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BUFFALO POLICE HOLD TWO BANDIT SUSPECTS

Mrs. Stark Claims Lurching of Car Caused Son's Death

MEN IN BULLET-SCARRED CAR HELD IN BUFFALO AS SUSPECTED BANDITS

Two Placed Under Arrest in American City Admit Having Been in Toronto Yesterday—Montreal Police Find Sawed Off Shotgun Was Purchased by Stranger in Montreal.

THREE MEN ARRESTED AT CHATHAM

Associated Press Despatch.

Buffalo, July 27.—Police today arrested two men on a downtown Buffalo street in a travel-worn car which bore signs of having been in a gun battle. There were two bullet holes through the sides of the automobile and several spent bullets lying on the floor. An investigation was started to determine whether there was any connection between the car and Toronto's $130,000 daylight hold-up of Tuesday.

The men said they had been in Tornoto yesterday. They had in their possession a bill of sale for another car, and evidence that several cars had been purchased and disposed of through the manipulaton of the bill of sale.

TRACE ORIGIN OF GUN.

Montreal, July 27.—The sawed-off shotgun dropped by bandits who held up and engaged in a gun fight with bank messengers in the heart of the downtown district of Toronto Tuesday morning, was purchased by a stranger, believed to be an American, from T. W. Boyd & Sons, sporting goods merchants, 27 Notre Dame street west, last Monday or the Saturday previous.

An excellent description of the purchaser of the shotgun has been given to the local detective office this morning by the salesman of the gun. The description was wired to the Toronto police this morning.

The law of the province insists upon the names and addresses of purchasers of revolvers only being taken by sellers of such weapons, thus the actual identity of the purchaser of the gun in the Toronto case is still unknown.

Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Reporter.

Chatham, July 27.—Three hikers, claiming to be from Montreal, are being held here on suspicion by Chief of Police Groves, while an investigation into their movements is made. The three men were picked up when they tried to sell an automobile time clock to a man in this city, who informed the police. The clock was stolen from the dashboard of a motor in Glencoe.

The chief stated that he had satisfied himself that the four men who, in an old Ford car, purchased an inner tube at a local garage, tendering a new $20 bank note in payment, were not concerned in the Toronto holdup. The men were found and questioned and the car examined, but nothing was found. The car belonged to William Kearns of Ridgetown.

POLICE FIND CLUES.

Bronte, July 27.—Clues to the Toronto bank bandits are believed to have been found along Twelve-Mile Creek, near to the bridge over which the Oakville and Hamilton radial passes. Five men were seen Sunday and Monday morning along the bank of the creek, and these men answered the descriptions of the bandits. Twelve-Mile Creek is a historic one, for it is only a mile or so from here that William Lyon Mackenzie hid in a cave when he was pursued after the rebellion of 1837.

Besides the descriptions which tally, two clues have been found along the creek, which may help to prove the identity of the men who camped here. The first is an envelope four inches by ten inches from D. Pike of Toronto, along with four expensive fish hooks, labelled No. 1 grade, hollow-point fish hooks. From these it is hoped that the clerks in Pike's will remember the men who bought them.

The second is a bill from a Toronto address on King street for two safe keys. This was found yesterday. The most important clue yet obtained to the identity of the bandits is obtained from little Eric Osterholm, son of a bridge painter. He spoke to the five men who were camping and who asked him to catch minnows for them. One of the men said: "Are you from England?" The boy answered, "Yes, I'm from Fleetwood. The man replied, "We know Fleetwood and Blackpool as well as you do. I am from Manchester."

