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Today's Weather—Fine and Cold.

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Robbers Get \$40,000.00
From Alaska Train

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British Rancher's Execution In Mexico May Precipitate International Trouble---Old Boys Executive Will Resign Unless Funds Are
Guaranteed---Engineers To Report On Ridout Street Cave In.

CABINET SHUFFLE LIKELY RESULT OF LOAN TO RAILWAY

Need Has Been Recognized For
Some Time by Various
Interests.

BENNETT IS AMBITIOUS

Has Now Opportunity to Gain
Public Favor, and at Same
Time Please the C.P.R.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Feb. 20.—A big cabinet shuf-
fle is likely to result from the applica-
tion of Mackenzie & Mann for a Gov-
ernment loan of \$25,000,000.

The need for reorganization of the
Government has been recognized for
some time by the manufacturing, the
banking and the railway interests. In
fact, it is declared that the cabinet
was not made properly in the first
place, as some interests were given
over representation. For instance,
Mackenzie & Mann were credited with
having secured seven of the fifteen
portfolios. There has been trouble
about this ever since the Borden Ad-
ministration took office.

The strike which Mr. Bennett is or-
ganizing now is one of the conse-
quences of the poor jobs of cabinet
making after the last general election.
Mr. Bennett is ambitious. Only two
years ago he announced his intention
of going to the British House to make
a career. However, he has seen what
looks like a better opportunity at Ot-
tawa, and is deliberately campaigning
to become premier of Canada.

The needs of Mackenzie & Mann
have given him a golden opportunity
to forward his cause. He has been a
corporation man for years, and now
the Canadian Northern is giving him
the opportunity to clear himself of the
taint which corporation association is
supposed to carry to the people. By
pounding one great corporation in
need, he is not displeasing another
greater corporation, the C. P. R. So
while gaining popular favor, he is as-
suring himself at the same time of
powerful corporation support.

In the meantime every effort is being
made to bring Mr. Bennett into line,
to lure his followers away from him,
the member from Calgary counts upon
his support growing. Mackenzie &
Mann and the Prime Minister expect
to be able to very substantially reduce his
strength, and it may be that when the
twenty-five million loan bill is intro-
duced Mr. Bennett will be supported.
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DETECTIVES GUARD \$1,000,000 SHIPMENT

Accompany Valuable Consig-
ment of Silk That Passed
Through London.

Four special cars were attached to
the Canadian Pacific fast midnight
freight train from Chicago last night
containing a \$1,000,000 consignment of
silk. The silk was purchased in Japan,
and was shipped from Seattle via Chi-
cago on its way to eastern silk mer-
chants.

Owing to the recent number of
freight car robberies in both Canadian
and American railway yards, the ship-
pers of the goods sent two detectives
with the shipment to see that the
goods arrived at their destination in-
tact.

The Canadian Pacific of late has
handled a number of car lots of silk,
but quarterly they move great quan-
tities of the flimsy material. Last night's
shipment is the first that carried rail-
way detectives in a number of years.

THE WEATHER.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

The following were the highest and low-
est temperatures recorded in London for
the 12 hours preceding 8 a.m. today:
Highest, 26 above;
lowest, 8 above;
The official tem-
peratures for today:
Highest, 10 above;
lowest, 0 (zero).

TOMORROW—FINE AND COLD.

Fine and continued cold today and on
Saturday.

