

BURNING OF GILMOUR HOTEL; GUESTS LEAP FROM WINDOWS

One Person Missing—Several Receive Injuries—
Many Heroic Escapes.

Ottawa, Sept. 14.—The Gilmour hotel, at the corner of Bank and Gilmour streets, was completely gutted by fire tonight, involving a loss approximating \$60,000, and causing serious injury to six or eight inmates.

The fire was very fierce, and it spread through the hotel, mostly with lightning rapidity. The building is a five-story one. On the ground floor, fronting on Bank street, was the main entrance to the hotel; a barber shop kept by W. H. Bush, the grocery store of F. H. Cliff, owner of the hotel, and the Bank street branch of the Royal Bank of Canada. The second floor was a French-Canadian, Edward Babin.

A few minutes after 11 o'clock the guests who were in the rotunda of the hotel suddenly noticed smoke emerging from the elevator shaft, and then there came a rush of flame up the shaft and also into the office. At once the alarm was given, employees ran through the house to awaken the guests who had retired. The difficulty was to reach those on the upper floors.

At many of the upper windows persons in scanty attire cried for help. It was a thrilling time. The heroic spirit of the Canadian people was manifest. Scores of heroes rushed to the rescue. It is impossible to ascertain whether any lives were lost. In fact, it may be some days before this is known. Many were injured in endeavoring to escape from the burning building. Mr. Arch Blue, census commissioner, and his family, had a narrow escape. They had to use the ladder, and Mrs. Blue fell for some distance, and had her left shoulder broken and received injuries from burns.

Col. D. A. Macdonald, quartermaster general, fortunately had not retired, and quickly got Mrs. Macdonald and her father, Judge Richardson, formerly of Regina, out of the building.

The injured. George Montgomery, of Toronto, jumped from the second story, and was picked up with a fractured thigh and a severe scalp wound. He was taken to St. Luke's Hospital, but he had refused to be treated.

CITY ASSUMING NORMAL CONDITION

Fair Crowds Have Disappeared
—Big Week for Hotels,
Poor for Police.

The city is quieting down after the extraordinary hustle of the week. The Western Fair crowds have disappeared.

The railway depots have got down to the ordinary autumn business, and all that is left to remind the city man of the big crowds of the past few days are the signs which stare him in the face from buildings and dead walls and which warn him to beware of pickpockets.

The fair grounds were completely dismantled of tents and booths this morning. During the night the mushroom city on the midway disappeared.

All night long, drays and all sorts of vehicles left the grounds in steady streams, loaded with exhibits of one kind or another.

This morning the traffic was maintained. Long rows of cars on the Grand Trunk siding on Campbell street were being loaded with merchandise, and occasionally a carload of live stock was seen, though nearly all the animals were taken away last night.

In the different buildings workmen were busy getting goods ready for removal.

Even the electric lights on the grounds were being taken away today.

Big Week for Hotels.

Local hotel business has assumed its normal condition. It is possible now to get a room in almost any of the hostels. During the week, hotel accommodation was at a premium.

It is said the week was the best London hotelmen ever enjoyed. It was a poor bar trade that didn't run \$100 a day. One first-class hotel in London took in over \$1,000 in accommodation and bar trade last week.

Manager King has placed the street cars on their usual runs. The South street belt, or Ottawa avenue, as the city council decreed to call the street, is being operated in the old way—that is, the cars run east on Dundas street and west on Ottawa avenue.

Crooks Shy of London.

The police report the week to have been a very quiet one as far as crooks were concerned. The gentry give London a wide berth nowadays. Experience has taught them that crooked work in London means a year or two in the "pen." They fear the detective force of London.

Fair week put the city fathers "up in the air." They couldn't attend to the midway and the civic meetings at the same time, and as a consequence, the committee meetings were held since Wednesday night. There was no important business to come up, however, so that nothing has been allowed to rust by reason of the fair week excitement.

LONDON MAY HAVE 5 AND 10 CENT THEATER

Two Americans Here Looking Over Ground—License Fee High, They Say.

London is likely to have a popular 5 and 10 cent theater after the manner of the Crystal and others in Detroit.

