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### THREE LONG YEARS FOR BIGAMY FORMER LONDONER SENT

John Alexander Watson, Who Wooed and Won Too Many Wives Was Given His Just Deserts by Ambitious City Magistrate This Morning.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Hamilton, May 23.-Three years in wife. the penitentiary was handed out to John Alexander Watson, a former Londoner, this morning at police court, year, Watson married Clara Fraser, a when he appeared before Magistrate young girl whom he met in this city Jelfs on charge of bigamy. He sat in while she was boarding on the pen with drooping head, feeling his street between Colborne and Waterloo position keenly. His first wife, whom streets. he married July, 1903, in Sarnia, was the only witness for the crown, and she told the story of desertion, which was made when she was sick in 1909 and needed the help of her husband most. He left her to go to London to

work on the C. P. R. there. The first wife walked to the box on crutches, and wept when she saw her faithless husband in the "pen." The second marriage took place in this city in January, Rev. Mr. Mac-Laughlin performing the ceremony. Miss Clare Fraser, a 17-year-old girl, was the duped female, but she Miss Fraser. Julia Kennedy was noti-

did not appear in court. Watson pleaded guilty to the charge. "I sentence you to three years' penal servitude," said Magistrate Jelfs. think that we are dealing with you leniently. You left your first wife when she needed your help most and you ruined the life of another girl." Watson had to be assisted from the

court room.

The arrest was made Saturday evening by Detective Sayers upon the reinig by Detective Sayers upon the re-

resignation of Engineer Rob-1

ht, but action was deferred.

at the middle of August in order

tion locally, and is a capable man.

mers, leaving those gentlemen in a

each year will be on the astral pro-

gramme; the earth passes between the

sun and the moon, causing a total

No, Indeed!

Now the moon does not go gallivant-

to an Attack of Heart

Failure.

courteous but disgusted silence.

eclipse of the latter body.

POPULAR POSTOFFICE

get in touch with the situation.

Mr. Roberts pointed out that he had

of accepting. He did not wish to

give his successor plenty of time to

**COMPETITION HELPS ROBERTS** 

Services of a Very Capable Man—Nothing New

Regarding Head Engineer.

of the electrical department, A substantial increase in salary wil

received and read at the water be offered him. At the present time

missioners' meetings on Saturday he receives about \$1,200, and it wil

most flattering offer to go to a priv- are on the lookout for a business man-

ate company, and it was his intention ager for the Niagara power end of it

leave the commissioners in difficulties, icated with, and it is quite certain

and stated that he would remain un- that a good man will be obtained for

He is in close touch with the situa- tion has been received from any o

Halley's Comet Will Not Be the "Only Pebble On the Beach'

Tonight—Watch for the Eclipse of the Moon

Halley's comet has been boomed ing around on 75-year trips or any-

and tin-panned across the sky for thing like it, but occasionally it gets

weeks. It has passed the earth and frolicsome and sneaks in behind the

turned a few tricks on the astrono- earth in order to get out of the sun.

fever of excitement explaining why a lot since the comet fizzle, come for-

certain things did not occur, while ward with the prediction that the

'Old Man Moon" has stood by in moon will enter the earth's shadow at

That easy-going old body now rises it reaches its total eclipse at 10:37 and

to show the world a few tricks itself, middle eclipse at 11:02. Totality ends

MOON NOW IN THE LIMELIGHT!

those named

SALARY TO BE MADE \$2,000

ceipt of information laid by the first

It is alleged that on Jan. 5 of this

Watson, it is said, boarded door to Miss Fraser, who is very at-tractive, and became so enamored of her that when she went to Hamilton he threw up his job on the C. P. R. and followed her, and they were mar ried in a Baptist church there by Rev J. McLaughlin.

The Hamilton police received a letter on Monday last from Julia Kennedy, asking them to try and locate Watson, and stating that he had deserted her some months ago. Sergeant Sayer found Watson and discovered that he was married to fied, and arrived in Hamilton

Saturday and commenced proceedings

The Charge. It is claimed that Watson married Julia Kennedy in 1903, and that he was sending her money while he was courting Miss Fraser.
The local C. P. R. officials state that the name of J. A. Watson is not on

A Salary Increase.

Some good men have been commun

engineer during the past few days. A

be made \$2,000, it was stated.

