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Owing to a mistake, it was mentioned that the R. R. R. band was in attendance at the funeral of the late Captain A. H. Galbraith Sunday afternoon. It should have been the First Hussars' band, under Lieutenant-Colonel Cooke, of which regiment Captain Galbraith was an officer.

COLORFUL PIONEER CALLED BY DEATH

John Millman Braddon Passes in Frome After Prolonged Illness.

FENIAN VETERAN

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, Dec. 7.—John Millman Braddon, one of the most interesting characters of the county, died Monday morning at his residence at Frome after a prolonged illness. Mr. Braddon was the oldest child of the late Anthony Braddon, who came to Canada with Col. Talbot and settled in the forests of Port Talbot. He was a veteran of the Fenian raids and helped to clear the right-of-way for the Canada Southern railroad.

Mr. Braddon has been engaged in many enterprises. Besides being a farmer, he lived in Port Stanley, conducting a bathhouse on Bridge street for several seasons. He sailed the lakes for another period and spent some time in Alberta in railroad work.

Was Member of R. O. F.

He was a member of the R. O. F. and of the quarterly board of the Frome United church.

Survivors are the widow, two sons, William A. of Frome, George F., city, and one daughter, Mrs. Wilfred Silcox of Frome; two brothers, W. H. Braddon of London, C. R. of Chatham; two sisters, Mrs. John Hubbard and Mrs. Lizzie Ryckman of St. Thomas. The funeral will be held from his late residence at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday to the Frome United church cemetery.

John Russell Dies.

John Russell, well-known resident of the city, died on Sunday night at the home of Miss Barbara Cameron, 12th concession, Yarmouth. He was born in England 89 years ago and came to Canada at an early age. For the past 15 years he has made his home with his nephew, F. R. Pearson, St. Anne's Place.

Survivors are a twin brother, James Russell of Rainy River; two nieces, Mrs. James Battley, Stratford; Mrs. E. J. Dean of Essex; two nephews, Archibald Russell of London, and Mr. Pearson, St. Thomas. The funeral will be held Tuesday at 1 o'clock from C. A. Towers' chapel to the St. Thomas cemetery.

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ENGINE AND CAR CRASH, OCCUPANTS UNINJURED

Adelaide Street Level Crossing Is Scene of Second Accident.

The level crossing at the Adelaide street intersection of the Canadian National Railway again opened its clutches at an early hour yesterday morning in a vain attempt to take the lives of three more Londoners. A large touring car driven by Wm. Auger, 120 Price street, and in which his wife and small child were also, was badly damaged when struck by a C. N. R. engine in charge of Engineer Scratch of Windsor, when it backed from the coal chutes just east of Adelaide street. None of the occupants of the car were injured, although Mr. Auger and his wife both suffered somewhat from shock.

Having crossed the main track at Adelaide street, Mr. Auger was driving south at an estimated speed of eight miles an hour. Being well acquainted with the district, and knowing of the two smaller spurs just south of the main, the driver further diminished his speed and looked each way before attempting to cross them, he claims.

"In an attempt not to strike the engine, I swung the car into the curb. The condition of the road caused the car to skid, and the cylinder chest of the engine struck the rear of the motor and drove us some 42 feet to the north."

MARKSMANSHIP REWARDED

Strathcona Trust Medal Presented to Jack Page of St. George's Team.

Lieut.-Col. Geo. H. Gillespie, officer in command of the cadet corps of military district No. 1, presented the Strathcona trust medal for proficiency in marksmanship to Jack Page, member of last year's St. George's school cadet rifle team, at St. George's school yesterday afternoon.

E. H. Wyatt, principal of the St. George's school, and H. A. Young, cadet instructor of the same school, made short addresses during the presentation ceremonies.

BLOODHOUNDS ON TRAIL.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Calgary, Alberta, Dec. 7.—Fred Martinovich, a Pole, who was sentenced to two months' imprisonment here Saturday on a charge of burglary, escaped from custody at the Alberta provincial barracks here last night. Bloodhounds were being used today in an effort to trace the man.

RAISE STANDARDS AND CUT TEACHING ARMY, SILCOX PLAN

Stratford Normal School Head Declares Federation's Complaint of Overcrowded Profession Not Exaggerated—Between 500 and 1,000 Out of Work in Ontario.

