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TOMORROW—FAIR.

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COMMISSION STANDS BY NEW POSTAL AWARD

Great Britain Protests Action of Mexican Government

NO FURTHER CONCESSIONS TO BE MADE POSTAL MEN

Civil Service Commission Stands Pat on Salary Revisions.

OUTLINES REASONS

Claim Duty as Much to Taxpayers as to Men Directly Affected.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, June 16.—In a memo giving the reasons for the proposed new scale of pay for postal workers, the civil service commissioners say "they have endeavored to discharge impartially the duty which they owe to the employees in the various departmetns of the public service, and last but no means least, to the taxpayers of Canada whose rights and interests the commissioners deem no insignificant part of their duty to protect against undue exactions in their behalf.

That the drastic changes in basic rates requested by the postal employees as well as the substantial increase in basic rates proposed by the department would in their application to the classification of the public service as a whole, involve a very large annual increase in the expenditure therefor.

Reasons Outlined.

The commissioners state that the schedules recommended were based on the rates of compensation obtaining in commercial and industrial concerns in Canada in those most nearly approximating the various classes in the postal service affected thereby, as well as the conditions of work, holidays, sick leave, reasonable security of continued employment, and present and prospective provision for retiring allowance and superannuation which in a measure are peculiar to the government service. "The postal employees quoted the present and prospective salary schedules of the postal service in the United States of America.

In the opinion of the commissioners, however, such rates of compensation, subject as they are to periodic revisions by legislative authority the last of which occurred in 1920, and another now under consideration cannot be regarded as affording any competent basis of comparison with compensation adjusted by the methods prescribed by the civil service act of Canada.

The commissioners in preparing such schedules further took into consideration the fact that it has not been difficult to secure properly qualified postal employees at the minimum

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GERMAN MEMORIAL UNVEILED AT POTSDAM

Associated Press Despatch.

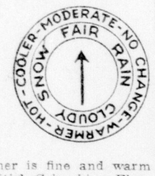
Berlin, June 16.—The unveiling at Potsdam yesterday of a memorial to 8,000 officers and men of the first regiment of foot guards who fell in the war was made the occasion for a striking demonstration. It was attended by the former German crown prince, Frederick William, and Prince Eitel Friedrich, and numerous other princes and former generals and officers of the regiment, all in the full dress uniform of peace time. Former soldiers of the regiment and Reichwehr troops marched past Frederick William, who took the salute.

Count Eulenberg, who was the last colonel of the regiment, made a speech extoling the exploits of the guards during the war. He concluded with the words: "May this memorial be a milestone on the road to freedom and vengeance."

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Light winds; fine and moderately warm today and on Tuesday. The pressure is low highest over the Great Lakes and comparatively low over the Eastern Provinces and near the Atlantic coast. The weather is fine and warm in Ontario and British Columbia. Elsewhere it is showery.



Temperatures.

The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	66	50	Clear
Calgary	70	40	Clear
Winnipeg	74	52	Fair
Port Arthur	70	44	Fair
Parry Sound	68	50	Clear
Toronto	78	58	Fair
Kingston	70	69	Fair
Ottawa	80	56	Fair
Montreal	76	58	Cloudy
Quebec	70	54	Cloudy
Father Point	68	42	Cloudy
St. John	62	52	Cloudy
Halifax	62	50	Cloudy

PICTURE INVENTION WHEN ACTORS TALK IS NEARLY PERFECT

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE,
head of the United States administration, who praises the new invention for moving pictures—the phonofilm.

Educational Film Will Start at Majestic Theatre Tomorrow Night.

COOLIDGE PLEASED

Has No Connection With the Phonograph—Controlled by Light.

The movies speak up at last!

Not by the assistance of the phonograph, but rather by co-ordinating experiments inspired by the success of the audion, which makes possible radio broadcasting and receiving, have talking motion pictures at last been produced nearly perfect.

In a free educational series of entertainments, commencing tomorrow evening at the Majestic Theatre experts will show the fruits of the invention of Dr. Lee DeForest—a motion picture that talks, sings and produces sounds of all sorts. The film does the sound reproducing, as waves of light produced from the same machine in which pictures are projected are turned to sound waves and amplified. Kiwanians, Rotarians and many other leading citizens have been invited to the first screening of the "Phonofilm." On Saturday school children will be welcomed to a morning entertainment.