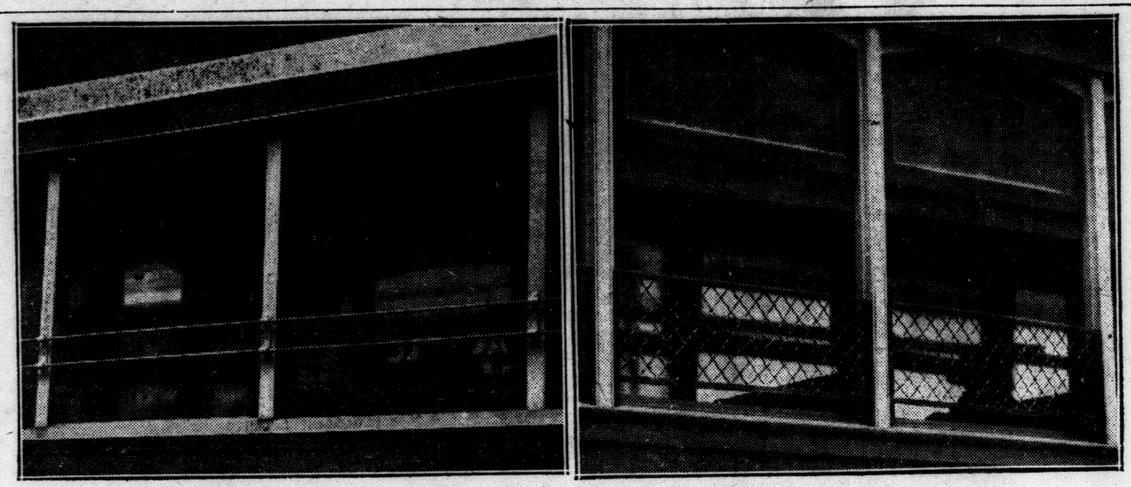
Mr. Arthur Riggs, of Bronte says that on Sunday evening about 5 o'clock he saw a man on the river bank. He yelled to him and three men jumped from the tall reeds and walked to the first man. None of them answered though Mr. Riggs spoke a second time.

A fifth man, further down the creek also joined the group. As they were 80 yards away Mr. Riggs cannot describe their faces but says three men were dressed in blue suits and two in shirt sleeves and light trousers.

NO TRACE LOCALLY.

Although London police are keeping a strict vigil for the bandits who shot Toronto bank messengers in a street battle a few days ago and escaped with $125,000, they have not picked up any suspects whom they thought were worth holding for Toronto authorities.

The only developments in the case, of which the local officers were aware, was a report in the morning papers to the effect that a Toronto laborer had seen several men aiding a wounded comrade in a clump of bushes in a Toronto suburb.



LONDON OLD BOYS CHARTER TRAINS TO JOURNEY HERE

Detroit and Windsor Delegation Will Arrive Sunday at Noon.

WILL STAGE PARADE

Decorators Reach City Monday To Begin Preliminary Work.

Each day brings more cheerful news of the plans the London Old Boys' are completing to be in the Forest City on Old Boys' Week, August 4-11, and of the co-operative arrangements that are being made by the railroad companies to efficiently handle the crowds.

Word was received this morning that the special C. P. R. train of twelve coaches or more, carrying the Detroit and Windsor old boys, will arrive in the city Sunday noon, and it is planned to have a lively parade upon their arrival.

The delegations from Chatham and Ottawa will also arrive C. P. R., while the Hamilton contingent will come in on the Canadian National. The Toronto boys will take both roads to London, and an exceptionally large representation is expected from the Queen City.

Edwin Smith, chairman of the London Old Boys' Association, informed The Advertiser this morning that the Calgary and Winnipeg frollickers are planning to take the Great Lakes route and will arrive here on Friday aboard the boat train from Point Edward.

"As the time draws near the success of the 1923 re-union grows more apparent," Mr. Smith declared enthusiastically. "Quite a number have already arrived for the celebration, and from about the 1st of August on the railway companies are adding extra coaches to a number of the trains, so that all make the trip in comfort.

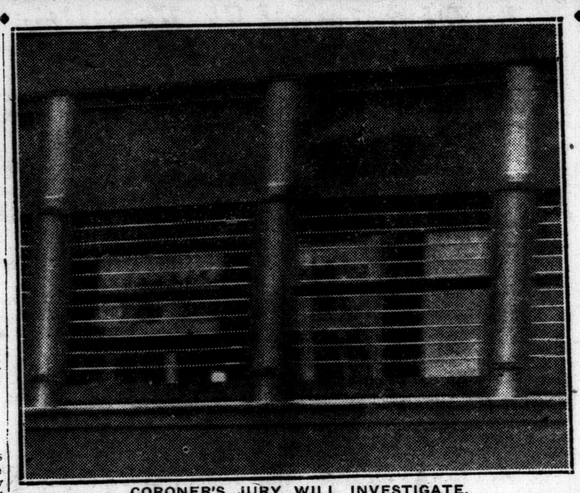
"Representatives from T. Eaton & Co., of Toronto, who have been awarded the contract for decorating the city, will reach London on Monday next for the preliminary work. Dundas and Richmond streets will be a mass of flags and banners, while a special electrical and color display will be erected at the main corner.

