

THE WEATHER:
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London Travellers Special and Freight Train Collide

UPPER PART OF NURSES' RESIDENCE DESTROYED

All Escape From Burning Building—Some Forced To Use Ladders.

DOCTORS ASSIST

One Appears Carrying Her Tennis Racket and Pillow—Forgot Coat.

Fire, which might have resulted disastrously to the Nurses' Home at Victoria Hospital swept the upper part of the building shortly after 10 o'clock this morning, and was only prevented from gaining serious headway by the quick action of the fire department and the manner in which inmates at the hospital kept the blaze in check until firemen arrived. Considerable damage was done through water and smoke. The loss was estimated by Fire Chief John Aitken to be about \$5,000.

Fifteen nurses, who had done night duty at the hospital, were sleeping in the third story of the building when the fire broke out. All of them escaped to the ground floor in their night attire after passing the section of the building where the fire was dangerously burning. Some escaped from the third story down ladders which firemen had propped against the walls.

According to Chief Aitken the blaze started in a laundry chute running from the basement to the third floor. The flames crept up the chute to the attic, where they burst forth and ignited the whole of the roof. An open ventilator caused the flames to shoot upwards, burning the roof, rather than spreading to the nurses' rooms on the third floor.

Turned in Alarm.

The alarm was turned in to the central fire department at 10:20 o'clock by Miss A. Foster, division at the nurses' home. A. J. McGuffin, Dr. Roy Kingswood and Dr. J. Roy McLeod hurried from the hospital to the home, and kept the fire under control by utilizing the extinguishers until Chief Aitken's men arrived.

Patients at Victoria Hospital were kept ignorant of the fire, the firemen having received orders to go about their work as noiselessly as possible. The greater part of the damage was caused through water which saturated the nurses' clothing in each room on the third floor.

According to officials at Victoria Hospital the fire undoubtedly would have resulted in a serious loss had it not been for the quick action of the firemen.

CITY CLERK PREPARES FOR NEXT ELECTION

Will Not Take Any Chance as Was Principle in Former Years.

Although he ran the risk in other years, City Clerk Sam Baker is getting ready for a federal election. One member of his staff will be busy for the next three weeks or so, preparing part one of the parliamentary voters' list. "I look chances in other years when I was not sure about an election," he stated. "I am not taking that risk this year, but am having the work done now. If there is an election and the list is not ready, the work would fall at a very inopportune time."

DISTRICT FRUIT GROWERS WILL RECEIVE REPORT

Members of the London Branch of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association will meet Thursday afternoon in the office of the department of agriculture to receive the report of delegates, who attended the convention of the Ontario Association in Hamilton last week. Among the speakers will be President John Etherington, Secretary, A. J. Cody and W. H. Murdy.

Newsy Bits From Today's Classified Ads.

Man for dairy farm.
Wanted 40 or 50 acres near London.
Kitchen range for sale.
Bracelet lost.
Where to eat.
Grocery store for sale.



DR. T. ROY McLEOD, who with Dr. Kingswood, kept the fire at the nurses' home under control with extinguishers until the firemen arrived.

WARNER SEEKS TO PROVE ALIBI

Man Held in Connection With Neal Robbery May Be Tried at Assizes.

Oscar Warner, who is alleged to have been one of the safe-blowing gang who operated at Neal's bakery on Feb. 17 last, has retained J. G. Gillanders of the firm of Ivey, Elliott & Gillanders to fight his case for him. According to Mr. Gillanders, Warner can prove a complete alibi as to his whereabouts on the Saturday night and Sunday morning of the robbery, through his landlady at his Sarnia boarding house and through friends.

Warner was arrested in Sarnia last week and brought to London by Detective Bolton. He appeared in court, elected trial by Magistrate, and was remanded to jail for a week. There is a possibility that Warner will change his plea and ask for trial by jury. If this is done, he will be tried at the spring assizes, which open on March 17 before Mr. Justice Lennox.