Amazing possibilities in educational, entertainment and commercial life were outlined by W. L. Davis, business agent of Montreal interests which control the patents in Canada, in discussing today the Phonofilm with an Advertiser man.

No Phonograph.

"No, it has nothing to do with the phonograph," Mr. Davis declared. "It is an entirely new invention that has come to be more nearly perfect than the reproduction of sound on the radio or phonograph has ever been."

"What does the voice sound like?"

"Practically perfect. The sound waves are amplified according to accoustics and size of the playhouse. People are amazed to hear the clear, clean-cut enunciation of actors in what has been the silent drama. I stood beside Sir John Martin-Harvey, eminent Shakespearian actor, as he watched and listened to the Phonofilm. He was deeply impressed with the invention as actions were synchronized with startlingly accurate talking, singing and music."

"Is it expensive?"

"Not at all. We can put the Phono-

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MUZYK IS GIVEN WEEK'S REMAND

Magistrate Declares Foreigners Are Too Ready To Use Weapons.

Declaring that foreigners were all too ready to use weapons in their quarrels and that time and again on Monday mornings police court was full of lacerated men from the foreign quarter, Magistrate Graydon remanded Steve Muzyk a week for sentence on a charge of wounding and causing actual bodily harm to John Turok a week ago Sunday.

Muzyk denied having stabbed Turok with a knife, but the court accepted the evidence of Turok, his little daughter and several small boys, who told of Muzyk chasing them with a knife about an hour before Turok said he was stabbed. Muzyk declared he was drunk at the time and had been short changed on a liquor deal with Turok.

Turok said he didn't know Muzyk, and had not seen him before the affray, which took place on William street. He was ordered to put up his hands and before he could do so received a knife thrust on the right side in the ribs. Witness ran away, with Muzyk after him, he declared. Turok also said Muzyk threatened his little girl, telling her to "shut up, I'll kill you."

Turok denied to Mr. Gillanders, for the defence, that he had known Muzyk before or that he had been out of the house before yesterday. He admitted having been fined twice in police court on liquor charges.

Clara Turok, aged nine, told of the affair, stating she had seen Muzyk near the gate of a neighbors Sunday afternoon before the assault.

Peter Turok and Sidney Sawyer, two youngsters, said Steve had chased them down the L. & P. S. track after Sunday school. Young Turok said Muzyk stuck the knife in two trees and a telephone pole, saying, "Whoever I meet I'll do the same to them."

Victim Better.

Dr. Angus McLean, who attended Turok, said the knife blade might have penetrated the liver. He was not sure of it, though. The weapon had penetrated the coat, vest, shirt and heavy undershirt of his patient and into the body but a short distance. Turok was all right once more, the doctor stated.

Mr. Gillanders called several foreigners, who stated they had seen Turok walking around the yard and street during the week. The complainant had stated he was in bed.

One witness, being cross-examined by Crown Attorney Albert M. Judd, said he knew Marchinuck, the Russian, "who tried to kill the policeman." Witness insisted Steve was a partner and pal of his.

Smell of Whiskey.

"You smell as if you had been drinking whiskey," observed the crown attorney.

"Sure, I know."

"Do you know me?" asked Mr. Judd.

"Sure I know you, down at the jail. When I down there, you give me cigarettes," replied the witness.

Muzyk denied stabbing Turok. He said he was drunk that Sunday and had purchased five drinks of whiskey from Turok at the latter's house, giving him a $10 bill. Turok refused to give him any change and he went away. Meeting him on the street later, he had picked up a stone or something to hit him with. He had not used a knife.

WINNIPEG POSTAL MEN DISCUSS ATTITUDE TONIGHT

Canadian Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, June 16.—The executive officers of the four branches of the local postal service will meet tonight to decide what action to take on the new wage scale.

CITY LETTER-CARRIERS FAVOR DRASTIC ACTION

Vote Here Reported To Be 20 to 1 in Favor of a Walkout.

Letter carriers of London favor drastic action in rejecting the proposed wage scale of the civil service commission. The vote of carriers was counted on Saturday night, and was reported to be 20 to 1 in favor of striking, out of the 56 carriers who voted.

