

Sir John French and Sir John Ewart seem to be holding out for Secretary of War's Departure—Villa Now Hailed as Hero—Penitentiary Terms for Men Who Helped Krafchenko Escape—Many Cases Entered for Assize Court—School Principals Would "Reduce" Entrance Exams.

WANT LESS SEVERE SPELLING EXAMS.

London School Principals Say Entrance Tests Are Too Stiff for Pupils.

WOULD ABOLISH ENTRANCE

Principals Favor Promotion by Year's Record Rather Than Nerve-Trying Exams.

The Ontario Teachers' Association will memorialize the department of education to make the high school entrance spelling examinations less severe. At a meeting of the principals of London schools, this morning, the entrance examination question was freely discussed, and the opinion was expressed that the spelling requirements demanded of entrance pupils in recent years were so high as to be almost absurd. Words from a translation of Julius Caesar, for instance, were given to the entrance pupils recently, and quite naturally, many of the scholars did not rise to the test.

The entrance regulations place much stress on spelling, and two marks are deducted in every subject on each misspelled word. This condition, the London principals opined, was altogether too stringent.

Would Abolish Entrance.

The principals reiterated their belief that the entrance examinations should be made on the work of the pupils during the year, instead of crowding them into a strange high school with a strange teacher for a week, and then expecting them to turn out their best efforts. But the department has given its decision that the examinations are to be conducted in the same old way; that the self-possessed pupils may get by and the nervous, though probably clever children, plucked.

Health placards, issued by Dr. H. W. Hill, director of the Institute of Public Health, showing how best the spread of contagious diseases may be prevented, were distributed to the principals, and ordered put up in the various schools.

The principals favored a suggestion to co-operate with the Teachers' Association, Women's Guild and Froebel Society in bringing to the city next year a well-known lecturer to give a series of 50 addresses, on subjects of general education and public interest.

Exam. Subjects Assigned.

Assignment of subjects for the silent promotion examinations was made, and after the papers are completed, they will be revised by the inspector and printed.

The conference of principals was called by Inspector C. B. Edwards and was of the get-together variety. A great number of ideas were exchanged, and the result of the meeting was highly satisfactory.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT NOT COMING HERE

Governor-General Not Expected to Visit Forest City on Way.

There is little likelihood of the Duke of Connaught coming to London this summer. The Governor-General has notified Mayor M. B. Johnson, of St. Thomas, that he will visit the Railway City on May 13, and it is planned to have him lay the corner-stone of the new Y. M. C. A. building that is being erected in London's southern suburb.

The new city hall project in London will not be far enough advanced by that time to warrant the duke being brought to London, but it is hoped to secure his highness' presence later. St. Thomas tried to induce the duke to visit that city a couple of years ago on the occasion of his continental tour, but London was given the preference in the arrangement of his excellency's itinerary.

STREET CAR DELAYS

Yesterday's Records of "Hold-ups" at Level Crossings.

