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HAMILTON, CANADA. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1909.

ALDERMEN BLAME THE SCHOOL BOARD

Increases This Year.

The civic employees who are applying the school fees, which would have netted for salary increases will probably know before to-morrow how they are going to fare. This afternoon the Finance Committee, civic chairman and heads of departments will have a private session to go over the estimates, and it is likely that the question of whether there are that the question of whether there are price last year. The lumber contract to be any increases this year will be goes to W. J. McAllister at \$26.45 a to be any increases this year will be decided upon. A number of the aldermen, in view of the shortage of funds, favor throwing out all the increases this year, and at present it looks as if not single applicant will be favored with an increase. The aldermen say that what little chance the employees had of getting an increase was lost when the Board of Education refused to restore

BAD HUSBAND

His Wife Swore He Abused He

For 20 Years.

The Boarding House Sneak Thief

Caught at Last.

A. A. Goetz, of Franklin House,

Fined \$100.

Notwithstanding that she has been

married to him for twenty years, that

she has borne him ten children, and

that she is reaching an age at which she should be cared for by other hands

than her own, Mrs. Josephine McDonald,

wife of Daniel McDonald, who is em-

ployed at the steel plant, and who lives at 213 Barton street east, stood in the

witness stand at Police Court this morn-

ing, and, with her three-months-old baby

crying in her arms, bravely told the

court that she wanted an absolute sep

aration from her husband. "I will not

take one cent of support from him; all

I want is to be left alone and in safety

live. I was support them better than he has ever attempted to do." Last night he was arrested on a warrant sworn out by his wife, who charged him

with assault.

At Police Court this morning he was defended by M. J. O'Reilly, K. C., who pleaded not guilty in his behalf.

Mrs. McDonald took the stand, while

pretty daughter, who has been com-elled to leave school and work, sat-olding the youngest child. "He struck

ig bills and the merchants depend on the to pay them little by little. The bree children working give me every ent of their money; they never keep a ve-cent piece," said she, "How many children have you?"

Ten."
Were they all turned out in the

"Hasn't she been a regular slave for

"I suppose so," admitted the prisoner

you and those ten children for twenty years?" asked Magistrate Jelfs stern-

GETS CHANCE.

The Board of Works Department will and feet. Edward New was award

CREW SAVED.

New York Feb 17 - The four-casted hooner Miles M. Merry went ashore early to-day near the life-saving station at Moriches, L. I. She carried a crew of twelve men, all of whom were taken off n the breeches buoys by the crew from the station. he station. The schooner was bound rom Boston for Norfolk and was un

ANTIQUITIES SOLD.

from him, and I and my children will looms at Montreal.

Montreal, Feb. 16.-Heirlooms from the First Empire in France, Scottish furniture of the Georgian period, Sheffurniture of the Georgian period, Sheffield plate silver of one hundred years
ago, two pictures, "The Ascension of the
Holy Ghost," alleged to have been painted by Raphael: quaint engravures from
paintings of Sir Edwin Landseer; a cut
glass decanter made in Scotland, and an
imposing collection of dusty tomes and
invaluable reminiscences of the troublous
times in western Europe and of the
more peaceful days of the latter seignorial regime in Lower Canada, passed
under the mallet of the auctioneer today in the house at 140 Metcalfe street,
the last resting place of Monseigneur
Ramsay, a notable figure in the latter
seignorial history of Canada. a pelled to leave school and work, sat holding the youngest child. "He struck me last night because I was trying to defend one of my children from him," said she. "He then put us all out in the snow and cold, but that was the third time he has put us out of the house in the middle of the night, and threatened to kill us if we came back." Mrs. McDonaid said that her husband never came in at night that he did not have something harsh to say to her. Last night she met him at the door, and brushed the snow off of his coat. "Take off your coat and collar and come to supper," she said to him with a smile.

Rye Among It.

