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MAYOR STEVELY JOINS IN PROTEST

Against the Increase in Fares on the Pere Marquette.

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The protest of the residents of Westminster Township against the increase in the rates on the Pere Marquette, is being backed up by Mayor Stevely.

Yesterday afternoon a deputation from Westminster, including Rev. Dr. McCrae, Mr. J. Laidlaw and Mr. J. G. Elliott, waited on Mr. J. G. Elliott, formally protesting against the increase.

Mayor Stevely immediately wrote to Superintendent Pyeatt of Detroit, calling his attention to the increase in the fares, and asking that the former tariff be resumed. The matter will also be brought up before the board of trade at the next meeting if it is not settled in the interim.

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Twenty-Five Persons Killed in a Railway Accident in Ecuador.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, Feb. 24.—A passenger train on the main line bound north, was today thrown over a cliff 100 feet high at a point near Rio Banabana, and crashed to the bottom of the ravine. All the cars were practically demolished. Twenty-five persons were killed, and forty were wounded. A relief train was at once dispatched to the scene. The accident was caused by a displaced rail.

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[Special to The Advertiser.] Simcoe, Feb. 24.—A wholly unexpected move was made this morning on the part of Mr. Kelly, counsel for ex-Police Chief Malone, when he stated to his lordship that no defence would be offered.

He claimed he had the right to address the jury after the crown counsel, but his lordship ruled otherwise, and Mr. Kelly at once began his address to the jury. He declared that Malone had not been tried nor convicted on the charge of theft, therefore theft had not been proved against him. Also that as there was no motive for the shooting, Wilkins did not do the shooting. Wilkins, when he thought he was about to die, had solemnly declared he knew of no reason why Malone should have shot him. Hence, Mr. Kelly contended, Malone was not implicated. The motive was lacking. It was only after Wilkins came on the police force that the depositions commenced.

In presenting his case Mr. Kelly laid great emphasis on the feeling of prejudice which had been created against the prisoner claiming certain sections of the press had adjudged his client guilty before the evidence was heard. He sarcastically referred to ex-Constable Wilkins as a man convicted of receiving stolen property, turned into an angel and barked up by the town. Wilkins, he declared, had spent hours while in bed at the sanatorium planning how he could connect Malone with the crime of arson and robbery. Mr. Kelly then urged on the jury the matter of convicting a man on an accomplice's evidence.

For yesterday's evidence see page eleven.

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People of Front Street Were Worried for a Time by the Flood.

The water in the Thames rose to alarming proportions during the night, and for a time great fears were entertained that serious damage would result.

The first jump was of two feet. Then the ice jammed at Wonderland, and caused a rise of four feet, which made a total of six feet in 24 hours. This morning the jam gave way, and the water immediately began to fall.

Front Street Worried. The south branch caused the residents in that section some uneasiness this morning, especially those who occupied houses on Front street. These had their backyards filled with water, and for a time things were not at all enticing.

However, as soon as the ice was liberated, all signs of a flood disappeared.

In the north branch the water was very high for a time, but there never was any chance of it getting inside the breakwater, which is now solid, and a perfect safeguard for growing and popular West London.

MANY CELLARS ARE FLOODED

Poolroom in East End Is Partially Submerged.

PEOPLE REGISTERING STRONG OBJECTIONS

Engineer Graydon Has Large Gang of Men at Work Opening the Sewers.

This is not one of City Engineer Graydon's good days.

As a matter of fact, it is about one of the worst he has had in a long time. It is owing to the fact that there is too much water. The rains of the past day or two, with melting snow, have filled the roads and streets full.

Sewers have backed up owing to the volume of water. Cellars are flooded. Some houses in the east end, particularly stand out in miniature lakes, and everywhere there is trouble.

One man wrote that his house was surrounded by two feet of water, and he could scarcely get out of it. His cellar was full, and there was no relief in sight. He asked for a boat.

Carling's Creek. The residents along Carling's Creek are complaining of flooded cellars. Dufferin avenue east is a veritable river, and the houses in many instances are completely surrounded with water.

The same is true only more so in the south and east sections. Water, water everywhere, and not a moment of peace, says the city engineer.

A Real Poolroom Now. There is a poolroom in the east end where the water is up to the tops of the billiard tables. It's a real poolroom now.

Mr. Graydon has been simply besieged with telephone calls. Since early morning he has been busy. His whole staff of men are out opening up sewers and doing everything possible to relieve the situation.