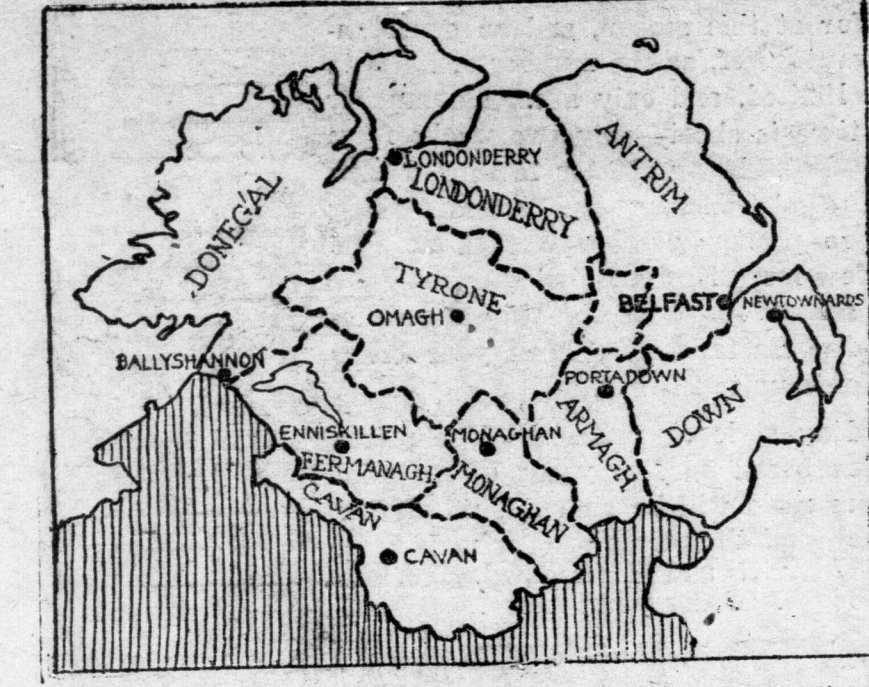
Crossing.	Time.	Lost.
G.T.R.—Rectory	2:25-2:52 p.m.	4 min.
G.T.R.—Richmond	2:55-3:05 p.m.	4 min.
G.T.R.—Richmond	3:50-3:55 p.m.	5 min.
G.T.R.—Richmond	4:45-4:52 p.m.	3 min.
G.T.R.—Rectory	5:25-5:35 p.m.	10 min.
G.T.R.—Richmond	8:20-8:24 p.m.	4 min.
G.T.R.—Rectory	10:04-10:11 p.m.	7 min.
G.T.R.—Richmond	10:25-10:27 p.m.	11 min.
G.T.R.—Richmond	7:40-7:44 p.m.	4 min.
G.T.R.—Richmond	10:30-10:37 p.m.	7 min.
G.T.R.—Richmond	10:36-10:37 p.m.	3 min.
G.T.R.—Richmond	10:57-10:58 p.m.	11 min.

LORD MURRAY WILL PAY BACK ALL PARTY LOSSES

Liberals, While He Was Whip, Lost \$19,000 Through Stock Broker—Using Influence in Marconi Deal Charge Withdrawn.

[Canadian Press.]
Montreal, March 28.—A London cable to the Daily Mail says: Before the select committee of the House of Lords, which is inquiring into Lord Murray's transactions in Marconi, Lord Murray stated last night that in consequence of the failure and the absconding of the stock broker, Fenner, and his own transactions, the party funds lost \$19,000 whilst he was

ULSTER MAP, FACTS AND FIGURES



The Above Map of Ulster Province Shows the Divisions of the Counties.

Ulster has 33 representatives in the British Parliament. The population and voters represented by these members are as follows, the figures on voters being taken from this year's register:

Sixteen Unionists represent (population) 908,876, (electors) 148,614.

Seventeen home rulers represent (population) 672,320, (electors) 113,616.

Unionist majority in Ulster (population) 236,556, (electors) 113,616.

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If the vote were taken by counties, the counties which would give an overwhelming vote in favor of remaining under the Imperial Government are:

Antrim, Londonderry, Armagh, Down.

The two counties where the fight would be keenest, because the religions are more evenly divided, are:

Fermanagh.

The counties which are strongly Nationalist are:

Donegal, Cavan, Monaghan.

The Unionists contend that if Ireland, with an electorate of 898,008, is entitled to send 102 members to Westminster, Ulster, with 262,230 of the total, or considerably more than a third, is under-represented with 23 members. They also say that Ulster's place in the commerce of Ireland entitles it to a larger voice in the affairs of the island than the population statistics indicate. They point to the following figures, which compare Ulster with Leinster, Connaught, and Munster, grouped together as the rest of Ireland:

Postoffice and Trustee Savings Banks. Depositors (1907)—Ulster, 211,784; rest of Ireland, 268,429.

Deposits (1907)—Ulster, £5,841,337; rest of Ireland £7,247,820.

Customs revenue (1911)—Ulster, £2,373,359; rest of Ireland, £314,594.

Imports and exports (1911)—Ulster, £3,987,599; rest of Ireland, £6,652,743.

Rateable value (1911)—Ulster, £5,653,487; rest of Ireland, £10,145,045.

ENTER MANY CASES FOR ASSIZE COURT

Calendar Swelled by Suits Already Set Down for Trial.

SUING THE GRAND TRUNK

City Firemen, Injured in Collision With Train, Claims \$3,000 Damages.

