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"Pat" Norton, mystery man of the Melbourne bank robbery and murder, for which Sidney Murrell is now awaiting trial, has been found and lost again, according to Assistant Commissioner Cuddy, head of the C. I. D., Provincial Police.

Commissioner Cuddy told The Advertiser this morning that Norton, who was arrested in New York City some weeks ago and held for extradition to Canada, produced a satisfactory alibi to the effect that he was in New Orleans at the time of the robbery and therefore was allowed to go by the American authorities.

With Norton at the time of his arrest was Leeward Austin, wanted in Toronto on a charge of safe-blowing. He was also held for extradition to this country, but the State of Nebraska had a prior claim on him and he was taken there, where he was sentenced to a year under the Volstead Act. He was to be held for extradition to Canada at the end of that time, but escaped from the jail shortly after he was incarcerated.

Caught in New York

"Norton was arrested in New York some time ago," stated the commissioner, "on a charge of violating the liquor laws of the United States. With him at the time was a man named Leeward Austin. It was discovered at the police station to which they were taken that Austin was wanted in Canada on a charge of safe-blowing, his description having been sent to the different bureaus in the States."

"Finding that Austin was a wanted man, the New York authorities sent us a description and photograph of Norton, together with one of Austin. He was identified by some of the officers here who have been working on the case and the American authorities were asked to hold them both for extradition."

"This was done, but Norton fought the proceedings and in his defence produced witnesses who testified that he was in New Orleans at the time of the Melbourne bank robbery. This evidence was taken as being the truth and the man was allowed to go."

"I have no doubt that Norton's evidence as to his whereabouts on that day was manufactured and that he secured some of his friends to testify for him."

The Serious Feature

"The worst part of this action of the authorities is that although Norton may again be arrested in the States he cannot be extradited to face a charge arising out of the Melbourne affair, as he has already been discharged for that."

"Nevertheless, we are not letting up in our efforts and are still working on the Detroit end, through his sister, and we may find some means to bring him back here."

"As to Austin, a warrant had also been issued in Nebraska for his arrest, and that state had a prior claim on his extradition, which was carried out, and he was sent back there, where he was sentenced to serve a year, also on a liquor charge. Shortly after being confined he escaped from custody and is now at large. He is wanted here for safe-blowing and was to be held for extradition after his term in Nebraska had finished."

Assistant Commissioner Cuddy stated he had no doubt that the man arrested in New York and identified as Norton was the man wanted here in connection with the Melbourne bank robbery of two years ago, when Russell Campbell was shot and killed.

Norton was associated with the two Murrells and Slim Williams at that time. William and Sidney Murrell were the men wanted here from the Middlesex county jail. Sidney is now awaiting trial on the charge of murder, having been brought back from San Francisco some time ago. Williams is in Kingston penitentiary and will be brought here for trial, while William Murrell is still at large.

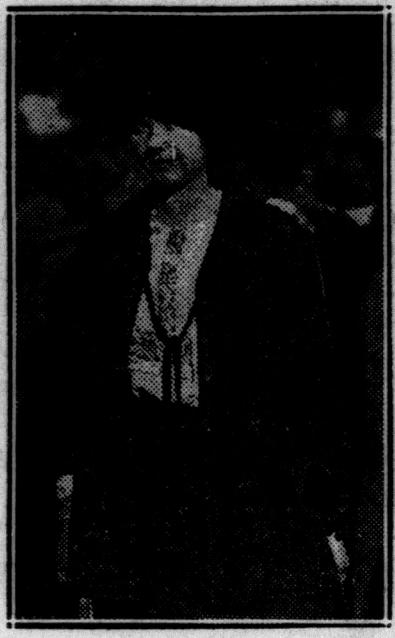
CITY ENGINEER PLANS TO START PAVING JOBS

Wellington Street South May Be Next To Be Undertaken by City.

City Engineer Near hopes to start other paving enterprises—possibly Wellington street south—before the Richmond street job has been completed.

"Certain delay will be unavoidable in connection with the Richmond street job," he said. "The pavement will have to set before the asphalt can be laid, and during the intervening period of possibly ten days, I hope that we will be able to 'sandwich' in another job."

The engineer has heard nothing further from the street railway authorities relative to the several paving proposals for the rest of the year.



STAR MEMBERS OF HISTORICAL PAGEANT.

