

FORMER G. T. R. SUPT. TIFFIN DIED AT HIS HOME IN BARRIE

Well-Known Railwayman, Who Was in Charge in London in 1895, When He Was Transferred to Allandale—
Funeral Will Be Held Here.

[G. N. W. Dispatch.]

Barrie, May 30.—W. R. Tiffin, superintendent of the northern division of the Grand Trunk Railway, and one of the oldest and best-known railway men in Canada, died here last night after a fortnight's illness of paralysis of the throat.

Mr. Tiffin reached his fiftieth year with the Grand Trunk May 24, having entered the service in Hamilton as a clerk when 15 years old.

He held the positions of superintendent at Palmerston, Stratford, London and Barrie.

Mrs. Tiffin died twelve years ago. Mr. Tiffin leaves three sons, E. Tiffin, general traffic manager of the I. C. R., is a brother.

Mr. Tiffin was a prominent Anglican, having been warden of Trinity Church for several years. Interment will take place at London.

The late Mr. Tiffin was well known among railwaymen of the city. He was assistant superintendent of the Grand Trunk here for four years, and left in 1895, being transferred to Allandale, on the northern division. Prior to coming to London he was chief dispatcher at Stratford.

"I knew him well," said Chief Dispatcher Forrester of the Grand Trunk. "He was one of the oldtime railway men, and was widely known. He was a very fine fellow, and those of us who knew him regret his death."

PORTE WAS EXAMINING PISTOL ACCIDENTALLY DISCHARGED IT

Particulars of the Death of Son of Late Capt. A. W. Porte, Former
Well-Known Businessman of London, Whose Demise
Occurred Here Under Tragic Circumstances.

The remains of Alex. H. Porte, who was shot and killed in New Ontario on Thursday afternoon of last week, arrived in the city on the noon C. P. R. express.

The body was accompanied by Mr. Barry Porte, of Toronto, who stated to The Advertiser that his brother was looking at a revolver when it discharged accidentally, and the bullet went through his brain, entering on the left side of the forehead, and killing him instantly.

The accident occurred about one o'clock. Young Porte was a fourth year law student at Toronto University, and went north a few weeks ago to act as a fire ranger during his vacation.

The Fatal Accident.

For the last three summers he had been fire ranging, and enjoyed the outing immensely. Porte and some of his companions had reached a point about 70 miles north of Biscoe, and were canoeing to their destination.

They had had their midday meal, and young Porte went to look at the revolver.

Only one chamber was loaded, and it seems that he did not know this. While examining the weapon the trigger snapped and he was instantly killed.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, from the residence of Mr. E. H. Johnston, 435 Colborne street, Mr. Johnston is an uncle of deceased.

MURDERS WIFE AND A PRIEST

St. Paul Stock Buyer Kills Two
Without Warning.

SURRENDERS TO POLICE

Parishioners of Dead Clergyman Surround Jail and Mob Law is
Narrowly Averted.

St. Paul, Minn., May 29.—Philip J. Gibbon, 42 years old, tonight shot and instantly killed his wife and Father E. J. Walsh, priest of the Church of the St. Augustine, in their respective homes in South St. Paul.

The motive for the crime is unannounced. Before he shot the fatal wounds which caused his instant death, Gibbon shouted into Walsh's ear words which attendants refuse to reveal and which are believed to furnish the real clue to the motive.

Murderer Surrenders.

The city jail was assailed within half an hour after the husband gave himself up to the suburban police by several hundred men, women and children, foreign laborers in the packing plants, who cried for vengeance to avenge the murder of the leader of their parish. After an hour or two, by swearing in many deputies, however, the mob was allayed and departed to their homes.

Gibbon has been a leading stock

buyer here for many years and separated from his wife over unknown causes about a year ago. Since that time has visited the eight children every two weeks and, it is understood, supported them.

Shoots Priest Twice.

This afternoon he called at his wife's home in a carriage and they went driving, returning at 6 o'clock. Mrs. Gibbon was seated in the carriage in tears and walked into the house, her husband following. A moment later neighbors heard a shot and ran into the house. They found Mrs. Gibbon lying on the floor.

CHARGE WAS LAID AGAINST TRAVELLER

Row Over Some Money Which Reached
the Police Court.

