THIEVES HURL HATCHET AT SARNIA WOMAN

Knocked Her Little Son Down and Fired a Shot.

SARNIA, Feb. 15.—Prompt action on the part of Mrs. M. Stein and her son Earl saved their chickens when two robbers were chased off the premises, after knocking the boy down, firing a shot and throwing a hatchet at Mrs. Stein. The boy surprised the men, described as one tall and one short, as they were hacking their way into the chicken coop with a hatchet. The men promptly knocked the lad down, but before they could gag him his mother came on the scene. One robber fired a shot, the other throwing the hatchet, both narrowly missing. The men made their get-away in a horse and rig which was standing in front of the place. The police are working on the case.

SHOT BY BURGLARS.

WINDSOR, Feb. 15.—Ross West is in Grace Hospital with a leg shattered by a bullet, following an attempt by unidentified men to enter the house of Walter Churchill. According to reports the men attempted to enter the Churchill home about midnight through a basement window. West, who has been living with Churchill, went to investigate, and the intruders shot him in the leg. Churchill followed West to the basement with a revolver, and fired a shot. It is believed one of the robbers was wounded, although no trace of the man has been found.

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CORNS

Lift Off with Fingers

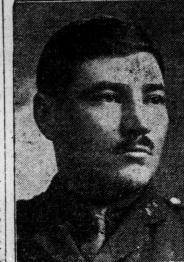Doesn't hurt a bit! Drop a little "Freezone" on an aching corn, instantly that corn stops hurting, then shortly you lift it right off with fingers. Truly! Your druggist sells a tiny bottle of "Freezone" for a few cents, sufficient to remove every hard corn, soft corn, or corn between the toes, and the calluses, without soreness or irritation.

WILD RIDE WAS GREAT JOKE TO GUELPH KIDDIES

Auto Dashed Down Hill and Through Two Fences.

GUELPH, Feb. 15.—A thrilling ride in a motor car, in which they escaped injury, was experienced by the young son and daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Foster this afternoon. They were riding in the rear seat of Miss I. Lyon's car. Left by its owner for a minute, while she spoke to a friend, the auto started of its own volition and, turning into an empty lot, raced down the steep hill, crashing through two fences and came to a stop in the backyard of Arthur Duffield's.

Although the machine traveled 500 or 600 yards at a high speed, tearing open two fences on the way, the children escaped without a scratch. The machine was little damaged. When the car came to a stop with a thud, the two little occupants of the rear seat took it to River Canard, where it was laughingly scampered out and considered their wild ride as a big joke.

INCREASING THEIR FORCE.

GUELPH, Feb. 15.—Another sign that the business outlook is improving in Guelph is the announcement today by the Page Hersey Iron and Tube Company, Limited, that commencing Monday next, the firm will start a night shift of 200 men. At present the company is employing a day shift of 200 material, but owing to large orders for pipes and fittings recently received, it has been found necessary to work two shifts.

GETS SIX MONTHS FOR LIQUOR THEFT

Arthur Harding Claimed He Paid $1,500 For the Booze.

WINDSOR, Feb. 15.—Arthur Harding was sentenced to six months' imprisonment by Judge Coughlin in the county criminal court at Sandwich today for the theft of 25 cases of liquor from the home of Leon Lafontaine. Freeman Baldwin, Windsor taxi driver, arrested on the same charge, was let go on suspended sentence.

Harding testified that he was acting as agent on a commission. He said that he had paid Lafontaine $55 a case for 25 cases of whiskey on the day of the alleged theft, and that Lafontaine told him to go to the house and get the whiskey. He then said he went down town and hired Baldwin, went to the house, obtained the whiskey and took it to River Canard, where it was unloaded.

Harding maintained he did not steal the liquor, but had made arrangements the previous night for its delivery, and that he paid for it at a house on Pelissier street, where Lafontaine was waiting. He said that he gave Lafontaine $1,500 in American currency for the liquor.

PRICES FOR TOBACCO ARE DISAPPOINTING

Growers in Blenheim District Are Not at All Satisfied.

BLENHEIM, Feb. 15.—F. R. Gregory of the Empire Tobacco Company, Leamington, was here today and started buying Burley tobacco in the country. The lots purchased were some distance apart, and some 50,000 pounds in all were bargained for. The prices paid varied from 7 cents to 15 cents per pound. The average being around 13½ cents. Farmers, when learning of the buyer being here, were much interested, and the phones were used freely to learn of his whereabouts and what was being done.

When the prices being paid here were learned there was much disappointment, and some term the prices as starvation compared with those paid last year. It is said many are refusing to sell at the prices, but others find it necessary to do so to meet pressing obligations. Mr. Gregory is the first tobacco buyer here this year.

ALLEGES BOARD PLAYED FAVORITES

WINDSOR, Feb. 15.—Archibald Hooper, Labor alderman, today opened a fight between the board of education and the city council, when he stated that the board "did not only unbusiness-like, but uses favoritism in awarding contracts."

Mr. Hooper, backed by F. W. Howell, urge that the council turn back to the board of education the request of $472,500 with which to build a new school of eighteen rooms on Victoria avenue. The request may be turned back, it was learned tonight. Mr. Hooper declared he wishes to help the board in every way possible, but he did not sympathize with its methods. Mr. Hooper also stated that in Detroit a twelve-room school is being built for $172,000. This, Mr. Hooper says, means that Windsor is paying $314,230 for four rooms in the new school.

