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FORNADO, BOLT AND TERRIFIC DOWNPOUR PLAYS PRANKS WITH CITY AND COUNTRY

Storm Rips Up Barns, Trees, Fences, Cripples Trolleys and Burns Out Phones—Two City Houses Hit by Bolts.

Wind Cuts Wide Swath in Elgin County-Barns Burned Down.

evening between 6 and 7 o'clock, leaving in its wake many evidences of its Trees were shattered by Stanton, loss \$300. lightening or toppled over by wind, many chimneys were blown down, troland telephones burned out, and alto- Church was blown away and both ends by lightning and burned. Many trees ley cars were crippled, electric wires gether a great deal of damage of one of the church blown out. The build- were uprooted. kind and another done throughout the city and the surrounding country. Heralded by Black Clouds

About 5:45 o'clock a great wall of black cloud appeared, and before many minutes the whole northern sky turned dark and rain commenced to fall in great torrents, while furious gusts of wind almost carried people off Detroit Lad, With Water Slaght their feet. The downpour was driven before the gale with terrific force, and the volume of water which fell was so great that it resembled a cloudburst, and flooded the streets in such quantity that the sewers were quickly choked, and floods resulted. Many a cellar sewer connection worked overtime Slaght, of 434 Park avenue, and Ross carrying away the water, which poured Webb, of Detroit, who is visiting in in through doors and windows

Dangerous Lightning.

and the flashes frequent. It was of the ternoon during the electrical storm most dangerous kind, commonly termed which swept over the city. chain and fork lightning, and was followed by terrific crashes of thunder, but it so happened that when the which struck terror into the hearts of storm broke they sought shelter under many an unfortunate man, woman or the same tree. child, caught in the fury of the storm. The electrical display was the most began to play about, remembered that brilliant seen here in years, and con- he had been told that it was dangersidering the frequency of the flashes, ous to stand under a tree during comparatively little damage was done. storm, and he mentioned the fact to

'Phones Burned Out. Among the many pranks played by "Let's get out of here," said the the lightning was the burning out of Webb boy, and the two little fellows, about 100 telephones through the city, one 8 and the other 10, started for the Not only did the telephones suffer, but open. electrical wiring and appliances were in many places seriously damaged. At At the same instant there was a Mr. William Hay's store on Adelaide blinding flash of lightning and a clap street, near Elias, the electric light of thunder which shook the earth. wiring was almost completely de- The two lads were knocked to the stroyed, and at several points where ground in a semi-conscious condition. gas pipes come in too close contact Two gentlemen happened to be with the wires, poles were melted in passing through the park at the time, List of Subscriptions So Farthe former, so that the gas supply had and they heard the moans of the boys

Crippled Trolleys.

Every few minutes during the storm so completely burned out that they blaze when assistance arrived. had to be pulled in by other cars.

extent. Two substations, at Tempo boys to the residence of Senator Co and Lambeth, were burned out by the fey on Wellington street. lightning striking the line between these points. However, the damage the line is now running in its usual in a few minutes, and dressed the i

Struck by Lightning.

Two houses were struck by the he says they will recover. tightning, but fortunately neither were seriously damaged. One was the residence of Mr. Geo. J. Green at 679 Col- pranks with him. His coat was to F. J. Fortner's house at 20 Regina ripped off one leg. The fluid then co

streets, for his son, it literally blew it caught fire. to pieces, upsetting the walls and Young Slaght suffered a number of der programmes at Victoria Park. tearing the timbers apart.

INTERNATIONAL TRUST FOR THE VAUDEVILLE

Is Assured.

feldt, of San Francisco, one of the largest vaudeville managers of the west, has ar-rived there from Paris, where he attended

"I believe that a great international

BURGLARS AT PARIS

Blow Open the Safe of Store and Wreck all the Glass.

up the safe, but did not obtain anyhe has been able to get but very little
thing, as they could not get into the
satisfaction.

The company is going ahead -daily
with the new bridge over the Thames, inner part. All glass material in the Now Mr. Graydon says that he has which it says it will charge to the city.

