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[Special to The Advertiser.] OWEN SOUND, July 23.—William Fraser, the young man who disappeared so mysteriously from here last Thursday night and who was believed to have been drowned from his canoe, was located at Chatsworth, about nine miles south of here, this afternoon. Fraser had evidently been wandering around the country for the last five days, suffering from complete loss of memory.

This afternoon he went to the farm of Joseph Dugan, near Chatsworth, and asked if he might use the telephone. He telephoned to the local telephone office here, where he is employed as wire chief, and asked that some one be sent out to bring him into Owen Sound. Dr. Gaviller and some others at once went out and brought the unfortunate man into the hospital here.

As far as can be learned Fraser dived from his canoe, and in doing so struck his head on a log or some other substance. Fraser, in some manner, managed to reach shore, but his mind was a blank, and he lost his identity completely.

Where he went afterwards, and where he has been during the last five days, neither he nor anyone else knows. His memory evidently did not return to him until today, and he can give no account of his wanderings. To him it seems as if it were only last evening that he went out in the canoe, and can't realize it was last Thursday night. As to what happened during the intervening five days Fraser has no idea. His clothes bear evidence of rough usage and hardship.

The case is the most peculiar that has occurred here for some time, and has aroused interest. Fraser, now in the hospital, appears to be in a dazed condition and refuses to talk very much.

STRIKE IS FEARED AT M. C. R. SHOPS

Labor Representative Has Returned to Ottawa.

FAILED IN HIS MISSION

Board of Conciliation May Be Asked to Take Up Question.

[Special to The Advertiser.] ST. THOMAS, July 23.—The trouble between the Michigan Central Railway Company and its shopmen at this point has taken on a serious aspect.

C. N. Compton, who was sent here by the Labor Department, has returned to Ottawa without succeeding in bringing the company and its men together. The officials of the road gave him considerable encouragement. The men claim the company is breaking its agreement with them, and substituted old employees with newcomers.

It looks as if a big strike can only be averted by a board of conciliation, and even this may fail.

CATCHING GREASED PIG

Old-Time Favorite Contest Will Be Feature of I. B. S. Picnic.

Catching the greased pig will be perhaps the most unique and interesting of all the unique and interesting events included in the program of sports arranged for the Irish Benevolent Society at Post Stanley next Thursday.

The pig is now in training. The advertiser was informed. The sports committee, presided over by Dr. Sheehan, met on Monday night, and completed arrangements for what the members claim will be the best program of sports ever provided at a lakeside picnic.

ONLY \$1,200 RECEIVED

Subscriptions to the Old Boys' fund still come in very slowly. Edwin Smith, the secretary, says up to the present only about \$1,200 has been received, and that at least another \$4,000 is absolutely necessary if the reunion is to be a success.

Mr. Smith would like all those who have overlooked sending in their subscriptions to send them along to him at room 7, Royal Bank Building.

The Old Boys' executive is making arrangements for a supply of official caps and these, it is expected, will be on sale next Saturday night. Royal purple, the Old Boys' color, will predominate in the color scheme of the cap.

Mr. Smith has received a number of inquiries from men who want to know whether they are eligible to join the home guard. They are just as eligible as men and will be welcomed as members of the association.

Wonderful Growth of Corn In Fertile Soil of Lambton

[Special to The Advertiser.] WYOMING, July 23.—Plympton Township's corn competitors who entered in the "Lambton field contest" are holding their own and putting up a determined effort to show fields that are a credit to the growers.

The field attracting greatest attention here is that on the farm of Mr. J. B. White, second line. This field was planted on May 22, and severely frost bitten in June. The seed used, Wisconsin, No. 7, is a variety little known here, although extensively grown in Essex and Kent counties. Its maturing will be something of a test.

Although handicapped at the outset by the frost, and of late variety, it stands today eight feet in height, having grown from date of planting at the rate of 1 1/4 inches per day.

Under favorable condition the belief is that this field will be undoubtedly one of the winners in the prize contest.

