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TERRIFIC ELECTRICAL STORM BURNS MIDDLESEX BARNS AND DOES IMMENSE DAMAGE

Telephone and Telegraph Wires Down in Many Places—Very Many Cattle Killed and Crops Destroyed—Storm Took a Course Across From Appin in the West to Belmont in the East.

A terrific electrical disturbance passing in a south-easterly direction from Appin towards Yarmouth this morning is reported to have caused thousands of dollars damage.

Reports from all parts of the district state that barns were burned and many cattle killed by lightning. The storm passed over at an early hour this morning and was accompanied by high winds.

The Bell Telephone Company report that their lines are down in many of the districts, and that they have been unable to get Glencoe, Appin and other places in the vicinity.

BOLT STRUCK ST. THOMAS CITY HALL

Janitor and Wife Were Badly Stunned But the Clock Kept Ticking Away.

[Special to The Advertiser.] St. Thomas, Aug. 3.—Lightning this morning struck the tower on the city hall, and although the shingles were splintered and other damage done, the big clock kept ticking away. The janitor and his wife who sleep upstairs in the hall were badly stunned by the bolt, but they are all right now. The downpour was the heaviest for some time.

YARMOUTH BARNS WERE WIPED OUT

Buildings of George Doan Burned by Lightning—Cattle Killed.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Belmont, Aug. 3.—A terrific electrical storm passed over Yarmouth and the district a few miles south this morning, and many barns were burned and cattle killed.

STAMPING OUT RABIES IN WESTERN ONTARIO

Live Stock Branch of Agricultural Department Warring on the Disease.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 3.—The live stock branch, under Mr. Rutherford, is considering measures which can be taken to effectually stamp out rabies, which has prevailed in Western Ontario for some time. During the past two years over a hundred cases have been reported.

Hon. Sydney Fisher, minister of agriculture, left today on an extended trip throughout Western Canada. He proposes to see the crops while standing having heretofore been in the west only after the crops have been cut. Mr. Fisher will travel by both train and team. He will go over the Grand Trunk Pacific and will make a number of addresses. He will take six weeks to reach the Pacific coast before returning. Hon. Mr. Fisher is the fourth minister of the Government to make a western trip this summer.

JOHNSON AT CHATHAM ON THE WAY HERE

[Special to The Advertiser.] Chatham, Aug. 3.—Jack Johnson, heavyweight champion of the world, passed through here in his touring car on his way to London and Toronto this morning. Hundreds crowded about the machine and the street in front of the News office was almost impassable.

TERRIFIC DOWNPOUR AT YARMOUTH

[Special to The Advertiser.] Yarmouth, Ont., Aug. 3.—This village was visited early this morning by a terrific downpour of rain, accompanied by high wind and vivid lightning. The rainfall was the heaviest ever experienced in this vicinity. The storm came apparently from the northwest, and came up very rapidly. So far as can be learned no great damage was done in this immediate vicinity.

EMPIRE BROKE.

Fort Morgan, Col., Aug. 3.—The empire reservoir, twenty-eight miles west of here, containing more than a billion cubic feet of water and irrigating 40,000 acres of land in Morgan and Weld counties, broke the retaining walls yesterday. The deluge cut a swath half a mile wide through the richest farming lands in this region, inflicting damage estimated at half a million dollars. No lives were lost.

NEW TORPEDOES.

London, Aug. 3.—The Government is about to commence the manufacture of new torpedoes, said to be a great improvement over the existing type. These instruments will have a speed of about 30 knots an hour, and a range of five miles. They will be used principally from submerged tubes on battleships and cruisers.

CANDIDATES WERE "PLUCKED" TOO MANY IN THE NORMALS

Only 35 Per Cent of Those Who Tried the Entrance Were Successful—The Collegiate's Did Fairly Well. Says Principal McCutcheon of the Local Institution.

The results of the Normal entrance examinations are out, and they show a wholesale plucking of candidates. From what can be learned not more than 35 per cent passed. This is far below the average, and is not creating much enthusiasm among the students. The Collegiate did fairly well. About 50 per cent of the candidates passed, a better average than the majority. According to reports history was the paper that plucked them. "Of those we recommended to try, about 40 per cent passed. The papers, particularly the history paper, were hard, and caused the failures."

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HUGE CROWD AT THE LAKESIDE

Pere Marquette and Traction Company Had Busy Day Yesterday.

CITY ALMOST DESERTED

People of London Were Out for a Good Time on Civic Holiday, and They Apparently Had It.

Civic Holiday was the quietest day London has experienced in many years. Practically the whole population moved out, and there was left but a corporal's guard to keep on the city.