Special to The Advertiser.

Stratford, Dec. 7.—Dr. S. Silcox, principal of the Normal school, is commenting today on the question raised by the provincial teachers' federation to the government about the overcrowding of the profession, said that there was little doubt that the condition was as bad as the deputation that waited on Premier Ferguson stated it to be. He thought there must be between 500 and 1,000 teachers out of work in the province.

Expressing himself as sympathetic to the idea of a higher standard of Normal school entrance, Dr. Silcox pointed out, however, that the standard had been raised this past two years and that more and more students were taking the examinations for first-class certificates. One effect of such a large surplus of teachers, Dr. Silcox said, was that many were going to the United States.

NAVAL PROPOSAL IS HIT BY PRESS

French-Canadian Papers Declare It Phase of English Imperialism.

Special to The Advertiser by Staff Correspondent.

Montreal, Dec. 7.—The French press of Canada is nothing if not critical of Lord Jellicoe's suggestion that Canada contribute $36,000,000 yearly to the maintenance of the British navy.

Le Droit, of Ottawa, exclaims: "What a burden. In addition to the annual contribution he believes that we should contemplate a program of naval construction that would require for ships and maintenance at least $15,000,000. An expenditure of more than $50,000,000 a year! And at a moment when Canada bears the weight of a heavy and enormous war debt, not to mention our national railways.

"Is not Canada financially enough embarrassed and heavily enough in debt without thinking of bleeding itself even whiter in order to take on its shoulders the burden of the English taxpayer? The least that one can say of the suggestions and demands of Admiral Jellicoe is that they are extravagant, and reveal once more the limits to which English imperialism is ready to go."

The comment of Le Devoir is: "The new appeal of Lord Jellicoe indicates once more that the naval question is not a thing of the past, but may at any moment enter Canadian politics. We may find ourselves tomorrow face to face with the most momentous decisions. That is why we ask that our public men when dealing with this problem display a frank and clear attitude conformable to the evident interests of Canada."

La Patrie says: "It is no exaggeration to say that Canada is animated by the best disposition in all that concerns the co-operation of the various parts of the empire in its defence. But its good intentions should be measured by its resources. During the late war Canada made in defence of the empire sacrifices disproportionate to its actual wealth. It pledged its future to such an extent that for a number of years all its resources will be absorbed in the liquidation of its debt."

La Presse expresses surprise that on the very day after the signing of the Treaty of Locarno as a guarantee of peace and security in Europe the English admiralty should propose to expend sixty-nine million pounds a year for the imperial navy.

"Is it not strange," it remarks, "that the more numerous the peace pacts, the greater the desire for an the navy? We confess that this is a paradox we cannot understand."

FIREBUG CAUSES LOSS OF $200 TO DWELLING

Mrs. Isabella Russ Away To Funeral of Mother When Fire Occurs.

Fire, thought to be of incendiary origin, broke out in the home of Mrs. Isabella Russ, 202 Horton street, at 10:40 o'clock last night. Damage was estimated at slightly over $200.

This marks the second loss which has been suffered by Mrs. Russ within the past few days. The death of her mother occurred on Saturday of last week and she was in St. Thomas today attending the funeral. She had not returned when the blaze was discovered, and while the local fire department was putting forth every effort to save her little home she remained unaware of the second misfortune which had crossed her path.

According to Captain Charles Scott, assistant fire chief, the blaze started in the upper story and spread rapidly through the house. The walls of the house were saturated with oil and saturated cloths were found upstairs. Incendiarism was undoubtedly the cause of the fire, but the motive could not be ascertained.

HURT IN RUNAWAY.

Special to The Advertiser.

Ilderton, Dec. 7.—Mrs. J. D. Campbell of the 9th concession of Lobo had her wrist fractured when she was thrown from her buggy late Saturday afternoon. The horse she was driving took fright at an automobile driven by Miss Ethel Hudson of Ilderton. The animal broke loose from the buggy and was caught later by a farmer. Mrs. Campbell was taken to her home by Ethel Hudson.

