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PRICE TWO CENTS

No Reduction in Rates Say the Underwriters

Failure to Solve Water Problem
Causes Insurance Companies
to Defer Action.

According to a statement made by a well-known insurance agent to The Advertiser today, the contemplated reduction of rates of insurance in London has been temporarily abandoned, owing to the fear that a water famine may occur this summer.

The agent quoted stated that the inspectors have completed their work in London, and have sent in reports on all business premises, and he has been given to understand that the reduction has been temporarily shelved.

He claims that when the inspectors were sent here by the Canadian Underwriters' Association, the underwriters were fully determined to reduce the city, and give the people a very large reduction, but from the fact that the water problem remains unsolved and no move which promises success is being made to increase the supply, the underwriters cannot see their way clear to make any reductions in rates as yet.

Around the city hall it was stated that it does not require very much to frighten the insurance companies when it comes to a matter of putting up the rates.

It is alleged that the underwriters were never sincere in their promises of a reduction, and the opinion is expressed that the city may as well go ahead and throw all its business into the hands of the non-tariff companies. The underwriters are still advising the agents that when the city installs a high-pressure system there will be a reduction in rates. They will, however, give the city no guarantee on this point, or at least, thus far they have failed to do so.

The excuse put forth is that the last time the city was given a guarantee on paper of what the underwriters would do, the corporation did not act fairly. It is alleged that the city only carried out about half of its bargain, but it got all that the underwriters promised for the carrying out of all the improvements named in the terms of the guarantee.

Now the underwriters say they will put nothing in black and white. When the city goes ahead and increases its fire protection, the underwriters will make whatever reductions are deemed to have been earned.

A SEARCHLIGHT RESCUE

Beam From Passing Steamer Locates a Drowning Girl.

New York, May 18.—A spectacular searchlight rescue was effected in the swirling waters of Hell Gate early today, when Frances Horr, aged 17, was saved from suicide by drowning by three young men, after a hard struggle. The girl, after brooding long over her troubles, threw herself into the river. Then the love of life temporarily overcame her desire to die, and she screamed lustily. Joseph Lazarus, Michael T. Flynn and Valentine Seander heard her cries, ran to the water's edge, and sought the source of the appeal for help. They could not see anyone, and were about to leap blindly into the river, trusting to chance to direct them, when the searchlight of a passing steamer revealed the struggling woman. They dived in the direction of the light. Lazarus reached the girl first, and was nearly throttled by the would-be suicide, whose desire to die had returned with the prospect of rescue. His companions reached them just in time to save the pair from drowning, and the girl was borne ashore and removed to a hospital. She will recover.

While the men were in the water, someone stole Lazarus's coat and shoes, which he had cast off on the shore before plunging into the water.

MILITIA CHANGES

Latest Promotions and Transfers in Western Ontario Corps.

Militia orders just issued announce the following changes:

Twenty-fifth Regiment.—To be provisional lieutenant, Sergt. William Albert Jennings, vice R. H. Dowler, promoted. Paymaster and Honorary Captain F. Guest is permitted to resign his commission.

Twenty-eighth Perth Regiment.—To be captain, Lieut. A. Macbeth, vice S. G. Kaine, resigned.

Thirtieth Regiment Wellington Rifles.—Lieut. J. D. Clarke is transferred to the Fifty-seventh Regiment, Peterboro Rangers. To be quartermaster, with honorary rank of captain, Sergt. George Strickland Parkinson, vice S. W. Wisser, resigned. To be paymaster, with honorary rank of captain, Sergt. Charles Robert Crowe, vice Paymaster and Honorary Captain J. Crowe, who is permitted to retire, retaining rank.

NEW OPERATING RULES

Joint Committee Will Report to Railway Commission June 1.

Ottawa, May 17.—The committee representing the railway employees, appointed to prepare a new set of operating rules, have the work so well advanced as to be able to present their report to the railway commission on June 1 for the consideration of the board. The new rules are designed to further safeguard the interest of the traveling public, also the safety of employees and the standardization of the rules.

GETS EMPHATIC DENIAL

Story About Sale of G. T. R. Air Line Without Foundation.

Grand Trunk officials at Montreal give a most emphatic denial to the rumor that the company has completed arrangements for the sale of the air line from Windsor to Niagara Falls, via St. Thomas, to the Wabash.

Mr. Logan, assistant to General Manager Hay, when asked regarding the report, said: "We have given running rights to the Wabash, and that road still has several more years to run their trains over the road under the old conditions. There is absolutely nothing in the story."

GOOD PROGRESS IS BEING MADE

Placing of Cribs for New Port
Stanley Breakwater Soon
To Be Started.

Excellent progress is being made on the construction of the big breakwater at Port Stanley. The contractors, Messrs. Haney & Miller, have now completed about 1,000 feet of the crib which will form the substructure, and the placing of them will be undertaken at an early date.

