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WHERE ARE THE VOUCHERS? COAL MATTER STILL TO FORE

Alleged That All of Them Cannot Be Located—Mr. Wm. Buchanan, the Coal Man, Wants a Full Investigation at Once.

The school coal matter is creating no end of discussion and there are no end of rumors on the street. The board of education is accused in no uncertain language of slipshod business methods, to say the least. The man on the street refuses to believe that the matter is settled by a mere say so, and he wants not only an investigation into the methods that have been in vogue during the past year, but he demands such reforms as will make it impossible for such a situation to arise again.

The Vouchers.

Teamsters have come forward and sworn that there have been no vouchers signed for coal. These men delivered the coal, and they claim that they know. Janitors say that they have not signed vouchers for coal. It is absolutely certain that coal has been delivered in car lots to the schools, and all that there is to show is the way bill of the railway company.

System No Good.

In other words it means that the present system of weighing gives little or no check on the coal business. A load of coal is weighed, and the weigh slip given, but after that the

weigh clerk or no one else had any check whatever on the business. The janitor may sign a weight voucher, but he cannot certify to the weight of the coal no more than the man in the moon.

A Peculiar Situation.

The matter of the vouchers is also coming in for a great deal of attention. No person has seen the vouchers. They are supposed to be some place in the city hall—just where no one seems exactly to know. Secretary McElhennan says they were sent down to the city treasurer's office, but it is known that the city treasurer has orders to pay the accounts when certified to by the secretary of the board and No. 2 committee.

He has nothing to do with the vouchers. If the account is certified to, it is paid, voucher or no voucher. The rumor is also gaining ground that there are no vouchers, that the accounts were paid without a voucher of any kind. That was stated to The Advertiser by a man in close touch with the board of education affairs. Whether it is more than a mere rumor, time alone will divulge. It is alleged that the vouchers are (Continued on Page Eight.)

C. P. R. KEYMEN LIKELY TO STRIKE

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Oct. 7.—There is every indication of a serious strike of C. P. R. telegraphers. The arbitration commission has just met once and even they are of the opinion that a fight is

inevitable. If the men are called out it will seriously affect railway traffic. Another meeting of the commission is to be held, but there appears to be little hope of bringing the company and men together. The men have refused an increase of 10 per cent.

Bulldog Invaded the Wrong Auto

On Saturday afternoon, Mr. James C. Duffield left his automobile standing in front of the City Hotel. When he came out he was surprised to find a big bulldog sleeping soundly on the seat.

Mr. Duffield did not like the animal's looks well enough to try to throw him out, and for nearly half an hour he and a couple of friends called the dog all the endearing names they could think of.

The dog, apparently liked the names, but made no movement to get out of the seat, and, as time was fleeing and the gentlemen wanted their car, they did not know what to do. Fortunately the owner, Mr. A. E. Brenner, arrived, and, taking in the situation, explained that he had trained the dog to remain on the seat of his own auto and keep youngsters from footing the horn. The animal had taken Mr. Duffield's auto for Mr. Brenner's, and was keeping watch faithfully.

RACE HORSES IN PERIL AS CARS JUMP RAILS

Valuable Animals Have Narrow Escape in Local Yards.

Two carloads of valuable race horses en route from the Hamilton races to the meet at Windsor had a remarkably close call from being killed in the Grand Trunk yards in the east end yesterday morning. One of the cars jumped the track at a switch near the coal chutes and stuck there, the other

car following bumped into it and then overturned. The animals in both cars were badly frightened, and in the overturned car a perfect pandemonium reigned, the animals kicking wildly in their endeavors to get free. In a short time the officials arrived on the scene and had the car righted and upon investigation it was found that while hardly an animal had escaped without being severely bruised and scratched, none of them were seriously injured. The horses belonged to J. W. McLean, the well-known horseman of Nashville, Tenn., and William Knight, of Black Rock.

