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**NOT GUILTY IS
CAYUGA VERDICT****Mrs. Perkins Is Cleared of
Charge of Murder.****JURY OUT FOR FOUR HOURS****Experts for the Defense Certain Perkins
Was Victim of Bright's
Disease.**

Cayuga, Ont., April 23.—After deliberating on the evidence for four and a half hours, the jury in the poisoning case that has attracted the attention of Western Ontario for a week past brought in a verdict at 11 o'clock last night acquitting Mrs. Mattie Perkins of the charge of murdering her husband in Canfield on Christmas Day last.

The charge to the jury was completed at 6:30, but the courtroom was constantly crowded during the interval of waiting, and the excitement was intense. While the jury was waiting for Mr. Justice Mabee, who had been summoned from his hotel, Acting Sheriff Sheppard warned the audience that any expression of feeling on the announcement of the verdict would be met with punishment by the court. When the prisoner was brought in it was seen that she had maintained the wonderful composure that had marked her hearing during the trial, although her sister, Mrs. Heaslip, was unable to restrain her emotion.

Clerk MacDonald called the roll, and put the usual question to the jury, to which the foreman responded, "Not guilty." Mr. Justice Mabee, in the charge of the prisoner, and Mr. Justice Mabee addressed her as follows:

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**SIR WM. MULOCK TO PRESIDE
OVER COAL STRIKE ARBITRATION****Deputy Minister Wires Appointment Will Be Acceptable.**

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, April 24.—In answer to a question from Mr. R. L. Borden in the House today, Mr. Lemieux read the following telegram, which was sent by Mackenzie King, deputy minister of labor, from Fernie, under date of yesterday:

"Arrived at Fernie today by extra from Dimmore Junction. Announced Mulock's appointment, which appears to have given general satisfaction. Operators and miners are engaged to-night in joint conferences. I have had only one opportunity of interviewing the leaders. Will wire you the outlook later."

Mr. Lemieux added that he had received Sir William Mulock as chairman of the board. (Applause.)

Sir William was Canada's first minister of labor, and will, no doubt, be highly acceptable to both parties.

Mr. Borden said that the minister had received other telegrams. Mr. Lemieux said that he had received a telegram from the representatives of the men, and also one from the operators, both putting their positions strongly, but it would not be in the interests of the country to make these telegrams public at the present time.

**MEDS. WILL SOON
KNOW THEIR FATE****Results of College Exams. To Be
Given Out This Week—Schools
Silver Jubilee.**

"Have the results of the Medical College examinations been handed out yet?"

This is a question which came over the Advertiser's phone several times today and yesterday. The anxious ones are invariably the students of their friends.

The examinations in connection with the term just closed were brought to a close on Saturday last, and the board of examiners have been devoting every moment since going over the many papers. The results will likely be given out on Friday or Saturday.

The graduating class of this year is one of the largest, if not the largest, in the history of the college. It also contains some of the cleverest students who have ever passed through the hands of the faculty, and naturally there is more than the ordinary amount of interest in the awarding of the gold and silver medals. It is said that there are three students who have an equally good chance of finishing at the head of the class. They are Messrs. Grover, McBroom and Russell.

This is the 25th anniversary of the college, and to mark the event, Dr. P. H. Eccles, a member of the faculty, has donated a gold watch for competition among the members of the graduating class. Papers on four subjects were prepared—obstetrics, gynecology, medicine, and surgery. The student making the best total will be awarded the thimble. Nearly every member of the class wrote on the examination, which took place on Monday and Tuesday of this week.

A \$150 BLAZE**Firemen Stop What Might Have
Proven a Serious Fire.**

Fire in a store on Richmond street, opposite the city hall, did \$150 damage at 7 o'clock this morning. It is said that Charles Brennan, the barber, who occupies a flat above the store, attempted last night to light a fire in a stove placed in the basement. He could not get a draft, and abandoned the attempt. The paper which had been lighted smoldered all night and finally started a fire this morning. The prompt action of the firemen stopped what might have proven a very serious fire. The loss is made up of damage to stock and building, both of which are insured.

