

TWO LITTLE GIRLS DISAPPEAR FROM TENTS AT WONDERLAND FOUND DROWNED IN RIVER

Thelma Pritchett, of Wharncliffe Road, and Madeline Corbin, of Philip Street, Missing Since Sunday From Summer Home.

SEARCHING PARTIES OUT ALL NIGHT

But Quest Was Fruitless Till River Was Dragged and Remains Were Discovered at the Campers' Dock—Mothers Prostrated With Grief.

Thelma Pritchett, the five-year-old daughter of Mr. Bert Pritchett, 162 Wharncliffe road, South London, and Madeline, the six-year-old daughter of Mr. W. Corbin, 514 Phillip street, were found drowned in the river at Wonderland at 10:20 this morning, after a search lasting over 16 hours. They had evidently fallen in the river while playing.

Mr. Lou Bartleman, who was assisting a party dragging the river, came upon the bodies, drawing them to the surface with a rake. Thelma had hold of Madeline's arm, but they were shaken apart as the bodies were being drawn up.

Parents Heartbroken.

Bert Pritchett, as soon as he saw the body of the Corbin girl, immediately dived into the river, and seizing his drowned daughter carried her to shore. The grief of the stricken parents was heartbreaking.

The finding of the bodies was the culmination of a search of many hours duration. Every foot of the park and farms on both sides of the river, as well as almost every foot of the river between Wonderland and the pumping station was gone over to find the missing children.

Together Sunday Afternoon.

Yesterday afternoon they were last seen together shortly after half past 2 o'clock. Nothing was thought of it until after the evening meal, when the fact that the children were missing dawned upon the stricken parents, and with the assistance of fellow campers they searched the woods.

All night long, even when the storm roared, the parents of the lost ones and some faithful friends tramped the woods, the hoarse calls of the watchers answering the roar of the elements.

Dragged the River.

Not until morning came did the tired watchers give up their weary search. With the daylight it was decided to drag the river, to see if by some mischance they might have fallen in and been drowned.

That the surmise was correct was verified by the gruesome discovery of those engaged in the search.

The parents of both children are spending the summer in tents, along with scores of others, at Wonderland.

Playing Together.

The youngsters had been accustomed to playing together, and yesterday afternoon they were idling about the tent.

Mrs. Corbin noticed them at 2:30 o'clock, and as they were all right, no attention was paid to them. Nothing was thought of their absence as the hours rolled by, but after the tea hour, both Mr. Pritchett and Mr. Corbin looked for their children, thinking they had gone to some of the other campers' tents, for supper, as had often been the case.

None of the campers had seen them, however, and it dawned upon them that something might be wrong.

Search Commenced.

A search was made of the immediate neighborhood, but nothing was seen of them.

Parties went in all directions, whipping the woods, and searching the fields, for a trace of the girls.

One party took a boat, and went down the north side of the river, but no sign of the missing youngsters was found.

Every man and boy in camp joined in the search, but no clue to the whereabouts of the two children could be discovered.

Worked in the Storm.

The storm burst upon them furiously, and some of the parties went to the camp to remain with the women, who were badly frightened and extremely nervous.

Mr. Corbin, B. Pritchett, J. G. Pritchett, Fred Parkinson, and another gentleman searched all night long. Not a brush pile or a single foot of ground between Woodland Cemetery and Byron but what was gone over. The men returned to camp this morning tired with their search.

Few had seen the little ones. It was rumored that some person had seen them at Byron, but this information proved to be false.

There seemed to be little or no information available as to where the children might be.

Dragging the River.

After breakfast it was decided to drag the river. Fred Parkinson, J. G. Pritchett and W. Hart obtained a boat, and improvising grappling hooks, started to drag. Word was sent to the city for the grappling hooks of the fire department and several other men obtained a boat and commenced dragging.

After dragging for an hour with no result, the search was abandoned.



THELMA PRITCHETT, Bright Little Girl Who Was Drowned in River, Near Wonderland.

HORTON STREET PEOPLE MAY WIN AFTER ALL

Not So Sure Now That Council Will Pull Up the Walks.

