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Tomorrow's Weather—Rain or Sleet.

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Explanation of Crisis Which Led to Misunderstanding Promised—Oil Strike Reported at Clinton—Alleged Abductors Appear in Court—Annual Meeting of Huron Diocesan Women's Auxiliary Opens This Morning

BIG SCHOOL POPULATION
INDICATES CITY'S GROWTH

Pessimists Who Argue of "Boom" Times Cannot Overcome Evidence of Great Increase in Public School Pupils and Consequent Additional Accommodation.

The pessimists who argue that the present great strides that are being made in London, commercially, industrially and otherwise, constitute only a temporary "boom," have not taken cognizance of the actual condition of affairs. The indication of the growth of the city, and figures given out by School Inspector C. B. Edwards this morning, give indisputable evidence of the advancement of London.

Big Jump in Attendance.
In 1913, the public school and kindergarten enrollment in London was about 9,000, with a separate school attendance of about nine hundred. In 1908, five years ago, the enrollment was 7,867, and the separate schools then had about eight hundred pupils.

In 1908 there were 160 persons on the public school staff; in 1913, the pay roll showed 187 teachers. This, of course, includes several manual training and domestic science instructors, these subjects not having been on the curriculum five years ago.

Great Additions to Schools.

Great additions have been made to the public school accommodation since 1908. There are the new Alexandra and Aberdeen schools, accommodating 400 and 600 pupils, respectively, and the addition to Chesley avenue school, which provides room for 200 extra scholars. The four additional rooms in the Wortley road

school look after 180 pupils, and at Talbot street school, extensive additions have been made to the kindergarten department. St. Nicholas school, on Cheapside street, with two rooms; Riverview school, with one room, and a building on Quebec street, have also been secured to meet the pressing demands of the increasing school population, besides two rooms in a cottage near Victoria school. Only yesterday, the building committee of the board of education, decided to rent the Sunday school room of St. Matthew's Church on Dundas street to accommodate the overflow in that section.

Additional Through Annexation.
The annexation of Ealing, Pottersburg and Chelsea Green, with their three schools, giving accommodation to approximately 400 pupils, has made this much additional work for the city inspector. These schools, unfortunately, are all on the outside edges of the annexed districts, and therefore are not of the same service to the city that they would be if located nearer the city proper.

Two Schools This Year.
The board of education will proceed this summer with the erection of new eight-room schools, one on Charlotte street, in East London, and the other on Tecumseh avenue and Laingley street, South London, giving accommodation for about 400 pupils each. The building of these two schools will materially relieve the crowded conditions at present existing in these sections.

PRESIDING OFFICER
OF HURON DIOCESE
WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

MRS. (REV.) G. B. SAGE.

REBELS SURPRISED
BY STRONG DEFENCE
OF GOMEZ PALACIO

Had Expected Only Nominal Resistance, But Met Forces Holding Them in Check.

VILLA QUITE CONFIDENT

Torreón Reported Closely Invested, and Besiegers Anticipate Its Early Fall.

Gomez Palacio In
Hands of Rebels

[Canadian Press.]
Juarez, March 24.—Gomez Palacio was in the hands of the rebels today, according to information given out at the office of Gen. Chao here and Gen. Benavides at the head of the Zaragoza brigade was moving against Torreón. No statement of casualties in the desperate strong fighting in Gomez Palacio last night was available.

[Canadian Press.]
Juarez, Mexico, March 24.—Although desperate fighting was still in progress at Gomez Palacio, at the gateway of Torreón, at 11 o'clock last night, when the rebels came there, Gen. Villa felt so confident of victory that he returned to the main base at Bermejillo to telegraph to Chihuahua and other points about the handling of supplies and the movement of troops.

The rebels are reported to have Torreón closely invested, and last reports were that the whole army was confident of the early fall of the federal stronghold. The occupation of Leyda, almost without resistance, and the expected victory at Gomez Palacio, would leave only Torreón to be taken to complete the first stage of the march to Mexico City. The conquest of Mazatlan, Saltillo and Monterrey is taken for granted by the rebels, once the main federal force under Gen. Velasco at Torreón is conquered.

In official circles here, although dispatches denied it, it was felt that Villa would triumph at Gomez Palacio, which is only three miles from Torreón, before the day was over.

Defence a Surprise.
The defence of the city came as a surprise to the rebels, who assumed that only a nominal resistance would be made by the federal forces. The reinforcements reported to have been rushed into the city by Gen. Velasco were unexpected, and when the last reports were received last night it was not known definitely on what banner victory would perch.

