

Perfect Eclipse of Moon Attracts Thousands.

MYSTERIOUS FIRES CONTINUE

For Fifth Time Albert Street House Is Ablaze.

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Today's Weather—Fine and Mild.

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Sun Rises 6:36—Sun Sets 6:20.

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Western "U" Governors to Start Campaign for Funds—Owner of House, Fired Five Times in Two Weeks, Driven to Distraction By Mystery and Suspense—Senators Pay Tributes to Sir George Ross—Ambassador Page Asked by U. S. Senate to Explain London Speech.

LUNA LOOKED LIKE IMPRISONED SUFF FOR OVER AN HOUR

That Is to Say, She Was Nearly Obscured, For a Full Eighty-Five Minutes.

ECLIPSE OF THE MOON

Unlike G. T. R. and Street Railway Old Moon Keeps Nearly Within Her Schedule.

MANY WITNESS EVENT

First Perceptible Darkening at 9:48 P.M. Wednesday and Continued Until 11:13.

Fair Luna, that orb of which the poets have sung and of which much indifferent verse has been written, was almost obliterated last night for a short interval of time, when the shadow of the earth was projected upon its face.

Precisely at 9:43 o'clock yesterday afternoon the moon rose as usual, a little to the north of the east horizon, and following the program adopted many years since, mounted higher in the sky, reaching the zenith at midnight.

When Shadow Started.

The first perceptible darkening was noticed at 9:48, when a shadow began to steal over the edges of the bright circle. From that time the black covering was seen to increase in size until by 11:13 o'clock ninety-two-one-hundredths of the moon was hidden. Only a narrow strip of the lower part of the disc was visible at that time, its shape being that of a flat-end crescent whose horns pointed upwards from the south end.

The Moon and the Railways.

For years the Grand Trunk and the London Street Railway Companies have been trying to run their cars and trains on scheduled time. Everyone knows the result.

For once upon one the old moon has been sailing its astral course, and has never been behind time one hair-split second.

She was due to get behind the shadow of the earth last night at 9:42. Those who looked out at 9:41 could have hummed to the baby for an extra minute, and looked out again at 9:42 without the reflection. Old Mother Earth then began to throw her shadow over the pole orb and she gradually obscured fair Luna until at 11:13 all but eight one-hundredths were behind the curtain of darkness. Then but a delicate crescent of the moon remained.

Extraordinary Eclipse.

There are frequent eclipses of the moon, but none has ever been more grandly staged than that of last night. Soaring above the eastern horizon, the moon was a milk-white disk, grown from last Thursday, when it was born into the sky, a fledgling.

Thousands of London people watched the eclipse, and hundreds of thousands in the United States and Canada, for the phenomenon was visible almost over the whole of North America. Scores of glasses were turned upon the eclipse and the astral spectacle had a large audience.

STREET CAR DELAYS

Yesterday's Records of "Hold-ups" at Level Crossings.

Crossing.	Time.	Lost.
G.T.R.—Richmond	2:28-2:34 p.m.	6 min.
G.T.R.—Richmond	2:42-2:48 p.m.	5 min.
G.T.R.—Richmond	2:50-2:56 p.m.	5 min.
G.T.R.—Richmond	3:02-3:08 p.m.	5 min.
G.T.R.—Richmond	3:10-3:16 p.m.	5 min.
G.T.R.—Richmond	3:18-3:24 p.m.	5 min.
G.T.R.—Richmond	3:26-3:32 p.m.	5 min.
G.T.R.—Richmond	3:34-3:40 p.m.	5 min.
G.T.R.—Richmond	3:42-3:48 p.m.	5 min.
G.T.R.—Richmond	3:50-3:56 p.m.	5 min.
G.T.R.—Richmond	3:58-4:04 p.m.	5 min.
G.T.R.—Richmond	4:06-4:12 p.m.	5 min.
G.T.R.—Richmond	4:14-4:20 p.m.	5 min.
G.T.R.—Richmond	4:22-4:28 p.m.	5 min.
G.T.R.—Richmond	4:30-4:36 p.m.	5 min.
G.T.R.—Richmond	4:38-4:44 p.m.	5 min.
G.T.R.—Richmond	4:46-4:52 p.m.	5 min.
G.T.R.—Richmond	4:54-5:00 p.m.	5 min.
G.T.R.—Richmond	5:02-5:08 p.m.	5 min.
G.T.R.—Richmond	5:10-5:16 p.m.	5 min.
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G.T.R.—Richmond	6:30-6:36 p.m.	5 min.