Paid Damages and Costs and Got

with you?"
he first two times they were, but
five were turned out last night."
. O'Reilly took up the cross-exam-Off on Suspended Sentence.

husband?" he asked.
"He has never done anything but
abuse me. I have been his slave for
twenty years and I am done with him Woodstock, Feb. 17.—The culmination of one of the most remarkable cases ever heard in the police court here came this ow."
"Oh! I suppose you want him to supmorning, when Wesley West paid into court, on behalf of Herman Beare and of 147. port you?"
"No, I don't want a cent of his money. If he is ordered to support the money take a "No, I don't want a cent of his money. If he is ordered to support the children he can, but I won't take a cent. Three of the children can work, and I can, and that will support us."
"Do you want him sent to jail?"
"No, I don't. I would like to have him bound over to keep the peace and stay away from me, but I don't want him to go to jail."

McDonald was called and said his wife egged his children on to buildoze. Thomas Howard, two young men from Elenheim township, the sum of \$43.65. Beare and Howard had previously been found guilty by Magistrate Ball of sov ye in fifteen acres of wheat on the of William Forman, of Blenheim. Howard told how they went at midnight with a bag of rye, and how Beare carried the bag several times around the field and distributed the grain, damaging the crop to the extent of 890, in the estimation of Forman. The defendants had to pay \$25 damages to Forman, and \$18.65, being the costs of the case, and were released on suspended sentence. It was suggested at the trial that the action of the young men was due to their desire to get revenge on Forman, who Howard told how they went at midnight wife egged his children on to buildoze him, and that the trouble of last night was started because one of the children wanted him to be locked up for some-"Wasn't that something striking me?" asked the wife. "I only pushed you," said the hus-

porhood.

PEMBROKE FINED \$500. Buffalo, Feb. 17.—William Pembroke, whose place in Cheektowaga was raided recently, occasioned by a big cock fight, yesterday pleaded guilty in Supreme Court to an indictment charging him with witnessing a cock fight, and was fined \$500, which he paid. In the raid several Hamilton, Ont., men were caught, as well as several from Erie, Cleveland and other places—76 in all. These were fined various amounts from \$5 to \$100. "I suppose so," admitted the prisoner with hanging head.
"Don't you think she deserves something better than that?"
"You have certainly abused me all the time we have been married," said the wife. "I have carried cuts and bruises nearly all the time. The husband hung his head and said nothing.
Magistrate Jelfs decided that this publicity could help in a large way to bring McDonald to a proper sense of his 2uty towards the woman he had taken for a

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Dr. J. M. Barrie Says:

What I call the Arcadia, in my lady Nicotine, is the celebrated Craven, smoking mixture which is a delightful blend of fine tobaccos. It is sold for 75 cents a tin at peace's cigar type, 107 King street east.

Lima Beans.

Lima beans, small white beans, split peas, green French beans, green split peas, Dal, split peas, pearl barley, peach, Dal, split peas, pearl barley, peas, Dal, split peas, pearl barley, peas, Dal, split peas, pearl barley, peas, Dal, split peas, green French beans, split peas, green French beans, split peas, Dal, sp

CAST OUT BY HIS OWN AT AGE OF 104 YEARS.

For City's Inability to Grant Any Salary William Atkinson Taken to Cells as a Trespasser, But is Befriended Niagara District Growers Say Talk of Failure By People Who Never Saw Him Before.

them sons and the other four daughters. and in addition has raised George Ayers, stepson, from infancy.
Despite this unique record this pioneer

of Hamilton was ignominiously thrust into a police cell last night, charged with trespassing on the premises of his stepson, George Ayers, who lives at 94 Leeming street.

years and four the old landmark saw the inside of a police cell, and according to the story the police told, he was en

to the story the police told, he was entirely blameless in the matter,

"There ought to be a law here such as exists in the Old Country," said Magistrate Jelfs, "making it criminal for a son to neglect either father or mother if he is at all able to assist in providing for them. It is absolutely disgraceful."

The policemen making the assess the same of the country of the countr

The policemen making the arrest were so disgusted with the job that was foisted on them that they were freely talking to-day of the injustice of things when such a man as Atkinson was lock ed up. "It was the worst thing we ever had to do. I tell you, boys, it was a disgrace," said Constable Tom Brown, d up. —It was the worst thing we ever index to do to do. I tell you, boys, it was a lisgrace," said Constable Tom Brown, peaking for himself and Constable Sam dikin, who was with him when they were given the warrant.

Yesterday afternoon a quiet-looking speaking for himself and Constable Sam Aikin, who was with him when they

WERE SAVED.