ENTER THE EASTERN LEAGUE**A Close Race Promised by Pat Powers' Organization.**

New York, April 24.—The Eastern League, which ranks just below the major leagues in importance and strength, will begin its championship season today. Four of the baseball teams will get under way this afternoon and the remaining four will begin tomorrow. Today Toronto plays in Rochester, and Montreal in Buffalo, while tomorrow, Jersey City opens in Providence, and Baltimore in Newark.

The present season is the sixteenth for the Eastern League. In class A, the top-notch class of the minor organizations, the Eastern League considers itself a major organization of the minor leagues. The quality of ball in the Eastern League is excellent. President Powers thinks the teams of his league are better fortified as a whole for a closer run than ever before.

MARTIN REINSTATED.

New York, April 24.—Jockey Jack Martin, who was denied a license to ride by the stewards of the Jockey Club ten days ago, was restored to favor yesterday, and was granted permission to ride. Henceforth he will guide the horses owned by Timothy D. Sullivan, Frank Farrell, and D. C. Johnson.

"IAN McLAREN" ILL**Famous Author of "Bonnie Brier Bush" Stricken With Tonsillitis.**

Ottumwa, Iowa, April 24.—Dr. John Watson (Ian McLaren) who arrived at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, yesterday, to address the students of Iowa Wesleyan University, was taken seriously ill with tonsillitis and was removed to a hospital. All his engagements have been canceled.

**FOUR THOUSAND
MINERS ON STRIKE****Looks as if Many Industries in
British Columbia May Be
Paralyzed.**

Fernie, B. C., April 23.—Four thousand miners are on strike, and it is estimated that between ten and twenty thousand other men are idle west of the great lakes as a result. It threatens to completely paralyze the mining, smelting and lumber industries of British Columbia, and increase the losses. Manager Thomas of the Dominion Copper Company, is reported to have said that this company would be obliged to blow out its two furnaces at Boundary Falls smelter, having neither coke nor ore, and being unable to get either.

The conference between the operators and union representatives opened today. The operators are represented by G. G. S. Lindsey, Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company; H. Galer, International Coal and Coke Company; O. E. S. Whitesides, West Canadian Collieries Company; S. Moore, Canadian-American Coal Company; Thomas Stockert and W. H. Aldridge, Pacific Coal Company; Bankhead; W. H. Lacter, MacNeill Coal Company, Cammore. The union is represented as follows: Vice-President Lewis, United Mine Workers of America; P. Patterson, National board member; F. H. Sherman, president of district 18; John Galvin, vice-president, Lethbridge; J. Macdonald, secretary, Blairmore; John Sullivan, representing sub-district No. 1; Wm. Graham, sub-district No. 2; Coleman; D. L. Miller, sub-district No. 3; Tabern; H. Morgan, sub-district No. 4; Bankhead; W. Evans, Northwest Association of Stationary Engineers.

It is said in the neighborhood that if Messrs. Lindsey and Sherman were expelled from the dispute an easy and early settlement might be expected, it being alleged that there is a personal animosity between the leaders of the parties.

WILL HAVE ASSISTANT**Water Commission Meets Wishes of
Superintendent Moore.**

The water commissioners last night agreed to allow Superintendent Moore to engage an assistant engineer, to assist him in waterworks work.

Mr. Moore has accordingly secured the services of Mr. John H. Stiles, of this city, who has just graduated from the School of Practical Science, Toronto.

Mr. Stiles will receive \$65 a month, and will commence his duties Monday.

Thus ends Commissioner Saunders' move to have Mr. Moore dismissed.

