

M'MULLEN TRIAL TO OPEN TODAY

Londoners To Face Charge of Robbing Wyoming Bank.

William Ayrs Brought From Kingston Penitentiary To Testify.

Special to London Advertiser.

SARNIA, Sept. 24.—The stage is all set for the opening of the Wyoming bank robbery trials at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon with Judge Lennox presiding, and a number of witnesses for the crown and the defense have arrived in the city tonight. The excitement which marked the trials at the June sessions of the peace is again uppermost and it is certain that only a percentage of those who wish to gain admittance to the courtroom tomorrow afternoon will be able to do so. It was learned tonight that J. M. McEvoy, K.C., will again defend McMillen and that Meredith & Newton will defend Yohn and Anderson. When court is opened Edward McMillen will be placed on trial for robbery with violence and that disposed of he will be tried on the second charge of breaking jail. The defense will fight to the bitter end in both trials, it is stated tonight. It was impossible to confirm tonight a rumor of a disagreement between McMillen and his counsel, George Anderson, will be the second man placed on trial, Yohn's case being reserved to the last.

William Ayrs, who at the last session was found guilty and sentenced to a twelve-year term at Kingston, will be a defense witness in the trial of Yohn, and he arrived at the local jail tonight under escort. Mrs. Oliver Koehler, the crown informant, is in the city and tonight at least, is not under police guard. She was in the case when she was in the city for the June trials.

"I'm not worrying any," she told The Advertiser correspondent, who spoke to her on the telephone. H. B. Gadsden, the detective of the American Trust Company with which the bank funds were insured, arrived Saturday night. He states that the prosecution has not been idle since the last trials, and that a most important witness who could not be located when wanted in June has come forward voluntarily and will be a prominent identification witness. He is a farmer residing near Wyoming.

Crown Attorney Willson, questioned tonight, stated emphatically that Ayrs was not a crown witness. It is known that Ayrs considers Yohn's defense so intertwined with his own that if the latter is found not guilty, there will be a new trial of his own case.

The general opinion is that the trials will not be so protracted as was the case in June last, and that they will be all disposed of within the week.

FIREMEN QUENCH CHIMNEY BLAZE

Near midnight Sunday the fire department responded to an alarm from 843 Stedwell street, where a chimney fire was in progress at the residence of N. T. Devine. There was no damage.

SAVES LIFE BY LEAPING WHEN CAR HITS TRUCK

ST. CATHARINES, Sept. 24.—William Zwierschke of Ridgeway saved his life by leaping, when his truck, loaded with fruit and vegetables, was struck yesterday by a Niagara-St. Catharines and Toronto Railway car near Fonthill. The truck was completely smashed and the fender of the car torn off.

Reports Only Three Cases of Infantile Paralysis in Brantford.

Special to London Advertiser. BRANTFORD, Sept. 24.—Dr. Hutton, M.O.H., announced that there are now only three cases of infantile paralysis in quarantine in the city. The medical officer pointed out that the health department did not anticipate any more cases this year on account of the lateness of the season. He stated that there might be one or two additional cases reported, but they were not expected.

METHODISTS HAD BUSINESS SESSION

St. Thomas District Annual Financial Meeting Presents Encouraging Report.

Special to London Advertiser.

SPARTA, Sept. 24.—The financial meeting of the St. Thomas district of the Methodist Church was held yesterday in the Central Church, St. Thomas. Rev. Robert Hicks, B.D., the chairman, presided.

All the ministers in charge of circuits in the district were present except Frederick G. Robinson of Oneida, who, owing to an accident, was unable to be present.

A good representation of laymen were present also. The chairman, Rev. L. Bartlett and Mr. Holby were appointed a committee to meet the board of circuits, which were unable to meet the minimum salary of their minister. Rev. Prince E. James, B.A., B.D., of Sheldahl, was appointed statistical secretary. Mr. Murch, chairman of Alma College, and Dr. Warner addressed the meeting, presenting the claims of the college extension work. Of the \$100,000 required, St. Thomas city had contributed \$20,000. \$2,125 is asked from the district outside the city. Prof. Johnson of Victoria College, presented the claims of the educational work of our church, dealing especially with the needs of his own college.

In the afternoon a missionary rally was held and was addressed by Dr. Crawford, a returned missionary from China, who gave a lucid account of the great needs of China and how the Methodist Church with others is trying to meet those needs. At the close Rev. N. Gould of Port Stanley, the missionary of the district, gave a map talk on the income of the district for last year and urged the need of 25 per cent increase as necessary to maintain our present efficiency.

Resolutions were adopted pledging the district to do its utmost to further the interests of Alma College, the general educational and missionary work. A resolution was also adopted urging upon the missionary board to make certain improvements on the parsonages at Muncey and Oneida.

MOVE TO SETTLE RAILWAY DISPUTE

MONTREAL, Sept. 24.—A move toward direct negotiations between the railway shippers and Canadian railways may be looked for next week according to information received today at the offices of division No. 4, railway employees' department, American Federation of Labor.

Chola women of South America are stated never to remove a petticoat, clean ones being added as required, some of them are credited with as many as 40 of these garments.

