

SAM KISER IN HAPPY MOOD
DELIGHTS CANADIAN CLUBAmerican Humorist Given
a Flattering Reception.A RUNNING FIRE
OF GOOD JOKESDefends Newspaper Humorists
But Gives Away Why Jokes
Are On Editorial Page.

The largest crowd of the season attended the mid-day luncheon of the Canadian Club, when Mr. Sam E. Kiser, the well-known poet-humorist of the Chicago Record-Herald, was the guest of honor. Mr. Kiser gave an excellent address on newspaper humor, following it up by reading several selections from his book, "The Love Sonnets of the Office Boy."

Mr. Frank Lawson, president of the club, presided.

Mr. Kiser was given a very flattering reception on rising to speak, showing that he was not altogether a stranger to London readers, to say the least of it.

Newspaper Humor.

He declared that in American newspapers, newspaper humor had become a very important industry, if it might be so called. In reply to the so-called superior persons, who say that newspaper humor is not real humor, he said that such humorists were to be pitied, he pointed out that all the modern humorists were newspapermen.

Mark Twain commenced writing first on a newspaper, and has continued ever since. Mr. Kipling was a newspaper humorist, his tales in the Indian paper with which he was connected, first bringing him into prominence. Peter F. Dunne (Mr. Dooley) and George Ade first achieved fame as humorist writers on the paper with which Mr. Kiser was at the present time connected. Of the stories told at banquets and other functions, 95 per cent of them were originally told by newspapermen.

Method in Madness.

In the American papers, especially, the humorist's column was of recent development. It was always located on the editorial page. There was a deep, dark reason for that, speaker continued, which he divulged. It was for the purpose of keeping the readers reminded that there was an editorial page, (laughter) If it were not for this column, Mr. Kiser added, the ladies would not get past the page devoted to fashions and "Hints to Lovers." The men would not get away from the sporting page, and the older men would continue to read the market page. It was a bait, as it were, to get readers to read the editorials. (Laughter.)

All Are Humorists.

Everyone was a natural humorist. He illustrated this by several well-chosen stories, all of them being very funny. There was a tradition that the newspaper humorist was a melancholic, dyspeptic person, but such was not the case. Mr. Kiser told of a woman who determined to see the humorist of a certain paper, and after looking the writers over, she picked on such a man as she thought would answer the description. She asked him if he were the humorist, and he answered: "No, I merely look this way because my wife burned down, and I have no insurance." (Laughter.) There was also a tradition that an Englishman did not see the point of an American joke for some days after it was told, but a general rule the Englishman was not to be blamed, as it was not necessary for him to laugh to hold his job. (Laughter.)

Ambition the Bane.

The habit of humorists on the American side was ambitious ladies, who desire them to write sketches to be reproduced in vaudeville. Mr. Kiser related some of his experiences with this class of persons, and the audience enjoyed it immensely.

He then read several of his "Office Boy" sonnets in a commendable manner. They were much appreciated.

Some of Sam's Sonnets.

Among them were the following:

The new typewriter lady's came; she's got
The chorus girls all beat a mile or two;
Her eyes are big and kind of soft and blue;
Before she smiled at me I never thought
That life could be so pleasant; every
Spot
She touches seems to brighten up; I
Knew
The minute I first seen her I was due
To fill up with the gladness that she
Brought.

She shows a lot of class, all right, all right,
Her shape is lovely, and she's got the
Style;
I feel all kind of ticklish and light
Around the heart when she looks up to
Smile;
Gee, but the world would get to seemin'
Bright
If I could only chew her gum awhile!

Yesterday I stood behind your chair,
When you was kind of bendin' down to
Write,
And I saw see your neck so soft and
White,
And notice where the poker singled your
Hair,
And then you looked around and seen me
There.

And kind of smiled, and I could seem to
Feel
A sudden, empty, snishish feelin' where
The vittles are when I have at a meal,
If I would know that some poor girl loved
Me
As much as I do you, sometimes I'd
Take
Her in my arms a little while and make
Her happy just for kindness and to see
The pleased look that across her face
Did break
And hear the sighs that showed how glad
She'd be.
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SAM KISER.

