# GREAT CONFLAGRATION IN JOHNSTOWN, PA.; BIG PART OF BUSINESS SECTION GONE

Midnight Fire Wipes Out Five Big Mercantile Houses and Does Damage Close to a Million Dollars---Fireman and Operator Perish.

Johnstown, Pa., March 28. - For three hours immediately after midnight, this morning, Johnstown's business section was threatened with de struction by fire, which was only placed under control after it had burned itself practically out, caused a loss estimated at \$800,000, and the Seath of one fireman, Wm. Campbell, who was caught under a falling wall. Campbell's body was taken from bepeath a pile of brick and mortar later by the firemen

Early today it was reported that G. H, Santamore a telegraph operator for the Publishers' Press Association, Office of the Johnstown Journal, which was burned out, and after the fire he could not be found. It was feared he had perished in the flames.

The fire broke out in the five-story brick building at the corner of Main and Bedford streets, occupied by the paints, oils and hardware. The flames quickly spread through the building, sent in. Every available fireman and every piece of fire-fighting apparatus was soon on the scene, but despite the

hames, and considerable apprehension of this city, will proceed to distribute was felt over a quantity of powder the assets of the Birkbeck Loan Comthat was reported had been stored in pany, which went into liquidation the Swank building. There was no ex- about a year ago. of Main and Clinton streets, then on had not been agreed upon.

ing, the firemen had the situation in paid. hand, and it was announced that all Litigation against certain directors Col. Culver's Statement

The larger losses are estimated as fellows: Swank Hardware Company. building, five-story brick and stone structure, \$250,000; Fisher & Co., wholesale liquors, three-story brick and stone block, \$150,000; Wild building, The Will Filed Disposes of Property three-story office structure, \$140,600; L. A. Geis, building, four-story brick structure, \$30,000; L. A. Geis, residence 126,000; Henderson Furniture Comrublishing company in Wild building,

#### LOOKS LIKE A STRIKE

Winnipeg Street Car Company Refuses to Recognize Union.

asked Mayor Sharpe to intercede for them with the company, but so far his worship has been unable to do much. A joint meeting was arranged for, but for some reason it failed to materialze. The company has discharged four men actively engaged in the matter They are Robbins, president of the Parker and Walles, committeemen.

A meeting will be held by the men. and it is confidently expected that a of her husband, was concluded last strike will be declared. The company night shortly before midnight, the is confident that it can run its cars jury bringing in a verdict for \$9,000 for without the help of the union, as 100 the widow. men are coming up from the east, and another 100 have been notified in Winshould a strike be declared.

### DOMINION RIFLE ASSN

Angusi Meeting at the Capital Colonel Gibson Re-Elected.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Ont., March 28 .- At the anand meeting of the Dominion Rifle Asreciation held this forenoon in the railway committee room of the House of Commons, Col. Gibson Hamilton presided. Among those present were e-elected. Col. Gibson declined to ac- bed with grip.

#### Homeless By Floods.

Waterloo, Iowa, March 28 .- The water in the Cedar River rose over 11 feet last night and early today broke the levee and flooded the business district of Waterloo. Hundreds of familles were rendered homeless. Rock Island tracks were washed out for half a mile and all railroads are tied up.

Cedar Falls reports a similar disaster and 200 families there were rendered homeless. Bridges and dams were also swept away. At 7 o'clock the flood came to a standstill and danger for the present is believed to be over.