HYDRO COMMISSION WOULD KILL OPPOSITION COMPANY

Opposes Renewal of Charter to Welland and Niagara Power Company on Ground That No Use Has Been Made of It.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, March 12.—The hydro-electric commission wants to kill the Welland and Niagara Power Company, and this morning asked the bills committee not to renew its charter.

When the committee met, Claude Macdonnell read a letter from the secretary of the hydro-commission, stating that the charter was first granted the company 26 years ago, and had never been made use of, and for this reason it should not be extended. The company, in addition, was asking for authority to develop power along the Welland Canal

WILL INSTITUTE CAMPAIGN TO GET UNIVERSITY FUNDS

Western's Board of Governors Decides to Start as Soon as Government Will Give Assurance of an Annual Grant.

At a meeting of the board of governors of the Western University, held yesterday afternoon in the City Hall, it was decided to commence a campaign for the raising of funds as soon as the Government took steps to assure the university of an annual grant. The board is expecting that the sum of \$20,000 annually will be granted, and once the official sanction has been given an active movement to secure funds will be undertaken.

A. W. White, chairman of the committee which was appointed to consider candidates for the presidency of the university, reported that several new names were being considered. No decision had been reached by the committee and consequently no recommendation was made.

At the present time the chairmanship of the board of governors is vacant. Chancellor Meredith recently resigned the office and C. R. Somerville was named as his successor. The latter declined to accept the offer, and until he has returned to the city, when an attempt will be made to have him reconsider his decision, the matter will be left in abeyance.

Those present at the meeting were T. J. Murphy, acting chairman; Dr. Waugh, J. H. Chapman, A. T. Little, A. W. White,

T. H. Purdom, K. C., and President James.

In connection with the long drawn agitation for financial recognition of the Western University, The Advertiser has compiled the succession duties paid to the Ontario Government in the counties immediately surrounding London. It has been argued that the Government should consider the amount sent each year to the provincial treasury in the claim for aid. In the public accounts of the province of Ontario for the year ending October, 1913, it is shown that the counties from which the Western should draw its patronage sent about \$100,000 in succession duties to Toronto, a large portion of which went to the aid of other endowed universities. The figures are as follows:

County.	Amount.
Elgin	\$ 4,978.36
Essex	16,878.36
Huron	11,925.50
Kent	5,665.92
Lambton	2,683.83
Middlesex	36,707.64
Oxford	2,421.10
Waterloo	14,299.16
Total	\$97,659.89

CATHOLICS QUARREL ON OTTAWA BOARD

English-Speaking Ones Want Legal Permission to Elect Own School Trustees.

MOTION OUT OF ORDER

Chairman Says French-Canadians Made Separate School System.

[Canadian Press.]

Ottawa, March 12.—The stormiest meeting ever held by the Ottawa Separate School Board reached a climax last night, when the English section moved that the board to enact special legislation, whereby the separate schools might be so divided that the English-speaking Catholics and the French-speaking Catholics might each elect their own board of trustees.

Amid a tumult of protest, Chairman Genest ruled the motion out of order, contending that only two school systems, the public and separate, are recognized by the laws of Ontario, and only one board of trustees is allowed each. The provincial authorities cannot change this act without violating a clause of the act of confederation. The English trustees then demanded the reading of that clause in the British North America act, but the board could not find a copy of that act.

"I have kept my mouth closed for the past ten days," said the chairman, "and statements derogatory to the attitude of the French separate school trustees, which have appeared in the time in the press, were concocted by the reverend gentleman (Father O'Gorman), who shielded himself behind the English-speaking Catholics. The separate school system was fought for and maintained through all these years by the French-Canadians, and we are not going to permit it to be destroyed now by a small minority of English-speaking Catholics. We want to have our children educated in our own language, and we will attain our aims."

