

PATIENTS CONFIRM STATEMENTS
ABOUT THE SMALLPOX HOSPITALSix of Them Sign Docu-
ment Corroborating Mr.
Nelles' ChargesA REPLY TO
DR. HUTCHINSONMr. Nelles Takes Issue With the
Medical Health Officer and
Chairman of Board
of Health.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:
Dr. Hutchinson (very injudiciously, I think) persists in his defense of the smallpox pest-house, in spite of the most conclusive evidence of the truth of statements made concerning that unhygienic place made by myself and others.

The medical health officer claims that since the building was erected, in 1906, I understand, from thirty to forty patients have been treated there, and that this is the first time any complaint has been made. I would ask him if that is the case, what must now be the condition of the place, which, while it is not in use, is kept air-tight and sun-proof. If under such circumstances it has not become a pest-house, then I have misread what medical men have written on the subject.

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BIG LOCOMOTIVE
RAN INTO PITAccident at the Canadian Pacific
Roundhouse This Morning
—Business Tied Up.

There was a very exciting time at the C. P. R. yards about 10 o'clock this morning, when engine No. 868 ran away and plunged into the pit of the turntable, causing much damage to itself and unlimited inconvenience to the routine of the yard, as it is impossible to operate the turntable as long as the engine remains where it is.

As far as can be learned the engine started without any apparent cause whatever.

It was unguarded at the time, having been left in charge of the fireman, who was called away to perform another duty. Before quitting the engine he looked at everything and felt satisfied all would be well.

He was only about fifty feet from the pit, when the throttle sprung free and the accident occurred before any attempt could be made to stop the locomotive.

By means of a temporary track and the aid of three gigantic mules it is expected the "runaway" will be raised sometime today, if not the auxiliary from Toronto will be summoned.

SECOND WELL IS
VERY PROMISINGIs Down Sixty Feet and a Plenti-
ful Flow of Water Is
Reported.

The second test well on Horton street is now down about 60 feet, and there is plenty of water in sight.

In fact the drillers are having some difficulty getting the well sunk on account of the water in it, and the sand pump has been brought into requisition, so that the drill would work easier.

Indications are better for a flow in this well than in the other, which gave about 200,000 gallons flow.

It is the intention of Mr. James Peat, the driller, to go down fifteen feet or so deeper, to get into the best flow of water.

When he has reached that depth the air compressor will be put to work, and the flow tested.

UNEMPLOYED ARE
BREAKING STONETwenty Men Were Put to Work
This Afternoon by Engineer's
Department.

Assistant City Engineer Kirkpatrick has started many of the unemployed in the city breaking stone in the north end.

About 20 men were put to work this afternoon, and the number will be increased to 50 or 60 tomorrow morning.

There are about that number of applications for work at City Engineer Graydon's office.

The preference has been given to married men with families, and they will have the first call for work.

The city has about 500 cords of stone ready for breaking, and the unemployed will be kept busy for a time, at least.

SMOKING CONCERT
IN HYMAN HALLYoung Liberal Club Will Give
One on Monday, Febru-
ary 1st.

The Young Liberal Club will give a smoking concert in Hyman Hall, on Monday evening, Feb. 1.

Mr. Arthur Spill, chairman of the amusement committee, is preparing a fine programme of songs and music.

There will be cards also, for lovers of the silent game, and in every possible way will the affair be made interesting for visitors.

Every Liberal is invited to be present and enjoy the concert. Keep the date in mind.

On Monday next a bowling tournament will be inaugurated by the club. It will last a month. Three-men teams will be entered in the competition. Valuable prizes will be offered for the best scores during the month, as well as a valuable prize for the highest individual score.

All are invited to take part. Entries can be made with Mr. J. McMurphy, the steward, and the entrance fee is 25 cents.

Died in Toronto.

John Rhodes, of 473 Brock avenue, Toronto, passed away yesterday. The deceased was 52 years of age, and was greatly esteemed by all who knew him. He was well known in London. The funeral will be held from his residence to Prospect Cemetery, Toronto.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Jan. 25—5 a.m.

Today—Strong westerly winds; fair.

Tuesday—Fair; a little cooler.

TEMPERATURES.

Today. Yesterday.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Max.

London, Saturday..... 42 32 62

London, Sunday..... 42 32 62

London, Monday..... 38 28 58

Calgary..... 24 14 34

Winnipeg..... 20 10 30

Port Arthur..... 18 8 28

Perry Sound..... 22 12 32

Vancouver..... 36 26 46

Toronto..... 38 28 48

Ottawa..... 24 14 34

Dawson..... -24 -34 -14

Mooselaw..... 2 12 22

Port Simpson..... 20 10 30

Victoria..... 20 10 30

Kamloops..... 12 2 22

Edmonton..... -16 -26 -6

Battleford..... -12 -22 -2

Mooselaw..... 2 12 22

Qu'Appelle..... -4 4 24

Winnipeg..... 2 12 22

Montreal..... 14 4 24

Quebec..... 8 18 28

Halifax..... 10 20 30

Minus (—) means zero.

