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**DASTARDLY ATTACK ON A LITTLE GIRL;
SEIZED AND GAGGED ON THOROUGHFARE****Brutal Treatment of the Eleven-Year-Old Daughter of a Well-Known Citizen—
Fiend Failed in Object, Throws Child Into Pit and Escapes.**

An attempted criminal assault upon a little girl in the heart of the business district of London almost resulted in the murder of the victim last night.

The assault took place on the north side of King street, midway between Richmond and Clarence, and all thoroughfares at the time were being traversed by large numbers of pedestrians, Richmond and Clarence streets being particularly well lighted.

The victim is the eleven-year-old daughter of a prominent citizen.

The little girl is now confined to her home, with the mother's arms around her, and the mother is now confined to her home, with the mother's arms around her, and the mother is now confined to her home, with the mother's arms around her.

Last evening, the little girl, with her mother and aunt, were visiting on Colborne street, and about 8:30 they started for home, walking west on the north side of King street. The aunt was detained through some reason, and the mother told the child to wait for the aunt.

The little girl walked slowly, gradually allowing her mother to leave her, and when the child thought she would take a look back to see if the aunt was coming. She stayed around the corner for five or ten minutes, walking a short distance back toward Wellington street. Finally she concluded the aunt was not coming, and she walked rapidly westward on King past the Central Post Office and the big wholesale stores which face the block.

When she reached the alleyway between the Helena Costume Company's building and the wholesale of Green, Swift & Co., she heard a quick footstep behind her, and then she was seized by a man. The scoundrel first placed his hand over her mouth, but he had a handkerchief ready for a gag, and rushing into the alleyway with the child, he stuffed the large square of cotton into her mouth.

The fiend carried her to the rear of the Helena Costume Company's building, and though the child fought heroically, as was evidenced by the torn condition of her clothing. Filled in his design, and fearing detection every moment, the wretch threw her into an area which lights one of the basement windows. The area or pit is about five feet long and four feet deep.

After lying there for some time, the child succeeded in removing the gag from her mouth. She cried feebly for help, but ten minutes elapsed before she was heard. Then the employees of the costume company heard her, and they began a search.

Found Lying in Pit.

They were horrified to find the victim of the assault lying in the pit, with her head in such a position in the corner as to almost suffocate her.

She was carried into the factory, where she was revived, and when she had told her name, her mother was notified. Her mother had been in the house but a short time, and expected her child momentarily.

Scoundrel Still at Large.

The police were then notified, and a vigorous search was prosecuted. Every officer on the force was instructed to keep an eye peeled for a suspect, and the three detectives bent their energies to nab the scoundrel. But unfortunately they were badly handicapped by the child being unable to give a description of her assailant. All she is able to say is that the man was quite tall, and the man's face was quite

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THE BUTTER TRADE

Sale of Canadian Product in Great Britain Steadily Improving.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, March 30.—Dairy Commissioner Riddick gave evidence today before the agriculture committee in regard to the cheese and butter trade with Britain. Mr. Riddick said that the facilities for handling Canadian products at the London docks had greatly improved. The higher price received for Canadian cheese last year was in a large measure due to the much better condition of the market. Instead of the price being likely to go down it would rather increase. The Canadian butter trade with Great Britain was steadily improving.

**MOB BURNS WINNIPEG CARS;
CITY CANNOT GET "SPECIALS"**

Winnipeg, Man., March 30.—Up to 10 a.m. no attempt has been made to run any street cars, but it is stated that the company are determined to operate at least some cars today and that if they do the civic authorities will maintain order at any price. A dozen cars were seriously damaged in yesterday's rioting and two which the company failed to get back to the barns were burned last night. The police made three dozen arrests during the day. Difficulty is being found in enrolling special constables, because none want the job. Public sentiment is strongly in favor of the strikers.

Tied Up.

Winnipeg, Man., March 29.—The first day of the strike of the street railway employees proved so bitter and so

Lived on Hay Three Weeks.

Lens, France, March 30.—Fourteen of the 1,200 miners who were entombed in the coal mines at Courrières twenty days ago, were taken from the mine alive and well today. They had lived on hay found in one of the underground stables, and the morsels of food which they took into the mine with them nearly three weeks ago.

All attempts to rescue the entombed men had been abandoned more than two weeks ago.

**CONFERENCE OFF;
LOOKS LIKE STRIKE IN PENNOCOTT WAS**

The Miners and Operators Split Over the 1903 Wage Scale and Adjourn.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 29.—With-out agreement on a wage scale, the conference of bituminous coal operators and miners of the central competitive district adjourned sine die today, leaving affairs in such a condition that a strike of 275,000 seems probable at the expiration of the present scale agreement Saturday, March 31.

