

## LONDON MAN WAS MURDERED GEO. GRAY CLUBBED TO DEATH

Formerly Employed at  
Kelly's Factory  
Here.

ONCE LIVED ON  
MAITLAND STREET

And Was the Son of Morgan  
Gray, Who Now Resides  
in Cleveland.

Word was received yesterday that George Gray, a young colored man, who formerly lived in this city, was robbed and murdered near Mantello, Nevada, on Aug. 4. No details of the murder have arrived in the city, but it is expected that further information will be received shortly.

**Well Known Here.**  
George Gray was well known in the city, especially among the colored residents. He was the second son of Morgan and Ella Gray, who lived on Maitland street, south of Nelson, for some years.

About four years ago young Gray, who was a cigarmaker, left the city for Cleveland, where he obtained work. He remained there for some time, and was joined about four years ago by his father and mother and the rest of the family.

**Reside in Cleveland.**  
The family is still in Cleveland. The movements of George Gray during the past few years are not known definitely to his friends in London. However, it is supposed that he went west last year.

His aunt, Mrs. Prior, Wellington street, had not heard from him for some time. Wednesday word came that Gray had been found dead near Mantello, but nothing concerning the cause of death was sent.

Yesterday it was learned from Cleveland that he had been robbed and clubbed to death by unknown thugs.

**Police Working.**  
The police are investigating. No details of the funeral arrangements have been learned, but it is understood that the body will be taken to Cleveland for interment.

Young Gray was about 27 years of age. He was a cigarmaker with Tuckett's, with whom he was employed for some time.

## Observed a Cross on the Moon Phenomenon Few Miles From City

People Near Dublin Give Their  
Names as Witnesses—A  
Remarkable Story.

The Catholic Record, of London says: On Tuesday night, July 14th, some of the people of St. Columbian (near Dublin), Ontario, and only a few miles from London, witnessed a remarkable apparition. There was a cross on the moon. The number that beheld the phenomenon was not large, owing to the fact that the great majority had retired for the night. When the moon rose above the horizon about 10 o'clock, a large cirro-cumulus cloud was fretting the eastern sky with threads of silver and streaks of purple. Doubtless this circumstance prevented many from beholding the

lunar phenomenon in all its splendor. At intervals, however, the unusual appearance of our bright, terrestrial satellite arrested the attention of belated visitors wending their way homeward. The moon appeared to be twice its apparent size. Then a cloud intervened. Then "the man in the moon" appeared to be swinging his arms. Again many flames of cloud spread out like fans. One said: "look! the moon is divided in halves." Another said: "See, the moon is passing to a big pole in the sky." But the clouds grew denser and at 11 o'clock the moon became entirely hidden from view. By that time nearly all the witnesses had said their prayers and retired for the night. Only a few remained on guard and before long a wonderful transformation scene rewarded their patience.

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## Inquest Into Mullen's Death Killed on the Pere Marquette

Several Witnesses Examined and  
Inquiry Postponed Till  
Tonight.

The inquest into the death of William Mullen, of Dorchester, was begun last night before Coroner MacLaren, but was not completed owing to the large number of witnesses to be heard. It will be continued tonight at the police station.

The jury is as follows: J. E. Platt (foreman), W. Service, J. H. Boake, J. Leathorn, E. Ward, H. Thorne, J. H. Anderson, T. Egerton, W. Footitt, W. R. Jackson, J. Gibbank, A. Black, J. Dunn, M. McGrath and Dolphin Platt. J. M. McEvoy appeared on behalf of the Mullen family, and Mr. J. C. Judd for the Pere Marquette Railway.

**First Witness.**

The first witness called was John

Barker, of Dorchester Station. Mr. Barker had been at Port Stanley on the day of the accident attending the Irish picnic, and while there had met Mullen. The two left Port Stanley at 6:45 that evening, and stood alternately in the train and on the platform. Witness did not know it was against the company's rules to stand on the platform. On the way up another passenger had told the witness to not stand too close to the edge of the platform.