Today two gentlemen from Columbus, Ohio, made inquiries at the city hall as to the license fee they would have to pay. They stated that it is their intention to establish a small theater which will seat about 400 people, preferably in a store in the heart of the city, and to charge only 5 and 10 cents admission. There would be three performances daily.

The regular theater license, paid by the Grand Opera House, Bennett's Vaudeville and the Auditorium, is \$80 a year, and this the Americans thought was a little too steep for such small place as they would like to conduct.

ALLEGED NON-SUPPORT

Asel Marks Arrested When He Came Home to See Children.

Another non-support case was brought up at the police court this morning, when Asel Marks appeared to answer the charge, and was bailed in the sum of \$1,000—\$500 personal bonds, and two securities of \$250 each—to appear on Monday.

Marks had been away from the city for a number of years, and when he came back a few days ago to see his children he was arrested on a charge of non-support by his wife.

William Cook appeared to answer a charge of being drunk and disorderly. He was fined \$3 or ten days. It appears that Cook caused trouble around a local hotel while suffering from over-indulgence in booze.

Joseph Morris was bailed for one week on a charge of being drunk.

Two vagrants were remanded for one week.

HELD FAST ON SLOPE

Not Enough Ballast on Mountain Train to Bring It Down.

Geneva, Sept. 15.—A trainload of tourists had a thrilling adventure on Wednesday evening on the funicular railway which starts at Beatenbucht, on the shore of Lake Thoun, and which mounts nearly 2,000 feet to Beatenberg in sixteen minutes.

Owing to a miscalculation, sufficient water ballast was not placed in the descending train to lift the ascending train. The result was that about midway the cars came to a standstill, much to the alarm of the employees and travelers. The coaches, crowded with tourists, stood perched in the air on a precipitous slope.

A message was sent back to the hotel at Beatenbucht, and every available employee was sent down on the train to act as ballast. Their weight was just sufficient to send the train down after an hour's anxious delay.

TURKEY GIVES WARNING

Tells Powers That Bulgaria Is Preparing for a Conflict.

Paris, Sept. 14.—In a formal note to France and other powers, Turkey draw attention to the warlike preparations which are going on in Bulgaria. While it is declared that this note makes no allusion to retaliatory steps on the part of Turkey, this formal notification from the Porte is regarded as ominous.

WANSTEAD RECALLED

By the Conditions That Prevailed at Azilda Station.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Sept. 15.—Conditions at Azilda, it seems, were somewhat alike to the circumstances surrounding the Grand Trunk wreck at Wanstead, three years ago, which cost 28 lives. There is no night stationmaster or operator at Azilda, although several important trains are crossed at this point during hours of darkness. Neither is there telephone connections with this place from Sudbury. Even a semaphore signal, had there been one, might have given the westbound train the minute it required to take the siding, but there is not a semaphore system either.

NO WEDDING BELLS

The Woman's Husband Heads Off Her Bigamistic Scheme.

Port Hope, Ont., Sept. 15.—George W. Lawrence and Lillian Brown, respectively 28 and 23 years of age, residents of Oakfield, Ontario, were married at Port Hope, Thursday.

A marriage license was secured and the couple sought the Methodist parsonage. The reverend gentleman not being at home, they were compelled to wait till the morning, when they again repaid to the clergyman.

Missing him, they returned to have another clergyman's name inserted. The issuer of marriage licenses, in the meantime, however, received word that the prospective bride had a husband and two children living in the States. Post-haste a messenger was dispatched to the parsonage annulling the certificate.

When the groom-to-be applied for the insertion of another minister's name, he was dumbfounded at the news awaiting him. The girl is said to have hailed from Manvers Township, Durham County, but has been living in the United States for some time.

MARCONI SAILS.

Marconi, the inventor of the wireless telegraph, sailed for Europe on the 11th by the steamer Corona, after a flying visit to America. He spent Monday in Bridgeport, Conn., inspecting the factory of the Columbia Phonograph Company, with which he has recently made an alliance as consulting physicist. In the evening he was entertained at a dinner given in his honor at the Waldorf Astoria by the president, Edward D. Easton, at which the directors and members of the president's staff were present.