Nearly 200 Men Were Entombed in

Those Rescued Were Severely Bur-

ned-Others Still in Mine.

Newcastle, Eng., Feb. 16.-A terrible

lisaster has occurred at West Stanley,

small mining town twelve miles dis-

tant, in which it is feared 180 lives have

been lost. There were two explosions at 4 o'clock this afternoon in West

Stanley colliery, which employs 400 men.

Nearly 200 of the men were in the pit

at the time and up to a late hour to-night none of them have come to the surface, although rappings have been heard, and it is supposed these are from some of the miners who escaped death from the explosion and the fire which followed it.

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Almost immediately after the explosion flames burst through the shaft, scorching the workers at the pit head and blowing out the fencing and apparatus at the entrance to the mine. The flames spread rapidly, and it was impossible for the rescuing party to descend into the workings. Thousands of anxious people gathered at the mouth of the pit, but for hours the fire burned furiously. At midnight it was still impossible to attempt a rescue and it will be many hours before the entrance is cleared.

An explosion involving the loss of velve lives occurred at the same col

32 FOUND ALIVE.

of the mine this afternoon without finding any further signs of life, but the did discover the bodies of a score of men who apparently had succumbed tafter-damp. Only thirty-seven men hav

been brought up alive out of a tota

OUT ON BAIL

Firemen and Three Brakemen to be

Tried in Connection With Collision.

(Special Despatch to the Times.)

Guelph, Ont., Feb. 17.-Charged with

manslaughter, the fireman and three brakemen of the train drawn by engine

No. 584, which caused the fatal collision near Harriston on Jan. 14, when En-

gineer Smith and Brakeman Rool were

trate Saunders and were committed without further evidence than that

of the inquest to stand trial with Engineer Kennedy and Fireman

32 MINERS

William Atkinson is 104 years old this ear.

woman called on Magistrate Jelfs and 6 o'clock when the old man was taken said she was Mrs. George Ayers. She there, and Constable Steward, who was the has raised nine children, five of them sons and the other four daughters, with an old man who was stopping with

"Oh, no just a stepfather," said the

woman.

"Why don't you put him out of the house if he has no right there and does not pay board?" queried the Magistrate.

This did not seem to suit the woman, and she asked for a warrant for the

and she asked for a warrant for the arrest of the man she complained of. Margistrate Jelfs at last decided to issue the warrant, and charged the man with trespass. He delivered the warrant to the police and told them at the time that if the man complained against would leeve the house willingly they were not to execute it.

Constables Brown and Alkin were given the warrant and went to the house at 94 Leeming street. They saw a trunk on the front lawn in the snow, and Mrs. Ayers was anxiously waiting for them to get rid of her charge. The old man couldn't understand what was going on, but when the warrant was read to him and he was told he was under arrest the shock almost killed him. He soon recovered, however, and, with calm dig. nicy, refused the assistance the officers tendered him and walked to the patrol elicibe Healing and the warrant was read to him and walked to the patrol elicibe Healing and healing healing healing and healing healing healing healing healin

address of the old man. He led him kindly out to the cells and, drawing a bench out of a cell, put some soft articles on it. He then put the bench near the furnace, where there was plenty of warmth, and told the old man to lie lown on it. The old man could do nothing but bewail the ingratitude of the man he said he had raised from infancy

and told him of the action of the Mag-istrate, but he could not see his way

TRAGEDY IN A TAXICAB.

Young Girl Shot and Killed by Her Companion in New York.

He Orders the Driver to Drive to a Hospital and Suicides.

Hospital Was Reached.

Reading, Pa., Feb. 17.-While speeding along in a taxicab here early to-day Stella Rocktossel, 18, was shot and Willed, and her companion, George E. Kraut, 20, after directing the chauffeur to hurto a hospital, turned the revolve that killed the girl upon himself and sent a bullet into his own heart, dying almost instantly.

The couple engaged the taxicab in th chauffeur, Lewis Becke was startled by the report of a shot in-side the cab. A moment later, Becker declares, the man in the cab yelled to him excitedly to drive to a hospital, and

rounds he said he heard a second shot side the cab.