The impression prevails at the city hall that the council will not lift the walks on Horton street, owing to the fact that the board of works has not the money to pay for such work.

The aldermen are of the impression that it will cost from \$500 to \$1,000 to move the walks, and they have no money for it this year at any rate.

The calling for tenders does not signify that the work will be done, and it is quite probable that nothing will come of it.

If the walks are not removed, the petition for a cement curb and gutter may be dealt with at once, and the request of the citizens will probably be granted.

Whether or not it will be laid this year depends upon the council. Already a great deal of it has been laid, and it is quite likely that it will be laid this year.

It looks very much as if the street will not be widened, but that the curb and gutter will be laid as desired by the residents of the street.

SIX MONTHS FOR A WAYWARD GIRL

Magistrate Love Intends to Put Juveniles Where They May Reform.

A PICTURE MAN FINED

Barlow Miles Must Pay \$50 in Addition to His \$80 License Fee—Other Cases in Police Court.

There were quite a batch of cases heard before Magistrate Love at the police court this morning.

George A. Waddell was the first called. The complainant was Henry Holden, of 377 Hill street. It appears that on the 13th of July Mr. Holden went to see Waddell about a bill, and in the course of a conversation he admitted that he may have become a trifle heated, and called Mr. Waddell a liar. The latter, being of a sensitive nature, resented the imputation, hitting Mr. Holden, he claims, on the back of the neck, and later going for him with a chair.

After all the evidence had been heard, His Worship decided to dismiss the case.

Must Pay Up.

Barlow Miles is the proprietor of a picture theatre, but for some time past he has been reluctant about paying his license fee. He has been given several opportunities but has let them all slip, and the magistrate considered that it was his move. So Mr. Miles will be required to pay \$50 into the court coffers, in addition to the license fee of \$80.

Six Months' Sentence.

Alice Burrows, a young girl who had been acting in a disorderly manner on the street and who was arrested on the charge of vagrancy, was remanded, against Robert, against whom a similar charge was laid, was sentenced to six months in the Mercer Reformatory.

A man who had the misfortune to look upon the wine when it was red, appeared on the charge of drunkenness, but as he was not an habitual offender he was allowed to go.

Stanley Hallam and William Klue, two young men, appeared to answer to a charge of having stolen a quantity of rubber tire from the Cowan Hardware Company. They were remanded till next Monday.

STRAY BULLET INSTANTLY KILLS A FARMER NEAR SIMCOE, ONT.

Michael Hall Receives Bullet in Back of His Head While Standing Near His Home and Falls Dead—Young Boy Arrested in Case.

[Special to The Advertiser.] of carrying firearms, and has frequently been warned to discontinue the dangerous practice.

Dr. McIntosh, of Simcoe, has charge of the inquest, which will be held on Friday at Silver Hills.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

Delhi, Ont., Aug. 16.—There was a fatal shooting affair about six miles south of here yesterday afternoon. Michael Hall, about 75 years of age and blind, was standing near his home when a bullet struck him in the head, killing him instantly. He and his wife, Emerson Shelley, about 16 years of age, is being held as the person who fired the shot. No person saw him fire the shot, but shortly previous he was at a neighbor's with a 32-calibre rifle and was firing it off. An inquest is being held.

A HAMILTON HOLD-UP.

Hamilton, Aug. 16.—Matthew Brown, of Guelph, was held up on Saturday on the mountain top and relieved of his watch and chain and \$20. Joe Street, a well-known character, is alleged to have committed the offence, and is under arrest.



MADELINE CORBIN, One of the Little Tots Who Met Death in the River Sunday.

ACCIDENT TO AIR COMPRESSOR

Horton Street Wells Put Out of Commission for a Short Time.

SPRINGBANK SUPPLY

To Keep the City Going—Citizens Asked to Waste No Water Until Further Notice—Lawn Services Off.

The air compressor in operation at the Horton street wells broke last evening, and the wells are out of commission for a couple of days at least.

Engineer Moore immediately on being notified of the break, made efforts to secure another compressor. He located one at St. Mary's, and if it is large enough it will be rushed at once to the city and placed in position.

