

Thirty Buried By Collapse of Wall at Toronto

NEILSON CO.'S NEW BUILDING CRASHED TO THE BASEMENT CARRYING EMPLOYEES TO DEATH

Several Dead Bodies Removed From Ruins and Many Injured Reported, With Large Number Under the Debris.

ENTIRE FIRE DEPARTMENT OUT ENGAGING IN WORK OF RESCUE

Workers Were In Factory at Time of Accident—Mostly Women and Girls, and a Large Number of These Have Yet To Be Accounted For—Reason for Accident Not Yet Known.

IDENTIFIED DEAD

Mrs. Eva Anderson.
Louis Shine.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, May 4.—The entire south wall of the five-story building of William Neilson, Limited, manufacturer of ice cream and chocolates, situated at 307 Gladstone avenue, collapsed with a few minutes' warning at 11 o'clock this morning, burying the employees in the debris. Five employees were removed badly injured, and the ruins are being searched now for several others believed to be entombed. Two are dead and at least twenty are believed to be still in the debris.

The reason for the collapse is not known. The building is a new one and has been occupied only a short time. There was no explosion accompanying the collapse. At the time of the accident two hundred employees were in the building, all on the first and second floors.

DEAD AND INJURED.

The dead—Mrs. Eva Anderson, Louis Shine. Badly injured—Emily Watson, 106 Russett street; Susie Burns, Somerhill avenue; Lottie Carri, 39 Degraass street; Mabel Bowman, Dufferin street; Mrs. Thompson, Dufferin street.

A GENERAL ALARM.

A general alarm was sent to the fire department, and the firemen are now engaged in removing the debris in the hope that some of those still entombed may yet be brought out alive. Every private ambulance in the city as well as the police ambulances are on the scene to rush any still living to the hospitals the moment they are extracted from the tangled heap of ruins.

A LATER REPORT

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, May 4.—Two are dead, five more seriously injured, and from twenty to thirty others buried and probably dead, in the ruins of the new five-story building of the William Neilson Company, Limited, at 307 Gladstone avenue, the south wall of which suddenly collapsed shortly before 11 o'clock this morning while two hundred employees, engaged in the manufacture of ice cream and chocolates, were at work on the first and second floors.

THE RESCUE WORK.

The entire Toronto fire brigade is now on the scene making heroic efforts to extricate those buried under the debris, in the hope that they may still be alive. Every private ambulance and all the police ambulances in the city are also on the scene to immediately rush to the hospitals any who may be taken out alive.

The majority of the employees are women and girls. Up to the present it is not known who are still unaccounted for, or just how many are missing. Of the known dead one is a woman and the other a man, while all the injured so far removed are girls.

The building, which has only been occupied for the past two months, was fitted up with the most modern machinery procurable, and is claimed to have been the most up-to-date manufacturing plant of its kind in America.

THE WALL BUCKLED.

Two reasons are advanced for the collapse of the building—one that the building was erected on made ground and that the foundation gave way with the removal of the frost, and the other that the machinery used on the second floor was too heavy for the structure. The cause, however, will not be determined until after an investigation, and probably not then. The wall seems to have buckled about half way up.

CAUGHT UNDER DEBRIS.

An unidentified girl's body has been removed from the ruins, and just before 12 o'clock the workers found the feet of two men and a girl sticking out of the debris. It is feared from their positions that they are dead.

On the list of injured are a carpenter who had been working on the building, who was unconscious, and whose name is unknown; William Lamby, 14 Gordon street, and a builder's laborer whose first name was Joe, and whose other name is not known as he was unconscious and removed to the hospital.

The upper stories of the building were incomplete, and the carpenters were still working on them when the crash came.

WOMAN PINNED DOWN.

Shortly before 1 o'clock the workers heard the moan of a woman and a cry for help, and discovered a woman whose name is not known hemmed in by girders and a mass of debris. A frantic effort was made to reach her, but from her position it is believed that her injuries will be so serious that she cannot live.

A TORNADO DRILL.

Wakita, Okla., May 4.—A tornado drill, patterned after the fire drills in the city, has been inaugurated by Miss Hattie Conner, principal of the En-prise school near here, as a result of the recent storms in Oklahoma. The scholars are lined up on signal and they run to the nearest tornado cave, which is a quarter of a mile away.

EXCITED BY PICTURE.