BLOCKED BY THE ICE**Sixty Lake Steamers Unable to Get
Through the St. Clair.**

Detroit, Mich., April 24.—Sixty steamers, several of them of the largest class, are now held at Detroit, and another fleet is gathering at the north end of the passage. The ice-crusher Algoma and two whaleback steamers started from Detroit this morning to try to force a passage through the river to the St. Clair. The tug will be used. The Algoma will receive \$400 per day. But the whalebacks will be paid only in case they are damaged by the ice. The expense of opening the river will be paid by the Lake Carriers' Association.

JUST LIKE THE SOUTH**St. Marys, April 23.—The town
council has twenty dollars to
the chief of police towards securing
a thoroughbred bloodhound, which will
be used for running down some of the
chicken stealers who have been
operating in the vicinity of late.****IRISH COUNCIL BILL.**

London, April 24.—The spirit of compromise is having effect on the prospects of the Irish Council Bill, and today its supporters are more hopeful of reconciling the differences regarding the terms of the proposed measure. The outlook has so far improved that Mr. Birrell, chief secretary for Ireland, was able to announce in the House of Commons this afternoon that he hoped to be able to introduce the bill May 7.

ANOTHER RECORD FOR DANIELS.

Pittsburg, April 24.—Charles M. Daniels, of the New York Athletic Club, last night, in the tank of the East Liberty baths, clipped three-fifths of a second from the world's 80-yard swimming record, covering the distance in 43.3-5. The record was made in competition. Guy M. Dalley, of Pittsburg, and two New York swimmers participated. The New York team beat the local organization at water polo by a score of 7 to 2.

**THOMPSON GUILTY
VIOLATING RULES****London Conductor Convicted at
the Guelph Assizes—Remanded
for Sentence.**

The trial of Joseph H. Thompson, a former Grand Trunk conductor, of this city, was concluded at Guelph yesterday, when the jury returned a verdict of guilty of violating the rules of the company. There were two counts against Thompson—doing grievous bodily harm to one Bright, by omitting to stop his train, and the one on which he (Thompson) was convicted. Thompson was the conductor of the fruit train which on Sept. 22 overran its orders and collided with a south-bound passenger train at Gourock, resulting in the death of Engineer Farley, Palmerston, Fireman Bright, Hamilton, and Brakeman Andrews, of London. A strong plea on account of his having been compelled to work extra time, but the presiding judge threw this aside, as he considered that that was the man's own choice, and that the G. T. R. was not to blame. He did not take into consideration either, very much, the fact that Thompson was tired and fell asleep. He was there in the discharge of his duty, and should have seen that the orders of the company, which all trainmen were supplied with, were carried out. The jury might have sympathy for the prisoner, but sympathy, he pointed out, had nothing to do with the evidence or the carrying out of the laws of the land. The law had to be observed. If the conductor and men had complied with the rules of the company the accident would have been averted. Those men were responsible for the safety of the train, and they neglected their duty, endangering lives. The jury, who numbered 15 men, recommended Thompson to the mercy of the court.

**ARTILLERY REQUIRED
TO DISLODGE BANDIT****Troops Charge in Over Ruins of His
Fortress.**

Warsaw, April 24.—A notorious brigand, Stanislaus Lis, the author of many crimes, has been captured at Lublin, 95 miles from here, mortally wounded, after a house in which he had sought refuge had been blown to pieces by artillery fire. Lis, when he saw that a detachment of police was advancing on the house, barricaded himself within and opened fire on the police, killing several of them. He was summoned to the assistance of the police, but they were unable to dislodge the bandit. Finally several quick-firing field pieces were brought up and trained on the house. Eight shells hit the building, which was demolished, after which the infantry stormed the ruins and found Lis desperately wounded, trying to reload his revolver, which he had emptied at the attacking party.

**COMMON LAW WIFE
SUES THE BERESFORDS****Negress Claims Share of Estate of Ad-
miral's Brother.**

El Paso, Texas, April 24.—Creditors of the estate of the late Lord D. J. Beresford, who was killed in a train wreck in North Dakota, December 21, 1906, have filed an application in the district court here for the appointment of an administrator and probate of the will. Among the plaintiffs is Flora Wolff, the negress who claims to have been the common law wife of Beresford, and to whom he willed ten thousand dollars. The others are persons whose claims a New York lawyer, representing the Beresford family, attempted to discontinue in the state of Texas. The Wolff woman declined to accept the amount left her, claiming a wife's share under the laws of Mexico.