The breakwater will be 1,000 feet long and will meet a need long felt by the mariners who have occasion to use Port Stanley harbor. It will extend 200 feet in a southeasterly direction from the end of the present Pere Marquette pier, and then in a southeasterly direction a distance of 800 feet. This will protect all inward bound vessels from western storms, which are much more frequent than easterly gales.

When the breakwater is completed, the lighthouse will be located at the extreme end of it, instead of at the present entrance to the harbor. The vast improvements to the harbor are expected to create a boom in Port Stanley shipping, which has suffered very much for years past by reason of the inadequate accommodation and protection for vessels.

Messrs. Haney & Miller, who have the work at Port Stanley in hand, have also the contract for the improvements at Goderich, Port Burwell and Rondeau, which will be started at an early date.

It is said to be the intention of the Dominion Government to further improve Port Stanley harbor, by constructing a breakwater on the east side of the harbor entrance, thus making the port one of the safest on the great lakes.

SUIT FOLLOWS SEA-BURIAL

Chicago Physician Demands \$250,000 From Steamship Company.

New York, May 18.—Dr. Chalmers Prentice, of Chicago, announced to the press last night that he had instituted suit against the North German Lloyd Steamship Company, demanding damages in the sum of \$250,000, because the master of the Koengen-Louise, of that line, caused the burial at sea of the body of the plaintiff's wife. The papers in the case, Dr. Prentice said, had been served on the company.

Mrs. Prentice, who was in ill-health, was a passenger, homeward bound, from Naples, on the Koengen-Louise, when she was stricken with a fatal illness and died April 27. Against the protest of her daughter, who accompanied her, the body of Mrs. Prentice was buried at sea. Later the captain explained that such immediate disposition of the body was imperative because of sanitary reasons.

A FIGHT TO A FINISH

New York Dock Farther Than Ever From a Settlement.

New York, May 18.—Announcement is made today that the finance committee of the International Mercantile Company has approved every act previously done by its officers and has ordered that the strike of the "long-shoremen be fought to the end.

The committee has also taken from officers the powers of compromise or arbitration, and has authorized the expenditure of any amount of money to carry out the agreement entered into with 35 other deep sea lines to fight the strike.

Among those at the meeting at which this action was taken was J. P. Morgan, jun., Charles Steele and Dr. Bruce Ismay.

The strikers show the same determination as the company do to fight it out, and the prophecy, in some quarters, that they would be starved into submission, has not materialized. The men generally are orderly. A number of them who were congregated on the river front last night awaiting developments, helped to save thousands of dollars' worth of freight during the big fire on the Southern Pacific pier, which caused a loss of half a million dollars. They are receiving much praise for this action.

FELL INTO ARMS OF BIG POLICEMAN

Was Making Escape From One
When Nabbed by Another—
End of Street Row.

For some time past the windows of several of the city schools have been suffering at the hands of stone-throwers, and recently steps were taken, at the instigation of the board of education, to have the damage stopped.

This morning two boys were to have appeared at the police court to answer for having destroyed the property of the board, but only one of them, Alfred Gardner, was present, and a warrant was issued for the arrest of Arthur Skelly, the other alleged offender.

Gardner pleaded guilty, and was bailed to appear for sentence when called upon. The usual list of drunks was on the docket. All of the offenders were first-timers, and were discharged, after having been cautioned to travel on the water wagon fully laid down.

A fight which had a rather amusing ending resulted in one young man being fined \$5 or five days in the workhouse. The individual who was fined and another man were standing on Talbot street, enjoying an animated discussion, which eventually ended in blows. But they were not the only ones. Two other young men standing near by were also seriously contemplating a fist fight, but when they saw the other fight they soon forgot their own troubles and attempted to separate the two fighters. Presently someone shouted "Police!" and a burly constable appeared. There was a scattering, and heels were to be seen in every direction. One of the fighters made a run for Queen's avenue, and although the policeman was close on his heels, when he started, the law-breaker was there with the Longboat, and rapidly widened a gap between himself and the "limb of the law." Down Queen's avenue ran the fugitive, but he had not calculated that a laneway led from the police station to Queen's avenue, and when he arrived at the Queen's avenue end of the alley he fell right into the arms of an officer, who had been standing near the station when the pair passed Carling street.

The other fighters all made good their escape.

MAY GO TO THE BENCH

Hon. J. D. Cameron, of Winnipeg, May Receive the Appointment.

Winnipeg, May 17.—According to rumors here Hon. J. D. Cameron is shortly to be made a judge of the court of King's Bench of Manitoba. Mr. Cameron is a son of Mr. John Cameron, of Woodstock, and is one of the most popular and successful lawyers in the west.

GOES ON MUTUAL BOARD

Stated That Judge Clement Is To Become the Vice-President.

