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EVELYN MAN WAS KILLED CRUSHED TO DEATH IN A KILN

John Crosby Lost His Life During Storm of Wednesday Afternoon.

ANOTHER MAN HAD CLOSE CALL

It Is Not Known Whether the Lightning Hit Kiln or the Wind Blew It Down.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Evelyn, Aug. 17.—John Crosby, proprietor of the Evelyn brick and tile yards, was instantly killed yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock during the heavy storm which passed over this district.

He was wheeling a load of tile out of one of the kilns when it was either struck by lightning or weakened by the high wind, and the arch collapsed, burying Mr. Crosby beneath tons of bricks.

Fred Barr, an employee, who was working near by, was struck by flying bricks and badly cut.

As quickly as possible the work of digging Mr. Crosby out from under the bricks was commenced, but he was dead before the rescuers could reach him, and it was found that he had been terribly crushed.

Mr. Crosby was 55 years of age, and widely known throughout the district. Besides his wife, he leaves a grown-up family.

He was a prominent Oddfellow, and the funeral, which will be held on Friday, will be held under the lodge's auspices.

Brought to Hospital.

Mr. Fred Barr, of Evelyn, who was badly injured Wednesday by the collapse of a kiln near his home, was brought into St. Joseph's Hospital, where his injuries were attended to. It was found that he had a broken shoulder, several smashed ribs, and a badly crushed jaw.

However, there were no signs of internal injuries, and Dr. W. J. Stevenson, who is in charge of the case, is hopeful that he will recover.

Drs. Babb and McGugan, of Thamesford, first looked after him, and ordered him to the hospital.

LIBERAL MASS MEETING AT BYRON, AUGUST 24TH

Reciprocity Will Be Discussed by Dr. Routledge and Others.

There will be a mass meeting of East Middlesex electors at Byron on Thursday evening, Aug. 24, when the question of reciprocity will be discussed.

Messrs. T. H. Purdom, K. C., U. A. Buchner, J. H. Fowler, Dr. G. A. Routledge, ex-M. P. P., the Liberal candidate, and others will speak.

All are invited to be present.

LIGHTNING STRUCK A DORCHESTER BARN

Mr. W. H. Smith Suffered a Severe Loss in the Storm of Yesterday.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Dorchester, Aug. 17.—Lightning last evening struck the big barn of W. H. Smith, south of this place, and completely destroyed it, together with the whole of the season's crops and a large stock of implements.

When the bolt struck, Langford Smith, son of the owner, was just putting the horses in.

One of them was killed and the young man was dazed.

As soon as he recovered, however, he promptly got all the other horses out, and some of the implements.

The barn burned rapidly, and soon it was impossible to stay in it and all work of getting things out had to be stopped.

The loss of Mr. Smith is partly covered by insurance.

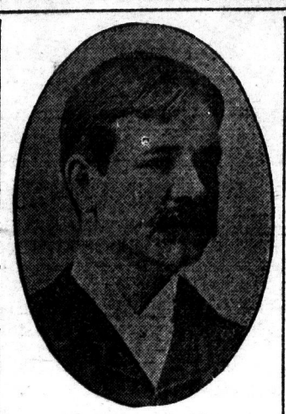
THREE MONTH TERM FOR WAYWARD LAD

Roy Singer Was Sentenced by P. M. Judd Today.

Roy Singer, a youth who last week pleaded guilty to having broken into the cash register at the Hotel Cecil, was sentenced to three months in jail today by Magistrate Judd.

Singer was given a light sentence on account of his relatives promising to take him to the Northwest as soon as they can.

On two former occasions Singer has been convicted, and three years ago was sent down for six months for a theft at Strathroy.



MR. M. G. CAMERON
Mayor of Goderich, Who Is the Liberal Candidate in West Huron.

FIVE IMMERSED IN THE THAMES

Impressive Ceremony at Front Street on Wednesday Night.

AN OPEN AIR MEETING

Services Conducted by Rev. G. A. McKenzie, Pastor of Ottaway Avenue Church.

Despite the hot weather, a crowd of nearly 50 people attended the open-air meeting of the Ottaway Avenue Christian Workers' Church, held last evening, on the river bank on Front street, and witnessed an interesting and impressive baptismal service, in which five candidates were immersed in the waters of the Thames.

The service took place at 7:30, and was conducted by Rev. G. A. McKenzie, formerly pastor of the King Street Christian Workers' Church, but who has since taken up the work of the Ottaway mission, since the congregation joined with that of the Ottaway church.

Mr. McKenzie was ably assisted by Mr. Arthur Jacob, both gentlemen being clothed in special waterproof baptismal suits.

