

STEFANSSON PARTY BELIEVED LOST IN THE ARCTIC

DESPERATE ATTEMPT MADE
TO OPEN CITY HALL SAFE
BY A GANG OF EXPERTS

Not Burglars, Dear Reader, But Skilled Safemakers, City Treasurer Bell's Cash Receptacle Having Refused To Open at His Demand—Tumblers Would Not Tumble and Combination Would Not Combine.

CAN'T GET AT BONDS FOR BUYERS

Safe makers have been at work on the big five-ton safe in the office of City Treasurer James S. Bell. They are still working. Under the eyes of a dozen policemen the drillers labored throughout the night—and failed to make an entrance through the burglar-proof doors of the treasury. Emboldened by their labors of Monday night the drillers continued their work under the very nose of the city treasurer and his assistant this morning. No less than 16 drills have been broken in the effort to force the safe, but still the drillers work.

Combination Goes Awry.
Tucked away in the inner recesses of the safe is \$100,000 in city bonds and \$2,000 in cash. It is not for this that the drillers are working, and the treasurer is looking on. Indeed, he is aiding and abetting the drillers in the work. Nay, more—he telegraphed for them to come to London to "blow" his safe—and why? Simply because the combination of the safe won't work.

Can't Get Bonds.
The bonds that are in the safe were contracted to be delivered to the purchasers, the Wood-Gundy Company, of Toronto, on Saturday morning. Obviously they have not yet been delivered.

When the time for delivery came, the treasurer walked to his fire-proof, burglar-proof safe, and twisted the combination. So many times to the right he went, so many times to the

left, so many times back—and the safe doors refused to open. He tried it again. Still the doors refused to open on the paper fortune behind them. Then he kept on trying. It was useless. The "tumblers" refused to tumble and the combination refused to combine. Something had gone wrong with the work.

Sent for Experts.
Saturday afternoon and Sunday the city treasurer and other officials attempted to work the "com." Then some expert locksmiths tried. Trying was all they did. Then they shook their heads and gave it up.

"Where, oh, where, is Jimmy Valen-tine?" sighed the treasurer as he contemplated the first closed doors. Consultation with the city directory and the telephone book failed to reveal the present address of that king of safe-openers—the elusive "Jimmy." The treasurer has the first of the "king's" cognomen, but not the last—neither has he the safe-opening faculties of the said king. Therefore there was nothing to it but to wire the manufacturers. This was done. In response to the message three expert safe-crackers, and builders, arrived from Galt yesterday afternoon and started operations on the safe. The "operation" is still in prospect, though the treasurer expects that he will not see his cash and bonds again for several days. In the meantime he is working amid the din of drills and the clatter of sledge-hammers.

QUESTIONS WHICH MR. LUCAS SHOULD
ANSWER AT DORCHESTER THIS EVENING

Hon. I. B. Lucas, provincial treasurer, speaks at Dorchester tonight in the interests of Mr. McFarlan.

There are two questions which should be put to Mr. Lucas:
"Why did the Government not enact anti-treating legislation last session, as promised in the year 1912?"
"Does the Government intend to introduce anti-treating legislation at the coming session?"
These are plain questions and should be plainly answered. Will not some intelligent elector or electors demand an answer tonight?

AWARDED \$250

Passenger Was Put Off Train Because Ticket Was Lost.
[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, Nov. 18.—W. Haines, a passenger traveling from Guelph to Prescott on the G. T. R., was put off at Whitby by the conductor because he lost his hat check, and the conductor did not know he had lifted his ticket. Haines sued, and recovered \$250 damages. The appellate division court has just confirmed the award, dismissing the railway's appeal.

MADE GRANT OF \$20.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ingersoll, Nov. 18.—The council at the regular meeting last evening made a grant of \$20 to the lakes disaster fund of Canada. Mayor Coleridge and other members spoke sympathetically on behalf of the movement.

FLAGS HALF MAST.

