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## HUNT MISSING 16-YEAR-OLD PARKHILL BOY

### 6 Autoists Recover Stolen Goods From Police

#### IDENTIFY MANY ACCESSORIES IN THIEVES' CACHE

Ailsa Craig Man Finds Articles Taken From Car Robbers Burned.

#### MUCH STILL MISSING

Wm. Blay Gets Five Tires Stripped From New Roadster in February.

The road of all automobile owners who have had tires or accessories stolen within the last six months led to the police station Friday night and Saturday morning.

Six motorists identified various articles that were recovered by the police Friday afternoon from premises in the east end of the city, secreted there by a young man of respectable family, whose name the detectives refuse to divulge. The man left the city Saturday last, and has not been seen since.

Twenty-three automobile tires of large size, accessories in quantities, and household goods, were discovered in three huge packing cases brought to the police station by detectives.

Mr. Clatworthy, Ailsa Craig, whose car was stolen on Dundas street, early in the spring, and set fire to on Oxford street east, identified a cowskin coat, sweater, gauntlets, handbag and a motor league emblem, as well as a radiator cover, which had been removed from the car before it was burned.

Roy Moore, 204 St. James street, identified a pair of plate glass wheels, taken from his car some time ago. Wm. Blay found five tires, which had been stripped from his new car on February 27. The car was found abandoned in the old Princess avenue school grounds the next day.

J. B. Tanton, 581 Waterloo street, identified a motor car, stolen from his automobile last August, and Clarence Hill discovered a tire stolen from his car while it was parked on the Hamilton road on Jan. 30.

C. W. Alfred is the latest of London's motorists to pick out his property at the police station. Mr. Alfred found a spotlight that had been stolen from his car two months ago.

Mrs. Fred Lawton, although recovering much linen, blankets, etc., stolen from their Port Stanley cottage during the winter, is still under a heavy loss in the way of furniture and other furnishings.

#### PROVINCIAL BODY TO BACK ORDER

Building Inspector Piper has not as yet notified the provincial housing commission of the decision of the local commission to have the roofs of the 42 Pine Lane houses relaid.

Mr. Piper will first secure from City Clerk Baker, a copy of the resolution passed by the local housing commission on Thursday night, and will then forward a copy of it to Toronto.

By the terms of the resolution City Clerk Baker will be asked to enforce the order, and that body in turn will undoubtedly ask Mr. Piper to see that the work is done according to the specifications.

### London Collegiate Institute Students Contest Honors at Annual Field Day Held at Queen's Park



GIRL entries assemble to cheer on the contestants in the various events while awaiting their turn to participate in the competitions. Lower Left—Group of lassies, including a few of the winners in the day's sport. Top Row, Left to Right—Myrtle Ryley, Sadie Hill, Lorraine Byron, Helena Hungerford, Ruth Routledge. Lower Row—Marjorie Garbutt, Clara Barbour, Helen Langford, Isabel Butler.

### Petrolia Farmer Chuckles As False Friend Is Jailed

SARNIA, Ont., May 13.—Not many weeks ago, Camille Conserrie, a Belgian, set out gaily into the world on a great adventure, taking with him his countryman's wife, child and money. So sure was Camille of his ground that he could not help but tell the friend he had betrayed all about it, and so he wrote him a taunting letter, telling him to return to Belgium, for he would never find the artful Camille.

However, the world was not quite as large as the eloper thought, for the pair were arrested in Toronto and brought to Sarnia to stand trial. Conserrie, after being convicted of a charge of stealing \$250 from Albert Varconterens, was sentenced to six months in the Ontario Reformatory. Marie, his friend's wife, who had fled with him, pleaded guilty to the same offence, but was allowed out on suspended sentence.

Varconterens, the victim, is now rejoicing, for the letter sent to him was the means of earning a jail sentence for Conserrie. Varconterens, the industrious little Belgian beet farmer, is back in his home in Enniskillen Township, his wife and child restored to him.

And he chuckles triumphantly as he reads the following letter from the man who is now paying for his folly: Petrolia, March 30. Friend Al.—Let you know I cannot wait no longer to write you a few lines, and I say you must not think bad about the boy. I will do what I can for him. Me and Marie we can't help loving each other. Albert, you must not think that the baby will not have good care, and if it is possible we will do all we can for Madeline. You must not think to follow me. There ain't man knows where we are or will either, and you don't have to be mad because I took all the money. I have to go and hunt for a place yet and you have one. I end my letter now, and if I was in your place I would go to Belgium, and I hope you make the best of it, and take care of the old man. Good-bye for ever.