Above are shown three of the principal participants in the pageant of Western Fair Week. Left to right they are: Miss Edna Holland, who will take

the role of Miss Canada; Miss Sybil Higman, who is to represent Miss London; and Miss Jean Walker, who has been given the part of Pioneer Woman.

For the past two weeks rehearsals have been held daily, and this morning the leading roles were announced by Merle Ward, who is in charge of the pageant.

ESTIMATES POLICE COSTING LONDON TOO MUCH MONEY

Mayor Favors Reduction in Staff To Cut Down Expense.

OUT OF PROPORTION

While Mayor Wenige states that he has no idea what recommendations may be submitted by Dr. Brittain, and that he is merely exercising his own business judgment, he believes that the ratepayers are paying altogether too much money for police protection.

The mayor favors a substantial reduction of the police estimates for 1924 and suggests a reduction in the staff as the best means toward that end.

"I may be wrong," he stated. "But I still think nevertheless that too much money is being expended by that department. I believe that we could do nicely with fewer officers in a community of this size and under prevailing circumstances."

Does the federal department of justice insist that there shall be at least one constable to every thousand inhabitants in every community?

Mayor Wenige stated today that he had never seen any printed regulation to that effect but questions that even if such provision has been made who was chiefly responsible for the setting of this figure and when?

"I would like to know who set one officer for every thousand persons," he explained. "Who is it that says that there shall be one or more? And under what conditions and when? This figure may have been set many years ago under conditions which would not be considered normal today."

Before the prohibition laws became effective we were told that crime would be reduced to an appreciable minimum, and there would not be the need for so many policemen. Even granting that but half of the crime has been eliminated, I still think that we have a police expenditure far out of proportion with the size of the city."

NEWCOMER TO LONDON DIES IN ST. JOSEPH'S

Mrs. Charles Southwork of Thorndale Here But Two Days When Taken Ill.

The death occurred at St. Joseph's Hospital this morning, following a three weeks' illness, of Alice, wife of Charles Southwork, this city. The family had moved from their former home in Thorndale only two days before Mrs. Southwork was taken seriously ill. She was 45 years of age at the time of her death and is survived only by her husband.

The funeral will take place on Saturday at 1:30, from the Oak Street Salvation Army Citadel to Mount Pleasant Cemetery, where interment will be made.

Berliners Now Worrying Over High Cost of Dying

By HIRAN K. MODERWELL. Special Cable to The London Advertiser and Chicago Daily News. Copyright.

Berlin, Sept. 6.—A new scale of burial prices fixed this week by a Berlin magistrate, shows the Berliners must worry about the high cost of dying as well as the high cost of living.

The digging of a grave costs six million marks. Burial costs fifteen million—children at half price. The price is exactly fixed for each ghastly detail. Foreigners are required to pay twenty times the fixed tariff.

Thousands Die of Fright When Cities Fell In Ruins

Residents of Yokohama and Tokio Kneel in Streets and Prayed As Earthquake Spread Death and Desolation Over Wide Area.

By MOTO TAKATA, Assistant Foreign Editor, Osaka Mainichi. Copyright.

Special Cable to The Advertiser. Osaka, Sept. 6.—Tales of the terror that gripped Tokio and Yokohama as flames followed the first devastation wrought by Saturday's quakes, came to Osaka today over the highways choked with an endless stream of refugees.

Thousands of Japanese seemed to die simply of heart failure, one survivor to arrive here declared. "The heavy" furnaces into which the capital's business section was changed in a few moments by the heaving earth shocks was so terrifying a sight that many inhabitants lay down and died where they were. Stories of individual heroism were added to the first estimates of casualties and destruction, which have not greatly changed.

It still remains impossible to estimate accurately the scope of the calamity or its cost. With partial establishment of communication with Yokohama, the picture of what went on in that city, reported to have suffered more severely than the capital, becomes partly discernible.

One coolie stands out particularly in the minds of those who saw Yokohama in the days that followed the quake. They tell of how he stood surrounded by flames, in the doorway of a fiercely burning building, helping women and children through a blazing passage until he fell dead. There were four applicants, among them being Alexander Shaver, a former member of the old county force which gave way last month to the reorganized force.