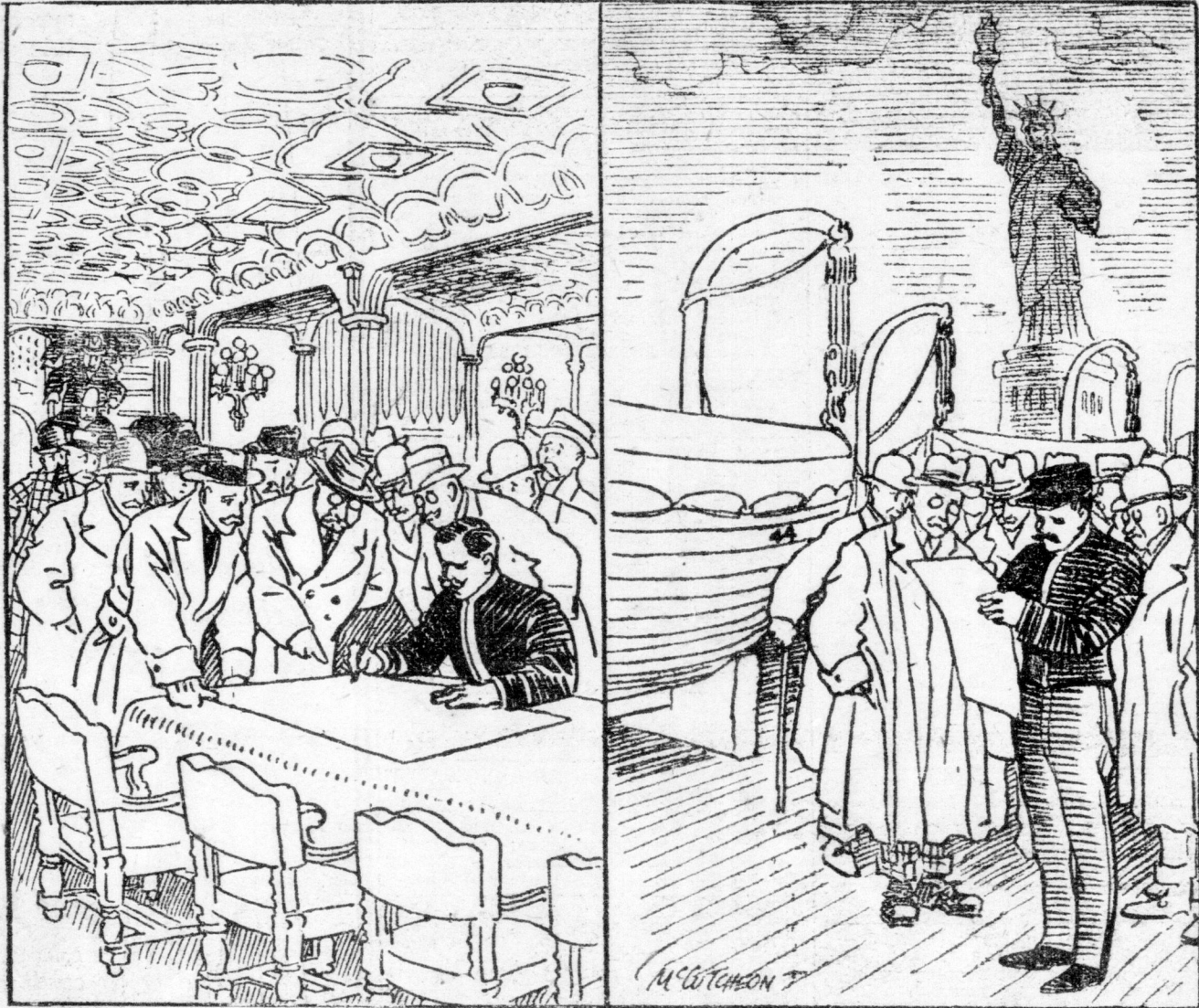
Atlanta, Ga., May 4.—A picture of himself nailed to a cross, roughly drawn upon the wall of his cell in the county jail yesterday, by Ben Green, a negro sentenced to be hanged June 7 for the murder of Aaron Morris, a white man, so wrought up other occupants of the prison that it required the efforts of several officers to quiet them.

THE OCEAN PASSENGERS.

By John T. McCutcheon.

The men who used to first rush down to have the purser assign them good seats at the tables Will hereafter first rush up and have the boat steward assign them their seats in the life boats.

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BYLAW TO CONTROL THE BABY FARMS

Children's Aid Society Will Request the Council to Pass One.

INSPECTION IS NEEDED

Case on York Street, Where a Baby Was Badly Bitten by Rats, Causes Society to Move.

A bylaw to control maternity homes, or baby farms, as they are sometimes called, will be demanded by a deputation from the Children's Aid Society at Monday night's meeting of the city council.

The general act covering such matters gives municipalities the right to pass bylaws regulating such places. There is no such bylaw at the present time, and the society considers that it is time that there was.