**Train Crowded.**

Mr. Barker stated that the train was crowded, and that no seats were obtainable. The aisles were packed. At least 13 or 14 people were standing inside the car that witness and Mullen were on. Mr. Barker couldn't say how Mullen came to fall off the train, as he was looking the other way at the time. Witness, however, felt Mullen

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## PREMIER TO TOUR ONTARIO BEGINNING MIDDLE OF SEPT.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Will Spend Three Weeks Addressing Audiences, Beginning at Niagara Falls and Visiting All Central Points of the Province.

Toronto, Aug. 14.—The Globe says: The announcement is made today that commencing about the middle of September Sir Wilfrid Laurier will address a series of meetings in Ontario, covering a period of about three weeks. This is the most important news for the Liberals of this Province for many a day. Nothing is said as yet as to the date of the Dominion elections, but the fact of the Premier's extended tour should be an incentive to every member of the party to bestir himself at once for the welfare of the cause of good government.

Busy man as he is, constantly overwhelmed by the pressure of a thousand public duties, Sir Wilfrid has had little time since the last general election to meet the people of this Province. His record meantime shows an abiding desire to promote the cause of Liberalism in the broadest sense, and his programme of constructive legislation.

lution still places him in marked contrast with the obstructionists and negative politicians on the Opposition benches.

Sir Wilfrid, no longer a young man, comes to Ontario in splendid health, having evidently thrived on the contentions of the recent session. That he will be enthusiastically hailed everywhere as the great Liberal chieftain is beyond question. The details of the tour are being arranged by Mr. F. G. Inwood, the Liberal general secretary, who is co-operating with the various Liberal organizations concerned. The tour will commence about the middle of September in Welland County, probably at Niagara Falls, and thereafter meetings will be held at central points in the Province, probably on alternate nights. Hon. George P. Graham will accompany the Premier at several of the meetings. Full details of the dates will be published in due course.

## TRANSMISSION LINES CONTRACT GOES TO M'GUIGAN COMPANY

Two Hundred and Ninety-three Miles To Be Constructed in  
Fifteen Months, for Which the Ontario Government  
Will Pay \$1,270,000.

Toronto, Aug. 14.—The tender of the F. H. McGuigan Construction Company for the erection of the great electrical power transmission line for the people of Ontario was accepted last evening by the hydro-electric power commission. The total price is \$1,270,000. When completed the line will be 293 miles in length. Last evening at 6 o'clock the agreement was signed by Mr. F. H. McGuigan, representing the company, and also by the commissioner.

The tender which was accepted was the lowest of twenty-seven, while the difference between it and the highest one placed before the commission was over half a million dollars. Many of the tenders were for certain portions of the line. For instance, there were fifteen tenders for the supplying of the

cables, and five for the transmission line. There were only two bulk tenders, but after these various combinations had been sifted it was found that the bulk tender of Mr. McGuigan and his company was the lowest.

**Some Concessions.**  
Aside from the mere acceptance of the tender for the approximate three hundred miles there are important concessions. The line as now planned, or the portion for which the agreement has been signed, covers Western Ontario only. Eastern Ontario, and perhaps Northern Ontario, will probably be asking for the same cheap power privilege as the line now planned. To provide for this there is a clause in which the same length of additional line may be erected upon the same

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## YOUNG MAN STRUCK BY CAR ALBERT FRANCIS' CLOSE CALL

Was Riding Behind Wellington Street Car and Turned Out to  
Pass It When He Was Run Down by an Oxford Car  
—Physician Says He Will Recover.

While attempting to cross in front of an Oxford car last evening shortly after 6 o'clock, Albert Francis, the 19-year-old son of Mr. John Francis, the postman, of 1057 Richmond street, was struck and badly injured. He was taken to Victoria Hospital, where his injuries were attended to. His escape from a horrible death was remarkable. Francis was returning home from work when he was struck by the Wellington car. At the corner of Piccadilly and Richmond streets, the car stopped. On the right side of the track an ice wagon stood, completely blocking the way. Francis, evidently thought he could get around the trolley, and turned to the left.

As he did so, the Oxford car came along. Before he could escape it the car struck him.

**Rendered Unconscious.**  
He was thrown to the pavement, and it appeared that he went under the wheels.

Motorman Dunning plugged his car in a hurry, and brought it to a standstill within a few feet.