Detroit, July 24.-A wreck is re- at once.

Sweeps Across Elgin County

[Special to The Advertiser.] St. Thomas, Ont., July 25. — A ter- loss is heavy. north, destroyed the barn of James as though by a cloudburst.

ing is damaged beyond repair. The

The barn and shop of J. Mahoney The most severe electrical storm of rific storm broke over Middlemarch, was damaged to the extent of \$100. this season swept over this city last three miles west of here, at 7 o'clock, was damaged to the extent of \$100. last evening, doing considerable dam- out of business by the tornado, trees age. The storm, which came from the broken down and the streets flooded Detroit Boy Who Was Struck

The appearance of the sky was ter-A barn belonging to John and Amos rifying, the lightning sharp and vivid. Barnes, containing 40 tons of hay, was swept away. Loss \$1,500.

A frame house at Union, belonging to F. E. Johnston, and used for stor-A shed back of the Methodist ing grain and implements, was struck

Lightning Ripped Shoe Off Ross Webb's Foot by the bolt, while a farmhand, an English the time, was knocked unconscious.

of Park Avenue, Has Narrow Escape From Death.

Walter Slaght, son of Mrs. J. this city, and is stopping with his sister, Mrs. Matthews, at 21 Empress avenue, had a close call from instant The lightning was exceedingly vivid death in Victoria Park yesterday af-

The boys had not been together, Young Slaght, when the lightning

his new-found acquaintance. "Let's get out of here," said the Who

and ran to their assistance. They were Mr. Herbert Dixon and Mr.

Parke of Kent street. The clothing of the little fellows to the car barns, while others were was found to be on fire, and despite Bishon McEva The Southwestern Traction Com- Messrs. Dixon and Parke speedi pany also suffered to a considerable stamped out the fire, and carried the

Terribly Burned.

That gentleman at once 'phoned f was repaired early this morning, and Dr. Eccles, who arrived on the scen furies of the lads. The doctor four that both had been terribly burned. I

borne street, while the other was Mr. into shreds, and his trousers we tirued its downward journey and ri The wind took a hand in the mis- ped the boot off the little fellow's foot. built by Mr. Duke Wallace, contractor, had been badly burned by the light- concert, but this will be made up to- tangle. at the corner of William and Victoria ning, and also by his clothes, which had

torn and burned by the lightning.

Move Saved Them. In speaking of the accident, the boys little, if not much. say they remembered nothing after the

Amalgmaation of All the Big Circuits blinding flash of lightning and the that there will be privation and sufdefeaning peal of thunder. The fact that the boys had moved their relatives, unless immediate help from the trunk of the tree undoubtedly is given. These cases will be dealt New York. July 25.—A dispatch to the saved their lives, for the tree was with by a committe of the best-known times from London states that Mr. Myer-split from end to end, and plainly citizens of London and the money will



CORONER MACLAREN, Is Holding the Inquest Into the

Reid Disaster

Help Is Absolutely Needed.

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Toronto friend	25	00
Dr. John D. Wilson	25.	
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Advertiser	25	CC
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The relief fund for the suffere	ers	0
the Crystal Hall disaster is mo	unt	ing
up.		

A large sum would have been raised morrow night, when both the Twentysixth and the Seventh Bands will ren-

severe burns on the iower part of his | The Advertiser will be pleased to body, his trousers having been bad'y receive and acknowledge subscriptions of the smallest amount. A 25-cent donation was handed in today, and is an example to hundreds who can spare a

Personal inquiry reveals the fact supreme court." fering among some of the injured, and showed the work of the lightning bolt. be placed only where it is needed.

a series of meetings of American and Euro-pean managers in connection with the for-mation of an international vaudeville City and the P. M. Fixing for Fight

ctore was broken as a result of the been informed that it has been The city of London owns the found necessary to close the old danctor the railway, but it appears that the on the picnickers, and that the swings L. E. and D. R. R. sublet them to are dangerous and should be repaired other parties, so that the P. M. claims

Paris, Ont., July 25.—Last night burglars broke into Geo. E. Taylor's store at the station. Entrance was made at the front door. The men blew the safe, but did not obtain any—the safe, but did not obtain any—the safe, but did not obtain any—the safe was the first control of the party were thrown out of the party were thrown out, and that the court house instead. The situation once again, and it is altogether likely a special meeting of the L. and P. S. Board will be held to consider the an inch and a half of rain fell in Winnight next.

