

QUEST IS COMMENCED INTO PISTON EXPLOSION AT LEONARD'S WORKS

Mrs. Baker, Widow of the Victim of the Accident,
Is Prostrated With Grief—Pathetic Scenes at
the Baker Home—Brooks Will Recover—
Explosion Heard Two Blocks Away.

The inquest into the cause of the death of Harry Baker commenced last night when the jury, under Coroner McLaren, viewed the remains in Stewart's undertaking rooms and adjourned until Tuesday night.

Dr. H. A. Kingsmill conducted a post mortem examination on the body last night and will make his report at the inquest.

All a Mystery.

How the accident occurred is as yet unexplained. A few days ago it was noticed that the piston rod in one of the engines in Carling's Brewery had become worn and it was decided to send it down to E. Leonard & Sons to have a new rod put in.

As far as is known the piston itself was in perfect order.

Baker and Brooks put it in the forge and it had been there some time when suddenly it exploded with a terrific report.

A Terrible Sight.

The blacksmith shop was filled with dust and ashes from the forge and for some seconds nothing could be seen. When the dust and smoke had cleared a little it was seen that Baker and Brooks were lying on the floor.

Their fellow workmen went to their assistance and Dr. Kingsmill was summoned at once.

Blood was pouring from the wound in Baker's stomach, the arteries having been severed, and he died in about five minutes.

Brooks was taken at once to Victoria Hospital, where he suffered greatly.

His face was scratched by the embers and his eyes are also badly injured.

They were so painful last night that he had to have them bandaged, but it is not expected that the sight will be injured.

Brooks' other injuries are not of a severe nature, and it is likely that he will be able to leave for his home in a few days.

The Brewery Stated.

Mr. Carling stated to The Advertiser this afternoon that the piston which blew up was used in connection with the refrigerating plant at the brewery.

The shaft and piston were from the cylinder of a 20-ton ice machine, one of the largest made. The follower would be about eighteen inches in diameter, and in the hollow space in it there must have been water.

When heated in the forge steam generated and the explosion occurred.

Awful Grief.

The scene at the late Mr. Baker's home yesterday afternoon was sad in the extreme.

Mrs. Baker has never recovered from the shock of her little boy, Harry, being drowned.

The fact that the body was never recovered has weighed upon her mind heavily, and to the neighbors at different times she has expressed the wish that she might die.

A Premonition.

Last week she told a neighbor that she had a premonition that something was going to happen.

She spoke so persistently about dying that the lady feared she would commit suicide.

The neighbors say that Mr. Baker was a neat, industrious man, and spent his evenings at home working in the garden.

The garden is in most beautiful order and bears every appearance of having been cared for by a neat and skillful hand.

Broke the News.

The news that she had lost her husband was broken to the poor woman by Mr. E. Leonard, and her grief was terrible.

Mr. Leonard did everything possible to comfort her, and shortly afterwards he was joined by Rev. G. B. Sage.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker had been members of St. George's Church when they lived in West London, and on a former occasion Mr. Sage had done everything possible to assuage the mother's grief for her drowned boy.

He spent some time with the grief-stricken woman yesterday afternoon, but she was too hysterical to understand what was said to her.

Kind-hearted neighbors came and stayed by her all through the day and night, and looked after the little children.

Innocent Childhood.

The baby girl could not understand the blow that had befallen her father. Outside she played with her dog in all the innocence of childhood, and when it became dark reluctantly allowed herself to be put to bed by those who were going to spend the night watching by the widow's side.

Mrs. Baker spent a restless night, but was quieter this morning, being apparently exhausted by her grief.

The arrangements for the funeral have not as yet been completed.

No License.

Sam Levi was charged with peddling without a license, and with buying junk.

Mr. Levi maintained that as he was not doing so in the city he was perfectly within his rights, but Magistrate Love told him he would have to take out a license within two weeks or pay a fine, and warned him that if he were found peddling in the city he would be arrested.

Two first-time drunks were allowed to go.

Year in Mercer for Stealing a Dress Olive Mandell Gets a Stiff Sentence

Parkhill Girl Has Been Living
Rather Fast Since Coming
To London.

