

ANOTHER MAN POSITIVELY IDENTIFIES JOHN PRODGER SAW HIM IN SOUTH END

Prisoner Was Hanging Around the Neighborhood of Vauxhall Bridge—Police Disregard Story That Miss Frank Was Shot by Own Weapon—Woman's Condition Not So Good—Is Developing Fever Today.

A somewhat sensational story is going around the city this afternoon to the effect that John Prodger shot Miss Elizabeth Frank with her own revolver. Miss Frank admits that she had several revolvers about the house, but has told the police that she was unable to reach any of them in time. The police do not credit the story that Prodger could have shot Miss Frank with one of her own weapons, as she told them that as soon as she asked the man at the window why he was breaking in he pulled a gun from his right hip pocket and commenced firing at her.

ANOTHER IDENTIFICATION. The police had a farmer named Robinson, who lives in Westminster, near Vauxhall bridge, at the jail this morning to see Prodger. Robinson was working in his field, when he saw a man running along by his fence. When the man saw Robinson looking at him, he ducked behind a stump, and when Robinson went on with his work, he hurried away again. The man had no hat on. It is stated that Robinson told the police that morning that Prodger is the man.

SAW PRODGER, PASS STORE. Mr. Fred Jones, who keeps a store at the corner of Adelaide and Larnard streets, stated to The Advertiser this afternoon that after seeing the cut in The Advertiser last night of Prodger, he remembers positively that he saw him pass his store on Tuesday evening about 5:20, going north on Adelaide street. He had no hat on at the time, and it was only a short time after this that he got the call from Mr. Breininger.

DEVELOPING FEVER. Dr. George Wilson stated to The Advertiser at 2:30 this afternoon that he had just seen Miss Frank, and that she had been very restless, and was developing a fever. "She did not sleep hardly at all last night," said the doctor, "and her condition is quite serious. I could not say that the fever would be an indication of blood-poisoning developing. It is too early yet to say that."

CURIOUS VISIT THE SCENE. Large numbers of citizens have visited the vicinity of Mount Frank, the home of Miss Frank, since the shooting, and many of the visitors have entered the grounds and rambled all about the place, looking it over with eager interest. In order to keep the patient as quiet as possible, notices are pinned on all the doors, "Please do not knock."

ED. HEREDITH, K.C., WILL DEFEND PRODGER. Prodger, it is understood, will be defended by Mr. Ed Meredith. Mr. Meredith, asked by The Advertiser this afternoon if he was defending Prodger, replied "Not yet."

Asked if he had been approached in the matter, he said he would rather not say.

SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE HAVING A BIG TIME

"Made-in-London" Exhibition at the Armories Visited by Thousands Today.

This is a holiday for the public school children, and the youngsters, after spending four consecutive days in school since the last holiday, are simply overwhelmed with joy at the day off.

This afternoon swarms of them were at the armories, where they took in the Made-in-London exhibition. That they enjoyed themselves very much is evident by the enthusiasm they displayed in their visits.

The public school exhibits with the fine drawing, and art work, manual training demonstration, and domestic science work, attracted them, of course, but they spent a major portion of the time at the booths where there was something good to eat.

C. W. BENNETT BACK AGAIN PROMOTING AVIATION MEETS

Former Head of the Bennett Theatres in Canada Tells How It Feels to Read Your Own Obituary—Story That He Was Dead Cost Him Many Thousands of Dollars.

Mr. C. W. Bennett, the well-known theatrical man, who has been ill for some months, came to the city yesterday to spend a few days among old friends.

In spite of the fact that the attack of typhoid fever, from which he suffered, was long and stubborn, he is making a splendid recovery, and although still weak, he is enthusiastic and hopeful of the future.

AN AMERICAN VIEW OF THE TARIFF SETTLEMENT



From the Chicago Journal, April 1.

STUNG!

HERE'S HOW AND WHEN TO SEE HALLEY'S COMET

If you get up just before sunrise now you will get a glimpse of Halley's comet in the eastern sky, says Prof. John N. Stockwell, famous American astronomer. From now it will rise a little earlier each morning until April 18, when it will be visible for two hours and a half before sunrise.

After May 18, we won't have to lose any morning beauty sleep to see it, as it will be visible in the western sky after sunset. You see, Prof. Stockwell thinks he will still be here to see it after May 18.

WALTER ROSS IS FOUND GUILTY OF KILLING PERCY PARKINSON

Defence Claimed That the Prosecution Had Not Made Out a Case and Therefore Did Not Put Up Any Witnesses.

North Bay, Ont., April 7. — Walter Ross was this evening found guilty of killing Percy Parkinson, of Kincardine, at Ramore, New Ontario, on the 9th of December last, where they were prospecting for gold.