Grand Trunk Agreement Is to Go Through Monday

Both Parties Ready to Come to Terms—Location of Springbank Switch Fixed.

The city council will on Monday night again take up the proposed agreement with the Grand Trunk Railway regarding the elevation of the company's lines in the city west of Ridout street. There was much speculation around the city hall today as to how the agreement will fare when it is considered. That it will be considered seems a foregone conclusion, because it is not now within the power of the three aldermen who have all signed, to block the reconsideration.

The absence of Ald. Armstrong, who has left the city on a business trip which could not be delayed, will bring the council attendance down to ten when the mayor takes the chair, as Ald. Forristal, who was induced some time ago, will not be able to be present.

And a two-thirds majority of ten is seven, and those who favor continuing the negotiations with the company on the present basis can muster this number, which is necessary for a reconsideration.

After the vote is taken the real pull will begin. Manager McGuigan has said that he will not assume liability for the Wharncliffe subway piers being placed on the curbs, and if course a fight will be made to compel him to do so.

GETS BIG STICK

AFTER PAVERS

Engineer Not Satisfied With the Progress Being Made on Certain Streets.

City Engineer Graydon, after the excitement of fair week, is in proper humor to deal with the procrastinating paving contractors of London. This morning he sent hurry-up notices to persons interested.

First the engineer got after Ben Hole, of the Forest City Paving Company.

This company has the contract for the paving of York street, and Mr. Graydon expressed the opinion that at the present rate of working, the street will probably be ready for traffic by the 24th of May next.

The engineer has written to say that the street is in a terrible condition, and that the contractor must proceed with his job or suffer the consequences. Mr. Hole claims he is held up for brick.

The city engineer next took occasion to write a letter to Manager King concerning the intersection of York and Ridout streets in a very dangerous condition and that it is time the company had its portion of the thoroughfare properly paved.

Bligh & Fielder are not doing so badly, the engineer says, on the King street job. These contractors are having their trucks in getting men, and the work is being somewhat delayed in consequence, but it is hoped that it will soon be completed.

The Barber Paving Company will complete the Dundas street east pavement by Wednesday night.

The same company began work on the Park avenue pavement, between Dundas street and Queen's avenue, today.

MARY BLACK'S SAD FATE

Once Prominent in Montreal Society, Died in Detroit Poorhouse.

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 14.—Mary Black, 65 years old, penniless and friendless, died at the Wayne County poorhouse on Wednesday night, and would have been buried in a pauper's grave had not the authorities succeeded in finding a half-sister in this city, who at first denied any knowledge of Mrs. Black, but who finally consented to give her a cheap burial.

Years ago Mrs. Black was prominent in Montreal social world. Her family still live there. She married and came to Detroit thirty years ago. Her husband died several years ago. Mrs. Black became dissipated and alienated her family. She has several children, but their whereabouts are unknown.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—WARMER.

The weather has been fine and much cooler from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, and cool in the Western Provinces, with heavy rains in Manitoba and portions of Saskatchewan.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Calgary, 32-68; Qu'Appelle, 46-52; Winnipeg, 46-58; Port Arthur, 42-50; Parry, 44-60; Toronto, 46-60; Ottawa, 52-64; Montreal, 54-64; Quebec, 50-64; Halifax, 50-70.

SHOWERS.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Sept. 15—8 a.m. Today—Fresh easterly winds; fine. Sunday—Fresh to strong southerly to westerly winds; warmer and partly fair, with some showers.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Max.	Weather.
Calgary	32	28	58	Clear
Port Arthur	42	38	50	Fair
Parry Sound	54	40	48	Fair
Toronto	52	42	46	Clear
Ottawa	52	42	46	Clear
Quebec	50	40	46	Clear
Halifax	46	38	42	Clear

A Subway Tangle.

It appears that Manager King has had reason to change his mind regarding the Wharncliffe subway, and it is not unlikely that a new argument will be raised on this point on Monday night.

Mr. King, it is understood, has now expressed the opinion that it would be in the interests of the people and of the street railway, if the sidewalks were narrowed and the roadway made wider.

A Compromise.