[Canadian Press.]
Fort William, Nov. 18.—Vessels are arriving in port with flags flying at half mast in memory of the many seamen who lost their lives during the recent storm.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND MILD.
Forecasts.
Toronto, Nov. 18.—A. m. Fresh southwest winds, a few light scattered showers, but mostly fair and mild today and on Wednesday.
Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a. m. today.
Stations. High. Low. Weather.
Victoria..... 44. 38. Cloudy
Calgary..... 30. 22. Cloudy
Winnipeg..... 22. 24. Cloudy
Fort Arthur..... 44. 32. Cloudy
Perry Sound..... 42. 40. Cloudy
Toronto..... 50. 46. Cloudy
Ottawa..... 46. 38. Cloudy
Montreal..... 44. 42. Cloudy
Quebec..... 38. 34. Cloudy
Father Point..... 38. 34. Cloudy
Weather Notes.
The weather is fair and moderately cold in the West, and fair and mild elsewhere. On the Great Lakes the winds are fresh to strong, southwesterly.

SENSATIONAL CHARGES
WILL BE INVESTIGATED

Story Regarding Wreck of the Steamer Wexford To Be Probed.

[Canadian Press.]
Goderich, Nov. 18.—Some sensational evidence may be given at the inquest of the Wexford wreck, which is to be resumed here on Friday next. Crown Attorney Seager is determined that the facts shall be ascertained so far as he can produce them, and the statement that the steamer Kaministiquia, on her trip up the lake on the fatal Sunday night the Wexford in such a position that she should have been off Goderich harbor at 2 or 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and that if the fog horn had been blowing she would in all probability have been able to make the harbor, should form the basis of a serious investigation.
Captain Stephen, of the Kaministiquia, will probably not be available as a witness, but the crown attorney intends to get the evidence in some other way.

Another important witness will be Captain Whitney, of the American Lake Carrier, Association, who will be questioned as to needed improvements at this harbor in the way of lights, fog signals and breakwater in order to make it in reality, as it is in name, a harbor of refuge.

MAY NOT RECOVER

Seymour Blanchet Was Accidentally Shot at Mother's Home.
[Canadian Press.]
Quebec, Nov. 18.—Seymour Blanchet, aged 34, son of the late Judge Blanchet, of the Quebec superior court, and grandson of the late General Seymour, C.E. of the United States army, shot himself in the head at the residence of his mother, Madame Blanchet, 45 Genevieve avenue, this morning. Little hope is held out for his recovery.

EXPLORER Stefansson, who may be lost in Arctic regions with his entire party.

TRIED TO SHOOT WIFE
BUT KILLED HIS BABY

[Canadian Press.]
Montreal, Nov. 18.—Pierre Picard, until recently a city detective, shot and killed his infant son today. According to police information he quarreled with his wife in his home, 33 Milton street. He fired at her, the bullet striking the child in her arms. Picard had not been living with his wife for six weeks, but returned this morning. His wife refused him admission, but he entered by the window. He chased her upstairs, the shooting taking place during the heated argument. Picard has not yet been arrested.

LIBERALS WANT HYDRO
EXTENDED TO THE FARMS

Party Policy Declares For It—Should Cover Whole Province—Attempts to Divert Attention From Temperance Issue.

An attempt is made in East Mid-dlesex to represent the Liberal party and its candidate as opposed to the extension of hydro-electric powers throughout the rural districts.

This is a sheer misrepresentation of the Liberal policy, which is defined in the Liberal Hand-Book, under the heading "To Give Electric Power to All Ontario," as follows:

"One of the most important planks in the Rowell platform is that dealing with conservation. A part of that plank deals with control of water powers.

"The principle of the Government assisting municipalities to secure cheap power is a good one. But as applied to Niagara Falls is a partial policy. Its benefits are confined to one section of the province.