By RUSSELL F. BOYD. MEN'S straw hats elicit more comment than any other type of headgear. When they are donned on Victoria Day, May 24, unkind remarks will be passed about them. But when autumn comes, it will not be said that the cap or fedora are coming into their own, but rather that the season of the straw has drawn to a close. Everybody talks straw. If it's a windy day, and one's hat blows off, the spectators enjoy your little embarrassment better. If the headgear is of straw, then all thoughts are centered on the straw. And all eyes watch for the "first of the season" on Dundas street. When

### PREDICTS \$5,000 SCHOOL SURPLUS

Secretary Tanner Thinks Final Report On Collegiate Will Show Balance.

Construction Company Ignores Warning To Remove Dirt From Grounds.

It is the opinion of W. A. Tanner, secretary of the board of education, that a surplus of possibly \$5,000 will be shown, in lieu of an overdraft of \$22,000, when the final report is made respecting the construction and equipment of the new Collegiate Institute.

A special itemized account of the same, asked by Trustee A. E. Silverwood, chairman of the Collegiate Institute committee, and prepared by City Treasurer James Bell, is now in the secretary's possession, and will be presented for consideration at a special meeting of that group on Monday next at 3:30 p.m.

At the last general session of the board a request was made for another debenture issue for \$25,000 to liquidate the debt, the claim being advanced by certain of the educational authorities that both the building and equipment accounts had been overdrawn. Treasurer Bell now claims otherwise, although he states that he cannot advise as to accounts that may not have reached his office.

Secretary Tanner explained on Saturday that several accounts had been held back for presentation since the report had been made that there were no funds available. Since receiving the treasurer's reassuring report, however, he states that these have been forwarded to the city office for payment. He estimates that probably \$1,000 will clear all such items.

In addition to this there are several minor undertakings which the trustees contemplate—the adding of the grounds, the placing of the bronze tablets, etc.—all of which he believes can be accomplished with a comfortable surplus remaining, possibly \$5,000. Although the Kingston Construction Company has until Monday night to remove all dirt and clear up generally the Collegiate ground, the school architect reported on Saturday morning that no move has been made by the contractors, despite the fact that they have been duly warned.

### Sunday Is Mother's Day So Honor Her At Church

By RUSSELL F. BOYD. AFFECTION for mother is an instinct. Reverence for mother is something that civilization has given us. It is easily the finest of man's finer sensibilities.

A man's mother is his one ideal that nothing can destroy. Equally indestructible is a mother's love for son or daughter. The person never lived who, at the close of life, did not look back and recognize his mother as his greatest friend.

Mother love symbolizes eternity and the soul's foundation of our civilization. It is the foundation of our civilization, the force that gradually elevates us to higher ideals and achievements. Life would be futile and discouraging if its harsher lights were not melted by the mother love that guides us through childhood into maturity and on through life.

The debt we owe our mothers is something that cannot be repaid except in the golden coin of gratitude and remembrance. Sunday is Mother's Day. It is a day when sons and daughters should give mother a thought, whether she be living or gone to her reward.

Undoubtedly the best way to honor her is by going to church. If she is living, take her with you. On Mother's Day it is customary to wear a flower in honor of the best friend man ever had. If mother is living a colored flower should be worn, and if she is dead a white one. Remember to keep hallowed your memory at all times of the mother that started you on the road to success. Mother sacrificed her all for you. Would it not be fitting for you to sacrifice a little of your time Sunday and go to church?

When you were a curly-haired little tot at your mother's knee, and she used to tuck you into your cot every night, you thought there was no one else in the world but mother. Later in life, when you probably drifted into a distant city, and your friends were those you made, you had so much on your mind you probably forgot mother for a time. But there came a day when you fell sick and missed the ministering hand of mind is made up. "It can't be done," he decides, and to the hatter's he wends his way to acquire a new "lid" and, incidentally, to recover his lost dignity. In August, the same new hat has the appearance of one discarded, but reverently Mr. Man refuses to part with it. There's something snappy and chic about a straw. When the manager sits in an office chair on a hot summer day and applicants for work file in and out, to whom does he pay the most attention? Not the man with the sun-faded fedora! It's the man who bounces in, and creates a cool, gentle zephyr as he deftly doffs his hat, who receives the most consideration.

### Victoria People Vote 5 To 1 Against Enforcement Of Blue Sunday

VICTORIA, B. C., May 13.—By an overwhelming vote, Victoria ratepayers today voted against the rigid enforcement of the Lord's Day act as recently proposed by the Victoria police commission. When the citizens and storekeepers declined to observe the order of the commission a plebiscite on the subject was ordered, with the above result.

Leaders of the Lord's Day Alliance, including Rev. Dr. Rochester, the general secretary, have declined to recognize the legality of the local plebiscite, and the outcome of the matter is still in doubt. The vote, however, is said to be almost five to one against the Lord's Day act as interpreted by the police commission.

### LEADERS SEEK BINDING TRUCE TO AVERT WAR

Genoa Sub-Commission Considers Soviet Reply to Allied Memorandum.

#### WANT PARLEY ENDED

France and Little Entente Oppose Discussion of Frontier Disputes.