THE OLD HOME TOWN.

BY STANLEY.



MARSHAL OTEY WALKER WHO IS ENGAGED TO THE NEW DRESS MAKER GOT THE SHOCK OF HIS LIFE TODAY WHILE TAKING THE SUSPICIOUS STRANGER AND SUPPOSED NOTORIOUS BANDIT TO JAIL.

MAKES RECORD FOR GALT FAIR

Attendance Nears 9,000 On Second Day of South Waterloo Show.

Livestock Entries Declared To Be Best in Exhibition's History.

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GALT, Sept. 24.—Favored with the best weather in years, the 70th annual exhibition of the South Waterloo Agricultural Society proved a record-breaker in every respect. Saturday was the big day of the fair, and between 8,000 and 9,000 people were on the grounds at Dickson Park, farmers, with their families, coming for miles for their annual holiday, while the city folk turned out in large numbers.

John Wells, the oldest living member of the society, was on the grounds. He has been a continuous member of the association since its organization, and in the 70 years that the fair has been held, has missed but two shows, a remarkable record.

The second day's program this year provided one of the best entertainments ever offered. The exhibition of horses was the finest ever seen at a fair here, all classes being well filled. Owing to the few accidents, horse racing was eliminated this year, but that did not detract from the show, great interest being evidenced in what went on in the show ring. The classes for cattle, sheep and pigs also had large entries.

Special features were a rural school drill competition, won by Shantz Station, and a baby show. The Kiltie Band was in attendance. An unscheduled number of the program was a visit from an airplane, which circled over the grounds. Pickpockets were busy on the fair grounds, two men being relieved of their money.

Food prices in South Africa are only 19 per cent above those of July, 1914; and in the United States the increase is 38 per cent; in Australia 40, and in Canada 42 per cent.

DISTRICTS DECIDE TO LAUNCH REVIVAL

Methodists of Exeter, Goderich and Wingham Sections Plan Spiritual Conference.

Special to London Advertiser.

BLUEVALE, Sept. 24.—The Wingham district met in their regular financial district meeting Friday in the Bluevale Methodist Church. Rev. C. F. Clarke of Brussels, chairman of the district, presided.

Besides the routine business, Dr. Trueman of Toronto gave an address in the forenoon and was well received. The Wingham district decided unanimously to unite with the Goderich and Exeter districts in a spiritual conference.

Committees representing these three districts will meet in Blyth on Monday to draft a program and work out details of arrangement. After the splendid supper provided by the ladies of the Bluevale Church, the meeting again convened to listen to Principal Dobson of Alma College, in his presentation of the aims and achievements of that institution, and also their plans and purposes with reference to enlargement and much-needed improvements. He was well repaid for his splendid appeal by being assured of most cordial reception on all the circuits of the district.

Rev. W. E. Millson gave a rousing address on evangelism, and interspersed it by way of illustration with many incidents from his wide and varied experiences in his work for the department of evangelism and social service.

A. J. Irwin followed with a deeply spiritual and highly inspirational address on our missionary privileges and responsibilities. He was listened to with rapt attention, which itself evidenced an intensified interest in this department of the church work.

The plans of the campaign take the shape of a general exchange of pastors throughout the district, followed by an appeal for financial support. The whole district in all its evidences earnestness, enthusiasm and hope.

Children's clothes, as well as lace curtains, can be fireproofed by soaking for five minutes in a solution of a pound of ammonia phosphate in a gallon of cold water.

GRAND ARMY ASKS AID FOR SCHEME

Requests Federal Government To Assist Association's Rehabilitation Plans.

Special to London Advertiser.

NIAGARA FALLS, Sept. 24.—The Grand Army of United Veterans, at the closing session of their convention yesterday elected the following officers: President, C. R. McNichol, Hamilton; first vice-president, J. H. Higgins, Toronto; second vice-president, G. E. W. Sarnia; third vice-president, J. Valentine, Toronto; secretary, H. McLeod, re-elected; treasurer, A. B. Peters, Toronto.

The question of the cash bonus was again discussed, and the stand of the G. A. U. V. on the question was reaffirmed that a cash compensation is necessary to enable the ex-servicemen to re-establish themselves. The convention requested the federal government to establish the G. A. U. V. rehabilitation scheme by installing special handicap sections in the government employment service throughout the dominion.

The following resolution was carried: "Resolved that this convention call upon the federal government again to fulfill the pledges they made to ex-servicemen before the election."

BAYFIELD PIONEER, JOHN FERGUSON, PASSES AWAY

Special to London Advertiser. BAYFIELD, Sept. 24.—John Ferguson, one of the pioneers of Bayfield, died at his residence here today at the age of 83 years. Mr. Ferguson came to Bayfield over 60 years ago, and for the past half century has been prominently identified with the fishing industry here. For some years he sailed the Great Lakes and is well known in marine circles.

The Leaning Buddha, a twelfth century pagoda, near Nanking, China, is 100 feet high, of 13 stories and inclines 12 feet from the perpendicular.