A traveller charged by a local cigar merchant with fraud appeared before Magistrate Love at the police court this morning, and on making good the amount the charge against him was withdrawn.

It is stated that the traveller some time ago borrowed some money from the merchant and promised to return it. The traveller said he had given the money to his brother-in-law to give to the merchant. He, however, paid it again to the merchant this morning, and the case ended.

NON-JURY SESSIONS OF THE HIGH COURT

Justice Riddell Presides as Justices
Britton Was Unable to
Come.

The non-jury sessions of the high court opened this afternoon at 1 o'clock before Justice Riddell. Justice Britton was scheduled to preside but was unable to come. His lordship arrived at 11:30 and was ready to proceed, but none of the cases were ready and court adjourned until 1 o'clock.

The first case up was that of Pethick and Henderson against O'Donoghue. It is expected that the sitting will not last longer than two days.

SHEDDEN HORSES HAD VERY DAINY LUNCH

Ate Beautiful Geraniums Out of
the Back of a Wagon.

There was a hostile market gardener on Talbot street, near the market, shortly before noon.

The gardener had come in with a wagon load of fine scarlet, pink and white geraniums for a local dealer. He went into the store to see where to put the flowers, and while he was gone a Sheddin vagabond drove up and the driver went into another store.

The horses, left to themselves, saw the chance of their lives for a free lunch, and started to get outside of pink, white and scarlet geraniums at an amazing rate.

They were working great havoc among the blooms when the owner appeared and soon put an end to the lunch.

TWO MORE LISTERS WERE ADDED TODAY

One Man Didn't Know He Belonged to the Fraternity.

London has two more Indian listers today than it had yesterday as a result of Magistrate Love's decisions at the police court this morning and one lister who didn't know that he was a lister is now assured of that fact beyond any doubt.

The two new members of the brigade are Andrew McKee and James Fox, two citizens who of late have been making great attempts to cause a famine in liquid stimulants by consuming their favorite beverages in large quantities.

In order to restrain such abnormal thirsts the court decided that it would be in the best interests of everybody if McKee and Fox keep away from hotels altogether in the future.

The gentleman who didn't know he was a lister was T. Wilkins and he assured the court that he had not had the faintest suspicion that his name was on the list.

The court decided to give him the benefit of the doubt, but made absolutely certain that any doubts Mr. Wilkins had in regard to the matter were removed.

William Clark, a drunk, paid a fine of \$2.

The case of Herbert Fields, charged with being drunk, was adjourned.

Three young men, charged with being disorderly, appeared, but the case was laid over until Saturday.

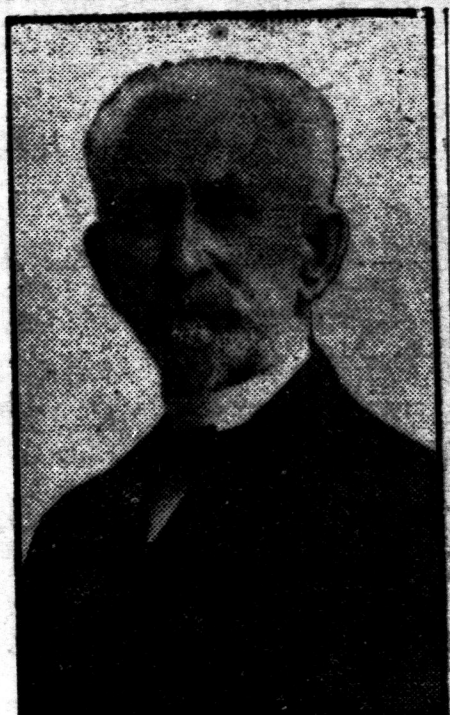


Photo by Edy Bros.
LATE JOHN GIBSON,
Mr. Gibson Dropped Dead While
Bowling on Saturday.

DROPPED DEAD ON THE BOWLING GREEN

Terribly Sudden Death of Mr.
John Gibson On Saturday
Afternoon.

HEART FAILURE CAUSE

Well-Known Citizen and Prominent
Member of St. Andrew's Church
Succumbed After Delivering
a Bowl.