Percy Summers, one of the firemen who was injured when a Grand Trunk express truck the motor firetruck at the William street crossing on the night of August 5, has entered suit against the Grand Trunk Railway for \$3,000 damages and costs. The case was set for trial at the spring assizes this morning.

Summers claims that the accident arose out of the negligence of the company, in that the train was travelling at an excessive rate of speed, and that no whistle or bell was sounded. He states that he received permanent injuries in the smash which laid him up for many months after the accident, and which have compelled him to give up his position and take much less remunerative employment.

The company does not state what its defence will be, but merely claims that it is not guilty of any negligence in respect of the accident.

Gibbons, Harper & Gibbons are acting for the plaintiff and W. H. Biggar for the defendants. The case has been set down on the non-jury list.

A number of other actions have been set down on the jury list. F. G. Rumball, carrying on business at Goderich as the Kensington Furniture Company, is suing the Phoenix Assurance Company, Limited, for \$2,500, the amount of a fire insurance policy which the plaintiffs claim was never paid. The policy, which the company denies having issued, is said to bear date July 22, 1913, and to cover the property of the furniture factory in Goderich. On the 21st of August the premises were destroyed by fire, and the loss far exceeded the amount of the policy. The insurance company refused to pay, and make the claim that no such policy as that referred to by the plaintiffs was ever issued, and that if it was it was void.

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FATHER THAMES ON HIS BEST BEHAVIOR WITHIN THEIR RIGHTS

River Is 10 Feet Lower Than Average March 27 High-Water Mark.

NO W. LONDON EXCITEMENT

Residents Are Deprived of Yearly Heart Palpitations Caused by River's Actions.

Old Father Thames this spring is for some strange reason depriving West London of its annual excitement. About March 27 or 28 is the usual date at which the high-water mark of the year is observed at the Forks, but just now the water is ten feet lower than its average height at this time of the year. Little or no ice has been observed floating down the north branch. The river is only a little higher than its usual early summer level.

Perhaps the spirit of the river decided that in view of the proposed breakwater in the river, it would do well to revel in the terror of the inhabitants of the low-lying sections of West London, and decided to quit and be good right away. Perhaps Father Thames thought that good behavior on his part this year might mislead the West Londoners into getting along without the breakwater.

However it may have happened, West Londoners say that the river has never been so low for many years.

BUILDING RECORD FOR MARCH \$121,970

93 Permits Have Already Been Issued During the Current Month.

PROSPECTS ARE BRIGHT

Summer-Like Weather Starts Building Operation Activity in Earnest.

Ninety-three building permits have been issued since the 1st of March, totaling \$121,970. The figure for the entire month, in 1913, was \$82,889. The Sherlock-Manning Company will erect another \$1,200 factory addition, and the Helena Costume Company will build an addition at the rear of its king street premises to cost \$2,000. A permit has been issued to James Wallace for the erection of a brick residence on St. James' street, to cost \$2,800.

With the advent of summer-like weather, building operations are going ahead in leaps and bounds and prospects are getting brighter day by day. For the greatest year of building in the history of the city. In April last year, permits to the value of \$2,000,000 were issued, totaling more than \$500,000, which included \$300,000 for the McCormick factory, now under construction. It is not expected that any one permit will be as large as the one then issued to the McCormick factory, but the natural increase in general construction work will be very large.

SUSPENDED SENTENCE FOR THEFT CHARGE

Alleged Abductor Pleads Guilty to Two-Year-Old Charge.

Wilfred Treganow, who is at present awaiting trial on a charge of abduction, appeared before Judge Macbeth this morning on a charge of theft, and was allowed to go on suspended sentence, as restitution had been made of the stolen articles. At the time the theft was committed, Treganow was working for William Shells, a farmer, of Dorchester, and when he left a gold watch and small sum of money disappeared also. A warrant was sworn out for his arrest, but was never executed. When he fell into the hands of the city police recently on a charge of abduction, the county police remembered the old warrant, and it was speedily put into effect.

HUERTA AGENT BUYS GUNS AND AMMUNITION

[Canadian Press.]
Liverpool, March 28.—John Wesley De Kay, of New York, former president of the Mexican National Banking Company, sailed for New York on board the Manhattan today. He declared that he had purchased on behalf of Provisional President Huerta 240 crescent guns and 100,000 rounds of ammunition, which were to be dispatched to Mexico within a week, from France.