A TRAGEDY OF CAPTIVE FISHES

A tragedy was enacted in the city hall this past few days that has attracted not a little attention. In the aquarium are three beautiful speckled trout, two males and a female. One of the males is much larger than the other. This is the mating season, and the battle royal for the affections of the beautiful little female began the other day. It was brief, the first struggle, and the strength of the larger fish began to tell. He gained the mastery, and ever since he has made the life of the other fish unbearable. Many were the struggles and fights they had, but the big fellow was irresistible, and he slowly and surely pushed his advantage until at last the other chap was unable to offer resistance. City Treasurer Pope did not notice the fearful struggle until this morning when he found the smaller fish floating up-turned in the aquarium. He partitioned him off, and has hopes of saving him. The speckled beauty is making a game fight for life, but he is very weak. His tail and fins are torn and his pretty side is gashed by the merciless assaults of the big fish, and it looks as if he will pay with his life the penalty of seeking the affections of another speckled beauty. It was an interesting scrap.

Dowager Lady Ilchester, of Holland House, London, is said to own the finest black pearls extant. They belonged once to the Empress Eugenie and were collected for her during ten years by Napoleon III., who gave nearly \$150,000 alone for one string.

ESCAPES THE FINE.

Des Moines, Ia., Oct. 7.—Mayor Bennett, of Fort Dodge, who recently gained fame by issuing an ordinance that all bachelors must wed within a year or pay a fine, was taken at his word yesterday by Notan Snow, a chauffeur, who eloped with the mayor's daughter, Mabel. The elopers were wed in Fort Dodge, and fled to Des Moines.

Mayor Bennett is a great believer in marriages, and so he sent an ordinance through the city council, placing a fine upon the heads of all bachelors at the end of a year. Young Snow is just in time to avoid the mayor's fine, but not the mayor's wrath.

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MR. JUSTICE TEETZEL, Who is Presiding at the Middlesex Fall Assizes.

HALF NEW BRIDGE NOW IN POSITION

Pere Marquette Railway Is Moving Along Rapidly With the Thames Structure.

A portion of the steel work of the new Pere Marquette bridge over the Thames was swung into position on Sunday.

Half the old structure was removed, and it took only about an hour to put the new part of the bridge into position and bolt and fix it. There were no trains running. The old bridge was not removed until the new bridge was ready to be swung into position. The placing of it occupied a couple of hours. The two girders placed in position yesterday were about 75 feet long, 6 feet in depth, and weighed 102,000 pounds.

TIDAL WAVE HITS S.S. UMBRIA

Considerable Damage Done to the Big Cunard Liner But No Lives Lost.

Queenstown, Oct. 6.—The Cunard liner Umbria, from New York, arrived here this morning, a day late. Her passengers were surprised by the alarmingly exaggerated reports that had gained currency owing to the vessel's delay. They state that last Sunday bad weather was encountered. On Monday matters became worse and the vessel shipped a number of heavy seas. In the course of Tuesday evening a tidal wave came over the bow. It is estimated that seventy tons of water dashed against the foremast. The lookout and the bridge were swept away, and a portion of the wreck was entangled around the mast. The immense weight of water broke in a side of the saloon, doing considerable damage there.

Three walls on the captain's bridge were broken, the canvas along the rails washed away, and a portion of the railing damaged. The passengers were much frightened, but there was no panic. The Umbria stopped for three hours. She made only 352 miles on Tuesday. The weather was also severe on Wednesday. The boat-swaing was knocked down and sustained a fracture of the leg. This was the only accident that occurred.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

Oct. 5. Reported at. From. Cagran. New York. Bremen. Sicilian Prince. New York. Bremen. Citta di Torino. New York. Bremen. Bluebird. New York. Hamburg. Umbria. Queenstown. New York. Lake Michigan. London. Montreal. Creste. Gibraltar. New York. Mount Royal. Antwerp. Montreal. Devona. Father Point. Middleboro. Lake Erie. Bimonski. Liverpool. Turen Point. Avonmouth. Southwark. Quebec. Liverpool. St. Louis. New York. Southampton. Montrose. Father Point. Antwerp.

WHO IS THIS? London, Oct. 6.—The Canadian Associated Press heard that a Canadian Liberal M. P. had been done out of \$20 by confidence operators in Paris.