#### FIRST LONDON AUTO COMPANY SECURES ITS INCORPORATION

The Ontario Gazette of Saturday is 000; ments or proclamations. The new companies are: Fearman capital;

Water Commissioners Are to Make an Attempt to Retain the

evolent Association, without

#### **BAPTIST PASTOR OBJECTS TO SERVICE**

Says That Civic Ceremony in Essay Prizes Presented to the In the meantime the commissioners Memory of Late King Should Have Been Held in Armories. Little has been heard of a head

MR. VINING GIVES VIEWS An effort will be made to retain the number of applications have been services of Mr. Roberts, it is stated, considered, but no definite informa-

> Criticizes the Holding of Service Under Any One Denomination, As Was Case in St. Paul's Cathedral. **PUTTING ON A FEW STUNTS**

"I think I owe it to myself as a Christian minister to protest against the holding of a civic memorial service under the auspices of any one denomination," said the Rev. A. J. Vining, at the Talbot Street Baptist Church, last night.

Mr. Vining was speaking of the great sin of selfishness, so rampant in the world today, and said:

"I am not sure but there has been an example of this in London during the pas week."

His reference was to the holding of the civic memorial service in St. Paul's Cathedral last Friday morn-

and tonight an event that occurs twice 26 minutes later, and the moon leaves ing. "This should not be taken as a prein Canada again," continued Mr. Vin- and Principal McCutcheon and Inspecof an event, as the moon will be cut off from the direct rays of the sun for ing. "The proper place for such a service was the armories, where our Dudley. Roman Catholic friends could have taken part in paying tribute to the

> "I have nothing to say against the Established Church, but such a service should have been entirely undenominational. "I have expressed myself as a citi-

> concluded Mr. Vining, "and I don't care who knows it from the At-

**BIG BUSINESS** 

lantic to the Pacific."

Holiday Rates Result in Largely Increased Number of Passengers. The railroads did a record-breaking business all day today, owing to the special holiday rates. All the through trains were crowded notwithstanding that extra coaches were put on. Large umbers of Londoners will spend the holiday in Detroit. The crowd at the Grand Trunk station this morning beween 11 and 12 resembled that seen

at fair time. Ticket agents report very

TABLES TURNED Complainant in Assault Case Sent to

neavy sales of tickets.

Mercer for Perjury. [Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, May 23.-Mrs. VanNest pleaded guilty to perjury, and was sentenced to six months in the Mercer presided and assisted in the proby Police Magistrate Denison. Mrs. VanNest last week was com plainant in a charge of criminal assaul

against Gordon Muma. The latter was

convicted, and afterwards Judge Rid-

NO LABOR TEMPLE. Ottawa, May 23.—The idea of build-

# SAYS MR. KING

Many Things To Be Considered If Street Railway Buys Niagara Power.

#### WILL MEASURE THE LOAD

Accurate Account Will Be Kept Each Day of Amount of Power Now Being Used.

A copy of the offer of the hydroelectric commission to the London Street Railway Company has been sent to the water commissioners, and has been filed for their information. Power will be furnished for \$31 per horsepower on a five-minute peak load basis. There is a differential rate of average daily load, but this is not of

importance in the reckoning. The proposition so far does not appeal to the street railway company, and it is likely that they will refuse it. The peak load is one of the difficulties to be adjusted. A Great Loss.

The great objection is the loss power entailed by the change from alernating current to direct current. Authorities differ as to the los caused by the change, varying from 15 per cent to 25 per cent. At a 20 per ent difference the cost would not be \$31, but \$37 20, a different proposition. This with the peok load, makes the cost excessive, so far as the London Street Railway Company are concerned.

In the meantime the company have nstalled meters, and will measure the power used in their plant for the next two weeks. This meter will register every bit of power used, and will show the peak load at any time during the The School Picnic.

It will be used also on June 2, the date of the school picnic. This is one of the occasions when the peak load will be very high, and is one of the days about which the company complain. On that day practically every car in commission will be used. maximum of power will be used, and at 6 o'clock particularly there will be a very heavy load.

According to the peak load basis of measuring, the highest load during that as well as all repairs. time will govern the sale of power for the month. The company will penalized during the whole month for the big business done at that time.

Manager King's Opinion.

