

CHIEF WILLIAMS OFFERED TO BET THAT PRIVATE MOIR WOULD ESCAPE FROM ASYLUM

Murderer Wrote to London for Files and the Police
Got Wind of the Letter and Forestalled
the Scheme.

DR. ENGLISH WAS NOTIFIED THAT MOIR WAS SCHEMING

Says That the Story of the Escape in the Automobile Is All
Poppycock—London's Chief Gives His Opinion
of the Whole Affair.

"It is only three weeks ago that I offered to bet Dr. English \$50 that Moir would escape in less than three months," said Chief Williams last night to The Advertiser, when he returned from his holidays.

"Just about a month ago Moir wrote to a chum of his here, stating that he wanted to make a little present to one of his attendants. He asked the man to send him some articles, and also requested him to inclose in the parcel a package of small files for himself. He said the asylum was not big enough for him, and he had quite made up his mind to escape.

DR. ENGLISH NOTIFIED.
"As soon as I heard about the letter I notified Dr. English to be on the watch. He would not believe that any such letter ever came from Moir, as he said all the mail leaving or coming to the asylum for prisoners was read. A couple of days after, I got the letter which was in Moir's own handwriting, and sent it down to Dr. English. He sent it on to the government officers, and by a queer coincidence it was returned to Dr. Robinson, of the London asylum.

MISCARRIAGE OF JUSTICE.
"I think that Dr. English believes, as I do, that it was a miscarriage of justice to send Moir to an asylum. He is no more crazy than you or I. "As to the story about Moir leaving in an automobile, I do not believe a word of it. I would be willing to bet that for 24 hours he was within 20 miles of Hamilton."

Asked if he thought Moir would be recaptured, the chief said no, not unless the authorities are willing to spend the necessary money.

"He is probably on board some ship by this time," said the chief.

TRACING THE STRANGE AUTO.

Hamilton, Aug. 20.—Fred A. Ehrmann, the Buffalo hotel-keeper to whom the police looked for an explanation about License 3132, the number carried by the car in which Moir and Taggart are supposed to have escaped, has made a statement to the authorities that he sold the machine some time ago to the Centaur Motor Company, the number going with the car.

The company sold the car to a third party. The books showing the transfer of the car are locked up in a safe, while the manager of the Centaur Company is away.

The police are now looking for the third party. Detective Miller went to Buffalo again this morning, and it is evident that this is where Moir and Taggart are still believed to be hiding.

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NIAGARA POWER MAY BE HERE BY THE 15TH OF OCTOBER NEXT

The London Electric Company's contract for street lighting under the agreement is for one year, but can be terminated on three months' notice. There would be nothing gained by this, as the three months' notice would bring it to the 1st of December, when the contract terminates itself.

"The agreement will run until Dec. 1," said Mayor Beattie. "Of course, if the notice were given now, we would save the rest of the month, ten days at the outside, but that would be all. No matter when power comes, the city will have to pay the London Electric for street lighting until Dec. 1."

MAYOR GAYNOR GETTING WELL

Passed the Danger Line and on
the Way to Complete
Recovery.

New York, Aug. 20.—Mayor Gaynor's condition was excellent today, his physician said, and the danger period has now passed. The doctors agree that he will be completely recovered within a short time, and will go to the Adirondacks to complete his convalescence.

Mayor Gaynor, though, has indicated that he thought he ought to return to his home in St. James, Long Island, after leaving the hospital.

The physicians have practically decided not to operate to remove the bullet, as they think the mayor will suffer no inconvenience from it.

IN DEADLIEST FORM

The Cholera Continues to Spread in
Parts of Italy.

Bari, Italy, Aug. 20.—Five new cases of cholera and three deaths are reported from Bari, where the epidemic continues to give rise to serious apprehension. The disease manifests itself in its deadliest form, many of the victims being attacked without its usual premonitory symptoms, and dying after a few hours.

In other parts of Apulia the situation is more hopeful, the population now being more willing to assist the authorities to enforce hygienic rules. Under the strict measures adopted the march of the cholera to new localities has been checked.

GREAT BRITAIN'S BIGGEST BATTLESHIP

Successful Launch of the Orion
—The Most Deadly of War
Vessels Afloat.

Portsmouth, Eng., Aug. 20.—The Orion, Great Britain's newest and greatest battleship was launched here today in the presence of King Alfonso and Queen Victoria of Spain and a distinguished gathering of naval officers and representatives from public life.

Compared with the armored cruiser Lion, of 23,350 tons, just launched, the Orion will displace only 23,500 tons, but her ten 13.5-inch guns and her new deadly equipment of torpedoes render her by far the most powerful battleship afloat.

