

TERRIBLE DEATH OF LITTLE GIRL FATALLY BURNED IN HER HOME

Little Gladys Vrooman's
Clothes Caught Fire
While Playing.

MATCHES BLAMED
FOR ACCIDENT

Though the Cause of the Un-
fortunate Affair Is Not
Quite Clear.

Gladys, the 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Vrooman, of 131 Duchess avenue, South London, was so badly burned at her parents' home yesterday afternoon shortly after 3 o'clock, that she died within a few minutes after being taken to Victoria Hospital.

Just how the accident occurred will probably never be known.

Invalid From Birth.

The little girl was an invalid from her birth, and was never able either to walk or talk.

Although 10 years old, she was wont to play about the house like a small child.

Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Vrooman Continued on Page Nine.

NO CANADIANS AT THE STAFF COLLEGE

Ottawa, March 19.—Militia orders state that attention is directed to the following extract from a war office letter which has been received at headquarters: the army council notice with regret that no officer of the military forces of Canada, Australia, New Zealand or South Africa has been sent this year to the staff college. Being convinced of the great importance of forming an imperial general staff, the army council would be glad if steps could be taken to urge on the Governments concerned the great desirability of sending qualified officers to the staff college each year from his majesty's over-sea Dominions.

TO MAKE MISS ELKIN A ROYAL HIGHNESS

London, March 19.—A news agency publishes the following dispatch from Rome: "The Corriere della Sera" learns that Miss Elkin, on her marriage to the Duke of the Abruzzi, will be created a "royal highness" in her own right, and that the sons of the marriage will have the right of succession to the throne."

DUDLEY APPOINTED

Succeeds Northcote as Governor-General of Australian Commonwealth.

London, March 19.—The Earl of Dudley has been appointed governor-general of the Commonwealth of Australia in succession to Sir Henry Stafford Northcote, whose term is about to expire.

BOARD IN JAIL AT PREMIUM LODGING IS VERY SCARCE

Popular Resort at the Foot of Dundas Street, Known as Castle Carter, Has Now No Vacancies for Tourists or Others
—Central Prison Full, Too.

With the exception of a few cells in the women's department, the county jail is at present packed to capacity.

Of course, there is still standing room for a few more wanderers from the straight and narrow path, but there are no vacant cells in the section occupied by the male prisoners.

In fact, even now, one unfortunate is forced to occupy a "shakedown" on the cold concrete floor on account of lack of cells.

No Room Anywhere.

Just now there are 44 prisoners in the county jail, and one day last week there were 48.

Of the number now on hand many

London Takes Credit for the Grant Made by the Govt. to Urban School

Proposed Changes in the Collegiate and Lorne Avenue School.

"The credit for the grant of \$60,000 made by the department of educational to urban schools is largely due to the London Board of Education," said Chairman Graham this morning.

"We were the first to propose a resolution to that effect, and we were the first to interview the minister on the subject."

"I have still no idea yet what the share for London will be. It may be \$2,000, and it may be \$800. I really do not know. I hope it is the larger share, as we can use it very well. The grant will not go very far among Ontario urban schools, but it is a move along the right line."

"But you can rest assured we are going to get every cent we can out of that grant."

Lorne Avenue School.

"What about Lorne avenue school?"

Phone Bill Starts a Hot Argument Solution Left to Select Committee

Municipalities Insist They Keep Franchise—Granting Powers.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, March 19.—There was a big fight in the municipal committee this morning when Phil. H. Bowyer's bill to prevent municipalities granting exclusive franchises to any telephone company came up for reconsideration. Many of the municipalities were represented in the fight against the bill.

"There was no suspicion in the committee that interests other than the companies were opposed," said Hon. Mr. Hanna in reopening the

question, "but certain municipalities wish to be heard and as a result it has been decided to reopen the bill."

Phil. H. Bowyer, East Kent, then presented the case for the bill. He quoted many editorial opinions to show that while officially, London, might be opposed to the bill the ratepayers were in favor of it. He alleged they were willing to give monopoly for the sake of \$400 per year and a few free phones.

