

EXPECT JOHN ISON TO CONFESS TO MORE FIRES

Col. Gartshore Liked Japan Better Than China's Misery

COL. GARTSHORE GIVES ADVERTISER HIS FIRST EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW ON RETURN FROM TRIP TO ORIENT

Sees Wonderful Possibilities For Canadian Trade in Japan and China.

THE LAND OF SUMMER
Voyaged Over Southern Seas and Managed To Go Whole Year Without Overcoat.

Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Reporter.

Toronto, May 3.—Tanned, and the picture of health, Lieut.-Col. W. M. Gartshore, president of the McClary Manufacturing Company, London, is again among friends, after spending six months in New Zealand, Australia and the Orient.

Accompanied by his wife and grand-daughter, Miss Catherine Cleg-horn, he arrived in Toronto yesterday. He will begin the last lap of his journey homeward this evening, arriving in London at 9 o'clock. Although he spent the day and night visiting old friends and inspecting the Toronto offices of his company, Col. Gartshore was impatient at the delay. He told The Advertiser so when interviewed today at the home of Richard Wilson.

"I would have been in London last night," he said, "if I had not been warned to keep away. I hear my people at the plant are arranging some sort of welcome for me."

"I believe they are planning something," the reporter replied. "They are very anxious to have you back."

Col. Gartshore seemed highly pleased. "Well, I assure you they will not be one bit more pleased to see me than I am," he said.

Asks About London.

"This is eagerly inquired about conditions in London and about many of his friends. He was glad to hear that something definite was being done toward righting the wrong of the level crossing menace and the old Grand Trunk station."

"I heard Sir Henry was in London, and that the city gave him a reception. It's rather a good thing that I did not arrive when he was there," he said, with a smile. "I see nothing in London except the elevated railroads in London except the cost. They certainly would prove a paying investment in the long run."

Col. Gartshore thought it would be a splendid thing if the C. P. R. would use the C. N. R. tracks, and ride the city of all level crossings at once.

"It would lighten the burden, too," he said. "The C. P. R. would join the C. N. R. just east of the city and leave them again at Hyde Park. The C. P. R. proposed that some time ago, but the C. N. R. refused to relinquish their exclusive hold on the heart of the city. Now that the government owns the road a solution might be found."

Praises Hospital Probe.

Col. Gartshore had already heard that a probe had been conducted at Victoria Hospital, in which, as a member of the board, he is so interested. He had already seen a copy of Dr. Brittain's report.

"I think the investigation was a splendid idea, and that the report was certainly very fair. For a long time we have known that changes were necessary, but you know it costs money to reorganize. Of course, Dr. Brittain's report is a thing that will have to be gone into clause by clause. That will be done soon after I get back," he said.

Col. Gartshore was in a jovial mood as he told of his trip. He preferred to recall the pleasure of it, the cherry blossoms and street carnivals of colorful Japan and unique experiences in China, rather than talk of the prospects and business conditions.

Three Summers in One.

"Do you know," he said, "that I am about to realize one of the great ambitions of my life. I am going to see three summers in succession. I haven't had an overcoat on for more than a year," he boasted. "We left London Nov. 4, and Canada on Nov. 24, and since then we have experienced perpetual summer heat until we reached Toronto. Yesterday was the coldest day of the trip despite the fact we crossed the prairies and Northern Ontario. The trip on the water, more than 25,000 miles, in all was extremely pleasant," he declared. "I was marred by only one disappointment. Col. Gartshore can boast of no storms encountered or weathered."