THE WEATHER.**TOMORROW—EAST WINDS.**

FORECASTS.

Toronto, April 24 8 a.m.

Today—Northwesterly winds; fine and cooler today.

Thursday—Easterly winds, and about the same temperature.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	32	32	Clear
Winnipeg	30	26	Cloudy
Port Arthur	26	18	Fair
Perry Sound	32	32	Clear
Toronto	42	34	Clear
Ottawa	50	38	Fair
Montreal	40	36	Rain
Quebec	36	36	Rain
Father Point	34	34	Rain

The first column in the above table records the temperatures at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ending at 5 p.m. Tuesday were: Highest, 50°; lowest, 35° above.

WEATHER NOTES.

The disturbance has moved very quickly northeastward to the New England coast, and a general rain is falling in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. The weather continues quite cool in the Western Provinces.

**Major Mills Refused Grant
Of \$300 Offered by City****150 Years Old.**

New York, April 24.—A dispatch from Santiago De Cuba says: Antonio Infante, a negro, is dead at the age of 150 years. Despite his great age, the greatest recorded in modern times, he retained all his faculties unimpaired to the end.

He was born in 1757, nineteen years before the beginning of the American revolution.

**SENSATIONAL TURN
TO MARVIN CASE****Delaware Deck Hand To Be
Charged With Murdering
Lost Baby.**

Dover, Del., April 24.—Frank H. Butler, employed as a deck hand on the steamer John P. Wilson, was arrested yesterday and held for a hearing tomorrow, charged with the murder of Horace N. Marvin, the 4-year-old son of Dr. Marvin, whose disappearance on March 4 aroused the entire country. The theory of the detectives responsible for the arrest is that the boy was murdered or accidentally killed, and that Butler knows something about the case.

The arrest of Butler was made principally upon a statement given the detectives by a man named Caldwell, who was working with Butler the day the child disappeared. Butler, he says, was ordered to go to the barn and load wheat screening in bags. This he did, and when Caldwell later entered the barn he found that Butler had loaded three bags into a wagon and a fourth was lying on the floor of the barn. Caldwell says he lifted this bag into the wagon himself and found it heavy. Although Butler had said it was filled with corn such as are used by fishermen for bait, Caldwell says, this bag, Caldwell says, disappeared. Acting on the theory that this bag contained the body of the child, the detectives decided to charge Butler with murder.

**THE NEW POSTAL RATES
Hard on the Old Boys**

[Special to the Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Ont., April 24.—Senator Ellis brought up in the Senate today the question of the increased postage to the United States. The minimum rate on a Canadian newspaper to the United States was 1 cent a package. The good which the circulation of Canadian newspapers did in the United States was to be seen each year by the large number of Canadians from the United States who took part in the home comings held in the towns and cities throughout the Dominion each year.

Under the new postal rates the country weekly which cost \$1 would have to pay 52 cents a year postage and the semi-weekly \$1.04.

The result will be a falling off in the papers going to the United States. He questioned the increase being in the best interests of the country.

IMPROVING THE LIBRARY**Board's Aim To Make It Easy of Ac-
cess, and of Interest to All.**

Some needed improvements have been made in the public library lately. The old stands in the reading-room have been cut down, and converted into flat tables, upon which are being placed the best magazines for the convenience of the public. A little painting is also being done with good effect.

"It is the aim of the board to make the library easy of access and of especial interest to everyone," Chairman Bland said to "The Advertiser" today. "We hope when we complete our improvements and make certain changes we have in contemplation, that the library will more fully carry out the work for which it is intended. We want every class in the city to use it, the businessman, the bookkeeper, the clerk and the mechanic. We believe that any man, no matter in what line of business he may be, can secure new and valuable ideas which will materially assist him, if he will use the works we have in the library."