After he had delivered a bowl in a friendly game between two rinks chosen from the managers and session of St. Andrew's Church, on the London bowling club greens, Saturday afternoon, Mr. John Gibson, a well-known citizen living at 421 Waterloo street, watched his progress to the kitty, and then, turning around, dropped dead.

Several physicians who were on the greens hastened to his side, but he had died instantly. His relatives were notified, and the body was removed to his residence. Heart failure was the cause of his death.

A Well-Known Bowler.

Mr. Gibson was an enthusiastic bowler, and had been a member of the London bowling club for some time. On Saturday a game was proposed between the managers and the session, and Mr. Gibson heartily joined in it.

The rink on which he was playing was composed of himself, R. S. Morrison, A. McVicar and John Lochard, skip, representing the session. The rink representing the managers was composed of John Marr, W. C. Falls, and another.

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HEALTH ASSOCIATION LETS MORE CONTRACTS

Necessary Buildings Will Be
Pushed to Completion.

At the meeting of the London Health Association, held at noon today in the Board of Trade rooms, the contracts for the physicians' residence, recreation and workshop, the laundry and pump-house were awarded. Mr. John Nutkins was given the brick and cement work, Mr. John Purdom the carpentry and Sutherland Bros. the galvanizing.

The county council, in session next week, will be invited to visit the sanatorium, and see what is being done. A proposition to come into the scheme as the city has done, was finally decided to adopt this name.

A ladies' auxiliary was formed in connection with the association, and they will assist in the work of the association.

Those present at the meeting were: Hon. Adam Beck, president; H. E. Gates, Phil Pocock, Sheriff Cameron, J. B. Smallman, W. M. Spencer, W. Wright, J. C. Judd, Architect W. G. Murray and Dr. McCullough.

PROMINENT SPEAKERS FOR BIG CONVENTION

Annual Meeting of the Home
Missionary Societies Will Be
Held This Week.

The annual convention of the Home Missionary Societies of the Christian Churches of Ontario will open in the London church on Wednesday, June 1, and will continue until June 6.

The convention opens with a ministerial session which will be held until Thursday, when the general meeting opens, closing on Monday at noon.

The convention will be honored by the presence of two prominent speakers from the United States, who will deliver addresses. They are Dr. T. N. McCash, general secretary of the Home Missionary Society, Cincinnati, and Steven J. Corey, foreign missionary secretary, also of Cincinnati.

Dr. Macklin, a returned missionary of the Christian Church from China, will also be present, and will deliver an address. Dr. Macklin is a relative of the Macklin family of this city.

The Christian Church, on the corner of Dundas and Elizabeth streets, has been closed since the first of May undergoing repairs in anticipation of the convention. It has been repaired and handsomely decorated, and presents an excellent appearance.

NO HOLD-UP OF THE CITY IN ACQUIRING PARKE FLATS

Mr. Purdom Refutes Absurd Accusation—Water Supply and the
Playgrounds May Be Had for \$4,000—Mr. Beck Says
There Is No Trouble About Parke Flats.

"I observe today that the London Free Press is making a free and wholly and unjustifiable use of my name in connection with the Parke flats and the well schemes," said Mr. R. H. Purdom, M. P., today. "The Dominion Savings and Investment Company, the owner of the land, is represented as holding up the city and trying to get more than a fair price for the flats because they are needed for waterworks purposes. In view of the facts, this is grossly unfair and untrue."

Wanted for Playgrounds.

"A few years ago Mr. J. I. A. Hunt and Sheriff Cameron, as president of the Dominion Savings Company, to ask for a lease of the flats on behalf of the Children's Play-

grounds Association. I persuaded the Free Press to give them a lease at \$200 a year, which they agreed was reasonable. As they intended to erect swings and make other expenditures, and as they hoped the flats would become a permanent playground, they asked for an option on all the land. This was granted for three years, from April 1, 1908, the price being \$4,000. Messrs. Hunt and Cameron pronounced this a fair price also.

Got No Rent.

"All the money raised by the Playgrounds Association has gone into equipment," continued Mr. Purdom. "And we have not received a cent of rent during the whole period of the lease. Personally I sympathize with (Continued on Page 10.)"