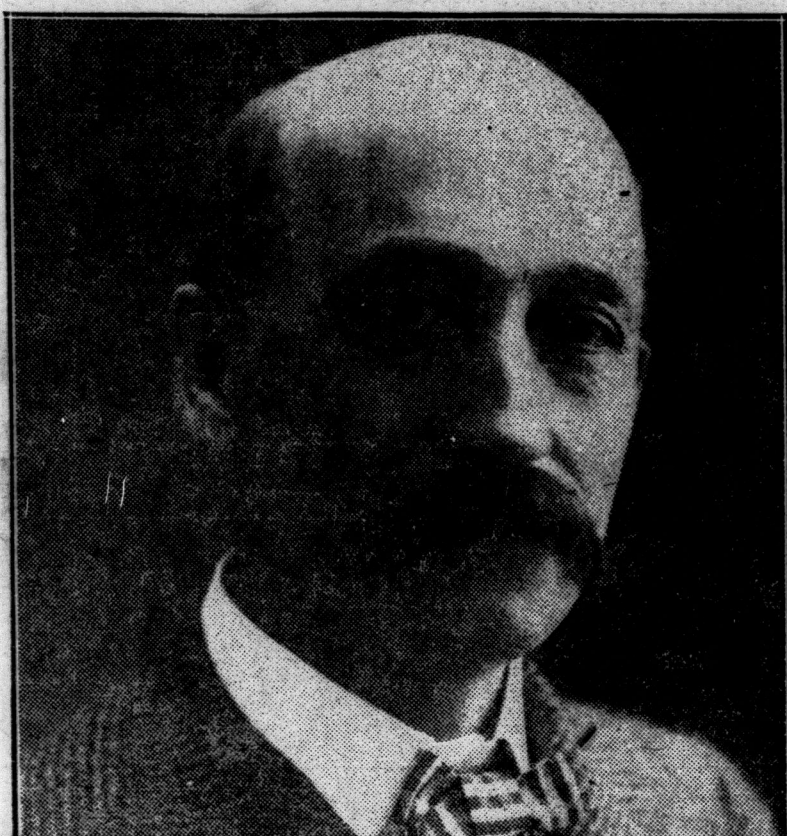
"The Pacific certainly believes in bringing up to the name. The water was almost calm throughout the trip," he said.

Visited Antipodes.

Col. Gartshore and his party sailed directly from Vancouver to Auckland, New Zealand, arriving in time for the Christmas season. The trip was pleasant, but uneventful, for even a celebration on crossing the equator was lacking.

"They used to haze people who ventured over the equator for the first time, but the custom was abolished by the time we got there," said Col. Gartshore, with an air of thankfulness.

Five weeks in New Zealand was Turn to Page 2, Column 4 and 5.



COL. W. M. GARTSHORE.

Head of the McClary Manufacturing Company, who will arrive in London tonight after a six months trip to the Antipodes. To an Advertiser reporter who went to Toronto to meet him, Col. Gartshore gives an exclusive interview, his first since his return to Canada. It is published herewith.

Choosing Words To Spell In Advertiser's Match Proves Difficult Task

Semi-Finals Under Way Today and Tomorrow To Pick Ten Best Spellers in Each Grade—Finals Next Week.

The semi-finals of The Advertiser's big spelling match are under way. This afternoon sees the group champions of Grade V and Grade VI take the test, and tomorrow afternoon Grade VII and Grade VIII spell off. These two tests bring together the fifty best spellers in each grade, picked from over 4,000 girls and boys in every city school during the last two weeks. The semi-finals are eliminatory, forty of each fifty, leaving for the final combat the city's ten best spellers in each grade.

The semi-finals are being held in the Central Collegiate under the direction of independent officials. Collegiate teachers, for example, have generously agreed to dictate the words in each test, in order that the school may have an advantage, and the selection of words and marking of papers are under control of a committee consisting of George F. Copeland, Fred Landon and A. H. Murphy.

Yesterday afternoon the committee met in the public library and with a representative from The Advertiser tackled the job of selecting the words which are to pick the ten best spellers in the city.

It was decided to put 75 words on each of the four lists, one list for Grade V, another for Grade VI, for Grade VII, and for Grade VIII.

A Real Job.

It was a real job. The committee sat around a big table with spellers, dictionaries and old examination papers in front of them. Fred Landon manipulated a typewriter, and the others suggested words.

LANDSLIDE AT TRENTON THREATENS MANY LIVES

Steam Shovel and Work Train Are Completely Covered—Men Escape.

Special to The Advertiser.

Trenton, Ont., May 3.—A big landslide this morning at the C. P. R. gravel pit end of Little Farm, steam shovel and work train were completely covered. The men narrowly escaped with their lives. Considerable damage was done to the track.