"Most of the members are now wearing their badges, and this should be an incentive to local interest," Mr. Smith added.

CANCEL CITIZENSHIP.

Associated Press Despatch.

Moscow, July 27.—In punishment for their anti-Soviet propaganda abroad, the central executive committee has ordered Professors Ilyn and Melgunoff, who were deported last summer, deprived of their Russian citizenship.



CORONER'S JURY WILL INVESTIGATE.

These three pictures show the types of window protection on London street cars, which may be subject of inquiry when the coroner's jury meets next Thursday night to investigate the tragic death of 12-year-old Ernest Stark, who was battered between two street cars on Richmond street last night. The upper left is the type belonging to car No. 64, through a window of which the boy was crushed to death. The window has two iron bars about eight inches apart, leaving a clear space above of some twenty inches. The upper right shows a second type in which heavy screen is substituted for the bars, affording better protection. The lower picture shows the high screen used on the newest cars, by which the window is fully protected. Car No. 64, on which the boy met his death, is one of the oldest types now in use.

Blames Lurching of Car In Richmond St. Fatality As Cause of Boy's Death

Mother of Ernest Stark Claims Lad Thrown Through Window On Arising To Give Woman Seat.

The jury empanelled to inquire into the tragic death of Ernest Stark, aged 12, who was almost instantly killed at 6 o'clock last night, when his head and body became jammed between two Richmond street cars, adjourned until 8 p.m. Thursday, after viewing the lad's body in Logan's Funeral Home at 12:30 today.

Coroner Dr. Cameron Wilson agreed with the jurors that it was necessary to visit the scene of the accident before reaching a conclusion as to responsibility for the lad's death. They will therefore meet at the corner of Piccadilly and Richmond streets for the purpose of examining the tracks and determining whether the sway of the street cars can be ascribed to negligence on the part of the London Street Railway Company.

At 8 o'clock Thursday evening, several witnesses will give evidence in police court, where the jurors are expected to reach a verdict.

That the unfortunate boy came to his death through no fault of his own, is the opinion of eyewitnesses questioned by The Advertiser this morning. Mrs. William Stark, the youngster's mother, was in no condition to offer a clear explanation of the accident last night. Dr. George Ingram, Briscoe street, was called to treat her for nervousness and shock, however, and she was able to describe her son's death in minute detail today.

Just Back From Port.

Mrs. Stark, accompanied by Ernest and her younger son, Bernard, returned from Port Stanley on the 5:10 trolley yesterday afternoon, after enjoying a few hours at the lakeside. They boarded Richmond car, No. 64, which would take them near their home on Huron street. At Dundas the vehicle became so crowded that a dozen women were forced to stand. About 160 feet past Piccadilly street Mrs. Stark asked Ernest, who was sitting next to the window on the left side, to give his seat to one of the standing women.

The boy rose to comply. At that instant the car lurched violently, throwing the youngster forward with great force. He extended his hand to protect himself, but both hand and head crashed through the window. Simultaneously Richmond car, No. 68, in charge of Conductor Harold Griffiths and Motorman A. Coleman, came south, passing the other car, and inflicting a fatal gash in the helpless boy's head. According to the mother, both cars were swaying from side to side. Her son's head was barely six inches outside the window.

The dead boy's right arm remained inside the car, and the jagged glass nearly severed it in half at the elbow. Both upper thighs were severely cut, and his face lacerated in many places. The death blow, however, was that struck by the oncoming street car, which slashed his head above the right ear and broke the skull.

Women Screamed.

Women screamed as the two cars came to a full stop. Conductor John Graham, grasping the situation, immediately rushed outside and lifted the lad through the window, carrying him to the drug store of W. R. Lutz, 728 Richmond street. There he assisted Howard Bryant, drug clerk, in administering cotton bandages which proved useless in staunching the blood that flowed copiously from wounds all over the lad's face and body. Bryant listened to the younster's heart and it was still beating. Dr. W. A. Thomson, who lives near, was summoned, but the boy was dead when he arrived.