The defence claimed that Ross' story that he shot in self-defence was true, and therefore did not put up any witnesses. Ross' lawyers claimed that the prosecution had not made out a case against their client.

Ross will be sentenced on Friday. The main features of today's evidence were that by the doctors that the bullet entered Parkinson's head behind the right ear, and Dr. Jukes-Johnson's evidence that a soft-nosed bullet could not be deflected as suggested by defence. Parkinson's trousers were produced with the pocket inside out as found, after the tragedy, on his body. When the crown case was finished counsel for Parkinson, of Grand avenue school, defence announced that there were no witnesses for the defence and he would not put the prisoner in the witness box.

He contended that Ross' story of self-defence was reasonable and that Parkinson must have swung around when the shot was fired. Crown Prosecutor Blackstock ridiculed Ross' story as impossible in view of his movements and conflicting stories. Parkinson was known to have over fifty dollars on that day, but no money was found on his body.

The crown theory was that the shooting took place on Dec. 8; that Ross said nothing till he met the constable at Matheson, night of 9th, when he advanced the story of self-defence, knowing that the tragedy would be found out and to save himself. Ross sat unmoved, betraying by neither twitching muscles or apparent nervousness that he was affected by his position.

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A RECORD CROWD AT THE EXHIBITION

There was a record-breaking crowd at the armories last night, and Thursday, the attendance running up to over 3,000. At night 2,500 tickets were sold. Today is children's day, and the little ones are taking in the sights of the Made-in-London exhibition. The grand march will start at 4 o'clock sharp tonight, Saturday night the show will be brought to a close. It is a success far beyond the hopes of its promoters. All the booths are doing a land-office business, especially the summer booth, where ice cream and cool drinks are served. People were turned away last night, because the ticket sellers could not sell tickets fast enough. Be early tonight and avoid the rush.

PICTURE POSTCARD SENT MAYOR SHOWING ELEVATED TRACKS

Calgary Is Much Ahead of London in This Regard—P. M. Will Likely Bear Cost of a Watchman and Gates at Grey Street Crossing of the L. and P. S. R.

Some ratepayers in the city, interested in track elevation, sent Mayor Beattie a picture postcard, showing the elevated tracks over the main streets of Calgary.

On it there is the explanation that the scheme works beautifully in that city, and that the cost, which was not great, is much overbalanced by the benefits accruing from it.

However, nothing has been heard from the Dominion railway commission, and the date for the sitting in London has not been announced.

When word is received, the crossings over the Pere Marquette, particularly that at Grey street, will be taken up, together with the problem of the other crossings.

P. M. Responsible. The city's tenants, the P. M. Railway Company, will be altogether responsible for the maintenance of this crossing.

The expense will be about \$1,000 a year, for the maintenance of the gate, and the initial expenditure will run up to about \$150.

"I have heard nothing," said his worship. "I presume we will be notified in plenty of time, but at present I have no information."

It is expected that the session of the House of Commons will close the latter part of April, and then the commission will be free to take up this and other questions.

HEAD-ON COLLISION. Wheeling, W. Va., April 8. — In a head-on collision early today between two freight trains on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at Romaspoint, eight miles east of here, Engineer Nash was killed and four trainmen seriously injured. One of the locomotives was thrown over into Wheeling Creek, and the other to the opposite side in a field. Both tracks were leaped high with debris. A misunderstanding of train orders is assigned as the cause of the wreck.

MANY DELEGATES WILL BE PRESENT

Twenty-third Annual Meeting of Huron Diocesan Branch Woman's Auxiliary.

A NOTABLE GATHERING

Ladies of the Church of England Banded Together To Assist in Mission Work—Will Gather Next Tuesday.

The twenty-third annual meeting of the Huron diocesan branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada will be held in the Bishop Cronyn Hall on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next.

Addressees will be given by the lord bishop of the diocese, Archbishop Mackenzie (of Brantford), Rev. E. J. Peck (of the Arctic Mission), and Rev. E. W. Hughes (Ministry). These are guests at the house.