"The proposition does not look good to us as yet," said Manager King, "The peak load is one difficulty, and there to 20 per cent, a very serious matter. We are installing registering meters in our plant, and for the next two weeks we will obtain information as to the amount of power used, load factors, peak loads and all the rest of it, and this we will submit to the hydroelectric commission for their information. When they see that, perhaps they will be in a position to understand and appreciate the difficulties under

Taking No Part. The water commissioners are not taking any part in the discussion the institute under the direction of Mr. whatever. The hydro-electric com-Perry, rendered several numbers in ex- mission are dealing direct with the cellent style, among them being "O, company, and they will make the con-Canada," "Rule Britannia," and "God tract.

#### Mrs. Adam Beck presented the book donated for the best essay on the "Made-in-London" Perhibit PASSED DENTAL EXAMS.

thanked the board of education for Lloyd Mossat, Jack Reynolds and Frank Shaw Successful at Toronto.

> The results of the recent examinations in the first second and third vears at the Dental Collegt at Toronto appeared this morning. Only three London students are in in attendance, and all passed successfully. Lloyd A. Moffat, 77 Byron avenue, passed in the third or funior year with honors; J. W. Reynolds, 28 Askin street, and Frank P. Shaw, 670 Dundas street, successfully passed the first

THE WEATHER TOMORROW - CLEARING; COOL.

year, or freshmen, examinations.

FORECASTS. Toronto, May 23-8 a.m. Today-Easterly winds, with occasional

rain.
Tuesday—Strong northwest and west winds; clearing and cool. TEMPERATURES. 8 a.m. Min.

Stations. London, Saturday..... Victoria Winnipeg ...... 64 Port Arthur..... 52 Parry Sound...... 74 Toronto ........... 66 Ottawa ....... 66 Montreal ..... 64 Vancouver ....... siderable number of the parents of Kamloops ...... Halifax ..

WEATHER NOTES. Showers have occurred quite generally n Manitoba and Eastern Saskatchewan, and locally in Ontario. Elsewhere in Canada the weather has

been fine since Saturday.
WASHINGTON WEATHER FORECAST.
Washington, May 23.—Forecasts: Eastern States and Northern New York— Showers tonight and on Tuesday; warmer tonight in west portion, moderate south-east to south winds.

Lower Lakes—Moderate south to south-

Lower Lakes—Moderate south to south-west winds, shifting to west and north-west on Tuesday; showers today and on Tuesday, except partly cloudy Tuesday on western Erie.

Western New York—Showers tonight; cooler in northern and west portions. Tuesday—Showers and cooler; moderate south to southwest winds, becoming west-erly on Tuesday,

# DOESN'T LOOK GOOD LONDON POLICE ASKED

Man and Woman Took Lad Away in an Auto and Police Chased the Couple for Several Miles-Principals in the Affair Formerly Lived in London.

Windsor, in which a former resident of this city, Leroy Scott, is supposed to have played a leading part, gave mation regarding the couple. the police force of London a busy

time yesterday.

They were notified by wire to be or the look-out for a big black touring car, in which the alleged culprits made their escape.

A close watch was kept on all the garages in the city, and also the hotels, but no sign of them was seen. Automobile parties were questioned as to whether or not they had seen the runaways—a man and a woman with boy-but no information was obtaind regarding them.

Chased to Ridgetown. The kidnappers were chased to Ridgetown, and there all sign of them was lost. It is the opinion of many that they detoured to the St. Clair River, and made their way to American side in the night. Scott formerly lived here with his

A sensational kidnapping case at wife, who afterwards obtained a divorce from him. Little is known of them in police circles, and they could give no infor-The story of the kidnapping is sensational.

The Kidnappping.

The Detroit Free Press says: Distancing a member of the Windsor poforce in a 70-mile automobile race, a party of two men and one woman made their escape after kidnapping 4-year-old Wilson Scott, son of Mrs. Margaret Scott. The lad was captured while he was playing with several other children yesterday afternoon near the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Eliza Wilson, 27 Ellio

From the story told by Mrs. Scott, the police believe the kidnapping was planned by her former husband, Leroy Scott, at one time a resident of Ridgethe town, Ont., to obtain possession his child.

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#### MAKE PEOPLE PAY WHOLE COST OF ALL LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS

Ald. Richter Is Developing a Scheme to Bring Down the Tax Rate of the City-Looks Like Weary Days for Those Who Want Sidewalks, Etc.

