

TERRESTRIAL HOUR OF PERIL PASSED IN LONDON WITH FEW NOTING MYSTERIOUS TREMORS

Radio Fans Were Instantly
Aware of Phenomena, While
Terror Emptied Apartment
Houses and Caused Hello
Girl's Collapse.

For the first time in 12 years London distinctly experienced the shock of an earthquake on Saturday night. Numerous local citizens were startled when their homes began to quiver and shake about 9.20 o'clock. In the majority of cases the shock was so slight as to be merely cause for conjecture, while in others, however, it was of such severe proportions as to cause alarm.

Persons who happened to be upstairs felt the disturbance more keenly than those on the ground floor. In a local apartment house residents of the upper apartments fled to the streets, thinking that the boilers were about to explode. A resident of Cartwright street in an upstairs apartment distinctly noticed the shock, which was severe enough to cause a tumbler full of water on a table to dance violently.

HEARD QUAKE. It was the radio fans who were most keenly alert to the affair. Many reported being able to hear the "quake," which was explained by the atmosphere changes which accompanied the phenomenon.

C. Hopkins, 715 Dundas street, stated that the disturbance was called to his attention by the shaking of the radio horn. There was no interference with the music, however, he reported. Thinking that the children, who had been put to bed, must have got up and were running around, he went to investigate. The children were, however, asleep, so they were immediately absolved from blame. Mr. Hopkins declared the radio horn shook for several minutes.

One of the operators at the local Bell exchange promptly fainting when the switchboard began to misbehave. Recent rumors of the "quake" proved too much for her and she gave up when the tremors became noticeable.

Mrs. Esther King, 252 Dundas street, stated the chandeliers in her home began to dance, the chairs to rock and various other antics were performed by the usually steady and proper furniture.

Prof. H. R. Kingston, of the University of Western Ontario, stated that the phenomenon was extremely rare in this section of the world.

"In this part of North America we are living in one of the most stable quarters of the globe. The extreme rareness of the occurrence would argue against a repetition of the tremors," the professor said.

The local citizenry to-day can be divided into three classes: Those who actually felt the tremors, those who did not and those who, rather ashamed of their carelessness in failing to observe the first local quake in 12 years, are beginning to delude themselves into the belief that they really felt it after all.

Earthquake Breaks Window of London Merchant

A large plate glass window was broken on Saturday night in the store of John A. Nash, Jeweller, at Windsor. There are hundreds of windows down there, but it was only this one that was broken. I wonder did those perfect blue white diamonds attract even an earthquake? John A. Nash, Jeweller, London and Windsor, where you will eventually buy.—Advt.

PHYSICIAN'S GOSPEL SUBJECT OF SERMON

Rev. Mr. Burgess Speaks at Egerton Street Church.

"The Love of Luke," was the subject of the third in the series of New Testament studies made by Rev. A. Burgess at the evening service at Egerton Street Baptist Church last night. Mr. Burgess explained that Luke was a physician and that his book is complete with medical terms, the accuracy of which, from a medical point of view, has been commended in a book by Dr. Holart.

He reminded his audience that Luke had practiced his profession in the City of Antioch, but that he had followed Paul on the Macedonian mission and that he attended Paul at his death. Mr. Burgess pointed out that he was appointed the pastor at Philip and remained there for seven years: "The central thought of the book is that the son of Man came into the world to seek and save the lost," said Mr. Burgess. "He always presents Jesus as the Son of Man, he comes into the world to seek and save the lost."

Evangelistic services will be continued at Egerton Street Church this week. The visiting pastors will be Rev. W. MacDonald, Mainland Street, Toronto; Rev. R. J. Murphy, Wootton Road, to-morrow night; Rev. G. Young, Kensington Park, Wednesday night; Rev. Dr. Bowley Green, Talbot Street, on Thursday night and on Friday night all the different Baptist pastors will recount their experiences leading to conversion.

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Ether Waves From a Rare Atmosphere

Earthquake on Saturday apparently gave some people the shock of their lives.

Perhaps this earth tremor came in response to the request for a shake-up at the city hall.