Passengers from both street cars thronged the drug store. W. R. Lutz, proprietor, was absent. Bryant, his assistant, did the best he could, but to no avail. Spectators say great credit must be given to both Bryant and Graham, the conductor, for their admirable but futile efforts to save the lad.

Car 64 on which Ernest Stark was killed, was equipped only with hand brakes and belonged to one of the oldest types still doing service on the line.

Mrs. J. W. Hockney, 94 Tecumseh avenue, a sister, brought Mrs. Stark who was in a state of hysteria, to her home immediately after the accident. Mrs. Hockney declared today that the cars swung to such an extent from side to side that they came within an inch of striking each other when the tragedy took place.

Not Boy's Fault.

"It was no fault of my son's," Mrs.

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Be Millionaire For Ninety Cents

New York, July 27.—German marks sold in the local foreign exchange market today for 90c a million, the lowest quotation in history. Before the war, when the nominal rate of exchange was 23.8c each, one million German marks would have cost $238,000.

THINK GERMANY WILL COLLAPSE IN FEW MONTHS

Expert Observers See Fall Unless Reparations Issue Solved.

AWAIT ANSWERS

France and Belgium Sending Replies to Latest British Note.

Special Cable to The Advertiser.

London, July 27.—Germany is given three to six months longer before complete collapse financially and economically as well as politically, in official and semi-official advices reaching the British government today, settlement of the reparations problems is held vital to stave off the disaster.

The British advices do not stress particularly the events of the past week, the terrific slump of the mark to unimagined lows and the mutterings of Royalist revolt. British observers intimate the situation in Germany may drag out for several months.

Reaction to these reports of impending collapse is the government's desire to start immediately upon negotiations to effect a settlement of the reparations question and save Germany from a crash which might involve the rest of Europe.

The government understands replies to its note and memoranda sent to the Allies a week ago, will reach London this week-end, France and Belgium are sending separate replies, as is Italy, it is understood.

MRS. MURRELL WAITS TO SEE HER SON IN JAIL

Permission From Prison Inspector Is Not Expected For a Week.

Decision as to the advisability of allowing Mrs. Murrell to see her son, Sidney, held in the county jail, on a murder charge, is not expected from the office of W. W. Dunlop, Ontario inspector of prisons and charities, until early in the week.

Mrs. Murrell's request was forwarded to Toronto by J. M. Donahue, counsel for the young desperado, yesterday afternoon. The communication will not be received at Toronto until today.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Murrell is waiting patjently. She expects to hear that she will be able to see her boy soon.

However, she does not think she will be given permission to embrace him, but expects steel bars will separate him. She is confident Inspector Dunlop will alter his "no visitors" order for her benefit.

BELL TELEPHONE WILL NOT INSTALL EXCHANGE

Rumor Regarding New System Is Denied by General Manager Beard.

Contrary to a rumor that the Bell Telephone Company of the city planned installing a new exchange this fall, General Manager C. H. Beard denied the report this morning when asked by The Advertiser.

"It would take two years at least to install another exchange," said Mr. Beard. "A new building would have to be erected, and the idea of having a new exchange this fall is ridiculous. It is hoped in the near future London will have two exchanges, but it could not possibly be until 1925."

Increasing the system is steadily going on, and by this fall 800 new lines are expected to be put in.

YOUNG MEN FACE LIQUOR CHARGES IN CHATHAM COURT

Eight Prominent Citizens Appear, Accused of Numerous Violations of O. T. A.

ONE PLEADS GUILTY

Case Adjourned To Allow the Production of Girl Witnesses.

Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Correspondent.

Chatham, Ont., July 27.—Eight of the most prominent young men of Chatham and the surrounding district appeared before County Magistrate S. B. Arnold this morning, charged with numerous violations of the Ontario emperance Act, on various dates. At the request of the defence, the case was advanced to August 1, in order that the witnesses, all girls, may be summoned to appear.

The men involved are well known, and with one exception pleaded not guilty to the charges laid by High County Constable Peters. George Pritchard, Blake McCoig, Duncan Campbell, Johnnie Wilson, Zeke McKenzie, Noble Duff, Harry Pick and Terrence Robert are those mentioned in the charges.

Long before the hour for opening court, the large room was crowded. Standing room was at a premium and many conjectures were made as to the outcome of the case. Outside the building, on the streets and wherever two or more gathered together, it was the one topic of conversation.