Thunderstorms were prevalent vesterday having regained consciousness. Others of the party were thrown out, and inch and a half of rain fell in Winnight next.

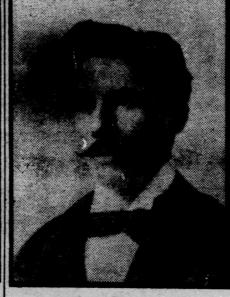
The evidence of but three witnesses was taken, and nothing out of were recorded.

The court house instead. The court house instea

Detroit, July 24.—A wreck is reted on the Big Four, near Eauire, Mich., fourteen miles from St.
also out of repair, and the other day
that the city should look to the preseph, Mich., with three people killed, two girls were badly injured there.

ROSS WEBB,

Lightning in Victoria Park Yes-



Separate School Inspector Appointed Assistant Principal of Normal

Barns Hit, Cattle Killed

Delaware, July 24.-The fine big barns of Mr. Thomas Bignell, Delaware, 3rd concession, were struck by lightning during the terrific electrical storm of last night and destroyed. Three high-grade cows were also killed by the bolt, while a farmhand, an Englishman, who was engaged in milling

SCOTCHMEN ARE AT PORT TODAY

Outing at the Lake-

The Scotchmen took quite a large

statement of the railway officials. ed down the main streets to the depot | Association, Mr. Freeman stated that and entrained for the port.

A very fine programme of games has United States. Mr. Freeman suggested that this be changed, and that a paintthese will attract very many people er be allowed to become a member of MOUNTING UP these will attract very many people of be answer to become a from different points in the counties of Middlesex and Eglin, as well ars the forced to join the larger association at the same time.

QUAKE IN ITALY.

THE PAINTERS IN HOT DEBATE

Large Crowd Took in the Popular Suggested Secession From International Organization Starts Warm Discussion.

Evidently yesterday's outing at crown to the lakeside, though, owing probably to the fact that there are nice. probably to the fact that there are pic- have been expected. At least, the disnics every day now, the turnout was cussion that went on at the city hall not as large as might have been ex- this morning was not at all suggestive of a cold storage warehouse.

About 1,000 tievets were sold up to 2 on "Best Means of Organization," read o'clock this afternoon, according to the by Mr. G. W. Freeman. In dealing with causes that were deterring some This morning a pipers' band march- painters from joining the Canadian it was largely because in order to be-The weather has been ideal for a long to this association it was necespicnic, and those who took in the ex-cursion are having a splendid time. sary to pay fees to the international body, with its headquarters in the

Mr. McKenzie, of Hamilton, spoke very warmly on the subject. He thought Cozensia. Italy, July 25. - An earth- no such sentiment of secession should quake shock occurred yesterday, in be tolerated, and asked that the paper several provincial towns. No damage be not printed with the other papers,

Few Parallel Cases.

important matters.

others had gone home.

Continued on Page Eight. Biggest Legal Battle City Has Known

"The legal battle which is booked to ! follow the wreck of Reid's Crystal Hall will be the greatest London has

This is what a well-known local barrister told The Advertiser today large number of persons were injured enjoyed the trip. Lunch was served ronto University, and has had two and in speaking of the inquest last night, through the falling of a grandstand at on board the train by the committee a half years' experience teaching in when a dozen or more legal lights a race track. were present in the interest of those house fell in, much in the same man- largely in sight-seeing, many enjoying was appointed a teacher in the local who suffered through the Reid wreck. ner as the Reid building, but happily the Gorge Route ride, while a few of Collegiate Institute in November, 1891, 5 and also those who may be looked no person was in it at the time, as the more daring ventured the walk and succeeded Dr. Merchant as princif to for damages.