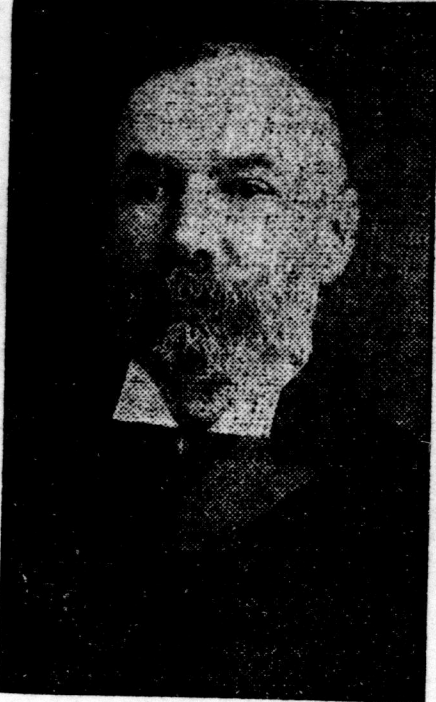
"For a few paltry dollars from the Bell monopoly," he declared, "they are now fighting the people on behalf of the greatest monopoly in this country."

St. Thomas Against It.

City Solicitor Doherty, of St. Thomas, said:

Liberal Candidate in East Lambton

MR. MONTAGUE SMITH,



Who was Wednesday selected by the Liberals of East Lambton as their candidate for the provincial house, was born in England, but has been in Canada nearly 40 years, 35 of which he has resided in Forest. He is a private banker, and is well-known and highly respected, both in his own town and throughout East Lambton. Mr. Smith has been actively identified with the Liberal party for close on to 30 years, but this is the first time he has consented to allow his name to go to a convention, although several nominations have been offered him. He is a splendid public speaker, and has a good grasp of public affairs, and is highly respected by all. He is interested in sports and belongs to many gun clubs and angling associations.

Grand Trunk Hands Out \$65,000

The Grand Trunk pay car came to town today and nearly \$65,000 in checks was passed out over the counter to men in this vicinity.

"There has been a heavy increase all along the line," an official told The Advertiser this afternoon. "Those heavy snowstorms a few weeks ago necessitated extra crews and overtime for many of the men. We reckon the cost of those storms throughout the country has been close to half a million dollars."

"In a couple of weeks more, as soon as they have completed their plans at Montreal, the construction department will take on many navies. The outlook for the present is much the same as usual in past seasons. There is a lot of repair work to be done. We have heard nothing so far regarding new construction work in London."

THE EAST LAMBTON LIBERALS SELECT A STRONG CANDIDATE

Mr. Montague Smith of Forest Unanimous Choice For Local House By Big and Enthusiastic Convention at Watford.

[By Our Own Man.]

Watford, March 18.—In one of the largest and most enthusiastic conventions ever held in the riding of East Lambton, Mr. Montague A. Smith, of Forest, was nominated by the Liberals for the coming provincial elections. His was the only name proposed, and the nomination was unanimous as well as most popular. Mr. Smith accepted.

When the convention was opened by Mr. R. J. McCormick, of Watford, the president, he called Mr. S. Bailey, of Plympton, to the chair. On the platform were Messrs. H. J. Pettipiece, ex-M. P. P., Charles Jenkins, Petrolia; John Cowan, K. C., Joseph Hall, Watford; Jas. Peat, Petrolia;

Dr. Coulter, Petrolia; David Milne, Liberal candidate for West Lambton; Montague A. Smith, Forest; A. Laird, Watford; W. J. Macalpine, Watford; Duncan White, Bosanquet; T. Lampman, Bosanquet; H. F. Williams, Watford; and others.

The secretary of the association, Mr. H. F. Williams, explained that the meeting had been called owing to the resignation of Mr. H. J. Pettipiece. The president declared the meeting open for nominations.

All for Mr. Smith.

Mr. R. J. McCormick, the president, declared that he had intended going before the convention as a candidate, but when Mr. Montague A. Smith came forward, he took the greatest pleasure in supporting him.

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CITY WAS NOT REPRESENTED ACTING MAYOR TAKES LEAD

Important Matter of Ottawa Avenue Derail Before the Railway Commission—Evidently a Mistake Was Made by Some One.

Considerable surprise was occasioned this afternoon, when it was learned that the city of London was not represented at the meeting of the Dominion railway commission, which is scheduled to take place at Ingersoll 25-foot one-way derail on the Ottawa avenue line.

A committee composed of Ald. Saunders, Ald. Booth and Ald. Rose was appointed by the council to appear with City Solicitor Meredith before the commission, and lay the city's case before the commission.

This committee has not been notified and has not appeared before the commission.

Mistake Somewhere.

"I have had no instructions in the matter," said City Solicitor Meredith this afternoon to The Advertiser. "I will not appear before the commission, as I have not been instructed to do so."

"I don't know a thing about it," said Ald. Rose, one of the committee, appointed to appear with the city solicitor. "I certainly understood that we were to appear before the commission, and I expected we would, but I have heard nothing. Something should be done, as we certainly are opposed to that derail as the street railway want it."