Wm. Taylor, the Neal employee, who was trusted up by the robbers, has identified Warner as the "short man" who stood guard on him with a revolver while his pal blew the safe.

SEVERE COLD KEEPS SIR ADAM IN LONDON

London's Member Unable To Attend Today's Session of Legislature.

Sir Adam Beck was prevented from going to Toronto this morning to attend the Ontario Legislature owing to a severe cold. He is now confined to bed in his home here. Sir Adam contracted the cold in Toronto last week, and was in bed there for several days, leaving for London Saturday last to continue his convalescence in London. Dr. George Hale, attending physician, stated this morning that Sir Adam's illness was not serious.

TRUSTEES TO CONSIDER TRAFALGAR SCHOOL

Question Will Be Fully Debated at Special Meeting Tomorrow.

A special meeting of number two committee of the board of education will be held tomorrow afternoon, at which the need for more money for Trafalgar School will be discussed. It is understood that several thousand dollars are still required, and that the committee will formulate a resolution, to be in turn dealt with by the board and then passed on to the city council.

FOUR NEW YORK SLAYERS ARE SENTENCED TO DIE

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, March 3.—Supreme Court Justice Cropper today sentenced Morris and Joseph Diamond brothers; John Farina and Antonio Panano, bank messenger murderers to die in the electric chair in Sing Sing during the week of April 7. The four recently were convicted at separate trials of the murder of bank couriers and robbing them. \$43,600 last Nov. 14.

NEW TRUCK IS UNABLE TO RESPOND FOR TRIALS

Claim Sufficient Firemen Not Available For Duty Yesterday.

INSPECT DEPARTMENT

Feel Chief Has Ample Justification in Request For Men.

The aerial fire truck from the central station was unable to respond on the exhibition run of the entire department Sunday night to the city hall, according to a report today from Ald. Leonard Douglass, chairman of the finance committee, who states that this state of affairs prevailed because there were not sufficient men available for that duty.

Major Wenige and members of the finance committee inspected the department throughout Sunday afternoon, finishing with a trial run to the corner of Wellington and Dundas streets. The mayor still insists today, however, that there is no need to appoint any additional men to the force. "I have not changed my mind in that respect," he stated.

Upon the other hand, Ald. Douglass, as chairman of the committee in charge of the department, feels that there is every indication that Fire Chief John Aitken had ample justification in his request for nine or ten extra men.

"In fact, the aerial truck was unable to arrive at last night's exhibition run," the chairman stated. "The central fire station is undermanned through the illness of certain members of that branch."

"The test proved, however, the excellent state of the department as a whole, the companies arriving from the central and all other stations within 14 minutes."

The chairman reports that the inspection of the halls was the most satisfactory held in recent years and the committee is well pleased with results.

Certain property will be transferred to the care of the board of works; land abutting certain of the stations which could be used for storing engineering department implements, etc.

It appears difficult to convince Mayor Wenige, however, that everything is as it should be, and while he acknowledges the fine record at yesterday's trial run, he states that there are other questions to be considered as well when the Britain report comes up.

MAN BURNED TO DEATH FIGHTING TENEMENT FIRE

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, March 3.—One man was burned to death and a fireman was seriously injured in a fire which destroyed a five-story tenement in Harlem early yesterday.

Everyone Still Has Chance Though Contest Half Over

Peculiar State of Affairs Leave Everyone in the Running.

EXTRA VOTES TO TELL

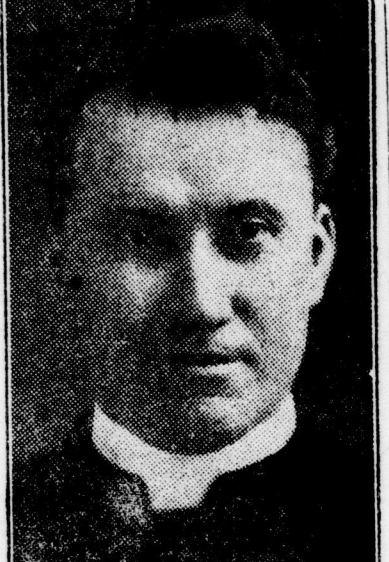
Coming Week Should Call Forth Greater Effort From All.