The following is a list of delegates expected from outside the city and their entertainers:

The Delegates. Aylmer—Mrs. Wong, Mrs. Sanders and Mrs. Jenkins, with friends. Alisa Craig—Mrs. J. A. Bloodworth, with Mrs. J. B. McKillop, St. James street; Miss Jennie Chapman, at 62 Elmwood avenue. Berlin—Mrs. D. S. Bowdley, with Mrs. Becker, Mrs. J. Suddaby, with Miss Cornell; Mrs. H. D. Steele, with Mrs. J. W. P. Smith. Blenheim—Mrs. Jennings, with Mrs. Bowen, St. George street. Brantford—Grace Church—Mrs. Coshutt, with Mrs. King, Dufferin avenue; Mrs. Peiry, with Mrs. Joseph C. Watson, 35 The Ridgeway. Brantford—St. Andrew's—Mrs. A. Moss, with Mrs. H. Colerick, 682 Queen's avenue. Burford—Mrs. J. E. Brethour, with Miss Moore, Elmwood avenue. Continued on Page Eleven

A TILBURY RESIDENT CRUSHED BY ENGINE

Falls Across Rails and Is Run Over by a Switch Locomotive.

[G. N. W. Dispatch.] Windsor, April 8.—Peter Giroux, a resident of Tilbury, after a social gathering in Windsor last night, started for the Michigan Central roundhouse. He fell across the track, and remained motionless until a switch engine ran over him. He was rushed to the Hotel Dieu Hospital, where doctors amputated both legs below the knees. His body is so badly crushed that little hope is held out for his recovery.

COULDN'T STOP EXPRESS IN TIME TO SAVE

A Central Flyer Thunders Into Freight Car Thrown Across Rails by Accident.

[Associated Press.] Utica, April 8.—The Central Hudson western express, No. 22, was wrecked a short distance west of Crisank about 4 o'clock this morning. One man was killed, Mitchell Bassett, a fireman, whose home is in this city. A number of the passengers were thrown from their seats and berths, but it is said by the railroad people that no one was seriously injured. A shifting engine was working near the point making up a freight train. A westbound freight train collided with the shifter and struck, throwing one of the cars over in such a manner as to stand across the westbound passenger track. At that moment and before a warning signal could be set, the western express thundered into the freight car. Four out of the six passenger coaches were thrown from the rails, and all four of the tracks were blocked.

YARD INSPECTION COMMENCES SHORTLY

Inspector McCallum Will Soon Have Gang of Men at Work.

Inspector McCallum will shortly have the back yards and lanes of the city inspected, and has sent out notices to all the citizens to have the yards and lanes cleaned up.

"We will shortly commence our rounds," said the inspector. "The weather has been fine, and there is no reason why the filth and dirt of a winter's accumulation should not be removed."

HUSBAND GOT ANOTHER IS WELCOME TO HER

[G. N. W. Dispatch.] Detroit, Mich., April 8.—A Ridgeway, Ont., woman went to Pontiac, Mich., yesterday in search for her husband, and found him at a boarding-house living with another woman. The officers explained to her that if she desired the man's arrest, which she said she did, it would be necessary to make formal complaint here. This, however, the woman refused to do, and returned to Ridgeway with the declaration that if her husband had found another woman he liked better, he was welcome to her as far as she was concerned.

ACTION FOR DAMAGES

Dawson Vs. Township of Westminster Heard Before Judge Macbeth.

The case of Dawson vs. the township of Westminster, an action to recover damages for the death of a horse because it is alleged a roadway was defective and allowed the horse to fall through, was heard yesterday before Judge Macbeth. The evidence showed that the animal was blind, and was at large upon the public highway, and as a result of it being at large the defence contended that the township is not liable. U. A. Buchner represented the plaintiff, and M. D. Fraser the defendants.

PRODGER SPENT A QUIET NIGHT BAPTIST MINISTER CALLED ON HIM

Prisoner Is Not at Ease, But He Says Nothing—Shoes Are Alleged to Fit the Footprints Found in the Field Around the Frank Home—Detectives Still Busy.

John Prodger spent a quiet night in his cell at the county jail, and slept well. He does not, according to the authorities, appear to be at ease, however, although he says nothing. Rev. A. J. Vining, of the Tabbot Street Baptist Church, called on Prodger in his cell this morning, and had a lengthy conversation with him. Detectives Egleton and Down visited the home of Miss Frank yesterday and took Prodger's shoes with them, and fitted them into tracks in the field, and it is understood they correspond perfectly.

ANTI-GAMBLING BILL DEFEATED BUT MAY BE COMPROMISE

After Chief Clauses Had Been Voted Out Promoter Desired to Drop Measure, But Premier Leaves Way Open to Reach Settlement.

Ottawa, April 7.—After one of the most exciting nights witnessed in Parliament for some time, a bare majority of the House of Commons, with a sympathetic side towards the interests of the turf and the sporting instincts of the human race, blocked the bill introduced and ably sponsored by Mr. H. H. Miller to suppress racetrack gambling. As the matter stands there is still a possibility of a compromise being reached before the end of the session, but with the opposition of the bill insisting upon an amendment, which in one respect at least would, if adopted, have the effect of accentuating the bookmaking evil, the chances of any legislation this session having a practical value are remote. The promoters of the bill and those supporting it made a brave fight, resisting to the end all attempts to force upon the country what they regarded as a half measure that would defeat the reform aimed at, but they encountered an opposition which derived strength from unexpected quarters, and which benefited from the fact that the issue was decided in committee, where members can vote assured of some degree of anonymity.