Every holiday spot within reasonable distance had large numbers of Londoners as visitors on the holiday.

Port Stanley was the favorite spot, and it was estimated that approximately 10,000 were at the lakeside yesterday. The Pere Marquette carried about 5,000, and the Southwestern Traction Company took 2,000 to the lakeside. Every train was jammed and the steps were crowded. Every car on the Traction line was loaded to the fullest extent.

IN AMERICAN CITIES.

Detroit claimed many more, nearly 1,000 tickets being sold for the City of the Straits from Saturday to Monday. An excursion to Cleveland took 600 more, while every train in every direction was loaded with London holiday seekers. "The holiday business was terrific," said a Grand Trunk official. "The sale of tickets was enormous, the business being the best of the season. At noon 2,500 tickets had been sold at Port Stanley, and every train after that hour was loaded to capacity."

Local Sports.

The ball game drew quite a crowd, and the river allured many. The Seventh Regiment took a keen interest in the rifle matches at the Cove ranges, and a number of spectators were present.

The police had a very quiet day, there being few arrests. A fight at Wellington and Dundas streets in the morning was about the only bit of work the police had to do. There were no drunks to speak of, and no excitement.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The fire department had a run at 11:30 in the morning, a grass fire at the street car loop at Queen's Park being the cause of the run.

ARRESTED AS A VAG DIED IN THE HOSPITAL

Sad Story of the Death of Mr. Charles Wadge, Who Came Here From Toronto.

Charles Wadge, an old man, from Toronto, who was arrested on July 20 for being drunk and a vagrant, died in Victoria Hospital this morning.

Wadge was about 70 years old, and was so ill with dropsy at the time of his arrest that he was removed to the hospital immediately after appearing in court. He never recovered, and gradually sank. His friends at home had no news of him, and no relatives. The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed. Shortly before he died this morning at Victoria Hospital, the late Charles Wadge stated that he had relatives in London Township. He gave no names of anyone. The hospital authorities are making inquiry.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—VERY WARM.

Forecast: Toronto, Aug. 2-3 a.m. Today—Southeast winds; fine and warm. Tomorrow—Southerly winds; very warm and mostly fine; thunderstorms in a few localities.

Stations.	Today.	Min.	Low.	High.
London	66	52	64	88
Victoria	66	52	64	88
Calgary	66	52	64	88
Winnipeg	66	52	64	88
Port Arthur	66	52	64	88
Toronto	66	52	64	88
Ottawa	66	52	64	88
Montreal	66	52	64	88
Quebec	66	52	64	88
Father Point	66	52	64	88
Atlin	66	52	64	88
Vancouver	66	52	64	88
Kamloops	66	52	64	88
Edmonton	66	52	64	88
Prince Albert	66	52	64	88
Weyburn	66	52	64	88
Qu'Appelle	66	52	64	88
Pelly	66	52	64	88
St. John	66	52	64	88
Halifax	66	52	64	88

WEATHER NOTES.

Since Saturday the temperature has been steadily increasing over the eastern portion of the continent, and the barometer is now highest in the New England States and lowest in the Western Provinces.

Showers have occurred in Manitoba and thunderstorms are reported this morning in the southwestern counties of Ontario.

KILLED BY FALL FROM TRACTION CAR

An Unknown Young Man Met Death Last Night While Riding to London.

HIS INITIALS ARE "J. L."

Dragged Mr. John Gilpin, of South London, With Him, and Mr. Gilpin Was Seriously Injured.

An unknown young man, apparently about 25 years of age, 6 feet in height, heavily built, fair hair, wearing a grayish green suit with an invisible stripe, a bluish gray silk tie with red flower pattern running through it, and a white shirt, was killed last night at a short distance this side of Tempo, near Lambeth, by falling from the steps of a Southwestern Traction car en route Port Stanley to London.

Fell From Car.

The man was sitting in the vestibule with his feet on the rear steps when suddenly he pitched forward, and in falling dragged Mr. John Gilpin, of 40 Pipe Line road, South London, from the car with him.

The trolley was in charge of Motor-man H. K. Thompson and Conductor A. W. Lumley, and had just passed the switch at Tempo, and was travelling at a high rate of speed.

The car was stopped as, quickly as possible, and run back to where the men were lying by the roadside. The young man was still breathing, but in an unconscious condition.

Mr. Gilpin was conscious but badly shaken up and unable to move. Both men were placed on the car and all speed made for Lambeth. The young man died just before Lambeth was reached.

Skull Crushed.

Dr. Routledge was called and found that his skull had been crushed in on the right side.

The whole front and side of the head had been crushed in by the force of the blow, and the head was badly cut and bruised besides.

