

DR. L. SECORD DIED TODAY AT HOSPITAL

Had Been Ill Only Since Wednesday With Pneumonia

Was Mayor of Brantford Two Years—A Splendid Citizen.

It is with much regret that the Courier records the comparatively sudden death of Dr. Levi Secord. He was around as recently as Wednesday morning, but in the afternoon complained of a chill and examination showed that he had contracted pneumonia. He was at once taken to the Hospital where he peacefully passed away this morning.

The doctor, who was born at Niagara on the Lake, came, at an early age, to Brantford with his father, who by the way, lost his life in the Desjardine canal accident, when a train went through a bridge into the water. After the usual school education deceased studied medicine at McGill University, Montreal and graduated with honors in 1876. He first of all practised in the village of Bright, Oxford County, and came to Brantford in 1884.

He speedily built up a good practice and also entered actively into political and municipal life. He did platform work for the Liberal party in more than one contest and became a member of the Public School Board. Later he entered the City Council and it was while he was Chairman of the Fire, Light and Sewers committee that the paid fire department was installed and a sewerage system established. In both essentials he did arduous and successful work. In 1892 and 1893 he occupied the position of Mayor and discharged the duties of that office with much tact and assiduity. He was very prominent in Fraternal Societies, having been a Past Master of the Lodge, A. F. O. E., and a Past Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge, and High Court Medical Examiner for many years of the Ancient Order of Foresters. In 1878 he was married to Miss Emily Howell daughter of the late Wesley Howell of this city.

Dr. Secord was a man of exceptional mental equipment ready in debate, keen in argument and of great determination in connection with any cause which he sought to espouse. As a physician, he ranked high, both in the estimation of the members of the Medical profession and of the public. To mourn his great loss, he leaves a sorrowing widow and three sons, Dr. L. R. Secord, Brantford, Dr. W. H. Secord, Winnipeg, and Arthur O. Secord, Brantford. They are in the kindly thoughts of very many friends during this time of bereavement. Mayor Spence, as a mark of respect, will request the members of the City Council to attend the funeral in a body.

Col. Hughes

Strongly Opposed Against Use of Liquor in Drill Halls.

OTTAWA, May 8.—During the debate last night on the militia estimates there were several references to the temperance question, F. B. Carvell, of Carleton, claiming that liquor was to be found in every camp and in every officers' mess in the country. He said that he had been in the militia himself in the past and did not regard its moral uplift as very great. He charged the minister with sailing under false pretences on the temperance question.

Col. Hughes said that he was not "running clubs." He was "administering the militia department." If he were informed that officers were using liquor at their mess there would be an enquiry. If he was informed that liquor was used in drill halls he would soon put an end to it.

Not in Half, But in Three

The Hydro Electric bills for April were issued this week and users of the municipal current were more than pleased. One customer reports to the Courier a net bill of \$1.25 for the month. This included generous lighting of his house, electric iron, electric toaster, and other conveniences. He claims his bills have been cut in three by the Hydro tungsten lights.

SIMPLICITY MARKED THE SECOND WHITE HOUSE WEDDING TO TAKE PLACE WITHIN A YEAR



MISS ELEANOR R. WILSON

MR. WILLIAM G. MCADOO

MRS. FRANCIS S. SAYRE

MISS MARGARET WOODROW WILSON

SLOW WORK IN GETTING NEW JURY

Six Vacant Seats in Jury at Becker's New Trial.

Confession of Gunman May Not Be Admitted.

NEW YORK, May 8.—The third section of 100 of the 300 talsmen drawn or the second trial of Chas. Becker, former police lieutenant, charged with having instigated the murder of Herman Rosenthal, reported in court to-day when the third day's session began. Meanwhile another panel of 100 names was being drawn at the order of Justice Starbuck. This will make a total of 400 talsmen, fifty more than were drawn for the first Becker trial.

From the remaining 200 talsmen it was expected that the six vacant seats in the jury box would be filled and that District Attorney Whitman would make his opening address on Monday at the latest, and possibly to-morrow. While the work of obtaining the jury drags slowly on, the possibility of sensational testimony is rumored. Process servers for the defense yesterday subpoenaed Warden Clancy and the Rev. William Cashin, the Catholic chaplain at Sing Sing prison. This action gave rise to the supposition that Warden Clancy and Father Cashin have been summoned to tell of the eleventh hour confession of "Dago Frank" Cirofici, in which the condemned man was credited with having declared that "Becker had nothing to do with the murder of Rosenthal." Cirofici made this statement, it is said, in the presence of the Warden, Father Cashin and his mother and sister, only a few minutes before he was led to the electric chair.