Shortly after 10 o'clock the presiding magistrate accompanied by Crown Attorney H. Smith, K. C., and the lawyers for the defence R. L. Brackin, K. C., M. P. P., and Alex. Clark, made their appearance. None of the accused was in court at this time.

Pick Pleads Guilty.

Harry Pick was the first one called. He pleaded guilty to a charge of drinking liquor in other than a lawful place. This was the only charge of this nature laid and Pick was the one who alone pleaded guilty.

One after the other, Duff, Campbell, Pritchard, Robert, McCoig, Wilson and McKenzie, were called and walked with nonchalance up to the bench. Here the charges were read to them and as one man, they pleaded not guilty. The information in every case charged them with violating the O. T. A. by having liquor in other than a private dwelling or other authorized place. Pritchard and McKenzie face six different charges while the others will have to defend themselves on two each.

According to information received by The Advertiser the crown was ready to proceed on the written information and statements of the girls who were mixed up in the alleged parties at summer resorts near the town. This did not satisfy R. L. Brackin, who asked an adjournment, which was granted. He stated that he wished to have the girls in court so that he could cross-examine them. The ages of the girls are given, with one or two exceptions, as being under 16, and it is expected that charges of supplying liquor to minors will also be placed against some of the men.

Girl Is Chief Witness.

The chief witness for the crown, Verna Smith, will probably receive the most searching examination, as it was through her that the charges were filed. The report says that her father discovered these parties and that he then undertook to investigate turning it over to the police.

After court was adjourned, the young men congregated at the top of the stairs and conversed with their solicitors. Fear of publicity seemed predominant in their minds. After probably 20 minutes, the boys assured themselves that a car with the engine running was waiting at the door on the west side, and dashed for it in single file, successfully reaching the open door and hiding behind the sides until out of range of hte court house. As they crossed the sidewalk they covered their heads with their arms.

CALLED MANY WITNESSES.

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, July 27.—Attorney-General Carl Sherman said last night that forty-nine new witnesses had been called by the state during the extraordinary session of the Westchester County grand jury, which resulted in the indicting of Walter S. Ward for first degree murder yesterday.

Lloyd George Declares

that the Lausanne treaty is a failure and that the bite of a monkey has altered the destiny of Europe.

Read his next signed article, cabled to appear in Saturday's Advertiser.

POLICEMEN MAY BE ASKED TO TELL VIEWS ON FORCE

Mayor Intimates Same Procedure Adopted in Fire Hearing Likely.

WILL SATISFY PEOPLE

Members of Department Likely To Get Same Chance as Firemen.

Will members of the London police force be called upon during the present "survey" of that department to register their opinion as to adminigtration and air any grievances that they may harbor?

While obviously reluctant to tender any definite statement to this effect today, Mayor Wenige, chairman of the police commission, hinted broadly that such action would be forthcoming, if not already accomplished.

The Advertiser referred to the survey of the fire department, relating that it had been reported that members of the different fire brigades had been separately quizzed by members of the citizens' research bureau, who are still conducting, at the instigation of the city council, what they term as "administrative surveys" of all municipal departments.

"That was a good thing, wasn't it?" questioned Mayor Wenige. "By that procedure any member of the department, who felt that he had a grievance, was able to register the same, without fear or favor. Many had complained from time to time, but the place for them to air them was at this investigation.

"When this fire probe was first started by Dr. Brittain and his aides, there were those members of that department who felt right away that, in their opinion, the result would be far from satisfactory. I had several of them call upon me from time to time, asking when 'they were to be given a chance to be heard.' Now they have had their chance."

Remains Non-Committal.

Mayor Wenige acknowledges the truth of the recent report in The Advertiser that members of the fire department were quizzed separately and privately as to their opinion as to the charge of "dissension and favoritism" in the department. He declares most emphatically, however, that Dr. Brittain and his experts will issue no report about Fire Chief Aitken and his force until all civic inquiries have been concluded.

"Will the same procedure be followed in connection with the police department? Will each member be asked his private opinion about Chief

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MICHAEL TAGGIE SAYS HE HAD LOST MEMORY

Admits in Police Court This Morning That He Imbibed Liquor.

Michael Taggie admitted this morning in police court that he had imbibed copious "slugs" of hard liquor, but pleaded that it was his first appearance in nine months.