A FIFTH VICTIM
IN RAILWAY CRASHEngineer Cunningham Succumbs
to His Injuries Without Re-
gaining Consciousness.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Montreal, Que., March 18.—Mark Cunningham, the engineer of the ill-fated Eastern express, which crashed into the waiting-room of the Windsor street station yesterday morning, as a result of an accident to the locomotive, died at the general hospital this morning, never having regained consciousness. This makes the fifth death. Cunningham fractured his skull when he jumped from the engine to escape the scalding steam which enveloped the engine cab. That he did his best to stop the train is evident from the fact that his hands were badly scalded. He remained at his post some time after Fireman Craig jumped to save his life. Just why Cunningham did not succeed in stopping his train will never be known, as he never even spoke after the accident.

Removing the Debris.

Large gangs of workmen labored all night in the Windsor street station, removing the debris caused by the crash of the runaway train. The express car, which partly overhung Donaghy street, where the wall of the station gave way, had to be practically torn to pieces to get it away, after which the trucks were lifted out with more easily removed. The most striking reminder of the disaster is the big mogul, which still reposes in the center of the waiting-room. It will be a more difficult matter to get it away on account of its weight, and the difficulty of getting near it with a crane. The men at work all night shoring up the floor underneath the mogul, and the danger of another crash when the engine was lifted to lift the engine. The damage to the station is estimated at or about \$25,000.

NEW MAMMOTH
STEEL CONCERNIndependent Interests Going in
for an \$800,000,000
Merger.

New York, March 18.—According to special dispatches from Pittsburgh, an \$800,000,000 combination of the independent iron and steel interests of the United States is the latest rumor in steel circles. According to the report, the move commenced immediately after the announcement of an open market by the corporation, and is expected to take definite form in a few days. Pittsburgh, it is said, will be the headquarters for the new combination, which is to be called the American Steel and Iron Company.

BUTTER AND EGGS
FOR EUROPEANSShipments Over the G. T. R. Are Very
Heavy Now.

Grand Trunk officials state that during the last few days shipments of butter and eggs have been very heavy. The majority of these products are going through to Montreal to be shipped to the European markets. Buyers for the large commission houses are said to be scouring the country for products, and from every branch line large shipments are being made daily.

A Surprise Party.

There was a pleasant surprise party at the residence of Mrs. Sherlock, 706 Richmond street, last evening in honor of her son, Robert Sherlock. There were about 25 guests present, and the most enjoyable time was had.

LONDON WILL
NOT BE AFFECTEDBy Proposed Changes in
the U. S. Tariff.OPINIONS OF
SOME LOCAL FIRMSReciprocity Proposition Is Not Relish-
ed by George White & Sons.

London manufacturers appear to be very much interested in the proposed changes in the United States tariff, but as a matter of fact they will be very little affected by them financially whichever way the bill goes.

It is proposed to take the duty off hides, but the manager of Hyman's tannery told The Advertiser that this would not affect the Canadian market to any appreciable extent. In fact, the time the Americans lowered the duty on hides there was a fall in price across the line, and although the demand for Canadian hides was greater, they sold for less money. No increase in local hide prices are looked for.

Agricultural Implements.

The Americans now propose to allow agricultural implements to enter the United States free of charge from countries which accord similar privileges to them.

This is reciprocally out and out, and is strenuously opposed by such men as Mr. Arthur White, of George White & Sons, agricultural implement manufacturers.

"All they want," he told The Advertiser today, "is to get a chance at our markets. They would pour in their implements at such prices that we could not compete, and when they had us out of business, they would put the prices up and make up for what they had lost. The fight there is no possible chance of Canadian manufacturers competing with the giant trusts of the United States."

Iron Duties.

The duty on bar iron, steel, and in fact all iron and steel products, is to be reduced 50 per cent. Manager White, of the London Rolling Mills Company, declared that this would make no difference to Canadian steel makers. They could not sell a dollar's worth of steel in the United States in competition with the Americans.

Lumber Market.

It is proposed to cut the duty of \$2 a thousand on lumber entering the United States to \$1. This will increase the market for Canadian lumber at Georgian Bay points, Mr. Thos. Baker, of the Imperial Lumber Company, told The Advertiser.

But there will not likely be any increase in the price of lumber to the people of Ontario. The Americans first imposed the \$2 duty at the instance of the lumber men of Michigan and other northern states, to offset the heavy freight charges from Georgia and points south, where they were cutting big timber tracts, and were cutting the lumber up and shipping it to the north. They will be sure to leave the north when the bill is discussed, and there are many people who believe that the reduction proposed will never take place.

MME. MODJESKA DYING

Famous Polish Actress Lies at Death's
Door in California.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 18.—Mme. Helena Modjeska, the famous Polish actress, is seriously ill at her home on Bay Island, near Newport, Orange County. Mme. Modjeska's husband, Stanislas Modjeska, is in constant attendance at his wife's bedside.