Whether or not the Cirofici confession will be admitted in evidence is problematical. It was not written down and to be of value to the defense it would have to be proved by those who heard it, and even in that event it might not be admissible unless held by the court to be a dying declaration. District Attorney (Continued on Page 8)

DECORATE AND BLOW, THE DUKE IS COMING

Mayor Spence again issued an appeal to citizens to decorate their residences and places of business with flags to-morrow on the occasion of the visit of the Duke of Connaught. His Worship is most anxious that Brantford will show its best front. In every town and city which the Duke has visited in Western Ontario recently, there has been a great display and a great welcome has been extended His Royal Highness. Brantford's welcome should be none the less spontaneous. Factory whistles and bells throughout the city will mark the Duke's arrival at 4.30. Decorate and blow the whistles sure to-morrow.

All Ready For The Reception of Duke In City Tomorrow

The special committee re the visit of the Duke of Connaught and Princess Patricia's visit to the city to-morrow afternoon, held their final meeting this morning in the City Hall when Mr. W. F. Cocksbutt, M.P., was present to go over the programme with them. The address which is to be presented to his Royal Highness at the Grand Trunk depot, was presented to the committee for approval. The address itself has been made out by Mr. D. G. Husband of this city, and the work is especially well done.

The address will be read to his Royal Highness by His Worship Mayor Spence. The following are the exact details of the visit to the city. The Royal train will arrive at the Grand Trunk station at 4.30 p.m. His Royal Highness' private secretary, A. F. Sladen will then step to the platform, and Mr. W. F. Cocksbutt will present Mayor Spence to him. The Mayor will then be presented to His Royal Highness and Princess Patricia. The party will then inspect the guard of honor, consisting of 110 members of the Dufferin Rifles and a body of boy scouts and the cadets, and a royal salute will be given. After the inspection the party will retire to the inside of the station where Mayor Spence will read his address of welcome to His Royal Highness which His Royal Highness will read his reply and the Princess Patricia and Mayor Spence. The second car will contain Col. Faloner, Hon. Catherine Villiers, lady-in-waiting on Princess Patricia and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cocksbutt. The third car will contain J. H. Fisher, M.P., A. F. Salden, private secretary to the Duke and Messdames Brewster, Fisher and Spence. The Mayor requests that every citizen and merchant along the route of the parade decorate their premises, and also he asks that the factories blow their whistles and the churches ring their bells at the time of the arrival at the station at 4.30.

MAY MARCH RIGHT ON TO MEXICO CITY

War Department at Washington is All Excited To-day.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] WASHINGTON, May 8.—It has been learned on high authority that the war department had under consideration to-day early and adequate reinforcement of the command of General Funston at Vera Cruz to carry out, any movement that might be necessary into the interior of Mexico. The question of placing a large force of Americans in Vera Cruz that would be strong enough to defend that port against any attack, or to undertake a possible campaign against Mexico City was later laid before the president and his cabinet by Secretary of War Garrison.

Huerta Is Dogged. WASHINGTON, May 8.—Secretary Bryan admitted early to-day that the United States Government had received a note from the South American mediators seeking to solve the Mexican crisis, in which complaint is made by the Huerta Government that American operations at Vera Cruz are in violation of the armistice. Asked as to the details of the mediating envoys note, Mr. Bryan said: "It simply sets forth what Huerta says. A reply to the note will be made."

To Get Big Force. WASHINGTON, May 8.—A long cipher telegram from General Funston at Vera Cruz that stirred the general staff of the army into a conference that did not break up until nearly midnight, was to be placed before the president and his cabinet to-day by Secretary Garrison. While details of the despatch were not given out, it was understood to contain reports taken to General Funston by refugees from Mexico City. Secretary Garrison said to-day no aggressive movement of any kind by the American forces was ordered, yet it was known that high officials of the war department were anxious to station at Vera Cruz or on ships within striking distance of that port, a force powerful enough to make a swift descent on Mexico City if that became necessary. Probably fifty thousand or sixty thousand men would be required.

Dr. J. W. S. McCullough told the Ontario health officers that the slaughter houses of the provinces were in a scandalous condition.

300 MILES PER HOUR BY NEW RY INVENTION

Wonderful System is Invented by a Frenchman.

British Railway Experts Are Greatly Interested.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] NEW YORK, May 8.—A cable to The Tribune from London says: A new and wonderful system which, it is claimed will revolutionize high speed traction throughout the world was demonstrated in London yesterday before the mechanical experts of the most important British railways. This new system which is the invention and discovery of a French scientist, Emile Bacheke, has at once elicited an offer of a great railway chief to lay down a special five mile circuit track in that the enormous speed claimed for it (300 miles an hour) may be tested. The system, as demonstrated yesterday by a model of the largest size did all that was claimed for it. A speed of 300 miles an hour was attained, the automatic propulsion and stopping of the car at any point during the journey was indicated by an electric signal and an almost absolute absence of all vibration was obtained. The train travels through space without visible means of support, either above or below. At a wizard touch it is away like a flash, defying distance at the terrific speed of five miles a minute, defying all laws of gravity. M. Bacheke's system is made possible by the discovery that the effect of a magnetic coil on certain metals is to repel instead of attract. One of these metals is aluminum, and the effect of magnetic electricity on aluminum is a great factor in working the air train. As soon as the electric influence is set in motion, coils, instead of attracting can push away, with the result that it is immediately raised and held suspended in the air clear of the track, the only connection between the car and the track being the brushes used for contact purposes.