The vote of other postal clerks has not yet been counted. Attitude of London postal employees is in line with that expressed elsewhere throughout Canada. It is believed that decisive action will be reached by Wednesday, when the complete strike vote can be fully counted at Toronto.

Some 10,000 postal employees throughout the country favor a general walkout in rejecting the award.

ST. THOMAS RESIDENTS ARE FINED FOR O.T.A. VIOLATION

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, June 16. — Thomas Joseph Grantham, taxi driver, and Charles Baldwin, machinists, both of this city, were fined $200 and costs at police court this morning, charged with selling liquor to William Armstrong, a contractor, of Port Stanley. Armstrong was picked up in an intoxicated condition early Sunday morning and told the officials where he had secured the liquor. He was fined $15 and costs.

HEAVY REWARD OFFERED FOR ARREST OF THIEVES

Associated Press Despatch.

London, June 16.—A three-column advertisement listing in detail the articles taken from Lady Ludlow's mansion in Piccadilly last Thursday and offering $25,000 reward for the discovery of the thieves and the recovery of the property is published in this morning's newspapers. Scores of detectives thus far have failed in their efforts to trace the robbers and their prospects of success are not regarded as promising. It is suggested the robbery was commissioned by people desirous of acquiring antique treasures and that these have probably already reached their destination, to remain in hiding indefinitely.

THOUSANDS OF ROTARY CLAN FLOCK TO TORONTO

Over Score of Nations Represented at Big International Convention.

OPENING SPECTACLE

Prominent Men in Organization Guests of Lieutenant-Governor.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, June 16.—With a fleet of strange but much beflagged ships in Toronto harbor, and the arrival of a score or so of special trains, bearing delegates from all parts of the continent, the greater international Rotary convention made its impression on the permanent and "floating" population of this city today. The ships were steamers of various capacity from up and down the Great Lakes and the Atlantic coast. They brought in contingents from New York, Massachusetts, Ohio, Michigan, and other states, with a good sprinkling of Rotarians from several provinces of Canada. Most of the delegations were well leavened with detachments of the fair sex.

In the spacious buildings on the Canadian National exhibition grounds where the meetings of the convention are being held, it was a veritable hive of industry today. The business of the morning consisted of greetings and registration, but the well-oiled arrangements brought forth some preliminary meetings of district governors and other features of business.

Thousands Have Arrived.

It is estimated that there are now in the city about 8,000 delegates to the convention. Two thousand more from different points are expected tomorrow.

Entertainment features for the big gathering will commence tonight with a huge pageant in front of the grandstand.

Today is designated "assembly and registration day," there being no sessions of the convention until tomorrow morning. The international officers and their wives were the guests of Lieutenant-Governor Cockshutt at a luncheon at Government House at noon. Following a dinner tonight to the officers and leading figures in this year's administration of Rotary, the formal convention pageant or opening spectacle will be given at Exhibition Park, when delegates from overseas will be introduced and a symbolic spectacle with music will be introduced.

Twenty of the twenty-eight countries where Rotary clubs are established are already represented by delegates and advices are that five more nations will have delegates here by tomorrow.

Twenty Nations Represented.

More than one hundred delegates represent the 150 Rotary clubs in the British Isles; there are three delegates from Sydney, Australia; the Johannesburg, South Africa, delegate, P. J. Stephenson, represents the Rotary clubs from the Union; New Zealand has sent six delegates, while every Rotary club in the United States and Canada is expected to have at least one representative.

France, Uruguay, Brazil, Peru, Argentine, Chile, Cuba, Mexico, Panama, Japan and China have all sent delegates.

Envy Causes Two To Slay Friend

Young Russian Girls Given Five Years in Prison.

Associated Press Despatch.

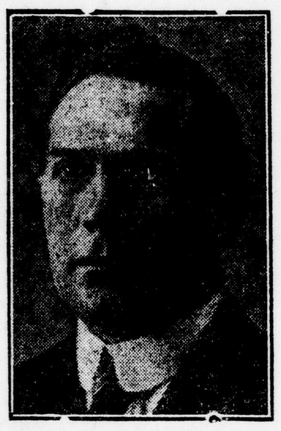
Leningrad, June 16.—Envy of a girl companion because she was able to wear expensive clothes, while they, owing to the distress in Russia, were compelled to wear the cheapest of garments, caused Mary Poutzykina, aged 16, and Nadya Feodorova, aged 17, to murder Mary Goustshenkove, 18 years old, the daughter of a post office official.