NO POOLING ALLOWED

[Canadian Press.]
Washington, D. C. March 28.—After striking out the amendment legalizing pooling the Senate today re-passed the bill to regulate trading in cotton futures.

MAIN INTEREST CENTERS AROUND FRENCH AND EWART

Their Resignations Not Withdrawn—Seem to Desire Seely's Elimination—Nine Hundred Officers Said To Be Ready to Send in Papers.

Much Depending. [Canadian Press.]
New York, March 28.—A cable to the Tribune from London says: The cabinet crisis continues, and the immediate outcome depends on the decisions of Sir John French and Sir John Ewart with regard to their resignations. If these officers refuse to withdraw from their posts, the cabinet will probably resign, but the plan of proceeding with the home rule and Welsh Church bills, and appeal to the country about June or early in July.

May Not Resign. The importance of the issue, depending on the decisions of Sir John French and Sir John Ewart, is explained by the remarkable efforts made within the last forty-eight hours to induce them to withdraw their resignations. It was understood last night that both officers had been persuaded to abandon their intention to retire, and it was also understood that Sir John French, dictating his own terms to the cabinet, had declared he would persist in his intention of proceeding with the home rule and Welsh Church bills, and appeal to the country about June or early in July.

A Disappointment. All day long the House of Commons was on tenter hooks, and provided the almost unprecedented spectacle of a crowded chamber at noon, for on Friday the attendance was reduced to the scantiest. Not a cabinet minister, however, was in sight, and when the Scottish whip, John W. Gulland, rose to announce another postponement till five o'clock of the

debate on the repeal of the Panama Canal tolls, the House adjourned for the day. The House was expected to resume its session on Saturday, but the debate on the repeal of the Panama Canal tolls was postponed till five o'clock of the

THE REPEAL BILL UNDER DISCUSSION IS CERTAIN TO PASS

According to Belief of Administration Supporters—An Oratorical Contest—Both Sides Full Strength.

[Canadian Press.]
Washington, March 28.—Debate on the repeal of the Panama Canal tolls continued today in the House and Senate. The House was proceeding on the Sims bill under twenty hours' debate, and provided in the hard-fought battle of yesterday. The Senate was debating the subject generally.

In the House Representative Knowland, controlling the time for the repeal of the Panama Canal tolls, was renewed in the House today, when administration supporters, flushed by their victory in the opening contest yesterday, were jubilantly predicting that they would win when a vote is held on the repeal bill itself in that body early next week.

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REBELS UNDER HERERRA HAVE TAKEN PART OF CITY—VILLA TO AID

VILLA LOOKED ON AS HERO

No Liquor Allowed To Be Sold in Juarez—Carranza Welcomed and Is Popular.

Juarez, Mexico, March 28.—With the expectation that Torreón would crumble under the rebel attack today, officers in Juarez awaited news from the battlefield. The last reports yesterday were that General Monclovia Hererra had cut his way from the eastern side of Torreón through the hastily made quarter to the bull through the north side; that General Villa had set out with more troops from Gomez Palacio to join him and take command, and that the Federalists were making a stand in the defenses on the west side.

An unconfirmed rumor at midnight had it that the rebels had taken the hill known as Cerro de la Cruz, an important point of defense, and that the Federalists were making a stand in the defenses on the west side.

A Desperate Battle. No military official in Juarez today doubts that the battle which Gen. Villa has waged against Gomez Palacio, now his, and Torreón, has been the most desperate of the war.

PENITENTIARY FOR WESTLAKE AND HAGEL

Former Gets 2 Years, Latter 3 for Aiding Krafchenko to Escape.

[Canadian Press.]
Winnipeg, March 28.—Three years and two years in the penitentiary were the respective sentences given by Justice Curran this morning to Percy Hagel and John Westlake, found guilty by a jury of assisting in the escape from custody of John Krafchenko now standing trial at Morden on a murder charge.

eagerly-awaited statement, murmurs of disappointment were heard on all sides. On the Opposition benches the resentment displayed deepened when the Speaker made it plain that the rules rendered impossible any adjournment either of the debate or of the House. Mr. Bonar Law protested that the situation was a public scandal, but there was nothing for it but to wait till five o'clock, so for five hours a thin House talked about feeding school children, while the fortunes not only of Field Marshal French but of the whole Government were known to be at stake outside.

