

PATROL ESCAPES TAXI INDIGNITY

Court Gives Warning That
Complainants Must Appear
To Back Charges.

CASE HARD ONE

Chief Birrell's brand new combination ambulance and police patrol almost suffered the humiliation of being called into service as a taxi today. In fact, Maria Jun, as the new patrol is termed, might in future be compelled to make regular morning calls for tardy individuals scheduled to appear in court cases.

Today in court, Charlie Geanos promptly answered to his name when called to face a charge of assault laid against him by his sister-in-law, Annie Geanos. But Charlie was the only member of the Geanos family present, his sister-in-law having failed to put in her appearance.

"Where is she?" asked the court after constables had asked her name for several minutes.

"At home," Geanos replied, adding that she had no intention of appearing.

"I'll find a way to make her come to court," Magistrate Graydon declared as he ordered Chief Birrell to issue a warrant and despatch the patrol wagon to the residence of the Dundas street.

This practice of causing the court trouble by laying a complaint and later withdrawing it will have become so prevalent and has to stop," he added.

Charlie, however, told the court that he was quite willing to have the case laid over until tomorrow in order that his sister-in-law would not be disturbed. A day's adjournment was finally granted, but not until Geanos was explicitly informed that his sister-in-law must be on hand sharp at 10 o'clock.

"If she fails to be on time," the court said, "a warrant will be issued for her arrest."

Grocer is Warned.
A police war on cigarette smoking among boys under the age of 18 years resulted in the appearance in court today of George Hutton, owner of a grocery store.

Hutton admitted that he had sold cigarettes to a minor, but he declared that he had at first received an order from the boy's father.

Although the case was dismissed, Hutton was warned never to sell cigarettes unless he was satisfactorily convinced that his buyer had reached legal age.

Marital Tangle.
Annie Desalvatore, who last week laid a charge of breach of the wives' maintenance against her husband,

or her supposed husband, for the last time, learned that another still lives, withdrew the charge in court today to prefer a more serious one.

Meanwhile Thomas Desalvatore, husband No. 2, declares that he, too, might have a hand in the row, and threatens in his turn to lay a charge.

ST. THOMAS BARRISTER DIES OF PNEUMONIA

Llewellyn Wickett Was High-
ly Respected by People
of Flower City.

Special To The Advertiser.
St. Thomas, Feb. 27.—Llewellyn Wickett, prominent St. Thomas lawyer, died at home today at his home,

105 Metcalfe street, following a short illness of pneumonia.

Born in Devonshire, England, the son of Richard Wickett, he came to St. Thomas in 1877 with his father.

He was educated at the central school, the collegiate institute, and later obtained his bachelor of arts degree at the University of Toronto.

For three years following his graduation he taught at the St. Thomas central school. Later he became a law student in the offices of J. M. Glenn, K. C., and was called to the bar in 1891.

He was solicitor for the township of York, and was a member of the Dominion Bank and other large institutions. He was treasurer of the Elgin Land Association, director of the Southern Loan and Savings Company, member of the St. Thomas Golf and Country Club, past master of A. F. & A. M., and a member of the Masonic Grand Lodge and Sons of England.

Mr. Wickett had not been in good health for the past few years, although his condition was not considered serious until a short time ago, when he contracted pneumonia.

Two sisters, Miss Emily Wickett, at home, and Mrs. Bouchette of Stanley street, and one brother, Fred Wickett, are the survivors.

RIFLE ASSOCIATIONS IN DISTRICT RENAMED

Rifle associations in Military District No. 1 have been re-named, according to orders issued by headquarters here today by Lieut.-Col. P. B. Ware.

The name of the First Battalion, the Western, has been changed to the First Battalion, Ontario Regiment, First Battalion, C. E. F., will be designated as the Canadian Fusiliers, City of London Regiment.