Coroner Ferguson was notified, and at once proceeded to the spot on the first car.

The ambulance was also summoned, and was found that Mr. Gilpin's leg was broken and that he was badly shaken up.

He is at the present time doing very well in Victoria Hospital.

Initials "J. L."

The young man's pockets contained a double case Elgin watch with the initials "J. L." on the case, and a lock of hair in the back.

Three silk handkerchiefs with the letter "L." in the corners were found in different pockets.

A small clasp purse containing six cents and three picture postcards were also found.

Still Unidentified.

The body was brought to Ferguson's undertaking rooms, and so far has not been identified.

An inquest has been ordered by Crown Attorney McKillop, and will be in charge of Dr. Routledge. The jury will view the body today.

It was thought last night that the body was that of Mr. George Weeks, of 180 Horton street, but Mr. Weeks telephoned The Advertiser that he was safe, and had been riding on the car ahead.

Still Unidentified.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon the remains of the young man who was killed near Tempo last night were still unidentified, and it is almost certain now from the story of Mr. John Gilpin that he does not belong to the city.

Mr. Gilpin is getting along splendidly at Victoria Hospital, and although very sore from the shaking up he received, was able to give a clear account of what occurred.

Vestibule Crowded.

"The vestibule," he told Superintendent Heard at Victoria Hospital, "was very crowded, and I, with others, had to stand for some distance. I remember distinctly that I was struck by the car when it was backing up, and finally sat down, with our feet on the vestibule. As near as I can remember I thought the car had struck a platform. I think we were both hurled through the doorway together, and I can't remember much after that."

Many View the Body.

Large numbers of people visited Ferguson's undertaking rooms this morning, but no one could identify the remains. It was at one time thought that he had been identified as a Stratford man, but nothing has as yet come of this.

SAW CLEVELAND PARKS.

Cleveland, O., Aug. 2.—Members of the Philadelphia playground commission inspected the seven city playgrounds yesterday in an automobile trip with park officials.

A portion of the park system was also inspected by the Philadelphia officials, who declared that it was worthy of a system three times the size of Cleveland. Supervisor Bloomberg of the city playgrounds, and Secretary Moore, of the park department, accompanied the visitors on the trip.

Check for Firemen.

Fire Chief Aitken this morning received a check for \$50 from Captain W. J. Held, to be distributed among the firemen. Captain Held pays a tribute to the efficient work of the brigade, and desires to show in this manner his appreciation of their work.

A. J. NIXON IS LEAVING G. T. R. GOES TO TRANSCONTINENTAL

Assistant Superintendent of the Local Division Offered and Has Accepted a Most Important Position—A Popular Official and One of the Most Efficient Men in the Service.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

Toronto, Aug. 3.—Mr. A. J. Nixon, assistant superintendent of the Grand Trunk, London division, has been appointed to an important position on the Transcontinental Railway commission and has accepted. His duties will commence Oct. 1.

His resignation has been tendered to the Grand Trunk to take effect Sept. 1 and Mr. Nixon will spend that month holidaying. His headquarters will be in Ottawa.

When shown the dispatch Mr. Nixon refused to discuss it. He would not deny that he had resigned, but stated that he preferred not to make a statement at this time.

"I would prefer not to discuss it," said Mr. Nixon.

There is, however, no doubt that he will leave the Grand Trunk on Sept. 1. Came From Stratford.

JULY CUSTOMS RETURNS SHOW A BIG INCREASE

\$3,437.84 Greater Than the Fees Collected During the Same Month of 1908.

The customs returns for the month just past totalled \$74,372.62 an increase of \$3,437.84 over the same month last year, when the receipts were \$70,934.78. The receipts for June were \$71,222.62. Customs Collector Elliott states that the returns are steadily increasing and that business seems good.

JENKINS INQUEST IS SLATED FOR TONIGHT

Seventeen Witnesses in All Will Be Called to Give Evidence at Hearing.

High Constable Hughes has been in London Township all day in connection with the inquest which will be held in St. John's tonight to inquire into the death of Mrs. Martha Jenkins.

Medical evidence will be given by Drs. Waugh and McNeill, who conducted the post-mortem examination on Sunday morning.

High Constable Hughes has secured statements from both Mr. Jenkins and the children, and these will be produced.

Seventeen Witnesses.

Altogether it is understood the crown will call seventeen witnesses, among the most important being Mr. Jenkins, his daughter Annie, Mr. Jas. Morrow, who arrived on the scene of the accident before any of the other neighbors; Mr. McNaughton, another neighbor, who was the second to arrive, and helped Mr. Morrow carry Mrs. Jenkins from the stable to the house, and Dr. McNeill.

