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## LIVELY FIGHT IN HARWICH NEARLY ENDS IN TRAGEDY

Two Prominent School Trustees Settle Long Standing Disputes With Their Fists—Are Separated by Outsiders

### ENRAGED MAN THREATENS OPPONENT WITH KNIFE

"If you touch that boy again you will have to answer for it to me!"

The above words were uttered in a loud, threatening tone, with the accompanying tableau of a man standing over his assailant, knife in hand and arm upraised in readiness to strike. The scene was a school house in the usually quiet and peaceful township of Harwich. The principals in the affray were two well-known and highly respected School Trustees of the said township, and the time was last Thursday evening shortly after four o'clock.

That the fracas nearly ended in serious results there seems to be very little doubt. For some time an unfriendly feeling has existed between two trustees in this township. Matters were brought to a climax on Thursday at a meeting of the Board called for the purpose of transacting public business.

Last Monday night a meeting of the Board was called in rather an unusual way. There are three trustees, and it was agreed among two of them that if they could not go to the meeting the one who was otherwise engaged would notify the other two. It turned out that one of them was unable to attend. He notified the one trustee he was talking to, but neglected to send word to the third. This last named gentleman unfortunately was the man with whom he was not on very friendly terms. The man who was not notified went, as he supposed, to the meeting. When he got there, he found that he was the only one there and he became wrathful. He blamed the school-madam, and wrote her a very impudent letter. The teacher, who, it seems, was entirely out of the whole business, took offense at the letter and showed it to the trustee who had failed to notify the writer of the letter that there would be no meeting of the Board. That gentleman, realizing that he was to blame instead of the school teacher, wrote back telling the offended one that

he was no gentleman and that he had no principle whatever.

Last Thursday evening a meeting of the Board was called for four o'clock. When four o'clock came around no one had showed up, and the teacher thinking there would be no meeting closed up the school and went home. About half-past four all three of the trustees came and one of them remarked that as the school was locked, the meeting would have to stand adjourned, as they could do no business.

"I can do all the business I came here to do right out here in the open air," said the one who had not been notified of the other meeting, and, pulling off his coat, he struck the man whom he claimed had abused him, and knocked him down. The gentleman who was attacked was taken completely by surprise, but when he gained his feet he threw himself into the game and gave the first man such a trouncing that, it is said, when the smoke had cleared away, as it were, it was quite difficult to distinguish the features of the man who had started the fight. It was by no means over in a minute. Both men fought hard, as they were in real earnest.

When the fight was about ended, the first man's son began to take part, after he saw that his father was getting the worst of it. The other man took the boy in his arms and threw him over the fence. It was then the first man drew his knife and threatened the life of his fellowman. It is said that had it not been for the interference of outside parties something serious might have resulted.

It seems a very unusual thing that such an affair could have happened in the quiet county of Kent. It goes to show that the public men in the city have got no corner on the scolding market. Their brothers in the rural district are good imitators. It must be said that the latter have a more effective way of settling their disputes than by taking up the corporation's time in arguing it out at public meetings.

### WHEAT LOOKS GOOD

Mr. John Houston, of Raleigh, was in the city on business Saturday. He says that the country roads are in very bad shape, and that down in this section the people are getting around on horseback.

In a talk with a Planet reporter, Mr. Houston said that wheat promises to be a very good crop this year. He says that the farmers would rather see the weather remain wet and mild than have it turn hard and cold, as such would mean much destruction to the wheat prospects.

Mr. Houston says that all wheat which was planted early stands a good chance of making good. Wheat which was planted late is not looking so well, but on the whole the prospects are quite satisfactory to the farmers.

### BUILDING OPERATIONS

The following building permits were recently issued by Fire Chief Pritchard:—

No. 59—Blonde Lumber Co. for a one-story frame dwelling on lot 23, south side of Poplar street. Cost \$800.

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No. 61—Olas. Buck, for a one-story frame dwelling, on lot 31, east side of Lacroix street. Cost refused.

No. 63 and 64 are duplicates of 62, the owner, Mr. Buck, in each case refusing to give the cost of the buildings.

No. 65—Henry Russell, for a two-story brick veneer dwelling on lot 145, north side of Richmond street. Cost refused.

No. 66—S. Stephenson, to erect an addition to a three-story brick building on part of lot 94, south side of King street. Cost \$600.

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Don't forget our Special Department for Ladies' Tailoring and Dress making. We guarantee our workmanship.

### TRAIN SERVICE CHANGED

Owing to the predicted coal strike, the Pere Marquette Railway have decided to make a few changes in their train service. These changes are made in order to save the limited supply of coal that they have on hand. If the strike continues, the company will be unable to secure coal.

The changes are in the running of the local trains. The passenger trains will run as usual. The locals that leave here now every day for Walkerville will leave on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 10:45 in-trains will run as usual. The locals leaving here for St. Thomas, London and Sarnia will leave on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The one to St. Thomas and London will leave at 11:00 and the one to Sarnia at 12:30.