"The Rowell policy contemplates the extension of these benefits to the whole province as rapidly as circumstances warrant. Niagara is not the only source of possible power supply in Ontario. It is only one of a number of sources. We should secure control of enough of these to bring the benefits of electrical energy, at cost, to other parts of Ontario. By controlling the sources of power the province can control the cost of power for manufacturing; it can secure the placing of cheap power and cheap light within reach of the

villages and farms of the province." Again on Page 38 the party declares its intention of adopting measures including—

"To extend in every feasible way public light, power and telephone services to the farms of the province.

A Herring Over the Trail.

It will be seen that the Opposition would go even further than the Government in extending hydro-electric power to the farms. Mr. McFarlan's supporters in pretending that Liberals are opposed to its extension into the country, are trying to drag a herring across the scent. They hope to divert to some extent public attention from the abolish-the-bar issue, which is regarded as the crucial one by many earnest people.

Mr. McFarlan has declared that he will not vote for the resolution to abolish the bar when it is offered again in the Legislature at the next session. Mr. Laidlaw stands squarely on the temperance planks of the Liberal party and the Dominion Alliance. The difference between the candidates is clear-cut. The liquor interests and the temperance interests confront each other with no middle ground.

STEAMER HOWARD HANNA HAS
BROKEN IN TWO AMIDSHIPS

Mean Thieves Have Robbed Everything Movable and Have Even Taken Away Articles From Bodies of the Drowned Seamen.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Sarnia, Nov. 18.—The Howard Hanna, the big 600-footer, ashore off Point Aux Barques, cannot be released till spring. She is broken completely in two amidships. Everything movable on the boat has been stolen by parties along the shore.

Brass valves, engine room accessories, wash bowls, cabin furniture, every possible thing with which a modern freighter is equipped, has been taken from her. She is stripped bare. The wreckers have worked by stealth in the night, and not even a hempen cable has been overlooked. If the boat is unguarded another week her 8,000-ton cargo of coal will also disappear.

Last night a man lying near the beach saw a light bobbing on the water near where the Hanna was lying. Fearing that something might be wrong he hastened to the beach just in time to see a boat landing on the shingle, loaded to the gunwales with articles stolen from the grounded freighter.

This is the fate of all the boats who have paid the toll of the storm. The

Crisis Threatened
by Strike in Natal

Practically Every East Indian On the Big Sugar Plantations Has Laid Down His Tools—Fear Grave Disorders, and the Women and Children Are in Grave Danger.

[Canadian Press.]
Durban, Natal, Nov. 18.—The strike of East Indians spread today right along to the south coast, and practically every workman of that race in Natal laid down his tools this morning. The atmosphere was, however, not so much disturbed as it had been yesterday, the white women and children having overcome their first paroxysm of fear, but the authorities consider it possible that disorders may break out at any moment, as serious allegations are being made concerning the ill treatment of the strikers in their compounds, all of which stories are believed by the East Indians.

Flogged to Death.
One East Indian died in the coal mining town of Dundee, some twenty miles north of Ladysmith, which was besieged so long by the Boers in the late war. It is alleged that the man's death was brought about by flogging, and this, with the arrest of about 2,000 of their nationals for defiance of the federal law prohibiting the emigration of Asiatics from one state to another of the union of South Africa, has greatly excited the East Indians, of whom there are many thousands in Natal, and the other colonies of South Africa.

Refused to Pay.
In order to draw the attention of the Imperial Government to this condition of things these men had marched across the Transvaal border from Natal, and most of the East Indians have refused to pay the poll tax of \$15 per head imposed on East Indians in Natal.

As the East Indians do practically all the labor in Natal, including that of the farms, the railroads, the sugar, tea and wattle plantations, and the

mines, and as most of the mechanics and domestics are East Indians, a general strike of the men of this race throughout South Africa would tie up all the industries. In Natal alone there were, according to the census in 1911, over 140,000 East Indians and other Asiatics, while in the other colonies there are many thousands more.