FIFTEEN BODIES TAKEN FROM CLUB RUINS

[Canadian Press.]

St. Louis, Mo., March 12.—The body of one man and fragments of the body of another were found early today in the ruins of the Missouri Athletic Club. The body was identified as that of Thomas J. Wright, auditor of the William J. Lemp Brewing Company of this city. Fifteen bodies or parts of bodies have been recovered.

A short distance from Wright's body the leg of another human body was found, the remainder of which had been burned to a shred.

SUSPECTS ARE FREED BY MONTREAL POLICE

Are Now Trying to Find Man Believed to Have Driven Assassins.

[Canadian Press.]

Montreal, March 12.—The police and detective machine was today concentrated on finding Arthur Foucault, Rielle avenue, Verdun, who is said to have been the driver of the sleigh from which the gurgling of the fatal shots which killed Constable Bourdon and laid Constable Guyon low with a mortal wound early on Wednesday morning on St. Catherine road, Cote des Neiges.

Foucault gave the police the slip at his home yesterday.

The three men detained yesterday were allowed to go today, as it was found that they knew nothing of the case.

The inquest into the death of Constable Bourdon began at the morgue this morning.

Constable Guyon, who lies at the Royal Victoria Hospital, was reported this morning to be in a very weak condition.

EDITOR CHARLES FARR REMANDED AS A VAG.

Magistrate Ellis Hears Evidence and Refuses to Dismiss the Case.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, March 12.—Charles C. Farr, of Halleybury, editor of the Halleyburyan, and recently a guest at the Albany Club, was today remanded till called on as a vagrant, without appearing himself in court, which is, in the words of his counsel, tantamount to a dismissal. But Magistrate Ellis did not dismiss the case.

After hearing today the evidence of Dr. Parry, the jail surgeon, of a newspaper reporter, and of several police men, Mr. Ellis said: "The case is over and it shows conclusively, in spite of the reports current, that Mr. Farr's statements of his treatment were untrue, whether he was excited or not; and that from the time he was put in by Constable Ferguson to the time he was released at the jail, he was given exactly the treatment his actions warranted."

Dr. W. T. Owen Parry, the jail surgeon, said: "I was suspicious of Mr. Farr's being insane. I ascribe his queer actions to alcoholism."

Constable Ferguson again related how he had found Mr. Farr in his underclothing on Leader Lane, with his clothes strewn on the sidewalk.

Jack Evans, the police reporter of The Globe, said: "It happened to be in the station and was there from the time Mr. Farr was brought in till the time he was put in the cells. All that time he waved his arms, stamped his feet and talked a blue streak. But he would answer no questions."

"This case was continued today in order to show that certain damaging statements against the police were untrue," said Squire Ellis.

"All this evidence shows that what the police did was justifiable. I will remand him till called on."

SEEKS DAMAGES FOR SEDUCTION OF CHILD

Edwin Leitchfield Issues Writ Against Stewart Ferguson.

damages from Stewart Ferguson, in a writ issued in the supreme court this morning, for the alleged seduction of his daughter, Clara Leitchfield. Meredith & Meredith are acting for the plaintiff.

Lucan Man Remanded.—James E. Wright, of Lucan, was brought to the county jail today, charged with being insane and dangerous to be at large. He was remanded by Magistrate C. W. Hawkeshaw to appear March 18.

AMBASSADOR PAGE ASKED TO EXPLAIN HIS LONDON SPEECH

Senate Passes Resolution to This Effect in Connection With His Remarks on the Panama Canal.

[Canadian Press.]

Washington, March 12.—A resolution calling upon Walter H. Page, ambassador to Great Britain, for an explanation of a Panama Canal speech, which he is reported to have delivered last night before the Associated Chambers of Commerce in London, was adopted today by the Senate.

The resolution was introduced by Senator Chamberlain, who asked for immediate consideration of his resolution. It was granted unanimously and the resolution was passed.

SIR GEORGE ROSS HONORED IN SENATE

Members on Both Sides Voice Regret at His Death and Pay Tribute to His Ability and Personality.

[Canadian Press.]

Ottawa, March 12.—The death of Sir George Ross, late Liberal leader of the Senate, was referred to in the Senate yesterday by a number of members on both sides.