Windsor, May 17.—It is stated here that Junior County Judge Clement is to be elected to the office of vice-president of the Mutual Life Assurance Company.

TWO VACANCIES ON PUBLIC BODIES

Dr. English's Removal to Hamilton Creates Two Rumors of Successors.

The appointment of Dr. English to the position of superintendent of the Hamilton Insane Asylum, creates two vacancies in local bodies, the doctor being a member of the board of education and also of the board of health. Dr. English is chairman of the latter. It will not be necessary to hold an election to fill his place on the board of education. Under the act of 1904, it is in the power of the board to elect his successor.

The city council will have the appointing of Dr. English's successor on the board of health.

It was stated at the city hall today that some of the Conservative members of the board of education are in favor of asking Mr. W. W. Gamgange, an old and tried ex-school trustee, to fill the vacancy on the board.

Mr. Gamgange, when seen by The Advertiser, smiled at the rumor as was unfolded to him. He didn't place much faith in it.

"I would not accept the position if it was offered me, in any event," he said.

Another name prominently mentioned in connection with the vacancy is that of Mr. John H. Chapman, the well-known drygoods merchant.

It is understood that he is acceptable to the majority of the trustees, and if he is willing to accept the honor, he will probably take Dr. English's place on the board.

One Conservative trustee, when questioned by The Advertiser at noon, said he did not know who would be appointed, but he could say this much, that "he would be a good Tory."

The Conservatives have still a clear majority on the board, as with Dr. English they had six members. Now they have five Conservatives to four Liberals.

It was said today that ex-Ald. R. A. Carrothers will likely succeed Dr. English as chairman of the board of health.

FRENCH WHEAT NORMAL

Paris, May 18.—The Economist European today announced that the return of favorable weather had completely dissipated apprehension regarding France's wheat crop. The conditions now are normal.

\$10,000 DAMAGE SUIT AGAINST GRAND TRUNK

Entered on Behalf of Widow of the Late George Renton.

Gibbons, Harper & Gibbons, acting for the widow of Mr. George Renton, late traveling engineer of the Grand Trunk Railway, have entered suit against the company for \$10,000 damages.

An attempt to settle with the G. T. R. was made some time ago, but it failed, and the action was commenced. Renton met death while riding on an engine attached to the International Limited, which collided with a freight in the local yards in February.

NEW PHONE COMPANY

To Operate in This Vicinity for Farmers and Small Towns.

Toronto, May 18.—This week's Gazette announces the organization of the St. Marys-Medina Telephone Company to carry on business within the counties of Perth, Oxford and Middlesex. It is capitalized at \$40,000. The directors are farmers and local men.

To build and operate temperance hotels the Marlborough Temperance Hotel Company has been formed.

HURON AND ERIE VACANCY

Major Hume Cronyn Says He Has Not Applied for Managship.

Major Hume Cronyn returned to London from Toronto last night, and he will remain over Sunday.

To The Advertiser, Mr. Cronyn stated that he has not made application for the position of manager of the Huron and Erie, but he is aware that his name has been mentioned in connection with the management.

It is understood that very many of Major Cronyn's friends are urging him to accept the position if it is offered to him, so that he may return to London.

Major Cronyn's family are still in this city.

ACCIDENT AT COLLEGIATE

Student Severely Injured While Playing "Stick" Game.

Sammy Jones, the 15-year-old son of Mr. Wm. Jones, school teacher, London Township, and nephew of Mr. S. S. Jones, of the Collegiate Institute staff, was the victim of an unfortunate accident yesterday at noon. Young Jones, with a number of other pupils, was playing what is known as the "stick" game on the Collegiate Institute grounds, and when running at full speed, was pushed, in play, by a schoolmate, against a tree, and sustained injuries which will lay him up for several weeks, consisting of a fractured arm, a dislocated kneecap, a blackened eye, and a shaking up. Jones was taken to the office of Dr. Weekes, who attended to his injuries, and was afterwards driven to his home near Proudfoot's Cemetery.

What makes the case additionally unfortunate is the fact that his injuries will prevent his writing on his matriculation examination, as he intended, with every prospect of success.

BOYS SHOULD TAKE HEED

Discharging of Fireworks on the Streets Is Prohibited.

"Nevermore must the uproar and din of firecrackers be heard throughout the streets of London."

Although the decision of Chief of Police Williams, and already several small boys have been summoned to appear before the Carling street court for discharging firecrackers in public places.

Although the 24th of May is still several days distant, a number of serious fireworks bombardments have taken place on the city streets, and have caused considerable trouble for drivers of horses and nervous women.

ASSEMBLY SENSATION

Columbus, May 18.—Dr. David Willis, of Oswego, N. Y., announced today that he was declined to serve as chairman of the committee on temperance of the Presbyterian General Assembly. His resignation has caused a sensation. There promises to be a bitter fight over the report on temperance, and Rev. Dr. Willis says he will not participate in the fight.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—SHOWERY.