Mr. McGuigan, it is said, has agreed to place a 42-foot span over the roadway and make the sidewalks 5 feet wide. This would result in a serious tangle over the question of liability, however, as the street would be narrowed from 66 to 52 feet, and besides it would be necessary to secure the consent of the Legislature were such a bargain made. If the railway does not encroach on the street, the consent of the Legislature is not necessary.

It is probable that the company will be asked to put in one span in the center of 42 feet and a span at either side of 12 feet each. If this were done the street would not be narrowed.

Mr. King is fearful that the swing of the big trolley cars will prevent them being operated in a 34-foot roadway without danger to the public—and at the corner of the Wharncliffe road and Continued on page eight.

TAYLOR IS GUILTY OF SERIOUS CRIME

Farm Hand Convicted of Indecently Assaulting a Westminster Girl.

Neil Taylor, the Westminster farm-hand, charged with indecently assaulting Annie Taylor, 20 years old, of Odell's postoffice, was convicted by Judge Edward Elliott this morning.

Taylor offered no defense—in fact, he was not represented by counsel. The evidence of Miss Taylor and a number of other residents of the locality where the offense was committed, was taken, and the judge unhesitatingly found Taylor guilty.

The prisoner is believed to be simple-minded.

Sentence will be passed on Monday. Indecent assault is the offense for which Arthur Lavigne was recently given a term in Kingston, with lashes.

SELECTION OF JURORS

Number To Be Drawn from Municipalities for 1907 Determined.

The county selectors of jurors met at the courthouse this morning to determine the number of jurors to be drawn from the various municipalities for the courts of 1907. The board comprises Judge Macbeth, Judge Elliott, Warden Galbraith, Mayor Judd, City Treasurer Pope, Sheriff Cameron, County Treasurer McEvoy and Mr. J. B. McKillop, clerk of the peace.

The number of jurors is determined from the 1906 voters' lists, but when the board met it was found that the lists from the townships of West Williams and London, and the villages of Wardsville, Lucan and Alisa Craig had not been received. The selection from these municipalities, therefore, was based on the 1905 lists.

OVERHAULING CARS

Street Railway Expects to Remove Cause for Complaints Shortly.

The meeting of No. 1 committee of the city council called for yesterday afternoon failed to materialize, only Acting Chairman Gillen putting in an appearance. Chairman Searson of the Hospital Trust and Superintendent Heard of Victoria Hospital were present, intending to lodge complaint against the London Street Railway, because of the running of noisy cars on the South street belt, which greatly disturbed the patients.

Senator Coffey was also on hand to complain regarding the cars operated on Richmond street.

Manager King was present, too, and he explained to the reporters that the company is overhauling its cars as rapidly as possible, and hopes to overcome the noise grievance within a week or two.

ESCAPED INJURY

Londoner Got Out of Burning Ottawa Hotel in Safety.

Dr. H. H. Nelles, of South London, was very much concerned this morning over the safety of his son, who was a boarder in the Gilmour House, Ottawa, destroyed by fire last night.

Inquiries were made regarding Mr. Nelles, and about noon a message was received stating that he had escaped unhurt.

HIGHLAND FUNERAL.

Edinburgh, Sept. 15.—The funeral of the late Sir Allan Mackenzie was held yesterday at Glenmuick, Aberdeenshire. Eight pipers marched in front of the hearse, playing "The Land of the Leal," and "Flowers of the Forest."

\$6,000 TO \$8,000 SURPLUS IS ASSURED FOR FAIR THIS YEAR

Balance on Right Side Will Be Bigger Than a Year Ago—Closing Day of the Fair.

Sharp at 10 o'clock last night Victor's Royal Venetian Band struck up "God Save the King" in front of the grand stand at the Western Fair, and one of the most successful exhibitions ever held in the Forest City was brought to a close.

The closing day of the Fair was set apart for the school children of the city, but it did not prove to be anything more than an average Friday. The girls did not turn out in large numbers. Most of them had taken in the show on Monday, the first day set apart for them, when they were admitted for a small fee, and the stands were thrown open, while others were at the Fair on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, leaving very few who had not taken in the sights before the closing day.

Nevertheless, the agreement of the directors to give the children a cheap admission to the stands and grounds yesterday helped a little.

