

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

Electrical 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.

The most severe electrical storm of this season swept over this city last evening between 6 and 7 o'clock, leaving in its wake many evidences of its severity. Trees were shattered by lightning or toppled over by wind, many chimneys were blown down, trolley cars were crippled, electric wires and telephones burned out, and altogether a great deal of damage of one 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 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 carrying away the water, which poured in through doors and windows.

Dangerous Lightning.

The lightning was exceedingly vivid and the flashes frequent. It was of the most dangerous kind, commonly termed chain and fork lightning, and was followed by terrific crashes of thunder, which struck terror into the hearts of many an unfortunate man, woman or child, caught in the fury of the storm. The electrical display was the most brilliant seen here in years, and considering the frequency of the flashes, comparatively little damage was done.

Phones Burned Out.

Among the many pranks played by the lightning was the burning out of about 100 telephones throughout the city. Not only did the telephones suffer, but electrical wiring and appliances were in many places seriously damaged. At Mr. William Hay's store on Adelaide street, near Elias, the electric light wiring was almost completely destroyed, and at several points where gas pipes ran in too close contact with the wires, poles were melted in the former, so that the gas supply had to be cut off.

Crippled Trolleys.

Every few minutes during the storm crippled trolley cars were being taken to the car barns, while others were so completely burned out that they had to be pulled in by other cars. The Southwestern Traction Company also suffered a considerable extent. Two substations, at Temple and Lambeth, were burned out by the lightning striking the line between these points. However, the damage was repaired early this morning, and the line is now running in its usual condition.

Struck by Lightning.

Two houses were struck by the lightning, but fortunately neither were seriously damaged. One was the residence of Mr. Geo. J. Green at 679 Colborne street, while the other was Mr. F. J. Fortner's house at 20 Regina street.

The wind took a hand in the mischief also, and finding a partly-finished brick house, which was being built by Mr. Duke Wallace, contractor, at the corner of William and Victoria streets, for his son, it literally blew it to pieces, upsetting the walls and tearing the timbers apart.

INTERNATIONAL TRUST FOR THE VAUDEVILLE

Amalgamation of All the Big Circuits Is Assured.

New York, July 25.—A dispatch to the Times from London states that Mr. Meyerfeldt, of San Francisco, one of the largest vaudeville managers of the west, has arrived there from Paris, where he attended a series of meetings of American and European managers in connection with the formation of an international vaudeville trust.

"I believe that a great international amalgamation of vaudeville interests is now practically assured," Mr. Meyerfeldt 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 Orpheum circuit, Percy Williams' syndicate of eastern vaudeville theaters, and the Keith & Proctor circuit."

BURGULARS AT PARIS

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

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 up the safe, but did not obtain anything, as they could not get into the inner part. All glass material in the store was broken as a result of the explosion. No trace of the burglars has been found yet.

WRECK ON THE BIG FOUR.

Detroit, July 24.—A wreck is reported on the Big Four, near Eau Claire, Mich., fourteen miles from St. Joseph, Mich., with three people killed.

Sweeps Across Elgin County

[Special to The Advertiser.]

St. Thomas, Ont., July 25.—A terrific storm broke over Middlemarch, three miles west of here, at 7 o'clock, last evening, doing considerable damage. The storm, which came from the north, destroyed the barn of James Stanton, loss \$300.

A barn belonging to John and Amos Barnes, containing 40 tons of hay, was swept away. Loss \$1,500.

A shed back of the Methodist Church was blown away and both ends of the church blown out. The building is damaged beyond repair. The loss is heavy.

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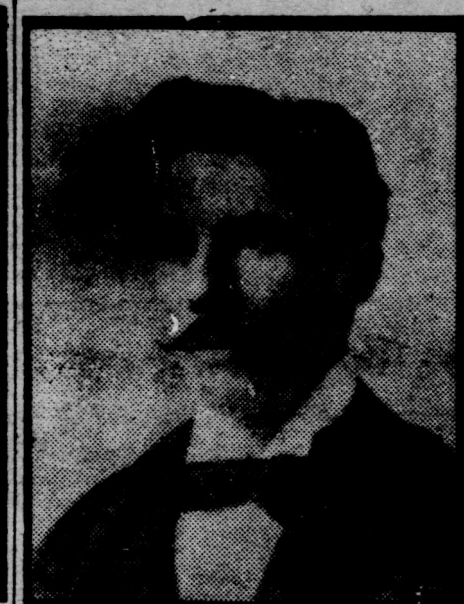
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ROSS WEBB, Detroit Boy Who Was Struck by Lightning in Victoria Park Yesterday.



MR. J. F. POWER, Separate School Inspector Appointed Assistant Principal of Normal School.

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 milking at the time, was knocked unconscious.

SCOTCHMEN ARE AT PORT TODAY

Large Crowd Took in the Popular Outing at the Lakeside.

The Scotchmen took quite a large crowd to the lakeside, though, owing probably to the fact that there are picnics every day now, the turnout was not as large as might have been expected.

About 1,000 tickets were sold up to 2 o'clock this afternoon, according to the statement of the railway officials. This morning a pipers' band marched down the main streets to the depot and entertained for the port.

The weather has been ideal for a picnic, and those who took in the excursion are having a splendid time. A very fine programme of games has been arranged, and it is expected that these will attract very many people from different points in the counties of Middlesex and Elgin, as well as the crowd from London.

QUAKE IN ITALY. Cozensia, Italy, July 25.—An earthquake shock occurred yesterday, in several provincial towns. No damage has been reported.

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 ever known."

This is what a well-known local barrister told The Advertiser today in speaking of the inquest last night, when a dozen or more legal lights were present in the interest of those who suffered through the Reid wreck, and also those who may be looked to for damages.

"There are so many divers interests to be looked into," continued the lawyer referred to, "that it will take many months to straighten out the tangle."

"The inquest will be a long-drawn out affair, and yet it will only be the beginning. Unless I miss my guess, there will be legal fights as the result of the wreck which will involve hundreds of thousands of dollars, and there will be cases which will be carried to the supreme court."

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—SHOWERY.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, July 25-26 a.m.

Today—Moderate, variable winds; fine and warm.

Friday—More unsettled, with showers and thunderstorms.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.

Windsor..... 69 58 Fair

Port Arthur..... 55 52 Rain

Perry Sound..... 64 54 Clear

Toronto..... 72 58 Clear

Ottawa..... 64 62 Fair

Montreal..... 68 62 Fair

Quebec..... 64 58 Cloudy

Father Point..... 62 58 Cloudy

The first column records the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.

Shallow depressions are quickly following each other across Canada, that which was centered in New Ontario yesterday now being over the Lake St. Lawrence.

While another from the far west is centering in Minnesota.

Thunderstorms were prevalent yesterday in Manitoba, Ontario and Western Quebec, some of them being of a severe type. Over an inch and a half of rain fell in Winnipeg. The temperature was highest in Ontario, where in many districts 84° to 86° were recorded.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Toronto, July 24-25 a.m.—Local thunderstorms have been experienced today from Alberta to Quebec, but otherwise the weather has been fair, except in Alberta and Eastern Canada temperatures have been comparatively high.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 52-70; Vancouver, 53-72; Kamloops, 5