Ald. Richter is working out a scheme, with City Engineer Graydon this mernby which all local improvements must ing, when the whole question was be paid for by the property owners, thoroughly canvassed. A mass of inand not out of the general funds. At the present time the city pays used in arriving at conclusions. It is half the cost of sidewalks and curbs expected that Ald. Richter will intro-and gutters, while the property owners duce amendments to the local improvepay for all the cost of pavements, ex-ment bylaw at an early date, and the amendments will be introduced in the cept the intersections.

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be improvements should be paid for by the property owner. If he wants a sidewalk, he should pay the whole cost. If he wants a curb and gutter amount of the taxes is expended each

the expense. Talked With Engineer.

formation was obtained, which will be are paid for out of the general funds, as well as all repairs.

The amendments will result in a considerable reduction of the tax rate, Ald. Richter's idea is that all local and should bring it down to less than

he should pay the whole expense.

If he wants a gravel road, he should pay that cost. In brief, if a property owner desires any improvement in front of his premises he should bear the expense.

amount of the taxes is expended each year in reducing the local improvement debenture debt, while repairs and the like run into another large sum.

"The property should bear more of the expense than at the present time." said Ald. Richter. "We are working out a more equitable basis of taxa-

## BY FIRE BRIGADE

a New York Tenement-One Fatality.

than one death by fire in a blazing received advices that the Venus had tenement on East Seventieth street gone to Bluefields to await orders today. As it was Mrs. Mary Miller been received and that the steamer, died in a fireman's arms from the effects of smoke inhalation after she urday. had been dragged to the roof, while It is asserted that the Venus will her husband, William Miller, clutching the 7-months-old son of the couple, where the town of Bluefields will not unconscious and suffering from burns, be threatened, or under cover which was rescued just in time by another the Madriz Government does not conof the firefighters.

Meanwhile numbers of tenants were United States gunboats Paducah and being carried down the ladders and Dubuque,

where members of sixteen families had been trapped.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Walkerville, May 23. - J. W. Pur-

spects Toronto Schoolboys. Toronto, May 23.—Sir John French,

forces, arrived in Toronto this morning, and at 11 o'clock inspected the cadets of the public schools on campus of Toronto University. The cadets paraded 3,000 strong. They formed up in front of the parliament buildings, and marched from there to the university campus.

#### LOOKS LITTLE LIKE A SEA FIGHT

the Mariella Di Giorgic Off Bluefields.

New York, May 23.—Sensational New Orleans, May 23.—Representatives of the Titular Government of Nicaragua stated today that they had

strue as a violation of the dictum of Commander Gilmer, in charge of the

### IS SEVEN BILLIONS

The Yearly Interest and Charges Amount to \$300,000,000 —A Warning.

Paris, May 23.-Alarm at the formidable growth of the public debt of France, its departments, and the colonies is increasing. Auguste Gervais, senator of the department of the Seine, has already sounded a warning. The debt now amounting to more than \$7,000,000,000, and exceeding that of any other country, he says, is too how the accident occurred is not people. They should remember that known, but it is thought that Mr. the interest and other annual charges, to which it subjects them exceed \$300,-000,000, or one-quarter of the total government expenses, and that the debt itself is rapidly increasing.

From the total, as estimated, are expressly excluded both the capital of the annuities payable by the state, amounting to about \$2,000,000,000, and some \$30,000,000 which the state owes. to railway companies for lines recently, purchased.

#### CHARGE AGAINST TELEGRAPH MANAGER

Said to Have Assisted in Betting on a Horse Race.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, May 23.—George W. Ho-garth, manager of the G. N. W. Telegraph Company, appeared in court this morning to answer a charge knowingly and willingly transmitting and delivering by telegraph a message to assist in betting and wagering on horse races. He neither pleaded nor elected, and

was remanded until Thursday. veil the South African monu-Queen's avenue tomorrow G. N. W. paper in the office raided last week.

### LANDED IN J. P.'S FIELD

at St. Peter's Cemetery.

An Aviator Was Fined \$25 for Speeding an Auto.

London, May 22.-It cost Graham White, the English aviator who recently made a desperate attempt to beat Paulhan for the Daily Mail prize of in Brooklands and flew over to Woking, landing in a field a mile beyond
the court. The field is the property of
the magistrate who later on fined Mr.

White \$25 for his automobile offence. allowed at \$1,000.

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OFFICIAL IS DEAD New Position for Secretary of Ontario Board of Health. Mr. Fred Birmingham Succumbs [Special to The Advertiser.]