The motion for Cooke's appointment was moved by Walter Laidlaw, seconded by Harvey Davis, and supported by William Boler. Freeman O'Dair and a Lambeth garage proprietor forwarded applications for the position.

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NAME COOKE OFFICER FOR WESTMINSTER

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LONDON GIRLS TO PLAY FOUR LEADS IN FAIR PAGEANT

Miss London, Miss Canada and Their Associates Are Selected by Directors.

400 PARTICIPANTS

Following rehearsals for the past two weeks for the pageant to be held the last two days of Western Fair week, those who are to take the leading roles were announced this morning by Merle Ward, pageant producer, and Miss Jean Walker, who is assisting in staging the display.

Miss Sybil Higman, an attractive London girl, has been assigned the role of Miss London. Miss Edythe Wynne-Price, for her work in interpretative dancing, is to portray the spirit of the woods. To Miss Edna Holland, physical director of the Central Collegiate, has been given the role of Miss Canada, and the pioneer woman will be enacted by Miss Jean Walker. Other roles assigned to Londoners are: Miss Blanche Roberts as famine, Miss Tucker as the pioneer man, Miss Minnie Hobbs as a farmer, Lawrence Westland as death, and W. D. Robertson as Father Time.

All of the participants in the pageant who have been given leading roles have had experience in previous amateur theatricals. Miss Higman has been prominent in last year's high school plays, and has received tutoring under Miss Jean Walker in the past.

Miss Wynne-Price is well known for her ability as a dancer, and it is expected that in her portrayal of the spirit of the woods she will have ample scope to show her art and ability. Miss Edna Holland will have the feature role, representing Canada.

Portrays City's History. Including 400 Londoners, the display will deal with the history of the city from the time of the early Indians to the present day. The early part of the display will be a dramatic presentation of the city's history, and will form an important part of the pageant exhibition. The hardships of the early settlers, such as famine and pestilence, will be represented by people dressed in weird black and white costumes resembling skeletons. From the time of the city's growth, the pageant will trace the growth of the city. More than 400 people will take part, and it is undoubtedly prove a wonderful sight.

The whole pageant will be enacted on a large wooden stage in front of the city hall, and will last for an hour and a half to complete the display so that every detail in the growth of London will be represented.

Great enthusiasm has been shown by Londoners who are taking part in the pageant. People have been turning out regularly for the daily rehearsals, and on Friday evening the different episodes, which lately have been rehearsed separately, will be pieced together, and a week of preparation for the exhibition will be spent with the 400 actors rehearsing together.

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EXPECT RELEASE OF "JIMMIE" YOHN TODAY

Detroit Police Also To Release Girls Held On Suspicion.

With Beatrice Seager now at liberty, it was fully expected that her sister, Mrs. MacKenzie, would be released some time today, as well as "Jimmy" Yohn and three or four other suspects.

Police authorities assured The Advertiser on this score late last night, adding that at no time since his arrest did Yohn say that "of any kind" he was actually involved. His apprehension was accomplished, however, by Detective George Snyder, who arrested the woman and all that it would be advisable to bring in to headquarters all acquaintances of Yohn and Savell who could be located.

After a stiff cross-examination, however, they concluded that "Jimmy" Yohn's story was "on the level." It is more than likely that even now he is at liberty.

Mrs. MacKenzie was not released yesterday afternoon with her sister, but members of the detective unit seemed to decline to explain why this was other than they had not completed their investigations. Both girls were continually quizzed yesterday.

"Victims of circumstances," is how the police have catalogued the several young men held as possible members of the gang, and there is every likelihood that they also will be turned loose today.

CITIZENS OF TOKIO NOW IN CITY FEAR FAMILIES LOST

Japanese Travelers to London Are Interviewed On Conditions in Their Country.

HERE TO BUY CATTLE

Three travelers from Japan, all of them fearful and anxious over the fate of relatives and friends in the stricken area, came to London this morning and registered at the Tecumseh House.

They are M. Agata, Y. Suzuki and T. Tachibana, all of Tokio. They are visiting London for the purpose of buying purebred Holstein cattle, being agents for the greatest cattle breeder in Japan, the Baron Iwasaki.

Interviewed today, the three citizens of Nippon had by no means recovered from the shock of learning that many of their loved ones were subjected to the awful ravages of the greatest disaster in history. Suzuki, in fact, desired to cable his relatives as soon as the tragic news was received, but M. Agata persuaded him it would be useless until some semblance of order was restored throughout the ravaged territory.