London Man Crushed in a Box Car; Lumber Skidded and Pinned Him

Was Not Found Till Streetsville—Was Reached—Will Likely Lose Legs.

As a result of being caught in a lumber jam in a box car, in which he was making his way to Toronto on Saturday, John Ruth, of Maitland street south, now lies in a Toronto hospital with two badly crushed legs and other injuries.

The young man left London on Friday night with the intention of going to Toronto, where he hoped to get a position as street car man. In some manner he succeeded in conducting himself in a box car of Conductor Riley's train, which left London about nine o'clock Friday night.

Caught in Jam.

The car was half filled with heavy oak stringers, which had been so piled as to leave a space of perhaps a foot at one end of the car. Ruth seated himself at the end of the car, and allowed his feet to hang in the

space between the car and the timber. Shortly after leaving London, a sudden stop was made, and the lumber slid back against the end of the car, where Ruth was located, crushing his legs and pinning him so he could not move. He cried for help, but passing trains drowned his cries, and later he swooned from the pain.

Brakeman Found Him.

At Streetsville Junction the train stopped again, and a passing brakeman happened to hear the unfortunate young man moan, and located him.

The pain which ensued when an attempt was made to release his limbs was so excruciating that Ruth came to again. His shrieks could be heard blocks away. Word was wired to Toronto to have an ambulance in readiness, and at Toronto Junction the injured man was taken from the train to the hospital, where it was stated that in all probability the young man's legs could be saved unless complications set in.

Manhood Suffrage Vote Registrars

Although no appointments have as yet been made it is practically understood that Messrs. E. W. M. Flock, J. M. Gunn, Alex. Stuart, K. C., and G. Jarvis will be registrars appointed to supplement the ex-officio registrars, who under a new law become also act-

ing registrars. The ex-officio registrars are Judge Elliott, Local Master R. K. Cowan, and Police Magistrate Love. Judge Macbeth, Chairman of the board of registration, will not be able to act on account of business outside the city next week.

Sunday Car Petition Goes to Council

A committee of twelve, headed by the Rev. Mr. Gilpin, of the Unitarian Church of this city, will tonight present a well signed petition for Sunday street cars to the city council. It is estimated that there will be 5,000 names on the petition by this evening. An effort was made recently to place

the petitions in down town cigar stores and other places of business, but the proprietors of the various places were fearful of prejudicing business and would not give permission. Rev. Mr. Gilpin stated this morning that it had not been decided who would make up the deputation to visit the council.

Boy's Narrow Escape in the Thames

Norman Sheehy, a South End lad, son of Engineer Sheehy, of the G. T. R., who resides at 274 Hamilton road, had a close call from drowning on Sunday.

When the Pere Marquette bridge gang was placing in position the south section of the girders for the Thames bridge, Sheehy, Joe McLarnan and others made rafts out of the planks lying along the banks, and the planks, and fell into deep water. He cannot swim, and he went under twice before young McLarnan succeeded in rescuing him. Beyond a ducking in the cold water, he did not suffer any.

WHEAT PRICES SOAR IN WINNIPEG

Mr. Campbell Becher, the well-known local broker, stated today that the prospects are that there will be something sensational in wheat prices this fall and winter.

Today October wheat was quoted in Winnipeg at the highest figure of the season, namely \$1.13 1-8 cents per bushel. May wheat was quoted in Winnipeg today at \$1.14.

"Everything now depends upon the Argentine crop, which will be harvested in December," Mr. Becher said to The Advertiser. "If anything should go wrong with that crop, there is every probability that wheat with soar to around \$1.50 per bushel this winter. Wheat is scarce all over the world today."

GRIDIRON VICTIMS; TWO MORE PERISH

Portage, Pa., Oct. 7.—Thomas Bertone, 20 years old, of Altoona, Pa., received injuries during a football game Sunday that caused his death last night. Bertone was a member of the Altoona athletic team, and was playing against the Portage team. He was kicked in the head during a scrimmage. His death will result in the prosecution of those who played Sunday football.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Oct. 7.—Eugene E. Bourne, 13 years old, is dead, the first victim of football in Utah this season.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—COOLER, WET. FORECASTS.