Springbank Only.

As a result of the accident the city will have to depend entirely on the Springbank supply until the repairs are made.

On Saturday there was little more than nine feet of water in the reservoir, but it was shut off and now the reservoir contains between ten and eleven feet.

A Reserve for Fires.

This will be held in reserve for fire purposes, and water will be pumped directly from the collecting ponds.

As a result, lawn services will be cut off until the wells are pumped again, and all unnecessary waste of water will be stopped.

It is thought that the city will be able to manage until it is repaired, especially as there has been a generous rain and the springs are showing a larger flow.

Only Temporary Plant.

Such an accident would not have happened had the permanent plant been installed. Three sets of pumps are to be put in in each, and if an accident happens to one, another can be put to use.

The present air compressor is a temporary expedient, and has been kept in use constantly for many weeks.

It was the intention of Engineer Moore to shut it down last evening for a short time to overhaul it, but the break happened before this could be done.

Direct From Ponds.

"We will pump direct from the collecting ponds," said Engineer Moore. "The reservoir will be held in reserve for fire-fighting purposes. At the present time there is ten feet ten inches of water in the reservoir, and this will furnish us protection from fires. We expect to have the wells going again in a day or two. We will make as fast time as possible."

Be Economical.

"I ask that every person in the city be as economical with water as possible. I order all lawn services discontinued until further notice. With the fine rains of Saturday night and Sunday they will be all right for a short time at least."

LEKOVSKY LOST.

Hamilton, Aug. 16.—G. Lekovsky, 64 Locomotive street, who started on Saturday to walk to Beamsville for pleasure, has not been heard of since. The police are on the lookout for him along the route.

CANADA DESIRES THE FLEET TO GUARD THE PACIFIC COAST

Australia and the Dominion Disagree With the British Admiralty as to the Stationing of the Proposed Colonial Squadron.

London, Aug. 16.—While the imperial defense conference had little difficulty in elaborating a scheme for the army as explained in detail, the delegates found the naval question a hard problem to solve. All the colonies readily agreed to pay a fair share of the cost of the navy, but discussion as to the particular form of the contributions disclosed a sharp difference between the admiralty and the Canadian and Australian delegates. This was particularly true with respect to Great Britain's recent policy in the Pacific. When the Anglo-Japanese treaty was concluded, Great Britain withdrew the greater part of her fleet from the China coast and entirely abolished the North Pacific fleet, both of which could be used in conjunction with an Australian squadron to protect British trade and British possessions in all parts of the Pacific.

The home Government sees no danger in that part of the world, and has full confidence in her eastern ally. The colonial delegates, however, persistently pictured Japan as a rival who might some day become possessed of a desire for more territory. They therefore, while agreeing to contribute to the maintenance of the main fleet, declared that the greatest energy should be exerted to provide defences for their own coasts and trade.

Australia's Plans.

Australia already is building torpedo boats as a nucleus of the fleet, and Canada purposes to do the same. The admiralty believes that these fleets will prove of greater use if controlled from London, but to this the Canadians don't agree. The fleet, they say, would come to the assistance of the mother country in a time of need, but it must be absolutely under the control of the Federal Government. Canada's first ships will be modern cruisers, and the Canadians think these should be placed in the Pacific. The home authorities, on the other hand, want them in the Atlantic, whence they could join the main fleet in the North Sea on the shortest notice.

The delegates are in conference, and the admiralty hopes that a scheme will be completed and ready for presentation in the conference on Aug. 19. New Zealand, South Africa and the smaller colonies have agreed to make direct contributions to the British navy, and to depend on it for their protection.

HOW ABOUT POOR FIDO! HAS HE A CHECK?

If Not, Why Not? P. M. Love Is Representing the King in the Matter.