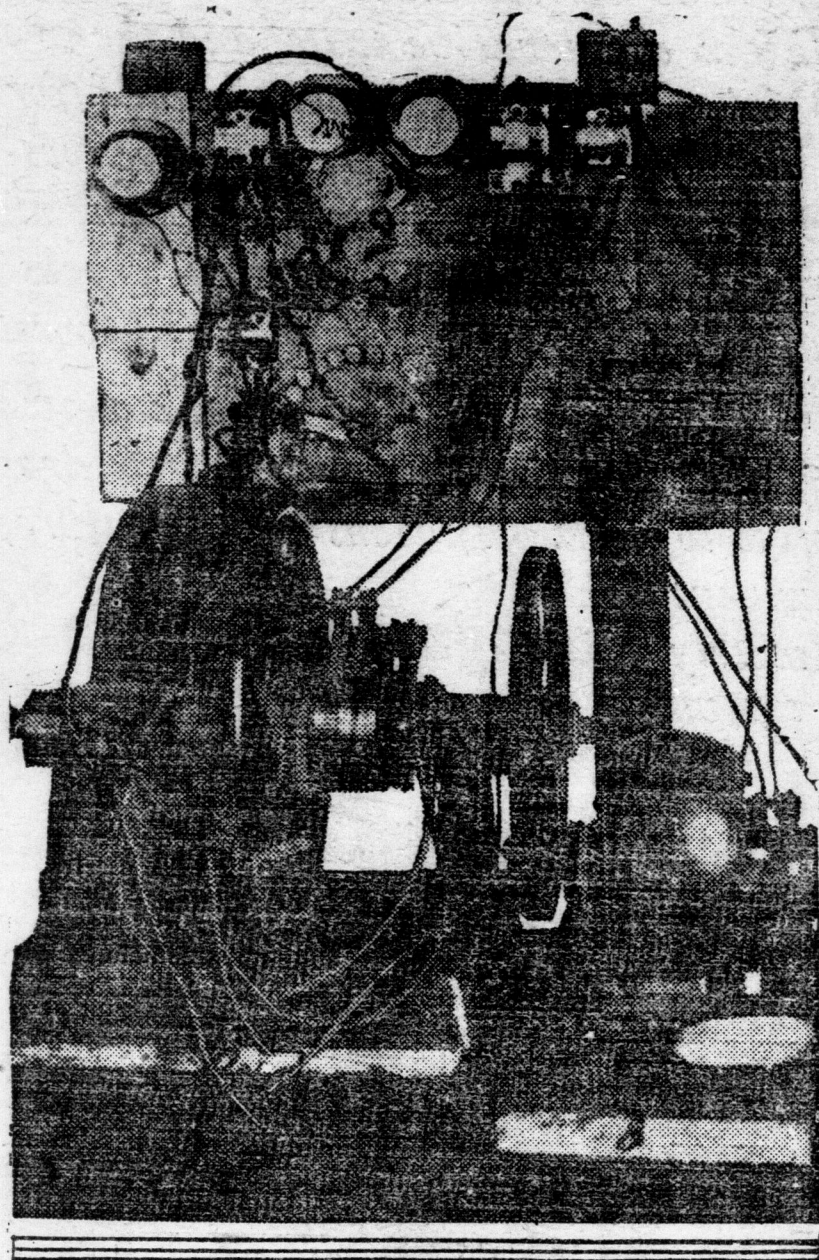
Temperatures.
The following were the highest and low-
est temperatures recorded in the 24 hours
previous to 8 a.m. today:
Stations. High. Low. Weather.
Victoria 52 42 Clear
Calgary 14 2 Clear
Winnipeg 14 2 Clear
Ferry Sound 16 2 Cloudy
Toronto 25 12 Clear
Ottawa 16 12 Clear
Montreal 14 6 Clear
Quebec 12 8 Cloudy
Father Point 2 8 Cloudy
Minus (—) means below zero.

Weather Notes.
The cold wave is now centred in North-
eastern Ontario, while a depression is
developing on the Carolina coast.
Fine, cold weather prevails in all por-
tions of Canada.

A LONDON GIRL IS ALLEGED BIGAMIST

The London Advertiser

PERPETUAL MOTION PROBLEM "SOLVED" AGAIN —
COAL DEALER DOES IT.



"LATEST" PERPETUAL MOTION.

Special Correspondence.
Terre Haute, Ind., Feb. 20.—George Bevins, coal dealer, is the latest claimant
to the discovery of that dream of ages, "perpetual motion." He says he has it.
A motor, a dynamo and his "secret" comprise the outfit. He asserts that the
storage battery runs the dynamo, the dynamo runs the motor, the motor recharges
the storage battery and, when this circuit is completed he has 20 per cent more
power than first left the storage battery. He worked on the scheme for 15 years.

CITY ENGINEER TO MAKE REPORT ON CAVING OF BANK

Ridout Street House Appears
To Be In Danger of Slipping
Into Thames River.

SOME ANCIENT ACCOUNTS

City Solicitor Will Collect One
From Company Of Which He
Happens To Be President.

The city will take active steps to
see what can be done toward remedy-
ing the condition existing at the rear
of houses on Ridout street, as a result
of the river eating away the bank. The
earth is gradually falling away, and
several residences are in a precarious
condition. This matter was brought to
light by an article in The Advertiser
a few days ago, accompanied by a pic-
ture showing where the damage is being
done.