"There are so many divers interests to be looked into," continued the chief also, and finding a partly-fin- When he was stripped it was found last night but for the weather, which lawyer referred to, "that it will take American law will do with it. ished brick house, which was being that his shoulders, back, leg and foot prevented the holding of the band many months to straighten out the It is altogether likely that there

out affair, and yet it will only be the some person or persons, and every

"Unless I miss my guess, there will being eagerly watched.

be legal fights as the result of the So far the only case which has come wreck which will involve hundreds of forward in a legal way is that of Miss cock (chairman), T. A. Rowat (treasbe cases which will be carried to the which was made in yesterday's edit-THE WEATHER.

FORECASTS.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

TRAGIC END TO AN OUTING TOMORROW-SHOWERY.

Lady High School Teacher of Cobourg Victim of a Runaway.

Toronto, July 25-8 a.m.
Today-Moderate, variable winds; fine and warm.
Friday-More unsettled, with showers and thunderstorms.
TEMPERATURES. Cobourg, July 24.-An accident occurred late last night on the Cold-"I believe that a great international amalgamation of vaudeville interests is now practically assured." Mr. Myerfeldt said, in speaking of the project. The American theaters which will come in the combination, which will be known as the International Booking Syndicate, will include all those under the control of Beck's clude all those under the control of Beck's clude all those under the control of Beck's clude and Port Stanley Railway, over which control of Beck's country and Port Stanley Railway, over which control of Beck's country and Port Stanley Railway, over which control of Beck's country and Port Stanley Railway, over which control of Beck's country and Port Stanley Railway, over which country as a stantage of a clear to the condition of the depot at the party of young people drove out to the residence of Mr. John Bowman, Coldsprings, to spend the evening, and officials, but so far nothing has been column records the minimum temperatures at 8 o'clock this morning, and the London and Port Stanley Railway, over which column records the minimum temperatures at 8 o'clock this morning, and the team column records the minimum temperatures at 8 o'clock this morning, and the team column records the minimum temperatures at 8 o'clock this morning and the second at 8 o'clock this morning and the team column records the minimum temperatures at 8 o'clock this morning and the second at 8 o'clock this morning and 8 o'clock this m springs road by which Miss Day, a Public School staff, lost her life. A Inquiry Begun Last Night at jured and killed, were represented, and Marquette, is supposed to have control.

Mr. Graydon told the mayor that he has written repeatedly to the Pere Marquette officials regarding certain

MEATHER NOTES.

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Shallow depressions are quickly follow-ing each other across Canada, that which ing sitting of the Reid disaster inquest was not held in the police stay to expectations, the opening sitting of the Reid disaster inquest was not held in the police stay was one, jumped out of the rig, to take the matter up with the P. M. once again, and it is altogether likely.

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ing from sprains, although fortunate- the ordinary deducted. Testerday's temperatures.
Toronto. July 24–8 p.m.—Local thunders were seriously injured, although all were thrown out. The party were cared for at a residence comparatively high.
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BIG FIRE IN OTTAWA SUBURB: NEW EDINBURGH HARD HIT

\$350,000 Damage Done to the Mills of Senator Edwards in Early Morning Fire.

Falls, and the alarm was immediately turned in, but despite all efforts to ensued. The fire-fighters were much whole block was burned, including a hampered by the Rideau, which flows fire station, Foley's hotel, Blackburn's between the buildings, but this event- mica sheds and C. Neale's grocery ually saved many lumber piles on one store. The whole of the contents, too

It is thought that the severe elecstarted a smoldering fire, which event- work eventually got the fire under ually broke into flames and, reaching the sheds and outbuildings, consumed one after another of the mills and fires in Ottawa for years. Edwards' office and stores also were lion.