Toronto, Oct. 7.—8 a.m. Today—Fresh to strong southwest and west winds; occasional showers, but mostly fair. Tuesday—Strong northwesterly winds; showers and cooler. TEMPERATURES. Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather. Calgary. 49. 34. Fair. Winnipeg. 38. 24. Fair. Port Arthur. 36. 34. Cloudy. Parry Sound. 59. 42. Cloudy. Toronto. 56. 42. Fair. Ottawa. 45. 46. Cloudy. Montreal. 48. 46. Rain. Quebec. 42. 38. Cloudy. The first column records the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperature during the 24 hours previous. WEATHER NOTES. An area of low pressure which was over Northern Saskatchewan on Saturday has moved very quickly southeastward to the great lakes, whence it is likely to move eastward into the St. Lawrence Valley. The weather continues fine and moderate in the West. In the West, however, and somewhat unsettled, with occasional showers in the Maritime Provinces. Cautionary signals are displayed at all lake points. YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES. Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, Saturday, 49.5-56; Sunday, 49.5-59; Dawson, 38-41; Atlin, 42-50; Vancouver, 50-64; Kamloops, 50-68; Calgary, 46-62; Edmonton, 34-62; Regina, 45-56; Port Arthur, 42-48; Parry Sound, 52-54; Toronto, 36-57; Ottawa, 38-54; Montreal, 36-52; Quebec, 36-48; Halifax, 36-52.

FALL ASSIZES OPENED TODAY; THIRTY CASES ON THE DOCKET

Mr. Justice Teetzel, a Middlesex Boy, Is Presiding—Murder Case Will Probably Take Place Tuesday. Another Criminal case

The fall assizes before Mr. Justice Teetzel opened at the court house at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Thomas Turnbull of Lobo Township, was elected foreman of the grand jury which was two members short when the roll was called.

In charging the grand jury his lordship said: "You have two serious cases before you, one of murder and one of rape. Both are capital offences, but I must state to you that it is customary among judges nowadays to impose imprisonment instead of hanging for the latter crime."

A Legal Point.

His lordship stated that according to the law a man could be found guilty of murder even where death had not actually resulted, if a motive and the intention could be proven. The Noah case, which they would be called upon to hear, was, he said, somewhat along that order of a case. So far as he understood the evidence Noah an dthe murdered man Fox had been good friends up to a few moments before the murder. A few words had ensued, and the

defendant was alleged to have buried a knife to the hilt in the deceased's forehead. If such an act was committed by the defendant, in the opinion of the jury, then a true bill should be returned.

Thirty Cases.

Of the thirty cases entered for the assizes, four have been settled, and it is expected that a settlement will be reached in a number of others out of court.

The following actions are known to have been settled: Jury—Weaver vs. C. P. R.—Terms unknown. J. C. Elliott for plaintiff.

Gibbons vs. G. T. R.—Basis of \$1,575. Fitzgerald & Fitzgerald for plaintiff.

Allister v. G. T. R.—Terms unknown. J. F. Faulds for plaintiff.

Brooks v. White — Terms not known. Faulds for plaintiff; T. G. Meredith for defendants.

Non-Jury—McIntosh vs. McEaster—No terms given out. Meredith, Judd & Meredith for plaintiff; J. C. Elliott for defendant.

The Handling of the Synod Funds; Matter Is Not as Yet Finally Settled

The movement in the Synod of Huron to place the funds at its disposal in the hands of a trust company has not yet reached a conclusion. The matter came up for discussion at the last synod, and a special committee was appointed to make the arrangements for the transfer.

The committee have been in communication with many trust companies and have received offers from at least eight of these concerns. The committee has reported previously that the final arrangements have not yet been completed.

It was rumored that the Toronto General Trusts Company had been given the money, but such was denied at the synod offices this morning.