The rebel confidence, in the opinion of local military men, was justified by the capture of the federal fortifications on Cerro de la Pila, a mountain 2,000 feet high, surmounted by a great water tank.

COLQUITT'S OFFER OF REWARD LIKELY TO CAUSE TROUBLE

It is feared Texans may kidnap Mexican murderers of Vergara.

WASHINGTON IS WORRIED

Governor's Right Unquestioned, But International Complications Are Probable.

[Canadian Press.]
Washington, D. C., March 24.—Governor Colquitt's offer of a reward of \$1,000 for the delivery upon Texas soil of five Mexicans, suspected as murderers of Clemente Vergara, has caused state and war department officials serious concern for international complications.

The five Mexicans sought for are Capt. Apolinario Rodriguez, Nito Ceara, Juan Castillon, Andreas Rodriguez and Dinomiso Martiniz. In his report today, Brig-Gen. Bliss said:

"The men named are charged in the newspapers with complicity in the death of Clemente Vergara."

Had the right of the governor to offer a reward for the apprehension of a fugitive from justice is not denied by the officials. But in this case it is feared that the offer may lead to an attempt to kidnap the Mexicans and bring them into Texas, which would be in violation of the extradition treaty between Mexico and the United States, and afford the Mexican Government ground for a demand for the punishment of the kidnappers with all sorts of legal entanglements.

Over 500 Shots Fired.
Further reports on the incident near Rio Texas, where Mexican federal soldiers fired across the River Rio Grande at American troops, say more than 500 shots were directed at the soldiers, to whom the fleeing constitutionalists surrendered. The refugees were sent to Fort Bliss.

PROMISES TO EXPLAIN
TROUBLE WHICH LED TO
OFFICERS' RESIGNATION

COLONEL J. E. B. SEELY.

FORD MAGNATES
TO COME HERE

Will Look Over Bonded Sites for New Assembling Plant.

TO BE DISTRIBUTION DEPOT

Warehouse Will Serve Western Ontario Trade—Several Sites Located.

General Manager McGregor, of the Ford City branch of the Ford Motor Company, and a number of shareholders of the company are expected in London this week to look over a site that has been bonded for them by a local real estate dealer as the location of the company's new assembling plant. The property, in question, is on the line of the C. P. R.

The capacity of the Ford City factory, The Advertiser learns, has practically been reached, and the company plans to erect in London the largest assembling plant in Canada, giving work to several hundred men. The parts will be made in Ford City and then shipped here to be assembled. In addition, the building that is to be erected, will be used as a distribution centre for Western Ontario. The company's business out of London at the present time is very extensive, and a very great increase of sales in the future is anticipated.

Industrial Commissioner Gordon Phillip has been in touch with the Ford people for some time, and has a couple of excellent properties picked out for the assembling plant. Both properties have railway accommodation.

The Advertiser made the exclusive announcement on Saturday that the Ford and interested parties who telephoned to the Ford City factory for confirmation of the story were advised that it was authentic.

NEW SCHEDULE NOT
EFFECTIVE APRIL 1

Bylaw Says so, But Company Says Time Is Too Short—Outcome To Be Legal Fight.

The new street railway bylaw recently passed by the city council will not go into effect on April 1, although a clause in the measure names that day for the commencement of the new schedule.

Manager C. B. King, of the London Street Railway Company, has announced that the company will refuse, unless compelled by law, to give the service demanded in the bylaw, the schedule, as prepared by City Engineer W. N. Ashplant, calling for the operation of four cars at the present time, and the reconstruction of the west half of the "Y" at the corner of Adelaide and Dundas streets, to accommodate the proposed new northern belt.

A copy of the bylaw is now in the hands of Charles H. Ivey, street railway counsel, and although Mr. Ivey has not yet given any decision as to the intentions of the company, it is certain that the street railway magnates will vigorously resist any effort that may be made by the city to enforce the bylaw.

"In the first place," said Manager King to The Advertiser today, "we could not possibly have the demanded improvements made by April 1."

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

G.T.R.—Richmond . . . 4:42—4:48 p.m. 3 min.
G.T.R.—Richmond . . . 3:02—3:06 p.m. 3 min.
G.T.R.—Richmond . . . 3:05—3:10 p.m. 5 min.
G.T.R.—Richmond . . . 7:03—7:07 a.m. 4 min.
G.T.R.—Richmond . . . 8:02—8:12 a.m. 10 min.
G.T.R.—Richmond . . . 12:10—12:14 p.m. 4 min.
G.T.R.—Richmond . . . 7:55—8:00 p.m. 4 min.
G.T.R.—Richmond . . . 7:25—7:34 p.m. 6 min.