Forecasts. Toronto, May 18-5 a.m. Today and Sunday—Variable winds; a few local showers or thunderstorms, but mostly fair and moderately warm.

TEMPERATURE.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Max.	Weather.
Calgary	40	38	48	Cloudy
Edmonton	38	36	46	Cloudy
Port Arthur	38	36	46	Cloudy
Parry Sound	52	40	60	Clear
Toronto	50	48	58	Cloudy
Ottawa	52	40	60	Cloudy
Montreal	58	52	64	Fair
Quebec	52	50	60	Cloudy
Father Point	46	42	54	Clear

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.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Friday were: Highest, 62°; lowest, 49° above.

Weather Notes. A few scattered showers have occurred from the lake region to the Maritime Provinces, but the weather generally has been fair. In the Western Provinces, too, comparatively cool conditions have obtained.

LITTLE ALFONSO GIVEN LONG NAME; CALLED AFTER KINGS OF EUROPE

Royal Babe Baptized Mid Scenes of Great Pomp and Splendour

Madrid, May 18.—The baptism of the heir to the Spanish throne, Prince Alfonso of the Asturias, who was born May 10, took place in the private chapel of the palace here at noon today.

The ceremonial at the baptism was even more imposing than that connected with the first presentation. The chapel of the palace had been richly decorated. In the center was the famous baptismal font of Santo Domingo de Guzman, and before the high altar were two benches covered with gold embroidered tapestry for the sponsors. The walls were hung with tapestries, and decorated with the banners and insignia of the various royal orders of Spain.

The starting of the procession from the royal apartments to the chapel was announced by a royal salute fired by a battery of artillery stationed in the court yard of the palace. The royal babe was carried in its nurse's arms, accompanied by the mistress of the robes, and escorted by Cardinal Rinaldi, representing the Pope, and was followed by the royal household, the king and the members of the royal family, and the representatives of the foreign powers, including Prince Arthur of Connaught, representative of King Edward, Prince Frederick Leopold, of Hohenzollern, in behalf of Emperor William, Archduke Eugene of Austria, representing Emperor Francis Joseph, and the Duke of Oporto, the representative of King Charles of Portugal.

Then came the ambassadors and ministers to the court of Spain, the cabinet ministers and the great state functionaries and others. When all had reached their allotted place in the chapel, the haberdashers formed up around the walls, the mace-bearers took up their positions at the doors, and four kings-at-arms stood around the font, the whole forming a brilliant color picture.

The ceremony of giving the names to the royal child, Alfonso Pio, Cristiano, Eduardo, Francisco, Guillermo, Carlos, Enrique, Eugenio, Fernando, Antonio, was only of short duration, and after the usual prayers, the procession reformed and returned to the royal apartments, the child being taken back to her majesty.

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In addition to the usual exercises, prizes offered by the Daughters of the Empire for essay, by the senior grade of each of the public schools will be presented.

The trip to Cleveland promises to prove one of great value to the teachers from an educational standpoint, as well as a most enjoyable outing. Mr. Edwards has received word from the American Forest City that complete arrangements have been made for their reception there. All the Londoners will be accommodated in the American Hotel, a first-class house, where special rates have been secured for the visitors by the Cleveland Board of Education.

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Nature study classes will, however, be held at the Ontario Agriculture College. All information may be secured by writing President C. C. Creelman, B.S.A., M.S., Guelph.

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PRIESTS HEAD RIOTERS IN PERSIAN CITIES

Serious Disorders Have Broken Out in Several Big Centers.

Teheran, Persia, May 18.—Serious disorders have broken out at Tabriz, Kermanshah, Resht and Shiraz. The mobs are under the leadership of the priests belonging to the local parliaments, who are endeavoring to obtain reforms in the administration of the cities mentioned. The governor of Shiraz is in hiding.

LONDONER NAMED IMPORTANT TASK

Mr. H. J. Lamb, C. E., to Guard Canadian Interest in Work on Detroit River Tunnel.

Mr. H. J. Lamb, C. E., of this city, engineer in charge of the harbors and rivers in Western Ontario, has just been notified by the Department of Public Works, Ottawa, of his appointment to a very important task—that of supervising on behalf of the Dominion Government, the construction of the Detroit River tunnel work in so far as it affects the interests of navigation in Canadian waters.

The immediate task of building the tunnel is being undertaken by the Michigan Central Railway, but before it could proceed on the Canadian side the railway had to form a company, and have it incorporated. Then permission to start was granted by the Dominion Government, one of the conditions being that the work on the Canadian side should be under the supervision of an engineer to be appointed by the Dominion to see that Canadian navigation did not suffer in any way.

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