Greatly Irritated.
The Government is disinclined to declare martial law as the employment of Imperial troops for the suppression of the trouble among the East Indians would be likely to cause a movement of discontent in British India, where the people already are considerably irritated over the treatment of East Indians in the British colonies.

MUNICIPAL DEPOT
TO KEEP LABORERS
BUSY IN WINTER

Ald. Ashplant Believes Plan Would Lower Construction Price.

GIVES EFFICIENT STAFF
By Keeping the Corporation Workmen Employed All Year Instead of Laying Them Off During Winter.

City engineer W. N. Ashplant is an ardent advocate of the establishment of a municipal depot in London where corporation laborers could find employment during the winter months in the manufacture of cement drain pipe, sewer pipe and other accessories needed by the engineering department in its outside work. In his estimation the establishment of such a plant would mean lower construction prices, a more efficient outside staff and a general improvement in the carrying on of department work.

Under existing conditions the outside laborers are laid off during the winter, as soon as the construction work slackens off. By having some place where the best of these men could be employed during the winter, they would be kept together, and the spring would find the city with the nucleus of a splendidly organized construction staff without the necessity of picking them up at random, as is done at present. Then again the saving, in course of time, the engineer has figured out, would amount to no inconsiderable sum.

London's entry into the municipal construction field has been attended with such success that it is believed the municipal depot idea is one that will become an accomplished fact in a very short time. It is regarded as a most commendable idea, and may be introduced within a few months.

WILD RIOTING
AT LADYSMITH

Armed Parties of Citizens Are Trying To Protect All Property.

GRAVE TROUBLE FEARED

[Canadian Press.]
Ladysmith, Natal, Union of South Africa, Nov. 18.—About a thousand East Indians started rioting here this afternoon, and claiming as British subjects, equal rights with the white men.

The mounted police finally dispersed the mob, but the East Indians appear to be dangerously inflamed.

The disaffection is regarded here as so grave that a force of armed townsmen is being enrolled, and the police have been provided with revolvers.

CUT TO PIECES

Hundreds Saw Man Step in Front of Express at Station.
[Canadian Press.]
North Bay, Nov. 18.—In full view of hundreds of horrified spectators at the crowded Union station last night at 8 o'clock a man stepped in front of the Soo express coming into the station and was crushed to death beneath the wheels.

He was identified by letters in his pocket as S. M. Archibald from Brentwood, N.S., who has been visiting friends in Port Huron. He leaves a widow and family in Nova Scotia, where the body was shipped.

The accident except the theory that the man went suddenly insane and stepped before the incoming train.

FEAR THAT STEFANSSON
AND HIS ENTIRE PARTY
WERE LOST IN STORM

Nothing Has Been Seen or Heard of Canadian Arctic Exploration Party for Many Weeks.

Whalers Say There Is Little Hope of the
Explorers' Vessel Ever Being
Discovered.

[Canadian Press.]
New York, Nov. 19.—The New York Sun publishes the following special from Seattle, Wash.:

Vilhjalmur Stefansson, Arctic explorer and discoverer of the white Eskimo, who was aboard the steamship Kartuk, when that vessel was last sighted off Flaxman Island, Aug. 14, possibly is lost, as is the vessel and all of her people.

Nothing has been seen or heard of the Kartuk since that date, despite the fact that extensive search has been made for her. Whalers say there is little hope of her ever being discovered as she is known to have encountered the heavy weather which prevailed off the Alaskan coast early in October.

This is the opinion of members of the Canadian Arctic exploration party at Collision Point, according to a dispatch received from Fairbanks today.

Stefansson left Victoria last summer with an expedition outfitted by the Canadian Government to make explorations and scientific research along the northern coast of the American continent.

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BIG lake freighter which
barely escaped being
wrecked.

Steamer Northern Queen, driven on the beach near Port Frank, standing in two feet of water, after the storm. The keel is eight feet in the sand. Crew saved after a hard struggle.