The disagreement came after a struggle lasting ten days and disrupts the interstate agreement which has existed since 1895 between operators and miners, through which wage scale and other differences have been adjusted.

The final vote in the conference of the central competitive field on which the other districts base their settlements, was on a motion offered by President Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, to restore for two years the wages of 1903, which would have been an increase of wages of 5.55 per cent.

The operators of Illinois, Indiana and Ohio voted against the proposal and defeated it.

The disruption of the conference followed.

Operators of Western Pennsylvania and the miners of the four states voted for the proposal.

Secretary W. B. Wilson, of the Mine Workers, said: "There is no likelihood of anything further being done towards a settlement. This means a strike of work. The national convention of the United Mine Workers of America will meet tomorrow morning. The principal business will be to determine a general policy."

80,000 Will Not Strike

Greenburg, Pa., March 30.—Eight thousand miners in the employ of the Keystone Coal and Coke Company, the Jamison Coal and Coke Company, in this locality, have decided to continue work regardless of the action of the Indianapolis convention. Both companies will pay the advance asked, although the miners are now getting a little more than paid to the river miners and those in the Irwin district.

Beaer to Mitchell

New York, March 30.—The following message, sent by President George F. Beaer, of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, to John Mitchell, president of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad of America, was made public at the offices of the representatives of the anthracite coal roads in this city today: "Philadelphia, March 30.—John Mitchell, Indianapolis: Is it true that, pending negotiations, you have, as stated in the newspapers, ordered your followers not to work in the anthracite mines after April 17 (Signed), George F. Beaer."

It was also stated at the operators' headquarters here that neither Mr. Beaer nor any other of the presidents of the anthracite coal-carrying railroads has yet received any word from Indianapolis telling of the order for the hard coal miners to strike on Monday.

INDIANS SENT DOWN

Tribe of Red Men Go to Kingston for Long Terms.

The authorities have at last rounded up the bad gang of Indians that have been creating no end of trouble on the reserves for years, and three of them—Israel Alexander, Hiram Alexander and Walden Delaney—will not trouble the people for some time.

All three were convicted at the assizes at St. Thomas this week of breaking into and robbing Greer's hotel at Lawrence Station. So good a case was made out against them, that Matthew Wilson, K.C., of Chatham, crown prosecutor, congratulated the constables on their splendid work.

Israel Alexander was sentenced to three years in Kingston Penitentiary, Walden Delaney was given four years, and Hiram Alexander was given three. He will remain on two charges—breaking into Weldon's store last fall, and also the Greer hotel. There are two or three members more in the gang yet to be sent down.

This is the case that ex-County Constable Northgroves handled last fall.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

March 29.	Reported at.	From.
Cretic	New York	Genoa
Brooklyn	New York	Genoa
Virginia	Hull	Genoa
Nunidian	Boston	Glasgow
Kronland	New York	Glasgow
Arable	Naples	New York
Majestic	Liverpool	New York
Ontario	Liverpool	New York
Lake Erie	Liverpool	Glasgow
Moncalm	Bristol	St. John

The Grand National

Liverpool, March 30.—The Grand National steeplechase of 2,750 sovereigns a handicap for 5-year-olds and upwards, about 4 miles and 80 yards, was run today at the Liverpool spring meeting, and was won by Prince Hatzfeldt's Aztec Silver. Red Lead was second and Aunt May was third. Twenty-three horses started.

BILL WILL GO THROUGH

No Objection to Western University Bill at Toronto.

His Lordship the Bishop of Huron, accompanied by Provost James, Mr. C. B. Edwards and Mr. T. H. Lacombe, arrived from Toronto last night, where they spent Thursday in the interests of the bill which is being put through in regard to the Western University and Huron College.

It is understood the Legislature will not object to the measure, which provides that the senate of the university shall be undenominational, and also contains a clause that in case the city of London desires to meet the proposals of the university authorities, the city may have a voice in the senate.

If the city desires to take over the university altogether and make it an undenominational institution, the present bill will be of no use, but the university is merely putting the measure through to protect itself.

VETERINARY GRADS.

Over 3,000 Surgeons Turned Out the Past 44 Years.

One hundred and three new veterinary surgeons were turned out yesterday at the 45th annual closing exercises of the Ontario Veterinary College, Principal Smith, F.R.C.V.S., presided. Forty-four years ago the college had only twelve students. Since then 3,000 have graduated. Yesterday's graduating class include the following students from London and other western points:

Dr. Crozier Tennent, London; H. Berry, Brantford; James Scott Bone, Paisley; Fred Cairns, Forest; C. O. Macdonald, Guelph; John J. Montgomery, Brantford; M. E. Munro, Arden; W. G. Moore, Petrolia; W. T. Patton, Paris; Charles W. Rutland, Whingham.