The Advertiser \$20,000 prize contest is half over. Yet the lowest candidate on the list could, with a little extra work, win the grand prize.

This may seem to be an unusual condition of affairs, but it is true. No one has as yet obtained a lead which couldn't be easily overcome. A man or woman imbued with determination to succeed could join up tomorrow and stand a mighty good chance of coming out on top.

The vital period of the campaign is this week. Those who are going to win will redouble their efforts today and keep up the pace until they are well ahead of their competitors. And for candidates who make this resolve and stick to it, there are eleven handsome automobiles, cash prizes and other attractions, the winning of any one of which means a big profit.

Candidates should take advantage of the special \$20,000 extra vote offer for every two subscriptions brought in this week. It will not only boost their average, but increases their chances of winning one of the special money prizes, amounting in all to \$500.



REV. T. L. McKERROLL of Victoria Church, Toronto, who at the anti-church union meeting at the Masonic Temple tonight will speak in support of the Christian Federation as set forth by Dr. Drummond of Hamilton.

HON. GEORGE HENRY DANGEROUSLY ILL

Minister of Public Works Unable To Resume Duties For Some Time.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, March 3.—Hon. George S. Henry, minister of public works and highways, is dangerously ill at his home in York County. He will not be able to return to his duties at Queen's Park for some weeks. Meanwhile the premier will be acting minister of public works and will introduce legislation in the House on legislation coming from that department.

W. A. REID IS APPOINTED THORNDALE MANAGER

Formerly in Charge of Bank of Montreal Branch at Holstein.

W. A. Reid has been appointed manager of the Thorndale branch of the Bank of Montreal. He goes to Thorndale from the branch at Holstein, of which he has been manager for the past three years.

Mr. Reid was accountant in the bank's branch at Rossland, B. C., in 1917, when he enlisted as a gunner in the 68th Battery, Canadian Field Artillery, and proceeded overseas. He served in France from the spring of 1918 until the end of the war. On his return from overseas in 1919 he re-entered the bank's service and was accountant in the Sarnia office before being promoted to the charge of the Holstein branch.

FRANCE IS ANXIOUS TO ADJUST ALL DIFFERENCES

Premier Poincare Assures Ramsay MacDonald of Best Intentions.

PLANS MISUNDERSTOOD

British Premier Goes Direct to Point in His Communications.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, March 3.—Premier MacDonald's second letter to M. Poincare, published today, is marked by the same frankness that characterized his first exchange with the French premier. Continuing that "courageous discussion" which he deems necessary to clear away misunderstandings, the Labor premier sets forth some of the apprehensions regarding France's policy held by numerous Britishers, and these fears the French premier, in his reply, endeavors to allay.

Premier MacDonald's letter, dated Feb. 21, declared it was widely felt in England that, contrary to the provisions of the Versailles treaty, France is endeavoring to create a situation which gains for it what it failed to get during the allied peace negotiations.

"It has come to pass that the people of Great Britain regarded with anxiety what appears to them to be the extension of the French empire, and the domination of the continent without consideration of our reasonable interests and future consequences to an European settlement. They feel apprehension of the large military and aerial establishments maintained, not only in Eastern Europe, but also in Western Europe, that they are disturbed by the interest shown by your government in the military organizations of the new states in Central Europe, and that they are disturbed by the fact that they question why all those activities should be financed by the French Government in disregard of the fact that the British taxpayer has to find upward of \$150,000,000 yearly as interest upon loans raised in America, and that our taxpayers also have to find large sums to pay the interest on the debt of France to us, to meet which France herself has yet neither made nor propounded, so far as they can see, any sacrifices equivalent to their own."