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STRING QUARTET SCORES IN RECITAL

Women's Music Club Gives Excellent Program at Collegiate.

The Beethoven String Quartet, composed of brilliant local artists, was heard at the Central collegiate last evening for the first time in London, presenting an excellent program under the auspices of the Women's Music club, with Miss Edith Campion, soprano, of Toronto; Miss Mildred Baker, accompanist, and Mrs. Muriel Fetherston, pianist, assisting.

The quartet was heard in compositions of Mendelssohn and Dohnanyi. The stringed instruments were handled with much ability by the players, and the tones blended pleasantly throughout each selection. The interest of the artists in their work was strongly depicted in the numbers by the feeling expressed through their instruments.

It is not often that Londoners have had the opportunity of hearing to such advantage four outstanding musicians of the city. Their appreciation was shown by a very large attendance at the concert, and every part of the program was enthusiastically received.

The program, of a varied nature, had Mendelssohn's Quartet, Op. 44, No. 2, and Dohnanyi's Quintet, Op. 1, as its outstanding features. The first included Allegro aspai appassionate, Scherzo, Andante and Presto agitato, while the second also had four movements, Allegro, Scherzo, Adagio and Finale.

Mendelssohn is one of the greatest exponents of the romantic school, and in his quartet the players presented an excellent example of his particular style. The ensemble was very carefully worked out, especially in the first movement, which was of a typical sonata form, and had a rather difficult development part. The legato runs, taken up by the different instruments, were the characteristic accompaniment to the leading bel canto themes. The Scherzo showed the ability of the quartet to interpret a light staccato movement, laced over the reminiscence of the first movement. The third movement gave the audience the pleasure of enjoying the quality of tone, which the quartet produced with soft harmony, whereas the fourth movement, with its fugal treatment, gave them ample opportunity to display their musical intelligence and technical ability.

The closing number, Ernest von Dohnanyi's Op. 1, piano quintet in C Minor, was a splendid conclusion to the work of the artists. With Mrs. Muriel Fetherston at the piano, the composition was given by the quartet. The work, written in modern romantic style, was very melodious, and was set for the local ensemble in a very masterly way. Considering that last evening was the first appearance of the Beethoven Quartet in a piano quintet, the blending of which always presents a great deal of difficulty for any string quartet, great credit can be given the performers. The ensemble was exceptionally good, and the balance of the instruments was very creditable.

Mrs. Fetherston played a notable part in the quintet, her perfect technique adding a fineness to the composition, which has been Dr. Dohnanyi's first work with which he has made his debut in Budapest and Hungary, and with which he had made his name famous. Dr. Dohnanyi is today one of the greatest living Hungarian composers, and some twenty-five years ago was heard in Canada and the United States as a very fine pianist.

Miss Champion appeared in two groups of songs. The first group included two French numbers, the one by Fasolo, and the other was an Aria from the opera Fideleo, by Beethoven. The singer had a gracious personality, and her voice, rich in quality and full of deep sincerity, greatly delighted London's lovers of song. Miss Champion rendered her selections with a rather quaint simplicity, which quite charmed her hearers.

Her second group of songs included three of Schumann's compositions, and two selections by Strauss. They were light and brief—altogether appealing. The two encores were given with the artist's clever ability to interpret the composer's original intentions, and the second encore, "Danny Boy," particularly delighted the audience.

Miss Mildred Baker, one of London's most brilliant pianists, was Miss Champion's accompanist. Miss Baker's remarkable interpretation of the accompaniments very often drew the audience's attention to her unusual qualities in that line, during the short interludes of song.

SUFFERS FRACTURED HIP IN FALL ON ICY ROAD

While attempting to board a street car at the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets at 5:40 o'clock last night, Mrs. Christina McKay, 1037 Richmond street, fell and fractured her hip. She was removed to Victoria hospital in Oatman's ambulance.

According to the attending physician, Dr. Angus Graham, the patient was resting easily late last night, although the fracture is very serious. The accident is blamed on the slippery condition of the pavement.

LONGWORTH IS SPEAKER.

Associated Press Despatch.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Nicholas Longworth, Republican, of Ohio, today was elected Speaker of the new house. He received the big majority of all votes cast on the first ballot, despite the refusal of the Republican insurgents to support him.