MEXICANS THINK
U. S. IS BLUFFING;
HUERTA DEFIANT

Preliminary Organization of Both Branches of New Congress Completed.

SURPRISE OVER INACTION

Many Natives Believe That Intervention by States Is Only Way Out.

[Canadian Press.]
Mexico City, Nov. 18.—The completion of the preliminary organization of both branches of the new Mexican Congress is regarded here as putting the final touch to President Huerta's defiance.

Surprise was caused here today by the publication of dispatches from Washington indicating that President Wilson does not contemplate any active measures tending to support the notification given by John Lind, the personal representative of President Wilson to General Huerta, warning him against permitting the new Congress to convene.

Resignation Mere Talk.
Talk of the possibility of General Huerta resigning is still heard, but all the acts and utterances of the provisional president are calculated to dissipate the idea that he himself has any such intentions.

It had been suggested that Washington had given assurances that General Huerta would resign to the new Mexican Congress after it had ratified his acts since the dissolution of the former Congress.

Foreigners here had been keyed up to a point at which any action promising relief from the prevailing tension would have been acceptable.

There is a large proportion of the native population which appears to be keenly alive to the necessity of bringing present conditions to an end, and which looks upon intervention as the only relief in sight.

Mexican officials here seem to be convinced that the United States is bluffing and are quoted as saying

DONATIONS FOR
DISASTER FUND IS
RAPIDLY GROWING

The Sum of \$339 50 Already Subscribed by London and Outside Points.

MANY HEARTS TOUCHED

In Cleveland and Toronto Fund Has Grown to Over \$45,000.

Previously acknowledged.....\$176.50
W. M. Spencer.....\$100.00
Sir George Gibbons.....25.00
Argyle Land Company.....5.00
C. H. Elliott.....5.00
P. Macdonald.....5.00
C. E. Mitchell.....5.00
W. W. Wyatt.....5.00
J. Kilgour.....2.00
Jacob Haberer.....2.00
A. E. J.....2.00
C. H.....2.00
C. W. S.....1.00
Mrs. W. Thompson.....1.00
Total.....\$339.50

A Handsome Donation.

Another \$100 donation, this one from W. M. Spencer, has boosted the disaster fund to over the \$200 mark. The total donations received at The Advertiser office and by Mayor Graham at 2 o'clock this afternoon, amounted to \$339.50. Some of this was from outside of London for the appeal on behalf of the widows and orphans of the sailors who lost their lives in the Great Lakes storm of Sunday, has touched the hearts of every Canadian.

Western Ontario, as no other section, is grief-stricken, as a result of the terrible calamity, and the response from that section has been great. Other sections of the country, however, have come to the fore and loosened their purse strings.

In Cleveland \$45,000 has been collected. In Detroit they have collected \$5,000. In Toronto the fund has grown to over \$45,000. Other cities are contributing in like proportion. The Ontario Government will give \$10,000. The Dominion Government has voted \$25,000. Monday night the London City Council authorized a grant of \$500. Fraternal and other societies are working on the proposition now, and it is expected that generous responses will be made to the local appeal.

Government To Give.
Toronto, Nov. 18.—The relief fund for widows and orphans of sailors lost in recent storm is growing rapidly. This morning Hon. J. J. Foy announced that the Government would contribute \$10,000. This, with the fund already raised by citizens, totals \$54,799.53.

WHITE HOT IRON ROD
TWINED AROUND BOY

Foreman in Effort to Save Him Was Horribly Burned.

[Canadian Press.]
Johnstown, Pa., Nov. 18.—A white-hot bar jumped the "run" in the Gaultier department of the Cambria Steel Company yesterday and, writhing like a snake, entered the window of the weighmaster's office and entwined itself about the body of Herman Rabner, a 15-year-old messenger boy. Thomas R. Young, a foreman, pulled the boy from the embrace of the bar. Both are in a hospital, the boy in a serious condition.