

BURGLARS ENTER STORE AT SIMCOE

**Boldest Robbery in History of
Town Is Perpetrated
Saturday Night.**

SPEED AWAY IN MOTOR CAR

**Owner of Place and Constable
Give Chase, But Without
Success.**

Special to London Advertiser.
Simcoe, Dec. 18.—One of the boldest burglaries ever perpetrated in the town of Simcoe occurred shortly after midnight Saturday when two youthful disciples of Jesse James forced a window in the cellar of Wark's Northward grocery store, tore the cash register till, containing \$50, from its socket, walked calmly from the front door to their waiting auto and sped away northward. The victim of the robbery, Clarence Wark, was aroused when the handbells tinkled, and he endeavored to stop the intruders, but he was unable to do so. He called for help, but no one came. The burglars were seen to enter the store, and the owner secured a gun just as the marauders emerged from the store. Unfortunately the fire-piece was not loaded, and though Mr. Wark ordered them to stop under penalty of being fired upon, they made a quick getaway.

Chief Muir and County Constable Alway, with Wark, took up the midnight chase. At Watford an M.C.R. train halted the fugitives' progress, but they escaped their pursuers and doubling back struck eastward. The local police, on being forced to give up the chase, telephoned Hamilton officials, from whom it was learned this morning that the car used in the number of which Mr. Wark had taken, was stolen in that city during the past week.

The owner of the Simcoe store motored to Hamilton in the early morning, apprising police officers of all towns along the route of the robbery and subsequent chase. He returned at 3 o'clock this afternoon with no further information regarding the plunderers' whereabouts. William Peterson of Charlotteville and Joseph Karna of Simcoe were fined \$10 and costs amounting to \$9.50 each, in police court this afternoon on a charge of mutual assault. The twin participated in a fracas here on Dec. 2, in which Peterson, who is a big Dane, donated a pair of colored optics to Karna.

LIVER TROUBLE

Pairs in Stomach

Most of the misery and ill-health that humanity is burdened with arise from disorders of the liver, stomach or bowels.

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Waterloo Mayor and Councillors Will Seek Re-election at New Year

Special to The Advertiser.
Kitchener, Dec. 18.—Mayor Weichel of Waterloo and all of the town councillors, with the exception of Councillor Bauman, will seek re-election at New Year, according to an announcement made by Mayor Weichel, who stated that the entire council with the one exception would seek the favor of the electors. That there will be opposition is a foregone conclusion, but just what section of the community it will come from is still a matter of speculation. It is taken for granted, however, that Labor will have a strong ticket in the field this campaign, and it is even rumored that ex-Mayor Bohlen will head the Labor ticket in opposition to the Weichel majority. Labor leaders in the town, however, are not communicative in the matter, and nothing definite will be known of their plans until they unfold themselves at the nomination meeting.

HEALTH CONDITIONS BETTER IN CHATHAM

Statistics Compiled by Medical Officers Evidences Minimum Number of Diseases in 1922.

Special to The Advertiser.
Chatham, Dec. 18.—Dr. T. L. McRitchie, medical officer of health, has compiled a special chart, which compares the health conditions in the city since 1917.

The chart shows that 1922 health conditions in the city have been somewhat better than in previous years. So far this year there have been recorded 7 typhoid fever cases, in which 2 deaths are reported; 49 cases of scarlet fever, 11 cases of measles, 42 cases of chickenpox, 2 cases of smallpox, only 1 case of tuberculosis, 36 cases of diphtheria, including 5 deaths; 11 cases of mumps and 7 cases of whooping-cough. The largest number of deaths from infectious diseases took place in this morning that the car used in the number of which Mr. Wark had taken, was stolen in that city during the past week.

LAMBTON'S WARDENSHIP WARRANTS KEEN CONTEST

County Electors Concede Reeve Parker of Ward No. Most Possible Choice.

Special to The Advertiser.
Watford, Dec. 18.—Already indications are pointing to a keen contest for the warden's chair of Lambton County for 1923. Reeve W. E. Parker of Watford is being mentioned prominently as having a good chance of election as warden. It is quite awhile since a Watford man was elected warden of Lambton.

W. G. Willoughby, manager of the Lambton Farmers' Insurance Company, has moved into town, and is now settled in his home on Huron street. The Watford Township Council held its closing meeting of the year Friday. Lambton's 149 I. O. E. held its December meeting at the home of Mrs. George L. Harper this week, with the regent, Mrs. T. A. Adams, presiding. The regent reported progress regarding the proposed soldiers' memorial for the village, and the chapter unanimously pledged its support to help carry the bazaar at the municipal elections. A committee was appointed to plan and purchase the usual Christmas cheer. Following the meeting a dainty lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by Miss Harris.