Linus Woolverton, of Grimsby, one of the most prominent fruit grovers in Canada, died after only four hours' illness, at the age of 68.

PARKS BOARD IS OPPOSED TO THE NEW PLANS

Vigorous Fight Will be Launched Against Ry's Demands.

A very important meeting of Parks Board was held last night in the mayor's office, at which a large amount of business was transacted.

The matter of the final laying out of the L. E. & N. along Jubilee Terrace was the chief matter considered. In effect the railway company want all the vital points settled by the Dominion Railway Commission at their sitting in Brantford, completely reversed in the railway's interest. Instead of an undercrossing for the railway at the boathouse, they wish to erect a flight of steps from the new roadway over the top of the railway tracks, thence down to the fixed wharf. The Parks Board are totally opposed to this change being made.

Another matter was that the railway company want to take possession of the whole of the strip of land along the said new driveway, solely on the plea that they want it for station ground. The board are of the opinion that a better location for the station is the one ordered by the Railway Commission, at the foot of Church St., extending to Waterloo. Many other matters in connection with the road were discussed.

The following resolution was unanimously carried by the board: Moved by Geo. F. Matthews, seconded by F. Grobb, that the chairman of the board and chairman of the Grounds committee and the movers have given notice of their opposition such action from time to time as may, in their opinion, be wise or necessary to protect the interests of this board in all matters pertaining to the dealings of this board with the Lake Erie & Northern Railway Co.

The Railway Company have appealed to the Dominion Railway Commission to hear all these matters and the Board of Park Commissioners have given notice of their opposition to any changes proposed. Their stand is based now on the former decision of the Railway Commission, which the whole matter was dealt with by the commission a few months since in this city.

A letter was received from the Dufferin Bowling Club, thanking the Parks Board for enabling them to be made so fine a place of attraction and offering to do everything in their power to co-operate with the board. The secretary was instructed to reply suitably.

On invitation of the Conversation committee to attend the Congress on city planning and improving, to be held shortly at Toronto, the whole board were appointed to attend.

One of the local ball clubs was represented, asking for several dates at the park not yet appropriated.

Secretary Hawkins and Supt. Walker were appointed to close an agreement with this and other clubs for the disposal of all other dates. Accounts amounting to \$825 were passed.

A committee of the board was appointed to meet with the railway committee of the city council at Jubilee Terrace to-day at 4 o'clock, to look over matters that are in contention with both the city council and the Parks Board with the L. E. & N. Co.

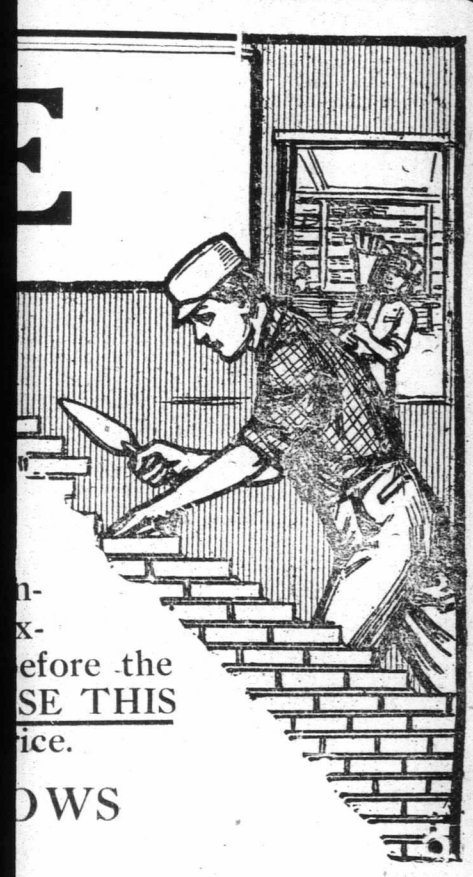
Those in attendance were Chairman E. L. Gould, and Messrs F. Cocksbutt, F. Grobb, Wm. Glover, Geo. S. Matthews and Secretary J. J. Hawkins.

Drugged With Whiskey. Investigations are now proceeding which may result in a serious charge being laid against some men. Late last night a young woman was found drunk beside one of the subways on Grey street. She was helplessly intoxicated, but from her rambling talk it appears that a married man took her out for a drive and supplied her with whiskey. She refused to state the man's name and as it is surmised that he had ulterior motives the police are actively engaged hunting him up.

Ward Five, Conservative

Sub-division chairmen of Ward Five are urgently requested to meet at the Borden Club rooms to-night at 8 o'clock for the purpose of electing delegates to the convention to be held May 21. All Conservatives of Ward Five are invited.

T. MONEY, H. L. WOOD, Chairmen.



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