

## 2,500 STRIKERS MEET DEATH BY CHILEAN MACHINE GUNS

**Awful Havoc By Government Forces in a Great Conflict at Nitrate Beds—Unarmed Mob Ruthlessly Cut To Pieces Upon Defying the Troops.**

San Francisco, March 12.—Machine guns, operated by the Government forces of Chile in a great conflict with strikers at the nitrate beds, and in the city of Iquique, laid 2,500 men low, most of whom were killed, according to advices received yesterday, by the Norwegian steamer Christian Bors, which arrived today direct from Chile.

Business at Iquique, which had never before been seriously disturbed by anything but earthquakes, was paralyzed when the great army of workers went on a strike. One fracas after another occurred, until soldiers and strikers met in the streets of Iquique and on the outskirts and openly defied each other.

Being ordered to disperse the army of men, the soldiers opened fire. The mob had little opportunity to fight back, even though it had been armed, the assault was so sudden. This took place on Jan. 1, and a week later, as though by common agreement, the strikers went back to work without the expected advance in wages. It was reported that the mine owners will voluntarily increase the pay of many of their employees.

## 500,000 JOINT STOCK CO. IS SMALLMAN & INGRAM'S

**Old and Faithful Employees To Be Taken Into Partnership—Forty of These Are Eligible.**

The big drygoods firm of Smallman & Ingram has been turned into a joint stock company, with a capital of \$500,000.

Mr. J. B. Smallman, in speaking of the matter to The Advertiser, said that the move had been contemplated for some time.

The papers arrived yesterday, and his idea is to allow all the old and faithful employees of the company to obtain an interest in the business.

Out of the two hundred employees of the firm, about forty are eligible to become stockholders, and will be granted shares at once upon their application, the amounts, of course, varying. At present the company will have seven directors. Women employees as well as men are allowed to become members of the company.

## DR. ARNOTT BADLY INJURED IN A RUNAWAY ACCIDENT

**Axle of Buggy Broke Crossing the Street Railway Tracks at the Corners of St James and Richmond Streets and the Horse Ran Away.**

Dr. David Arnett, of Queen's avenue, had a narrow escape from death this morning about 11 o'clock, when the front axle of his buggy broke as he was turning on to Richmond street from St. James street.

At that point there is a drop of several inches from the ice which covers the street, to the street car tracks, and the drop proved too much of a strain for the axle.

### CLUNG TO THE REINS.

Dr. Arnett was not thrown out when the axle first broke, and managed to cling to the reins until Oxford street had been reached.

The horse in the meantime had become madly frightened by the coupling of the trailing buggy on his heels, and was going at a terrific pace.

Near Oxford street the animal veered, and the buggy crashed into a large tree at the side of the street, with such force that Dr. Arnett was thrown to the street, alighting on his head, and being severely injured.

The buggy was totally demolished. The horse was injured badly.

### WAS UNCONSCIOUS.

For some time after the accident Dr. Arnett lay unconscious in the street, and it was thought at first that he was dead.

Passers-by picked the injured man up and he was taken to Dr. Thompson's office.

The latter was out, however, and Dr. W. J. Tillmann attended the patient.

The doctor found that by a miracle no bones had been broken, but that Dr. Arnett had suffered a number of bad cuts about the head, several injuries to the spine and back, as well as a large number of bruises.

Dr. Arnett is also suffering severely from the shock, and it will be a long time before he will be able to get up again.

When questioned after attending Dr. Arnett, Dr. Tillmann expressed his views on the cause of the accident very forcibly.

### THE CAUSE.

"I consider it a perfect outrage the way the street car company is allowed to leave the city streets," said he, "and it is distinctly up to somebody to see that the danger is removed before someone meets with death."

"The drop from the ice along the streets to the street car tracks in some places is five or six inches, and at the point where the accident occurred it was at least four or five."

"How Dr. Arnett escaped instant death, when the buggy struck that tree at the high rate of speed it was going, is more than I can conjecture."

"It is criminal to leave the streets in the condition they are now in."

## City Is Hot After Steel Industry Wires Are Now Working Overtime

**Mayor Stevely and Ald. Ferguson Take Up the Matter.**

"We will certainly go after that steel company," said Ald. Ferguson, chairman of the manufacturers' committee, this morning.

"I was out of the city for a day or two, or I would have got in touch with the matter sooner."

"We are going to have a meeting of the committee tomorrow afternoon and I will endeavor to get in touch with the promoters and see if some of them cannot meet with us."

"We want to find out what they want, and I am sure we can offer as good inducements as any place where bonusing is not permitted."

"With an open field, there is no reason why we cannot get it."

"From what information I can get on it, the concern is a good one."