WALPOLE FARMER HANGS HIMSELF: FIND BODY TODAY

Dead Man Is Discovered Suspended From a Six-Foot Arbor.

IN DEJECTED STATE

Large Searching Parties Scoured the Country in Vain Yesterday.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Simcoe, Ont., May 3.—Sidney Juggins, aged 47, farmer of Walpole Township, committed suicide by hanging at a spot on the boundary line between Norfolk and Haldimand Counties, one mile east of Jarvis, yesterday afternoon. The body was found by two Jarvis men this morning. It was suspended by a thick rope from a six-foot arbor. The dead man's knees were resting on the ground and his neck was not more than four feet above the soil, the body was partially hidden from view by vines surrounding a nearby stump.

Juggins had journeyed to Jarvis to procure tractor oil early Wednesday morning and leaving his horses in a church shed, he disappeared. Late in the afternoon searching parties scoured the country, but found no trace of him until this morning. Deceased had been in a dejected state of mind for some time past and despondency is given as the cause of his suicidal act. No inquest will be held. His widow is the only immediate surviving relative.

NECK BROKEN IN FALL, GIRL NOW RECOVERING

Spinal Cord Was Unharmed, But Cure Is Considered Remarkable.

Special to The Advertiser.

Montreal, May 3.—What is regarded by the medical profession as one of the miracles of the age, is the astonishing recovery of Miss Florence Gardner, following an accident while skating nearly three months ago. In a fall Miss Gardner's vertebrae was fractured at the neck, but by some unexplainable good fortune missed the spinal cord. At the General Hospital it is said that her recovery is due in a great measure to her determination to get well again. While now yet convalescing, she is making splendid progress, and doctors feel confident of complete recovery.

GERMAN MARKS CRASH ON LONDON EXCHANGE

Drop Follows Announcement That French Would Reject Reparations Proposal.

Special Cable to The Advertiser.

London, May 3.—German marks dropped 35,000 to the pound sterling on the London Exchange today. This crash followed announcement that the French would reject the German proposal for a reparations settlement of 175,000 (more than 20,000 to the dollar), to the pound, compared with 140,000 yesterday.

REPORTS 100 ARE DEAD IN MOSCOW EXPLOSION

Unconfirmed Despatch States General Melnikoff Among Those Killed.

Special Cable to The Advertiser.

Helsingfors, May 3.—One hundred persons were reported killed by the explosion of an ammunition depot, in an unconfirmed despatch from Moscow today.

General Melnikoff is reported among the dead.

The explosion is said to have occurred at Tula, 165 miles south of Moscow.

NEWFOUNDLAND ELECTORS GO TO THE POLLS TODAY

Canadian Press Despatch.

St. John's, Nfld., May 3.—Following an election campaign carried on amid the storms of the "hardest of winters" the electorate of Newfoundland went to the polls today to decide between the Liberal administration of Sir Richard Squires and the Conservative opposition, officially led by John R. Bennett.

Mr. Bennett took the leadership recently when he was elected by Sir Michael Cassin, former premier. The Squires government has been in power since 1919.

ST. THOMAS MAN KILLED AS FLIER CRASHES INTO CAR

George Bolter Meets Tragic Death at Michigan Central Crossing.

MOTOR STALLS

Body of Victim Badly Mutilated From Terrific Impact.

Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Reporter.

St. Thomas, May 3.—George Bolter, manager of the city garbage collection department, was killed at the Moore street M. C. R. crossing at 5:40 this morning, when the light sedan in which he was driving to work was smashed and dragged by Michigan Central train No. 40.

Bolter, it seems, was approaching the Moore street crossing in his car, and from statements made by him immediately before his death, it would seem that he had slowed down to await the passing of the Detroit train, and also a yard engine. He was working near the crossing. He decided that he had time to cross, and started.

His car was a brand new one, and when he increased the gas to rush over the crossing the car stalled, and before he could do anything the flier struck him, completely demolishing the sedan, and cutting off both legs and one arm of the unfortunate victim.

Dies In Ambulance.

The train was brought to a standstill, and Bolter was put on board, and carried to the M. C. R. station. Here he was transferred to an ambulance and rushed to the Amasa Wood Hospital, but the unfortunate man died before reaching the hospital.