The Baptized.

Those who were baptized last evening were: Miss Annie Rose Lobb, Miss Millie McKenzie, Mrs. Leslie Barton, Miss Elizabeth Avery and Mr. Arthur Drennan.

Each candidate was fully dressed, and at the completion of the service a change of clothing was necessary.

The water was very warm, and not the least uncomfortable, and most of the candidates seemed to enjoy it.

After the baptising a short open-air service was held, and then the crowd adjourned to the house of Mr. George P. McKechnie, where the regular Wednesday evening prayer-meeting was held.

SEVEN BY-ELECTIONS FOR THE LEGISLATURE

Due to the Federal Ambitions of Conservative Members.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, Aug. 17.—Seven by-elections for the Ontario Legislature are in prospect, six of which will be occasioned by the candidature in this election of members of the local House for the House of Commons.

Six resignations should be in the hands of Hon. Thomas Crawford, speaker of the Legislature very soon. The seats affected are:

North Brant, J. H. Fisher; Centre Bruce, Col. Hugh Clark; Lennox, W. J. Paul; Ottawa, A. E. Fripp; North Wentworth, Gordon C. Wilson; South Bruce, R. E. Truax. All are Conservatives save Mr. Truax. The seventh seat vacant is Victoria, which was rendered so by the death of S. J. Fox.

BREAD ACT WILL BE PUT TO TEST

Local Gentlemen Against Whom Charges Have Been Laid Take the Step.

Two charges of having broken the bread act, which were laid against Messrs. Joseph Johnston and Edwin Leavins, by Inspector McCallum, were not gone on with at the police court today as a result of the decision of the counsel for the defence to test the constitutionality of the act.

The hearing was adjourned for a week in order that the necessary steps may be taken.

Mr. R. G. Fisher represented the city in the case; Mr. W. R. Meredith, Joseph Johnston, and W. G. R. Bartram, Mr. Leavins.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Mostly Fair.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Highest and lowest registrations in this city, on Wednesday, Aug. 16, 78-60.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Aug. 17—8 a.m.

Today—Moderate to fresh west to northwest winds.

Friday—Not much change in temperature.

TEMPERATURES.

The following are the highest temperatures yesterday and the lowest this morning:

Stations.	Max.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	70	44	Clear
Winnipeg	74	50	Cloudy
Port Arthur	80	50	Clear
Parry Sound	80	56	Clear
Toronto	80	62	Clear
Ottawa	72	54	Fair
Montreal	74	60	Fair
Quebec	68	52	Clear
Father Point	56	48	Clear

WEATHER NOTES.

The disturbance which was in the Bay of Fundy yesterday has now reached Newfoundland. It has given heavy rains throughout the Maritime Provinces, together with local gales elsewhere in Canada, irrespective of a few scattered showers, the weather has been firm.

TODAY'S PROBS.

Western Ontario—Moderate to fresh winds; some local thunderstorms, but mostly fair; not much change in temperature.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence — Some local thunderstorms, but mostly fair, with stationary or higher temperature.

LIBERALS OF LONDON, ATTENTION! MEETING IN HYMAN HALL FRIDAY NIGHT

The Liberals of London will tomorrow night meet to consider the naming of a candidate for the coming election.

The report of the nominating committee will be presented, and the delegates will take action on the recommendation of the committee.

The greatest enthusiasm prevails among the workers. There is no doubt that whoever the nominee of the convention may be, he will be given the united support of the party.

All Liberals are invited to be present. There will be plenty of discussion on the questions of the day.

Every Liberal is expected to be at Hyman Hall on Friday night.

GREAT INDUSTRIAL STRIKE ON ENGLISH RAILWAYMEN OUT

Conference With the Board of Trade in Effort to Avert Strike Proves Futile—Asquith Offers Royal Commission.

[Canadian Press.]

London, Aug. 17.—An industrial war has been declared, and the employees in all the railway lines of the United Kingdom will be called out at once.

The leaders in the Amalgamated Society of Railroad Servants this evening dispatched telegrams throughout the country calling upon the men to cease work.

Day long conferences at the board of trade proved fruitless. The representatives of the unions were irremovable form their standpoint that the managers of the railroads had broken the letter and violated the spirit of the conciliation agreement.

"We have unanimously come to the conclusion," they told Sydney Buxton, president of the board of trade, "that the only way that will be an effective road to peace is that the companies shall consent to meet us."

It was at this point that Premier Asquith intervened and offered to appoint immediately a royal commission which should investigate and report what amendments if any were desirable for the conciliation plan.

CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATE SAYS HE WILL SUPPORT RECIPROCITY

John Herron, Late Member for MacLeod, Alberta, Confesses That Everyone in His Riding Wants It.

Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 17.—Last night at MacLeod, Alberta, Conservative convention, John Herron, the member for MacLeod for the past seven years, went back on Borden's trade policy.

On taking the nomination he said: "If elected again I will go to Ottawa and vote for the reciprocity pact. I think it dangerous in spots, but everyone in the constituency wants it, and, therefore, I will vote for it."

TRAIL OF FIRES FOLLOWED FIERCE ELECTRICAL STORM MUCH DAMAGE REPORTED

Barns Burned and Cattle Killed in Different Sections.

SEASON'S CROPS WERE DESTROYED

Station at Denfield Set On Fir —Long List of Losses.

One of the most destructive storms of the season swept over the whole of Southwestern Ontario yesterday afternoon, causing in various ways damage that will run into many thousands of dollars.

Reports from all over the district indicate that immense quantities of fruit were blown down by the gale, and in the district north of Stratford whole fields of corn were blown flat and great damage done.

The electrical display throughout the big storm was terrifying. Many barns were struck, and reports are coming in from all over the country that the whole season's crops, as well as implements and cattle, were burned.

Trail of Fire.

About 5 o'clock, when the storm was at its height, lightning struck the big barn of Patrick Dewan, on the ninth concession of London Township. In a few minutes the whole structure, into which the season's harvest had only recently been stored, was a mass of flames, and it was only by the hardest kind of work that Mr. Dewan succeeded in getting his horses and cattle out. For more than an hour the fire raged, notwithstanding the torrents of rain that came down, and by evening nothing was left but a pile of smoking embers and the twisted remains of farm machinery.

The loss is partly covered by insurance.

A Heavy Loss.

Alex. McArthur, of the seventh concession of Caradoc, had a big barn burned in which 1,700 bushels of grain that he had harvested recently were stored.

Mr. McArthur had only finished threshing a couple of days ago, and his loss is a heavy one. It is partly covered by insurance.

Around Lambeth and White Oak there was great damage done to the telephone system. Lightning struck the wires leading into the homes of Albert Jones and Elmore Routledge, and, running into the houses, set them on fire.

The people inside noticed the blaze in time and soon extinguished it.

Steers Killed.

In Caradoc, Charles McLean, of the ninth concession, had two valuable steers killed by lightning, and George Howe, a neighbor, lost nine head of cattle.

All through the country apple and plum trees were blown about and hundreds of bushels of fruit knocked down.

For a time the telephone and telegraph systems were demoralized, and many phones all over the district were burned out.

The heavy rain in many places washed loose earth up over the tracks of the street railway in London and caused a great deal of annoyance.

Station Ignited.

Through lightning striking the telegraph wires the railway station at Denfield was set on fire yesterday afternoon. A heavy flash from the apparatus ignited a lace curtain which was close to the telegraph instruments.

No damage was done beyond destroying the curtain, the fire being quickly put out by the operators.

FRENCH FLAG INCIDENT.

Paris, Aug. 17.—The French Government has taken cognizance of a widely-reported story that two French officers tore down a German flag at Aix-Les-Bains. In a note issued by the ministry of the interior, the circumstances are explained as follows:

A manufacturer of Nancy having observed a German flag among others forming the decorations in a restaurant at Aix-Les-Bains, asked an employee of the place to remove the emblem from the wall. This the employee did and no trouble was caused by the French officers.

MR. PERCY SHOTT,
Street Railway Conductor, Who Was Badly Injured at Springbank.

CONDUCTOR TERRIBLY CRUSHED BETWEEN CAR AND POLE AT PARK

Mr. Percy Shott Injured While Collecting Fares on Springbank Line This Morning—Washout Indirect Cause of Accident. —Condition is Very Serious

Conductor Percy Shott, of the London street railway, was very badly injured this morning just west of the first cove, when, while going from section to section of the running-board on one of the big cars, taking up fares, he was struck on the head by a telegraph pole, and badly crushed about the body.

When picked up it was feared that he was dead, but while being rushed to the city he recovered consciousness for a moment. He relapsed again into a comatose condition.

Shott was hurried to Victoria Hospital, where it was found that he had a bad wound in the right temple, where his head struck the pole, and that he was internally injured. It is not thought that the skull is fractured, although the physicians are not sure yet. His recovery is doubtful.

Cause of the Accident.

Mr. Shott resides at the corner of Lorne avenue and Elizabeth street.

The accident is said to have been caused by the extreme closeness of a pole to the tracks, and Shott was not alone hurt about the head, but crushed by being squeezed between the car and the post.