Causes Were Not Sought.
"Those popular sentiments," he continued, "arouse thoughtful people. Please See Page 2, Column 2."

MINISTER'S VERSION IS UPHOLD IN COURT

Street Car Conductor Says Rev. Mr. Foster's Auto Halted Car's Progress.

Although R. C. Rigney and a constable, the Rev. Mr. Foster had obstructed the passage of a local street car Saturday, the magistrate gave the clergyman the benefit of the doubt in police court this morning and dismissed the charges against him. Mr. Foster claimed the two witnesses had told "untruths," and the court decided to accept the minister's word. Rigney, a motorman on the London street railway, with an officer, declared the defendant had prevented a street car from proceeding at its usual speed for two blocks when he refused to drive his car out of the tracks after the gong had been sounded.

TOUR PLANNED TO GET PRINTING COURSE IDEAS

Vocational Advisory Members To Visit Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo.

With the idea of establishing a printing course at the Technical School that will be equal to any on the continent, a sub-committee of the vocational advisory committee will visit the technical schools at Hamilton, Toronto and Buffalo, where they will inspect and secure information relative to this study. J. B. Wright, A. R. Kennedy and Principal Bert Beal will make the trip, although no date has yet been set for it. After their return it is proposed to call a meeting of all those interested for discussion, after which a report will be made to the parent committee, probably at the next meeting, on the first Monday in April.

Bishop Williams Honored By Chinese Government For Help During Famine

Prominent Canadian Churchmen Receive "Order of Bountiful Crops."

FIVE ARE HONORED

Notice Sent On Fine Sheet of Parchment Inclosed in Bamboo Tube.

In recognition of the help rendered by the Anglican Church in Canada to the Chinese during the period of their famine several years ago, Right Rev. David Williams, bishop of Huron, as chairman of the missionary society, has received an elaborate decoration from the Chinese government.

Word was received almost a year ago that several prominent members of the Anglican Missionary Society in Canada would receive a token of thanks for the manner in which the Canadian Anglican Church responded to the cry of help of thousands of Chinese during their winter of starvation two years ago. The church assisted the starving by sending to China food and money and as a consequence five Canadians—Bishop Williams, Bishop White, formerly of the diocese of Huron and now in China on missionary work, Archbishop Mathewson, primate of the Anglican Church, Dr. Cody, and Dr. Gould, secretary of the M. S. C. C., have been given the high Chinese decoration for their services.

The Chinese had such faith in Bishop Williams, who has spent many years among them, that he had the full control of the distribution of thousands of dollars among them. The decoration which has been conferred upon him is of the highest order.

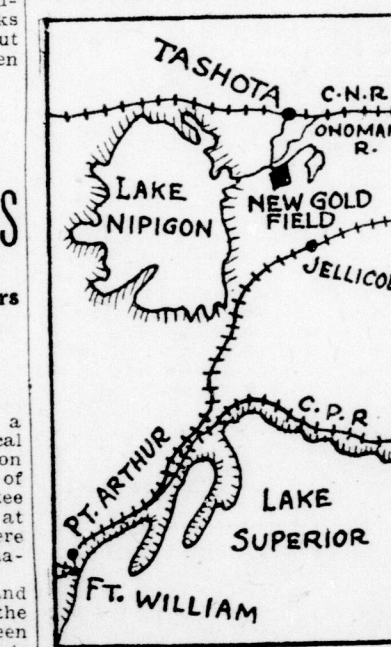
Notice of the honor to be conferred upon the five Anglican clergymen was received from China several months ago on a fine sheet of parchment, firmly encased in a bamboo tube. In Chinese characters it is stated that on the parchment that the "Order of the Bountiful Crops" would shortly be bestowed upon the Canadian clergymen.

Bishop Williams received his honor recently. The decoration is in the form of a star-shaped medal attached to a red and white band. So valuable is the medal that duty on it alone amounted to more than \$75. The medal is made of a heavy, costly metal and is finely engraved with both in English and Chinese characters. A golden engraving of sheaves of wheat adorn one side of the decoration.