Halting at the hospital door, the oung woman was found dead in a heap in the seat of the cab, with a bullet cound in her head. The bullet had passive or the cound in her head. The bullet had passive or the cound in her head. completely through her head.

hurried examination of the

showed, too, that he was dead, having shot himself through the heart. Kraut

SUDDEN CALL.

John Hanrahan, Nelson House, Died This Morning.

id in Jarvis and vicinity that he has made good. I like that sort ed upon learning of the death of Mr. John Hanrahan, proprietor of the Nelson House, King street east. Last Saturday Mr. Hanrahan was in his usual good

Only three months ago Mr. Hanrahan cas married to Miss Byrnes, of this ity. He was of a quiet and retiring isposition, kind hearted and generous, and was a consistent member of St. Patrick's Church. He is survived by his widow, two brothers, Thomas and James, the latter on the old homestead, and three sisters, Wrs. Spence and Mrs. Rowe, Torento, and Mrs. Ellard, Wel-

Nelson House on Friday morning at 8.30 to St. Patrick's Church.

PRESENTATION TO RUSSELL

After closing last night, the fellow-employes of Mr. Harry Russell, the popular manager of the R. McKay & Co., presented him with a beautiful grandfather's clock of Russian oak and an address full of good wishes and good advice, for Harry is about to become a benedict.

SATISFIED WITH PEACH OUTLOOK.

is All Bosh.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Beamsville, Feb. 16 .- A number of the best known peach growers in the Niagara Peninsula gave your correspondent the following information this afternoo relative to the alarmist rumors that 90 per cent, of the peach buds were winter

had taken the trouble to cut a large number of branches from several different varieties. He found 40 per cent, in good condition. "Just what we always expect." said he, and quite as large a crop'as is necessary.

Mr. Harvey Peart, manager of the Experimental Farm, expressed his opin-

ion that it was all bosh, and the re-ports were not worth considering. "There'll be as many peaches as ever,"

"There'll be as many peaches as ever," said Mr. Peart,
Mr. Joseph Tweedle, nurseryman,
near Fruitland, didn't grow many
peaches, but he had heard that Mr. J.
M. Smith, the well known grower near
Winona, had found some buds in badshape on the tops of the trees.
At Grimsby Park, Mr. James Marlowe
knows what peaches are, and generally
raises some fine ones. He had found
buds at the top of the trees frozen, but
through the centre and lower portions
they were all right. He expected to
get his usual crop.

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S. M. Gulp, dealer and grower, of Clinton Township, had no fear of a peach crop. A 30 per cent, yield was large enough anyway.

In Time to Save Lives

Narrow Escape of Family of Mr. Michael Cummings.

The household of Mr. Michael

Cummings, 110 Inchbury street

had a narrow escape from being burned to death last night. Mr Cummings is 80 years of age, and his wife 78. The latter has been ill for some time, and a girl of 16, a relative, was brought here some aged lady. The girl slept on a couch in the same room as Mrs. Cummings. Mr. John Cummings, son of the old couple, and his family, live next door, at 108 About 11 o'clock last night John, who had not vet retired, heard a motion in his father's house, and, running to his door saw dense smoke coming from the door and window of his father's He went in and found the couch the place full of smoke. The girl and Mr. Cummings, sen., were do ing their best to put out the fire with pails of water. there was no time to go to the nearest telephone to send in an alarm. John wrapped the bedcarried her and the clothes out sisted, and the fire was put out Mr. Cummings shudders at the thought of what might have hap pened if he and his family had en asleep. In all probability both houses would have been burn ed, and some lives lost.

Under an archway between two oms in the old folks' house is a self-feeder stove. The young girl had been trying to light a piece of paper in this, and thus se

STORM'S DOINGS.

Sandusky in Darkness and All Wires and Poles Down.