The Poutzykina and Feodorova girls lured Mlle. Goustshenkove to their home on the pretext that they desired to take her to a theatre. They threw a noose over her head and strangled her and then stripped her of her clothing and jewelry.

The two young murderesses were immediately placed on trial and sentenced to eight years' imprisonment. Owing to their youth, however, the judge commuted the sentence to five years each.

CAR CATCHES FIRE.

An automobile belonging to a Mr. Avey caught on fire at Cheapside and St. George streets early this morning. The north end fire company was the only company called. There was very little damage done to the car and it was driven home under its own power.



S. L. SQUIRES,
deputy minister of highways, who suggested an equalization of road costs at a conference of district wardens and councillors held in London Saturday.

FORMER LONDONER SLAIN IN DETROIT

Albert Thompson Murdered by Negro Highwaymen While Resisting Robbery.

Special to The Advertiser.

Detroit, June 16.—Albert Thompson, 143 Labelle avenue, formerly of London, Ont., was brutally murdered by two negro holdup men on Saturday, when he tried to stop his assailants from taking $25 and his gold watch. The holdup took place at St. Antoine and Hastings streets.

Thompson, who is a returned Canadian soldier, was a quiet chap, according to Mrs. Mary Clark, his boardinghouse mistress, and gave no trouble at any time.

A brother, Paul, will arrive from Alberta on Wednesday to claim the remains.

A sister, Mrs. S. Prince, resides in London.

The only Mrs. S. Prince whose name is given in the city directory, lives on St. Andrews street. Her name was not Thompson before she was married nor has she any brothers according to information given at the house this morning.

DESPONDENT WOMAN TAKES HER OWN LIFE

Canadian Press Despatch.

Stettler, Alta., June 16.—While in a state of acute mental depression caused by pressing domestic and financial troubles, Mrs. H. Latterey, wife of a farmer near Stettler and the mother of 14 children, 12 of whom are living, committed suicide at her home early yesterday morning by drinking gopher poison. Death was almost instantaneous.

METHODIST PASTOR WILL ADDRESS KU KLUX KLAN

Canadian Press Despatch.

Hamilton, June 16.—Rev. Dr. Speer, Dundas, former pastor of the Westmoreland Street Methodist Church, Toronto, has accepted an invitation to address the Ku Klux Klan of Pennsylvania.

STEER-ROPING WITHDRAWN AS MISHAPS BRING HISSES

Wembley Spectators Show Displeasure When Steer's Leg Is Broken.

CRUELTY IS DENIED

Contests Will Be Held Privately For Benefit of 80 Cowboys at Exhibition.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, June 16.—The organizers of the round-up in which a number of Canadian cow-punchers are taking part, have decided that the steer-roping contest shall be eliminated from the public performances at the Wembley stadium. A steer's leg was broken in one of these events Friday night, and the spectators indulged in a demonstration, booing and hissing the performance.

The rodeo authorities, however, do not regard the allegations of cruelty arising from this accident as well-founded, but they are eliminating such performances in public because Saturday's demonstration indicated that the spectacle does not meet with the favor of the public. The roping contests, however, will be continued privately until the championship is decided, it is announced, "in justice to the eighty cowboys who have travelled more than five thousand miles to enter the contests."

Berlin Rejoices As Strike Ends

Associated Press Despatch.

Berlin, June 16.—Thousands of Berlin residents breathed a sigh of relief today as a result of an announcement that the brewery strike, which started June 2, had been settled. More than 2,000 of the smaller beer halls in Berlin were closed as a result of the strike.

REBEKAHS GATHERING FOR GUELPH CONVENTION

Canadian Press Despatch.