Flock of Crows Pays City Visit

Courageous Feathered Ones Pass Over North End.

Spring may be far behind, but a flock of courageous crows are apparently inclined to think it is not as far behind as most people believe. This morning about 60 of them visited the city and cackled with unfeigned joy as they hovered over the northern section of London before continuing their flight further north. Since a robin was seen here about a month ago, however, citizens have lost faith in the judgment of birds so far as the proximity of balmy weather is concerned. That bold robin paid dearly for his temerity, and it is quite possible that he grew weary of his so enthusiastic later on in the week.



ABOVE is shown the location of the newly-discovered gold and silver field east of Lake Nipigon, and 46 miles northwest of Jellicoe.

C.N. TRAINS CRASH FEW MILES OUT OF LONDON

Commercial Travellers' Special and Freight Collide Head-On at St. Paul's.

NO CASUALTIES

Engine Crews Jump Into Snow-banks When Smash Appears Certain.

Special to The Advertiser.

Stratford, March 3.—Two C. N. R. trains, a passenger and a freight, met head-on near St. Paul's this morning causing considerable damage to equipment though there were no casualties among the passengers or crews.

The passenger train which is a special sent out from London every Monday morning to accommodate commercial travellers was travelling at a fair rate of speed. The freight sent out from Stratford had almost come to a stop when the collision came but the impact was great. Both engines were badly damaged, the passenger engine buckling half way through the baggage car behind. The main factor in the lucky escape of the passengers was that the baggage car was of steel construction. The engine crews were able to see what was coming and jumped into the snow to the sides and with the exception of one fireman who had his arm bruised escaped injury. The main line was blocked until noon as a result of the spill.

FORMER PASTOR RECEIVES NOTICE

City Treasurer Gets Inquiry to Letter Sent Out For Income Tax.

The arm of the London tax collecting department is long, frequently reaching out beyond the international boundary line.

City Treasurer James Bell today received a query from a former resident of this city, a minister of the gospel, since gone to other parts, as to why he is being assessed for income tax. He points out the fact that he answered a call to an American city and left early in 1923.

The minister is not trying to evade the tax, the treasurer explains, but merely wants to know if a mistake has been made, believing no doubt that the city authorities had in some manner overlooked or quitted the city.

The treasurer clears up the misunderstanding and is writing to the gentleman in question, pointing out to him that he is liable, as the tax desired for payment in 1923 represents 1922 earnings.

FATHER TRAVELS 12,000 MILES LOOKING FOR SON

"Bud" Foley, 15 Disappears From New York—News-papers' Aid Enlisted.

Enlisting the aid of all the newspapers on the American continent, Thomas Foley, 84 Newtown avenue, Astoria, Long Island, New York City, has circulated a description of his son, Thomas (Bud) Foley, aged fifteen, who has been missing from his home since January 2 this year. Mr. Foley, in his circular, states that he has travelled more than 12,000 miles, probing false clues, and is now trying the newspapers as a last resource. The boy, he claims, left a good home, and disappeared. According to the father, the boy's mother is dying from the worry and strain, and unless he returns home it is only a matter of a short while until she passes away. A reward of \$100 is offered for his return or notification of his whereabouts.

The boy's description is as follows: Age 15 years; height, 5 feet 6 1/2 inches; weight, 140 pounds; gray eyes; light complexion; nose, very slight break, with enlarged nostrils. It is added that he is an expert chauffeur.

COMPANY IS ADHERING TO CITY AGREEMENT

The Independent Concrete Pipe Company is adhering to its last agreement with the city council, the engineers reports, whereby certain tiles used on the Wellington-High street sewer job is being replaced. "They are certainly living up to their agreement," he stated. In fact, they are doing more than that, as they are furnishing boilers for heating water.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 34; lowest, 12.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 32; lowest, 26.

Barometric Readings.
Sunday, 2 p.m.—29.91.
Today, 8 a.m.—29.92.