MIDDLESEX FRUIT GROWERS WILL NOT SHOW AT TORONTO

Handsome Exhibit To Be Placed in London Fair—Crop Promises Well and Big Orders Are Expected.

[Special to The Advertiser.] LONDON, July 23.—At a meeting of the executive of the County Fruit Growers' Association, held in the office of the department of agriculture, the matter of placing an exhibit at the London fair was fully discussed. A county grant of \$400 was available for this purpose.

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TROOP TRAINS ARE READY FOR FRENCH ARMY

Citizens Have Had Their Instructions Regarding Mobilization.

AWAITING RUSSIA'S WORD

Bulletin Boards Will Declare When Services Are Needed.

CABINET MEMBERS SILENT

Under Secretary on His Way to Meet President and Premier.

[Canadian Press.] PARIS, July 23.—The French Government and people appear to be quietly preparing for war. The Government is simply awaiting the decision of Russia.

Troop trains are ready and representatives of the army are on duty in the telegraph, telephone and post-offices. The average citizen has read in the newspapers his general instructions concerning mobilization; he has long had his orders instructing him precisely when and where to go for service. Large posters on the bulletin boards in the post-offices, city halls and other public buildings, will apprise him of exactly the hour when his instructions become effective.

Cabinet Meets. The cabinet met late this afternoon and received the reports of the ministers. If any decisions were taken they have been kept closely guarded. Abel Ferry, under-secretary for foreign affairs, who took part in the cabinet council, is on his way to Dunkirk tonight to meet President Poincaré and Premier Viviani, who will arrive there at dawn.

On the announcement of war tonight, Paris became animated. There were patriotic demonstrations in all parts of the city, and in other cities throughout the republic, but there were also counter-demonstrations against the war.

Italy's Navy IS PREPARING

ROME, July 23.—It is reported that the first and second naval squadrons are forming to concentrate at Gaeta, 40 miles northwest of Naples.

LONDON MAY SEND 50 AUSTRAINS TO WAR

Hundred or More in City All Eager to Go.

London will, in all probability, be well represented in the Austrian ranks in the Austro-Serbian war. It was variously estimated by local Austrians in conversation with The Advertiser last night, that there were from 60 to 100 or more of their countrymen in this city, most of whom had served as soldiers in their native land and were members of the reserve forces of the country, which had been notified to be ready to return to their homeland to participate in active service during the war which was yesterday declared.

Arrangements Business to Go. None of the local Austrians was more eager to go to war than Giovanni Cirnat, of 226 Clarence street. There was only one little affair of business that Mr. Cirnat wished to first arrange. He wanted to exchange his real estate in Sarnia, and he wishes to sell it before he leaves Canada, as he does not intend to return here after the war.

London May Send Fifty. One of the London Austrians who stated that if the proportions assumed by the present conflict demanded it, London could and would send a contingent of from 50 to 60 men. The Government would send the return fare to Austria, plus \$15 pocket-money, to all the reservists called upon to return. If they refuse to go, when they are called, they are liable to be severely punished.

Shipments of gold for the calendar year are now in excess of \$100,000,000. This, it is believed, is a new high mark for that period.

There have been three distinct movements of gold from this port to Europe. The first began early in the year, reaching moderate proportions. The second started in May, and totaled slightly less than \$50,000,000. The present movement, which had its inception last week, promises to outstrip the preceding one.

Rates of exchange for demand and cables have gone up with such violence in the last two days as to make gold exports to any part of the world a source of profit to the shippers. One serious obstacle presents itself, however, possibility of such gold being seized as contraband by ships of the enemy. The nations whose attitude may plunge Europe into the greatest conflict of modern times. Only such vessels of neutral registry as fly between this and foreign ports would be free from acts of seizure. Such, at least, is the attitude of the marine insurance companies, which have placed war risks on all but American bottoms.

Not the Same Man.—George McGee, wire clerk at the Brunswick Hotel, wishes to state that he is not the gentleman of the same name who was fined \$3 in police court yesterday for being drunk and disorderly.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 12 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 90; lowest, 60.

DIES IN ROCHESTER, N. Y.

