

ARCHIE BLACKWELL DROWNED DESPITE ATTEMPTS TO SAVE HIM

Eight-Year-Old Lad Walked on Ice on River at Foot of Hill Street and Broke Through—Struggled for Fifteen Minutes in Full View of Crowd Desperately Trying to Save Him.

Archie Blackwell, the 8-year-old son of Mr. Richard Blackwell, a carpenter, of 165 Horton street, was drowned in the Thames at the foot of Hill street, shortly after noon on Sunday, under circumstances that are unusually sad. The lad had his dinner and went out with some companions, and in less than half an hour he was brought home dead.

It seems that the boys, after leaving the home of young Blackwell, went down to get some other lads, and the whole party took a stroll along the river bank. They had been walking on the ice, and finding it strong enough to hold them, were enjoying themselves sliding.

By this time they had reached the bend in the river immediately west of the old electric light station, and finding a spot particularly smooth and adapted for sliding, were enjoying the sport as only small boys can.

One of the boys, astold to The Advertiser, there was a crack in and a moment Blackwell was in the water.

His companions failed to understand the peril he was in and ran back to the bank, where they watched him struggling and made practically no efforts to help him for some time.

A neighbor, however, who had witnessed the affair from his house, rushed down, bringing with him a clothes line, which he had secured. It was found to be too short, and then the boys and man set about to secure ladders.

Struggled for His Life. In the meantime young Blackwell was putting up a magnificent struggle for his life in the ice-cold water.

He struggled desperately to gain a hold by which he might pull himself out, but as fast as he took hold of the thin ice it broke.

Someone told the boy's parents that he was in the river, and they hurried to the spot.

Other people came with ropes, but they were all too short.

It became apparent that the lad's life was all too short.

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Took Over \$1,000,000 Worth of Acts How Vaudeville War Was Ended

General Manager Bennett of London Among Those Who Signed Agreement.

General Manager Bennett, of Bennett's Theatrical Enterprises of Canada, the head office of which is in this city, returned from New York on Saturday, where he attended the convention of theatrical managers held for the purpose of ending the big vaudeville war.

As already announced in The Advertiser, the war is over. Mr. Bennett was one of those who signed the treaty of peace.

A week from today, Klaw & Erlanger et al., the theatrical trust,

plants, who invaded the vaudeville field, will pull up stakes and somewhere between fifteen and twenty of the houses, in which they have been running vaudeville, will close up, go into burlesque, or be converted into straight dramatic houses.

Klaw & Erlanger. It is the first time in the history of theatricals since Klaw & Erlanger took the lead, that this pair of really wonderful men and their associates, have been beaten.

Beginning with nothing, and investing but a very small sum of money, Klaw & Erlanger, a pair of Hebrew gentlemen, by the way, have been able to amass millions of dollars out of the theatrical business, and command.

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Joe Lucas Was a Gay, Gay Spirit

Mr. C. E. Bernard, proprietor of the Hotel Savoy, today informed The Advertiser that the Joseph Edward Lucas for whom a sister in England is inquiring was for a time employed at the Hotel Savoy as a porter.

He left Mr. Bernard's employ on the 18th of June, the day of the English picnic, and later went to work for Mr. John Jennings, at the Western Hotel. Then he went to work for Mr. Jerry McDonald at the Iroquois Hotel.

According to stories told The Advertiser today, others than his sister are looking for Mr. Lucas.

He took a horse belonging to Mr. Jennings and almost drove it to death one night. When he came back Mr. Jennings trounced him, and ordered him to get out of town. He did so.

There is also a four-months' board bill awaiting him here.

After leaving the Western Hotel, he went to the lumber works, but no one seems to know his address.

Several of his former friends have been spoken to, but they do not know where to locate him.

Lively Runaway On Talbot St. Sunday

A horse and a train proved too strong a combination for Mr. Oswald T. Taschereau, yesterday afternoon, and as a result he temporarily lost his grip on the reins long enough to allow the horse he was driving to get away and smash things up generally.

Taschereau had been showing his lady friend the town in a rig hired from Dyer's livery, and was driving down Talbot street about 4 o'clock, when the accident occurred.