NO MOMENT LAGS IN "ZAT SO" PLAY

New York Success Becomes London Success at First Performance.

The New York success, "Is Zat So?" has now become a London success. It played last night at the Grand theatre before an audience which will be a continual advertisement for the coming two nights and a matinee. "Is Zat So?" affords three solid hours of delightful entertainment. Not a moment lags. It is just plain comedy ,and yet so unusual and preposterous comedy that it stands by itself in the field of drama.

Imagine an exquisitely-furnished Fifth avenue home, with its gracious and beautiful hostess, and her dinner guests, including an English aristocrat. Into this scene pops a regulation prize fight, fighters, tough looking as they make them, in trunks and stripped to waist, with men and ladies in evening dress for audience.

Imagine such a scene and you have the preposterous situation which is created in this new and sensational play. And more than this, it is about the prizefighter "Chic" Cowan, and his manager, "Hap" Hurley, that the chief interest of the comedy centers. Fifth avenue and the ladies and gentlemen of wealth are but used as a striking background for the two loveable, penniless East Side characters, through whom the action of the play progresses.

Irresistable Humor.

Harry Tyler as A. B. "Hap" Hurley, the manager, and Frederic Howard as Eddie "Chic" Cowan, the prizefighter, are irresistable in their humor. Their efforts to learn "buttling" on Fifth avenue is one long succession of comical utterances and still funnier antics.

The play owes its success largely to the wonderful delination of these two characters. The situation in which the play finds them is, of course, absurd, but its very absurdity is refreshing to theatregoers, who are accustomed to the plausible plot, especially when these two main characters keep true to life from the moment the curtain rises to its final fall.

The audience has its first glimpse of "Chic" and "Hap" when they are discovered sitting on a park bench, penniless and down in the mouth. It is a short drop curtain scene, and in but a dim light. The rest of the comedy is enacted amid the luxurious surroundings of a wealthy man's home, where Chic and Hap are installed as butler and "second man" following a drunken lark on the part of the young brother of the household.

A Touch of Pathos.

There is a subtle touch of pathos about these two figures which genius alone could create. There is a double love interest throughout the play. The authors haven't made the mistake of trying to make a love match between the prizefighter and one of the Fifth avenue coterie. They have kept to reality in this as in their leading characters. And the two pretty sweethearts are but employees in the housesold of the rich. The love scenes are delicately drawn, touched with quaint humor and utter sweetness.

The players throughout are well cast, the stage setting beautiful and the gowns attractive. Interest lends itself in the fact that the stage manager is Percy Moore, a Canadian and old McGill University man, who has quite a following in London.

It is also interesting to know that "Is Zat So?" was written by two actors who at first could not find a manager in New York to undertake its production. Managing to scrape enough money together through actor friends, they got a hearing outside of New York. A tremendous success followed and the play after a year in New York, is still playing there to large audiences. The company which presents it here in London is an excellent one, and will be heard tonight and for matinee and evening performance on Wednesday.

POOR LAW SYSTEM IN ENGLAND MAY GO

Government Proposes To Do Away With 91-Year-Old Statute.

By HENRY SOMERVILLE.

Special Cable to The Advertiser by a Staff Correspondent. Copyright.

London, Dec. 7.—The government has published its proposals for sweeping away the poor law system which has existed in England for 91 years. The principal proposal is to abolish boards of guardians, which are the bodies elected exclusively for administering relief to the poor, and to transfer their powers to the county councils, which administer all kinds of loyal services.

This has long been advocated by the Labor party, but it is not certain to meet with Labor approval at the present day. The reason is that Labor during recent years has found it easier to gain control of the boards of guardians than of county councils, because non-Labor voters do not take the trouble to vote at the elections of boards of guardians.

Another proposal is to substitute block grants from the central exchequer to local authorities in place of grants in aid of health services and other social services.

BRUSSELS WOMAN DIES IN HOME OF NEIGHBOR

Special to The Advertiser.