DRIVER HURT AS CAR HITS TANK

William Smale Has Leg Broken in Crash With Threshing Outfit.

Reported Out of Danger At Amasa Wood Hospital, St. Thomas.

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ST. THOMAS, Sept. 24.—Severely bruised and his leg broken when a car in which he was riding ran into the tank of a threshing engine on the Gravel road, William Smale of the Sparta road was rushed to the Amasa Wood Hospital Saturday night and is now reported out of danger.

About 8 o'clock in the evening, F. Vanvelzer, also of the Sparta road, accompanied by Mr. Smale and Mr. Wilson of Union, was driving north on the Gravel road and when about one mile south of the city their car ran into the tank of a threshing outfit owned by R. Lindsay of the River road, who had gone into the home of J. Sanderson for a drink of water. The threshing engine was proceeding in the same direction.

The force of the collision threw Mr. Smale about 30 feet. His leg was broken and he was severely cut about the head and arms. The other occupants escaped serious injury, but were badly shaken up. The front axle of the car was bent double and a wheel was torn off.

DAMAGE ACTION EVOKES INTEREST

Officials of St. Thomas Court Subpoenaed As Witnesses in London Case.

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ST. THOMAS, Sept. 24.—Local interest has been aroused in the action for \$5,000 for false imprisonment, brought in London by William McRae against Leslie D. Thompson, formerly of London, owing to the fact that among the witnesses subpoenaed to attend are County Police Magistrate Hunt and County Constable Harry Phillips of this city.

The case is an echo of the pocket-picking that occurred at Port Stanley on Dominion Day, last year. Mr. Thompson was one of the victims and Mr. McRae was arrested, on suspicion, with James Conway and H. Clarke, two Americans, who were later convicted on theft charges and sentenced to terms in Kingston. Mr. McRae was brought to this city about 10 o'clock in the evening and remanded to the county jail for a hearing by Magistrate Hunt. A few hours later, friends interceded in his behalf and he was released on bail. At the hearing, which took place before the square a few days later, it was proven that Mr. McRae was merely an innocent bystander and the charge was dismissed. The action against Mr. Thompson was instituted last spring, but the hearing was adjourned until this fall. Squire Hunt has been requested to produce all the evidence taken at the preliminary hearing and also the information in the case. It is stated that the suspicions of those responsible for Mr. McRae's arrest were aroused by utterances he is alleged to have made in regard to Mr. Thompson's loss. He told Mr. Thompson, it is alleged, that "it was lucky he hadn't lost his wife."

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FORMER POLICE OFFICER MAY GET HANGMAN'S JOB

Declines To Discuss Reported Appointment At Present "Stage of Game."

BRANTFORD, Sept. 24.—Ex-Police Constable Samuel D. Douglas Barr

Faithful Dog Leads Neighbor To Body of Dead Master.

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WOODSTOCK, Sept. 24.—Sutton Frizell, an old and well-known resident of the city, was found dead in his garden about noon on Saturday. Edward Bradford called at the Frizell home and was attracted to the garden by the actions of the family dog. He followed the faithful dog to the garden, where the body of its master was found, where he had fallen after being seized with a heart attack. The late Mr. Frizell lived in the city nearly all his life. He is survived by his widow and a large family of sons.

has been appointed to act as hangman at the Dent execution, according to unofficial reports.

When interviewed on the matter, Mr. Barr said, "I have not been notified whether I have been appointed or not. I would not care to discuss the matter at this stage of the game in any event."

He did not think, however, that he had been or would be appointed to act as hangman, he said.

Ex-Constable Barr was a member of the local police force for a number of years and resigned from the force just prior to the memorable police probe here some months ago. Two months from today Harry Dent will pay the penalty for the murder of Peter Ekopian last April, unless the recommendation of Chief Justice Meredith for mercy is considered by the department of justice. It is reported that the judge sent a recommendation to the minister of justice that Dent's sentence be commuted to life imprisonment.

500 METHODISTS ATTEND RALLY

Rev. E. Sheppard of Thorold Addresses Large Ingersoll Congregation.

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INGERSOLL, Sept. 24.—The attendance at the Methodist Sunday school this afternoon exceeded the 500 mark, the occasion being the annual rally day. One of the features of special interest was an address by a former pastor, Rev. E. Sheppard of Thorold. The program was of more than usual interest. The oldest person present was Henry Gregg, Canterbury street, aged 85 years, while the youngest person was Billy Sage, aged seven weeks, both of whom received bouquets.

In connection with the standing crop competition conducted by the agricultural society of North Dorchester, the following prize winners have been announced by James Pullin of West Oxford, who did the judging: Andrew Irvin, S. Demaray, Joseph Johnston, Charles Connor, R. G. Boxall, E. Rouse, Frank Atkins. The corn crop throughout the entire district was exceptionally heavy.

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SOVIET CHIEF ENJOYS WORK

Russia's President At Labors Back On His Farm.



MOSCOW, Sept. 22.—Kalinin, president of Soviet Russia, likes to get back to his farm duties when cares of state permit. Photo shows him sharpening his scythe in readiness for work in the fields.

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