

TRUANCY ABOUNDS IN THIS CITY

Officer Weir Admits It—Throws the Blame on the Public Holiday.

Truant Officer Weir is just now issuing his "call to the wild." A few weeks ago he was able to say that there was but very little truancy in London. Now he is compelled to admit that the city abounds with it. He blames Thanksgiving day for it. "Keep the children at school," he says, "and everything will be all right. Give them a holiday and they run around like young squirrels—anywhere but to school. A holiday sets the children wild. It breaks up the school week, and in fact, it not infrequently happens that it takes two or three weeks to restore the school to its normal state."

The officer also told The Advertiser that he finds truancy very prevalent among girls. "The girls seek a chum whose mother is away from home, or who perhaps is out earning bread for the family in some shop, and then they loaf the day away in the house. If a note is sent they interpret it, but in the end they get after them and break up their little game."

"I also find that quite a number of boys hang around the theatre and I intend to make an example of some of them."

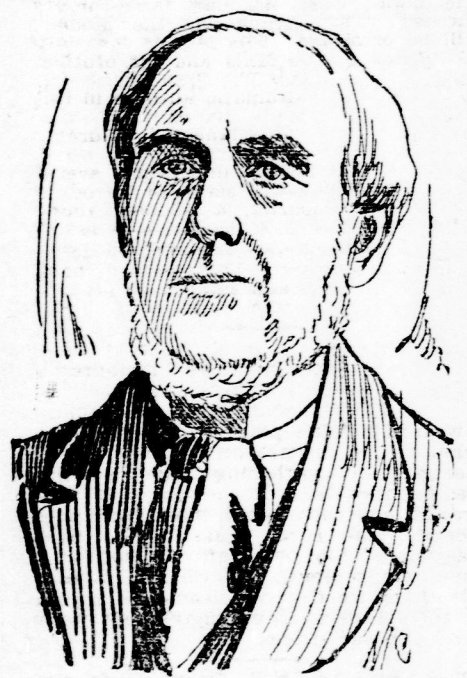
Mr. Weir then told of a lad named Robbins, who lives on York street, and who had a rather peculiar experience the other day. The boy, with a companion, was riding away his time in a box car on the Pere Marquette Railway when the car was unexpectedly picked up and carried away to Glanworth. The lad was afraid to jump, so he found himself ten miles from home, and penniless. The railway men then took him to St. Thomas, where he spent the night, and he returned the next day a much wiser boy. It is the intention of the truant officer to give special attention to the railway sidings henceforth, when he is in search of truants.

DEATH OF ROBT. DREANEY

One of the District's Early Settlers Passes Away in This City.

The death of Mr. Robert Dreaney, which occurred this morning at the family residence, 43, English street, removes one of the earliest settlers of this district.

Mr. Dreaney was in his 84th year, and had spent the greater part of his life in London and vicinity. He was native of the old land, but came to Canada when very young, and shortly



THE LATE ROBERT DREANEY.

Canada when very young, and after spending five years in Toronto, he came to London, where he remained a year. He conducted a blacksmith business at Dreaney's Corners for seventeen years, and later took up a farm in the north of London, where he remained until five years ago, when he retired. Later he took up a farm to the north of London, where he remained until five years ago, when he retired, and took up his home in the city.

Mr. Dreaney took an active interest in municipal matters, and was also on the township council as reeve, deputy reeve, and councillor, and also on the county council. He was also a member of Dorchester Township Council for seventeen years. He was a member of the Church of England. He is survived by a wife and several children. Ex-Adm. Dreaney is a son.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

Oct. 31.—A. A. P. Ltd.—Corinthian, from Glasgow; Montreal, from Antwerp; at Liverpool—Lake Manitoba, from Montreal.

At Glasgow—Buenos Ayres, from Montreal; at Antwerp—Zeland, from New York; at London—Merida, from New York; at Queenstown—Avalon, from Boston.

British at Annapolis.

Annapolis, Md., Nov. 1.—Admiral Brownson's ships have arrived, having accompanied Prince Louis of Battenberg's squadron from the cape.

The British squadron has anchored outside the harbor, several hundred yards inside the line of battle ships of the fleet and second division of the North Atlantic fleet. The weather is perfect and the programme for today promises to move smoothly.

The Money Loss of the Drink Habit

Is one of its most serious features. The man who drinks not only ruins himself but deprives those dependent upon him of the support to which they are entitled.

The Samaria Tasteless Prescription has saved many men from Drunkard's Graves and restored wife and family to plenty and happiness. Given without patients knowledge in tea, coffee or food. The money a moderate drinker will waste in one week will cover the cost of a month's treatment. Samaria Prescription is a cure for drunkenness, no publicity, all private.

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WAS NOT HEAD OF HIS HOUSE

Therefore Truancy Case Against Richard Blackwell Presented Different Aspect to Court.

Mr. Richard Blackwell told Magistrate Love in the police court this morning that he didn't know his little girl was working in a factory until four or five days after she had started. Truant Officer Weir charged Mr. Blackwell with neglecting to send the young girl to school.