Personally, we're ready for any sort of a shock now, even the return of spring weather.

Those people who failed to feel the earthquake might get a substitute by drinking moonshine.

Both radio and last eclipse are blamed for creating the earthquake. The "drys" will probably accuse stronger beer.

OSWALD, he's so dumb he thinks that this cold weather is caused by the earthquake shaking the mercury down in the thermometer.

Being of a nervous disposition Oswald said that he felt quite decomposed.

Religious revival followed last big earthquake, but no such serious aftermath is expected this time.

OUR DAILY PUZZLE. What is Mr. Mercury flitting with, four letters beginning with "z"?

Altogether, February had a short life and a merry one.

Geologists can't compare in efficiency with astronomers. We knew to the exact second when the eclipse was going to take place.

March may have entered like a pussy cat, but it changed to a lion overnight.

At any rate, the quake did one thing. It knocked down the price of milk two cents.

It took an earthquake to move property in Ottawa, but it took stronger beer to boost real estate in Windsor.

WISE OLD ARE observes that the earthquake had the virtue of making some people move.

Seeing that March entered like a lion, it might oblige by pussy-footing out.

Earth tremors caused a summons for fire department. That's a real job, putting out an earthquake.

If gas is to be taxed, then you can hardly blame the swains for parking and saving gas.

By Cobb was jailed for having an argument with a woman. Perhaps he was up to his old habit of stealing a plate.

Beech Park is said to be original scene of Garden of Eden. For modern proof, witness bathing parties there.

Next time Mother Earth gets children we wish she wouldn't tell the whole world about it.

Pictures were shaken off some walls on Saturday night. Perhaps it's just as well.

Famous laws of "If that's an earthquake, I'm going to jump out of the building."

**PERMIT EXCESS
LEADS IN ROADS**

Trucks May Operate On Old Scale Until Spring.

LOADED VEHICLES ACT

Frost In Ground Protects Highways At Present.

Although March is the date set for the enforcement of the Loaded Vehicles Act in Middlesex, Charles Talbot, county engineer, states that trucks will be allowed to carry the usual heavy loads until such time as the frost leaves the ground.

We have had numerous inquiries from truck drivers to-day regarding this act, but we do not propose to make any prosecutions as long as the roads are in a frozen condition," he said. "The intention of the act is to protect the highways and at the present time little damage can result from overloaded trucks."

Mr. Talbot pointed out that the stand taken now will not excuse truck drivers at a late date and as soon as the roads become softened the act will be enforced rigidly. Enforcement of this act will be carried out by 37 road foremen.

SANSONE-FOX APPEAL TO BE HEARD SOON

Prisoners Have Spent Five Months in Local Jail Awaiting Developments.

Sheriff Donald Graham is in receipt of information that the appeal for a new trial for Thomas Fox and Sylvane Sansone will be heard at Toronto this week. It will not be necessary for the prisoners to be present, according to the report.

Fox and Sansone have now spent over five months at the local jail, waiting for the appeal. The appeal for a new trial, if their efforts are not successful, the time spent here does not apply on their sentence, according to the statutes.

CHIEF INVESTIGATOR HERE—H. J. Page, chief of the investigation department of the C. N. R., passed through London this morning on his way to Detroit. He was traveling in official car No. 76 and was accompanied by his daughter.

HIGHER RENTALS SOUGHT BY SYNOD

Church Property In Business
Section Brings Small Return.

LEASED FOR 99 YEARS

Annual Rental Paid Diocese Less Than Taxes.

Arbitration proceedings before Judge Macbeth at the courthouse for the purpose of setting the rental for the next 12 years on property at 125, 127 and 129 King street, owned by the Church Synod of the Diocese of Huron and leased to Alfred J. Ferguson for 99 years, is now in progress. It is unlikely that the case will finish to-day.

The property was first leased to Cornelius Shannon by the Church Society of the Diocese of Huron on an agreement dated November 28, 1885. At the present time the rent per annum paid by the lessee, Alfred J. Ferguson and George A. Young, is \$25.00.

These rents are in business on the property. Taxes on the building a year amounts to \$71.