**Mayor Working.** Mayor Stevely is also actively interested in the matter, and is obtaining whatever information he can on the firm's business.

He is enthusiastic over the prospect of securing such an industry, and will make every effort to bring to the attention of the promoters the advantages London offers.

## AMUSEMENTS FOR PORT STANLEY

**American Has Secured Frazer House and Grounds.**

**WILL MAKE MANY CHANGES**

**Favorite Summer Resort Will Be Brought Up-to-Date in All Particulars.**

A miniature Coney Island at Port Stanley is practically assured.

This morning Mayor Stevely had a visit from Mr. C. H. Oberheide, of New York, and Mr. E. G. Rumball, and Manager Mower, of the Southwestern Traction Company, when the proposition was laid before him.

Mr. Oberheide is connected with a large amusement concern in the United States. He installed the large Scarborough Beach Amusement Park in Toronto, the Dominion Park in Montreal, and the one in Detroit.

**To Lease Frazer House.** The company he represents has secured an option on the Frazer House, and have taken over the lease of the beach and grounds now held by Messrs. Ferguson & Bennett.

It is proposed to renovate the Frazer House and make it thoroughly modern in all its branches.

All sorts of entertainment will be provided for old and young.

The picnic grounds on the heights will be put in first-class condition, and amusement features for the youngsters will be furnished.

Work will be commenced as soon as possible, and it is expected that a large portion of the features outlined will be in operation before summer is passed.

**Traction Company Interested.** The Southwestern Traction Company is actively interested in the matter, and are doing their best to encourage the development of Port Stanley.

A meeting of the members of the board of trade and aldermen and others will be held tomorrow night in the board of trade parlors.

Some stock will be subscribed in the city. Already the proposition has been laid before the St. Thomas people, and a large proportion of the stock has been subscribed there—much more than was anticipated.

**A Good Thing.** "This is a good thing," said Mayor Stevely, this morning, "and should be encouraged. Mr. Oberheide represents a large company, and has installed many very successful plants. Port Stanley will be made a great picnic center, and it is expected that a large picnic day will be on the grounds during the summer months."

"The company wants the good will of Londoners, and I think the scheme will be splendidly supported."

The firm is asking nothing from the city, and local capital will be interested in the matter.

**FIRE ALARM BOXES FOR THE SCHOOLS**

**Windsor Board of Education Intends to Take Every Precaution.**

Windsor, March 12.—As an additional precaution against the occurrence of fires in Windsor public schools, it is proposed by the board of education to provide fire alarm boxes in each of the schools. Since the Col-linwood disaster, members of the board have been testing the arrangements for fire protection in the different schools. In some cases the nearest fire alarm box was found to be four blocks away from the school.

It was found that the pupils are well drilled in quickly leaving the buildings.

**MANAGER OF GRAND HAS RESIGNED**

Mr. L. H. Bowers, manager of the Grand Opera House, has resigned, and has left for the south.

Mr. A. J. Small, of Toronto, proprietor of the theatre, will be in London in a few days, when Mr. Bowers' successor will be announced.

**THE WEATHER.**

**TOMORROW—FAIR AND MILD.**

**FORECASTS.** Toronto, March 12—8 a.m. mild; but light local rain.

Friday—Southerly winds; fair; not much change in temperature.

**Local Temperatures.** The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 3 p.m. yesterday were: Highest, 47°; lowest, 22°; above zero.

**TEMPERATURES.** Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.

Windsor ..... 25 20 Cloudy

Port Arthur ..... 25 20 Cloudy

Parry Sound ..... 25 20 Clear

Toronto ..... 25 20 Clear

Ottawa ..... 25 20 Snow

Montreal ..... 25 20 Snow

Quebec ..... 25 20 Snow

Father Point ..... 25 20 Clear

The first column in the above table records the temperatures at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

**YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.** Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 39 below—2 below; Atlin, 8—12; Port Simpson, 35—45; Vancouver, 41—55; Kamloops, 35—44; Edmonton, 22—34; Battleford, 21—30; Prince Albert, 22—32; Calgary, 34—54; Ottawa, 10—34; Montreal, 12—38; Quebec, zero—23; St. John, 6—27; Halifax, 8—24.

## THE FIRST ROBIN IN LONDON AND PEOPLE WHO SAW IT



These are the days when people see robins. In fact, some people of London have claimed that as far back as two weeks ago they saw robins.

But this is a broad age, and under British institutions a man may see anything he likes, from a circus to a fourteen bld in pedro. And he may see a bird, too.

One gentleman of undoubted veracity, Mr. W. A. Brock, the gunsmith, saw a robin today. Far be it from that gentleman to anticipate the robin's return, and celebrate it two weeks in advance.