The Jury.

The jury is composed of John McLaughlin, foreman; David Leckie, W. Taylor, Patrick Flood, John Mair, W. H. Roese, E. McNab, Geo. Fraleigh, John Mortimore, Freeman Talbot, William Anderson, James Carmichael and E. Nixon.

A plan, showing all details of the house, barn, stalls, and cattle shed has been prepared.

INCREASE OF DOG TAX IS AGAIN COMING UP

City Council Meets Tonight—Third Reading of Water Bylaw On Tap.

The city council will meet tonight at 7:30 o'clock. So far as can be learned there is little business to be transacted.

The increase of the tax on dogs will cause a debate, undoubtedly, but other than that little talking should be done.

The water bylaw will be given a third reading, and several other bylaws will be considered.

The water commissioners will meet at 5 o'clock today, but only routine business will occupy their attention.

COLOMBIAN ELECTIONS.

Bogota, Aug. 2.—The elections of a president of the republic to fill the unexpired term of Rafael Reyes, resigned, is being held throughout the republic today. The actual candidates are Jorge Holguin, acting president, and Gonzalez Valencia. Other men in the field who are regarded as having a chance of election are Marco Fidel Suarez and General Quintana Calderon.

It is probable that two or three days will elapse before the result is known definitely.

The assistant superintendent came to London two years ago from Stratford, to succeed Mr. U. E. Gillen, who was promoted to the superintendency. He began his railroad career in Montreal, and made rapid strides, promotion following promotion in rapid succession.

When Mr. Gillen was promoted, the natural choice for the position was Mr. Nixon, and since coming to London his career has been eminently successful, and he was slated for further promotion.

A Popular Official.

The attention of the Transcontinental commission was attracted to him, and when a vacancy occurred in a most important position, the office was at once tendered to Mr. Nixon.

Since coming to London Mr. Nixon has made many friends, who will be pleased to hear of his promotion, although sorry to lose him. He is very popular.

C. G. BOWKER, STRATFORD, MAY SUCCEED MR. NIXON

Rumor That He Will Come to London as Asst. Supt. of the G. T. R.

It is rumored among G. T. R. railway men that Mr. C. G. Bowker, the trainmaster at Stratford, will be appointed to succeed Assistant Superintendent A. J. Nixon, who has resigned to accept a position on the Transcontinental Railway commission.

Mr. Bowker is well known among local railroaders, and is held in very high esteem.

TURKISH TROOPS SAIL FOR CRETE

The Sultan's Soldiers to Make a Landing on the Turbulent Island.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 3.—The Novoe Vremya today published a dispatch from Constantinople, saying that four transports loaded with Turkish troops have left the capital for the island of Crete, and that a Turkish fleet has been ordered to escort them.

The greatest secrecy regarding these naval movements is being observed, and it is supposed that Turkey intends to effect a landing on the island.

A FIFTY-CENT FINE FOR BEING TOO NOISY

Magistrate Love Dealt Leniently With Nine Poles Who Were Before Him Today.

Michael Jones, Michael Waroba, Zenuck Jessick, Henry Antone, Powell Gresque, Michael Lacrois, Leoh Bruno, Flox Coese and Frol Jamnison, the nine Poles who were arrested on Sunday for being disorderly in a house at 68 Maitland street, were each fined 50 cents by Magistrate Love this morning.

The court dealt leniently with the men on condition that they do not repeat the offence.

Alex. Cattanach for selling tobacco to a minor paid \$10 and \$15 costs. Seven bicycle riders paid \$1 each for riding on the sidewalk.

William Russell and William Poure, charged with being disorderly, appeared, but the case was adjourned a week.

John Warwick for being drunk was fined \$2 or five days.

Sadie Powell, a young woman who also had been charged with being drunk, appeared, but the case was adjourned a week.

MISERY FOLLOWS QUAKE

Much Distress Among the Inhabitants of Acapulco.

Mexico City, Aug. 3.—A dispatch received from Acapulco last night says that the earthquake shocks still continue. All buildings which remain standing are untenable, a heavy rain is falling, and many are suffering for want of shelter. The tents and temporary shacks in which the people are living are pronounced miserably inadequate. A number of citizens are acting as special policemen. There had been some looting, and the police and medicine are urgently needed, but thus far no relief steps have been taken by the Federal Government. It is said relief measures are being held up through red tape. The appeal for federal aid must first be made to Governor of Administration Flores, of Guerrero, who in turn will transmit it to President Diaz.

The people of Acapulco have heard that the United States has offered to send relief supplies on a warship, and are overjoyed at the prospect. The federal authorities here deny any knowledge of outside relief.