Donald McAlpine, valuator for the Huron & Erie, placed the rent that should be obtained from the property for the next 12 years between \$80 and \$100. He stated that it was in the business section of the town and in a very good location.

PROPOSITION. M. P. McDonagh, acting for Mr. Ferguson, thought that this amount was out of proportion and in cross-examining the witness sought to have him lower his valuation.

Mr. McDonagh, however, that \$80 was the lowest rent which should be paid.

Mr. Ferguson, giving evidence, stated that he had conducted business on the property from 1913 to 1921. According to him, the property is 40 by 100 feet. He described the conditions at the present time.

At this juncture Judge Macbeth asked if there was anyone present who could tell the conditions of the property 50 years ago. No one answered.

F. P. Betts, K. C., is acting for the Church Synod. Mr. McDonagh, the lessee, and J. G. Gillanders for H. L. Sifton, mortgagee of the lease.

**BRILLIANT ESSAY
ON GREEN BATTLE**

Loraine Cake, of Aberdeen School, Wins Contest.

VICTORY OF PAARDEBURG

Laud's Kitchen's Foresight In Campaign Plan.

Loraine Cake, of Aberdeen public school, is the author of the best essay on the Battle of Paardeburg.

In the estimation of the judges of the competition, her composition of this famous and decisive battle in the Boer war is the best.

"One day of the year is set aside to celebrate the famous battle of Paardeburg, fought on the 27th day of February, 1900, in the Transvaal."

Lord Kitchen's foresight in his campaign plan, which he could not under such impossible circumstances, but he was at a disadvantage, because his soldiers died as they thought best, instead of obeying him.

"One reason why Kitchen failed in the first battle was his lack of preparation and also he took whole command himself, which angered his commanders. German historians say that Kitchen would have succeeded if he had surrounded the Boers instead of attacking them. Others say in that case the Boer general might have strengthened his position and his forces, and waited till he got reinforcements from other commanders."

Kitchen's foresight, and this led him to attack the Boers instead of surrounding them, in which he was unsuccessful.

"Kitchen's foresight in the battle of Paardeburg was in the fact that he believed the Boers were in the laager, but instead they were concealed in shrub-covered dongas and river banks when Kitchen's army began to fire on the Boers and they returned the fire. English officers were seen 'fopping down like ninny-pins' at 1 o'clock."

The fire which confronted them was so withering that those who remained were compelled to flee themselves.

However, Dr. Tamlin enjoyed the trip very much. He went down there to visit a daughter, who is a nurse in Hollywood Hospital. He has returned to work to-day after a month's absence.

**MEN LECTURED FOR
DISORDER IN HOME**

Patrol Summoned When Small Riot On Talbot Street Did Not Subside.

The appearance in police court to-day of John Williams and Frank Mitchell on a charge of being disorderly in a night riot on Talbot street on Sunday night was a stern rebuke by Magistrate Graydon.

The men were bailed a month ago, following their conviction on a charge of being disorderly in a night riot on Talbot street on Sunday night. On the disorderly charge they were fined \$10 and costs each and put on probation for another month.

Williams and Mitchell were arrested by Constables Thomson and Knight Loud talking and swearing emanated from the house at 283 Talbot street, according to the constables. They summoned the patrol when the noise failed to subside after nearly an hour's waiting.

Mitchell claimed that he had not had one drink since the theft accusation in the past, but the court expressed some doubt in that connection.

TEA PARTY BROKEN UP BY RUDE EARTHQUAKE

Many and varied are the stories being told to-day by Londoners following the biggest earthquake Canada has had in 12 years. One of the most interesting is the story of two ladies who were having tea at the time the quake was felt in London.

They were seated in an upstairs apartment and were talking freely over two cups of tea. All at once the table began to slide to the floor, with each one accusing the other of rocking the table.

The husband sitting in the other corner of the room felt a rocking chair in which he was reposing gently leaving him.

After some little discussion by all three they learned that the queer antics were caused by the earthquake.

Flowering Maple Bloom and Leaf



Beautiful flower of a plant which was grown by Mrs. W. Whitlock, of 270 Hamilton road. The plant from which the pictured bloom was taken is five feet high and at times has as many as 41 bell-shaped blossoms and 42 buds. The flower is veined in a lovely bronze as beautiful as any orchid. The plant flowers throughout the winter, beginning in November.