LONDON WILL ASK CONVENTION TO COME TO THIS CITY IN 1910

The Matter Was Brought Up at a Meeting of the London Health
Association at Noon Today—Association for Prevention
of Tuberculosis Is To Be Invited.

The Canadian Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis will be invited to hold their annual convention next year in London.

At a meeting of the London Health Association, at noon today, in the board of trade rooms, Hon. Adam Beck brought up the matter of sending delegates to Montreal to attend the convention to be held on June 8, 9 and 10, and suggested that the delegates be instructed to invite the delegates to come to London next year.

"The association has met in Toronto and Hamilton, and now, going to meet in Montreal," said Mr. Beck. "I think it would be a good idea to invite the convention to come here next year. I think it is due us, and they would get an idea of what is being done in this city towards taking care of consumptives."

A Good Suggestion.

"The suggestion is a good one," said Mr. Phil Pocock. "I heartily support it. We should send representatives to the convention with an invitation to them to hold their next convention in this city."

Dr. McCullough, Dr. Drake, Dr. Tillman and Dr. Eccles as our representatives."

Mr. H. E. Gates seconded the motion and it carried. The president will work out the details.

Dr. McCullough and Sheriff Cameron are arranging for the annual report to be read at the convention. It will be ready for distribution in a few days.

STREET SWEEPER MADE SATURDAY NIGHT HIDEOUS

Clouds of Dust On Clarence
Street Makes Citizens Very
Angry and Dirty.

Citizens who were down town on Saturday evening about 8:15 protested most vigorously against the action of the street sweeper, who insisted on sweeping Clarence street, between Dundas and King.

The work was done without any water being applied, and as a result such clouds of dust arose that it was impossible to see more than a few feet on the street.

Every time the sweeper reached the corner of Dundas street the peanut vendors on the south side were temporarily obscured.

Many people, seeing the dust from a distance, were under the impression that it was smoke from a big fire, so dense was it.

Police Powerless.

A number of citizens requested the policeman who was on the beat to have the nuisance stopped, but he said he could take no action, as the work was being done by contract and not by the engineering department.

"It is an outrage to do work like this on Saturday evening, when every body is down town," said a well-known physician to The Advertiser. "The work could easily be done late at night, after people have gone home, and no dust would arise."

The delay is caused by the commission's inability to have the line ready earlier than that date. Toronto is not going to touch its power until the first of January next. It has much underground work to do, and that takes much time. Niagara power will be sent into that city by the Hydro-Electric Commission, Toronto, before that time, probably, but they will not be able to handle it.

The Local Station.

The station will be completed, that is, the building will be ready. Some of the machinery may not be installed at that time, but the major portion of it will be, and that will be hurried along later.

The wiring will be done throughout the city in a few days. The poles are all erected, the whole city being covered. The brackets for street lighting are nearly all erected.

Work Is Going Ahead.

"We are doing well with our outside work," said Engineer Roberts. "All the poles have been erected, and the wire practically all strung. A large portion of the brackets are in place. We will be ready easily by July 1. The station is going ahead. All will depend upon when the machinery is installed. We have a good contract with the companies, and I think it should be ready in plenty of time. It looks as if we will be prepared to receive power when it comes."

Goes to Hamilton.

This city is to lose another of its bright young businessmen in Mr. Gordon McLaren, who has been connected with W. G. Young for some years, and leaves on Tuesday for Hamilton to open up a business for himself. He has purchased the well-established jewelry business of A. H. Baker, on King street, who has been a Hamilton merchant for 30 years. Mr. McLaren is well-known in both social and sporting elements in London, and has many friends while a resident of this city. While regretting his departure from London, his friends will be pleased to know of his entering into the business world for himself.

The disturbance which was centred in Manitoba on Saturday covered the Great Lakes and Eastern States last night. Showers occurred. Provinces the weather was fair. The temperature was highest in Alberta and maximum temperatures: London, Saturday, 50-73; Toronto, Sunday, 57-78; Dawson, 30-70; Atlin, 32-88; Calgary, 45-61; Vancouver, 45-67; Coldwater, 38-70; Prince Albert, 23-58; Moose Jaw, 31-57; Winnipeg, 32-50; Port Arthur, 42-58; Toronto, 42-58; Ottawa, 42-54; Montreal, 42-52; Quebec, 42-54; Halifax, 50-62.