## BIRKBECK MAY PAY 50 CENTS LONDON CONSULATE

Swank Hardware Company, dealers in That Is, on Book Value of Stock, Ten Offices Throughout Ontario as a good citizen unless he became ef-Not on Total Amount Paid In.

through the House at Toronto, the Adjoining buildings were soon in London and Western Trusts Company,

Llosion, however, although the Swank The shareholders of the Birkbeck where no less than twelve offices are building was entirely gutted. The have been clamoring for their money abolished, namely, Amherstburg, flames swept on to the three-story for months, but the trust company, as Brockville, brick building occupied by Fisher & liquidators, have been unable to make Co., wholesale liquors, at the corner a move, as the basis of distribution Guelph, London, eterboro, St. Thomas,

te the Wild building, partly consumed The manager of the trust company Province of Ontario, and Grenville and Gerson Furniture Company and then Birkbeck shareholders will receive 60 leaped to the Gels building, a four-kiory furniture warehouse, and also the residence of L. A. Gels, where it pay 50 cents on the dollar. This divitime it was thought aid would have to from all payments, to be applied to States of Michigan, Wisconsin, Minne- gree, issued by Magistrate Joseph its first reading. be summoned from Altoona. This was expense account, and it is on the ballngs and died down in the Geis build- are met, that the dividend is to be sible

Jager of a further spread of the is still pending, and until this is end- United States Consul Culver, when stanted. ed, the exact amount of the dividend will not be known.

#### BENJ. HIGGINS' ESTATE

Valued at About \$100,000.

pany, five-story brick structure, loss gins, of Dundas street, has been filed Bernard-Nees hardware company, is said to be from \$75,000 to \$100,000, passed upon it. stock \$40,000; Johnstown Daily News consisting largely of realty. With the

successful business man, and ac- amounted to over \$500,000, and this did quired a large amount of property, includes shipments under \$100 in value, of which no record is kept. street, and the property adjoining on ed, the exports of the London customs | Court of Revision Will Elect Mr. A. the northwest corner of Dundas and district will be found to exceed the Clarence streets. In both of these he exports of either Hamilton or Ot-Winnipeg, Man., March 28.—Matters was part owner with his brother.

are looking worse in the street car Some of Mr. Higgins' investments "As were exceptionally profitable. Many the goods brought into the London disyears ago when land was at a low trict in a year from all countries afternoon at 4 o'clock. have anything whatever to do with figure, he purchased several acres in amounts to over \$5,000,000. This places

### GETS \$9,000 DAMAGES

mainder for \$1,000 an acre

Husband Was Killed by Bursting of a Flue on Engine.

St. Thomas, Ont., March 28. - The Walton street, has been partially swept this city, who sued the Michigan Central for \$11,900 damages for the death

The husband, Robert H. Schwoob, who was a Michigan Central Railway is impassable. North of Port Hope numnipeg to hold themselves in readiness fireman, was fatally scalded by escap- bers of bridges have been swept away. ing steam from an arch flue, which burst on one of the big Atlantic type engines at Attercliffe on Nov. 17, 1903. The efforts of counsel for the plaintiff were directed to show that the big arch flue which burst was improperly sufficient inspections were made to see that the flues were not leaking. A large number of witnesses were exno evidence had been offered to show tarlo elections. negligence or want of inspection. There had been instruction for the examina-

#### tion of these flues. Phillips Case Laid Over.

Toronto, March 27.-The preliminary vate bills committee, subject to some Farl Grey, Sir Frederick Borden, R. L. examination of Joseph Philips in the changes as to the power to acquire and mailton and the formwest Provinces, and the formwest Pr The first business was the election Thursday, owing to the illness of the John Penman (Paris), Robert Kilgour, officers. All the old officers were crown attorney, who is confined to his John Ogilvy Anderson, John James Gart-

# ROOT ABOLISHES

To Be Done Away With-No Business the Reason.

Washington, March 28. - Secretary ican consuls legislated out of the service by the recently enacted consular Stratford and Wallaceburg, in the ness is the assigned reason for the

seen by The Advertiser, said that he has as yet received no official information on the subject.

"The bill to rearrange the consulates originated in the Senate," he said, "and was then passed on to the House of London Township Farmer Will Look Congress. The Senate did not propose to abolish the consulates mentioned. but the House made the proposal in the form of an amendment to the Sen-

ment of goods to the United States board of works Thursday night. The late Mr. Higgins was a very from the London district last year

"As to imports, the total value of tion of it for \$500 an acre, and the re- even with Quebec, whose total imports amount to about \$5.000,000 annually."