Dog tags are becoming very much the rage just now, due to the energy of the police department. Another large bunch of summonses went out today, requesting owners to appear and explain to the deputy of His Majesty the King why poor Fido's neck is not adorned with the necessary tag. The police are making a persevering canvass of all dog owners, and the chances of any being missed is small. This being the case, it would, on the whole, be the part of wisdom to pay the necessary tax, as though it were a real pleasure, as it is far from a pleasant experience to those who are new to it, to appear in the police court to explain why they have not done as the law demands. Besides this, there is a certain amount of expense incurred in these little excursions that the owners might as well spare themselves. Persons owning dogs have been "proving" tax in paying the tax, and it has been determined to bring them to time.

WRECKED BY GAS

Three Persons Injured in Unusual Accident at Cleveland.

Cleveland, O., Aug. 16.—Seven men and three women, two of whom may not recover, were injured early today when an explosion of natural gas wrecked the four-story building occupied by the Wrick Moving and Storage Company. The debris caught fire and was practically consumed.

The roof of the building was lifted high in the air. On the north side the falling wall crashed in upon T. M. McClary's saloon, causing considerable damage. The debris wall almost demolished J. C. McIntyre's meat shop.

Immediately following the explosion some of the buildings in the neighborhood were afire and a conflagration threatened the district, but quick work on the part of the firemen saved them.

Diphtheria at Byron.

There has been quite a serious outbreak of diphtheria in and around Byron, that is occasioning the people of that locality a good deal of uneasiness. Every possible means is being taken to see that the disease does not spread. Yesterday the churches were closed, as it was thought unwise to risk the danger of contagion.

FATALLY INJURED IN EXPLOSION

Cleveland, Aug. 16.—Four men and one woman were seriously injured, and one injured today when a mysterious explosion partially wrecked and later set fire to the four-story building occupied by the Wrick Moving and Storage Company.

CHATHAM MAN MISSING

Left For Detroit Thursday and Has Not Arrived.

Windsor, Ont., Aug. 15.—William Martin, aged 58, of Chatham, left for town Thursday to visit his daughter, Mrs. John Rutten, 69 Strong avenue, Detroit. He never reached there, and Mrs. Rutten has asked the police to try and find him.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

Aug. 14-15.—At New York—New York, from Southampton; Hamilton, from Hamburg; Caledonia, from Glasgow; La Bretagne, from Havre; Arabia, from Liverpool; New Amsterdam, from Rotterdam. At Southampton—Philadelphia, from New York. At Hamburg—Kaiserin Augusta Victoria, from New York. At Genoa—Santo, from New York. At Avonmouth—Monmouth, from Montreal. At Piraeus—Paris, from New York. At Patras—Laura, from New York. At Havre—Louisiana, from New York. At Quebec—Montfort, from Liverpool; Athara, from Liverpool; Hesperian, from Glasgow. At Vancouver—Empress of India, from Yokohama. At Father Point—Cassandra, from Glasgow. At Philadelphia—Siberian, from New York. At Queenstown—Cedric, from New York. At Moville—Columbia, from New York. At Liverpool—Meganite, from Montreal.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—COOLER.

FORECAST.

Toronto, Aug. 16-8 a.m. Today—Moderate to fresh westerly to northerly winds; partly fair and warm, with showers and local thunderstorms. Tuesday—Northerly winds; fine and a little cooler.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Low.	High.
London, Saturday.....	60	50	83	
London, Sunday.....	60	50	87	
London, Monday.....	68	58	82	
Calgary.....	48	46	60	
Winnipeg.....	54	58	64	
Port Arthur.....	58	54	82	
Perry Sound.....	68	60	90	
Toronto.....	70	66	73	
Ottawa.....	66	58	64	
Montreal.....	68	58	78	
Quebec.....	68	58	80	
Father Point.....	68	58	82	
Atlin.....	40	40	50	
Victoria.....	40	50	63	
Kamloops.....	40	50	70	
Edmonton.....	40	50	73	
Prince Albert.....	40	50	83	
Mooselaw.....	40	50	80	
Minneapolis.....	40	50	84	
Halifax.....	40	50	78	



WHERE TWO LITTLE LONDON GIRLS LOST THEIR LIVES

The above cut shows the camp at Wonderland where the two little girls were drowned on Sunday. The accident occurred near the dock, where a boat is seen tied up. The spring board is a trifle further east. The bodies were found about ten feet from the river bank in deep water.