The new torpedo to be carried by the Orion weighs nearly a ton, and its range will exceed 17,000 yards, at a speed of 40 knots. The torpedo carries a charge of gun cotton weighing 250 pounds. The Orion will carry a speed of 21 knots, and will carry 4,000 tons of fuel, giving her an unusually wide radius of action.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

Quebec, Aug. 19.—Arrived: Montcalm, from Bristol.
Hong Kong—Arrived: Empress of China, Vancouver.
Montreal—Arrived: Corsican, Liverpool.
Belle Isle—Arrived: Ionian, Glasgow.
Boston—Arrived: Sardinian, Montreal.
Glasgow—Arrived: Carthagenian, Philadelphia.
Plymouth—Called: President Lincoln, New York.
Naples—Arrived: Atlanta, New York.
Tacoma, New York.
New York—Arrived: Campania, Liverpool.



COL. HODGINS, D. O. C.,
Who It Is Said May Succeed Colonel
Gordon in Quebec.

LONDON'S OLDEST RESIDENT DEAD

Mrs. Mary Z. Westland, of South
London, Was Born Here
in 1828.

CITY WAS THEN HAMLET

Mrs. Westland Had Resided Here Al-
most Continuously for Eighty-Two
Years.

Mrs. Mary Z. Westland, of 36 Craig street, the oldest resident of London, died at her home yesterday afternoon. There are undoubtedly many people in London older than Mrs. Westland, but they were not born here. She first saw the light of day when the present city was but a mere hamlet, in 1828. She had resided in London almost continuously ever since. Her husband, the late James Westland, died 35 years ago.

Mrs. Westland leaves two sons, James T. of this city, and George R. of Inisfail, Alta., and four daughters, Mrs. James Gray, Mrs. Donald McCrimmon, Mrs. William Green and Miss Lillian, all of this city. Mrs. Sutherland, of Glenora; Mrs. Robertson, of Hamilton; Mrs. Drummond, of Perth, and Mrs. McQueen, of Red City, Mich., are sisters. Mrs. Westland was a sister of the late Thomas B. Robb. The funeral will be held on Monday afternoon to Woodland Cemetery.

\$3,000 A YEAR FOR ROBERTS

London Electrical Engineer Is
Going With B. C. Govern-
ment.

ENGAGED AS AN EXPERT

Electrician Will Leave This City in a
Week or Two to Take Up His
Residence in the West.

Engineer D. P. Roberts, of this city, has been appointed electrical expert and inspector for the British Columbia Government, and will leave within a week or two for the west.

Some time ago he tendered his resignation to go with an English firm, but the British Columbia Government was looking for an expert to inspect their power houses in British Columbia and wrote to Mr. Roberts. Negotiations were carried on for some time, and Mr. Roberts made them a definite offer, which was accepted.

This morning he received a wire from Mr. General Bowyer, notifying him that his offer had been accepted, and to report at as early a date as possible.

The position is worth approximately \$3,000 per annum, and is considered a very fine offer.

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THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—FINE AND WARM.
FORECASTS.

Today—Light to moderate southerly to southerly winds; fine and warm to day; thunderstorms at night in some localities.

Generally fine and warm.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. Max. Min. Weather.

Victoria. 54. 44. Clear.

Calgary. 51. 41. Clear.

Winnipeg. 48. 38. Clear.

Port Arthur. 52. 42. Clear.

Parry Sound. 48. 38. Clear.

TORONTO STREET RAILWAYMEN ACCEPT CONCILIATION AWARD

[G. N. W. Dispatch.]
Toronto, Aug. 20.—There will be no strike of the Toronto street railway men.

A mass meeting of the men, after a prolonged session lasting from about 1 till 4:15 this morning, voted decisively in favor of accepting the increase of wages, and the indefinite clause relative to hours of labor named in the report of the board of conciliation.

There was a warm debate on some of the clauses of the report, but this in the end was accepted as the best that could be secured.

The resolution is as follows: "That the employees of the Toronto Street Railway Company, in meeting assembled, while not for a moment satisfied with the report of the board in its entirety, yet, having regard for the public interest, do hereby accept the same with the expression of our determination to continue to agitate for the better conditions and better wages, for which we have contended in this instance."

STORM SEWER ONLY SOLUTION MAY VOTE AGAIN ON BYLAW

Enough Damage Was Done by One Storm a Short Time Ago to
Pay For a Large Share of the Cost—And the Expense Is
Only Beginning—Action For Damages.

It is now considered probable that a bylaw for a storm sewer system will be presented to the ratepayers in January next.

It will be remembered that last January a similar scheme was up, but was defeated. For some years the agitation for a system has been keen, but somehow or other the citizens would not vote for it.

The need of such a system was evidenced not long ago, when enough damage was done by one storm to pay for a big portion of the cost. The expense is not done with either. W. F. Boughner has a suit for \$1,000 damages against the city. There are half a dozen notices for lesser amounts in the city clerk's hands, and scores are waiting the outcome of Mr. Boughner's suit before taking action. One property-owner in the city had

five cellars flooded, all doing considerable damage to household goods, and he stated to The Advertiser that he would bring suit if Mr. Boughner was successful.