Brussels, Dec. 7.—A very sudden death occurred here early this morning when Mrs. Wm. McCall, an old lady who lived alone on John street, passed away at the home of a neighbor, Oliver Walker, where she had gone only a few minutes before to summon assistance. Heart trouble was the cause of death. She was 82 years of age. Mrs. Chas. McQuarrie, of Grey township, is a daughter, and others of the family live in the west. Funeral arrangements have not been made.

FRANCE AND BRITAIN AGREE ON DISARMAMENT

Associated Press Despatch.

Geneva, Dec. 7.—Quickly-spreading rumors that France and Great Britain had split on the question of how to handle disarmament caused M. Paul Boncour and Lord Cecil to receive the newspaper correspondents tonight and utter a solemn assurance that although they were decided on some points of the program, which will be studied in preparation for the proposed disarmament conference, there was no faltering and no diminution of the sincere co-operation characterizing their countries' efforts. Having said this much, they proceeded to shake hands.

Nevertheless, the statements made by these representatives of Britain and France indicated that their positions are widely apart on one important point, and that is whether the new commission which will prepare the agenda for the disarmament conference should study a means of assuring effective operation of mutual assistance against a warring nation.

ROADS IN BAD SHAPE.

Special to The Advertiser.

Exeter, Dec. 7.—The roads in this district are in bad shape in many sections, cars ploughing through gutters of mud.

CARRY NO OPERATORS.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Dec. 7. — Twenty-five passenger ships and 124 cargo carriers have left British ports since Dec. 1 without wireless operators, in consequence of the operators' strike. This information was given in the house of commons today by the president of the board of trade, Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, replying to a question from George Lansbury, Laborite.

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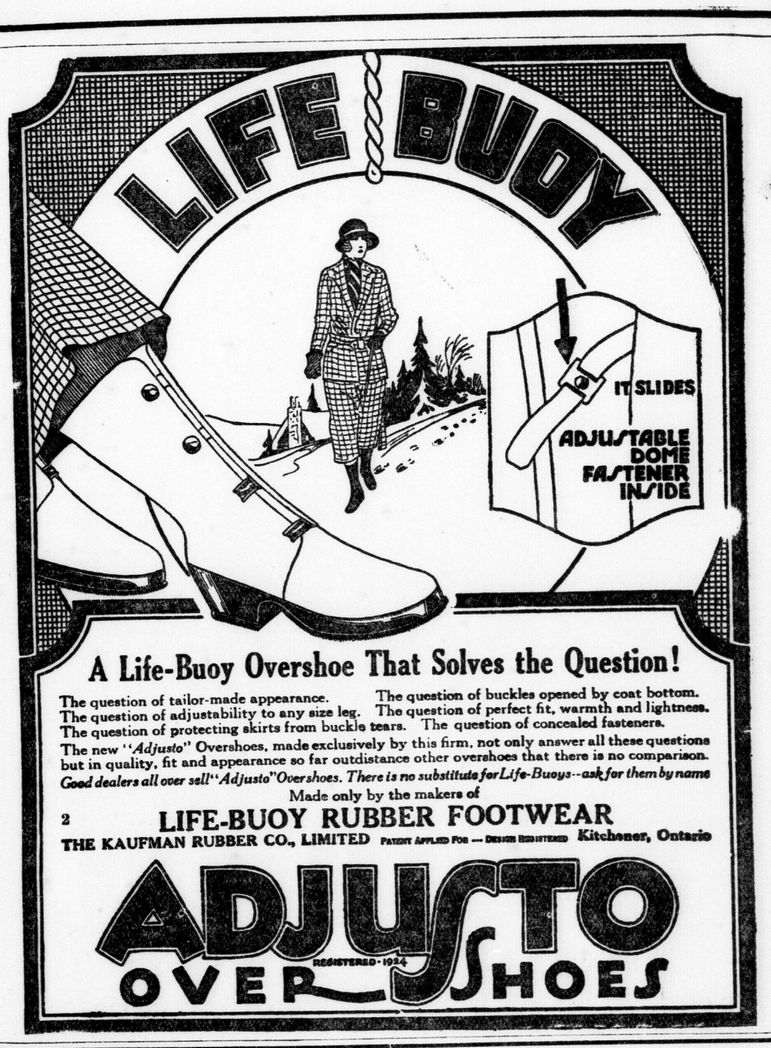

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