### Floods at Port Hope.

Port Hope, March 27 .- Port Hope is tonight suffering from one of the worst floods in its history. The Ganaraska is in flood and a great amount of damage has

One of the town's main bridges, or Ontario street, one of the leading streets is a raging torrent, and piles of ice are heaped up along the streets. Cellars are flooded in all directions, and

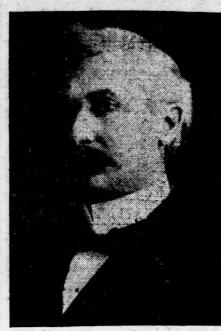
much damage has been done to goods in the business buildings. Many houses are flooded. Cavan street

#### Made Postmaster.

Orillia. March 27 .- George Thompthat he has been appointed postmaster put in in the first place, and that in- Le Orillia. Mr. Thompson is at present manager of the Standard Lumber Company. He was the Liberal candiamined, the defense contending that date in North Ontario in the last On-

#### Y. M. C. A. Incorporation.

Toronto, March 27 .- A bill to incorporate the executive committee of the Provincial . tario and Quebec was passed by the prishore and Charles Moore Copeland are



United States consul here, likely to be transferred through Washington authorities' abolishment of the local

#### LEARN TO SHOOT

Earl Grey Says Good Shooting Means Good Cit'zenship.

Ottawa, March 28. - Earl Grey, who Dominion Rifle Association today, said that no Briton could qualify himself ficient with the rifle, so that his services would be at the disposal of the crown when required. He spoke of cadets at Rockcliffe. Sir Frederick bills committee of the Legislature goes of State Root has determined to pro- talked about militarism in Canada ginning to do our duty, and more was reorganization bill. The blunt falls expected of us, not less. As a salfheaviest upon the consuls in Canada, respecting people we should be ready for any eventuality. Canada spent one million on rifle ranges in the last

the new five-story building of the Hen- said today that the statement that the Stanbridge, in Quebec. Lack of busi- Financier is Charged With Grand to prohibit liquor being kept or sold Larceny in First Degree.

New York, March 28 .- George W.

#### **CULVERT CAUSES TROUBLE**

to City for Damages.

Mr. F. Price, who lives on Adelaide Government had gone behind at least The will of the late Benjamin Hig- ate's bill. Consequently, before the street, at the 3rd concession of Lon- \$6,000,000. Hon. Mr. Harcourt had been measure becomes law it will have to don Township has served notice on treasurer from 1895 to 1900, when Hon. be concurred in by the Senate, and the city that the construction of a Mr. Ross had taken that post. In 1895. on building \$25,000; on stock \$60,000. for probate. The value of the estate I have not heard that the Senate has culvert by the city and the township, Mr. Harcourt claimed a credit balance has resulted in his property being of \$5,269,000; in 1896, of \$5,070,000, and "As to the statement that there is flooded, and that he intends to look to in 1897, of \$4,782,000. In 1898 with an exception of a few minor bequests, the no busines here," the consul continthe city for a portion of his damages. election coming, the balance claimed Mr. and Mrs. Moses Ballantyne, of Langmuir is one of the commissioners

### TO ORGANIZE FRIDAY

McMahen Chairman.

#### ments will be considered at the meet-THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow--Fair and Milder. London, Wednesday, March 28.

Sun rises. 6:08 a.m. Moon rises. 8:12 p.m ocal union; Wager, secretary, and case of Mrs. Lillie Lena Schwoob, of away, and other bridges are in danger. Sun rises...6:38 p.m. Moon rises...8:12 p.m. Moon sets...10:18 a.m. Toronto, March 27-8 p.m. The weather today has been fine and quite mild from Manitoba to the Pacific coast, and from Ontarlo to the Maritime Provinces it has been mild, with snow and rain. The depression centered last nigh over the great lakes is now passing the

moderate gales.