CAYUGA MISSION BAND ELECTS 1923 OFFICERS

Special to The Advertiser.
Cayuga, Dec. 17.—The annual meeting of the Senior Mission Band of Knox Church was held at the home of Mrs. Eric Lewis Friday evening, Dec. 15. An enjoyable social evening was spent. At the business meeting the following officers for 1923 were elected: Leader, Miss Kerr; president, Audrey McClung; vice-president, Viola Currie; secretary, Gladys Lewis; treasurer, Jean Quinlan.

Imperial Oil Refinery at Sarnia Is Scene of \$25,000 Conflagration

Special to The Advertiser.
Sarnia, Dec. 17.—The plant of the Imperial Oil, Limited, was the scene of a spectacular fire on Saturday night when one of a trio of agitators filled in the oil refining process caught fire and burned merrily for nine hours. The fire was preceded by a slight explosion, which, however, caused no damage. Officials estimated the loss at approximately \$25,000. All the employees of the company were called out, and with the aid of volumes of steam, the principal mode of fighting fire at the plant, the blaze was confined to the one tank, although numerous oil-filled tanks stood within a few feet of the blazing one. The sky was lighted up for miles around and hundreds of citizens watched the conflagration for hours. This was the fourth fire of a serious nature which has occurred in Sarnia within the last week.

ARREST SUSPECTS IN TAXES ROBBERY

Oecil Stevenson and Eugene Collins Apprehended At Burford.

CARRIED SUM OF MONEY

**Brantford Police Claimed To
Have Located \$773 of
Missing Money.**

Special to The Advertiser.
Brantford, Dec. 18.—Four with a sum of money totaling \$773, which police claim was taken from the residence of Charles Kelly, tax collector at Cathcart, about 8:30 yesterday morning, Cecil Stevenson and Eugene Collins were both placed under arrest by High Constable Fred Kerr and License Inspector Eacrett at Burford late last night. Stevenson is well known to the local police, as he has been up on other occasions on charges of theft and robbery. The last charge against him was the theft of seeds from the store of Douglas & Roy, local seed merchants, some months ago. It is stated that there are checks totaling over \$1,400 still missing. According to Mrs. Kelly, who was interviewed by The Advertiser on Saturday afternoon at her home at Cathcart, there were three men in the robbery. Local police state that they have located \$773 which is about two-thirds of the total haul.

Albert Topping, a farmer's helper, in the general shop of a critical condition as the result of being run over by a Ford car on the Hamilton road, about three miles below Cathcart, shortly after 11 o'clock yesterday morning. It appears that the unfortunate man was walking in the direction of Hamilton, and the Ford car was passing him when he stepped over immediately in the path. The base of Topping's skull was literally crushed to a pulp.

BLENHEIM BYLAW STARTS FIREWORKS

**\$2,500 Request For New
School Causes Verbal Bar-
rage Between Council
and Board.**

Special to The Advertiser.
Blenheim, Dec. 18.—At the last meeting of the council for the year held Saturday the request of the school board to raise \$40,000 to build and equip the new continuation school was withdrawn by the board, and a request that the amount be \$25,000 was substituted. After a most heated and long discussion, the request carried by a vote of 3 to 2.

The board was represented by Chairman R. L. Gossnell, Messrs. A. W. Ross, J. L. Rose and Secretary, Treasurer W. J. Baird. They stated that under the circumstances they were requiring a smaller amount than formerly, as there seemed to be a general feeling against spending the larger sum. They felt that by building the new school they would be replacing a permanent concrete floor next spring. The new abutment has been constructed with Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

PREMIER CELEBRATES.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Rt. Hon. Mackenzie King celebrated his 48th birthday today. The prime minister was born at Kitchener, Ont., Dec. 17, 1874. Heated arguments resulted between several members and the mayor, and there were some accusations of falsehood flung around the floor of the council chamber.

Councillors Ferguson and Labadie urged the application be left over to next year. Reeve Clunis called for the yeas and nays on the question with the result: In favor of granting the \$25,000—Messrs. Clunis, Reeve, Clunis, Councillors A. G. Shillington, Glen Rutherford, C. McPherson and J. J. Cookson; against, Mayor Little, Mayor Ferguson and Messrs. Ferguson and Labadie.

WATFORD CIVIC OFFICIALS CONCLUDE YEAR'S AFFAIRS

Retiring Reeve Harper Lauds Co-operation of Fellow-Members of Municipal Council.

Special to The Advertiser.
Watford, Dec. 18.—The municipal council of the village held its closing meeting of the year Friday evening. Routine business was transacted, winding up the business of the year. The regent, George L. Harper, who is retiring from the council, delivered his valedictory, and thanked the councillors and the clerk for their assistance and support during his term of office. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the regent for his services.

The other members present were Councillors W. G. Connolly, P. E. Muller, Paul Kingston and J. D. Dor. These, Councillors Connolly and Kingston are contesting the election for the regent's chair, while Councillor Muller will seek re-election to the council.