Horse Bolted. Near the Talbot street crossing of the G. T. R. the horse became frightened at a passing freight train, and proceeded to make matters lively for a moment. After standing on its rear legs for an instant, the horse turned around quickly, and before its driver and companion quite realized what

was about to take place both were deposited on the hard roadway.

The horse kept on his way up the street at a reckless speed, running from one side of the street to the other.

The buggy had struck a hydrant and was turned over. This only served to further frighten the already frenzied beast, and it beat Dan Patch's time for three blocks by a wide mark, as it hove into the marketplace.

Runaway Stopped. At this juncture a man succeeded in stopping him.

The horse was found to be considerably cut up and the buggy was a wreck.

The driver and his lady friend were severely shaken up, but were uninjured.

The Duke of Parma Dead Leaves Immense Fortune

Rome, Nov. 18.—Prince Robert Charles Louis Marie de Bourbon, Duke of Parma, died of heart disease yesterday, near Parma. Prince Robert was born in 1848. He was deprived of his succession to the throne of the duchy of Parma in 1860 at the age of 12 years, when the duchy was incorporated with the kingdom of Italy.

The prince was twice married, the first time to Marie Pia, Princess of Bourbon, Sicily, and the second to Maria Antonia, Infanta of Portugal. He was the father of 21 children, and leaves a fortune estimated at \$40,000,000. The last child, a son, was born June 17, 1905.

REV. C. H. FRAZER DEAD AT DETROIT

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 18.—Rev. Chas. H. Frazer, rector of St. George's Episcopal Church, this city, died on Sunday after an illness of several weeks. He was born near London, Ont., about 55 years ago, and entered the Episcopal ministry at an early age. For ten years previous to 1903, when he came to Detroit, he was on the lecture platform, and made his home at Geneva, Wis.



CIVIC BARGAIN DAY

City of London and Its Debentures Three Courses Open to Financiers

May Still Try to Borrow, Sell at Present Prices, or Increase Rate.

According to statements made at the city hall today, the city of London is going to proceed warily in regard to the selling of city debentures. As announced in Saturday's Advertiser, the city has found it impossible to raise a loan of \$300,000 to carry the corporation until such times as the money market will improve.

The city now has its choice of three courses.

It may sell the 4 per cent debentures at a very great loss—probably at 90—or it may increase the rate of interest on them, and thereby increase the face value of the bonds.

Thirdly, the city may continue its endeavor to secure a loan of from one of the banks which will tide it over the stringency which will be adopted?

Which course will be adopted? Some suggest that only such local improvement debentures as must be sold at once be negotiated, and that the rate of interest on them be increased to 5 per cent.

Others say that the debentures should be sold without increasing the rate of interest.

What It Would Mean. If the second course is adopted, it will mean that the city will stand a direct loss of \$300,000, and that this loss will have to be made up out of the general funds of the city.

If the interest is increased, the debentures will sell at a good price, and the people who receive the benefits of the local improvements, for which the bonds were issued, will be compelled to pay the higher rate of interest during the period the debentures have to run.

In brief, raising the interest on the bonds means the making of the people who are to be assessed for the improvements, pay more according to the high condition of the money market, whereas if the rate is not increased, the city in general must make up the loss occasioned by the sale of local improvement debentures at a low figure.

It is understood that under the amended municipal act, the municipality has the power to increase the interest on the debentures if it so desire, without going to the Legislature.

The Best Course. But the third course, if it can be adopted, is the one most in favor around the city hall, as it is realized that it would be far better to borrow money to carry the city over than to sacrifice the debentures at present prices.

But the aldermen say that they see no possible way to raise a loan from the banks in time to meet their obligations.

The members of the finance committee refuse to discuss the situation other than to say that they will not unload any more debentures than is absolutely necessary, and they predict that inside of three months there will be plenty of money going around at a reasonable price.

Plenty of Work, Says Sup't. Gillen Grand Trunk Men Will Be Kept Busy

The Company Contemplates Big Changes in the East End Yard.