The graduates include young men from the lower provinces, the West Indies and Argentina.

GREAT RAINS DOWN SOUTH

Immense Damage to Property and Crops in Three Days' Downpour.

Memphis, Tenn., March 30.—According to reports received here last night the states of Arkansas and Mississippi and Northern and Central Louisiana experienced the heaviest and most destructive rainfalls of years during the preceding 48 hours. In some places small streams are leaving their banks, and crops have suffered considerably. Train schedules are badly deranged on many lines on account of the washouts and the insecure bridges. In North and Central Louisiana rains have fallen almost continuously for three days.

PLEADED FOR HIS SON

Father Asked Court To Be Lenient With Erring Lad.

George W. Paradis, the Woodstock youth charged with stealing a diamond ring from a Dundas street jeweler, appeared before P. M. Love this morning. He elected trial by the magistrate, and answered guilty to the charge.

Paradis' father was present in the court room, and through his solicitor, Mr. E. W. Flock, asked for the mercy of the court.

Mr. Paradis is a lumberman, with a large tract of timber land in Haliburton County. He offered to take the boy to the lumber woods, and report regularly to the magistrate as to his behavior. Mr. Flock averred that it would not make the boy any better to associate with criminals. P. M. Bartlett, of Windsor, had suspended sentence on the boy without any qualification, and Mr. Flock asked that the father's request be granted, if possible. In any case, he would ask his worship to be lenient.

Sentence was deferred until Thursday next.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Unsettled, Showery.

London, Friday, March 30.
Sun rises, 6:06 a.m. Moon rises, 5:37 p.m.
Sun sets, 6:40 p.m. Moon sets, 12:00 a.m.

Toronto, March 30—8 p.m.
A disturbance now developing over the Southern States is likely to move toward Ontario. The weather continues fine and mild throughout the Dominion. The temperature today has been above 50° in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and above 60° in Alberta.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 32-48; Victoria, 38-54; Vancouver, 34-57; Qu'Appelle, 28-54; Winnipeg, 24-54; Port Arthur, 24-50; Fanny Sound, 16-38; Toronto, 24-42; Ottawa, 24-48; Montreal, 28-42; Quebec, 22-40; St. John, 30-42; Halifax, 28-36.

FORECASTS.

Friday, March 30—8 a.m.
Today—Northerly and easterly winds, light rain.
Saturday—Unsettled and showery.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Max.	Weather.
Calgary	28	22	34	Cloudy
Winnipeg	28	22	34	Cloudy
Port Arthur	24	20	30	Clear
Fanny Sound	16	10	22	Clear
Toronto	24	20	30	Clear
Ottawa	24	20	30	Cloudy
Quebec	22	18	28	Cloudy
Father Point	36	24	48	Cloudy

WEATHER NOTES.

The weather fair and mild throughout the Dominion. Temperatures of over 60° were recorded in the Northern Provinces yesterday. The disturbance which was over the Southern States yesterday morning is moving northward toward Ontario.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m., Thursday were: Highest, 45.2°; lowest, 32.5° above.

**MATHESON MAKES
STARTLING CHARGE**

Attacks Mr. Harcourt Over Former Loan Contract.

LATTER PRUDENT AND CAREFUL

**Demands That All Documents on Matter Be Placed on Table—
A Strong Reply.**

Toronto, March 30.—An exciting incident marked the continuation of the budget debate in the Legislature last night. Hon. Mr. Ross at the close of his address submitted a motion which in effect was a condemnation of Hon. Mr. Matheson's "float" of the provincial bond issue. The Provincial Treasurer in a vigorous reply charged that Mr. Harcourt, as a member of the former Administration, had entered into an agreement with Coates & Co. that not only should renewals of that not only should renewals of the provincial treasury bills be negotiated through that firm, but that any sale of permanent securities should be made through them. This he characterized as an extraordinary agreement, and he demanded to know what inducement there was for reaching such an understanding. Mr. Harcourt readily explained his negotiations with the firm named. With considerable spirit he contended that the documents when laid on the table would show that he had acted with businesslike prudence in all the negotiations he had conducted in connection with the "float" and Northern Ontario loan, for the taking up of which the bonds were issued. The Province was not bound to the company named, the arguments of the Provincial Treasurer himself showed this conclusively.

Mr. Harcourt's Reply.

He asked that the documents be placed on the table. They would show that the negotiations were to be conducted at the lowest cost. The Provincial Treasurer had failed in his negotiations, and now sought to throw the blame on someone else.