Mr. Brock's robins was, as is customary in London, located in St. Paul's Cathedral grounds.

Robins are such jolly fellows. They always seek churchyards or cemeteries, just because, like Mark Tapley, there's no credit in being jolly where everybody else is.

The whistle of the robin today was sweeter than the music of "The Robin's Return." High up in a tree in the churchyard, he sat on a bough, and piped his carol of spring to the Richmond street passersby. It was great to hear him. It was bully. He had all the crickets that ever chirped on a beaten city block, and he knew it. Sing! why, he could hold his own with Calve, even though she drew \$1,700 for singing half a dozen songs for Londoners one night in the Grand.

Spring was certainly here today. Bright sunshine, water gurgling in torrents down the gullies, sleighs relegated to the shed, wheels rolling everywhere, and above all, the robin, celebrating the festival of his arrival, and leaping the mind ahead to the good old summertime and exotic evenings, when "the bees wheel their droning flight, and drowsy tinklings lull the distant folds."

**MAJOR HAYS HAS RESIGNED**

**COL. REID PAYS TRIBUTE**

**To the Worth of Excellent Soldier Who Has Done So Much for the Seventh Regiment—Takes Effect Immediately—**

**Successor Is Not Yet Named.**

As announced in The Advertiser some days ago, Major Hayes, who has been connected with the Seventh Regiment for over 30 years, has resigned.

The resignation was sent in last evening to Lt.-Col. Reid, to take effect as soon as possible.

Sincere regret is expressed by the men of the regiment at the resignation, as Major Hayes was very popular with them.

"I have little to say," said Major Hayes this morning. "I have intended resigning for some time, and I thought this a convenient time to do so."

**Col. Reid Speaks.** "Yes, Major Hayes has sent in his resignation," said Col. Reid, when spoken to regarding the matter this morning.

"We are losing a valuable man in Major Hayes, as he has done splendid work for the regiment."

"We will have a great deal of difficulty in replacing him. He was especially valuable to the regiment in rifle work. He has felt for some time that he should resign, and his resignation is the outcome of that feeling."

**Pottersburg Row Easily Ended**

**Complainants Withdrew Charges**

**Parties Paid the Costs and All Went Away Perfectly Happy.**

After what took place in the Flannigan-Dart-Tasmanian fracas at Pottersburg Saturday night last, it was expected that the county magistrate's court this morning would be the scene of some stormy events when the erstwhile enemies came up for a hearing.

Instead, all was as serene as a Sunday school picnic.

The Darts came in with smiles on their faces, and the Flannigans, when they appeared on the scene, wore countenances that fairly beamed with joy and good-will toward all the world.

It was hard to imagine that these happy-looking people had been engaged in one of the warmest fistie skirmishes that London Township has witnessed in a long time.

**Four Cases.** In all there were four cases to be disposed of.

When they were called the complainants arose as one man, and asked that they be quashed.

It was explained that in the heat of the moment they had entered the informations.

Now they were feeling better about the matter, and all they asked was to have the whole thing hushed up.

Squire Chisholm, holding council with the constabulary, decided that if the parties concerned paid the costs, amounting in all to about \$16, everything would be all right.

This was done, and the Pottersburg row was at an end.

**Withdrawn.** The complaints which were withdrawn were William Tasmanian vs. John Flannigan, Frank Flannigan and Mrs. John Flannigan, abusive language and attempt to assault, J. F. Flannigan vs. Wm. Tasmanian, trespass, assault on Mrs. Flannigan and using abusive language.

There were a large number of witnesses subpoenaed in these actions, but none were called to the stand today.

**Price of Sweetness Is Raising**

**Sugar Goes Up 30 Cents Per Cwt.**

**The Last Advance of Ten Cents a Cwt. Went Into Force Friday.**

All grades of sugar have advanced 30 cents per hundred in the last three weeks.

The last advance of 10 cents a hundred was made last Friday, and is said to be a result of a shortage which the refineries foresee in the supply.

All the sugar we get here comes from the West India Islands, and is exclusively cane sugar.

The local grocers say that people won't buy beet sugar, claiming that it is no good for preserves or for ordinary purposes.

It is rumored that sugar is likely to advance again the net few days. Most of the retailers are selling eighteen pounds for a dollar.

**Some of Herd Failed to Stand Test**

Dr. Robertson, medical superintendent of the London Asylum, has had the tuberculin test applied to the asylum herds and as a result some of the herd of sixty cows are marked for slaughter.

"I am in favor of the tuberculin test for all dairy herds," the doctor said. "There is infinitely more danger from milk than from meat, and no cow that shows the least re-action from the tuberculin test should be kept in the herd."