The board of control took the matter
up this morning at the instigation of
Controller W. G. Coles, and instructed
the city engineer to investigate the
condition of affairs and report at once.

Solicitor To Collect.
The city solicitor was instructed to col-
lect several accounts, some of which have
been standing for a long time. One of
them, for \$877.91, with two years' interest
at five per cent, bringing the amount of
\$965.70, is against the Canada Trust
Company, of which the city solicitor is
the president. It represents the cost of a
 Windsor avenue, between Wortley
road and Ridout street. The work was
done more than two years ago.
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RENDERED UNCONSCIOUS FROM FALL ON WALK

James McAllister, Suddenly
Stricken With Paralysis
Fell to Sidewalk.

James McAllister, an employee of the
Singer Sewing Machine Company, while
walking north on Richmond, near Hy-
man street, early this morning, was sud-
denly stricken with a paralytic stroke,
and slipping on the icy pavement was
rendered unconscious.
Pedestrians picked McAllister up, and
he was taken into Dan Carter's grocery
store, from where the police motor am-
bulance was summoned. Dr. R. W.
Shaw was called and the injured man
was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital.
McAllister recovered consciousness
about three hours later, but owing to
the shock he received from the stroke
he will be confined in the hospital for
some time.

MEXICO DESTITUTE OF REAL MONEY TO CARRY ON BUSINESS

Government On Its Last Finan-
cial Legs, Says Writer
to Toronto.

BANKS HAVE ADVANTAGE

Man May Have \$50 Bill and
Yet Be Broke—Wilson's
Policy Condemned.

[Canadian Press.]
Toronto, Feb. 20.—How disturbed are
the finances of Mexico is related in
the Monetary Times in a letter re-
ceived in Toronto this week by a
gentleman whose experience has been
varied in the troubled republic.

The Mexican Government, he says,
is on its last financial legs, and is
paying bills by the bale to meet the
demand for currency. Metallic cur-
rency cannot be had anywhere for any
consideration, as there is none in the
country. According to the writer of
this letter, who obtained his informa-
tion from a high authority, the scar-
city of the currency in Mexico is due to
the exportation to the United States of
coin and paper money in millions of
value, with the object of crippling the
present administration in Mexico.
"They have done that," says the writer,
"but have played the dickens with the
few here, who are still trying to hold
their business together."

Sky-High Taxes.
"Taxes have been raised on all
things to a prohibitive point," he con-
tinues, "and with this they cannot hope
to cover by more than half the daily
cost of maintaining the army which
they have to pay every day to hold its
confidence. The banks have been
given what the Government calls a
holiday, dating from the middle of
last December up to the 31st of the
coming March. That means that the
banks cannot be compelled to meet
any obligation unless they see fit to do
so, but can push collections as in other
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EXPLOSION KILLED 7 SCOTTISH WORKMEN

Many Others Injured In Dis-
aster at Ardeer Powder
Works.

[Canadian Press.]
Glasgow, Feb. 20.—Seven workmen
were killed, a large number injured
and many buildings destroyed today at
Ardeer, Ayrshire, by an explosion at
the Nobel Gunpowder Works.

WOULD FORCE ALL ELECTRIC WIRING INTO CONDUITS

Board of Control Move For
Compulsory Underground
Wiring.

MENACE, SAYS FIRE CHIEF
Existing Conditions Will Be
Rescinded If City Fathers
Have Their Way.

Compulsory placing of wires under-
ground in the chief business districts
was considered by the board of control
this morning in a conference with
General Manager H. J. Glaubitz, of the
waterworks-hydro department. The
city solicitor will be asked for an op-
inion on a request to be presented to
the railway commission and the On-
tario Hydro Commission, to have an
order issued for the work.

The water commissioners and the
city council will co-operate in this
matter, as it is felt that it is one that
demands attention. Fire Chief John
Aitken has called attention to the
danger of having so many overhead
wires in the business section, and it
is considered that the wires are a
menace to public safety, dangerous for
traffic and unsightly.

Two orders are to be asked for, the
first to cover streets for which conduits
are now provided, and the second, for
streets on which the city proposes to
construct conduits. The companies af-
fected are the G. N. W., Telegraph Com-
pany, the London Street Railway Com-
pany, the C. P. R., Telephone Company,
the London Electric Company, the He-
lena Costume Company, the Bell Tel-
ephone Company, and the city of London.
It is proposed to charge these companies
a rental for the use of the conduits, of
which the city undertakes the construc-
tion.