Communication Not Restored--Fruit Trees Destroyed. A large circle of friends in this city

world by wire since 6 o'clock Sunday More Hanrahan was in his usual good health. On Sunday morning he was taken ill, and on Monday morning was removed to St. Joseph's Hospital for an operation, as the only means of saving his life. The surgeons found that he had a very acute attack of peritonitis, but were surprised to find a well-developed cancer, of which Mr. Hanrahan had been entirely ignorant. It was apparent that nothing would save his life, and he passed away this morning. Mr. Hanrahan, who was about 50 years of age, came to this city seventeen years ago with his brother, Mr. Thomas Hanrahan, norporietor of the Hotel Hanrahan, and bought the Simcee Hotel, King street east. Two years later the deceased bought the Nelson House from the late Anthony Koch, who later lost his life in an effort to save his wife and children from being burned to death in the fire which destroyed his hotel, the Queen's, corner of Bay and Stuart streets.

Only three months ago Mr. Hanrahan

TOPONTO RISHOP night, when the last telegraph line be

TORONTO BISHOP.

Canon Cody and Bishop Thornloe the Men Favored.

Toronto, Feb. 17.-The names to b esented to the synod are those of Bishop Thornloe, of Algoma, and Canon Bishop Thornloe, of Algoma, and Canon Cody, of St. Paul's Church, of Toronto, who represent the high and low sec-tions of the church respectively. In the event of a possible deadlock over these two men the names of Canon Welch, of St. James Cathedral, Toronto, and Bishop Richardson, of Fredericton, N. B., are expected to be presented to the synod.

CONDITIONS ARE BETTER.

Not Nearly as Much Poverty as Last Winter.

President Chamberlain of British Welcome League

Tells an Interesting Story of Work Among Poor.

Although reports from every part of the country last fall indicated that this would be one of the hardest winters the poor and unemployed of Canada experienced in many years, Albert Chamcome League of Toronto, who was a that conditions are not nearly as bad as they were a year ago. And Mr. Chamberlain should know something about it. He spends five or six nights about it. He spends five or six nights out of every seven with a small army of the unemployed, and he has been doing so for two years, ever since the league of which he is head was formed. At the Cecil Hotel, where he was registered, Mr. Chamberlain spoke entertainingly last night of the work the British Welcome League is accomplishing. The experiences of this body should prove of more than ordinary interest to Hamiltonians in view of the proposal of the associated charities to establish a lodging house here. While the objects of the proposed lodging house and the league are widely different there is enough similarity in the matter of maintenance and operation to give an idea of what the local institution is likely to cost.

British Welcome League," said namberlain, "was formed about ars ago at a meeting called by the S. O. E. Hall and at which I president. We rented a paying \$100 a month, re-from the Ontario Govern-to work to furnish and

tistaction.

The amount required per month for neral expenses for carrying on this ork is a little over \$350. The funds nearly all provided by subscript a citizens of Toronto, although me has received remittances for assistance there when they first came to this country. No man is allowed to stay at the home more than two nights, and a very systematic check is kept. Exceptions are made in the cases of men with large families.

One night," said Mr. Chamberlain, "we had 342 people housed there, and of these 129 were babies. I think that is a record,"

Mr. Chamberlain spoke last night at

the meeting of Britannia Lodge, S. E. He has been asked to give a lecture with lantern views on February 3

DEBATE IN HOUSE.

Mr. Allan Studholme Will Talk If Nobody Else Will.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Toronto, Ont., Feb. 17 .- Although not official, there seems no doubt whatever that a debate will follow the moving and seconding of the address in reply to the speech from the throne by Hearst (Sault Ste, Marie) and Johnston (West Hastings) this afternoon. It is understood on good authority that the Prenier's request to Hon. A. G. McKay that there be no debate was not complied with.

with.

Certainly the speech does not, on t face of it, show great chances for a clutte. It is expected, however, that it an Studholme will speak. The Government has laid out a strenuous da work for to-morrow, with 39 bills on tapper and all ready.

The chairmanships of committees we remain unchanged, except that MeD remain unchanged, except that MeD

remain unchanged, except that McDe mott will succeed Hon, James Duff of

the synod.

The best talker is the best thinker and the best listener.—Fig. ida Times-rick's Church next Sunday evening, i aid of the Ladies' Benevolent Society.

thousand feet. Edward New was awarded the gravel contract at figures about 20 per cent. below last year. The asphalt contract goes to the California Asphalt Sales Agency. The price is \$25 a harrel. The lowest tender for wood blocks was

Four Masted Schooner Goes Ashore a Second Time.

from Boston for Norfolk and was unloaded. She was ashore at the same point on Long Island last year. She is a vessel of 1.317 tons.