City Clerk's Statement.

City Clerk Baker sent instructions, he declares, to City Solicitor Meredith with the names of the committee appointed.

This is the second time the city has not been represented at the commission on this matter.

The London Street Railway Company was given permission to use the derail, because no person on behalf of the city protested against it.

Mr. King Agreeable.

Manager King stated this afternoon that if the citizens were really opposed to the derail he would not put it down. He informed Ald. Rose of this fact, and Ald. Rose told him that the citizens were certainly determined to oppose the 25-foot derail, as it was no protection to passengers, and made it certain that cars would run only one way, which was contrary to the bylaw governing the Ottawa avenue line.

Acting Mayor Takes Hand.

Acting Mayor Stevenson, as soon as he was informed by the Advertiser that the city was not represented before the railway commission, immediately notified City Clerk Baker that the city must be represented to protest against the use of the derail.

"No matter what the cost, we must be represented at the commission," he said.

Whitney Refuses London Two Seats

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, March 19.—Premier Whitney has submitted to the redistribution committee a list of seats which it is suggested are to remain unchanged. The most important one is London, for which two members had been urged. The list is as follows: morrow.

CIGARETTE BILL WAS TALKED OUT

Private Members' Day in the Dominion House of Commons.

Ottawa, March 18.—This was the last Wednesday devoted to private members, the Government having taken the remaining Wednesdays to themselves. By arrangement, public bills and orders occupied the whole afternoon and several bills received their second reading.

The Government announced that amendments would be made to the railway act, based upon the bill introduced by Dr. Barr (Dufferin), providing for municipalities having the right to cross over or under railway tracks with water mains, telephone and electric wires.

It was announced that the bills introduced by Mr. R. L. Borden, Mr. Alcorn, and Mr. Claude Macdonell, respectively, respecting the election act, would be considered in conjunction with Mr. Aylesworth's bill on the same subject.

The bill introduced by Dr. Reid, to compel the issuing of interchangeable mileage, at two cents a mile, passed its second reading.

Mr. Blain (Peel) called up his anti-cigarette resolution, and demanded a vote. The Premier would not agree to this, and it was talked out.

Mr. Wright, of Renfrew, whilst speaking on the subject of the Georgian Bay Canal, was twice seized with faintness, and finally had to give up before concluding his arguments.

BOYS ARE BLAMED FOR OBSTRUCTION

Placed on the C. P. R. Tracks—Police Still Working.

The local detectives state that so far as they are aware there has been no new development in the investigation of the attempts to wreck the C. P. R. early morning express.

They are inclined to the belief that the attempt were made by boys. Several years ago a local boy tried to wreck a Michigan Central express by tying a tie across the track.

He was captured and sentenced to five years in prison.

FLIM-FLAM ACT AGAIN

Brookville, March 18.—The police have in custody a man giving the name of Thomas Sheridan, who is alleged film-flamed J. B. Arnold, an Eastern Corners farmer, who visited Brookville yesterday. Meeting Arnold at the station Sheridan, it is said, asked him for a \$10 bill in exchange for the balance of the change, and stepping to another portion of the depot disappeared. This afternoon, in company with three companions, Sheridan was arrested, and all are being held for trial.

When searched Sheridan had several pairs of new gloves in his possession. He says Montreal is his home, and that he is an old Shamrock lacrosse player.

BOYLE APPEALS.

Windsor, March 19.—Joseph Boyle, whose costs awarded in his \$500,000 suit against the Detroit directors of the Canadian Klondike Mining Company were largely reduced by the taxation before Francis Cleary in Windsor, is now appealing in the Toronto courts.

MARIA ESCAPES

St. Petersburg, March 18.—It is reported here that Mile. Maria Opiridovno, who was exiled to Siberia two years ago for the murder of the chief of police of Tambov, has escaped, and is now in either Australia or New Zealand.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLD.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, March 19—8 a.m.

Today—Strong northwesterly winds; colder tonight.

Friday—Moderate winds; fair and cold.

Local Temperatures.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended 8 p.m. yesterday were: Highest, 34°; lowest, 18°; above zero.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.

Calgary 10 Clear

Winnipeg 2 -14 Clear

Port Arthur 0 -12 Clear

Perry Sound 16 Clear

Toronto 26 26 Clear

Ottawa 24 22 Snow

Montreal 24 20 Snow

Quebec 24 20 Snow

Father Point 24 14 Snow

Minus (-) means below zero.

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

WEATHER NOTES.

An area of high pressure, accompanied by low temperature, is spreading across the great lakes.