At the present time there are con-
duits on Richmond street, from the G.
T. R. station to Fullerton street, and on
Dundas street, from Ridout street to
Wellington street. It is proposed to place
further underground lines on Richmond
street, from Fullerton to Grosvenor; Dun-
das street, from Wellington to Egerton;
Ridout street, from York to Carling; Tal-
bot Lane, from the market square to
Dundas street; Clarence street, from the
G. T. R. tracks to Dundas; Park avenue,
from Dundas to Dufferin; Wellington
street, from York to Dufferin; York street,
from Ridout to Wellington; King street,
from Ridout to Wellington, north side of
the market from Talbot to the Market
Lane, and Carling street, from Ridout to
Richmond.

Mr. Glaubitz has blue prints showing
all the proposed improvements, and be-
fore the matter is sent to the two com-
missions, other streets may be added to
the list.

ASSESSMENT OF CITY INCREASES OVER A MILLION

City Clerk Baker's Statement
Shows Assessable Property
and Exemptions.

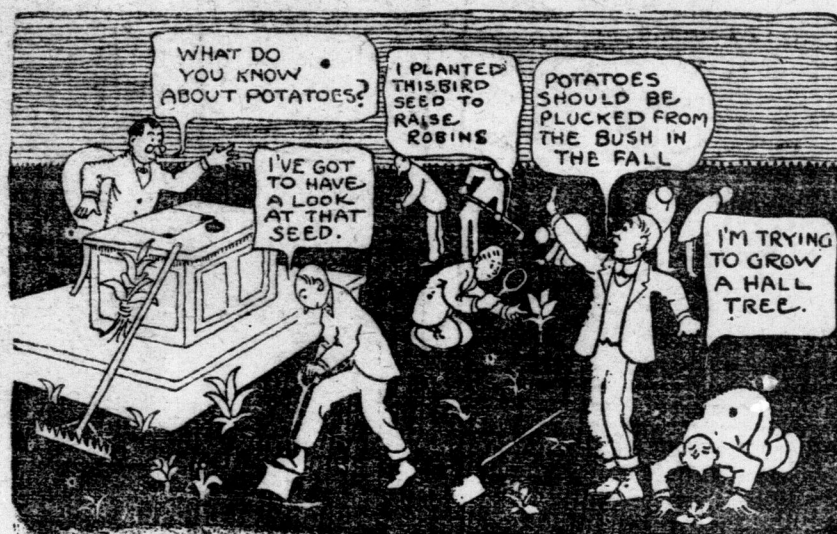
The total assessment of the city, ac-
cording to a statement given by the board
of control this morning by City Clerk
Samuel Baker, is \$31,947,912, which, to-
gether with an error of \$1,000 in mak-
ing additions to the assessment roll
and so on, makes the total of \$32,948,912.
The following exemptions are allowed
under bylaw:
McClary Manufacturing Company \$276,535
George White & Sons 79,000
Globe Casket Company 88,000
D. S. Perrin & Co. 82,175
E. Leonard & Sons 19,000
London Foundry Company 9,400
Wortman & Ward 30,480
Total \$584,590
Reductions to the amount of \$368,177,
by court of revision and on Y. M. C. A.,
Y. W. C. A., and city property, make a
total deduction of \$952,767, leaving a
total assessment for the general rate of
\$31,076,500.

The assessable property in the annexed
districts along with an error in the roll
and court of revision additions, amounts
to \$1,022,554, and there are reductions in-
cluding \$32,000 for the McClary Manu-
facturing Company, to the extent of \$55,-
455, leaving \$967,099 for a total assessment
at the 15 mill rate agreed upon.
The total assessment for the city (in-
cluding the annexed district), is \$32,045,-
599, and for school rates this amount is
augmented by \$616,590 from six manu-
facturing companies, who pay school rates
only.

The assessment for public school pur-
poses is \$30,105,678, and for separate
schools, \$2,556,471. The increase in the
assessment over 1913 general rates (in-
cluding the annexed districts), is \$1,-
149,286, while the increase over the 1913
school rates with the same inclusion, is
\$1,162,656.