Guelph, June 16.—Hundreds of Rebekahs, sister lodge members of the Oddfellows, are arriving in the city by every train today from all directions to attend the annual session of the grand lodge of the order. Registration is taking place in the armories, from where the delegates are being assigned to billets in the city. This evening there will be a civic reception to the gathering, which will be addressed by Mayor Stephens. The first regular session of the Rebekah assembly will take in the assembly hall tomorrow morning.

The streets of the city are gaily decorated in honor of the visitors.

CITY'S TAX PAYMENTS ARE HALF OF TOTAL

Treasurer Reports $1,500,000 Paid In by Noon Today.

RESPONSE GOOD

Largest Check, for $44,222.06, Comes From Canadian National.

Around $1,500,000 had been paid into the city treasurer's department in taxes by noon today, according to City Treasurer James Bell. This means that the citizens are living up to their regular schedule in the way of paying taxes, and by night, when the tax office closes at 9 o'clock, Mr. Bell hopes that $1,800,000 will be in, about the usual proportion of the whole year's taxes, which this year is around $3,000,000.

The largest check to be received this morning was one for $44,222.06 from the Canadian National Railways, who are the largest taxpayers in the city. This was quite a nice little present, and the constable on duty escorted the clerk carrying the check to the Bank of Montreal across the street.

Drop in Values.

There was a decided drop in values when the next largest check came in, from the C. P. R. for $15,000, but one that was appreciated by the treasurer all the same.

At a time like this, the general public is able to experience some of the discomforts of working in the city hall more keenly than at any other time. The counter over which the city taxes are paid, and it looks more like an elderly and retired hotel bar, is badly laid out and most inconveniently arranged. There is a kind of cul de sac at one side, which means the citizens have to go down to the end of a small lane, pay their taxes and then fight their way out again, instead of being able to move along a counter and, in accordance with efficiency principles, keep going.

Busy for Days.

For three days now the staff of the tax office has been busy from nine in the morning to nine at night checking the notices and marking out the receipts, and Treasurer Bell compliments them on the way they have coped with the rush, as many of them are new to the work.

To begin with, the office, as far as the public is concerned, is a small affair of some fifteen feet square, and in this warm weather this means that a crowd of forty or fifty people makes it like the Black Hole of Calcutta.

The amount of money that has come in so far means that most people are paying their whole year's taxes at one whack, which simplifies the work of the tax department greatly.

WELDON RECOVERS.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, June 16.—I. E. Weldon, one of the liquidators of the Home Bank, who was taken very ill some time ago, is back again at the headquarters office this morning. Mr. Weldon was confined for some time to his home at Lindsay.

HJALMUR BRANTING,
former premier of Sweden and present Swedish representative on the council of the League of Nations, was today elected president of the international labor conference, whose sessions opened this morning at Geneva.

FOURTEEN MEET DEATH IN STORMS

Tornadoes Sweeping Northwest Section of U. S. Take Heavy Toll.

Associated Press Despatch.

St. Paul, Minn., June 16.—At least 14 persons are reported dead and more than a score injured as the result of tornadoes, windstorms and heavy hail and rain in the northwest section of the United States Saturday night.

Eight persons were reported dead at Bijou Hills, Brule County; two at White Lake, Aurora County; one at Pierre and one at Blunt, in South Dakota; while two men were reported swept into the Mississippi River at St. Paul. Glad Valley, in Seibeach County, South Dakota, was reported virtually wiped out when a tornado struck over the territory of fifty miles square and caused probably a score of injuries and property damage which may run over $100,000.

At Mitchell four persons were injured, one perhaps fatally, and property damage was estimated at several hundred thousand dollars.

COMPLAINT SEASON STRIKES CITY HALL

Mayor in Training, But Other Officials Have a Trying Time.

This is perhaps the supreme complaint time at the city hall, when all the complaints citizens have nursed so carefully for the previous eleven months come to the surface and break over the ramparts of the city hall counters.

Everyone in the hall of fame gets them. The engineer, the tax collector, the city treasurer, the assessment commissioner, the city clerk, and all the members of the staffs who happen to get caught at the telephone. Now it's about a curb on a street, now it's the taxes, now it's the high assessment, and now it's the general management of the city.

The mayor suffers less than the others, in a way, because he is used to getting complaints every day, and is in training. But the others have not been out in the open air of enthusiastic criticism to the same extent and they feel it more.