GARDEN SOCIETY PLANS SEASON

Splendid Premiums Offered To Horticultural Society Members.

HOLD DAHLIA EXHIBITION

Fine Variety of Ins Will Also Be Featured.

The London Horticultural Society is now making preparations for a great flower show in the city.

Splendid premiums for the members of the society have been announced and the interest has been heightened considerably through the news of the prize money.

There are two of the finest modern exhibitions of dahlias of different varieties. They are the attraction known as the Lilas Rose Cactus and the Lilas Rose Cactus.

In the gladiolus section the Pink Wonder and the Crimson Glow will be the feature and it is stated by the society that these varieties will win their way almost anywhere.

Tris, Mme. Cheran, while filled with the spirit of the show, will complete what is considered to be an exceptionally fine list of varieties. The date of distribution will be announced by the society later.

CALIFORNIA CLIMATE REAL APPLE SAUCE

Winter Bathing Is In Heated Water and Under Glass.

That all stories about people enjoying winter bathing in the ocean off the coast of Los Angeles are "bull" is the opinion expressed by Dr. C. S. Tamlin, veterinary inspector for the city, who has just returned from a vacation spent in Los Angeles and other California cities. Of course, Dr. Tamlin was in bathing, and he enjoyed it, but it was in a swimming pool under shelter and the water was warmed for the occasion.

However, Dr. Tamlin enjoyed the trip very much. He went down there to visit a daughter, who is a nurse in Hollywood Hospital. He has returned to work to-day after a month's absence.

**JOINT MEETING
OF CLUBS**

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CLEAN UP UNPAID TAX BILLS IN COUNTY

Treasurer May Hold Tax Sale When Township Returns Are All In.

Special drives in all townships in Middlesex to clean up the unpaid taxes or 1924 are now under way, according to Capt. Robson, county treasurer. This being done in order that a tax sale may be held later. To hold this sale, Capt. Robson stated it was necessary to have all townships return by April 1.

The treasurer reports that the amount is not large, but that the drive is being conducted because it is essential. He looks forward to all arrears being paid into the county by the end of this month.

Tuesday's Special Cliff Robinson's

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List Price of 1925 Model Animals Sent To Commission.

SOME BARGAIN PRICES

Emus and Cassowaries Among Crossword Beasts.

Emus, cassowaries and a flock of other animals which have become popular since the introduction of crossword puzzles, are offered to the Public Utilities Commission in the latest 1925 models by a Kansas City firm. One elephant with ivory tusks and full equipment will cost \$2,000. A skunk, guaranteed odorless, will set the commission back only \$35, while a leopard with defective molars is offered at the bargain rate of \$25.

A special inducement is offered in Alaskan reindeer, which come in pairs at the rate of \$25 a couple. The American manager points out that the supply of these is unlimited and that anyone has the privilege of ordering as many as they can comfortably afford and look after. They are native animals and, therefore, require the minimum of attention.

But the local commission is not calling a special meeting to place an immediate order. In fact, it is very doubtful if an order will be placed now or in the future. Only one animal has been wanted in any case and these can usually be obtained from the Government parks at the cost of the shipment charges. Moose, caribou, sheep and goats are sought, but there is no anxiety to purchase other specimens.

"How about an African lion at \$500?" Manager Buchanan was asked. "Nothing doing," was the reply. "We wouldn't take one as a gift. Why, it costs a small fortune to keep one of them supplied with meat. Hamilton zoo had an experience with a moose-eaten lion left there by a traveling circus, but the cost of upkeep was too much."

Other 1925 quotations on animals are as follows: Camels, \$1,000; large bears, \$150; buffalo, \$350; emus, \$200; cassowaries, \$75; odorless skunks, \$35.

RUSSIANS FIGURE IN LIQUOR RAO

Occupants of Philip Street House Charged In Court.

SELLING CHARGE FAILS

Endeavored To Destroy Alcoholic Evidence In House.