Olive Mandell, a young girl 19 years old, who came originally from Parkhill, was sentenced this morning by Magistrate Love to a year in the Mercer for stealing a dress from a lady for whom she was working.

Miss Mandell is rather an attractive-looking girl, but has been living somewhat of a gypsy life.

Last winter she left an infant at a home here, where it has been cared for, and ever since has been traveling about the country, making her home wherever she could.

On Tuesday last she found employment with a lady in the city, and worked a day and a half.

Then she asked for 50 cents, saying that she wished to go and get her trunk. She was given the money and disappeared.

Investigation showed that a valuable suit had gone, too.

Deadly Explosion at San Francisco

San Francisco, June 29.—Four persons are dead and three others are severely injured as a result of an explosion followed by a fire today in the grocery store of John Sweeney, in Diamond street.

The dead: John Sweeney, Mrs. John Sweeney, Ella Sweeney, aged 16, Anton Dissmeyer, Jr., aged 2. The injured: Fred Sweeney, Anton Dissmeyer, Sr., Mrs. Mary Dissmeyer.

Schools of London Officially Closed

The public and separate schools of the city officially closed today, although there has been scarcely a youngster at school since Friday last.

The examinations being over on that day, the child mind could see no necessity of remaining at school one minute longer. So they hustled away to play the summer through.

It is rumored that the boys and girls enjoyed the last two days' holidays more than any days of the year.

They felt that they were getting ahead of the teachers and the board of education, not a small feat.

Chairman Graham called off several of the schools owing to the fact that few scholars were in attendance.



MAYOR STEVELY,
Who Had a Most Unpleasant Experience
in a Street Car Last Night.

STORK WAS BUSY IN LONDON 100 BIRTHS REGISTERED IN JUNE

Despite Leap Year Marriages Show a Falling Off—Violent Deaths
Were Numerous—Many Babies Died—Old People
Succumbed To Heat.

The stork had a real busy June—one of the busiest in some time—no less than 100 births being registered with City Clerk Baker during the month of roses and matrimonial epidemics.

This is a much better record than last year, only 38 births being registered in June of 1907.

Such a story would delight President Roosevelt, and would almost cause him to move to London.

Marriages.

The June bride was also present, though there were not so many of her as in other years.

This year there were only 54 marriages, leap year and June, notwithstanding while in 1907 there were 70 matrimonial ships launched on the sea of life.

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MAY COMPETE WITH BELL

New Telephone Connection for Chatham—Death of Mrs. Gray.

Chatham, June 30.—The Blenheim and South Harwick Telephone Company may ask a five-year franchise from Chatham to enter the local field in competition with the Bell Company, who have enjoyed the exclusive franchise hitherto.

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SIR EDWARD MALET DEAD

Was Former Attache at British Embassy in Washington.

London, June 30.—Sir Edward Malet died here yesterday.

Sir Edward Malet was ambassador to Germany from 1884 to 1895. He was attaché at Frankfurt in 1884 and went to the following posts in consecutive advancement: Argentine Confederation, Washington, Constantinople, Paris, Pekin, Athens, Rome, Cairo, Brussels. He was in charge of the embassy at Paris during the Commune. He was a member of the International court of arbitration at The Hague in 1900-06.

BEHEADED IN AN ACCIDENT

Frightful Accident on a Brighton Beach Car, New York.

New York, June 30.—Within view of several hundred men, women and children, near the entrance to Prospect Park, Brother Cassin, of the Order of St. Francis, and Principal of St. Ann's School, Brooklyn, was beheaded, as he bent from the seat of a Brighton Beach car to get his hat, brushed off by a woman.

The hat had fallen into the slip of the partly raised running board of the car, and as the Franciscan brother bent down to get it, he slipped and his head fell under the car.



MR. WILLIAM BROOKS,
Who Miraculously Escaped Death
in the Explosion at Leonard's
Yesterday.

POPE TALKS WITH LONDONERS INTERESTING STORY OF ROME

Dr. H. A. McCallum, of Queen's Avenue, Gives The Advertiser
an Account of His Meeting With His Holiness—Travels
in Other Cities—Germany Looking for War.