He and Conductor Hueston rushed out, and found Francis lying on the roadway unconscious. With the assistance of several passengers, he was carried into A. J. Clark's grocery store, and the ambulance was called. He was taken to the hospital, where Drs. Shoebottom, Stevenson and Bate-son were called.

An examination showed that no bones were broken, although his right collarbone was dislocated. He was

badly bruised about the back and head, but will recover.

The witnesses of the accident expected Francis to be ground to pieces. It appeared to them that he had fallen directly under the car wheels, and happily such proved not to be the case. He fell close to the wheels, and when picked up there was but a very small space between his chest and the car.

**Motorman's Story.**  
"I was coming down Richmond street," said Motorman Dunning, "and was slowing up to let a passenger off, and also on account of passing another car. Francis suddenly appeared on the left side. The front of the car struck him and tossed him in the air. I thought he would be thrown through the window into the vestibule. Of course, I plugged the car and brought it to a stop within a very few feet. Francis was found lying almost under the wheels. He did not go under as some thought. If he had, he would have been crushed to pieces. My car was not going fast when we struck him."

**Conductor Corroborates.**  
Conductor Hueston's story is practically the same. Both agree that if the car had been going fast, nothing could have prevented a fatal accident. This morning Dr. Shoebottom informed The Advertiser that Francis was doing as well as could be expected at the hospital. He was suffering considerably from bruises, but will be around in a few weeks if no internal complications set in.

## Railway Blamed for the Fatal Crash

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
Chatham, Aug. 14.—After deliberating for two hours and a quarter, the coroner's jury, empaneled to inquire into the death of Frank Donovan, one of the victims of the recent trolley accident, in which four persons were killed, at 11:45 this morning brought in the following verdict: "That the said Frank Donovan is dead, and came to his death through injuries received in

a rear-end collision between cars 14 and 8 of the Chatham, Watford and Lake Erie Railway Company. In the said city of Chatham, and that the said collision occurred through the negligence of the said Chatham, Watford and Lake Erie Railway Company, in allowing overloaded cars to run too close together."

Two jurors dissented from the verdict, and are understood to have considered it too strong.



HON. WALTER SCOTT,  
Premier of Saskatchewan, Where  
Provincial General Elections  
Take Place Today.

## PREMIER HOLIDAYS TWO SECRETARIES

Sir Wilfrid Leaves for a Week's Stay  
at Arthabaskaville, Que.

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 14.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier left this morning for ten days' stay at Arthabaskaville. He is going for a holiday, but as two secretaries accompany him it is pretty well understood that there will not be a great deal of leisure for the Premier in the ten days. Hon. Mr. Fielding left for Nova Scotia this afternoon. Sir Frederick Borden will reach his Nova Scotia home on Saturday night.

## A PARKHILL MAN KILLED IN DETROIT

Was Crushed in an Elevator in a  
Wholesale House.

Detroit, Aug. 14.—Norman McPherson, 32 years of age, a clerk at the Booth Company's cold storage plant, was crushed to death in one of the elevators at the plant last evening. He leaves a widow and four little children. His parents live in Parkhill, Ont., and a brother is principal of the public school in Preston, Ont.

## A DISTRIBUTING PLANT FOR CITY

This is the Next Matter the Council  
Must Deal With.

Now that the contracts have been let for the transmission line for Niagara power, the question of a distributing plant for the city will demand immediate attention.

"We will have to take the question up shortly," said Mayor Stevely this afternoon. "Mr. McGuigan expects to have the transmission line ready within a year, and consequently we will have to get our plant ready. Mr. McGuigan is a man of his word and will certainly hustle the line through."

"Is there a possibility of the London Electric Company distributing the power?" was asked.

"That will have to be discussed, I presume," the mayor replied. "The whole question of distribution must shortly be dealt with."

"However, the question of cost will have to be adjusted," continued his worship. "We signed the contract on condition that all the municipalities in the power zone signed also. Hamilton and Stratford and Brantford have not yet signed, and I presume there will have to be a readjustment of the figures. However, I cannot see how the cost will be above the original figures, since the cost of the distribution line is much less than was estimated. The difference will give the commission a wide margin to work on."

"We will take the matter up very soon now. In all probability within the next month something definite will be done."

The people last January voted the sum of \$235,000 for a distributing plant.