HOOVER AND EXPERTS WILL BE GUESTS OF MONTREAL

Canadian Press Despatch.

Cornwall, June 16.—Herbert Hoover, United States secretary of commerce, and other members of the United States St. Lawrence commission, of which Mr. Hoover is chairman, who are on a tour of inspection of the St. Lawrence, will be taken for a trip down the river below Stanley Island today, later coming back to Cornwall, and in the afternoon cars will arrive here from Ogdensburg to take the commission and engineers to that city to attend the banquet being tendered by the Ogdensburg Chamber of Commerce tonight.

After the banquet the tourists will cross to Prescott and go on to Montreal. They arrive in the metropolis early on Tuesday morning, and will inspect the Montreal harbor before continuing their journey down to Quebec city.

BRANTING CHOSEN HEAD OF LABOR CONFERENCE

Associated Press Despatch.

Geneva, June 16.—Hjalmur Branting, former premier of Sweden and present Swedish representative on the council of the League of Nations, was elected president of the international labor conference by acclamation among great enthusiasm today when the conference opened its sessions here.

GT. BRITAIN SENDS NOTE OF PROTEST TO MEXICO

Premier MacDonald Tells the Commons Obregon Threat Considered Grave Breach.

DELAYING MISSION

British Officials Alarmed At Mexican's Attitude Toward Cummins.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, June 16.—Premier MacDonald stated in the House of Commons today that the British Government regarded the action of the Mexican government against Herbert C. Cummins, the British agent in Mexico, as a grave breach of international courtesies.

The premier said he had informed the Mexican government that in the event of its taking steps against Mr. Cummins in which Great Britain did not concur, the mission of Sir Thomas Hohler to Mexico would not be proceeded with.

The Obregon government has threatened the expulsion of Cummins, who was sent as an agent to protect British interests there.

PARLIAMENT REASSEMBLES.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, June 16.—Parliament reassembled today after the Whitsuntide vacation with the prospect of long and arduous sessions, and small probability that the government will be able to carry out several legislative measures to which it is committed.

Today's business brings the government for the first time into conflict with the House of Lords, which has so amended the administration's bill for prevention of eviction of nonpaying tenants as virtually to nullify it.

The government's intention to move the rejection of all amendments was understood beforehand and rejection will be supported by the Liberals. The chief debate this week will be on Former Premier Baldwin's resolution giving effect to the imperial preference proposals of his government. It is likely to occupy Tuesday and Wednesday. The government will leave the decision of the question to a free vote of the house, and as the Liberals mostly oppose the Baldwin proposals, it is assumed they will be rejected. The government ministers are meeting to decide which of their bills shall be pressed for action. The public business is so congested that it is obvious that several of the measures must be postponed until autumn. Some of the opposition prophets declare they will then disappear entirely because the government itself will go.

LONDON IS SURPRISED AT ANSWER TO QUERY

Dominion's Commissioners Say They Have No Difficulty in Seeing Ministers.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, June 16.—The Morning Post this morning states that there is considerable surprise in Dominion circles in London at the answer of Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King of Canada to a question in the House of Commons at Ottawa on Thursday, lending color to the suggestion that the Canadian high commissioner, Hon. Peter Larkin, had difficulty in gaining access to the British cabinet ministers.

A representative of the Post interviewed the high commissioners of the various dominions—Hon. Mr. Larkin of Canada, Right Hon. Mr. Joseph Cook of Australia, Sir James Allen of New Zealand, and Hon. Sir. E. H. Walton, Union of South Africa, all of whom declared that they had had no difficulty whatever in gaining access to the cabinet ministers in London.

Hon. Mr. Larkin stated that he was very much surprised when he read the message from Ottawa regarding Prime Minister King's statement in the House of Commons.

WOMAN HIT BY MOTOR IN FAVORABLE CONDITION

The condition of Mrs. Hale, 371 Dundas street, who was struck by an automobile at Waterloo and Dundas streets last night, was reported to be very favorable by Victoria Hospital authorities this morning.

Mrs. Hale attempted to cross the street in front of a fast approaching car, but stumbled in the middle of the street and the driver could not avoid hitting her.

She received several cuts about the face and numerous other cuts and bruises, although none of them is serious.