It is seldom that any Londoners have a private interview with the Pope, and when it was learned that Dr. W. J. Tillmann and Dr. H. A. McCallum, of this city, were accorded that privilege during their recent visit to Rome, The Advertiser interviewed Dr. McCallum on his unique experience.

"I must be brief," said Dr. McCallum, "as I have exhausted the public's patience on the question of water. I suppose the people will be most interested in our visit to Rome. We arrived there on Sunday morning from Genoa, having ridden all night in an Italian sleeping car, spent four hours that in passing through mountain tunnels. We were almost

choked, and vilely dirty when we arrived.

Pope in Public.

"On reaching the hotel, our hotelman informed us that the Pope was to be seen in public that day for the first time in five years. He had tickets of admission which he offered to sell to us at five francs apiece, although we found out afterwards that he had obtained them without cost, as had nearly everyone else who entered St. Peter's that morning.

"That shows the ardent love the Italian has for commercialism.

A Personal Interview.

"Dr. Tillmann's letters of introduction (Continued on Page Nine).

ELECTRIC LAMP FELL ON MAYOR WHILE RIDING IN STREET CAR

His Worship's Clothes Set on Fire—Suffers a Severe Shock—A
Most Unpleasant Experience of London's Chief
Magistrate Last Night.

While going home in a Dundas street car last evening about 7 o'clock, Mayor Stevely had an experience he will not forget in some days.

He was seated in the rear seat, when suddenly the electric light above fell on his head.

Sparks flew in all directions, burning his head, and ruining a new suit of clothes.

His suit was burned full of holes, and his hat was scorched all over.

His worship was shocked, considerably, but was not seriously burned.

He put out his burning clothes with-out difficulty.

"My clothes were spoiled and my hat burned, but I was not hurt," said his worship.

"I cannot understand what caused the accident. The sparks flew in great shape for a minute."

London Schools Will Receive \$1,825 From the Grant for Urban Schools

Exact Amount Has Been Figured
Out By Local Education
ists.

The exact amount of money the board of education will receive from the Ontario Government's grant of \$60,000 for urban schools will be \$1,825 according to the information compiled by Inspector Edwards for the board.

According to his figures, there are 14 teachers with first-class certificates of over five years' experience. To each of these the Government grants \$20, making in all \$280.

There are two teachers with first-class certificates with less than five years' experience which, at \$15 each, would add \$30 to the amount.

There are 87 teachers with second-class certificates with more than five years' experience which, at \$15 each, would make \$1,305.

There are 21 teachers with less than five years' experience which, at \$10, would make \$210.

This totals up to \$1,825.

In this list the kindergarten teachers are not included. There are 23 in the employ of London's board of education, and these the department does not recognize.

As a result some criticism of the Government grant has been made by educationists. It is pointed out that the regulations governing the grant discriminate against the city schools, especially when they are up-to-date, as London's are, and make no grants for kindergarten work.

However, the grant is received with thanks, and it is hoped that next year the Government will see fit to recognize the kindergartens and thus increase London's grant to \$2,500 at least.

Sixth Field Battery at Petawawa

The following will be the dates of competitive practice at Petawawa camp, 1908, for field artillery brigades and heavy regiments, C. A.:

Second Regiment, C. A.—No. 1 Company, Aug. 3-8; No. 2 Company, Aug. 3-8; No. 3 Company, Aug. 16-21; Third Regiment, C. A.—No. 1 Company, Aug. 12-15; No. 2 Company, Aug. 17-20; No. 3 Company, Aug. 19-22; and Colours Company, Aug. 24-27.

Sixth Regiment, C. A.—No. 1 Company, Aug. 26-29; No. 2 Company, Aug. 31; Sept. 3; No. 3 Company, Sept. 2-5; Fourth Regiment, C. A.—No. 1 Company, Sept. 7-10; No. 2 Company, Sept. 11-12; No. 3 Company, Sept. 14-17.

Seventh Regiment, C. A.—Nos. 2, 3 and 4 Companies will carry out their practices on dates to be fixed later.