The McColl Amendment. The climax in the struggle was reached when, after the debate on the bill, the McColl amendment was voted down. Continued on Page Ten.

Hear Hon. A. G. MacKay Saturday Night

Hon. A. G. MacKay will address the Liberals of London in Hyman Hall on Saturday night. A very large attendance is anticipated to hear the gifted leader of the Opposition, and the address promises to be one of great interest to all.

Tonight the South London Liberal Club will hold their euchre evening. Valuable prizes will be donated by ex-Ald. Thos. Gillean. All are invited to be present.

LINE WILL BE BUILT TO INGERSOLL TRACTION PROSPECTS BRIGHT

At the meeting of the directors of the London and Lake Erie Railway and Transportation Company, held Thursday afternoon in the Masonic Temple, Mr. Murray A. Verner, of Brantford and Pittsburgh, was elected president of the company.

Mr. W. S. Dinnick, of Toronto, was selected as vice-president, and the directors were Messrs. S. S. Smoke, K. C., Toronto; W. K. George, George B. Woods, Toronto; T. H. Parson, K. C., and John Milne, London.

Extensions Discussed. The extension of the road was discussed at some length, and it is probable that the line from Ingersoll to London will be constructed this summer.

Organization Complete. "The permanent organization is now complete," said one of the directors. "The plans for extensions have not been finally settled, but the line from Ingersoll to this city will probably be constructed this year."

No announcement was made touching Sunday cars, but it is understood that they will be operated May 24.

JOKES WAS PLAYED ON GALLANT SWAIN

Box of Candy Was Emptied and Filled With Rubbish—Then He Gave It to Best Girl.

The members of one of London's largest social clubs are enjoying a joke which some of them perpetrated on a young man who belongs to the club when he dropped in to see them for a short time the other evening. He hung up his overcoat and from one of the pockets a choice box of candy was visible.

The young man was induced to go into another room for a short time, and while he was gone some of the club members opened the box and removed the candy and filled the box up with old paper, putting in a few large nails and some bits of iron they found to give it weight.

They tied the box up and replaced it in the pocket, and the young man went away in a short time. He gave the box to his young lady, and what happened when she opened it in his presence may be imagined.

FIRST EXCURSION OF THE SEASON

Over 300 People Went to Toronto Today via G. T. R.—Big Orchestra Leaves.

Over 300 people went to Toronto this morning on a special Grand Trunk train on the first excursion of the season.

Maurice Poirer's orchestra and the London Dramatic Club also went down. The orchestra will take part in Earl Grey's musical competition tonight, while the Dramatic Club will present "Jack Straw" tomorrow night.

The train was one of the finest that has left London in a long time.

ENTRANCE EXAMS. WILL BE HELD A WEEK EARLIER

Dates Finally Set Are June 22, 23 and 24—No Picnic This Year.

It has just been announced that the entrance examinations will be held a week earlier this year than previously. According to advices the dates set are June 22, 23 and 24.

This will make it impossible, according to several of the trustees, to hold a picnic, and it will undoubtedly be done away with this year.

There was no picnic last year, and much criticism was made of the board of education. It looks as if it will be permanently "cut out."

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—MILD.

FORECASTS. Toronto, April 8.—Sunny, moderate winds, becoming rainy Saturday—Mild.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Today. Yesterday. Min. Low. High.

London. 24. 42. 54.

Victoria. 46. 42. 40.

Winnipeg. 24. 39. 24.

Port Arthur. 56. 26. 44.

Perry Sound. 38. 22. 38.

Toronto. 28. 20. 35.

Ottawa. 38. 28. 35.

Montreal. 46. 32. 38.

Quebec. 40. 24. 32.

Father Point. 36. 32. 36.

Dawson City. 22. 22. 32.

Vancouver. 52. 40. 44.

Calgary. 22. 22. 40.

Edmonton. 26. 26. 48.

Prince George. 26. 26. 48.

Mooselaw. 26. 26. 48.

Qu'Appelle. 26. 26. 48.

St. John. 26. 26. 48.

Halifax. 48. 38. 48.

Minus (—) means below zero.

WEATHER NOTES.

The depression still hovers over the New England States, causing rain in the Maritime Provinces and sleet or rain in Quebec.