On the orders of the day being closed, Hon. Mr. Loughheed, the Liberal leader, rose and said that it was his duty to direct the attention of the Senate to the death of Sir George Ross within the last few days. It had been his sorrowful duty, within the last two years, to direct the attention of the Senate to the deaths of not less than three of the most distinguished members of the Senate, who successively had been leaders of the Liberal party in the Senate. They were Sir Richard Cartwright, Sir Richard Scott and Sir George Ross, men who had reflected great lustre upon the Senate.

Memory Will Remain.

"His ripe judgment, his long experience, his parliamentary knowledge, gained as a legislator of forty years, were a valuable contribution to the work which devolved upon this chamber," said Mr. Loughheed. "I have to say that the members of the Senate mourn his death, and although he has passed from among us, yet pleasant memories of his personality will live with us and will be cherished by us for years to come."

Senator J. K. Kerr, as an associate and friend of Sir George for many years, thanked Mr. Loughheed for his kind references.

"It would require the eloquence of Sir George himself to do justice to his occasion," said Senator Power, of Halifax, who desired to add the word of one from the distance in the Dominion. He added that there was one portion of the community which should peculiarly testify to the debt it owed Sir George. The citizens of Irish and French blood, who had the bond of a common religion, and the smaller group of French-Canadians in Ontario, had found in him an unflinching champion to defend their rights.

Champion of Minorities.

Senator David, Montreal, eloquently declared that Sir George had been a champion of minorities. For forty years in public life he had plowed a luminous furrow, and sowed a crop of good work to be harvested by his fellow countrymen. Sir MacKenzie Bowell said that he could add little to the tributes to Sir George, with all of which he agreed, but desired to add a personal tribute to a man with whom he had been associated in the Houses of Parliament for many years.

THE WEATHER.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London for the 24 hours preceding 8 a.m. today:

High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	62	Cloudy
Calgary	62	Cloudy
Winnipeg	32	Clear
Port Arthur	34	Clear
Parry Sound	18	Clear
Toronto	21	Clear
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Weather Notes.

Pressure is for the most part high this morning over the continent, accompanied by fair, cold weather from Manitoba to the Maritime Provinces, and by comparatively mild conditions elsewhere.