"One diseased cow in the herd will infect the others. However, I think the herds as a rule are fair. Our farmer bought nineteen cows from farmers round about, and eighteen were perfectly healthy."

## PRODUCER GAS AT HALF THE COST OF NIAGARA POWER IN LONDON

### COLLIE DOG WAS KILLED

**Sergeant McDonald Took No Chances On Him Going Mad.**

A large collie dog which was acting in a peculiar manner around the market yesterday afternoon was shot by Sgt. McDonald, as it was thought that it might be going mad.

The animal was snapping at people and dogs on the market in a vicious manner, and a veterinary surgeon advised the police to kill the animal before it did any harm.

**GOES OVER TO THE SEPTEMBER SESSIONS**

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, March 12.—Messrs. John O'Gorman, W. J. Mulloy, Daniel Wilby and G. M. Reid, the four men convicted last November of conspiracy in connection with the London elections, appeared before Judge Winchester this morning, and renewed their bail till the September sessions.

It was explained to his honor that the case has not been printed as yet for the court of appeal, which meets in April.

**COMPANY WANTS A \$5,000 BONUS**

The manufacturers' committee will meet tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. There is not a great deal of business coming up for discussion.

A representative from the Canada Organ Company of Woodstock, which is anxious to locate here will be present, and talk matters over with the committee. The company wants a free site and a \$5,000 bonus.

**NEW ASYLUM INSTITUTION HYDROTHERAPEUTIC DEPT**

**Where Patients Will Be Treated Before They Are Declared Subjects for the Asylum Proper—\$3,800 Placed in the Estimates By the Government.**

The sum of \$3,800 has been placed in the estimates of the Provincial Parliament for the construction and equipment of a hydro-therapeutic department at the London Asylum for the Insane.

The work will be commenced shortly, and it will be one of the most up-to-date in use. The present infirmary will be reconstructed for this purpose.

There is always a stigma attached to a man who has been in an asylum, even though he may have been in the institution but a very short time," said Dr. Robertson, medical superintendent, yesterday.

"This new institution will do away with that stigma to a very large degree. A man will be detained in the institution, where he will be observed for a considerable time, and if it develops that his case is incurable, he will be taken out and placed in the asylum."

"Many cases of insanity are temporary, and spring from causes which if properly diagnosed can be removed. This method is the modern method of dealing with these cases, and will prove a success, I think."

A complete system of baths and treatments of various kinds will be installed.

**London To Ask for 5,000 H. P.**

**Figure Named for Power Commission**

The city of London will apply for 5,000-horsepower from the hydro-electric commission.

No. 2 committee last evening so recommended to the city council.

There was some discussion, Ald. Moorhead desiring to know whether this application bound the city to do anything.

Mayor Stevely said that it committed the council to nothing. It was merely an application for power.

When all the municipalities had been heard from, the commission would prepare estimates of the cost of transmitting this power to London, and the price would then be fixed.

**Enter Into Contracts.** When this was done, the contracts for the power would be forwarded to the city council, and the agreements would then be entered into if thought advisable.

"I do not want to be committed to any proposition until the price is fixed definitely," said Ald. Moorhead.

Ald. Booth moved that the council be recommended to apply for 5,000-horsepower.

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**Bill Would Mean a Loss of \$4,000**

**London Opposed To Bowyer Measure**

**Discrimination Against Cities Would Knock Out the Bell Phone Agreement.**

A communication was received by Mayor Stevely this morning from City Solicitor Doherty, of St. Thomas, asking that the city of London assist the city of St. Thomas and other corporations in preventing the passing of the bill recently introduced by Mr. P. H. Bowyer, M. P. for West Kent, in the Provincial House, which would prohibit the granting of exclusive franchises by a municipality.

**Against Cities.** Mr. Doherty points out that the bill discriminates against cities, and that they should protest against the bill.

"We are certainly opposed against the passing of the bill to prevent us granting exclusive franchises," said Mayor Stevely. "If that bill became law, we could not obtain the \$4,000 a year we are now obtaining from the Bell Telephone Company. That is one illustration of what the bill means to us. The communication will be sent to the council, and I expect the member for London will be instructed to oppose the bill."

**\$2,000 Wanted for the Courthouse**

A committee from the county council will meet the board of works this evening to discuss court house improvements," said County Councilor Glass this morning. "We will ask for \$2,000 to be placed in the estimates. We must have a new waiting-room, a new roof, and other repairs."

and sitting-room for jurors and witnesses. We intend turning the present quarters of the high constable into a room for that purpose, and furnish an office for the county constable. Then there is the question of a new roof, and other repairs."