Muck Worry. "Worry" asked Mr. Graydon. "The telephone started at a quarter of 4 o'clock this morning, and has been going ever since, both at home and in the office. All the while the burden of complaint is the same. Water? Yes, rivers of it. Make London a veritable sea, and let us get on with it. Let us organize a fishing club on every street."

Building Philosophy. "Some people build down in a hole, and when the spring freshets come, we are in constant trouble with them. They would build rather than on high ground. One man built two feet below the sewer, and it backed up on him, and he's got all the water he wants for some time. I have handled a million complaints, and made promises at fearful length. We hope to have the most of the water drained off today. I have all ready to pump out. It is at a time like this that a storm sewer would be of great value."

A Sad Message. Mr. Homer Stott, father of the boy who was killed, is a Grand Trunk engineer, and was on his engine at Mimico yesterday, when the telegram advising him of the sad accident was handed to him. Mr. Stott returned to his home, and on his way to the work of the Grand Trunk, within twenty minutes after it had occurred, and made all speed home.

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No Inquest. The revolver has always been locked, and in a place where the little one could not get it. Mr. Stott knew that his father had the revolver, and yesterday when he found the drawer open he at once took the weapon out, and while pointed directly at his chest, it went off.

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PEOPLE TO BLAME FOR PNEUMONIA

Throw Off Heavy Garments When a Nice Day Comes Around.

Local physicians report that pneumonia is more prevalent now than for some years, there being many such patients in London at present.

One doctor claims that the increase is due to the sudden changes in temperature, that Londoners have experienced so frequently this winter.

People to Blame. Another doctor said: "In nine cases out of ten, the affection was due to the patient's own carelessness. A warm day comes along and they throw off their heavy clothes, regardless of the month or the risks they are subjecting themselves to, and inevitably sickness follows." People should remember that pneumonia is but a forerunner of the deadly white plague, and therefore exercise caution.

Ankle Injured. Miss E. Keys, of the firm of J. H. Chapman & Co., met with a painful accident yesterday. While on her way to work she slipped on the icy sidewalk on Dundas street and fell, twisting her ankle badly.

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MAILED SUFFRAGETTES TO MR. ASQUITH

London, Feb. 24.—Two "human letters" were dispatched to Premier Asquith yesterday afternoon by the inventive militant suffragettes. Mrs. Drummond and Miss Cristobel Pankhurst were the senders of this novel mail. Entering the Strand post office the two women inquired if it were a possible thing to send two "human letters" by express. On being answered in the affirmative, they brought in two of their colleagues, Mrs. McLellan and Miss Solomon, and addressed them to the premier's residence prepaid. The two women were at once dispatched in the care of a telegraph messenger. The servants at the premier's residence, however, refused to accept delivery of this suffragette mail, and the police appeared and quickly cleared the women out of Downing street.

COLLECTING FUNDS IN CANADA TO ARM BENGALISE AGAINST BRITISH

Evidence in Court Indicates That Preparations Are Under Way for Indian Revolt.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 23.—Sensational statements regarding the collection of funds with which rifles and ammunition are purchased by a Bengalese in Seattle to arm disaffected natives in Bengal against the British Government, were made in the police court here yesterday afternoon by Narain

Singh, a Sikh, giving evidence in an assault case.

It was alleged that a local teacher and a Vancouver priest are collecting the moneys to send munitions of war to Bengal.

Investigation is being made by the attorney-general's department.

The witness stated that after the assault a mass meeting was held, at which the local priest said that instead of paying money to lawyers the disputants should settle, and give the money to him to send rifles and ammunition to India.

HUGO STOTT LOST THE KEY

To the Drawer in Which the Revolver Was Kept.

LITTLE THING LED TO FEARFUL ACCIDENT

Body of the Lad Was Sent to Vermont Today, Where It Will Be Interred.

Additional sadness is lent to the shooting accident in which little Hugo Stott lost his life yesterday afternoon at his parents' residence, 184 William street, by the fact that only a few days before, while playing with the key of the drawer in which he found the revolver, the boy lost it, and for this reason his parents were unable to lock the drawer.

The funeral was held this afternoon to the Grand Trunk station, the remains being taken to Island Pond, Vt., where interment will be made. The family moved to the city from Island Pond about four years ago, and nearly all their relatives live there. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Hamilton, of the First Congregational Church.

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LEVEL CROSSINGS IN THIS DISTRICT

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London Will Not Be Represented at Sitting in the Court House on Thursday.

The Dominion railway commission will open its sessions in the city tomorrow morning in the court house, and will take up the question of level crossings both in the city and in the surrounding country.

