged in the illicit traffic are jubilant
over the reversal met by the
Please See Page 4, Column 2.



HON. J. A. ROBB,
acting minister of finance and min-
ister of immigration and colonization
in the federal cabinet, sailed from
England today for Canada. Mr.
Robb's mission overseas was to ar-
range a new immigration agreement,
which was successfully concluded
Wednesday.

YOUTH WILL FACE ONLY ONE CHARGE

Clayton Nash Is Expected To
Be Freed on Bail
of \$100.

Bail of \$100 will likely be furnished
for the release of Clayton Nash, 18-
year-old Mount Brydges youth, who
is now in the county jail charged
with unlawfully pointing a weapon
at Shirley Wyatt of Carleton Place
on Aug. 20.

The story of the affair, which re-
sulted in Nash's arrest, was evidently
exaggerated. According to informa-
tion received by county jail officials,
the boy tried to frighten his com-
panion, Shirley Wyatt, by pointing
his 22 rifle at her while on a motor
drive. Failing in this he went be-
hind the car and fired a shot into
the air. Miss Wyatt, who is just 16,
was not hurt, but attempted to shoot
himself and ran terrified to a nearby
woods.

Young Nash followed her as far as
he could in his machine and offered
to drive the girl home, but she was
too frightened to stop. On inform-
ing her relatives of the affair, Nash
was arrested by Constable B. E.
Fisher and brought to London.

The prisoner is not charged with
any offense other than pointing a
weapon. The court, it is under-
stood, will ask bail of \$100, which is
expected to be supplied by the young
man's father today. Miss Wyatt, con-
trary to reports, is in good health,
felt no bad effects from the episode,
as reported. She was tired from her
walk through the woods to her home,
but is otherwise in good condition.

Prince Will Set Styles For Men

Exclusive Shops of New York
Send Agents Overseas.

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Aug. 22.—The Prince
of Wales will have more to do with
setting the styles for men's clothing
this fall than all the designers and
manufacturers of men's clothing in
the United States. Showings of fall
styles for men, usually well advanced
at this time of the year, have been
delayed in New York until after the
arrival of the prince, popular and
well-dressed heir to the British
throne.

The influence of the prince will be
felt in all branches of the men's
clothing trade from hats to shoes.
Already the more exclusive shops
along Fifth avenue are displaying
imported stocks of "Prince of Wales"
hats, sticks, pipes, and shoes.

The "exclusive" shops and manu-
facturers have had their men in Lon-
don watching the prince ever since
the war and will be more or less
preparing to follow into Owen Sound
in imitation of that worn by the
royal visitor.

A. J. M'PHAIL ELECTED HEAD OF SELLING AGENCY

Canadian Press Despatch.
Regina, Sask., Aug. 22.—A. J. Mc-
Phail, president of the Saskatchewan
wheat pool board, has been elected
president of the inter-provincial sell-
ing agency, which will dispose of the
wheat pool crops of the three prairie
provinces.

Other officers elected were: Vice-
president, H. W. Wood, president of
the Alberta wheat pool trustees;
secretary, Colin H. Burnell, presi-
dent of the Manitoba wheat pool
board.

U. S. RADIO EXPERTS TO "LISTEN IN" FOR MARS

Army and Navy Departments
Are Ordered To Stand By
For Signals.

PLAN RIDICULED

Prof. Eddington of Cambridge
Declares Attempts Are
"Absolute Nonsense."

Associated Press Despatch.
Washington, D. C., Aug. 22.—
Powerful radio stations of both the
army and navy departments will
stand by from midnight tonight to
8 a.m. Monday to "listen in" for
possible signals from Mars, when
that planet will come nearer the
earth than for many years.

Admiral Eberhart, chief of naval
operations, has issued orders to naval
stations, including those in Honolulu,
Santo Domingo, San Juan, Sitka,
Alaska and Cavite, Philippine Islands.
A similar order was issued to army
stations earlier in the day by the
war department.

ATTEMPTS RIDICULED.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Winnipeg, Aug. 22.—Attempts now
being made in the United States to
establish radio communications with
Mars were branded as "absolute non-
sense" by Prof. A. S. Eddington, the
world renowned astronomer of Cam-
bridge University, here last night.
Prof. Eddington is a member of the
British scientists party now touring
the west.

"The whole thing is too absurd for
words," said the professor. "Even
if Mars were inhabited, and the
people there could understand our
signals, there is no possibility of
crossing the vast space between the
atmosphere of the two great planets.
Sound waves cannot travel within the
earth's atmosphere and cannot pierce its
bounds."

Scientists know enough about
Mars," Prof. Eddington declared, "to
convince them that human life, as
the earth knows it, is out of the
question. Although the climatic con-
ditions are temperate, the planet has
been so burned up for many years
that no serious person can imagine the existence of
animal life of any form."

MARCONI AMUSED.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Aug. 22.—At Marconi
headquarters here the attempts to
signal Mars were regarded as a
"fantastic absurdity." Signor Mar-
coni, who is at present away on his
yacht, the Elettra, it is stated, never
has attempted communication with
Mars nor given it serious thought.

TWO TOURISTS KILLED AT GRADE CROSSING

Mother and Son Victims of
Crash—Another Thought
Dying.

Associated Press Despatch.
Plattsburg, N. Y., Aug. 22.—Two
Rochester people are dead and one is
believed to be dying as a result of a
grade crossing accident involving the
Rutland Railroad at Moor-
Forks, near the Canadian border. The
dead are:

George Warfield, 21, Rochester.
Mrs. Jennie Frances Warfield, 60,
Clifton Springs, mother of George
Warfield.

Mrs. Clifford Warfield is very se-
riously injured.
The Warfield family, after touring
Canada, were travelling toward Ma-
lone on their way to Rochester. War-
field, driving, could not see the
freight train, bound from Altona to
Rouses Point. When he heard the
train he applied the brakes, but too
late to avoid being struck.

HAMILTON MAN PAYS FINE FOR HAVING LIQUOR IN CAR

Canadian Press Despatch.
St. Catharines, Aug. 22.—William
Kleiss, of Hamilton today admitted
ownership of a new car and 24
gallons of alcohol found therein by
local police last evening.

The car was travelling from Nia-
gara Falls to Hamilton. Edward
Bout of Buffalo and a St. Catharines
woman were passengers. The woman
was not held. Kleiss was today
fined \$500 and the car and alcohol
ordered seized.

MEETING POSTPONED.

The general meeting of the G. W.
V. A., which was scheduled for Sept.
10, has been postponed until Sept.
17, owing to the Fair coming in that
week, and as the G. W. V. A. band
will be playing there at the time
they will not be able to attend the
meeting. The most important feature
of the meeting is the nomination of
officers for the coming year.