Field Batteries—Fourth Brigade, Tenth and Twelfth Batteries, Aug. 10, 11 and 12; Fourth Brigade, Nineteenth Battery and Sixth Battery, Aug. 12, 13 and 14; Sixth Brigade, Aug. 17, 18 and 19; Second Brigade, Aug. 19, 20, 21; Seventh Brigade, Aug. 24, 25 and 26; Fifth Brigade, First Battery, and Thirteenth Battery, Aug. 25, 27 and 28; First Brigade, Aug. 31, Sept. 1 and 2; Third Brigade, Sept. 2, 3 and 4; Eighth Brigade, Sept. 7, 8 and 9; Ninth Brigade, Sept. 14, 15 and 16; Tenth Brigade, Sept. 16, 17 and 18.

The Railway Traffic Is Very Heavy

The railways have been doing a record-breaking business all day, and ticket agents report that if the rush continues until this evening, as there is every indication that it is going to do, all records for holiday traffic will be broken.

The Grand Trunk station presented a busy scene this morning, every train that came in being loaded down with holiday passengers.

All the trainmen leaving this morning carried special coaches, and these were soon filled, as the train proceeded on its way. Added to the heavy passenger traffic were large parties of emigrants from the west en route to New York.

The C. P. R. officials report that their trains today are all crowded, and that extra coaches have had to be put on to accommodate those traveling. A great many people will spend the holiday out of the city, but notwithstanding, the railwaymen think that fully as many carried special coaches, and these were soon filled, as the train proceeded on its way. Added to the heavy passenger traffic were large parties of emigrants from the west en route to New York.

Prince Involved in Montenegro Plot

Cettinje, June 29.—The trial of 36 prisoners charged with revolutionary activity in connection with the discovery of a score of bombs here last year, and at which sensational testimony was induced, involving the Crown Prince George of Serbia, in a conspiracy against Montenegro, has resulted in six of the accused being condemned to death, three to life imprisonment and twenty-seven, including five former Cabinet ministers to terms of imprisonment.

Victoria Hospital Staff Reappointed

At the special meeting of the hospital trust at noon today, the consulting and attending staffs of physicians and surgeons were appointed for the term of two years.

The appointments are as follows:

Consulting physicians—Dr. Moorehouse and Dr. MacLaren.

Consulting surgeons—Dr. Waugh and Dr. Niven.

Consulting gynecologist—Dr. F. R. Beales.

Consulting homeopathist—Dr. C. I. Campbell.

Attending physicians—Dr. Hodge, Dr. H. A. McCallum, Dr. Drake, Dr. Geo. H. Wilson.

Attending surgeons—Dr. Jno. D. Wilson, Dr. H. Williams, Dr. D. H. Hogg, Dr. Wishart.

Attending homeopathist—Dr. Jarvis.

Attending Gynecologist—Dr. Meek, Dr. W. J. Stevenson, Dr. Ferguson, Dr. Burdon.

Attending obstetrician—Dr. Balfour and Dr. J. J. Mason.

Eye, ear, nose and throat specialists—Dr. N. Henderson and Dr. S. Thompson.

Anaesthetists—Dr. A. V. Becher, Dr. W. H. Sheehy, Dr. N. H. Beal.

Pathologist—J. A. McGregor.

Radiologist—Dr. Geo. McNeill.

There were few changes made in the staff, most of the former appointments being made.

The appointment of a radiologist is the only new one made in the class of work to be undertaken.

Those of the trust present were Mr. S. Sreaton, chairman, Mr. G. B. Harris, Mayor Stevely and Superintendent Head.