THE WEATHER

TODAY'S PROBS.

Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and Maritime Provinces—Easterly winds; partly cloudy and cool, with occasional showers.

Lake Superior—Strong west and north-west winds; cloudy and cool, with showers, but mostly fair and moderately warm.

Manitoba—Fair and cool.

Alberta and Saskatchewan—Local showers, but mostly fair and moderately warm.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, May 30-31 a.m. Monday—Fresh to strong west and north-west winds; cooler and cloudy, with occasional showers.

Tuesday—Partly cloudy and cold.

TEMPERATURES.

8 a.m. Min. Weather.

Victoria, 45-61; Vancouver, 45-67; Calgary, 45-61; Winnipeg, 32-50; Port Arthur, 42-58; Toronto, 42-58; Ottawa, 42-54; Montreal, 42-52; Quebec, 42-54; Father Point, 42-52; Cloudy.

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LONDON CHEW IN C. P. R. SMASH THIRTEEN CARS WERE PILED UP

Accident Between Milton and Streetsville Blocked the Line of the
Railway for a Time—No One Was Injured, But Loss
of Rolling Stock Was Great.

Fast extra westbound C. P. R. freight No. 683, running from Toronto to London, was wrecked yesterday afternoon at 2:30 at Hornby, a small village between Milton and Streetsville Junction.

Thirteen cars are piled up in the ditch and 400 feet of track were torn up. No one was injured.

All traffic was delayed and the through expresses ran over the Grand Trunk from Woodstock.

The Southern-Marlowe special, en route from Detroit to Toronto, went round by way of Woodstock also. The line was closed for traffic at 9 o'clock this morning.

Cause of the Accident.

The cause of the accident has not yet been ascertained, but it is believed to have been either a spread rail or a brake beam dropping.

The auxiliary from London was called and the crew worked all night repairing the line.

The cars will be placed on the tracks again today.

Superintendent McNeill went at once to the scene of the accident and is still there.

A London Crew.

Engineer Ward, of this city, was in the cab, and the train was in charge of Conductor Johnston, also of London.

It was making good time when the thirteen cars met and the front end left the rails and piled up in the ditch.

The engineer made a quick stop on many more would have been wrecked. The loss will be heavy.

SERIOUS CHARGE FOR WESTMINSTER MAN

Parker Said to Have Threatened
to Kill Wife and Mr. Geo.
Cousins.

Miles Parker, of Westminster Township, was arrested by Constable Hughes Friday night charged with threatening to kill his wife and George Cousins.

The trouble occurred on the Mooney farm. Parker appeared before Squire Chittick and was remanded until June 3.

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RIVER BED BELONGS TO RIPARIAN OWNERS

Important Decision Made by a
Superior Court Judge
at Hull.

Ottawa, May 30.—By a judgment of Justice Champagne, in the superior court sittings at Hull this morning, the important principle was laid down that by the Quebec law property owners along an unnavigable river within the province are legal proprietors of the bed of the river. Consequently, water powers are the property of the riparian owners, and cannot be disposed of by the provincial government. If this decision is upheld by the higher courts it will have a far-reaching effect on the electric power situation in Quebec.

MYSTERY IN DEATH OF ATWOOD WOMAN

Supposed to Have Been Due to
Poison Given in Mistake
for Medicine.

Atwood, Ont., May 30.—Mrs. Samuel Love, living on concession 12, of Elm, a short distance from Atwood, died suddenly in bed early this morning, due to medicine which was given by her husband, while she was suffering from rheumatism. The medicine she took was supposed to be the same as the doctor gave her. The fatal mistake, as yet cannot be accounted for. Mr. and Mrs. Love lived happily together with their family. The sad accident is a shock to the community, as they were both highly respected. Mr. James Donaldson, jun., ex-warden for Perth, is a brother of deceased.

SEVERE FIGHTING AROUND BLUEFIELDS

Urgent Forces Have Refused
to Surrender City of
Rama.

San Juan Del Sur, Nicaragua, May 30.—General Luis Mena, commander of the insurgent forces at Rama, has refused to surrender the town. General Chavarria had offered to guarantee the lives of the rebels. When the terms were rejected President Madrid ordered Chavarria to continue operations until the town fell.