The car is smashed almost beyond recognition, and was carried along the right of way for over 100 yards. Some idea of the impact to which both car and driver were subjected may be gained from the fact that his boots and socks, torn and twisted out of all resemblance, were found in the debris of the car, while the deceased "was picked up 30 yards away and on another track."

Similar Accident.

A very similar accident occurred on the Michigan Central one block west of the Moore street crossing, only three months ago, but in that instance the driver was able to get away from the car, and was unhurt. He stalled and before the train hit it, George Bolter was 55 years of age. He leaves a widow and three children to mourn his tragic death. He was an immensely popular man in St. Thomas and prominent in Oddfellow activities in this city, being vice grand of the Oddfellows here. His funeral will be conducted by the Oddfellows' Lodge of St. Thomas.

NOT ENOUGH SALARIES TO BUY PRODUCTION

Major Douglas Testifies Before Banking Committee Today.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Ont., May 3.—Major Douglas, author of the Douglas credit scheme, appeared this morning before the banking and commerce committee of the House, to clear up certain points in a previous statement.

"We regard it as an insane and unintelligent thing," he said, "that good exist and people are willing to pay money that the majority of the people have not got money to buy them."

He further laid down as fundamental that there was not available enough wages, salaries and dividends in any year, to buy the production of that year. A considerable proportion of it had returned to the credit system. He illustrated this by figures prepared for him by a group of his associates in the United States. From 1900 to 1917, these figures indicated, the production of the U. S. rose by 83 per cent while in 1919 an actual wage of \$119 had not as much purchasing power as \$426 in 1899.

WOMEN JOIN IN FIGHT TO CUT SUGAR PRICES

Associated Press Despatch.

Washington, May 3.—The Women's Universal Alliance, which is holding its annual convention here, has joined the ranks of the women's organizations in their war against the rising price of sugar through adoption of a resolution urging housewives to reduce consumption of the commodity that year. "Until the present crisis is over and normal prices prevail."

MARSHAL FOCH IN WARSAW.

Associated Press Despatch.

Warsaw, May 3.—Marshal Foch, who is to unveil a monument to the patriot Poniatowski, arrived in the capital late last night.



PROVOST-SERG. T. J. O'CONNOR, R. C. R.

Typical British soldier, with long record of active service, who first suspected Ison and later got him. It was to Serg. O'Connor that the prisoner confessed most of his fire.

Serg. T. J. O'Connor, R.C.R. The Man Most Responsible For Capturing Firebug Ison

It Was O'Connor's Work That First Produced Sufficient Evidence to Lead to Ison's Arrest—Mounted Police Came Into Case After Ison Was in Custody.

London at last is free from firebug terrorism. The gratitude of all citizens is owing to Provost Serg. T. J. O'Connor, of the Royal Canadian Regiment, and to Serg. Birtwhistle, of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. These are the two men chiefly responsible for the capture and the conviction of John Ison, whose pyromaniac activities during the last five years have cost London thousands of dollars and many long hours of anxiety.

To Provost Sergeant O'Connor, veteran soldier of London's Own Regiment, must go the greater part of the credit, and probably no one will more readily admit it than the keen-witted sergeant of the "Mounties," who has carried through the final stages of the case.

Provost Sergeant O'Connor has been urged by his friends, at The Advertiser's suggestion, to make application for the reward of \$500 offered some time ago by the city for the fire-bug's apprehension. He deserves it, in spite of his modesty. It was Sergeant O'Connor who first suspected Ison as the man who has long outwitted all investigation. It was O'Connor who on his own initiative kept all-night vigil for two nights previous to Ison's arrest, and who pleaded together sufficient evidence to justify the fire-bug's confinement in the cells.

O'Connor, on the afternoon of Ison's arrest, expressed to The Advertiser his conviction that he possessed sufficient evidence to prove Ison guilty of the fires to which he was now confessed. All this evidence was turned over to Serg. Birtwhistle when Ison was handed to the Mounted Police as a civilian prisoner, and the R. C. R. man has since kept in the cells.