"We shall have a deputation at the meeting on Monday evening," said Inspector Sanders. "We shall ask that a bylaw in conformity with the general act be passed, providing for the inspection, etc., of such places. At the present time we can do nothing. When the bylaw goes into force no baby can be left at such places for more than 24 hours unless permission is given by the authorities. We shall be able to inspect and regulate these places, and prevent any such occurrence as that of recent date when a baby's face was bitten by a rat."

SIR THOMAS TAIT NOT APPOINTED

G. T. R. Chairman Denies That He Is to Succeed Mr. Hays.

[Canadian Press.] Montreal, May 4.—The Grand Trunk officials this morning received a cable from Chairman Smithers denying that Sir Thomas Tait had been appointed successor to Charles M. Hays as president of the Grand Trunk System.

THE WEATHER.

SUNDAY—WARM, SHOWERY.			
Forecasts.			
Toronto, May 4—8 a.m.			
Today—Moderate to fresh easterly winds; fair.			
Sunday—Fresh east to south winds; mostly fair, but some local showers or thunderstorms, chiefly at night; stationary or higher temperatures.			
Temperatures.			
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:			
Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
LONDON	59.5	42	Clear
Victoria	54	45	Cloudy
Calgary	50	28	Fair
Winnipeg	74	48	Cloudy
Port Arthur	42	34	Rain
Darry Sound	66	44	Cloudy
Toronto	61	46	Cloudy
Ottawa	62	38	Clear
Montreal	62	40	Fair
Quebec	58	34	Clear
Father Point	50	26	Rain
Weather Notes.			
Pressure remains high from the Great Lakes eastward, while the western depression is moving slowly northward. The weather continues showery in Saskatchewan, Manitoba and the Lake Superior district, and elsewhere fine.			

IS ANOTHER BANK MERGER ABOUT TO BE ARRANGED?

Rumors Prevail at the Capital of a New Absorption In Prospect.

[Canadian Press.] Ottawa, May 4.—Is another big bank merger in prospect? This question is exciting interest in financial and other circles owing to the announcement by the Bank of Montreal of a meeting on June 18 to consider adding nine million dollars to its capital, thus making the total twenty-five million dollars.

While no definite information is obtainable it is rumored that Canada's leading bank intends to secure control of other institutions and on a rather extensive scale. The Bank of Commerce

SCOTCHMEN OF LONDON WILL HOLD CALEDONIAN GAMES

United Societies Are Mapping Out a Big Programme for June 22nd.

The United Scottish Societies of London will, on the anniversary of the coronation of His Majesty King George V., June 22, hold a big picnic and Caledonian games at Springbank Park. There will be splendid prizes offered for tests of strength, for which the Scotch are famous, and in addition

MAY TRANSFER AS HE PLEASURES

Important Ruling Regarding a Man's Life Insurance Policy Is Handed Down.

CASE IS A LOCAL ONE Money Was Advanced on a Policy After the Death of the Beneficiary, and Relatives Went to Law.

[Canadian Press.] Toronto, May 4.—That a man may transfer to whomsoever he likes the proceeds of his life insurance in a formal organization after the beneficiary named in the certificate, is dead is the effect of the judgment given by Mr. Justice Riddell, The Fidelity Trusts Company claimed \$1,149.24, paid into court by the Royal Arcanum, under a certificate on the life of T. R. Rhoder, of London, as the property of his grandchildren, children of Lucy Henderson, who was named in the certificate as beneficiary. The certificate was dated 1901. The beneficiary died in 1909, and following her death her father indorsed the certificate to Mr. Urban A. Buchner, for money advanced. Mr. Rhoder died in 1911. Mr. Justice Riddell holds that Buchner is entitled to the proceeds of the certificate as security for his advances.

The action was the first on the list at the non-jury sessions held, commencing on Monday last, at the courthouse here. Mr. T. A. Buchner, a local barrister, the defendant, produced a number of witnesses, including officers

of the Royal Arcanum, to prove his right to the proceeds of the policy, on which he had advanced a considerable sum. Judgment was reserved and given, as stated, by Mr. Justice Riddell, in Toronto today.

HOTELMAN WAS FINED FIFTY DOLLARS AND COSTS

Fred Evans, of London Junction, Heavily Mulcted By Squire Macklin.

Fred Evans, proprietor of the hotel at London Junction, appeared before Squire Macklin this morning charged with selling liquor out of hours. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$50 and costs. This is the second conviction against him in a short period, and the law states that three convictions within two years result in the cancellation of the license. The renewal of his license is also being held over for three months by the license commissioners, pending improvements about his premises.