Washington, May 30.—Severe fighting between the troops of President Madrid and those of Provisional President Estrada, of the Revolutionists, took place early this morning near Bluefields, Nicaragua, according to a message from U. S. Consul Moffat at Bluefields.

BRAKEMAN HURT

Toronto, May 30.—Vern J. Gendron, a C. P. R. brakeman, of 157 Vine avenue west, Toronto, is now in St. Michael's Hospital, suffering from three severe scalp wounds on the head as the result of a near collision of working trains near Palgrave. No cars were derailed by the collision and Gendron was the only person hurt.

STEAMSHIPS REPORTED.

Montreal, May 30.—The Allan Line steamer Pretorian from Montreal and Quebec for Glasgow was reported 230 miles west of Main Head at noon Saturday.

Father Point, Que., May 30.—Steamer Dominion, Dominion Line, from Liverpool, inward at 7 a.m., carrying 358 second and 743 third-class passengers. Steamer Bengoro Head Head Line, from Glasgow, inward at 3:45 a.m.

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CURTISS AERIAL DASH BRESKS ALL RECORDS

Darts From Albany to New
York, Above the Hudson,
Going 137 Miles Fast-
er Trains.

New York, May 29.—Glenn H. Curtiss flew from Albany to New York City in an aeroplane today, winning the \$10,000 prize offered by the New York World. He covered the distance of 137 miles in two hours and thirty-two minutes and came to earth as calmly and lightly as a pigeon. His average speed for the distance—54.06 miles an hour—surpasses any record ever made by an aeroplane in long distance flight and his entirely new feat eclipses anything man has attempted in a heavier-than-air machine.

The start was made from Albany at 7:03 o'clock this morning under weather conditions that were not the most fastidious aviator could demand. One hour and twenty-three minutes later he had made his stopping place near Poughkeepsie, where there was an hour's intermission. Resuming his flight at 9 a.m. he sped southward and landed within the boundary of Manhattan Island at 10:35.

Only 100 yards north of the point on which his craft settled, the Hudson River lay below him, and the city of New York lay to the east. The flight was a triumph and the concluding lap of a race already won.

Paulhan's Flight Outdone.

M. Paulhan's flight from London to Manchester, 186 miles, exceeded the Curtiss feat of today in distance, but not in speed and danger. The Frenchman's average was 44.3 miles an hour, and below him lay English meadowland.

Mr. Curtiss followed the winding course of the historic Hudson, with jutting headland, wooded slopes and treacherous pallsades. He swung high over the great bridge at Poughkeepsie, dipped at times within a few feet of the river's broad surface and jockeyed like a falcon at the turns.

Only once did his craft show signs of a falcon at the turns.

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HEAD ENGINEER SCHEME SEEMS TO BE DEAD

Likely That the Water Commis-
sioners Will Appoint a Man
of Their Own.

The question of a head engineer for London is still in abeyance, and it is not likely anything will be done along that line.

The resignation of Engineer Roberts has complicated matters somewhat, and if he insists upon his leaving, it is considered probable that the water commissioners will give up the idea of a head engineer, and name a man to take charge of their department, and appoint a business manager to look after the selling end of the concern.

If it is necessary for them to name an engineer they will follow this procedure and allow the council to play their own game in their own way.

Business Manager Wanted.

It is known that the commissioners are scouting after a business manager. Two men are in sight at the present time, both of whom live outside the city. Who they are cannot be learned, the above being all the information the commissioners care to make known until the final selection is made.

When they arrive at a decision—and that will be the day of this week—their names will be given out.

As for an engineer, the commissioners have not made any selection. An offer has been made to Engineer Roberts, much in advance of his present salary, but it is stated that he will not accept.

Mr. A. J. Styles, a former Londoner, now in Detroit, has made application for the position of waterworks engineer to succeed Mr. John M. Moore. Unless something is done very quickly to settle the matter of a head engineer, it is possible that he may be given the berth.

In any event, something will have to be done in the very near future.

NEWSPAPERS IN COURT.

Toronto, Ont., May 30.—In the police court this morning the charges against the Mail and Empire, The World and Globe, for alleged violations of the betting law, were remanded for one week, the defendants not being ready to go on.