The veteran actress has been suffering for a long time from chronic kidney trouble, but her ailment has been newly complicated by an affection of the heart and lungs.

HARRIMAN TO QUIT

The Railroad King to Retire From
Active Life.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 18.—Physicians have warned me that I must stop outside. They say that I have done enough. I am 61 years old and I have led a very active life. Recently they told me that they had noticed a change for the worse in my condition."

These words were used by Mr. E. H. Harriman to some newspapermen when asked about his intention to gradually relinquish the active supervision of his far-flung railroad holdings.

Mr. Harriman did not say when he would give up his activity, but said he would let go just as fast as he could, as he values health above all else.

Transferred to Vancouver.

Mr. E. Van Stone, for some time teller in the Bank of Toronto here, has been transferred to Vancouver, and will leave shortly for that city. At present Mr. Van Stone is in New York visiting relatives.

St. George's Mothers' Club.

There was a large attendance of the Mothers' Club in connection with St. George's school the other afternoon to hear Dr. Burdon's lecture on the diseases of children, and how mothers would detect them. The children of the seventh grade played the folk games. Mrs. Harris gave a violin solo, and refreshments were served.

Pleasant Party.

A very enjoyable progressive euchre party was held last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. Delaney, 716 Maitland street. About forty were present. Mrs. Hayes won the ladies' first prize, and Mrs. Arthur Chamberlain the ladies' booby prize. Mr. Wootton captured the gentlemen's first prize and Mr. Sam. Cook the booby. After the cards light refreshments were served.

ENTIRE FAMILY WAS
WIPED OUT BY GASFather and Two Children Suffo-
cated Through Drunken
Act of the Father.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, March 18.—With the gas turned on full in his room, Samuel Tanner and his two children were found asphyxiated at 8 Rideau street at 6 o'clock this morning.

All three were in one bed. Tanner had been celebrating the 17th, and was found helpless in Lansdowne avenue subway and helped home. He put out the gas with his sock, and then went to bed. His wife died a year ago in Ireland, and he came here with his two children two months ago. He had been for 22 years an engine driver of the County Down Railway in Downaghadee, near Belfast, and since coming here was better, cleaner in the rubber works.

BOLT FROM BLUE
IN KINRADE CASELawyers Have Witnesses
Who Saw Man Leave
the House.TO GIVE EVIDENCE
FRIDAY NIGHTMrs. Rudd to Testify That 'She Saw
Ethel on the Street at Three
O'clock.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Hamilton, March 18.—The Kinrade inquest tomorrow may be productive of sensational developments along a line entirely unexpected. The lawyers make no difference between the witnesses who will swear that they saw a man leave the house immediately after the shooting. This announcement has caused a bolt from the blue, for the detectives apparently have entirely discarded the possibility of a man escaping that way in the Kinrade family. They are prepared to produce witnesses who will swear that they saw a man leave the house.

Yesterday afternoon George Lynch, Kinrade family lawyer, was employed by the family to represent them at the inquest was at police headquarters, and had a talk with Provincial Detective Miller and other officers there.

"You fellows," he is reported to have said, "are spending your time looking up witnesses who know nothing of this matter. If you get busy you will find witnesses who will swear that they saw a man leave the house."

The Kinrade family, however, produced, cannot be overestimated. It will substantiate the story of Florence Kinrade, who has consistently maintained that the man who shot her was a man. This new feature also raises a question as to whether the police are not treating too lightly the story told by the man from Virginia, as described by her, arrived in Hamilton some days before the crime it would fit in with the story told by the Kinrade family. The man who annoyed them for some days before the murder, and even tried to break into the house the night before the tragedy.

SAYS SAW ETHEL
AT 3 O'CLOCKHamilton Lady to Give Evidence
of Importance at Kinrade
Inquest.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Hamilton, Ont., March 18.—"I am sure," said Mrs. Charles E. Kinrade, who lives at 3 o'clock the afternoon she was murdered," said Mrs. Charles Rudd this morning. "No, I could not be mistaken. I knew the girl from childhood, and I have described for the police the clothing she wore."

This supports the story told by Mr. Charles Hensack, who says the Ethel Kinrade going from her home about 2 o'clock. This evidence is of the greatest importance. Motorman Stone still sticks to his story that he was 7:30 when Florence ran in front of his car to get Mrs. Hickey to call the police. Newspaper correspondents from all over are gathered here again for the inquest tomorrow night.