"The only solution is a storm sewer," declared Consulting Engineer Graydon. "I have advocated it for years, and I am still convinced that it is an absolute necessity. The city would save money every year, and we would be obliged to have better streets, particularly in the east end of the city."

Ald. Saunders and Ald. Pocock, of the board of works, are convinced that such a sewer would be a decided help to the city of London, and it is thought likely that they will make a move to have another bylaw submitted to the people.

MISS FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE HAS VERY SIMPLE FUNERAL

Famous Nurse of Crimean War Laid Beside Her Parents in the
Village Churchyard—Memorial Service Held in St. Paul's
Cathedral—King and Queen in Attendance.

London, Aug. 20.—Florence Nightingale, the famous nurse of the Crimean war, who died Aug. 13 at her London home, was buried this afternoon beside the bodies of her father and mother in the churchyard of the little Hampshire village of East Witley.

In accordance with her often-expressed wishes for a simple private funeral, the ceremony was of the quietest nature, the only reminder of her services to the army and the nation being the presence of a squad of the Grenadier Guards, who acted as bearers. Outside of these, only members of the immediate family and a few retainers were present at the funeral.

Public tribute to the "Angel of the Crimea" was paid at a memorial service at noon at St. Paul's Cathedral here, at which King George, Queen Mary, the Queen-Mother, Alexandra, the war, the admiralty, and the great part of the British public bodies and colonies were represented.

The cathedral was crowded with the official representatives and thousands of private persons, who had come to do honor to the dead nurse, were unable to find places inside the church, and stood outside during the ceremony.

A fine programme of sports has been provided, and are proving a most attractive feature.

The Seventh Regiment Band, under the leadership of Bandmaster Slater, gave a fine concert at the park.

It is expected that there will be 5,000 people at the park by 3 o'clock.

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AUTOIST AND CYCLIST HURT IN HORTON ST. COLLISION

Mr. Anson Wallace, of 217 Richmond Street, in Serious Condition
in Victoria Hospital—Mr. C. Rose, the Well-Known
Automobile Man, Also Injured.

Mr. Anson, a carpenter living at 217 Richmond street, was seriously injured, and Mr. M. C. Rose, the well-known McLaughlin-Buick automobile agent of Richmond street, was painfully injured as the result of an accident on Horton street between Clarence and Wellington streets, shortly after one o'clock today.

Mr. Wallace was taken to Victoria Hospital, and Mr. Rose was removed to his residence. The machine was not badly smashed.

According to eye-witnesses Mr. Rose was coming west on Horton street, driving his car. Mr. Wallace was on his bicycle, going the same direction. Mr. Rose blew his horn, but the road was somewhat bad at this point, and Mr. Wallace was unable to get out of the way. To make matters worse a street car just turned the corner.

Struck the Bicyclist.
Seeing that a collision was inevitable Mr. Rose switched his machine and ran towards the fence. He did not succeed in avoiding Mr. Wallace, but struck him, and knocked him down.

Mr. Rose later went to feel the effects of the accident, and it was discovered that he too was quite painfully injured. He was taken to his residence. At 3 o'clock he was resting quietly, and the physician in charge has ordered absolute quiet. No bones were broken, but there are numerous bruises on his body.

"Mr. Rose tried to avoid striking the man," said Mrs. Rose. "He ran into a tree and he was thrown out and painfully bruised. The doctor has ordered him to be kept quiet and I think he (Continued on Page Eleven)

LONDON ELECTRIC CO. AND CITY ARE PLAYING LION AND LAMB

The London Electric Company and the water commissioners are getting together on the pole proposition, and there will be no need of a suit or any other process of law to arrive at an agreement.

Yesterday afternoon Manager Dark, of the city department, and Manager C. B. Hunt, of the London Electric Company, had a conference, and the

difficulty is being rapidly arranged. They went over most of the controversial ground, and an amicable arrangement will be arrived at.

"There is no doubt we can arrange the matter," said Acting Chairman Pocock. "We must make a satisfactory arrangement that will be fair to the city as well as decent to the company."

GRAND TRUNK RY. PAY CAR LEAVES \$100,000 IN LONDON

Today is pay day at the Grand Trunk station, and the pay car, with the increase which went into effect on July 15, the strike-breakers receive also a bonus. Hundreds of the regular employees worked overtime during the strike. The pay roll would have been much larger than it was had not so many engines been tied up temporarily.

ENGLISH PICNIC AT THE PARK DRAWS A VERY LARGE CROWD

The English picnic is being held at Springbank Park this afternoon. Large crowds are in attendance. The London street railway has been busy all morning taking the Englishmen and their families to the park, and they are still going down.

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