Peers Interested. From 4:30 p.m. onward the House began to fill rapidly in anticipation of Premier Asquith's statement. The peers' gallery was thronged. Lord Lansdowne, whom nobody had ever seen watching the proceedings of the House of Commons before, occupied a prominent position in the gallery, and looked down with curious interest on the animated scene below, so different from the dull, lifeless proceedings in the Lords. Other peers present included the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, the Duke of Devonshire, Lord Courtney, Lord Denbigh, Lord Middleton, Lord Macdonnell, Lord Lytton and Lord Lamington.

An Exciting Scene. A touching and exciting scene occurred just before the House adjourned for the week-end. When Andrew Bonar Law, leader of the Opposition, had concluded his criticism of Premier Asquith's new army order, Major Morrison-Bell rose and insisted on making a statement on behalf of the officers and men of the army. A determined attempt was made to shout him down, and a scene of wild excitement ensued. Encouraged by his Unionist friends, and with a view of silencing the voice, he eventually compelled the House to listen to him. Speaking in stentorian tones, and with great feeling, he said: "The statement we have just listened to is the grossest insult to the army that has ever been offered to it."

He indignantly protested as an old soldier that the new order was unnecessary. Army officers and men, he said, have always been ready to do their duty.

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BAILIFF, SERVING SUMMONS, HELD BY FORCE FOR 16 HOURS

Jos. F. Pack's Exciting Experience Results in Arrest of Two South Londoners.

Rescued by the Police

Kept in Small, Unlighted Room, After Being Invited to Step In for a Moment.

Locked in a small, unlighted room, with little or no fresh air, and no food, for sixteen hours, Bailiff Joseph F. Pack, 121 Catharine street, was released by Detectives Robert Egleton and Harry Down at noon today. Two men, John Thompson and Arthur K. Brown, 145 Bruce street, are locked up at police headquarters charged with resisting an officer in the performance of his duty. A more serious charge may be laid against them later.

It happened thusly, according to the bailiff's story on instructions from J. H. Goudge, a South London merchant, he went to 145 Bruce street to serve the men with a summons to appear for non-payment of rent. In response to his knock the door was opened, and he was invited, he says, to step inside. He did, and a moment later found himself being forced into a small, dark inner room. Despite his pleadings and demands, he says, the two men would not release him.

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CHEAP EGGS FAIL TO PROVE AN ATTRACTION

Few Buyers on Market This Morning, Despite the Low Prices—Syrup High.

London marketers seem to have become thoroughly accustomed to buying eggs for 21 cents a dozen, and are not the least bit excited about this reduction in the high cost of living. Few shoppers were on the market this morning, and those who were there did nothing, for the most part, but stroll about, and then away. The market was decidedly inactive for Saturday. Wholesale buyers said it was a "dead one."

Farmers complaint of bad roads, which have gone on their annual break-up, and as a result, there was very little grain and no hay or straw on the square, and Maple syrup sold at high prices. Only a few gallons were offered for sale, and the "tasters" were in continual use. The supply this year will be very small, as the weather has been of the wrong kind to produce a good flow of sap.



THE WEATHER.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES	High.	Low.	Weather.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London for the 24 hours preceding 8 a.m. yesterday:	Highest, 54 above;	lowest, 43 above.	
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:	Highest, 41 above; lowest, 33 above.		

TOMORROW—COLD WINDS.

Toronto, March 28.—8 a.m. Today—Strong northeast winds; fair. Sunday—Cold easterly winds.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	48	42	Cloudy
Calgary	20	10	Cloudy
Winnipeg	24	22	Snow
Port Arthur	30	18	Cloudy
Parry Sound	44	28	Clear
Quebec	42	36	Clear
Ottawa	42	28	Cloudy
Montreal	44	26	Cloudy
Quebec	42	24	Cloudy
Father Point	38	20	Cloudy

A pronounced high area now covers Canada from Manitoba eastward, and the pressure is comparatively low over the Middle and Southwestern States. The temperature continues quite low in the Eastern Provinces, and a snowfall has occurred in Southern Ontario. Rain has fallen in Southern Ontario.