Superintendent Gillen of the Grand Trunk was in the city this morning, and when seen by The Advertiser intimated that considerable changes might be made in the yards in the east end before long in order to meet and handle expeditiously the large and increasing traffic that is passing through the city.

Mr. Gillen stated that even if Woodstock was made a coaling station it would not affect the number of chutes in the city.

Regarding rumors that any of the employees in the city were to be laid off, Mr. Gillen said there was nothing in it, as the company had lots of work.

Mrs. F. H. McGuigan was the same train her way to California to join her husband. Mr. Gillen stated that there was nothing for publication yet regarding Mr. McGuigan and the Grand Trunk.

City Engineer Graydon is about to be sued, and by the Warren Paving Company.

But Mr. Graydon looked in the cook-book, found that "no man for debt shall go to jail," and has sent a voluminous letter by freight to the Warren Paving people, telling them to "lay on, Macduff," and may they get all the law that's coming to them.

Incidentally, Mr. Graydon has also taken the liberty to write Manager King of the street railway.

It was over a street railway bill that the row occurred.

When the repairs were made to the asphalt pavement by the Warren people, Mr. Graydon saw a number of

holes which he thought needed mending. They were in the track allowance of the street railway, and, of course, Mr. Graydon thinks they should be paid for by the company.

The bill amounted to \$24, and Mr. King refuses to pay it. As the city ordered the work, the Warrens naturally look to the city for pay, and in a letter to the engineer, Manager McKendrick states that not only will he sue the city, but he will also look to the engineer for payment.

Mr. Graydon says he is more than willing to open up in battle array, especially as the heavy work of the season is pretty well over with, and he would like to engage in some legal amusement.

P. M. and the Carrying of Passengers

Mr. William Bowman, of Dundas street, some months ago drew the attention of Mayor Judd and the members of the London and Port Stanley Railway to the fact that the Pere Marquette Railway has been in the habit of carrying passengers to and from Port Stanley in coaches coupled directly next to the locomotive, where directly next to the locomotive, where directly next to the locomotive, where

an accident was to take place, the loss of life would be appalling.

The city claimed it had no power, and Mr. Bowman, who was himself injured in a wreck on the Pere Marquette eighteen months ago, took the body at once wrote the Pere Marquette up with the railway commis-

sion at Ottawa.

Marquette, and the company made answer to the several counts Mr. Bowman had recited, including the cars next the engine, and also the speed of trains around curves.

Now, Mr. Bowman has suggested that the board of trade or any other civic body should get copies of the correspondence on the subject from Ottawa, so that an agreement may be reached with the Pere Marquette authorities before the next picnic season.

It is probable President Stevely, of the board of trade, will deal with the matter at once.

A MONTREAL SUICIDE

Merchant, Whose Son's Firm Failed, Takes Carbolic Acid.

Montreal, Nov. 17.—Hiram Ruttenberg, Jewish pawnbroker, committed suicide today by drinking carbolic acid. Last week his son's firm, A. M. Ruttenberg & Co., failed, and this worried Ruttenberg, senior, especially as he was responsible for about \$30,000 of the firm's liabilities. Today in a fit of despondency he took his life.

A. M. Ruttenberg & Co., fur dealers, assigned, with liabilities of about \$82,000. The largest creditors are: The Eastern Townships Bank, \$30,000; the directly secured, A. Vogel & Co., \$12,000; and Ravillon Freres, \$10,000.

MAURETANIA GOING FAST

On the Run From Liverpool to Queens-town Averages 24½ Knots.

Queenstown, Nov. 18.—The Cunard liner, Mauretania, which left Queenstown at 11 o'clock yesterday morning on her maiden voyage to New York, was 300 miles west of Brownhead, at 2 o'clock this morning. The distance from Queenstown to Brownhead is 70 miles, and therefore the Mauretania at 2 o'clock this morning had covered 370 miles since leaving Queenstown at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, making an average of about 24½ knots.

MR. RODEHOUSE EXPLAINS

His Connection with the Cobalt Strike—Was He Misrepresented?