Everyone in London will be anxious to see fair play done to those who have relieved the city of its anxiety. In some quarters the suggestion has been made that the five hundred dollar reward be given to the man who won it, Sergeant O'Connor, and that additional recognition be awarded Serg. Birtwhistle. It seems a fair suggestion, and one which the finance committee of the council may consider.

RAILROAD EMPLOYEES ARE GIVEN INCREASE

A. F. Stout Announces Change on Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Lines.

Chicago, May 3.—Twenty thousand maintenance of way and railroad shop employees of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway have been granted increased wages, effective May 1, through an agreement just negotiated, A. F. Stout, vice-president of the United Brotherhood of maintenance of way employees and railroad shop laborers announced today.

The increase will range from one to three and a half cents an hour, Mr. Stout said.

THINKS FIREBUG WILL CONFESS TO BARRACKS BLAZE

Sergeant O'Connor Believes Ison Started Fire at Jones Plant.

THINKING IT OVER

Unable To Give Proper Statement on Movements During Time.

John Vincent Ison, fire bug, awaiting sentence at the county jail, is on the verge of admitting his guilt in the \$200,000 fire at the H. J. Jones & Sons, Limited, lithographing plant, and in the \$50,000 fire which destroyed the single men's quarters at Tecumseh barracks.

When questioned about these by Provost Sergeant T. J. O'Connor of the R. C. R., at the jail, yesterday, Ison finally said: "I will think it over, sergeant."

Proof that Ison's alibi to avoid guilt in these two fires is not sound, is in the hands of Serg. O'Connor, who has also informed Sergeant A. Birtwhistle of the R. C. M. P.

Net in Barracks.

On the evening the Jones fire broke out, Ison declared he was in barracks. Sergeant O'Connor's records show he left the heights at 4:15 o'clock that night, and returned at 5:30 o'clock. The fire was discovered by the watchman at the Jones plant at 5:30 o'clock. On the night of the big barracks fire, Ison was in the building. He was playing cards until 9:30 o'clock in the building and then disappeared. The fire broke out at 10:05 o'clock. When the alarm was given, he was found in the latrine. He swore he had been there since 9:30, but evidence has been gathered to show he left the building.

Sergeant O'Connor suspected Ison at that time, and had been watching him.

Fears Men's Attitude.

The sergeant believes Ison's reason for denying the big barracks fire is his fear of the impression of himself that will be left by his late comrades of the regiment. They were put to much extra work by it, as was Ison. He is now complaining of the loss of their personal effects. He joined in with them in complaining, and some of the men, change to buy him a few extra dollars. When the attempt to fire Q. Block at the barracks was discovered, the sergeant believed Ison had been given enough rope, and ordered his arrest.

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PLAN TO RE-SURFACE NORTH RICHMOND ST.

Board of Works May at Once Undertake Needed Improvements in North End.

There is a move on foot to improve Richmond street from Queen's avenue to Oxford street.

Ald. Albert Judd warned Ald. Douglas, chairman of the board of works, today that he would appear at the regular session of his committee tonight to urge such action. Chairman Douglas promises in advance that this work will be undertaken. "As a matter of fact," he repeated, "the city engineer is now considering a proposal to re-surface Richmond street, as you have mentioned. We'll have some action this year in this respect. This thoroughfare certainly needs immediate attention."

Ald. Judd adheres to a similar view, as does Mayor Weigh.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.

Moderate easterly winds; fair and moderately warm today and on Friday. The barometer is high and the weather fair and moderately warm throughout the Dominion, with no indications of immediate change.

Temperatures.

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

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Vancouver	56	46	Cloudy
Calgary	56	22	Fair
Winnipeg	64	42	Fair
Port Arthur	52	38	Cloudy
Perry Sound	38	20	Clear
Toronto	54	46	Fair
Ottawa	62	58	Fair
Montreal	42	42	Fair
Quebec	54	38	Cloudy
Father Point	42	38	Cloudy
Johns Bay	62	40	Fair
Halifax	62	38	Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 67; lowest, 32.

The official temperatures for the 19 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 56; lowest, 35.

Barometric Readings.

Wednesday—8 p.m., 29.45.
Today—8 a.m., 29.49.

Read David Lloyd George's Exclusive Cable To The Advertiser—This Saturday