Astronomers who have been "kidded"

9.14 tonight as viewed from London:

the shadow at 12:05 in the morning.

A Total Eclipse.

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DR. C. A. HODGETTS

The total eclipse will be somewhat

Ottawa, May 23.-Dr. Charles A. Hodgetts, secretary of the Ontario board of health, was formally appointed this morning by the public health committee of the conservation com-Mr. Frederick Birmingham, for 26 mission as medical adviser to the com-

years a member of the postoffice staff, mission. Dr. Hodgetts will assume his new ofas a carrier and clerk, died at his home, 633 Dufferin avenue yesterday after- fice as soon as arrangements are made noon after an illness of several weeks at Toronto for filling his place in the with heart failure. Mr. Birmingham, provincial health department. He will who was a son of the late W. T. Bir- take active charge of the work mapmingham, was born in Bermuda. Three ped out by the commission in conyears ago owing to ill-health he re-tired from the postoffice. Besides his wife, Mrs. Annie Birmingham, he nicipal sanitation, sewage disposal, the

leaves four sisters and three brothers, pollution of streams, the preventing of Mrs. John Dalton, Mrs. P. J. Flannery, the spread of tuberculosis, etc. and Mrs. F. W. Orendorff, of this city; Mr. R. L. Borden, while slowly Mrs. David Dibb, of Colorado Springs; convalescing from his rather serious of Pasadena, California; Albert, illness of the past fortnight, is still of Milwaukee, and Arthur, of Bowling confined to his room. It is expected Green, Ohio. The funeral will be held that he will be able to be out again by

on Wednesday morning to St. Peter's the end of the month, This promises to be a great year for Cathedral, and interment will be made Canadian trade. April, the first month of the fiscal year, shows a trade total of \$45,983,994, a betterment of over 31

#### **OUT ON \$1,000 BAIL**

Serious Charge Against Roy Robson

Young Toronto Traveller. Toronto, May 23.-Roy Robson, aged \$50,000 for a flight from London to 21 years, a traveller, living in this city, Manchester, \$25 for automobile speed- appeared in the police court this morning, but he paid it in a peculiar way. ling charged with seducing a 14-year-He was accused of running beyond old orphan girl and abandoning her on the speed limit and was summoned to the streets of Detroit without a dollar police court at Woking yesterday. between her and want. The girl is al He did not care to go by train, and so leged to have been employed at Robbe got out his aeroplane at his home son's parents' home at Lakeview Farm, in Brooklands and flew over to Wonear Pickering, when Robson became

#### The Playgrounds Opening

The Playgrounds' Association will open its grounds for the summer season tomorrow. The swings and play apparatus have been placed in position. The baseball league will also be opened tomorrow. The grounds are situated at Park's Flats, near Victoria Bridge, Ridout street south. The committee will be pleased to see parents accompany their children, especially in the after-

### THE HEAD FLEW OFF A MATCH \$300 FIRE IN STORE RESULTED

Blaze in O. B. Graves' Premises in Which Mr. L. H. Graves Suffered Severely From Smoke—Firemen Were Promptly On the Scene and Soon Stopped Fire.

Fire did about \$300 damage to the burning. He again went down cellar stock of O. B. Graves, 203 Dundas and was nearly blinded by the smoke. big chemical engine. The loss was alarm.

Mr. Graves came up stairs, and in

off and fell among the paper.

street, about 8:30 o'clock this morn- throw water on the fire, but when \$11 per horsepower for power over the ing. The flames were extinguished by nearly overcome he turned in an chiefly through smoke.

The brigade responded promptly mr. L. H. Graves had occasion to soon had the fire under control. go down in the cellar about 8 o'clock.

He struck a couple of matches, as it in a short time.