Death of Mrs. Peiffer, Mother of Mrs. J. D. Walters, Stanley Street.

The death occurred in Rochester, N. Y., on Monday, of Mrs. Joseph Peiffer, mother of Mr. J. D. Walters, 34 Stanley street, this city, after an illness of several months duration. She was in her 63rd year, and was born in Pennsylvania. The late Mrs. Peiffer was well known to many Londoners, having been a frequent visitor at her daughter's home in South London. Mr. Peiffer has also made many friends here. Surviving, besides her husband, are four daughters and two sons. Interment will be made Thursday at Mount Hope Cemetery, Rochester.

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A general outline for the week's program has been arranged.

Registration opens Saturday morning. The heaviest registration days will be Saturday, Sunday and Monday. A staff of clerks will be kept busy all day in the old city hall arcade and in the secretary's office upstairs.

Go-to-Church Sunday. The celebrations will start with "Go-to-Church Sunday." Old Boys who have arrived will attend the churches in the morning and evening. Former ministers, former choir members and former ushers will take part in the services. The Salvation Army will give a band concert at 3 o'clock in the afternoon in Victoria Park. Special services and music, with addresses by former officers, will be given.

At 7 o'clock in the evening, band concerts in both Victoria and Queen's Park will be given by the First Hussars and the Seventh Regimental bands.

Reception on Monday. On Monday, the reception by the committees of the London association will be given in the morning. Thousands will arrive from all over the country, including the Foresters' Band from Toronto.

A parade, composed of Old Boys' associations, drill corps and many other organizations and clubs, will march from the Market Square at 1 o'clock in the afternoon to Queen's Park. Addresses of welcome will be given by Samuel Stevely, the president of the association; Lieut.-Col. H. R. Abbott, Mayor C. M. R. Graham, and Robert Faint, of Chicago, president of the International London Old Boys' Association, will be made.

Sports of all kinds, with new features, will be held on the square in the afternoon. A grand masquerade parade will be held around the Queen's Park grounds in the evening. The midway opens in the afternoon.

On Tuesday the London branch of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association will exhibit what Middlesex can produce in fruit and vegetables on the market square in the morning. From 7:30 until 9:30 p.m. the retail stores of the city afterwards.

The International Old Boys' Association will meet in the city hall in the morning.

Ladies' Afternoon. Tuesday afternoon is Ladies' Afternoon at Springfield. Ball games between visitors and the home guard, both men and women, will be featured.

A grand auto parade in the evening will start at Victoria Park and tour the downtown district and end at Queen's Park. All the cars will be decorated.

London Topographical Union will give a reception, banquet and old-time dance in the new Masonic Hall in the evening.

Farm Produce Exhibit. On Wednesday, an exhibition will be given on the market square in the morning of grains and farm produce. Aquatic sports, a band concert commencing at 2:30 o'clock, and a parade of floats, decorated with streamers and silk pennants, will be held in the afternoon at the pump house, Springfield.

Another masquerade parade at Queen's Park will be held in the evening.

I. B. S. Picnic. Thursday is the big day of the Irish Benevolent Society at Post Stanley. Friday is Mercantile Day. Manufacturers of the city will open their factories to the inspection of the public. The inspection will continue in the afternoon. Visitors will play cricket at the sports ground in the afternoon against the London team.

Friday night is prize night, when prizes for the masquerades and parades will be awarded. Saturday is Good-Bye Day. Everything will be in action around the city and many of the visitors will leave for home.

GAR SHOPS MAN IMPROVING

Benjamin Dutton, Hurt by Fall, Not Struck by Fellow Employee.

Benjamin Dutton, who was injured at the Grand Trunk car shops yesterday morning, is recovering at Victoria Hospital, his injuries not being as serious as were at first supposed.

It was first reported that Mr. Dutton had been killed in the stomach by a fellow-workman, but such appears to have not been the case. While running to escape from an assailant Mr. Dutton attempted to dodge under a freight car, but miscalculated his distance, and fell, striking the cross-beam of the car. Mr. Dutton will return to his work in a few days.