**FATAL BALLOON EXPLOSION.**  
London, Aug. 14.—Two persons were killed and six injured by the explosion of the envelope of the balloon owned by Captain Lovelace, of the New York Aero Club, at the grounds of the Franco-British Exhibition today.

## THE WEATHER.

**TOMORROW—COOLER.**

Moderate to fresh westerly to northerly winds; a few light scattered showers; but mostly fine. A little cooler tonight and on Saturday.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	38	38	Fair
Port Arthur	52	44	Fair
Winnipeg	50	40	Fair
Perry Sound	56	42	Fair
Toronto	66	60	Fair
Ottawa	68	62	Fair
Montreal	68	66	Cloudy
Quebec	68	64	Cloudy
Father Point	68	68	Rain

The first column in the above table records the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

**WEATHER NOTES.**  
Showers have been more or less general from the lake region to the Maritime Provinces. In the western provinces the weather has been fine, but the temperature again last night almost touched the freezing point in several districts.

**Local Temperatures.**  
The highest and lowest readings at Mac local observatory yesterday were 71.5 and 66.

## BIGAMIST A LONDON MAN? ALLEGED HIS NAME IS SELF

HIS ENGLISH  
WAS TOO STRONG

Used Abusive Language to a  
Police Officer Wearing  
Plain Clothes.

Business was fairly brisk in police court today, following yesterday's holiday.

Richard Peris was the first offender to face Magistrate Love. He was taxed \$5, with the option of 21 days, for having threatened to administer a beating to Mr. Chancey Smith, a fruit dealer.

A case with a rather humorous sequel resulted when William Baker, a laborer, was arraigned for having used abusive language to Officer Garnet on July 30, and was fined \$5, in lieu of which Mr. Baker will have to make himself useful around the county jail for the next three weeks.

Baker, according to the evidence, had been taking the part of his employer, Samuel Left, when he got into trouble. Left was having a sewer dug on Maitland, near South street, and a horse, which he was using to haul material, had run across the sidewalk. About that time Officer Garnet happened along and asked Baker for Left's name. The officer was in plain clothes at the time and Baker, not knowing to whom he was speaking, inquired what the blankety-blank business it was of his. When he was told that Left would be summoned for driving the horse over the sidewalk, Baker replied that he didn't give a continental what the officer did, and that he, Baker, would pay half of his employer's fine.

The humorous part of the affair came in when Left was assessed \$11 and proceeded to pay up and get out of court before his hired man had a chance to ask him to pay his fine. The court refused Mr. Baker time to earn the money.

Left explained in broken English that he had not driven the horse across the sidewalk, but that the animal had run across despite the driver's efforts to stop it.

Herbert Turner, a young man with a large appetite for his neighbor's apples, was held in court until his mother came and bailed him out and went his bond to keep the peace. Turner recently entered the orchard of a Simcoe street gentleman and is alleged to have broken down the fence getting in. This the young man denied.

A very respectable appearing boy of eighteen appeared in court charged with the terrible offence of having played baseball on Queen's avenue. Magistrate Love considered the offence so great that he discharged the young fellow with the understanding that no more baseball be played upon the street for fear the ball would strike a passing horse.

## A QUEEN TRAVELS.

Paris, Aug. 14.—Queen Victoria of Spain arrived here incognito today by the Southern express from San Sebastian. Her Majesty is going to the Isle of Wight to visit her mother, Princess Beatrice of Battenberg.

## TONY PASTOR BETTER.

New York, Aug. 14.—Tony Pastor, the well-known theatrical manager, who was yesterday reported as near death at his home at Elmhurst, L. I., was today resting easier and believed to be out of any immediate danger.

## ORIENTAL CONGRESS.

Copenhagen, Aug. 14.—Crown Prince Christian, acting on behalf of King Frederick, today welcomed to Denmark the 300 delegates who are now in this city for the fifteenth International Congress of Orientalists. The leading delegate from each state attended the congratulations of his country to King Frederick and the Danish people.

## COULDN'T GET BAIL.

Detroit, Aug. 14.—Wilhelm Schmidt and Mrs. Pauline Kreiger are under arrest at Alpena, Mich. Special Inspector Francis, of the immigration department, charges Schmidt with bringing a woman into this country for immoral purposes, as Mrs. Kreiger eloped from Winnipeg.