Light rain or sleet fell during the night in Southern Ontario, and snow is now falling between Eastern Ontario and New Brunswick.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 8 below-6; Atlin, 4 below-30; Port Simpson, 32-42; Victoria, 34-50; Vancouver, 20-47; Kamloops, 23-44; Calgary, 16-38; Edmonton, 10 below-38; Battleford, 24 below-22; Prince Albert, 22 below-16; Regina, 12 below-16; Winnipeg, 20 below-10; Port Arthur, 4-28; Perry Sound, 8-32; Toronto, 18-30; Ottawa, 8-22; Montreal, 6-24; Quebec, 6-24; St. John, 20-36; Halifax, 22-36.

LONDON RETAINS HEAD OFFICE OF THE WOODMEN OF WORLD

CON. CHALMERS DEAD;
AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Former Railwayman of London Passes Away at Owen Sound.

Owen Sound, March 19.—Mr. Frederick A. Chalmers, one of the best known and most popular conductors on the Grand Trunk, died this morning after a lingering illness.

Mr. Chalmers had been suffering for over a year with enlargement of the heart, and for some time past his recovery was despaired of.

He was born in London, Ont., 55 years ago, and is a son of the late Wm. Chalmers.

He leaves, besides a widow, two daughters, Misses Vera and Cora, and two sons, Roy and Ralph.

The body will be taken to London on Saturday for burial.

A WAGE DECISION

Contractor Must Pay Men for Time Lost By Delays.

Ottawa, March 19.—Magistrate O'Keefe in the police court this morning gave an important decision in a case brought for non-payment of wages by a workman against a contractor. The magistrate ruled that the man should be paid for hours he had not been able to work owing to non-arrival of material, defective machinery or other reasons. In other words, men must receive work or be paid for the time they are under contract, even by the day or hour.

SEVENTEEN CASES SET DOWN FOR TRIAL AT THE ASSIZES

Grist for Next Week Is Growing Steadily Day by Day—Action for Libel Figures in the List—Many Legal Tangles to Unravel.

There are now seventeen cases set down for trial at the assizes next Monday, before Mr. Justice Riddell. The latest entries are as follows:

Jury.

Walter T. Westby vs. London Free Press Printing Company—The plaintiff asks for \$5,000 for alleged libel. The statement of claim sets forth that on March 10 the Free Press falsely and maliciously printed certain items in connection with certain difficulties between Mr. Westby and a domestic named Mrs. Fritchell.

The statement continues: "Meaning that the house of the plaintiff was one of misery, thereby imputing to the plaintiff conduct tending to disgrace and disparage him, and expose and hold him up to public hatred and ridicule."

Meredith, Judd & Meredith, for plaintiff; Blackburn & Weekes, for defendant.

A Blanshard Case.

Mitchell vs. Sparling—William C. Mitchell and William Matheson bring

action against William R. Sparling to recover \$28.40 and interest from July 30, 1906, and for a decision of certain agreements between the parties.

The first plaintiff is a farmer residing in Blanshard Township, Perth county, and the other plaintiff is a contractor in St. Marys. The defendant is a physician living in North Battleford, Sask.

It is alleged that the plaintiffs entered into an agreement with the defendant to pay him \$2,840 to be invested in certain lands in the Northwest, upon which the defendant was said to have had an option. Later the plaintiffs learned that no option had been obtained, and now allege that the money in question was obtained by deceit and fraud. J. M. McEvoy, for plaintiffs; Flock & Flock, for defendant.

Against Local Merchant.

Joseph Damstra and Nelson P. Walsh vs. J. E. Smallman—An action to recover \$2,000 damages for past and further damages.

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Lind, Kerrigan Assets \$56,000

Liabilities Will Be Slightly More

Meeting of the Creditors Was Held Yesterday—Statement Is Not Completed.

At a meeting of the creditors of the Lind, Kerrigan Company, held last evening in the office of Meredith, Fisher & McDonald, attorneys, the Canada Trust Company was confirmed assignee of the firm's assets, which will be sold in the usual manner, by auction.

Messrs. J. Harley Brown, George C. Gibbons, K.C., and C. A. Ross were appointed inspectors.

It will not be known positively just what the assets will amount to, nor what the difference between the assets and liabilities will be until after the checking of the stock is completed and the liabilities revised.

The Estimate.

It is estimated, however, that the assets will amount to at least \$56,000 and that the liabilities will slightly exceed that amount.

It is probable that the affairs of the company will be wound up inside of two months.

Sympathy at the meeting was entirely with the members of the firm, the creditors present expressing their deepest regret at the turn of affairs.

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