Hamilton, Nov. 17.—Robt. Rodehouse, Socialist and labor agitator, addressed a meeting this afternoon for about two hours on the strike in Cobalt and his part in that affair. He said the mine owners were guilty of misrepresenting things there while the strike was on. He also accused the owners of the King Edward mine of saying that he was an atheist, so as to persuade the Roman Catholic miners to quit the union; he had organized. He denied responsibility for the strike there. He said all he wanted was a nine-hour day for the men.

TILLMAN HITS CARNEGIE

Says frommaster Has Cash Enough to Import All Negroes He Wants.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 17.—Senator Tillman, who stopped over in Atlanta en route to his home at Charleston, S. C., vigorously used his pitchfork on Andrew Carnegie because of a speech the latter recently made at Howard University concerning the negro. Carnegie was quoted as saying in a speech, "It is not what we do with the negro, but how we can get more of them."

"I know of no man in America better fixed to get more of the negroes than is Carnegie," said Senator Tillman. "He has amassed a great fortune through our iniquitous tariff, and is financially able to get all the negroes he wants. I hope, however, that he will import his negroes direct from Africa, so he will understand how much the south has done for the race."



GENERAL MANAGER BENNETT. Who Has Made Statement Regarding the Closing of Vaudeville War.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—COLDER.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Nov. 18-8 a.m.

Today—Moderate, variable winds; light local sleet or snow tonight.

Tuesday—A little colder.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.

Calgary 20 18 Clear

Winnipeg 16 14 Fair

Port Arthur 16 14 Cloudy

Perry Sound 38 34 Fair

Toronto 32 30 Cloudy

Ottawa 32 30 Cloudy

Montreal 32 32 Fair

Quebec 32 32 Cloudy

Father Point 32 32 Cloudy

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

WEATHER NOTES.

The weather conditions are decidedly disturbed throughout the continent. The temperature continues low in Manitoba, but has risen somewhat between Ontario and the Maritime Provinces.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, Saturday, 15-39; Sunday, 23-44; Dawson, 8-18; Athol, 30-36; Victoria, 46-56; Vancouver, 42-47; Edmonton, 29-36; Regina, 16-28; Prince Albert, 10-22; Parry Sound, 34-42; Toronto, 36-44; Ottawa, 20-35; Montreal, 30-36; Quebec, 34-39; Halifax, 22-40.

LONDON ELECTION TRIAL OPENS WITH TILT OVER JURISDICTION

Counsel for Defendants Claims the Case Has Become Outlawed and Asks That It Be Quashed.

JUDGE SUSTAINS INDICTMENT AND CALLS WITNESSES

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Nov. 18.—A motion to quash the indictment, questions of jurisdiction and other legal objections, were introduced this morning at the opening of the trial of Messrs. John O'Gorman, W. J. Mulloy, Daniel Wylie and George M. Reid, who are charged with bribery in the Hyman-Gray by-election at London, in 1905. Judge Winchester himself raised the question of jurisdiction, while Mr. E. F. B. Johnston, the defense lawyer, took formal objections to the indictment, arguing that the charges were not sufficiently specific and claiming the prosecution was barred by lapse of time.

It was decided by the court to take evidence this afternoon. A plea of not guilty was entered. E. I. Sifton, one of the defendants mentioned in the indictment, did not appear. He may be used as a crown witness.

Toronto, Nov. 18.—The London election conspiracy case opened before Judge Winchester at 11:30 today. The prosecution was represented by J. Lynch Staunton, Hamilton, J. C. Judd, London, and John S. Auld, Hamilton. The defendants were represented

by Mr. E. F. B. Johnston, Mr. J. M. McEvoy and Mr. George Wilkie, of Toronto. E. I. Sifton was not in court when the defendants were arraigned.

Mr. Staunton intimated that the crown would not proceed against Sifton, but that he would be used as a crown witness. All pleaded not guilty to the indictment. About 40 witnesses were present from London.

After recalling the indictment Judge Winchester declared that if Mr. Staunton continued to use the words of the indictment he would refuse to try the case, as it was out of his jurisdiction. He said he could only deal with cases in the sessions; he would try all the offenses named in the indictment if those words were omitted.