Minimum and maximum temperatures:
Dawson, 24-42; Victoria, 44-56; Vancouver, 44-56; Calgary, 24-62; Qu'Appelle, 28-40; Winnipeg, 30-40; Port Arthur, 24-36; Toronto, 34-49; Ottawa, 36-46; Monireal, 36-44; St. Lohn 36-46. 36-42; Quebec, 28-44; St. John, 84-44

FORECASTS. Wednesday, March 28-8 a.m.

Thursday-Fair and a little milder. TEMPERATURES 8. a.m. Calgary ... WEATHER NOTES.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the

# ON GAMBLING AT

MR. ROSS REBUKES MR. WHITNEY

Latter Advised to Stick to Parliamentary Rules in Debate-More Budget Speeches.

[Special to The Advertiser.] and continued at the evening holding off for better prices." and both sides of the House had a fair innings.

Mr. Hodgins, seconded by Mr. Neeley introduced a bill respecting the North Midland Railway which will run from which may influence the price of laern Traction Company.

Dr. Pyne introduced an amendment London to the list of prescribed places for holding examinations. Cambling at Fairs.

Hon. Mr. Montieth, in introducing an act respecting agricultural societies, the necessity of training school chil- explained that the act was one of dren to shoot and offering prizes for three into which the old agricultural and arts act had been divided, the Borden said that those people who other two dealing with horticultural societies and provincial agricultural vide as far as possible for the Amer- were making themselves ridiculous. associations. The objects of agricul-Canada only spent a small sum on tural societies remain the same under militia per head. We were only be- the new act, with the added power to use funds for combatting weeds and insects that become a pest in the section. Hereafter, grants would be divided in proportion to the total sums expended in the previous year for agricultural purposes. A society proven GEO. W. PERKINS ARRESTED forfeit its grant for one year. Strong regulations have been made to suppress gambing and immoral shows, and on fair grounds. A sum not to excel \$5,000 is to be divided between the exhibitions at Toronto, London and Ot-

flames had swept over the five build- and also after the costs of liquidation for as many of these officers as posa writ of habeas corpus directing the ferred to Hon. Mr. Harcourt's criticism Proton in the evening, and left for production of Mr. Perkins before Jus- of the Temiskaming Loan and said that home at an early hour. No particulars tice Greenbaum. The writ was it was a better advertisement for On- are obtainable as to the origin of the enterprises and for larger interest M. He was a bachelor and lived

than three and a half per cent. Taking the budget figures of the past ten years, Mr. McGarry said that they alone showed that the Liberal \$88,000. In 1900 Mr. Ross appointed the of court. financial commission, and in 1900, the Continued on Page Two.

### JAPAN'S DIET CLOSED

Tariff Bill and Bill for Nationalization of Railroads Passed.

Tokio, March 28.-The Diet expired the men's committee, and has also east London. He held this until quite London next to Hamilton, which has McMahen will be elected chairman. tives, to which the tariff bill and the The other members of the court are bill for the nationalization of the Sheriff Cameron and Mr. James Egan. railroads were referred by the House after the rule of closure had been applied to the Progressives, who thereupon left the House in a body. The bill for the nationalization of the railroads was amended so that the time for the purchase of the lines was extended ten years, and the number of reduced. The tariff bill, which imposes protective duties, was passed,

#### the higher prices. BAD BOYS' BOLD BREAK

Sixteen Youthful Prisoners Making Daring Dash for Liberty.