"All my brothers and sisters live in Tokio and surrounding district," Agata said, "we are trying to remain undisturbed and optimistic, but the suspense is nerve-racking. We left our relatives all in good health a few months ago, and now, for all we know, they may be dead."

The three gentlemen from the east are well-known cattle buyers. They have preserved the keen businesslike demeanor characteristic of modern Japanese industrial executives, and but for their complexion and slant eyes one would imagine they were typical American businessmen.

"Away back in the last century Japan experienced a great earthquake," M. Agata, who spoke for the party, informed The Advertiser. "But it could not be compared to the present tremendous upheaval. My father used to tell about it. The people fled to the woods to escape the shocks, and my father lived in the bush for years because of his fear of earthquakes."

"Of course, I have seen many quakes, but all of them were slight. They would have about the same effect on our people as a severe thunderstorm would on Canadians."

Believe Families Lost. Agata was willing to give any information about Japan he could, but his two companions preserved a solemn silence throughout.

Suzuki and Tachibana think they have lost their wives and parents. Agata said, "so they don't want to talk about the earthquake. It makes them feel worse."

Commenting on conditions in Japan, Agata declared that since the war, the poorer classes had enjoyed greater prosperity than they had ever known. But as a result of the war, the people were becoming plainly antagonistic to the royal family. Antipathy feeling was extremely strong, and Agata predicted that within a decade or so Japan would become a republic.

The Japanese like one western country better than all others, and that country is Canada," he said. "Somehow or other we have always felt that Canada is sympathetic to us. We do not care so much for the United States, because American newspapers are persistently circulating damaging propaganda against us. They refer to Japanese immigration as the yellow peril, which is unfair and unjustified."

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"THE SPIRIT OF THE WOODS." Miss Edythe Wynne-Price, who, in the role of the Spirit of the Woods, is to give a series of interpretative dances in the great historical pageant, one of the big features of this year's Western Fair.

WILL INVESTIGATE COMPLAINT MADE BY HARVESTERS

Western Immigration Commissioner Promises Satisfaction to Workers From Britain.

ASK DEPORTATION

Canadian Press Demarch.

Winnipeg, Sept. 6.—Full consideration will be given to genuine grievances lodged by British harvesters returning dissatisfied to this city. Thomas Geley, commissioner of immigration for Western Canada, told a delegation which has interviewed him in the interests of the men.

Mr. Geley promised that the men's request for deportation would be forwarded to the federal authorities at Ottawa, and intimated that steps would be taken to reintroduce the old system of direct negotiation between the farmers and harvesters when help was required. Harvesters immigrants stranded here would be cared for in the immigration hall until their grievances were investigated, he said.

The commissioner was of the opinion that a serious mistake had been made in bringing men to Canada to harvest the crop without subjecting them to a severe medical examination. Many of the harvesters had found the farm work too exacting and in a number of instances men had been sent back to their homes on medical grounds.

Farmers and the laboring class were affected more than business men and white collar workers. The latter apparently understood that the sound as a rock, 100 mm hhrldu Canadian banking system was as solid as a rock, but thousands of farmers drew their savings from banks and placed it in socks and other places where no interest is realized.

"If the Canadian Bankers' Association could have foreseen the effect of publicity they would doubtless have discussed the matter with the press, and some arrangement could have been made by which the Home Bank failure was allowed to pass almost unnoticed."

While depositors, as previously stated, appear to be more optimistic, the manager of a Richmond street bank said this morning he would be surprised if holders of savings got more than 10 cents on the dollar.

"Full redemption of deposits might be possible if the double liability clause could be enforced, but I cannot see how it can be," he said. "Certain holders of Home Bank savings bonds and savings accounts will be cleaned out. It will be impossible for them to meet the double obligation of a shanty pay. I don't see how the others can be made to. You will find the double liability provision will be enforced only in certain isolated instances."

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DEPOSITORS ARE MORE OPTIMISTIC AS TO PROSPECTS

Expect To Realize Larger Percentage of Their Funds Placed in Home Bank.

AWAITING REPORT

With the curator's announcement regarding the financial standing of the Home Bank expected any day now, local depositors are becoming a little more optimistic as to chances of having their deposits partially redeemed.