"You're the head of the house, aren't you?" asked the court.

"I ought to be, your honor, but I'm sorry to say I'm not."

The magistrate began to see that the matter might have a different aspect, so he adjourned the case until Saturday and asked to have Mrs. Blackwell and the little girl produced.

Joseph McGinnis' case was once more adjourned. The defendant is at present dividing his time in some of the Western Ontario towns, and must have the charge of assault preferred against him settled at once or he will have to go for a term.

Edward O'Flynn's appearance was pitiable. O'Flynn's mental powers have weakened, and it was thought advisable to have him taken care of. He had been employed at the Fraser House stables and had in some way suffered severe facial injuries. He was remanded for a week.

James Johnson and Wm. Bentley implied too freely, with the result that they were taken into custody. The former was bailed in the sum of \$50 for a week, and in the meantime must take the pledge. Bentley was remanded a week.

CONDENSED LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. Duncan McIntyre, formerly of West Williams Township, passed away in this city last night. Deceased was 20 years of age. His death was due to heart failure.

At Osgoode Hall, Toronto, yesterday, in the case of the Monarch Cash Mutual Fire Insurance Company vs. the York Mutual Fire Insurance Company, a motion was made on behalf of the defendants for an order changing the venue from London to Toronto. The motion was dismissed.

Staff—Capt. Desbrosses and Capt. Jones will arrive from Brantford tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock, and in the evening the local corps of the Salvation Army will tender them a welcome at the Citadel on Clarence street. Adjutant Kendall and Mrs. Kendall leave for Brantford at 11:20 tomorrow morning. Tonight they will be tendered a farewell by the officers and soldiers of the local corps.

THE MONTH'S CLEARINGS.
The report of the London Clearing House for October shows clearings of \$4,422,311, a weekly average of over \$100,000.

FORSYTH VS. FORTHBY AGAIN.

The reversible case of Forsyth vs. Forsyth reached another stop this morning, when David Forsyth was charged by George Forsyth with abusive language before Judge Lacey. The case will be carried to a higher court. The parties are relatives, uncle and nephew. Their favorite pastime seems to be quarrelling at each other, and then getting a magistrate to settle the case.

ALL SAINTS' DAY.

Today being All Saints' Day, holy communion was celebrated in St. Paul's Cathedral this morning. Mass was celebrated in all the Catholic churches this morning, and large crowds were present at the services.

GOES TO BERLIN.

Mr. Gordon McConchy, late of the Ontario Loan and Debenture Company, of this city, leaves today for Berlin, where he has secured a position as teller in the Bank of Commerce. Mr. McConchy is an enthusiastic hockey player and has figured prominently in several other sports. He is a member of the London Rowing Club and has been victorious in a number of rowing movements. He is well-known in this city, and that he will have every success in his new position is the wish of his many friends.

HUTCHINSON VS. LONDON.

At Osgoode Hall, Toronto, yesterday, in the suit for damages brought by Dr. John Hutchinson against the city of London, W. E. Mitchell, for the defendants, moved for order for directions as to trial of third party issue, and to set aside notice of trial. E. W. M. Fick (London), for plaintiff, Dr. J. L. McCarthy for third parties, order made setting aside notice of trial. Costs in cause. Order made for physical examination of plaintiff. Motion as to third parties stands over week.

TRADING STAMPS ILLEGAL.

The Dominion trading stamp act, whereby the giving or receiving of trading stamps or coupons by merchants or business concerns is a criminal offense, came into effect today. The Dominion executive officers of the Retail Merchants' Association of Canada have sent out instructions to their branches asking them to see that the law is strictly enforced. They say that every effort will be made to prosecute every offender or persons who receive, give out, or deal in trading stamps or coupons.

REBECCA SCHOOL REPORT.

The report of school session No. 1, West Niagara, for the month of October is as follows:

Class IV—Myrtle Piper 37, Blanche Piper 34.

Junior III—Mabel Borne 45, Wm. Judd 37.

Senior II—Stanley Mossop 32, Morley Rogers 30.

Junior II—Chester Judd 34, Gordon Judd 34, Ernest Ashman 19.

Part II—Erene Barber 30.

Part I—Mabel Borne 45, Hazel Talbot 34, Bertha Krumm 49, Mabel Piper 42, Wilma Barber 40, Hazel Duffin 33.

A JAPANESE EVENING.

A delightfully pleasant time was spent at the Young Women's Christian Association last night. The members in charge of the Tuesday evening Tuesday evening of each month, for social purposes. Last night the meeting was in charge of Miss Jennie M. Jones. (Rev.) Walker and Mrs. A. T. Edwards. The programme was as follows: Miss Moore presiding; hymn; by the society; prayer; by Rev. Mr. Cooke; song, Japanese love song and encore; Mrs. A. Brown reading "Japan in General," by Mrs. (Rev.) Ross; song, Miss Pauline Mount; address, Rev. Mr. Cooke; returned mission; prayer; song, "Customs of the Japanese People," Miss Guest, of Western University. After the entertainment a dainty little tea was served.