The Second Machine Gun Brigade will be known as the Second Machine Gun Battalion, Second Battalion, Canadian Machine Brigade will be called the "T" Platoon of the Second Machine Gun Battalion.

The name "Red Rose" has been a guarantee of quality for 30 years

RED ROSE TEA "is good tea"

ORANGE PEKOE is extra good. Try it!

ERRAND BOY TO FIRM CHIEF TELS RISE OF JAMES GRAY

Head of Gray's, Limited,
Grows Reminiscent on Store's
Twenty-Fifth Birthday.

WOOD STOVE DAYS

"From Messenger Boy to Merchant Prince." Such titles of books by Horatio Alger, have been the fiction delight of thousands of boys taking their first taste of ambition. And the title is borne out in real life the world over.

Today James Gray, of Gray's, Limited, is celebrating the 25th anniversary of his store. But the history of the Dundas street establishment goes back to the time when "Jimmy" Gray applied for a position as messenger boy in the store next to the four-story building now occupied by the firm. That was 51 years ago.

For a dollar and a half a week the errand boy swept the store each morning and ran messages about London. He was parcel boy at Chisholm & Co's store in 1874.

Mr. Gray smiled reminiscently this morning when he recalled for an Advertiser representative the beginnings of his big business in London.

"There were the days of the old wooden verandas in front of the stores. They were the times when the box wood stove stood in the middle of the 'emporium,' when the cord-wood was stacked high, and a blazing fire was over a room to those who came into town to do their shopping. Nowadays they get warm when they come in the store, but the heat comes from electric concealed pipes. The old days of the corner store, with its big stove, is also gone. Efficiency did it."

Mr. Gray went into business for himself the day that the news of the relief of Ladysmith flashed around the world. That was on March 1, 1890. He opened the store at 9 in the morning, expecting to do a good day's business for the opening, but everyone was so glad of the good news from South Africa that they closed up his new store and celebrated.

The firm name then was Gray & Parker. Mr. Parker withdrew after three years. Mr. Gray carried on since. Mr. Parker is now travelling out of Montreal.

The history of the store has been one of steady progress. This week says that there has been nothing sensational about it. It has been a steady and reasonably strong growth.

The store's growth has been caused by good times and bad, each year has seen improvements, and additions to the service as business offers.

Mr. Gray, though vet. young, has seen one store after another. He has a new department to be opened. It is the rug department on the fourth floor. Much of the stock is already in place. It is bright with a sunny southern exposure, he has his stock of Wiltons and Axminster on display.

The department does not mark the culmination of Mr. Gray's efforts. He says that as soon as it is thoroughly established further expansion will be undertaken.

TEAPOT DOME CASE MUST PROCEED ON MARCH NINTH

Associated Press Despatch.
Cheyenne, Wyo., Feb. 27.—Trial of the Teapot Dome suit for annulment of the Teapot Dome naval oil reserve lease held by the Mammoth Oil Company will proceed on March 9.

Judge T. Blake Kennedy, of the United States district court, declared today in overruling the government's petition for a continuance.

The government's attempt to gain a postponement of the trial was based on the plea that more time was necessary to secure the testimony of H. S. Osler, of Toronto, and other connected with the Continental Trading Company of Canada.