NO DISSOLUTION UNTIL BILL
FOR HOME RULE HAS PASSED

John Redmond Publicly Asserts This—Second Reading March 30—Col. Seely Promises to Explain Trouble With Officers—Aldershot Officers Affected.

[Canadian Press.]
London, March 24.—"There certainly will be no dissolution of Parliament until the home rule bill for Ireland has passed." This statement was made to the Associated Press today by John E. Redmond, the leader of the Irish Nationalist party. Mr. Redmond added that the second reading of the bill would be taken by the House of Commons on March 30, and that the bill would be proceeded with until it became law.

London, March 24.—Col. John Seely, secretary of state for war, today promised in the House of Commons that he would tomorrow lay on the table all the material and written documents which he said would clear up the whole mystery of the recent crisis among the officers of the army in Ireland. He gave this promise when he was asked by a member to confirm or deny the statement that a written assurance had been given to Brig-Gen. Hubert Gough that the troops would not be used to force home rule upon Ulster.

[Canadian Press.]
London, March 24.—The dissolution of the British Parliament has been hastened by the events of the last few days and by the surrender of the Government to the officers of the army who declined to serve against the Ulstermen, according to the opinion generally expressed today in political circles.

The Irish Nationalists, it is pointed out, will not accept home rule until the Government has found it impossible to compel Ulster to come under a Dublin parliament.

It is argued that the only way out of the difficulty is to hold a general election, and none would be surprised if the Government during the second reading of the home rule bill next week should offer to dissolve Parliament on condition that the home rule, the Welsh disestablishment and the plural voting bill be passed.

The dissatisfaction of the rank and file of the Liberals with the Government's treatment of the army is another factor which is likely to hasten a general election. Many radicals would like to join forces with the Labor members and make

an appeal to the country on the refusal of officers to act against the Ulstermen, compared with their readiness to act against striking workmen.

The provincial Liberal papers, as is usual, are even more outspoken on the subject of the Government's surrender to the officers than are their London contemporaries. The Manchester Guardian says it is with the deepest regret and some shame it has heard of Premier Asquith's even partial acceptance of the doctrine that officers have the right to lay down for themselves the conditions under which they will continue to serve the King. It continues: "They are so treated because they are rich men, and because they had the prejudices of their class. Not only then is there one law for the rich man in the army and one for the poor, but there is one standard for the Tory officer's ways to his oath and another standard for the private soldier with sympathies for the laboring man."

Similar comments appear in the Liverpool Post, also a strong Liberal paper.

Aldershot Officers, Too.
[Canadian Press.]
Montreal, March 24.—A London cable to the Gazette says: "The Government cannot rely upon the officers at Aldershot in the present crisis any more than on those at the Curragh in Ireland, declares the Pall Mall Gazette's correspondent, who is investigating conditions at Aldershot. He asserts, in answer to the question of what will happen if the regiments are ordered to Ulster, that he was told that 75 per cent of the officers will follow the example of the Curragh officers in resigning."

Will Not Do.
The Westminster Gazette, a Ministerial paper, says that "there could in the long run be no parliamentary or democratic system, if the armed forces of the crown were at the disposal of the Unionist Opposition against the Liberal Government. If the strike of officers against the Government could be successfully carried through in any issue, it could be tried all, and there would be nothing but to dedicate our lives to getting a constitution with a different kind of army."

EARLY ELECTION IN
PROVINCE EXPECTED

Members and Manufacturers Believe It—Opposition to Compensation Bill.

[Canadian Press.]
Toronto, March 24.—Local members are convinced a provincial election is not far off. Manufacturers are under the impression that the workmen's compensation bill is to be passed, then a redistribution bill and election brought on immediately. The compensation bill, they say, will either be the manufacturers' or the workmen's in its present form, despite the fact that since the bill left the hands of the commissioner, Sir William Meredith, there have been 89 changes made in it.

GERMAN EMPEROR
VISITING IN ITALY

[Canadian Press.]
Venice, March 24.—Emperor William arrived here today from Germany and was officially received by the authorities, while he was cordially greeted by a large crowd. His majesty at once went on board the imperial yacht Hohenzollern, King Victor Emmanuel arrives here tomorrow morning to meet the Emperor. He is to be accompanied by the Marquis di San Giuliano, Italian minister of foreign affairs.