PARIS, May 13.—The French delegation will remain at Genoa to take part in deliberations on other questions put before the convention, although it will have nothing more to do with discussions with the Russians, it was said at the foreign office this morning. As far as the Russian problem is concerned, the conference is considered by the French Government at an end.

Genoa, May 13.—The sub-commission on Russian affairs of the Genoa conference met this morning to consider the soviet reply to the allied memorandum outlining the conditions on which the powers would undertake the reconstruction of Russia.

While the Russian note has virtually disrupted the program of the conference, and it appears that a general agreement with the Russians at the present meeting is improbable, a commission may be formed to investigate such questions as credits, debts, and the treatment of foreign private property in Russia with the hope that something genuinely constructive can be accomplished.

The first battle has been indecisive. Where a collective agreement with Bolshevism has failed for the time being there are many who profess belief that individual agreements with soviet Russia may succeed, each country offering credits to Russia by offering credits to the hungry soviet government, which is clamoring for gold.

While the pessimists are proclaiming the Genoa congress dead, and saying that for decency's sake it will be given a ceremonial burial, Prime Minister Lloyd George of Great Britain, alarmed at the political crises in Europe and the other leaders striving to create a binding truce which will prevent new schemes and put off the dangers of war. He hopes that such a truce, with the proposed commission of inquiry into Russia's problems, will prove constructively helpful in maintaining peace in Europe and gradually bringing about her economic reconstruction.

The tendency is to obtain an adjournment of the conference as soon as possible after settling upon general principles with Russia and appointing the Russian commission of inquiry. Poland and the little entente, it is noted, are opposed to a discussion of frontier disputes in a conference where neutrals and representatives of the belligerents are present.

### SEARCH PARTY COMBS COUNTRY SEEKING TRACE

Eddie Willis Left Foster Home Near Parkhill in April.

#### FOLLOWS MOTHER'S VISIT

Mrs. Willis' Efforts To Keep in Touch With Scattered Family Futile.

Mystery today surrounds the disappearance of Eddie Willis, 16 years old, who in April disappeared from his foster home, a couple of miles out of Parkhill. Not a trace of him has been found since, though police throughout the country have been asked to keep an eye open for him.

Fearing that harm may have come to him, his foster parent, a Mr. Walker, organized a searching party and scoured the whole countryside in the vicinity of Parkhill, but without avail.

Out of the story of the boy's disappearance comes a rather touching story of deep mother love which, despite the passing of years, ever remained strong to the fore.

Eleven Years Ago. It was eleven years ago that the Henry Willis family of Thamesford encountered rocks and shoals. There were five children. The Woodstock Children's Aid Society stepped in and took charge of the little ones. Three of them they placed in foster homes and two came to London.

One of the latter was Eddie, then aged five, and five years ago he was placed in the foster home at Parkhill. Ever since the children were taken from Mrs. Willis has made a strong effort to keep in touch with her children. In this she was discouraged by the Children's Aid officials. They did not consider it in the best interest of the children that the mother should be in touch with them.

It made the children dissatisfied and harder to manage. Besides the Willis home conditions had not reached the stage of improvement that made it desirable to return the children there.

Not Discouraged. The mother was not discouraged, however, and since 1911 she has kept constantly trying to locate and get in touch with her children. The five, all boys, were scattered at various parts, so she had no easy task. Her mother-love seemingly overcame any trend to discouragement, however, and not long ago she succeeded in locating Eddie at Park Hill.

It was not long after that the lad disappeared. Now the mother has appealed to The Advertiser to try and locate the boy for her.

Inspector Kelly, of the Children's Aid, is completely at sea as to the whereabouts of the boy. He says that the Foster home was ideal, and the foster parent is a man who has done more for orphaned lads than any other man outside those actually engaged in Children's Aid work. Mr. Kelly believes that the expected has happened. As soon as the mother got in touch with the boy, it made him dissatisfied to do, and told the mother we would do, was to keep the boy until he got to the point where he would have been over his pranks days. Then we would have put her in touch with him and he would have been a real pleasure to her," said Mr. Kelly.

### CONSIDER WORLD TRADE GROWTH

LONDON, May 13.—(Canadian Press Cable).—An Australian conference of representatives of the preserved fruit industries is being held at Melbourne. The object of the conference is to consider methods of extending the overseas markets. It has been decided to press the federal government to renew negotiations for a preference in Great Britain and for support of the efforts to develop trade with the east.

### Rats Flee Before High Tide At Quebec

QUEBEC, May 13.—Quebec is having its highest tide of the year today, and some places in the lower town waves are rolling over the wharves chasing before them swarms of rats that were being ferried out of their abodes by the high water. The water has flooded some of the dock sheds and there is considerable damage reported.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 73; lowest, 54.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 62; lowest, 42.

Barometric Readings.

Friday—8 p.m., 29.11.

Today—8 a.m., 29.12.