WOULD TRIPLE GRANT TO TORONTO UNIVERSITY

TORONTO, Feb. 15.—Toronto university, which now receives from the province half a million out of the succession duties of the province, should get one half the annual revenue from this source, or about $1,500,000 a year, according to the royal commission on university finance. It is possible, however, that the Government will act favorably, owing to the recommendations unreservedly, owing to the rapid increase yearly of the revenue collected by the province in this way.

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JAIL OFFICIALS ARE IN DILEMMA OVER PRISONER

Youth With Both Hands Paralyzed Requires an Attendant.

ST. THOMAS, Feb. 15.—Lawrence Crawford, Port Burwell, sentenced to six months in the county jail for a third breach of the O. T. A., was refused admittance to the cells this afternoon. Crawford, whose hands have been paralyzed for the fourteen years, was convicted of selling liquor to a village resident. The young fellow was taken to the office of the jail by Inspector Ross, but the governor declined to accept the commitment unless an attendant or nurse was engaged to look after Crawford. This was refused, and Crawford was given the freedom of the courthouse.

Left at Jail.

Constable Ney Chute brought the youth from Port Burwell and, with Inspector Ross, left him in the jail office. In the meanwhile the provincial authorities were sought as to what disposal might be made of the prisoner, but so far no instructions have reached the local officials. While the magistrate, inspector, constables and the rest were all talking at once over the unusual situation, Crawford, with a companion, quietly took leg bail by the back door, and another bit of lively confusion followed when he was missed.

Taking it Easy.

While all the available were hunting for the runaway, he was resting himself in a cushioned chair at the Grand Central. He was ordered to come back, and Constable Ney Chute was sought to hold his prisoner until he was in or out of jail for good.

Constable Chute had also vanished as soon as he had delivered the prisoner, and Crawford was once again between the cells of the prison and his liberty. And he is still there.

Every want of the young man has to be met by an attendant, and there is no provision in the jail for such an official.

Writes With His Teeth.

Crawford writes a fine, plain script with his teeth, and sent a note to his father in Port Burwell to look after his interests there. He had been convicted three times for selling liquor, and the magistrate had no other option than send him to jail.

DROP IN PRICES WOULD MEAN BOOM

Little Prospect of Building Materials Being Much Cheaper.

STRATFORD, Feb. 15.—With a good representation of delegates, the Provincial Builders' Association opened its annual convention here this afternoon. The sessions continue until Thursday. Robert Marreon, Stratford, is president. Reports presented from various centres on labor conditions showed a general unsettled state of affairs. Some centres reported prospects good, but the general outlook was not so optimistic. Indications are that the price of materials will not be much cheaper. A drop in these prices would undoubtedly be followed by a boom in building.

The financial report revealed a healthy condition.

Tonight there were addresses by Geo. Gander of Toronto, on legislative matters, and by N. E. Gibb of Sarnia, on "Agreements With Labor."

CHATHAM MAY GET IMPROVED SERVICE

Additional Trains Offered If Sufficient Business Is Forthcoming.

CHATHAM, Feb. 15.—Additional passenger train service from Chatham to New York and intermediate points on the Michigan Central railway is assured by Superintendent D. W. Donahue if enough business is offered to the railway, according to a statement made to The Advertiser by Ald. W. M. Gray, chairman of the industrial committee of the city council. The Michigan Central is desirous of building with the C., W. and L. E. radials at Charing Cross station.

Fire Chief Pritchard, who today celebrated his 50th anniversary as chief of the Chatham fire department, was the recipient of many congratulations from city officials and others. The department has progressed steadily under his management.

The chamber of commerce will entertain a delegation and officials of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association here on March 2, when a large number of the local manufacturing plants will be visited. Conditions in the Maple City, while not at the peak, have been correspondingly better than most cities in Ontario.

BERRY HAS PRAISE FOR GRAND TRUNK YARDS

MONTREAL, Feb. 15.—(By Canadian Press)—J. B. Berry, the Chicago railway engineering and valuation expert, again was on the stand all day today before the Grand Trunk arbitration commission, which is seeking to put a value on the preference and common stocks of the railway prior to the system being taken over by the Dominion Government.

Mr. Berry continued his examination of the various branch lines of the Grand Trunk in Ontario, finishing with the Western Ontario system and working east until he had "cleaned up" Toronto. He then took a number of smaller lines, eventually reaching east as far as the connection of the Canadian Atlantic with the Vermont Central.

It is expected that Mr. Berry will finish with the Atlantic division some time tomorrow. He gave great praise to the Grand Trunk yards and other facilities in Toronto.

BURNED WOODWORK TO PROPEL VESSEL

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 15.—During the three days the British steamer Bristol City was slowly pushing her way through a field of floating ice toward Louisburg, N. S., where she arrived last night entirely out of bunker coal, her crew suffered little hardship, according to her captain, C. M. Crinks.

Except for the unpleasantly cold and stormy weather to which they were unaccustomed, they were physically comfortable. The knowledge that they were without bunker coal, and burning a good bit of the spare woodwork about the vessel, while making three knots an hour through a field of ice rapidly became more and more not conducive to mental placidity, however.

"That was the whole trouble," Captain Crinks said. He explained his dread of coal offered by the tug Reeless, one of the vessels sent to his aid, by the fact that he had sufficient woodwork to carry him to port.