**HARROW CITIZEN WILL
BE BURIED AT LONDON**

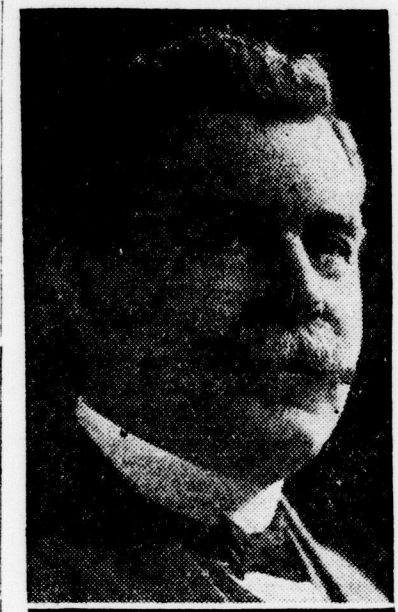
Canadian Press Despatch.
Windsor, Feb. 27.—Dr. Charles Boyd, prominent veterinary surgeon of Harrow, missing from his home since Wednesday afternoon, was found dead in a field near the town late Thursday. Death was due to heart failure. Dr. Boyd left his home Wednesday to respond to a professional call and when he failed to return, search was instituted for him. The hunt was fruitless until Thursday, when he was found where he had apparently dropped when overcome with the heart attack. Dr. W. Fred Park, coroner of Amherstburg, was called, but declared an inquest unnecessary.

Funeral services were held at the home this afternoon and the body was shipped to London, Ont., where burial will take place Saturday.

QUEBEC CITY SUFFERS WINTER'S WORST STORM

Canadian Press Despatch.
Quebec, Feb. 27.—This city was visited yesterday by the worst storm of the winter. Five inches of snow fell between noon and 8 o'clock in the evening, accompanied by a gale that reached a velocity of sixty miles an hour. The firemen were given a record number of runs, no less than twelve alarms being rung in. All of them were for minor blazes, however. Six of the calls came within twenty minutes while the storm was at its peak.

The snowfall, combined with the fall over the week-end, brought the snowfall of the week up to 21 inches.



JAMES GRAY.
President of Gray's, Limited, and veteran city businessman, who today is celebrating the 25th anniversary of his firm.

KURDISH FORCES ARE REPULSED

Turkish Government Troops
Are Reported To Have
Retaken Kharput.

Associated Press Despatch.
Constantinople, Feb. 27.—The Anatolian agency here issued a statement today saying the rebellious Kurdish forces had been repulsed and that Turkish government troops had retaken Kharput and the town of Elaziz, recently taken by the rebels.

INSURGENTS' APPEAL

Associated Press Despatch.
Constantinople, Feb. 27.—The Turkish military operations against the rebels under Sheikh Said in Kurdistan, it is reported, are directed by the Turkish government, which has ordered a partial mobilization in Anatolia, calling up reservists in the vilayets bordering on the rebel area.

A circular issued by the insurgents appeals to the population in the following words: "Your caliph awaits you. No Mohammedanism is possible without your participation. The present government is opposed to religion."

The Kurdish rebels are reported to have proclaimed Prince Selim, son of the former Sultan Abdul Hamid, as king of Kurdistan.

The circular referred to in the circular issued by the insurgents.

LONDON BILL APPEALS FOR SMALLER COUNCIL

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tion will be made to the present draft of the bill to provide for permission to dispose of about five acres of the industrial area lands for other uses than factory development.

Draft of Bill.
The present draft of the city of London bill is as follows:

"Whereas, the corporation of the city of London, by its petition, prayed for special legislation in respect of the matters hereinafter set forth:

"And whereas, it is expedient to grant the prayers of the said petition, Therefore, his majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the legislative assembly of the province of Ontario enacts as follows:

"1. Notwithstanding anything in any special or other act, the first meeting of the council of the city of London shall be held on the third Monday in December of the year in which the council is elected, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon.

"2. Notwithstanding anything in any special or other act, the council of the city of London shall, at the expiration of the term of office of the council of the said city elected at the last annual municipal election, and thereafter, consist of the mayor and eight aldermen to be elected by a general vote. The mayor and aldermen now elected shall hold office until the third Monday in December next after the passing of this act. The four aldermen elected at the next annual municipal election who obtain the highest number of votes shall continue in office for two years, and the other aldermen elected at the next general municipal election shall continue in office for one year, and then retire, and at the next following annual municipal election and thereafter, four aldermen shall be elected annually and continue in office for two years.