Perusal of police records, however, showed Michael to be slightly in error. There were several occasions which had slipped his memory.

This loss of memory did not work greatly to the prisoner's detriment, though, the court deciding the minimum fine of $10 and costs would be sufficient.

MAYOR NON-COMMITTAL ABOUT SUNDAY BATHING

"Will Pools Be Open?" He Was Asked; "Maybe," "Maybe Not," Is Reply.

If Mayor Wenige is massing for another attack upon the members of the public utilities commission, he is moving his forces behind a smoke screen. In an official communique today he announced that peace had yet to be declared, but he declines to shed the light of publicity upon his movements.

"Will the civic bathing pools be open Sundays?" he was asked.

"Maybe," quoth the mayor.

"Maybe not," was the suggestion.

"Maybe not," agreed the mayor.

"Are you preparing for further developments," he was asked.

"Maybe," explained the mayor.

"Maybe not," was the suggestion again.

"Maybe not," agreed the mayor.

In the meanwhile all is still ala[rm] the public utilities front, and exce[pt] for such minor eruptions as Phi[l] Pocock's criticism of city paving v[en]tures, and Ald. Wilson's reitera[ted] declaration that he will be comfo[rt]ably seated as usual at the ne[xt] council session, there is nothing [to] mar an otherwise perfectly quiet and tranquil day at the city hall.

REDUCE PARKING TIME TO HALF-HOUR LIMIT

Auto Owners May Leave Cars Only Thirty Minutes in Certain Districts.

Chief of Police Robert Birrell has received instructions to enforce several new parking regulations in London.

Chief of these is regarding the parking of autos on Dundas street, between Wellington and Talbot street, and Richmond street, between York street and Queen's avenue. The time limit for parking in these areas has been cut from one hour to a half hour.

Angle parking, without lights, will be allowed on the market square every night.

Angle parking will be allowed on Wellington street, between York street and Dufferin avenue.

Cars parked in the angle parking areas require only a rear light, instead of three lighted lamps.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.

Moderate to fresh winds; cloudy and showery today and on Saturday.

Stations—	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	64	56	Clear
Calgary	76	54	Fair
Winnipeg	82	52	Clear
Fort Arthur	62	52	Cloudy
Parry Sound	78	58	Cloudy
Toronto	82	62	Cloudy
Kingston	70	64	Cloudy
Ottawa	72	52	Rain
Montreal	70	50	Cloudy
Quebec	62	44	Rain
Father Point	72	42	Clear
St. John	60	48	Fair
Halifax	70	50	Fair

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 83; lowest, 47.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 67; lowest, 60.

Barometric Readings.

Thursday, 8 p.m.—29.28.

Today, 8 a.m.—29.19.

KIWANIANS CONTINUE JOLLY STUNT MEETINGS

Colored Choir Gives Splendid Song Program at Noonday Luncheon.

The Kiwanis Club at their noon luncheon today continued the series of "stunt" meetings, which have proved so popular during the summer weeks.

Of this meeting, which was under the convenership of L. Gordon Bridgeman, the big feature was the appearance of a local colored choir, whose program of negro songs and anthems was received with an enthusiasm which culminated in rousing cheers. "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," one of the most popular, as well as the most melodious of southern songs, was greeted with insistent demand for encores.

Rev. Dr. A. T. Sowerby, pastor of the Maitland Street Baptist Church, was the speaker. His address, "Would You Tickle or Would You Pinch?" lived up the interesting intimation of its title, and proved to be sound philosophy on applied Christianity, its relationship to everyday life, and the principles upon which the Kiwanis Club is built.

Tom Yull was chairman.

CLAIM MANY U. S. FARMERS ARE FACING BANKRUPTCY

Special to The Advertiser.

Chicago, July 27.—Aid for millions of farmers facing bankruptcy will be demanded from President Harding by the American Farm Bureau Federation as soon as Mr. Harding returns to the White House, federation officials announced today.

Admission of the intermediate credits act by the farm loan board and designation of farm granaries as government warehouses, enabling growers to borrow money on stored wheat, will be asked.

A PRIZE BABY.

The above photo by an Advertiser staff photographer shows Master Jack Hughes, the second prize winner in the grocers' picnic baby show. Jack is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes, of 11 Surrey avenue, this city. Jackie is four months old, and his parents are proud of his prize-winning tendencies.