A Big Turnout at Seventh Drill

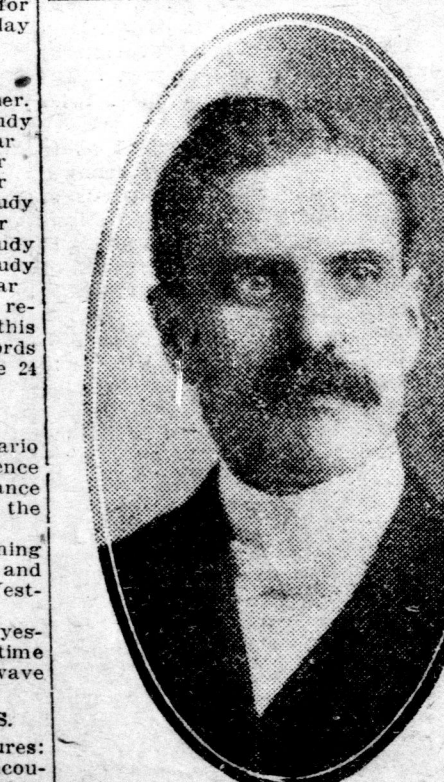
There was a large turnout at the drill of the Seventh Regiment held in the armories last night.

Col. Reid was in command and put the men through a number of maneuvers and battalion movements.

Capt. McCrimmon gave the men a valuable rifle drill.

From now until the Quebec trip regular drills will be held on every Monday and Friday evening, and the order is imperative that all members must turn out to drill regularly or they cannot go to Quebec.

Col. Reid is firm in his stand not to take any half-drilled regiment to the centenary.



REV. HUMPHREY GRAHAM,
Pastor of Wellington Street Methodist
Church, Who Was Last Night
Welcomed by the Congregation.

A BANK CLERK TAKES HIS LIFE

Alleged Suicide of Victor T. Denison
at North Bay.

Toronto, June 30.—News reached the city early yesterday evening that Victor T. Denison, teller in the Imperial Bank branch at North Bay, was found dying in his room over the bank with a bullet wound in his head. It appears that at about 2:30 p.m. yesterday Mrs. Ogden, wife of the local manager of the bank, heard a shot in the direction of the young man's room, and rushed to see what was the matter. She was horrified to see the young man lying unconscious on the floor, with a 22-calibre revolver beside him. Medical aid was promptly secured, but was of no avail, death being apparently almost instantaneous. He was a son of the late Col. Fred C. Denison, formerly M. P. for West Toronto, and his mother, Mrs. F. C. Denison, resides at Rusholme, this city. Adj. Septimus Denison, who was formerly stationed at Wolseley Barracks, London, is an uncle.

PRESIDENT OF WOMEN'S FEDERATION.

Boston, June 30.—Mrs. Philip N. Moore, of St. Louis, is to be president of the general federation of women's clubs for the next two years, having defeated Miss May Allen Ward, of Boston, the presidential candidate named yesterday by the nominating committee. Of the 906 votes cast, Mrs. Moore received 516, and Miss Ward, 390.

The death rate from tuberculosis in Ireland is 2.7 per 1,000, as compared with 1.6 in England and 2.1 in Scotland.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—MOSTLY FAIR—LOCAL SHOWERS.

FORECASTS.

Today—Light westerly winds; fine. Wednesday—Moderate variable winds; moderately warm and mostly fair, with local showers.

Local Temperatures.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. yesterday were: Highest, 85°; lowest, 58°.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.
Calgary 50 48 Cloudy
Winnipeg 50 48 Clear
Port Arthur 52 44 Fair
Parry Sound 64 52 Fair
Toronto 60 56 Cloudy
Ottawa 60 58 Fair
Montreal 64 64 Cloudy
Quebec 72 64 Cloudy
Father Point 68 58 Clear

WEATHER NOTES.

The depression which was over Ontario yesterday has passed to the St. Lawrence Valley, and another shallow disturbance is approaching the great lakes from the west.

Rain fell pretty generally last evening in Ontario and Western Quebec, and heavy local showers occurred in the Western Provinces.

High temperatures prevailed again yesterday between Ontario and the Maritime Provinces, and a pronounced heat wave has set in over British Columbia.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 52-72; Victoria, 48-72; Vancouver, 48-72; Kamloops, 54-80; Edmonton, 46-66; Battleford, 46-68; Prince Albert, 42-68; Calgary, 46-68; Regina, 46-62; Winnipeg, 44-70; Port Arthur, 52-68; Parry Sound, 56-74; Toronto, 66-86; Ottawa, 58-86; Montreal, 86-80; Quebec, 82-86; St. John, 54-60; Halifax, 64-80.