17-YEAR-OLD LONDON GIRL HELD BY DETROIT POLICE AS AN ALLEGED BIGAMIST

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS LEARN SCIENTIFIC
FARMING IN VACANT LOT.



Chicago, Ill., Feb. 20.—The class in
farming will now come to order. Stu-
dents of the Wendell Phillips high
school here are to study practical ag-
riculture in connection with their other
courses. The effort of the professor—
the farm foreman, they call him—will
be to turn out a generation of city folk
who will be able to cultivate cabbage
beds on the fire escape and to raise
celery and beets in the window boxes.
There are already 70 students assem-
bling daily in the vacant lot which
serves as a classroom.

W. S. BENTON EXECUTED BY VILLA'S FIRING SQUAD

Killing of British Rancher Raises Storm in Mexico—Friends
Call It Murder—Secretary Bryan Orders
Investigation.

[Canadian Press.]
El Paso, Texas, Feb. 20.—William S.
Benton, the British subject who disap-
peared in Juarez Tuesday night, is
dead, according to news brought to
Mrs. Benton by Thomas D. Edwards,
American consul at Juarez.
Benton was tried by court-martial
and found guilty of complicity in a
plot to take Villa's life. He was exe-
cuted by a firing squad on Wednes-
day night.
Villa, whose act is stigmatized by
Benton's numerous friends as wanton
murder, left suddenly for Chihuahua
today. No single act of any of the re-
cent revolution, not excepting the
Cimarron tunnel disaster, has so stirred
indignation. When extra editions were
placed on the streets they were franti-
cally seized upon and read.

Benton's ways were blunt, but his
friends admired him for them, and
there were moist eyes and uttered im-
precations among them when they
heard he was to die.
"No foreigner is safe in Mexico," was
the general comment, and a suggestion
for the matter is sent to the two com-
missions, other streets may be added to
the list.

[Canadian Press.]
Washington, Feb. 20.—Secretary of
State Bryan was advised today of the
death of W. S. Benton, an English
ranch owner, in Mexico, recently re-

ported in the hands of the rebels.
Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British
ambassador, who called upon Secre-
tary Bryan to ask for information of
Benton, also was told of the news.
Benton was arrested in Juarez last
Tuesday, and had not been heard from
since. His wife and friends feared he
had been executed by General Villa.
Villa denied knowledge of Benton's
whereabouts, but yesterday, in conver-
sation with inquirers, intimated that
he knew something about the English-
man, and added that Benton had
threatened him with a revolver.

Villa was quoted as expressing pro-
found indifference toward an appeal
to the British ambassador at Washing-
ton.
Sir Cecil Spring-Rice asked the state
department yesterday to take steps for
the protection of the British subject.
Mrs. Benton had received an uncon-
firmed report that her husband was a
prisoner in a Juarez jail. He was
largely interested in mining, and had
a hundred-thousand-acre ranch in Chi-
huahua.

Investigation Ordered.
Washington, Feb. 20.—Secretary of
State Bryan, after a cabinet confer-
ence, ordered an immediate investiga-
tion of the killing of H. S. Benton, the
English ranch owner, at Juarez.

STREET CAR DELAYS

G. T. R. and Rich. 9:38-9:42 a.m. 4
G. T. R. and Rich. 9:38-9:44 a.m. 5
G. T. R. and Rich. 9:38-9:44 p.m. 4
G. T. R. and Rich. 7:46-7:50 a.m. 4
G. T. R. and Rectory. 9:10-9:15 a.m. 5
G. T. R. and Rich. 7:46-7:50 a.m. 4
G. T. R. and Rectory. 7:59-8:03 a.m. 4
G. T. R. and Rectory. 5:08-5:13 p.m. 4
G. T. R. and Rectory. 10:08-10:12 p.m. 4
G. T. R. and Rectory. 10:22-10:29 p.m. 7
G. T. R. and Rectory. 6:25-6:30 p.m. 5
G. T. R. and Rectory. 11:44-11:48 a.m. 4
G. T. R. and Rich. 11:43-11:47 p.m. 4
G. T. R. and Rich. 12:05-12:09 p.m. 4
G. T. R. and Rich. 9:41-9:45 p.m. 4

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

New York, Feb. 20.—Arrived: Steamer
New York.
Liverpool, Feb. 20.—Arrived: Steamer
Manchester Port, St. John, N. B.
Antwerp, Feb. 20.—Arrived: Steamer
Montfort, St. John, N. B.