COSTLY SALT CELLAR

[Canadian Press.]
London, March 24.—A silver salt cellar from the late Lord Ashburnham's collection was sold for \$25,000 at Christie's auction rooms today. It is believed to be the earliest standing salt cellar in existence.

HURON WOMEN'S
AUXILIARY OPENS
ANNUAL MEETING

Women's Diocesan Missionary Society Has Its 27th Gathering at Cronyn Hall—Christianity, the Only Religion, Says Bishop of Huron

The twenty-seventh annual convention of the Women's Auxiliary to the Anglican Diocese of Huron, opened this morning by a communion service in St. Paul's Cathedral. A large number of delegates from many points were present, and his Lordship Bishop Williams was the preacher.

His lordship chose his text from St. John, xiv, 6: "No man cometh unto the Father, but by me." "Some people today will tell us that it is the divine plan that there be a religion for every race—Confucianism for the Chinese, Buddhism for the Indian, and so on," said the Bishop, "but if this contention be true, then our Lord himself and his apostles and the whole Christian church

are expected that enough volunteers for the contingent could be secured within a day. As they would have to be taken from all parts of Canada, it would take about a week to assemble them at Halifax and put them on shipboard.

Ray of Heaven Light.
"In all of the great heathen systems of religion there is some ray of light, and when any man comprehends these rays, and grasps them, he is accepted of God. Without knowing it, he has accepted Christ."

"The highest civilization needs the gospel of Christ, just as much as the lowest races of people. It was this conviction that sent St. Paul to preach the gospel to all whom he could reach; apostles and the whole Christian church

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GETTING READY FOR
LAUNCHING OF BIG
RADIAL DELEGATION

Ticket Agents Spend Busy Time Arranging for Reservations.

MANY SPECIAL TRAINS

Both C. P. R. and G. T. R. Will Run Extra Delegation Trains—Those Who Will Go.

Local railroad ticket offices spent a busy day today arranging to handle the large number of delegates from this district, who are going to Ottawa Wednesday night to press upon the Government the need of subsidies for hydro-radial lines, the development of canal power and the improvement of the ocean waterways route. The special trains, which will carry the delegates from this city have been arranged for, and will leave both Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific depots simultaneously at 7:30 Wednesday evening.

The G. T. R. train will contain a special Pullman from Sarnia and also one from Petrolia, while the C. P. R. will have three extra cars from Guelph, which will be attached to the train at Guelph Junction. Another car, bearing the Woodstock delegation, will be picked up at that point.

Beside the special C. P. R. train leaving this city at 7:30, there will be another leaving Windsor at 1:30. It will bear a large delegation from Windsor and will pick up other deputations at Chatham and Galt, at which point the delegates from Berlin, Hespeler and Preston will congregate.

The following delegates have already made reservations at the local railroad offices:

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THE WEATHER.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London for the 24 hours preceding 8 p.m. yesterday: Highest, 36 above; lowest, 21 above.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today: Highest, 35 above; lowest, 18 above.

TOMORROW—RAIN OR SLEET.
Toronto, March 24—8 a.m. forecasts.

Today—Fine.
Wednesday—Strong southwest winds; fair at first, followed by rain or sleet before night.

Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations. High. Low. Weather.
Victoria . . . 39 . . . 22 . . . Cloudy
Winnipeg . . . 34 . . . 22 . . . Cloudy
Port Arthur . . . 28 . . . 8 . . . Clear
Perry Sound . . . 32 . . . 8 . . . Clear
Toronto . . . 38 . . . 28 . . . Clear
Ottawa . . . 26 . . . 12 . . . Cloudy
Montreal . . . 24 . . . 18 . . . Cloudy
Quebec . . . 24 . . . 4 . . . Cloudy
Father Point . . . 24 . . . 16 . . . Clear

Weather Notes.
A pronounced area of high pressure covers the eastern half of the continent, and another, accompanied by low temperature, is coming up rapidly from the north over the Western Provinces, while over the Western States there is a disturbance moving eastward.

The weather is fine, with a tendency towards higher temperature from Ontario eastward.

DIGGING POST HOLE
IN CLINTON TOWN
WORKMEN FIND OIL

Experienced Men Declare the Prospects for Wells Are Good.

ONLY FIVE FEET DOWN

Under Clay Surface, Oozy Substance Fills Up Hole, Giving "Indications."