"3. The council of the city of London may guarantee to any bank the payment to the extent of \$50,000 by the London railway commission of any moneys from time to time borrowed by the London railway commission for the purpose of carrying out its business, and the London railway commission shall be authorized to borrow moneys from time to time from any bank, by their promissory note or overdraft to the extent of \$50,000 for the purposes aforesaid, and the lender shall not be bound to establish the necessity of borrowing the sum lent.

"5. This act shall come into force on the day upon which it receives the royal assent."

FIRE IN BAKE OVEN

A fire in the enamel bake oven of the Dennis Wire and Iron Works, Dundas street, gave the fire department a run shortly after 10 o'clock this morning. The blaze was extinguished with little loss.

"MOTHER" WARD NOW 65 YEARS

Veteran City Salvationist Marks
41 Years of Service
Here.

Birthday congratulations to Mrs. Eliza Ann Ward, veteran Salvation Army worker, who is celebrating her 85th birthday today and in her own words in the "happiest woman in the world."

Mrs. Ward needs no introduction into the business offices and the homes of London. For 41 years she has sold the "War Cry." Every one knows "Mother" Ward. She has never missed a week a week on the street with her papers since she was converted in the first days of Salvationism in the city.

In the old skating rink near the York street bridge over 40 years ago, Mrs. Ward attended the first meeting of the Salvation Army. She said today at the meeting she felt called to do the "War Cry." Since that time she has been very happy. That God had been better to her than to anyone else in the world.

A Mrs. Ward reached the greatest heights of faith. She lives by the Word. She reveals in doing the work that she firmly believes Providence has set her to do.

"I was born in Yorkshire, England, 85 years ago," she told The Advertiser today. "There was a small band of Salvationists in London, England, at that time. I had no contact with the Army until I reached this London. We moved into a house at 11 Bathurst street, and there I met the first of my friends. From the time I went to the first Army meeting I knew what my life's work was to be."

Believe in God and He will give you the strength of mind and body to carry you through all trouble," said she, starting away from the Clarence street citadel with a bundle of papers.

City Churches CRONNY MEMORIAL SALE

At a recent meeting of the committee in charge of the arrangements for the Cronny Memorial sale, plans were made for a sale of home-made cooking to be held in the basement of the city of London on Monday morning.

The proceeds will be in aid of the Cronny Memorial fund.

LONG DISTANCE SERVICE IS IMPROVED BY BELL

President in Annual Report
Says Special Equipment
Being Installed.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Montreal, Feb. 27.—At the annual general meeting of the Bell Telephone Company of Canada, held here today, shareholders approved a by-law increasing the company's authorized capital from \$50,000,000 to \$75,000,000.

In his address, the president, L. B. McFarlane, stated that the figures in the annual statement for gross additions to plant reflect substantial expenditures for automatic equipment on which the annual charges are not yet offset by the operating economies of type of apparatus will eventually be made.

"We have now definitely entered the era of the automatic telephone. By the end of the year, there will be in service some 43,000 automatic stations—14,000 at Montreal, 24,700 at Toronto, and 3,700 at Quebec."

This point should be borne in mind—the conversion to automatic will be so gradual as to be rather in the nature of a revolution. Our operating staff will still be recruited and trained for years to come, and no employee need feel that his position is in jeopardy because of the mechanical system.

"A notable development of the past few months in the introduction of a rapid direct service between some of our leading cities and nearby towns. The calling subscriber asks his local operator to connect him with a number at the distant point, and connection is established at once, as on a local call, without the aid of the long-distance operator."

This new direct service will shortly be in operation between Toronto and Hamilton. It is already effective between Montreal and Quebec, and between Windsor and Detroit, and between Sarnia and Port Huron, Niagara Falls and St. Catharines, and between Hamilton and their surrounding towns, and at many other centers. The service effects for the company an economy in operating costs, and for suburban points, more speedy and direct service. Extension to additional localities will be made as conditions warrant."

HAMILTON ROAD L. A.