Rochester, N. Y., March 28. - Sixteen youthful prisoners escaped from State Industrial School in this city early today. It was the most daring break for liberty made in years at this institution, and the most unsuccessful in the end, for by 11 o'clock ten of the sixteen fugitives had been captured. The leader of the gang. Frank Campbell, 19 years old, of Buffalo, was the first one caught. The escape was effected at 5:45 o'clock. Guard Riley had just sounded the reveille, and was inspecting the dressing of the prisoners in the guard house. Young Campbell crept up behind Riley and felled him to the floor with a blow locked him in. A window was knocked for a while. out of the west wall and the prisoners escaped through the aperture. All but tept the presidency but was finally left to be a secaped through the presidency but was finally left to be a secaped through the presidency but was finally left to be a secaped through the presidency but was finally left to be a secaped through the presidency but was finally left to be a secaped through the presidenc

# Building Outlook for Year; THE FALL FAIRS Much Expected To Be Done

More Rigid Regulations in No Extensive Contracts in Sight Yet---Price of Material About the Same as a Year Ago.

> "We are fairly busy," said a local architect to The Advertiser today, "though we have no very large jobs. pear to be about the same as a year

"How about wages of the men?" "So far I have heard of none who are dissatisfied, and I think that you city, the architect stated that he was painters and laborers will be working Hamilton is at present negotiating for for the same wages as in 1905."

If the city comes to an agreement with of Montreal would like to get downs the Grand Trunk Railway, there will town, and would very much like to be perhaps a tremendous demand in purchase the Edge block, but this London for cement workers, bricklay-ers, carpenters and masons. However, "I don't see why some of the bank there is no guarantee that any of the managers do not get after the city hall company's contracts will go to Lon- property," the architect concluded. doners, and it may be that outside "It's the best site in town, and I becontractors will bring large gangs of lieve an offer of \$50,000 would set the their own men to this city. In such city fathers thinking. An ideal office

would not be so very great." ple in this district, which run in price all sides, if the building were put up. all the way from \$3,000 to \$12,000."

to have permitted horse-racing will Mr. Allan Parks, of Tyrone, Twelve Laborers Engage in Perishes When Residence ls Consumed.

than to have it taken up at home. in Flesherton, especially in municipal While the people of Ontario had money circles, and was also a member of to invest, they were looking for big Prince Arthur Lodge, A., F. and A.

### SUIT SETTLED

"No small houses going up?" 'Plenty of them, but as a rule small houses are erected without the assist-Prospects for building this year ap- ance of an architect. We don't get many of them."

Speaking further of the price of ma-"What about prices of materials this terials, the same architect said that lumber will never be any cheaper in "Practically the same as the prices Ontario, The large builders are realizof last spring," the architect replied. ing this and are putting in metal lath, "Lumber has slightly advanced, but which, though somewhat dearer, in not sufficiently to warrant anyone fireproof, and the extra expenditure for which is well warranted by the present

prices of wood lath. Speaking of prospective jobs in this will find that bricklayers, carpenters, credibly informed that the Bank of the Richmond House property on the "Are there any big jobs in sight, corner of Richmond and King streets. The Traders' Bank is also looking for a site, the Sovereign Bank has "None that I am aware of.Of course, outgrown its premises, and the Bank

event the demand upon local labor building could be put up there, with an entrance on Richmond street, and "What are you busy with just now?" another on the market, and there "Residences for Londoners and peo- would be plenty of light for rooms on say, six or seven stories.'

Flesherton, Ont., March 28.-In a fire Minneapolis, Minn., March 28.-The tawa to encourage agricultural fea- which occurred early this morning at bodies of six Italian laborers were dend will not be on the total amount the Canadian line was much smaller Perkins, formerly vice-presiden of the tures, provided the act was strictly Tyrone, a hamlet about four miles found in a house at 218 Tenth Avenue The firemen were seriously handi- paid in by shareholders, but on the than the American force of consuls in New York Life Insurance Company, complied with regarding gambling, side from this place, the residence of Allan South this morning. It is reported tapped by inadequate equipment and book value of the stock. The Birk-Canada, the fact being that there was arrested today on a warrant shows and liquors. The bill, which Parks was completely consumed, and twelve men engaged in a fight. Police canada, the fact being that there was arrested today on a warrant twelve men engaged in a light today on a warrant twelve men engaged in a light today on a single British consulate in the charging grand larcency in the first described the unfortunate owner was burned to found the bodies of four men literally death. The body was found amidst stabbed to pieces, lying in pools of not necessary, however, for when the ance remaining after this reduction clded that he will try to find places court, his counsel applied to Justice on resuming his address on the defound in the cellar. tario to have the loan floated abroad fire. Mr. Parks was very well known Mr. J. M. Langmuir a Trustee of the

dent to Moses Ballantyne.