Oldtime Concert.

A very unique entertainment was given last night at Knox Presbyterian Church in the form of an oldtime singing meeting. The programme was printed on oldtime paper, and consisted of singing, and recitations. Many quaint suggestions for the edification of the audience. The performers were all in the costume of a century or more ago, and rejoiced in the names that were in vogue in the time of our great grandparents. The concert was under the direction of the Young People's Society of the church and was an unqualified success.

Interred in Stratford.

The funeral of Mrs. Thomas Bell was held in Stratford yesterday, and was of a private nature, the services being conducted by Rev. Mr. Salton, and interment being made at Avondale Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Alex. H. Purdon and Mr. John Bell, of this city, attended the funeral.

COUNCIL MAY RECONSIDER
RECENT PAVEMENT MOVEMany of the Aldermen Now See Matter in a Different Light
Since the People Have Put Forth Strenuous Objection
—What the Representatives Have to Say.

The Advertiser today interviewed the mayor and aldermen regarding their attitude now on the matter of paving many streets against the wishes of the people. It looks as though there will be a motion to reconsider at the next meeting of the council. Here is what they said:

Mayor Stevely—I can add little more than I said yesterday. The pavement is needed on several of the streets, notably, Carling, Wellington and Maitland streets. Some of the others can wait for a time, at least.

Ald. Garratt—I voted for the initiation, and have seen no reason why I should change my vote. It is absolutely necessary to lay pavements on certain streets, but some might lay over for a year at least, notably Colborne and William streets. I think we did the proper thing.

Ald. Moorhead—The people control the council, and not the council the people. If the people do not want the pavements I do not think we should force them upon them. I thought the recommendation of the committee as well considered before it was brought in, and was backed by a large section of the people. However, if the people do not want the pavements, we should not be compelled to have them. Some of them should be laid, notably Carling street. I opposed laying the pavement on Colborne street, and I think they should not be laid on some of the others if the people do not want them.

Ald. Fitzgerald also opposed laying the pavements on some of the streets, principally William street, and it was

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FIREMAN COLES AGAIN HURT

Fireman William Coles was painfully injured this morning while exercising one of the horses at the Central fire station. Mr. Coles was riding the animal in the lane when it suddenly threw him and before he could pick himself up the horse tramped on him. He was removed at once to a room in the chief's buggy, and Dr. Teasdale found upon examination that his back had been very painfully bruised where the horse stepped on him. The doctor stated to The Advertiser this afternoon that no bones were broken, and he expected Mr. Coles would be able to be around again shortly. During the Western fire Mr. Coles was somewhat severely injured, and for four months he lay under the delirium. He was unable to return to his duties for more than three months, and on another occasion cut his foot badly at a fire, and was laid up for some time.

DEBENTURE DEBT INCREASING
CITY AUDITOR SAYS TO GO SLOWPeople of London Have Not Been Backward in the Putting
Down of Local Improvements—Some Facts and
Figures for the Citizens.

City Auditor Jewell was interviewed today on the question of the increase in local improvement debentures in London, and stated that in his report to the finance committee he had called attention to the jump during the past few years of the local improvement debenture rate, and advised the council to go slow.

"If you will get my report you will see that I stated there that it was necessary to exercise care in issuing debentures for local improvements," said Mr. Jewell. "The debenture rate is increasing rapidly, and I thought that the council should take care of this expenditure. As far back as my fathers' time, he warned the council not to go too fast."

The Debenture Debt.

Last year the debenture debt of the city cost 6.59 mills on the dollar. In round figures this would amount to about \$155,000 in that year. There are other expenditures that will bring the debenture rate up to at least 7 mills on the dollar, perhaps 8 mills this year.

During the past five years the local improvement debentures have increased from \$445,154.94 to \$877,535.39, about 50 per cent, and a large amount will be added for 1909.

QUEBEC MAN
LAUDS THE MAJORFor the Stand He Took in Regard to
the Canadian Flag.

Major Campbell has received no word from headquarters regarding his promotion to the position of colonel of the Seventh Regiment, and has had no official notification anything in connection with the holding up of his promotion on account of pro-Canadian sentiments four or some time ago. "I know nothing of it," he stated today. "The newspaper notoriety given me on account of this affair has been widespread. This morning I received a letter from a man in Quebec in French, in which he lauds the Canadian flag sentiment. He had read the story in the papers, and wrote me about it. I received other newspaper clippings containing comments. However, I have had no communication whatever as to the cause of the hold up of my promotion, and consequently so far as I am concerned, I have not been done in the matter."