It will be some months before the matter is adjusted, was the opinion expressed in the offices this morning. The sum involved is in the neighborhood of \$750,000, the endowment funds of the synod. It was the intention at first to do away with the synod officers altogether and allow the trust company to handle all the funds of the church, but this was found to be impracticable, and the trust company will only handle the endowment funds. At present the money is invested by a committee appointed by the synod for that purpose. There was a permanent secretary, who worked with the committee. It is expected that the new arrangement will save a considerable sum of money.

WOULD MAKE IDEAL COAL INSPECTOR

"Inspector of Coal" will be the next official title of City Engineer Graydon, so it is said. Last week the R. E. O. A. drew up a resolution to the effect that as the City Engineer could do more work than at present, why not make him Inspector of buildings? Of course the Engineer said "Fine. Come again," and in response to that the coal inspectorship will be tendered him at once.

It is presumed that he has not troubles enough, and that he is due for a little more. When he was accosted this morning, he said: "Sure enough; make me Inspector of highways, byways, hedges, stars and firmaments, storms

and tempests, earthquakes, and pestilences—any old thing. I just love excitement. What's trouble to me?" and then he sighed.

ATTACKED THE GUARDS.

Tobolsk, Siberia, Oct. 7.—A gang of convicts who were being escorted from Tyumen, Eastern Siberia, attacked their guards yesterday and wounded six of them. The guards fired on the convicts, twenty-two of whom were killed. Eleven of the prisoners escaped with rifles which they wrested from the members of the escort in the hand-to-hand fight which followed the outbreak.

THE FIRE FIEND CLAIMS TWO IN A TORONTO LODGING-HOUSE

Mother and Child Dead in an Early Morning Blaze.

Toronto, Oct. 7.—Asleep in the upper flats of a frame tailor shop at 156 York street, twelve persons were caught by an outbreak of fire at an early hour on Sunday morning. Two lives were lost, and others escaped by jumping from windows. Five who remained in the building, were brought out unconscious from the heavy smoke after the firemen were able to reach them. The casualty list is as follows:

Dead. Jennie Ornsteln, aged 7, daughter of Harry Ornsteln, tailor, 156 York street.

Injured. Mrs. Annie Ornsteln, aged 24, wife of Harry Ornsteln. Terribly burned and suffering from smoke fumes.

Clara Ornsteln, aged 1½ years, burned and inhaled smoke. Will recover.

Harry Ornsteln, aged 27 father of Ornsteln family. Suffering from burns and effects of smoke. Condition serious.

Benjamin Elstein, aged 23, severely burned and suffering from fumes. Condition serious.

Arnold Greenfield, aged 30, seriously burned and injured in jumping from the first story to the ground. Condition serious.

Frank Swartz, aged 18, burned about head and body, with injuries received in jumping from the first story.

Mary Isaacs, aged 21, slightly burned, and injured by fall through roof of the shed in the rear. She will recover.

Dora Isaacs, aged 25, has slight burns and injuries through fall. Condition not serious.

Frightened Persons Jumped. Flames bursting through a plate glass window attracted the attention of Police Constable Latremouille, who was near the corner of York and Richmond streets at 3:30 a.m.

He ran to the front of the building in time to see two night-robed figures about to jump from the windows of the first story. As the fire had not yet reached that part of the building, he called to them to hold back. One of them hesitated a second and dropped 25 feet to the sidewalk, almost on top of the officer. They were Arnold Greenfield and Frank Swartz, lodgers in the house. They were carried across the street half smothered from smoke and stunned by their fall.

At the rear, Dora and Mary Isaacs, also lodgers in the house, dropped five feet to the roof of a shed, and were followed by Harry Ornsteln, proprietor of the tailor shop, with his son, Harry, in his arms. Their combined weight broke through the roof and they were precipitated through it to the ground, ten feet below. There remained in the building Mrs. Annie Ornsteln, with her baby, Clara, one and a half years old; Jennie Ornsteln, her daughter, aged 7; Louis Elstein and his wife, and Benjamin Elstein, other lodgers.

An alarm from the corner of Adelaide and York streets brought the firemen from the Bay street and Lombard street halls, and, by means of ladders raised to the upper windows, those who had not been able to escape were brought out. Within ten minutes after the firemen appeared flames had been subdued sufficiently to allow them to get into the building.