### RESPECTED RESIDENT GONE

Mrs. Eleanor Glover, a respected resident of this city, died suddenly of heart disease about 11 o'clock on Saturday night, at her home on St. Patrick street.

The deceased was born in County Armagh, Ireland, 49 years ago and came to this country when only a few years old. She was a Methodist in religion and was well known among church workers.

She was a member of the I. O. F. Companion Court, Court McGregor, No. 6, and the Foresters attended her funeral this afternoon in a body.

### NEW ALDERMAN

Ald. Thompson is negotiating with an eastern firm for the sale of his wholesale fruit business. Mr. Thompson has been appointed agent for the firm of A. Jacobs & Co., of Detroit, and will look after their interests in Moosejaw, Man.

Providing Mr. Thompson sells his business, he will start immediately for his new position in the West, and his departure will be regretted by all, as he is well known and very popular both as a business man and an alderman.

### WATER IS DOWN

The river and creek have once more dropped to their normal level. The Thames is free from ice from London to the lake and everything points to an early opening of navigation. The tug Una went a few miles down the river on Saturday, and on her return reported an unusual absence of snags and ice.

It is said that the City of Chatham will commence her regular trips at an earlier date than in previous years.

## COAL MINERS ARE ON STRIKE

Fourty Thousand Men Refuse to Work in American Pits

### MAY SIGN WAGE SCALE

Indianapolis, April 2.—With the dawn this morning America witnessed the beginning of the greatest industrial strike in its history. Official orders already have been issued, which in effect will close the coal mines of the country.

Of the 600,000 men employed in and around the coal mines in the United States approximately 400,000 will refuse to enter the shafts. About one-half of the remaining number will report for duty, only to perform such labor as will prevent a destruction of property. The actual production of coal practically will be stopped.

Minimized as the effects of the suspension have been by the decision of the United Mine Workers of America to work for any mine owner who is willing to pay the scale of wages in force in 1903, still the struggle is stupendous in its proportions.

The duration of the suspension in its entirety is problematical. Even more so is the effect it may have on the industrial prosperity of the country. It is certain that there is no immediate danger of a shortage of coal. That is improbable within sixty days.

#### Hard Coal Talk Tuesday.

Tuesday morning a meeting will be held in New York between the committee of anthracite operators headed by George F. Baer and a committee of miners headed by John Mitchell. It is impossible to predict what the result of that conference may be and on it depends the question of whether the suspension of mining in the anthracite fields will be temporary or whether the struggle shall be to a finish.

While present indications point to a protracted strike in the anthracite fields, it is believed that the suspension will be of short duration in the bituminous states. When the miners decided to permit work where the advanced scale was offered it virtually put Western Pennsylvania out of the strike column. The suspension there perhaps will not last three days, and will not take the form of a strike.

#### Operators to Stampede.

In private conversations, President Mitchell is reported as predicting a stampede of operators to sign the scale.

#### To Resume Tuesday.

Pittsburg, April 2.—The mines will be closed Monday, but all the works of the Pittsburg Coal Co. will resume operations on Tuesday. It is believed that a majority of the independent operators will eventually sign the 1903 scale.

#### Agree on Scale.

Louisville, Ky., April 2.—Coal miners and operators of Western Kentucky Saturday agreed on a wage scale, and there will be no strike in district No. 23. The agreement is for the 1903 scale, and the contract is to continue until March 31, 1908.

#### Will Pay Scale.

Altoona, Pa., April 2.—The Berwind-White Coal Mining Co., at Windber, has posted notices that it would pay the 1903 rate of wages.

#### 5,000 Go Back.

Nelsonville, Ohio, April 2.—Eight thousand miners in the Hooking Valley suspended work Friday night, but about 5,000 resume work, as the operators can sign the 1903 scale.

#### Encouraging Signs.

Pittsburg, April 2.—Despatches from the soft coal fields last night indicate almost a general announcement from the operators of Western Pennsylvania to pay the miners the advance of 5.55 per ton called for in the restoration of the scale of 1903.

## IS GOING AHEAD

Winnipeg Telegram, Speaks Well of Prince Albert—Two Chatham Hustlers

The Winnipeg Telegram of March 24 published a special edition on Prince Albert, Sask. The write-up of this thriving city was quite an extended one. In speaking of the newspapers of the city, the following is given:—

"A town is generally judged by its newspapers, and, using this as a criterion, Prince Albert is well to the front, as the city has two progressive and enterprising papers, the Times and the Advocate. The Times is published by J. W. Young and R. P. Laurie, two practical newspaper men. It is the local provincial rights organ and played an important part in the recent elections, being the first to reveal the scandalous conduct of the deputy returning officers in the Prince Albert district. It is the second oldest paper in the northwest, having been founded in 1882 by the late J. D. Maveety. Messrs. Young and Laurie took over the paper last November and have already greatly improved and enlarged it. Mr. Young comes from Chatham, where he was for a number of years connected with The Planet. Mr. Laurie came to Prince Albert from Warden, Manitoba. Both came originally to the west from Toronto."

## WALLPAPER



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