THE CITY AND SUBURBAN.

London, April 24.—The City and Suburban handicap at Epsom today was won by Velocity by three lengths. Larine was second and Succor was third. Thirteen horses started.

Dean Swift, the winner of the City and Suburban last year, was the favorite, but was not placed.

"Danny" Maher, the American jockey, rode Slave Trader, C. S. Newton's entry. The City and Suburban handicap is of 2,000 sovereigns for 3-year-olds and upwards about one mile and a quarter.

**GENERAL STAFF
FOR THE EMPIRE****Selected From Forces of Home
Govt. and Colonies.****IS NOT AN IMPERIAL ARMY**

Australia Now Anxious to Do Away With Direct Contribution to the Navy.

London, April 23.—Today's sitting of the Imperial conference was devoted to discussing matters connected with the defense of the Empire. The resolution providing for the creation of a general staff of the Empire, which was tabled April 20, was again brought up and finally adopted with a few verbal changes.

It includes provisions for the interchange of officers representing the Imperial Government and the colonies.

The resolution reads: "That this conference welcomes and cordially approves of the exposition of the general principles embodied in the statement of the Secretary of State for War, and without wishing to commit any of the governments represented, recognizes and affirms need of the development for the service of the Empire of a general staff selected from the forces of the Empire as a whole, which shall study military science in all its branches; shall collect and disseminate to the various governments military information and intelligence; shall undertake the preparation of schemes of defense on a common principle and without in the least interfering with questions connected with the command or administration shall at the request of the representative governments advise as to the training, education and war organization of the military forces of the crown in every part of the Empire."

No Contributions.

This means there will be no monetary contribution to the creation of a central staff on which the self-governing dependencies can be represented if they so choose. Sir Frederick Borden stated that there is not an atom of truth in the statement that an Imperial army is to be created, Canada maintaining 45,000 men and the other colonies proportionately. He also knew nothing of General Botha's proposal.

The resolution regarding a central staff meant in its practical aspect not a great deal more than was being done at present. Referring to the interchange of staff officers, etc., it is not binding any one section.

Imperial Naval Defense.

The first lord of the admiralty, Lord Tweedmouth, outlined a scheme for Imperial naval defense, and lengthily discussed its general trend.

The remarks of the colonial premiers on the subject were in favor of a discontinuance of the colonial contributions, which hitherto have been sunk in the general naval expenditure, and the substitution of a system by which the colonies may man and keep up a certain number of ships, to be supplied by Great Britain, and undertake to maintain coaling stations, ammunition and food depots available to the Imperial navy.

Observers note the extreme cordiality which has sprung up between Premier Laurier and Premier Botha, members of races formerly not owing allegiance to the British crown, and both now the first citizens of their respective countries.

Botha Likes Laurier.

Gen. Botha has been so impressed with Sir Wilfrid Laurier's deep insight into affairs appertaining to a self-governing colony that he has given him a pressing invitation to visit the Transvaal, believing that the spectacle of the brilliant and accomplished statesman of foreign descent, yet an advocate of the highest traditions of the British Empire, will have a splendid effect on the people of the Transvaal.

It is noted also that both Laurier and Botha invariably agree in the discussions of the conference.

Premier Deakin's Proposals.

In an interview with a representative of the London Chronicle, Premier Deakin of Australia said that the three most important proposals which it is his purpose to lay before the colonial conference relate to mutual tariff preferences between the colonies and the United Kingdom; the diversion of the stream of British emigration from foreign countries to the British colonies in general, and Australia in particular; and the rearrangement of the Anglo-Australian naval agreement, so that the money now paid as a subsidy towards the maintenance of the Aus-

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FISHING TUG MISSING.

Harbor Beach, Mich., April 24.—The fishing tug Searchlight, of this port, is missing, and is believed to have sunk in Lake Huron last night, with her crew of six men.