The regular meeting of the ladies' aid of the Hamilton road Presbyterian church was held yesterday afternoon in the church parlors. Mrs. John Lindsay, the president, presided, and the lesson was read by Mrs. A. Henderson. Miss D. McPherson led in the devotional exercises. During the afternoon plans were made for a sale of work to be held in the autumn, and arrangements were also made for a St. Patrick's day tea to be held in the basement of the church on March 16. Mrs. Robert Lake was appointed convener of the refreshment committee, while Mrs. J. G. Burdette was named as secretary.

At the close of the meeting, dainty refreshments were served by Mrs. W. Rodda, Mrs. J. Hawke, Mrs. Sam Angles and Miss V. Layne and Miss Velda Rodda. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. Dean Hamilton road.

CRADLE ROLL SCOTCH TEA

A very enjoyable afternoon was spent at New St. James' Presbyterian church, when the ladies' aid held a cradle roll department held a Scotch tea. The hall was effectively decorated with tartan, Scotch flags and a profusion of flowers, and the attractiveness of the room is due to the co-operation of Mrs. R. O. D. day.

A splendid program was also presented, and one of the most charming talks was given by Mrs. J. G. Burdette. Miss Margaret Forbes, soprano, delighted her audience with Scotch songs as did Miss Kitz, contralto, who sang in her usual charming manner. An effective and fascinating Bible story was told by Mrs. C. H. Patterson, president of the church, which was greatly enjoyed and appreciated.

Afternoon tea was served from a pretty table covered with Scotch tartan and heather, and it was presided over by Mrs. A. Miller, president of the W. M. S. of the church and Mrs. Donson, president of the L. A. Tenting Scotch dainties and the real old-fashioned Scotch Presbyterian mints were served with the tea.

Coming to the illness of the illness of the president, Mrs. L. McGugan, the past president, Mrs. G. Gilles, presided in her usual capable manner. There was a splendid attendance.

HAMILTON ROAD SOIRÉE

The annual "soirée" of the Hamilton road Presbyterian church was given last night under the auspices of the board of management of the church. Rev. J. Hosie and Rev. James McKay occupied the platform, with Rev. M. S. Cree, and they gave interesting and humorous addresses. Fascinating and humorous Scotch songs were given by Mrs. Fimmie and John Lindsay, and Mrs. Higgs gave several delightful readings. Later in the evening refreshments were served from a poke (paper bag).

EMPERESS AVENUE CONCERT

The members of the mission band of the Empress avenue Methodist church presented a delightful program at the church last night. Two very pretty pageants, "Old Sweet Home" and "Chloe," were particularly well done, and were greatly enjoyed. There was also an exercise by the boys, "Home Mission," which was very good, and a little play, "Exempt," was cleverly put on by the girls.

Germany Objects To Saare Troops

Associated Press Despatch.
Geneva, Feb. 27.—The German government has sent a note to the secretariat general of the league of nations, protesting against the maintenance of French troops in the Saare Valley.

This note, which is not the first of its kind sent to the league, will be examined at the forthcoming session of the council of the league.

MONTLAURIE HAS BEEN REFLOATED

C. P. R. Liner Ran Aground
This Morning Near
Roche's Point.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Feb. 27.—Montlaurie—A despatch to Lloyds from Queenstown this afternoon stated that the Canadian Pacific liner Montlaurie, which went aground on Roche's Point, Ireland, this morning, had been refloated and that tugs from Queenstown were standing by.

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HONOR BETTERS BOARD'S POWER

Lawson as Vice-Chief of the
Trustees Can Urge Cut in
Local Body.

The election of Chairman S. Fred Lawson as vice-president of the urban school trustees' convention for the ensuing year was favorably commented upon this morning by members and officials of the board of education.

When in Toronto, Lawson, as it does the presidency of the association next year, is taken not alone as a compliment to Lawson as an educational center, but to Mr. Lawson's personal aggressiveness on behalf of educational progress.

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