Was quite dark there. It is supposed The damage was roughly estimated

The brigade responded promptly and

the head of one of them broke by Mr. Graves and Fire Chief Aitken at \$300. The exact amount will not be known minutes he smelt something until an investigation is made.

given up to the announcement of in- Gateman Ullyot Company, Elmira, corporations. There are no appoint- \$40,000; Toronto Independent Benshare The new companies are: Fearman capital; Enterprise Gas Company, Cold Storage and Warehousing Compelli, \$100,000; Wm. Tyrell & Co., pany, Hamilton, \$100,000; Misner Toronto, \$40,000; Paterson Auto Sales Cold Storage and Warehousing Company, Hamilton, \$100,000; Misner Toronto, \$40,000; Paterson Auto Sales Manufacturing Company, Windsor, Company, London, \$50,000; R. McGre-\$50,000; Westbourne School for gor, Ottawa, \$40,000; Apps., Paris, \$40,000; Halton Telephone Company, Independent Cloakmakers' Union, To-ronto, without share capital; B. Slinn Company, Ottawa, \$40,000; Development Company, Ottawa, \$100,-Printers' Specialties, Toronto, \$40,-

### EMPIRE DAY IN LOCAL SCHOOLS

Winners by Prominent Citizens.

THE TRUSTEES PRESENT current, will mean a loss of from 15

Excellent Programmes Carried Out in the Collegiate and Other Seats of Learning.

Empire Day exercises were held today in the schools of the city, and they proved to be of especial interest. The Collegiate Institute, the Talbot Street School and St. George's School which we labor. This meter will be of held theirs this morning, and the others are holding forth this afternoon. and will show what load we must car-All were of a patriotic nature, and ry."

were much enjoyed. At the Collegiate Institute Principal McCutcheon presided. The chorus of

Save the King. 'Made-in-London' Exhibition to Miss Guinivere Weekes. Mrs. Beck made a brief speech of congratulation, and thanked the board of education

ion so great a success. Chairman Gammage presented the cedent, and I hope it will never happen prize won by Miss Marjorie Plastow, tor Edwards presented the prizes won by Bruce Gahan and Miss Kathleen

Patriotic addresses were given by Rev. Dr. Ross, pastor of St. Andrew's Caurch; Rev. R. Whiting, pastor of CHIEF ADVISER memory of the King of the British Church; Rev. R. Whiting, paster of the First Methodist Church, and Hon. Adam Beck. All were excellent

speeches.

The flag was raised to the flagstaff by the girls of the upper school, and the students sang "God Save the King." St. George's School. interesting were the exer-Equally

cises at St. George's School, Principal E. Wyatt presided. The flag was raised by the elder girls from each form, while the audience uncovered their heads and sang the National Anthem. Then followed a chorus by the school, ON THE RAILWAYS "O Canada," splendidly done. Mr. John M. Gunn, a member of the board of education, gave a very fine address on "The Flag, and What It Stands For. Addresses were given by Rev. R. Whiting and Rev. Prof. Jeakin. Mrs. Becher and Mrs. A. T. Edwards representatives of the Woman's Canadian Club, presented the prizes wor by Enid Perry, Rosina Millard and James Deane for the best essays on

> Mrs. Adam Beck presented the prize for the essay on the "Made-in-Lon-don" Exhibition, won by Miss Kath-A number of choruses were given by the children. Mr. Ed Webster rendered several solos in fine voice. A con-

the children attended the exercises.

King Edward.

Talbot Street School. The pupils of Talbot street school assembled on the lawn shortly after 10 o'clock when the Empire Day exerpresided, and assisted in the programme. The flag was run up by the elder girls in each grade, during which the children Sang "God Save the King." Then followed addresses by dell directed that a perjury charge be Rev. Dr. Sage, rector of St. George's Church; Rev. R. Whiting, pastor of the First Methodist Church, and Mr. John M. Gunn, of the board of education. Dr. Sage spoke on the privileges that come to those who live un-

### Ald. Richter had a long conference tion." SENSATIONAL RESCUES

Many Lives in Peril by Blaze in Steamer Venus Wants to Get at

dropped into life nets. Fully forty persons were taken in this way from the burning structure. DEBT OF FRANCE

#### WALKERVILLE MAN HAD SKULL FRACTURED

Serious Accident Befalls J. W. Purcell, a Well-Known Railwayman.

cell, railway agent here, is in a very serious condition as a result of having his skull fractured yesterday. Just easily lost sight of by the Purcell, who had just handed an order to an engineer, stood too close to the tracks and was struck by some of the cars as the train was pulling out. He was found lying on the platform in an unconscious condition, with a severe fracture of the skull. It is not yet known whether or not he will recover.

#### 3,000 CADETS IN LINE

Inspector-General Sir John French Ininspector-general of his majesty's

Owing to the Empire being in mourning officially in consequence of the death of Edward VII., Sir John French will take no part in social functions while in the city. However, he will unveil the South African monu-