FIFTH MYSTERIOUS BLAZE IN TWO WEEKS OCCURS IN ALBERT STREET HOUSE

Where Mysterious Blazes Have Occurred

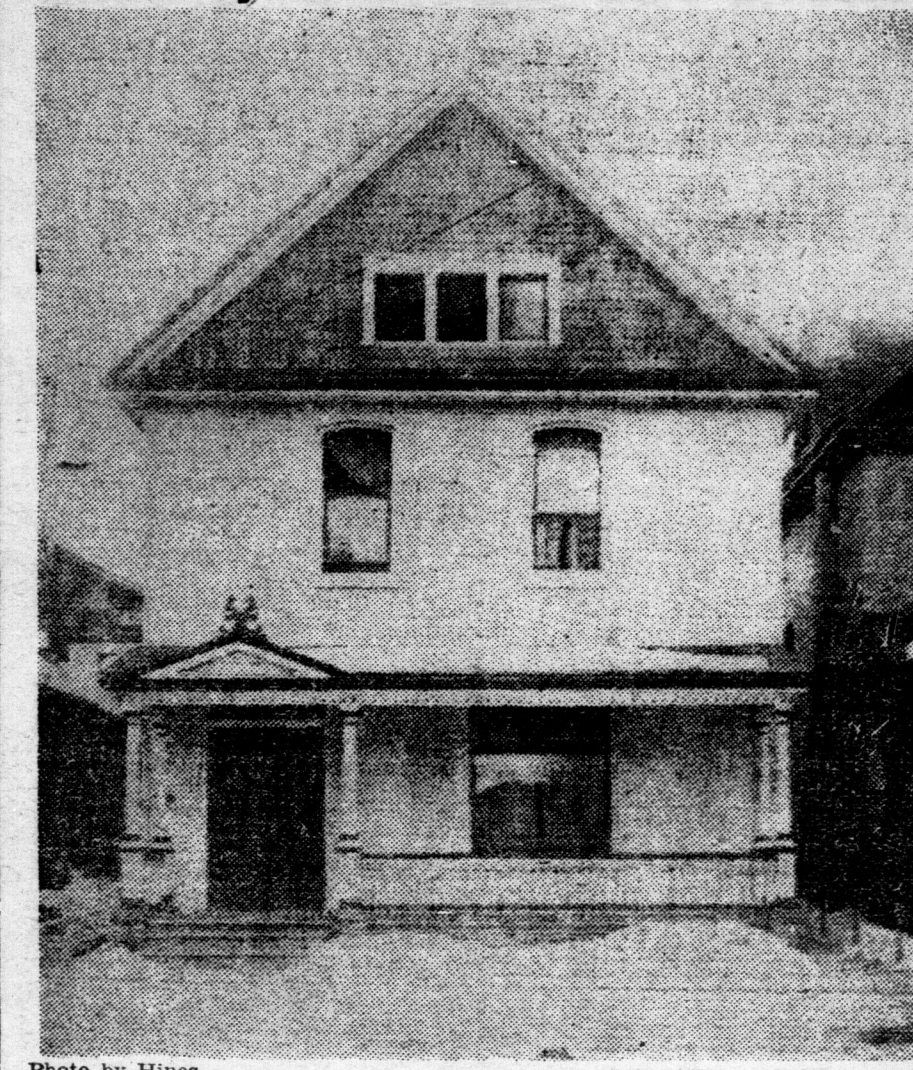


Photo by Hines.

OWNER CANNOT EXPLAIN FIRES

Is Driven to Distraction By Mysterious Outbreaks In Albert Street House—"Worrying Me to Death," He Says.

Charles Adams, 159 Albert street, owner and occupant of the mystery house where five mysterious fires have occurred within the past two weeks, all of mysterious and apparently incendiary cause, is unable to give even the slightest explanation of their cause, and is being driven almost to distraction by their frequent occurrence.

This morning he was summoned home from his office by the intelligence that the fifth fire, the third within as many days, had broken out in his home.

"I can offer no explanation of it at all," he told The Advertiser this morning. "I only know that if it keeps up much longer I won't be here. It's worrying me to death. I'm always thinking of fire, and even when I go to bed I dream of it, and I get up about every half-hour of the night to see that everything is all right."

"Do you know of any enemy who would seek this means of doing you harm?" the reporter asked.

"No, I do not," he replied. "I don't think I have any enemies."

SIX MONTHS IN PRISON FOR PICTURE DESTROYER

[Canadian Press.]

London, March 12.—May Richardson, the militant suffragette, who on Tuesday hacked the celebrated Velasquez picture known as the "Rokeby Venus" in the National gallery, was today sentenced to six months' imprisonment for her crime.

The public prosecutor, in addressing the jury on behalf of the government, said that one might well doubt whether the prisoner was in her right senses. There was, however, no medical evidence to show that she was a person not responsible for her actions.

Miss Richardson, who had been on a "hunger strike" since her arrest, pleading guilty to the charge, said it had been premeditated.

Her Explanation.

Addressing Judge Robert Wallace, who presided over the court, Miss Richardson said she had been an art student, but cared more for justice than art. She said she firmly believed that when the nation had shut its eyes to justice and preferred to have women who were fighting for justice maltreated and tortured, such an action as hers should be understandable.

She added that the slow and premeditated murder of Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst was an ultimatum which brought about the outrages. The nation, she continued, seemed dead or asleep, for the women had knocked vainly at the doors of ministers, bishops and archbishops, and even of the King himself.

Given Maximum.

The Judge.—With the greatest regret it is my duty to pass sentence of six months' imprisonment.

Judge Wallace added that he recognized the sentence to be totally inadequate, but it was the maximum sentence for damaging works of art. If it had been window-breaking, he said, he could have given the prisoner eighteen months' imprisonment.

Methods Condemned.

New York, March 12.—Militant methods, and especially the latest act of the English suffragettes in slashing the valuable Rokeby Venus, were declared today by Dr. Anna Howard Shaw to be working a great injury to the cause of votes for women in this country.