She brought two children with her and left three others with her husband. Schmidt says he has a wife and five children in Russia. The man and woman are in jail in default of \$1,000 bail.

## CONFESSES TO MURDER.

Batavia, O., Aug. 14.—George Vail, Jr., 20 years old, charged with the murder of his father, George Vail, Sr., 61 years old, who disappeared suddenly on June 10, 1907, last night confessed to having committed the crime. To the authorities he said that he had quarrelled with the elder Vail previously to killing him and had shot him only after he himself had been threatened. According to the confession, young Vail, after killing his father, took the body into a hollow near his home and burned it, some of the bones being found later. The finding of the bones led to the arrest and the confession last night.

Bathurst St. Lady Tells  
of Escapades of  
Nathaniel.

HAS FAMILY  
IN THIS CITY

Left to Go West and Did Not  
Return—Alleged He Has  
Four Wives.

It is stated positively that the George Ferguson, who was arrested recently in Windsor on a charge of bigamy, is no other than Nathaniel Self, of 137 Bathurst street, city, who left his wife and family, consisting of three young girls, nearly a year ago. The girls are aged thirteen, fourteen and fifteen, and two of them are now working and helping to support their mother.

Much sympathy is being expressed in London for Self's family.

As stated in yesterday's Advertiser Self, alias Ferguson, is accused of having married three different times, his third wife being a Miss Norish, a former servant girl, employed by Mrs. J. I. A. Hunt, of London.

**Told the Story.**

The first Mrs. Self was interviewed today by an Advertiser reporter, and while she did not court publicity she stated that inasmuch as the story was out she wished to have it stated correctly in The Advertiser.

Mrs. Self's maiden name was Rachel Beattie, and she was brought up in Carlisle, a small place twenty miles from Galt.

Self was the son of well-to-do and respectable farming people residing in Westover, four miles from Carlisle. His father and mother have both been dead for years, but his people, chiefly merchants, still reside in Galt.

**Resided at Galt.**

Seventeen years ago Miss Beattie married Self, and for 14 or 15 years they resided at Galt, where Self worked as a laborer. Self had a fair education, but evidently could not get above manual labor.

Two years ago the couple moved to London and took up their residence at 137 Bathurst street.

Self obtained employment from the London Electric Company as a laborer, and did work as a coachman for Mr. J. I. A. Hunt besides.

**Met Young Women.**

While working for Mr. Hunt Self met both of the young women he is accused of having married. These women, it appears, come over from England together, but shortly after arriving became separated.

Both worked for Mrs. Hunt, but at different times, and both received considerable money from their earnings.

**Began to Drink.**

Before coming to London Self had always been well behaved and apparently devoted to his family, but after he had been here awhile he began to drink rather heavily, stay out until midnight, and sometimes later, and stint his family by giving them very little money.

Mrs. Self suspected that all was not well with her husband, and often remonstrated gently with him, but they never quarrelled.

**Deceived His Wife.**

A year ago Self informed his wife that he had quit his position in London, and was going out west where he said he had been offered a position at \$15 a week and his room rent free. He promised to send his family \$10 a week and to write regularly.

Thinking that it would be better for her husband to get away from his London acquaintances, whom Mrs. Self strongly suspected of being chiefly women, Mrs. Self did not object to her husband's departure.

**Failed to Write.**

Self never wrote a line to his family after leaving until a couple of weeks ago, when he wrote from Windsor stating that he had just returned from the west, and asking that the girls meet him in Windsor. The letter was ignored, as the family felt that the father had not treated them right.

**Bigamy Charge.**

A short time later Mrs. Self learned of her husband's arrest on a charge of bigamy, and following his arrest came a letter from him asking that she go at once to Windsor, take

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## A NEW AIRSHIP.

Berlin, Aug. 14.—The new Parseval dirigible balloon, which is constructed on the flexible system, made a flight over and around Berlin today that lasted for two hours and 45 minutes. The start was made at Tegel. Various manoeuvres against and with a moderate wind were carried out at an altitude ranging from 600 to 1,000 feet. The airship showed excellent stability and answered to the will of the pilot easily. The ship turned and landed at the same spot whence it set out.