With no evidence to support a charge of selling liquor, but with admissions to substantiate a second accusation of illegal purchase, Steve Tehehok, a Russian, was fined \$100 and police court costs to-day.

Steve, who was searched over the week-end by four police officers, who found three bottles partly filled with alcohol. These were seized as evidence and Steve himself was taken into custody.

The constables, headed by Inspector Thomas Lucas, thwarted attempts made by the occupants of the house to empty the bottles and thus destroy the evidence on the floor, while still another wife and three men, two of whom were said to be boarders.

Mrs. Tehehok, Inspector Lucas said, ran to another part of the house when the officers entered and commenced to empty a reputed quart bottle of alcohol in an attempt to conceal it. She was in a language the inspector did not understand. One of the men seized a smaller bottle and poured the contents into a glass. The inspector, however, individual endeavored to pour alcohol out of a pop bottle. Sufficient of the contents were poured into a glass to show the bottles when the officers intervened.

Steve claimed his "better half" had purchased the liquor from a man who did not know. He said he kept it in the house for use by her only.

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FAVOR REDUCTION OF ONTARIO LEGISLATURE

Border Cities Would Eliminate Half of Riding.

Save expenses of legislation by cutting down the representatives at the Provincial Legislature by one-half at the coming redistribution of electoral districts is the suggestion of the Border Cities Chamber of Commerce.

The resolution to this effect was received by the London Chamber of Commerce this morning with a request for endorsement in the interests of economy. It will be taken up at the next regular meeting of the directors of the chamber.

S. H. SLINGERLAND DIES.—The death occurred at Victoria Hospital on Saturday, after an illness of several years, of Sydney Herbert Slingerland, aged 55 years. He was born at Stony Creek and had served overseas.

On returning he had been employed as a salesman in the city until his health failed. Surviving are his widow, who resides at Byron; two sisters, Mrs. Earle French and Mrs. Frank Myers, and a brother, Leeming, all residents of Hamilton. Funeral services will be held at the home in Byron this afternoon. Rev. Mr. Sutcliffe officiating. Interment will be made in Woodland Cemetery.

GOOD SERVICE MEETING

Railway officials of the Sarnia section of the London division of the C. N. R. are holding a good service meeting to-morrow. A. F. Sharpe, of London, assistant superintendent of the London division, will be in charge of the meeting.

NATURALIZATION CASES TUESDAY

—The application of five London residents for naturalization papers which was to have been heard before Judge Macbeth at the courthouse this morning has been postponed to Tuesday at 11 o'clock.

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS WILL BE ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE TO SUPERANNUATION FUND

W. J. Westaway



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REVIVAL SERVICE GATHERS HEADWAY

Rev. William Booth-Clibborn At Pentecostal Tabernacle.

FEATURE DIVINE HEALING

Remarkable Singing Emphasized At Spiritual Services.

Rev. William Booth-Clibborn, editor and hymn writer, opened the evangelistic services in the new Pentecostal Assembly at Dundas street, yesterday morning and evening, with a response from the people of London which filled both services in spite of inclement weather.

At the morning the grandson of Gen. Booth preached with such rare power and sympathy that over 100 persons were vividly affected, remaining at the prayer service, which followed, through the whole afternoon. The singing was remarkable, many of the songs being used being composed by the evangelist.

Divine healing, in which work the evangelist had such notable success while in Winnipeg, will also be a feature of these services, according to the promise of Mr. Clibborn. Wednesday evening services will be specially set apart for spiritual and physical healing and a touch of the power, to which scores testified in the previous Winnipeg services, is expected to be felt here.

Father Foristall's remarks dealt with the obligations of parents in caring for their children, and stated at no time should the boy or girl be allowed to disobey a parental responsibility of raising children is greater to-day than ever before, stated the speaker.

"Some mothers look upon a young man coming up in a car calling for their daughters with pride," Father Foristall said. "This is a dangerous temptation and no mothers are excused, that the sweet young girl, unopposed, is not afflicted with the same ills of the flesh as they were. Are parents aware that their daughters are exposed to more dangers than ever and the world is moving at a much faster pace than when they were girls?"

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