WEATHER NOTES.

The weather continues cold in the Maritime Provinces, and very mild in Western Ontario.

Rain and sleet have fallen in the Ottawa Valley.

CHART SHOWS SITUATION OF THE WHITE STAR LINER REPUBLIC
WHEN RAMMED BY THE FLORIDA EARLY SATURDAY MORNING.OUT OF WORK, MAN CUTS THROAT
C. B. FAWCETT MAY DIE OF WOUNDEmployee of the Globe Casket Company, Worried by Result of
Recent Fire, Becomes Deranged and Tries to End
His Life—Has Been in the Asylum.

Gentlemen,—Dr. Cline nor Mr. Watson know nothing of the fire, nor neither do I, so help me God. I hope that He shall forgive and have mercy on my soul. I have done this rash act myself. I am in poor health.—C. B. FAWCETT.

As a result of brooding for a week because he was thrown out of employment by the fire at the Globe Casket Works, Charles B. Fawcett, an Englishman, 30 years old, cut his throat in his room at the Duke of York Hotel yesterday about noon and at the present time is in Victoria Hospital with the chances decidedly against his recovery. He left the above note.

Found By the Maid.

Fawcett was found lying in his bed shortly after 1 o'clock in the after-

noon by one of the maids of the hotel.

When she went to his room to make up his bed she found the door locked, but on opening it with her key a glance at the man told her that an attempt at suicide had taken place.

Windpipe Partially Severed.

Dr. Cline was at once called and on his arrival found that Fawcett had partially severed his windpipe and cut deeply into his throat. He still held in his hand the razor with which he had cut himself, and the bed clothes which he lay upon, saturated with blood.

As soon as possible Fawcett was hurried to Victoria Hospital where his wound was dressed.

He spent a quiet night, but Dr. Cline stated to The Advertiser that he was not out of danger.

LONDON LAD
WAS DROWNEDJohn Leitch, aged Six, Broke
Through the Ice.WHILE VISITING
IN BRANTFORD

Mrs. Samuel J. Irvine, of 240 Oxford street, received a long distance telephone message this morning from her cousin, Mrs. T. J. Leitch, of Brantford, announcing that Mrs. Leitch's 6-year-old son John, of this city, fell through the ice in a canal there yesterday afternoon, and was drowned.

Shortly before Christmas Mrs. Leitch, with her son John and her little year-and-a-half-old daughter, left to visit her mother-in-law, Mrs. John Leitch, of Brantford.

Yesterday the little boy went out in the afternoon, and with some other boys followed the Salvation Army band.

Broke Through Ice.

After it stopped playing, the boys went down to the canal and were playing about on the ice. The mild weather had caused it to become thin, and little Leitch suddenly broke through into the swift but shallow water beneath.

The water was not more than three feet deep, but the very strong current quickly carried the boy under the ice, and he was not seen again.

The lady who had been playing with him ran as quickly as possible and procured assistance, and every effort was made to locate the boy.

Search for the Body.

For some time it was not known who had been drowned, and the little fellow's identity was finally established by his mother, who recognized a toque found on the ice as one she had purchased recently. She was prostrated with grief over the affair. All night long the members of the fire department and the life-saving crew searched for the body, but it was not recovered until about 8 o'clock this morning. The funeral will be held in Brantford.

Pupil of St. George's.

Johnny Leitch was a pupil in St. George's kindergarten, and was a very bright boy, and greatly liked by all who knew him. Mrs. Irvine left this morning for Brantford and will attend the funeral.

Mr. Leitch, father of the lad, was at one time a prominent druggist of Hamilton.

There will be an informal meeting of the council and Charities Organization tonight.

The whole field of charitable work will be traversed, and an effort will be made to put the distribution on a sound basis. Rev. J. G. Inkster and a committee have been at work, planning a better method of dealing with such work, and the committee will report to the members of the council, in order to get their views on the matter.

It is understood they will suggest that the whole work of relief be placed under control of the city, so that it can be handled more advantageously than at present.

Famous Italian Nightingale Had Ex-
citing Experience in Buffalo.

Just as Marchesi, the famous Italian singer, left the theatre in which she appeared in Buffalo on Saturday night, a fire broke out, and the house was badly damaged.

Had it occurred sooner a fearful stampede might have resulted.

Marchesi, who appears at the Grand here with Mr. Cyril Dwyer-Edwards, on Tuesday night, will, after the performance, dine with Mrs. (Hon.) Adam Beck at her residence on Richmond street, "Hedley."

THEATRE BURNED
AS MARCHESI LEFT

The police are investigating a strange case, in which Joseph Storey, an old man well known about the city, plays the leading part.

A few nights ago Mr. Storey was found in a dazed condition on the steps in front of Victoria Hospital, and when taken in and cared for it was thought he was under the influence of some drug.