SIX WENT TO CENTRAL

Bailiff Ryan Took a Nice Gang From London—Two Escaped.

Bailiff Ryan, of the Central Prison, arrived here this morning, and he took back with him to the Central six prisoners who will do time there.

The list comprises Walter Ferrie, six months for robbing a man; Arthur Smith, six months for stealing a rug from a livery stable; George J. Mnelly, six months for vagrancy; Arthur Smith, one year for stealing jewelry from a hotel; Jules E. Ross, one year for passing a forged check; William Parker, nineteen months for attempted criminal assault.

Two other prisoners for the Central were not taken, as their sentences are nearly completed. They are Ed Bradley, four months for selling liquor to Indians, and Arthur Lewis, four months for shop breaking.

NOT ALL IN LINE

Some Retailers Will Not Advance the Price of Milk.

The retail milk dealers of this city who belong to the Dairyman's Association raised the price of milk today to a quarter. The majority of the dealers in the city belong to the association, which will mean that most of London's householders will be affected by the advance.

The wholesale dealers have raised their prices from 3 to 3½ cents, chiefly because of the very high wages that farm labourers demand, hence the advance by the retailers.

Contracts for six months are made on the first of May and November, and today a general increase of 2½ cents goes into effect on the wholesale price. To stay in business the united dealers feel that they must increase the retail prices, although several not in the association do not contemplate doing so.

One extensive dealer said this morning that the wholesale price for him was increased from 2½ to 3 cents a quart today, but he didn't intend changing the retail price. He thought that the 3½-cent price would apply more generally to small dealers.

The increase will not find favor among consumers.

WERE AFTER MCCLELLAN

Enraged Mob Attempts to Invade New York's City Hall.

New York, Nov. 1.—An invasion of the city hall was made yesterday by a great crowd of men, bearing white flags knelt on the cobblestones, and sang, "God Save the Emperor," and prayed for His Majesty.

"Hearst," and an American flag above the name "McClellan."

The crowd, shouting "Let's tell McClellan what we think of him," overran the city hall steps and a well-known of an hour until dispersed by the police. The immense banner was raised near the statue of Benjamin Franklin in Park Row, which reads: "Under whose flag?" The mob did not see the mayor.

The Fulford Estate.

Toronto, Oct. 31.—It is expected that the will of the late Senator Fulford, so far as Ontario estate is concerned, will be probated at this time today. It is believed that \$300,000 in addition there is a very large estate in foreign countries and other Canadian provinces.

The Grain Blockade.

Toronto, Oct. 31.—A meeting of the grain section of the Dominion Marine Association was held here today, when representatives of the principal shipping firms were present. Mr. J. A. Cuttle, general manager of the Montreal Transportation Company, was in the chair. The object of the meeting was to discuss the grain blockade of the Georgian Bay ports, and to arrange a meeting with the Grand Trunk officials. Eventually a deputation composed of Messrs. J. A. Cuttle, A. A. Wright and Captain S. Crangle, were appointed to go to Montreal and meet the railroad officials next Thursday.

STILL AFIRE WITH REVOLT

Uproar at Linsk.

Minsk, Russia, Nov. 1.—Crowds in an attempt to storm the prison here yesterday were beaten off by Cossacks, who fired several volleys at the mob. Many persons were killed or wounded and many more were beaten with whips.

Mob Fought Off Troops.

Tver Russia, Nov. 1.—During the rioting here yesterday, the governor and mayor, with the aid of the city employees, barricaded themselves inside the city hall to escape the fury of the mob, which had gathered outside the building. Dragons were summoned to the rescue, but they were fought off by the mob, which set fire to the building. The troops eventually obtained the upper hand. The hospitals are filled with wounded.

Capital Went Mad.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 31.—Before noon the celebrations began and the city soon appeared to have gone mad. Such scenes had never before been witnessed in Russia. Unrestrained by word or deed the crowds did and said what they liked. Despotism seemed suddenly to have been replaced by license. Red flags are everywhere in evidence. In the churches devout men and women on bent knees before the image of St. Nicholas, the miracle worker, rendered thanks for the blessings of liberty, while at the corners of the thronged streets orators harangued the

populace. The people assembled principally on the Nevsky Prospect. From the Kazan Cathedral to the town hall opposite the Hotel D'Europe, traffic was blocked. Fully 30,000 workmen were massed there listening to student orators who delivered impassioned speeches from the steps of the town hall and cathedral.

A Monster Demonstration.

Red flags showed above the dense black mass of cheering humanity. The police kept in the background not even trying to keep the street open. Passing patrols on their way to their barracks would have been mobbed had it not been for the appeals of the cool-headed, who declared to the accompaniment of cheers, that the troops were henceforth with the people.

The biggest demonstration was organized by students and workmen. A great procession was formed, starting from the university at 10,000 strong. It increased in numbers as the demonstrators marched along the river and up the Nevsky Prospect so far as the Kazan cathedral, singing the Marseillaise. A dozen red banners inscribed with the word "Svoboda" (Liberty) were carried on the parade. The demonstrators, who were armed with sticks, stopped at the places where the troops fired upon the mob in January 22.

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