"In one day the militant can seriously hurt the work of many patient years for us," Dr. Shaw said.

Spooky, Weird Fires of Last Week and Tuesday Night Repeated.

WHAT IS THE CAUSE?

Fate or Firebugs? Maniac on Accident? Electric Wires or Spooks?

NO ONE CAN ANSWER

Owner Is Unable to Give Any Explanation of the Mystery.

Whether fate, firebugs, "spooks" or accident have been the agencies that have caused the mysterious blazes at 159 Albert street they have succeeded in driving the family of Charles Adams, the occupant, to distraction. This morning the fifth of the mysterious fires that have visited the house during the past two weeks was discovered in a clothes closet on the second floor.

Just Coincidence, Then—

Two weeks ago, when the second alarm was turned in to fire headquarters from the same house, it was regarded as a coincidence. When the third and fourth fires occurred on Tuesday night it became a mystery that has puzzled the Adams, the police and the fire department alike. When the fifth fire was discovered this morning it served to not only deepen the mystery that has enshrouded the other fires but to drive the occupants of the house into almost hysterical fits. Detectives are now working on the case.

Most Mysterious.

This morning's fire was even more mysterious in its origin than the preceding ones. It was discovered in a closet on the second floor, and had got a good start before the brigade arrived. Mr. Adams was summoned from his work by telephone, and found the firemen at work trying to locate the source of the fire. Most of the smoke was in the attic, but after a time the fire was found in the small closet on the second floor.

There are no electric wires or anything that could cause fire in the closet, and the natural inference is that it was deliberately set. Happily, the damage was small.

Puzzled Over Entry.

How a person could enter the house in broad daylight and make his way to the second floor without being observed is what is causing Mr. Adams the greatest perplexity. He is satisfied that nobody in his own household would be guilty of the act. The second fire had been given strict injunctions to let nobody enter the house.

"I locked the door myself when I went out this morning," Mr. Adams said, "and I don't see how anybody could get in."

Agent Only One Suspected.

So far there is only one person to whom any suspicion attaches, and the evidence connecting him with the occurrences are slight.

One day about two weeks ago, an agent selling a new household fixture called at the house while Mrs. Adams was away. He endeavored to sell one of his appliances to the servant girl, but she refused to buy.

He went away and returned next day insisting that he had left one of the articles with the girl the day before and demanding that he receive it back or else he paid the price of the fixture. He became abusive, and finally Mrs. Adams threatened to call the police, whereupon he departed. He was seen by one of the family a day or so later, passing in the vicinity of the house, but nothing was thought of it.

Mr. Adams does not think he is responsible for the fires, but he is the only one with whom there has been any unpleasantness, and who might cherish a desire for revenge.

TRUE BILL FOUND AGAINST KRAFCHEENKO

[Canadian Press.]

Morden, Man., March 12.—A true bill was brought in this morning by the grand jury against Jack Krafchenko on the charge of murdering H. M. Arnold, manager of the Plum Coulee branch of the Bank of Montreal, and robbing that institution.

PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR GODERICH HARBOR BUSINESS

Request of Delegation Which Waited on Minister of Public Works—Rogers Promises Serious Consideration—John Hunt Present.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, March 12.—A delegation 20 strong this morning asked the Minister of Public Works to go ahead with the harbor work at Goderich, and make one job of an undertaking which has been developed by bits for a number of years.

The delegation was introduced to the minister by E. N. Lewis, M. P. The speakers were Mayor Reid, Robert McGaw, Col. A. H. Macdonald, Joseph Kidd and William Campbell, of Goderich; Ald. Harrigan and Ex-Mayor Thorpe, of Guelph, and John Hunt, of London.

The business which has developed through the port of Goderich, and the

possibilities for the development of business at that port, should be accommodated and the facilities be provided, were set out before the minister by all of the speakers, and he was urged to make provision in the supplementary estimates for the proper development of this port.

Hon. Robert Rogers replied that the representations would have his serious consideration. He was familiar with this port and realized that it had a great future. The decision to undertake an extensive program of immediate development would have to be made by the whole of the cabinet. He promised to bring the request to the attention of his colleagues.