With them he certainly could not. Mr. Staunton declared that the indictment must stand as read. Mr. Johnston began argument to show that the case came under the jurisdiction of the sessions. The defendants had elected trial before him (Judge Winchester), and according to the statutes he could try any indicted offense.

Mr. Johnston quoted the statutes to prove his contention.

"Are any of the offenses charged not covered by the criminal code or are Continued on Page Eight.

Looking for Smallpox Suspects A C. P. R. Conductor Is One of Them

A Linwood Man Developed the Disease and May Have Infected Others.

Medical Health Officer Hutchinson is on the search for possible cases of smallpox in London, as the result of a case which broke out at Toronto Junction Sunday night.

At 1:15 this morning the doctor was called out of bed to answer long distance, and he found that Toronto wanted to speak to him.

The medical health officer there informed him that a man named Chisholm had developed the disease while boarding in a caboose in Toronto Junction, and that the patient was now at his home in Linwood, a station on the Toronto and Goderich line of the C. P. R.

It was also alleged that while Chisholm was in Toronto, he had been met by dozens of persons, who had associated with him more or less.

Chisholm, it is understood, was a member of the train crew.

A vigorous search is being conducted for suspects, and amongst them is Conductor Wm. J. Bell, of 640 Elizabeth street, London.

The conductor runs between Toronto and London, and it is said that he had occasion in the performance of his duties, to pass through the car in which Chisholm was riding when he was ill.

The medical health officer of Toronto informed Dr. Hutchinson that he had quarantined the engineer and fireman of the train, and also a brakeman, but he left it to Dr. Hutchinson's discretion to say what shall be done with Conductor Bell.

It was stated this morning that there is reason to believe that there are very many people who were exposed to the disease through passing through the car in which Chisholm took sick, but it is not stated that anybody other than Mr. Bell is suspected of contagion.

WOOD PILES SCARE WEARY WILLIE

"Tramps," said Inspector Sanders, of the Children's Aid, this morning, when questioned as to the number of knights of the road who had drifted this way recently. Then he smiled.

"Do you see that saw and buck hanging up in the corner over there? Well, that is the greatest remedy for the tramp evil that was ever originated.

When one of those who ride in sleigh-door Pullmans come in I just point to those implements of torture and the next moment there is a hurried exit, and Mr. Tramp has started for other parts. Occasionally, of course, one is found who is courageous enough to brave the wrath of the ancient and honorable sons of rest to tackle the saw, but as a rule they decide that now is their only chance."

There are other parts more conducive to tramp longevity than London. We have arrangements with three local wood yards whereby a tramp gets \$1 a cord for cutting the sticks into two pieces. About a cord a day is about the average amount one man can cut. We pay them the cash direct, and they can do as they like with the money."

Inspector McCallum said that the tightness of the money market affected the rambling ones less than any other class of people, for the reason that they seldom bothered their heads about money. "We have had no more around recently than at other times. The local police are too vigilant for one thing, besides there are an awful lot of wood piles awaiting cutters just saw, but as a rule they decide that now is their only chance."

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WOULDN'T TUST CHICAGO BANKS COMES TO LONDON TO DEPOSIT

A peculiar incident took place on Saturday when a middle-aged woman walked into the Bank of Montreal in this city and announced that she had come all the way from Chicago to deposit \$4,000 in gold and American bills.

The amount represented the savings of a life time of her mother, her grandmother and herself. Having

great confidence in the Bank of Montreal she decided to deposit with them. She had been informed in Chicago that there was a branch bank there, but she would not believe the statement, and came here to make sure that the money went in the right bank.

In the meantime the local people are giving Chicago the laugh. The money was tied up in an old towel.

CHINESE TROOPS MASSACRE JAPS

London, Nov. 18.—In a dispatch from Tokio, the correspondent of the Times says that the revolt of a company of Chinese troops in Formosa resulted in the murder of 63 Japanese

policemen and civilians. The incident has caused uneasiness in Tokio, the correspondent declares, as the loyalty of the Chinese mercenaries had hitherto been unquestioned.