BAD FLOOD AT ST. THOMAS FLATS

Ice in the Creek Causes the Water to Rise With Great Rapidity This Morning.

[Special to The Advertiser.] St. Thomas, Feb. 24.—Owing to the ice in the creek the outskirts of St. Thomas are today badly flooded. The "flats" are three or four feet at some points. Cellars and basements are filled with water, and the damage will be high.

She once hurried to the power house and Dr. James D. Wilson was called. He found that Mr. Peters had been dead for some hours, from heart failure.

Mr. Peters was 60 years old and had resided in London for some time. He is survived by his wife and two children. The funeral will be held from the family residence to Mount Pleasant Cemetery on Thursday afternoon, the services being conducted by Rev. Mr. Anderson, of the Richmond Street Mission.

CHARLES PETERS DIED IN BED

Very Sudden End of Well-Known South Londoner.

Local ice dealers are somewhat disappointed as a result of the thaw and the breaking up of the river. It is said that a number of them have not been able to get in a full supply, while others are filled up.

One gentleman, who has secured a fair stock, and who has harvested enough ice to look after his customers, said that as far as he was concerned there would be no change in prices.

Preparations were being made to cut ice this week, as it had reached a thickness of about seven or eight inches yesterday. Ice is generally harvested when about ten inches thick.

Four days of hard freezing will cover the river with a coat of good ice, and there may be another harvest this season.

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But Prices Will Likely Remain the Same This Summer.

GRAND TRUNK RY. AFTER GRAIN TRADE

Work of Improving Docks at Point Edward Has Begun.

That the Grand Trunk Railway Company are going right after the grain trade is evidenced by the fact that a couple of days ago work was commenced on improving the docks at Point Edward.

"The company will spend at least \$100,000 on the docks at Point Edward," an official told The Advertiser this afternoon. "We are out to get the grain trade that comes by way of the great lakes. At present the docks at Point Edward will not accommodate the large new vessels of the Northern Navigation Company.

The company intend to get this trade, and it will mean that very large shipments of grain will be sent through London."

Superintendents Brownlee and Gillen left this morning in Mr. Brownlee's private car "Algonquin" for Point Edward, and will inspect the work that is being done. It is thought that the improvements will be completed this summer in plenty of time to handle a very large share of the grain traffic.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—COLD. FORECASTS. Today—Northwest gales and change to much colder with snow flurries tonight. Tomorrow—Strong northwest winds; much colder with snow flurries.

Lowest and highest temperatures for yesterday follow:

Table with columns: Location, Min., Max. London 31, 38; Dawson 22, 30; Victoria 22, 30; Vancouver 28, 44; Kamloops 28, 44; Calgary 8, 24; Edmonton zero, 20; Moosejaw zero, 14; Qu'Appelle 4, 16; Winnipeg 20, 28; Port Arthur 18, 26; Parry Sound 20, 28; Toronto 28, 48; Ottawa 8, 32; Montreal 8, 32; Quebec 18, 22; St. John 20, 28; Halifax 4, 26.

WEATHER NOTES. The disturbance which was in the Upper Mississippi Valley yesterday has developed into a more important storm which is centred north of Lake Huron. Rain has fallen in both Ontario and Quebec, while in the western provinces the weather has turned quite cold.

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DISTRICT NUMBER FIVE.

The County of Middlesex outside the city limits.

Table with columns: Name, Votes. Miss Rosa Longfield, Mossley 28,515; Miss Margaret Simmie, Byron 26,882; Miss Rosa Fraser, Poplar Hill 22,381; Miss Ethel Earl, Egerton street 19,430; Miss Grace Shepherd, Lambeth 17,357; Miss Lily Arthur, Lambeth 9,947; Miss Sylvia Oliver, Kilworth Bridge 9,675; Miss Margaret J. Kennedy, Ilderton 9,260; Miss Ethel Grant, Chelms Green 9,057; Miss Rebecca A. Wilkins, Adelaide 6,859; Miss Gladys Malcolm, Littlewood 4,392; Miss Rebecca Robson, Lucas 1.

DISTRICT NUMBER SIX.

The Counties of Lambton, Kent and Essex.

Table with columns: Name, Votes. Miss Mabel Anderson, Wyoming 16,270; Miss Aggie St. Clair, Bridgen 8,685; Miss Irene Marriott, Sarnia 8,640; Miss Clara Kipp, Chatham 4,732; Miss Velva E. Myers, Florence 2,254; Miss Blanche Little, Wallaceburg 2,005; Mrs. Joseph Simpson, Oveyry 1,069.

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