"Your promotion has not come yet," was asked.

"No, not as yet," he replied.

Mr. Furness's Condition.

The condition of Mr. W. C. Furness, manager of the Great North-Western Telegraph Company, shows no improvement. He is in Victoria Hospital.

BEAUTIES OF THE
FRENCH CAPITALHistoric Spots To Be Seen
by Advertiser's Guests.VERSAILLES AND
THE LOUVREScenes and Sights in Paris That Will
Form Part of the Free Trip to
Europe.

When The Advertiser guests in the Free Trip to Europe reach France, they will be for the first time in a foreign country. Perhaps all will have some connection with the three-fold kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and yet France is so well known that it hardly seems like a foreign state, save for the strange tongue. "Everyone," said a well-known writer, "has two countries, his own, and France," which is but a terse expression of the wonderful attraction that France has always had for those who have come to know her. Unlike other countries, France centres and almost submerges itself in the life of its great capital, Paris. All of its other cities are patterned after it, all of the country life turns toward it. France waits for Paris to act, and as Paris thinks, so think all the fields and cities of France, for Paris is the heart of France, and out of it flows the life of that great storied nation, and it was thinking of Paris with its tragic history that made Carlyle say: "Blessed is the nation whose annals are tireless."

Many centuries ago, Rollo, the Norseman, sailed down the Seine and landed on the Isle de France, which from that day to this in all its changing fortunes Paris has stood. From a little cluster of feudal states under France's great administrators, Cardinals Richelieu and Mazarin, gradually drew together in the great central monarchy that was to be its downfall under Louis XIV. Under the Grand Monarque the court was France, and the great Louis said "no more than the truth when he boasted 'I am the state.'" Under his reign Paris became a city of palaces—Paris, the Tuilleries, the Palace Royale, and the splendid Palace of Versailles, all were built or remodelled during his reign at a cost that drove the nation rapidly on the road to bankruptcy and brought on the fearful purging fire of the Revolution.

Only two of these great palaces now stand in their old-time glory, the Louvre, the great national gallery of art, and Versailles, now national property.

Paris has been always the tool of her great men. Louis made it a playground for himself and Robespierre and Herbert turned it into a shambles, while but a few years later Napoleon the Great lifted it to a pinnacle of military glory that could not ingloriously when the star of his regime had set at Waterloo. In his steps came men copying the little corporal in all but the inherent greatness that was his. The line came to an end with "The Man of December," Napoleon III, whom Bismarck stigmatized as "The Great Unrecognized Incapacity," who sent his 80,000 men to crush at Sedan, and left France a prisoner while the iron hand of Von Moltke and Bismarck was tightening mercilessly around Paris, and crushing out the life of France, despite their last gallant useless defence. These things and more, far more, are wrought into every stone of Paris, the city of the name of its streets, its palaces, its churches, all speak of its great history, and now that for a moment it has found rest, the traveller can walk its streets and in many a landmark reconstruct the history, a romantic history, that unlike that of most other lands, steps so closely in the footsteps of the present that it seems the story of our own time rather than that of a long dead past.

Still Increasing.

For the week ending March 18 local bank clearings totalled \$1,128,753, as against \$1,325,071 for last week. As compared with the same week of a year ago, this week's clearing shows an increase. The figure for the week of March, 1908, was \$1,018,221.

First Parade.

The Seventh Fusiliers will hold their first street parade for this year on Monday evening next. Col. Reid will be in command, and a good turnout is expected.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—SNOW OR RAIN.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, March 18—8 a.m.

Today—Fine.

Friday—Strong east to south winds; snow or rain.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	Today.	Yesterday.
London	24	29
Victoria	24	29
Calgary	16	30
Winnipeg	18	30
Port Arthur	18	29
Farm Sound	2	10
Toronto	22	29
Ottawa	16	29
Montreal	29	29
Quebec	29	29
Father Point	16	34
Vancouver	34	47
Kamloops	34	47
Edmonton	20	38
Saltford	20	38
Prince Albert	2	24
Moosonee	2	24
St. John's	14	34
Halifax	22	38
Minus—means below zero.		

WEATHER NOTES.

Since yesterday morning snow has fallen locally and heavily in Quebec, and generally in the Maritime Provinces, attended in the latter Provinces by strong breezes and moderate rains.

Elsewhere the weather has been fine.

A depression now situated in the West South-west States promises to move to the lake region.