SUGGEST \$10,000 GRANT

Say It Will Be Only 20 Cents a
Head, and Will Be For
Good Object.

"Unless the city council agrees to
guarantee the expense for the Old
Boys' reunion, I intend to resign," said
a member of the reunion executive
when chatting with several citizens
this morning. "We are likely to incur
heavy personal obligations unless we
are assured of an income, as I do not
think that the shows at Queen's Park
will net a large amount, certainly not
enough to defray the expenses of the
reunion. If the citizens are willing to
subscribe the amount necessary we
will be ready to go on. Otherwise I
do not think that many people will put
their shoulders to the wheel."
"We should ask the mayor to con-
tribute the \$10,000 he receives from the
board of control this year," said an-
other Old Boys' official.
"Might as well ask him for his life,"
said another.
"It would be a mighty fine thing of
the mayor and council to put up \$10,000
to make the reunion a success. That
would only mean 27 cents from each
individual in the community, and the
city has spent its money, and will
continue to spend it for less worthy
objects."

Anna Harkness, Married Here
Last November, Arrested on
First Husband's Complaint.

ONE WEEK'S COURTSHIP

After Theatre Introduction to
Charles Thayer, Little Dan
Cupid Got Busy.

LEFT HOME AND "HUBBY"

After Short Stay at Watford,
She Went to Detroit, Where
Arrest Took Place.

Only 17, but alleged to be "too much
married," Anna Belle Harkness, of
this city, has had her dream of matri-
monial bliss shattered, and is now
lying in a cell at police headquarters,
Detroit, on a charge of bigamy. Three
months ago the young woman con-
tracted what is claimed to have been
her second marriage, when Rev. T.
Wesley Cosens, of the Empress Avenue
Methodist Church, this city, married
her to Charles Thayer, of London. Yes-
terday the Thayers' honeymoon was
terminated rather abruptly when de-
tectives arrested the girl on a charge
of bigamy preferred by the man who
claims to be her first husband.

One Week's Courtship.
Thayer, a former employee of the
Majestic Theatre, met the girl there
during a performance. He accom-
panied her home that night. Friend-
ship made rapid strides, developed into
love, and after one week's acquaint-
ance, the couple decided to get mar-
ried. The wedding was a quiet one,
performed at the Empress avenue pa-
ronage, and was witnessed by only a
couple of mutual friends.

Wife Leaves Home.
Shortly after their marriage, Thayer
left his position at the theatre, and
took his bride to his parents' home,
near Watford. It was here that the
matrimonial ship started to go on the
rocks, for the groom of only a few
weeks awoke one morning to find that
his wife had departed. Later he
learned that she was in Sarnia, and
followed her there, only to find that
she had left for Detroit. He was un-
able to locate her in the City of the
Straits, and so returned to his home.

Recognized in Detroit.
While walking down Woodward avenue,
Detroit, one day this week the man who
is alleged to have married the Harkness
girl a year before Thayer, recognized her
on the street. He pleaded with her to
return and live with him, but the girl
declared it would be impossible because
she had been married again.
Communicating with the London au-
thorities the husband verified her state-
ment of her marriage to Thayer. Imme-
diately he got in touch with the Detroit
police, swore out a warrant and had the
girl arrested yesterday.

Arrest Causes Sensation.
Thayer and the girl were well known
to a number of London people, and her
arrest caused a mild sensation in quar-
ters where she was known. Friends
declare that they knew nothing about
the first marriage and expressed the
greatest surprise at the sensational
events that have occurred since the
wedding last November.

Gave Age as Eighteen.
Rev. T. Wesley Cosens to The Adver-
tiser today stated that the young couple
came to the parsonage, with three or
four friends. They had secured the li-
cense and ring. The girl stated that she
was eighteen and that she lived with
her parents in London, but did not give
her parents' streets address.

"They both appeared to be very happy
and never for a minute did I suspect
that there was anything wrong with
either of the young couple," stated Rev.
Mr. Cosens. "The girl looked easily
eighteen."

DO YOU WANT A RIDOUT SUBWAY?

Are you in favor of a Ridout street
subway as a means of securing a better
street railway service? If you are clip
this coupon, sign name and send to The
Advertiser.

Name _____

Address _____

Are you a victim of level crossing
hold-ups?

Yes _____

No _____