A TOTAL LOSS.

Portland, Me., Feb, 17.—A despatch from Captain Farrow, of the schooner Miles M. Merry, ashore at Meriches, L. L. to the owners, J. S. Winslow & Co., received to-day, Mated that the vessel had blown high up on the beach and would probably prove a total loss.

The Merry sailed from Boston on the 11th inst., for Newport News. Capt. Farrow was in charge temporarily, owing to the illness of Captain Fickett, the regular master. The Merry was built at Bath, Me., in 1901, and is valued at \$35,000.

Rare Collection of Ramsay Heir-

SPOILED THE WHEAT

Two Blenheim Young Men Sowed

desire to get revenge on Forman, who was said to be unpopular in the neigh-

Lima Beans.

THE MAN IN **OVERALLS**

English Mine. It must have been a proud moment for the Hon. Lieut. Governor when, as the representative of the King, he read the speech from the throne to the assem-bled ministers and legislators yesterday. Flames Followed the Explosion Scorching the Workers.

That Mexican theatre fire pressed home the question, Could such a thing Both Found Dead In Vehicle When happen in Hamilton?

Now when there is talk about selling the Hughson Street School, the play-grounds promotors might get into execu-tive session and utter a protest.

How many of these disorderly houses are there in this city anyway? At that are it will take quite a while to weed here out. And people were telling me that the ld-fashioned winters were out of

Don't forget that whatever the ex-pense of the hydro-electric power, the city, if it goes into it, will have to pay everything, and take all risks for thirty years. The Government is not respon-sible for a cent—not even for its own blunders.

as it is proposed to treat Engineer Mc-Callum there might have been a differ-ent story to tell.

Evidently the "sweat box" is more or less of an institution in Canada. Chief Justice Meredith denounced the treatment accorded a girl in Toronto while

I am half inclined to agree with a cor-

32 FOUND ALIVE.

Newcastle, Eng., Feb. 17.—After rescue work had progressed all night in the shaft of the colliery at West Stanley, a small mining town near here, where a disastrous explosion occurred yesterday afternoon, entombing notarly 200 men, the mine was cleared as far as the second level, where 32 men were found alive this morning. Most of them, however, were severely injured.

The rescuers reached the bottom level of the mine this afternoon without find-

lacks, and that he is prepared to show

of talk. The snowfall was not an unmixed evil. The farmers wanted it for their winter wheat, to moisten the thirsty land and to supply water for man and beast. It also gave many an idle man a day or

Perhaps Mr. Studholme will be able to the matter of the technical college. We are all waiting.

SAVED BY POLICE.

Soldier Lay Down on G. T. R. Tracks to Sleep.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Kingston, Ont., Feb. 17.-William Sargent, a young member of B buttery, R. C. H. A., can thank Officers Mullinger and Davis, of the police force, that he is not a mangled corpse this morning. Last night, while in a drunken stupor, he lay down on the G. T. R. track, where ing. Barely had be been moved from his precations bed when the suburban train thundered by. Sargent was ar-raigned in the Police Court this morning on the charge of drunkenness, but was transferred to the military authorities for trial by court-martial.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES

To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuable TRADERS BANK OF CANADA.

CONGRESS EXTRA SESSION. Washington, Feb. 17.—The extra se sion of Congress will be convened on March 15th. This date was definitely settled to-day and President-elect Tait

Engineer Kennedy and Fireman Fleming at the assizes opening on Feb. 23. The men are Fireman Frank T. Lane, Front Brakeman W. J. Alexander, Rear Brakeman A. B. Burgman and Flagman Harvey Jackson, and they were all served in Stratford yesterday. They are now out on bail, the following Stratford men going security: Messrs. Dawn, R. R. Cassin, W. J. McCully, Norval J. Babb, T. Bruner, Hamilton and Moulton. The Cherry Tree Contributes its bark to the manufac-ture of Cherry Cough Cure. This bark

is combined with horehound, white pine, elecampane, Balm of Gilead and other balms that are beneficial to coughs, 25c, per bottle, Parke & Parke, draggist. The man who has only a quarter to spend for his dinner doesn't need an appetizer. authorized the announcement.