The Women's Institute of Watford forwarded Friday two more boxes of bedding and clothing for the Northern Ontario fire sufferers. This makes five boxes the institute has sent, besides assisting in the fund that is being raised in town. At the regular meeting of the institute held on Wednesday evening at the home of Mrs. Henry Humphries it was decided to send small gifts of Christmas cheer to the town of the town. There was a good attendance of members, who responded to the roll call with "Suggestions for Christmas gifts." Mrs. C. C. Leigh gave an enjoyable reading, and several musical selections were also given.

29 ARE INJURED AS TRAINS CRASH

**Panic Reigns On Subway Line
As Crowded Trains
Collide.**

AGENT'S ACT SAVES LIVES

**Threw Emergency Switch and
Prevented Deaths On
Third Rail.**

New York, Dec. 18.—Twenty-nine persons were injured and hundreds were thrown into a panic last night when a swiftly moving train on an elevated "shuttle branch" of the Interborough Transit Company's Lexington avenue subway, crashed into the rear of a stalled train.

Seven women and children were among the victims. The motorman of the moving section, Patrick Keogh, is believed to have been fatally injured.

At Fordham hospital, where he was taken after being removed from the wreckage, officials of the transit commission ordered him under guard on charges of criminal negligence. The collision involved two southbound electric trains crowded with passengers, which were running only a few minutes apart on theatre rush schedules. As they came together in the semi-darkness the concussion was heard for blocks, and the frantic screams of the injured and imprisoned passengers brought thousands of helpless spectators to the scene.

Train Vestibule Demolished. The vestibule of the moving train, where Motorman Keogh was caught in his tiny cab was demolished, as was the rear end of the train it encountered. Keogh's car mounted and partly telescoped the one it struck. Fifteen men were believed to have been thrown from the cars through the tightly closed vestibule, and thence across the tracks and live third-rails to the street below the elevated structure. Many are believed by the police to have been saved from electrocution by the station master at Hunt's Point, who saw the collision and immediately threw the emergency switches, cutting off power along the system.

Emergency ambulances from every hospital in the district were hurried to the scene, while all police reserves in the Bronx and several fire-fighting units, were summoned to hold the crowds and prepare against an outbreak of fire.

REOPEN BRIDGE AT PORT STANLEY

**Temporary Plank Flooring
Laid To Allow For Resump-
tion of Traffic.**

Special to The Advertiser.
St. Thomas, Dec. 18.—The bridge at Port Stanley, which has been closed for the past two months or more, will be reopened to traffic on Monday, County Engineer James A. Bell announced Saturday. A temporary flooring of planks has been laid over the bridge, and this will be replaced by a permanent concrete floor next spring. The new abutment has been constructed with

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Chests of Silver
Rogers', Old Colony or Ambassador, 26-Piece Silver Sets, in plush-lined cases. \$30.85

English Silverware
Entree Dishes, each \$17.50, \$18.00
4-Piece Silver Service \$70.00
Gravy Boats \$8.00 to \$10.00
Muffin Dishes \$8.00
Tea Strainers \$2.25

Bread Mixers
A hand, time-saving utensil, easily operated.
4-Loaf size \$3.50
8-Loaf size \$4.50

Brass Smoking Sets
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Smoking Sets \$6.00
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Brass Jardinieres \$1.75 to \$7 each
Brass Coal Hods \$12.00 each
Shaving Sets \$2.00 to \$9.00

Food Choppers
The kitchen is incomplete without a Food Chopper. Why not get mother one for Christmas? Price \$2.25, \$2.50, \$3.50

a view to the enlargement of the bridge in the future, and is reinforced sufficiently to bear the weight of a swing or lift bridge, or a much heavier stationary structure. It has also been built sufficiently wide to accommodate a bridge with a 24-foot roadway, as well as providing for sidewalks on each side.

County Engineer Bell is well pleased with the manner in which the repair work has progressed, only two or three minor delays being experienced.

Work on the construction of the foundation piers for the new steel bridge over the Slater Gully in Bayham is also progressing very satisfactorily, the engineer reports, and it is expected that the third pier will be in place early next week. The third pier is regarded as the most difficult one of the four to sink, on account of the depth of the quicksand to the clay foundation.

FIRE DESTROYS RESIDENCE OF GEORGE BARCLAY, TARA

**Fire Department Unable to Combat
Flames in Arran Township
Blaze.**

Special to The Advertiser.
Tara, Dec. 18.—The brick residence of George Barclay, two and one-half miles west of Tara, on the 11th concession, Arran, was entirely destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon. Part of the contents of the house was saved. The chimney had been on fire during the afternoon and was extinguished, but a short time later the occupants of the house noticed sparks flying off the roof, and rushing out they discovered the whole roof in flames.

The Tara fire brigade was called, but were unable to quench the blaze. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

NEW YORK GLOBE AIDS FIRE SUFFERERS.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Mayor Plant has received \$1,065 from the New York Globe for Northern Ontario fire sufferers. John F. Flynn, managing editor, in forwarding the check, writes that it was the proceeds of a concert given by the Globe.



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