Good Surplus This Year.

It is estimated that the Fair will be from \$6,000 to \$8,000 ahead on the week. Last year the Fair was \$5,000 or thereabouts to the good, which, with a balance of \$5,000 from the preceding year, made a net-egg of \$1,000 to carry over to 1906. This year the attendance has been considerably in advance of 1905, and this, together with the increase in the number of exhibitors, will mean that not less than \$8,000 will remain in the treasury after all accounts are paid. Possibly the sum will reach between \$7,000 and \$8,000.

"There is not the slightest doubt that we have done better this year than we did in 1905," said President W. J. Reid last night.

Exhibitors began to move out of some of the departments at 6 o'clock last night, and a steady stream of rigs continued to leave the grounds with goods until a late hour. In the Main Building, however, not an article was moved until early this morning.

The payment of the prize-winners was begun yesterday afternoon, and before evening Secretary Hunt had handed out over four hundred checks, which were cashed there and then by a clerk from the Bank of Toronto, who had been sent to the grounds for the purpose. This was a great convenience to the exhibitors, and enabled many of them to reach home on the evening trains, where otherwise they would have been compelled to stay over another day. This morning Secretary Hunt had still about three hundred checks to distribute.

One Lone Kicker.

There was but one lone kick registered at the office during the payment of the winners. It came from an exhibitor of sheep, who claimed that he had been awarded one more prize than he was credited with. A reference to the judges' book, however, showed that the exhibitor got all that was coming.

Williams hinted that his experience with the airship was not at all satisfactory, and that this would be the last season with it. Williams has been in business as an aeronaut for the past twenty years, which is vouched for by Mr. Wm. Haney, his company, of the fireworks of Hamilton, who saw Williams make an ascension many years ago. In fact, Williams claims to be the first man to make a drop from a parachute in America.

As far as the fireworks are concerned, they gave the greatest satisfaction this year. The display each night included a number of pieces that had never before been seen in London, the effect of some of them being very pretty. "The Carnival of Venice" is one of the prettiest arrangements he has ever seen.

MIXED UP WITH RUNAWAY HORSES

Thomas Beattie, London Township Farmer, in Perilous Position.

Mr. Thomas Beattie, a well-known wholesale milk dealer, of London Township, had a narrow escape from being seriously injured in a runaway on King street at noon today.

Mr. Beattie was standing near the Market House when the band of "My Dixie Girl" company, which is now ending a week's engagement at the Grand, came along.

Many horses were standing untied on the street at the time, their owners or drivers being busy on the market. The company frightened the animals, and several of them bolted.

Mr. Beattie saw one horse getting away and he jumped into the roadway and seized it by the bridle. At the same moment another runaway dashed up and locked the front wheels of a wagon into the rear wheel of the rig attached to the horse Mr. Beattie was holding.

Beattie held on and was dragged all over the road, as the two horses tried to get away. He was having a tough enough time of it when a third horse came along on the run and became mixed up with the other two, so that Mr. Beattie was left struggling in the center of the three runaways.

The band stopped playing and half a dozen men rushed to the assistance of the lucky farmer. It took some time to quiet the horses, but the men at last succeeded, and then Mr. Beattie got out of his perilous position.

It wouldn't take a thousand dollars and he where Beattie was that few minutes, said a man who witnessed the mixup, to The Advertiser.

FAVORS THE CANTREEN.

Washington, Sept. 15.—Brigadier-General Theodore J. Wint, commanding the department of the Missouri, has reported to the war department that in his opinion the cantreen should be removed at army posts. He says: "The demoralizing influence of the resorts surrounding posts cannot be too strongly emphasizing, giving rise as it does to a large proportion of the most serious offenses and practically all those with penitentiary confinements, a condition of affairs in a great measure due to the opinion of the judge advocate to the prohibition placed upon the post exchange."

It is understood that the Shedden employees decided to stand out for the \$45 a month.

It was feared that there might be trouble around the Shedden and O'Dell stables last evening and this morning, and a policeman was detailed to maintain order there. However, there was no trouble, although some of the Shedden men last evening criticised rather freely several teamsters who were driving Michigan Central lorries.