The man is 86 years old, and was at one time an inmate of the house of refuge at Stratford. How he got to the city no one knows, and he cannot tell. He has fully recovered from his dazed condition, and was able to leave the hospital. Where he went is not known, but it is thought that he has started back to Stratford.

ADVERTISER FREE
EUROPEAN TRIPFifty Ladies Are Now Entered
for the Big Contest.FULL INFORMATION
FOR CANDIDATESHave Your Friends Save the Coupons
or Subscribe for You if You're
Nominated.

There are now 50 ladies entered in The Advertiser's great European trip contest.

The entries are coming in splendidly, and judging from inquiries made, there will be at least 100 before nominations close.

Every mail brings scores of inquiries as to the contest from prospective candidates.

The ladies are thinking of it, and want to enter it. They desire to obtain all possible information before commencing the contest for so great a prize.

It is the opportunity of a lifetime to every lady in London and Western Ontario.

Absolutely Free Trip.

Fancy a trip to Europe at no expense whatever! A chance to visit places renowned for centuries in song and story! The tower of London, Westminster Abbey, London Bridge, the famous battle grounds on the borders of England and Scotland, Edinburgh Castle, Dublin, Cork, Killarney, Paris—have they not appealed to you, and has it not been your life-long desire to see them?

If you have no friend in the list see that she is nominated. This is the time. Don't hesitate. None of the nominees are too far in advance to be overtaken. There is plenty of time.

Read the conditions. Have some of your friends nominate you, and they will do the rest.

Information for Candidates.

All money paid on subscriptions whether in arrears or advance, count for votes.

Candidates do not have to confine themselves to the district in which they live and have been nominated, but can accept subscriptions from their friends anywhere in Canada or the United States.

Have your friends save the coupon in their paper and send them to the European Trip Department to be placed to your credit.

Ask your friends to subscribe for The Advertiser and give you the votes, and if they are already subscribers, ask them to pay something on their subscription, so you can get the votes.

In asking your friends to subscribe, remember that they can pay as far in advance as they care to, and that they will not be bothered with a collector or receive a statement until the expiration of the time for which they pay.

You do not have to change paper boys in order to get votes. Pay your subscription at The Advertiser Office or to one of the contestants: have the same boy deliver your paper, and The Advertiser Company will pay him each week until the expiration of the time for which you pay.

This also applies to agents.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

All that territory within the city limits, north of and including both sides of Dundas street, and west of, including both sides of Wellington street.

Mrs. (Dr.) Kingsmill, 219 Queen's avenue.

Miss Katie McLaughlin, 226 Hyman street.

Miss May I. Mountjoy, 120 Mount Pleasant avenue.

Mrs. Norman A. Roberts, Richmond and John streets.

Miss Margaret Wilson, 262 Dundas street.

Miss Maude Underwood, 209 Queen's avenue.

Miss E. Beall, 664 Talbot street.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

All that territory inside the city limits, east of, but not including Wellington street, (Continued on Page Three.)

London Lady's Sister.

Mrs. R. S. W. Howard stated to The Advertiser this afternoon that her sister, Miss Tweedie, of Toronto, was one of a party on the boat from Toronto, on her way to Naples.

The party was composed of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Woods and Miss Woods; Miss Tweedie, Mrs. (Col.) Mason and her daughters, Dr. and Mrs. Caven, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Murray, Mrs. J. L. Caprell, Mrs. McKenzie and Miss George. Mrs. Howard received a telephone message from Toronto stating that all were safe.

Baggage Lost.

As far as can be learned all the baggage of the passengers has been lost, and it is likely that many of them may return in order to get necessary clothes and other things.

Unable to Dock.

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Little Panic.

There was little or no panic aboard the Republic at the time of the collision, although after it was seen that the Florida was seriously disabled some of the Italian passengers were in great fear and prayed aloud for aid.

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STEAMER REPUBLIC FOUNDERS
SIX ARE KILLED IN COLLISIONJOHNNY LEITCH,
Six-Year-Old Boy Drowned at Brantford.JACK SMALLMAN
ON THE BALTICHe and His Wife Are Safe With
Other Passengers of the
Republic.

Mr. T. H. Smallman yesterday morning received the following message from his son Jack, who, with his wife, was on the White Star liner Republic, which on Saturday sank off Nantucket:

"T. H. Smallman, London: Both safe on Baltic. Will wire from New York, Jack."

The message was a great relief to both Mr. and Mrs. Smallman, as they had been very uneasy from the time the first dispatches announced that the boat had been rammed and was sinking.

Mr. Smallman had sent many messages of inquiry to the offices of the White Star Line in New York and received several answers, announcing that all the passengers were thought to be safe and had been taken on the steamer Baltic and would arrive in New York on Monday morning.

Up to noon Mr. Smallman had received no word of the boat being in dock, however, but thought that probably owing to the large number of telegrams that were being sent to all parts of the country by those who had relatives on the boat, that a delay might have occurred. A message is expected any time announcing that Mr. and Mrs. Smallman have arrived in New York.

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