Ottawa, July 25 .- At 5 o'clock this destroyed. At the height of the fire morning fire was discovered at Sen- the bridge could not be used at al. ator Edwards' mill by the Rideau and men had to cross the river by swimming to aid the salvage work.

Eventually the buildings below the the flames, \$350,000 damages bridge opposite the mill caught, and a

It seemed as if the suburb of New trical storm of last night may have Edinburgh must go, but energetic control after five hours or more, and concluded one of the most destructive

The estimated loss of the W. C. Edand stores went in the flames. Mr. wards Company is a quarter of a mil-

Mr. Radcliffe's Appointment Means New Head for Collegiate



Retail Grocers Saw Everything to See and Nothing to Mar Outing.

A very large crowd enjoyed the re-It was also stated that there are tail grocers' excursion to Niagara mal school is not so certain as yet, but few parallel cases into which the Falls yesterday. The train service on but it is understood by his friends that lawyers can delve for the solution of the M. C. R. was excellent, and the this is the intention of the Govern-800 passengers who went from London, ment. One is an English case, in which a Aylmer and St. Thomas, thoroughly Mr. Radcliffe is a graduate of To-

in charge. In Chicago the other day a ware- The day at the Falls was spent years in the collegiate institutes. He it fell in after the employes and under the falls. Some of the men jour- pal when that gentleman resigned to neyed to Buffalo and saw the ball become principal of the London Nor-The local lawyers are following this game there, while the committee were mal School.

A few of the excursionists are rewill be a score of different cases in maining for the full time allowed, but separate school inspector for the west-"The inquest will be a long-drawn which damages will be asked from which reached here at 11:20 c'clock new separate school inspector for this which reached here at 11:30 o'clock. Great credit is due the committee, to move being made in the inquest is whom the success of the day was largely due. They were J. C. Trebil-

> ley and F. Robinson. FEAR A MUTINY. say that a mutiny of the Korean auto to Niwegen, but died soon after troops is apprehended.

Principal to Take Charge of Stratford Normal School-Position for Mr. Power.

The announcement was made last night by the department of education of Ontario that six new assistants, two for each of the present normal schools of the province, have been appointed. In the list are Mr. S. J. Radcliffe, B. A., principal of the London Collegiate Institute, and Mr. J. F. Power. M. A., separate school inspector of the western district of Ontario.

Chairman Fitzgerald, of the local board of education, was seen this morning by The Advertiser in regard to the appointments, and he stated that Mr. Radcliffe's selection as assistant principal of the Normal School means that a new principal for the Collegiate must be appointed by Sep-

Mr. Radeliffe, accompanied by Mrs Radcliffe, is holidaying in Chicago and the west, and he could not be seen by The Advertiser today.

It was also found impossible to interview Mr. Power, from the fact that he is in Berlin, and will not be back until Friday night.

Mr. Radcliffe at Stratford.

It is understood that Messrs. Radcliffe and Power will be stationed at the London Normal School for a year, and that then Mr. Radcliffe will be appointed principal of the new Normal School which is being built at Strat-

public schools, and about eighteen

The local lawyers are following this same there, while the shredded Wheat Mr. Power is a graduate of Queen's case with a view to seeing what shown through the Shredded Wheat University, and took up his residence in London upon his being appointed district will be appointed immediately.

KILLED BY AN AUTO.

New York, July 25. - A cable disthousands of dollars, and there will Boyd against the city, mention of urer), E. Sutton (secretary), F. Har-patch to the Herald from Utrecht, Hole land, says at Heumen, near Niwegen, the automobile of Lorillard Ronalds. of New York, knocked down an aged Tokic, July 25 .-- Advices from Seoul woman. The victim was taken in the

All Interests Represented by Legal Talent at the Reid Inquest

Court House-Only Three Witnesses Examined.

the gathering of lawyers was one of the largest witnessed in the court room for many months.

Interests Guarded

Among the members of the bar

photographers, whose premises were located on top of Brewster's store. David Mills, acting for J. M. Mc-Evoy, who is representing W. G. Wil-

son & Co., the contractors, who were