As a result of a washout on the line during the heavy rain last night the cars were all using the south tracks, and Shott did not notice the pole when his car approached it.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon it was stated that Mr. Shott was in a very precarious condition.

MAN ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN STABBED IN EAST END FIGHT

Lively Row in a Restaurant, Occasioned, It Is Claimed, by a Torn Dollar Bill—Club and Knife Figured in the Melee.

A serious stabbing case occurred in a Greek restaurant in East London shortly before midnight last night, and as a result a couple of East London young men will be haled into court and a charge will be laid against one of the men who used a knife during the fray.

The restaurant is kept by a Greek named Peter Hrisikos, who employs a couple of Greek clerks to manage it. Last evening two East London young men went in to purchase a couple of glasses of lemonade, and when the drinks were served one of them tendered a torn dollar bill in payment. The Greek behind the counter was new to the ways of the country, and, it is alleged, he refused to accept the bill, and ordered the men out of the place.

A Fight.

They declined to go, and when one of them offered the Greek a good dollar bill in payment for the lemonade and he refused to take it, they became angry and in no polite language told the restaurant man what they thought of him. The Greek reached for a club that was near by and started to put the men out. They dared him to hit them and went as far as peeling off their coats in anticipation of a fight. The Greek saw there was going to be trouble, and he rushed out into the kitchen and got a big carving knife. The sight of the knife caused a hasty retreat on the part of the spectators, and when the foreigner followed the men up and started to wave the knife one of them attacked him and shoved him back behind the counter and in attempting to kick him, put his foot through the window of a large show-case, smashing it to pieces.

Cheek Was Cut.

In the melee that followed the East Londoner, it is alleged, was stabbed on the cheek and received a nasty wound. Several of the spectators started to take a hand in the affair, but before anything more could be done the Greek cleared the store by a few flourishes of the knife and locked the door.

While he was doing so the man he had wounded made a punch at him through the glass panel in the door, and received a nasty cut on the hand. There was no policeman around at the time, and the young fellow who was hurt was hurried home to have his injuries attended to.

One Arrest Made.

William Austin, of Mary street, was arrested this morning on a charge of malicious damage to property laid by Peter Hrisikos, the proprietor of the cafe. Austin will appear tomorrow morning and it is stated that as soon as he can he will lay a counter charge of assault occasioning actual bodily harm against a young Greek waiter, who he alleges stabbed him and beat him with a club.

CYCLONE AND STORM BOLT PLAYED PRANKS ABOUT AYLMER

Methodist Church Spire Struck and Blazes Started in Several Buildings—Gale Overturns a Rig.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Aylmer, Ont., Aug. 17.—A terrific electrical storm swept over Aylmer about 6 o'clock last evening. The lightning was most vivid, the downpour of rain and hail the heaviest recorded for many years, and the wind of cyclonic velocity. The lightning struck the residence of James Phair, causing a blaze in the cellar, which was extinguished by the use of garden hose before the arrival of the fire brigade. The spire of the Methodist Church was struck by a bolt, splinters and slate being scattered in all directions.

Two Aylmer residents, while driving into town, had their buggy upset into the ditch. Many fine trees were damaged by the wind.

About 7 o'clock fire broke out in a Bruce street house, which required a two hours' fight to subdue. It is thought to have been started by lightning.

2,000 PEOPLE EXPECTED WITH BERLIN'S PICNIC

Large Crowd Coming To Spend Friday at Springbank.

The annual picnic of the Canadian Consolidated Rubber and Felt Companies of Berlin will be held at Springbank tomorrow afternoon. Final arrangements have been made, and it is expected that fully 2,000 will be present to take part in the demonstration.

The visitors will bring an orchestra with them, and music will be furnished in the afternoon and evening.

A programe of sports will be provided for the occasion. There will be two fight the suit.

baseball matches, and 20 other sport events, all of them interesting. Among them will be the Old Abe steeplechase and the Jeffries-Johnson burlesque prize fight, features of the Irish picnic, and other spectacular events.

The judges of the sports will be Mr. T. H. Rieder and Mr. Oscar Rumpel, of Berlin, both experts in their line.

The party will arrive about 11 o'clock in the morning, and will depart at 11 o'clock in the evening. The reception committee will look after the vistors while in the city. A special band concert will be put on at Springbank in the evening for their entertainment.

CY. WARMAN PRESIDES.

Boston, Mass., Aug. 17. — Visiting members of the American Humorists' Association here for their annual convention, with Cy Warman, of Montreal, presiding, continued today their sight-seeing. They witnessed the manoeuvring of the United States warships in Provincetown harbor for Admiral Togo. Tomorrow the humorists will be guests of Thomas W. Lawson at his Dreamweld estate.