Mr. Harcourt stated that he had gone to Coates almost at once after the instance of Lord Strathcona, Canada's greatest friend and an illustrious financier, who trusted his own private affairs to a junior partner of the firm. The house was a most reputable one, and one of the strongest in London. He did not preclude the Government of which he was a member, or his successors from negotiations in the interest of the Province. "Negotiations" was the word, and he had told Mr. Colmer, Mr. Coates and Mr. Hanson ten times over that as the Province was to make its first mark in the financial world it must be at the Provincial Treasurer's hand. He was honest to the House or the country, would say that negotiations meant nothing. They had his assurance that every dollar advanced could be sold securities when under a debt of \$40 a head at 102, 103 and 104. The knowledge was enough to have prevented him from ever selling one dollar worth of securities at less than par. With all the earnestness he could command he had repeated over and over again that no offer could be accepted less than the equivalent of par.

But he was then discussing Tensil-kam bonds. He was offering Ontario bonds. They knew that without legislation of the House there could be no issue of bonds. Let Mr. Cartwright place on the table of the House copies of the cablegrams exchanged, Mr. Harcourt stated, between Coates & Co. and himself. He said he had no bonds, but bonds of the railway, having the imprimatur, as far as could be, of the Province. Mr. Hanson had thought there was some way out of it, but a cable was sent by the then attorney general saying that no bonds could ever be given. He had placed on file in the department a typewritten document, which, it was alleged, he had concealed. That appeared to be the gravamen of his offense. His suggestion was that a direct issue of provincial bonds be made. Where had his honorable friends opposite got the

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**Starving Russ Tribesmen
Kill Families and Suicide**

Two Entire Tribes in Asia Wiped Out in Spartan Fashion—Cannibalism Follows Famine.

St. Petersburg, March 30.—Horrible accounts are reaching St. Petersburg of cannibalism and starvation among tribes inhabiting the frozen Arctic plain of the Chukchi Peninsula, at the extremity of Asia. Most of the reindeer died of starvation during the winter of 1904-5, leaving the inhabitants without means of communication or food. During the past winter whole tribes have died and members of the Omolons and Oloya tribes, when facing starvation, assembled in council and decided that nothing remained but death. They agreed that each head of a family should kill his wife and children and then commit suicide. The tribesmen gathered on a plateau covered with snow and ice, and in the darkness of the Arctic winter the Spartan decision was executed, not a single member of the tribe surviving. More revolting still is the story of what occurred in a family of the Yukahir tribe. A mother and nine of her children having died of hunger, the father, a surviving daughter and a nephew lived upon the remains, and when they were consumed the father murdered the nephew. A Russian named Dolgoff, who went to the situation to the authorities at Yakutsk, Siberia. He entered a snowhut of a Yukahir family while the latter were eating the head of a murdered relative.

**SOME FRICTION IN
COOKE'S CHURCH**

Pastor Esler's Methods Bring Protest from Some of the Members.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, March 30.—There is trouble brewing for the Rev. Alex Esler, pastor of Cooke's Presbyterian Church, arising out of his method of conducting after meetings on Sunday evenings. It is his custom to take the after meeting on without giving an opportunity to anybody to leave without disturbing the service. He was recently requested by the chairman of the management committee, Wm. Johnson, and some of the older members of the congregation to pronounce the benediction at the close of the service, thus giving an opportunity to any who wished to leave before the after meeting began. Mr. Esler is of the rather extreme evangelical type and has very strong convictions. He refused. This was annoying, but the climax came when in addressing a body of new communicants last Friday he expressed the hope that they would be a real help in the church and not a detriment as some were. A meeting of managers has been called, where the matter will be taken up. A letter of protest has already been sent. Mr. Esler caused considerable stir in the Presbyterian Church two years ago by having a motion picture through in Cooke's Church to withdraw all financial support from Knox College owing to alleged heresy in Prof. MacFadyen's book on higher criticism and the Old Testament. Cooke's Church is the largest Presbyterian Church in Canada, the former pastor who brought the church up to its present dimensions being Rev. Dr. Patterson, now of Philadelphia.

WILL WITTE RESIGN?

Flounders Think His Stepping Out Will Mean Catastrophe.

St. Petersburg, March 30.—Since the sitting of the council of the empire March 19 at which Premier Witte made an enigmatical statement which was interpreted by many members of the council as a virtual resignation, his career as Premier was ended and that he would be succeeded by Privy Councillor Kokovsov, former minister of finance, the Premier has not attended the sessions of the council and his continued absence adds color to the rumors of his retirement at an early date. The Associated Press is positively informed that the Premier's resignation, based on the grounds of ill-health, is before the Emperor. In moderate circles the fall of Count Witte at the present juncture would be regarded as a catastrophe.

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