NUISANCE ABATED

C. P. R. Have Attended Satisfactorily to the Matter.

Superintendent King, of the C. P. R., has written Mayor Graham, stating that the whistling nuisance of which he complained the other day, has been abated. "Mr. King expressed regret that the mayor of the city had to call the attention of the company to this nuisance," said his worship. "However, he has abated it, and the results are most gratifying. Some people tell me they cannot sleep now that the whistles have stopped. They were so accustomed to the noise that they are awakened by the quiet."

STREET RAILWAY COMMITTEE MEET CO'Y THIS AFTERNOON

Mayor Graham and the Company Refused to State the Matter To Be Discussed—"Simply Asked To Confer," Says the Mayor—Horton St. May Be Double Tracked.

There will be a conference this afternoon in the office of Ivey & Dromgole, solicitors for the London Street Railway Company, between representatives of the company and the special street railway committee of the city council, when the crisis which has arisen during the past week will be discussed.

Neither party to the conference would give out any information relative to the matter. It is understood that the representatives of the London street railway will lay before the aldermen exactly what they intend doing to improve the service, and will ask a little time to carry out certain improvements. Models of the new cars to be purchased will be presented also for the approval of the city engineer and the committee.

The Mayor interviewed. However, Mayor Graham declared that he was ignorant of the reasons for calling the meeting. "We were simply asked to confer with the company," said his worship.

"What is going to be discussed is unknown to me." "I have nothing to say on the matter whatever," said Mr. C. H. Ivey, solicitor for the company. Further information could not be obtained from any of the officials of the company or the city's representatives.

Double-Track Horton Street. It was rumored at the city hall today that the street railway company had decided to double-track Horton street, and that was the real reason for the conference. This will be done, it is said, whether the city allows the company mileage or not. It is recognized as the neck of the bottle, as one of the directors put it, and the necessity of improving this portion of the line has been impressed upon the company. It is possible that they will ask a quid pro quo for this concession, but whether or not the city grants it, this portion of the line will be double-tracked, as it means revenue to the company.

TWO LONDON MEN ARE MENTIONED

Speculation Is Rife Regarding Presidency of London Methodist Conference.

MEETING IN ST. THOMAS

Big Gathering Will Assemble on June 5—"Banish the Bar" Policy Will Be Discussed.

The annual gathering of the members of the London Methodist Conference opens at St. Thomas on June 5, and already there is a good deal of speculation as to who will be the new president.

Two London men are very prominently mentioned and are sure to stand very high in the voting. They are Rev. G. N. Hazen, of the Centennial Methodist Church, and Rev. D. N. McCamus, of the Colborne Street Church.

Last year, Rev. J. E. Ford, of Clinton, came second in the contest, when Rev. Dr. Warner, the present president, was elected on the second ballot.

There will be 200 ministers and nearly 150 laymen from this district at the conference and a great deal of important business is coming up.

One of the chief topics for discussion will be the reports on church union, and it was stated to The Advertiser today that there will likely be much discussion on temperance matters and the "banish the bar" policy introduced by Mr. Newton W. Kowal.

The conference will be held in the First Methodist Church, St. Thomas.

MAY ESCAPE GALLOWES Corvallis, Oregon, May 4.—George and Charles Humphreys, convicted of the murder of Mrs. Eliza Griffith, near Philomath, under sentence to be hanged June 14, have been taken to the penitentiary at Salem, Governor West has said he would not permit an execution for murder during his term. He said he would not commute the sentence of the Humphreys, but would grant a reprieve until after the November election, when the voters will pass upon the question of abolishing capital punishment.

ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH, SOUTH LONDON



MR. HENRY A. BRAZIER, Toronto man who has been recommended for city engineer of London, and who will be appointed to the position on Monday night.

CONSTABLE KILLED BATTLE WITH INDIANS

Fatal Affray Between Provincial Police and Murder Fugitives.

[Canadian Press.] Vancouver, B. C., May 4.—An Ashcroft dispatch gives the brief details of a fatal encounter between a posse of provincial police and two Indian fugitives wanted for murder, in Cariboo road, a few miles from Ashcroft. Provincial Constable Kindness, one of the five officers in pursuit of the Indians, was shot and killed, and Constable Loring was shot in the arm. The other three constables in the party are missing. Constable Loring, who returned to Ashcroft, states that he has no knowledge of their whereabouts or their fate.

ANNA HAILES BURIED

Toronto, May 4.—The funeral of Anna Hailes, who took her own life in Detroit, following an elopement with A. D. Richards, a Toronto businessman, took place this afternoon from the residence of her parents, 174 Robert street.

Dedication will take place on Sunday, when His Lordship Bishop Fallon and many priests will take part in the ceremony.