The matter will come before the was \$5,258,000, and in 1899 it was \$4,- Ontario street, has been settled out making the inquiry.

The suit was for unstated damages for the death of Moses Ballantyne, jun., who was struck in the abdomen factory, and received injuries which resulted in his death. The company paid the plaintiffs \$200 tion is not serious and he is expected

# SIX ITALIANS CUT TO PIECES

Bloody Battle—Half the Number Killed.

found in the cellar.

### INSURANCE COMMISSION

Mutual Reserve Life.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, March 28.-The insurance commission met again today. It was shown that Mr. Fitzgerald, the superintendent of insurance had made a report to the Minister of Finance Casket Company Pays \$200 for Acci. against the valuation of real estate because it would take too much time te do this. It also came out at the meeing that J. W. Langmuir was one The action for damages brought of the trustees for the Mutual Reserve

Premier Has a Cold. Ottawa, March 27.-Sir Wilfrid Laurwhile at work in the casket company's ler did not appear in the House of Commons today, being confined to his residence with a cold. His indisposi-

### FISHERMEN SAY SEIZURE WAS ILLEGAL; LOOK FOR DAMAGES

Some local improvement measure of Peers. Both were finally passed, Did Not Violate Laws, and Will and they were indignant that any of Look for Some Person to Make Good Loss.

> railways that can be purchased was night opened up several boxes of fish which arrived on the G. T. R. 10:80 hibits being caught under fifteen train from Windsor, and he found in inches in length. practically without modification. The three cases pickerel under 15 inches They claimed that their business had foreign residents will suffer most from prescribed by the law.

> > consignment, which came from Jean- are going to look to somebody for ette's Creek and Bothwell. The fish were not seized, but were were all of the blue variety. allowed to go on to New York, and Both gentlemen made peremetory deto the provincial department of fish- ed to see the selzed fish, but Mr. Wel-

all the cases, as evidence sufficient to from the department at Toronto.

Of thirteen cases, two were consigned samples of the seized pickerel to Toto Charles Lyons, of 26 Peck Slip; ronto, sending the largest only, so that three to Winant & Co., of 133 Beckman the officials may be able to judge propstreet; seven to Hugh Stocker & Co., erly of his action. of 114 and 115 South street, and one to It was his intention to distribute E. M. Dixon & Co., of 38 Peck Slip; all the confiscated fish amongst the var-

New York City. Two gentlemen, interested in the the fish shippers raised their objection, fish, came from Chatham last night, it was decided to keep the goods in and had an interview with Mr. Wel- cold storage until Toronto has been don this morning, as a result of heard from. which the inspector decided not to Messrs. Reaume and Sayer stayed

their goods should be stopped.

They declared that the pickerel were not illegal fish, and they quoted the fish and game laws to show that there are two kinds of pickerel-the blue. Fisherles Inspector Weldon last which may be caught and shipped at any time and at any length, and the vellow pickerel, which the law pro-

been illegally tampered with, and they There were thirteen cases in the informed the local officials that they damages, as the fish shipped by them

evidence in the case will be submitted mands upon the inspector to be allowgon refused, until such time as they It was not deemed necessary to open were able to produce an authority convict was secured in the three cases The inspector feels sure of his ground, and this morning he shipped

ious charitable institutions, but when

spector. Messrs. John Reaume and A. Sayer, Mr. Reaume is understood to be a