CLIFFORD IN POOR FORM

King's Prize Winner Shooting at Long Branch Ranges.

[Canadian Press.]

Long Branch Rifle Range, Aug. 17.—For the first time this week conditions are really ideal. Monday was a fine day and considered perfect for shooting, and so the scores showed, but today the air was clear as crystal and the breezes are blowing directly across the ranges steadily and easily.

The puffs and spurts which prevailed throughout the early week, have left, and the men are plugging the bulls with frequent regularity.

The special shooting this morning is for the Tait-Brassey prizes. The match calls for seven rounds at 200, 500 and 600 yards. Money in the sum of $625 is involved. In the battalion team match, connected with this match, there is $180 in cash and the Tait challenge cup, presented by Sir Peter Tait, of London, England, valued at $250. Last year the cup prize was carried off by the team representing the Royal Canadian Regiment. A company team prize valued at $125 is offered by Thomas Brassey, of England.

At 1:15 o'clock this afternoon the president's luncheon took place. Lieut.-Governor Gibson was the guest of honor. Mr. E. B. Osler, president of the Rifle Association, presided. It had previously been planned to hold the luncheon tomorrow.

This morning Pte. Clifford made his first appearance on the ranges, but did not fare very well in the shooting. At 200 yards he made 30 points out of 35 points, making two bulls and five inners. His shooting is naturally off color owing to his experiences of the past few weeks, and his shooting kit has not arrived and he was without his own rifle.

Col.-Sergeant Wm. Wills, of the Thirteenth Regiment, had to retire from the shooting owing to the death of his father. He was well up in the shooting.

WOMAN JUMPED OFF STREET CAR NOW LIFE HANGS IN BALANCE

Mrs. Elis Karn, of Ealing Postoffice, was badly injured late last night by walking off an Oxford car on Horton street.

It is stated that Mrs. Karn was with a man, and that when he got off she did not notice him, and not until the car was halfway down the block did she miss him.

It is said that she at once went to the rear door and jumped off before anyone could stop her.

When picked up she was in an unconscious condition, and has remained so ever since in Victoria Hospital. Whether she will recover is not known Dr. Drake is attending her.

ONE-YEAR TERM FOR FLETCHER THEN HE WILL BE DEPORTED

Colored Man Has Been Making Trouble for the Police, and Will Be Sent Out of the Country.

Cornelius Fletcher, the young colored man who last week was found guilty of stealing a watch and chain and $65 from Martin Lumby, of Lobo, was sentenced to one year in the Central by Magistrate Judd today, and will be deported when his time is up.

"There is no credence to be placed in anything this man has told us," said Crown Attorney McKillop, in moving for sentence. "He got into the box and denied all knowledge of the theft, and Detective Nickle went down a couple of days ago and found the stolen watch and chain in the pocket of his sweater coat in the room he had occupied."

Detective Egelton stated that no trace whatever could be found of a brother whom Fletcher said was on the G. T. R. dining cars going through London.

Fletcher still denied all knowledge of the affair.

"I can't believe one word you say," the magistrate told Fletcher. "You behaved yourself fairly well for a couple of months after coming to London, but for some time I learn you have been drinking heavily. Not long ago you were up for interfering with white girls on the street."

STORM SEWER SYSTEM NEEDED MANY CELLARS WERE FLOODED

City Engineer Wright Says Only Course Open to Remove the Troubles Is a System of Sewers to Carry Off the Water.

The extremely heavy rains of yesterday impressed upon citizens the necessity of a storm-water system for the city. This morning there were many flooded cellars, and the city engineer's department had a busy time last night and today cleaning up the streets.

The storm proved again that the present sanitary sewage system is altogether inadequate to carry off the volume of storm water poured into them when a heavy rainstorm strikes the city. In many cases, the streets were veritable torrents, and in scores of cases cellars were flooded and other damage caused.

City Engineer Wright declares that there is no relief possible under present conditions. He strongly advocates an independent storm-water system.

Sewers Too Small.

"There is absolutely no question that the sanitary sewerage system is too small to take care of a heavy rainfall like that of last evening," he stated to The Advertiser. "It is altogether inadequate, as has been demonstrated prior to this time. There were many flooded cellars, and other damage caused by the water backing up. It would have been much better, in my opinion, had the citizens passed the bylaw a year or so ago, for a storm-water system."

Mr. Wright also complains that the habit of citizens in dumping grass and the like in the gutters was responsible for a great deal of work on the department last night. It caused the outlets to become blocked, and as a result, the water flooded the streets.

It is quite likely that the police department will be instructed to warn the citizens that it is unlawful to dump lawn grass in the streets.