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Clinton, March 23.—Clinton has an oil strike! What has been pronounced to be petroleum soil has been discovered along the Grand Trunk right-of-way in Clinton. The "find" was made by accident this morning when Section Foreman George David and his crew were engaged in digging post holes.

As their augurs sunk beneath the surface of the ground, a strange oil-like odor was noticed from the hole. Further investigation revealed the presence of what is believed to be oil "grounds." Confirmation of the find was given by Engineer Fixter and Conductor Weames, of the Bruce trains. Both trainmen have been in oil districts for some time, and when their train pulled into Clinton station this morning, Foreman David asked their opinion. Going to the hole, both men declared that the prospects looked good for an oil strike.

Soil Looks Promising.
The earth taken from the hole is very black, has a strange oily smell and is of the oozy consistency found in all oil fields. Since the hole was bored, it has begun to fill with an oil-like ooze, there being five feet and more of it filled now, and this is declared to be further confirmation of the popular belief that oil has been struck.

Will Get Experts.
Whether it will be in sufficient quantities to warrant the sinking of a real well or not is, of course, unknown at this time. Investigations, however, will be made by experts and there are sanguine hopes that Clinton may add to her list of industries that of oil production.

When the section men had only dug five feet below the surface, they encountered the oil strata. The surface was of hard clay, but as soon as it was passed a crowbar shot down, without resistance, for another five feet. When the iron was pulled out an oily liquid, followed it, spouting up like a small spring, and filling the hole for five feet and more.

NO WHALER SENT TO
SEARCH FOR KARLUK

San Francisco Dispatch Denied by Canadian Deputy Minister.

[Canadian Press.]
Ottawa, March 24.—"Quite untrue," commented George J. Desbarats, deputy minister of naval affairs today, when shown the San Francisco dispatch, stating that the Canadian Government had sent a whaler north to search for the missing exploration ship, Karluk. Mr. Desbarats denied that the Government had anything to do with the northern voyage of Captain Pederson and the Hermin, Pederson was master of the Karluk before Canada "baught her" for the Stefansson voyage.

Where are the persons who say that subways are not needed in London? The fire department was held up three minutes at the Clarence street crossing of the G. T. R., while proceeding to a blaze last night. There were children in the house that was on fire, but luckily the conflagration was of small dimensions. Had the flames been serious, that delay of three minutes might have meant the loss of one or more lives.

RESERVES DECISION
ON ABDUCTION CASE

Magistrate Will Hand Down Judgment in Eveland Case on Friday.

CONTRADICTORY EVIDENCE

Prisoner Declares He Took Girl Because He Felt Sorry for Her.

After listening to contradictory evidence for three hours, Magistrate J. C. Judd today reserved his decision in the cases of Wilfred Tragenza and Mrs. John McNernie, 429 Elizabeth street, charged with the abduction of 16-year-old May Eveland, 425 Elizabeth street, and allowed Mrs. McNernie out on \$1,200 bail, while Tragenza, failing to secure bail, goes back to jail till Friday, when the decision will be rendered.

Tragenza, in the witness-box, swore that he heard the Eveland girl crying, and on being questioned by him, she stated that her parents had threatened to send her to the reformatory.

"I felt sorry for the girl, and without the slightest intention of wrong-doing, told her she could come along with me," testified Tragenza.

"Did you have any intention of marrying the girl? Or did you take her away for immoral purposes?" asked Crown Attorney Jan B. McKillop.

"No," responded Tragenza. "He declared that he was taking the girl to his uncle's in Detroit, where she could stay until she secured employment. May Eveland stated that she had met Tragenza a number of times at the roller rink and that the day she left for Detroit Mrs. John McNernie, with whom she had been staying till train time, had said:

"For God's sake don't let Mr. McNernie know I was mixed up in the affair or he would kill me."

Woman Denies Story.
This statement Mrs. McNernie in the witness box denied. She swore she was not involved in the affair at all, and that she had told the girl her mother was her best friend, and that she should go back home.

"Get out of my house and go back to your parents' was what I told her," swore Mrs. McNernie.

Attorney Meredith, cross-examining the Eveland girl, failed to change her story. She positively swore that Mrs. McNernie as well as Tragenza were responsible for the trip to Detroit that led to the latter's arrest.

A number of other witnesses on both sides were called, but their evidence divulged little information.

The spectators' docket was filled to overflowing, and hundreds were turned away by the police.

FIREMEN DELAYED BY LEVEL CROSSINGS.
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