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SAYS HE'S MADE GOOD

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Mayor C. M. R. Graham's announcement that he will not be a candidate for a third term was unexpected. Save to friends, to whom he had confided the intelligence early in the day, his declaration at the "Home Products" dinner on Friday night came as a complete surprise. Close friends had been predicting his entry into the 1914 mayoralty fight, and from other sources came what purported to be definite information that he would be a candidate.

Was the Mayor Surprised? The announced withdrawal came, therefore, as a fresh bit of news all round, the mayor himself possibly being included in those who were numbered in the surprise class.

Some time ago it was stated that the support of the pro-electrificationists would be withdrawn from the Graham regime, as soon as the mayor was passed. Events of the past few hours would seem to indicate that such had been the case.

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JAMES GILLESPIE DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

A Prominent Bowler and Dry-goods Man—He Was Well-Known In London.

Mr. James Gillespie, 245 Oxford street, well known in the business life of London, died at his residence Friday night after a lingering illness. He was 47 years of age, and was born in London Township in 1866.

Entering the employ of Smallman & Ingram as a boy, his advance was rapid. For some time he was head of the staple department. His health compelled him to retire. Since then his condition became steadily worse.

The late Mr. Gillespie was an enthusiastic advocate of all outdoor sports, and was an active member of the S. & I. baseball team since its inception. He was also a member of the Thistle Bowling Club, and a crack shot with the bow.

He is survived besides his wife by a daughter, Dorothy; one sister, Elizabeth, and two brothers, Ralph and W. B. Gillespie, all of this city.

DENIES REPORT

M. H. O. Contradicts Rumor of Diphtheria Epidemic.

Dr. T. V. Hutchinson, medical health officer, denies the report that there is an epidemic of diphtheria in London at the present time. "Seven cases do not constitute an epidemic in a city the population of which is close to 60,000," said Dr. Hutchinson to the Advertiser today.

There are eight cases of diphtheria in Victoria Hospital at the present time, but five of them are from London Township.

There are only eight cases of scarlet fever in the city at present.

Minister Who Is "Farthest North" In Huron Diocese



REV. ROBERT W. JAMES, Anglican rector at Lion's Head in the Bruce peninsula. His parish is 200 miles from London, and includes six preaching appointments. Lion's Head district is a rich agricultural and lumbering country. To cover his weekly itinerary, Rev. Mr. James regularly drives an average of 125 miles. Except for stage communication with Warton, 22 miles distant, Lion's Head parish is practically a little world shut off by itself.

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PASSENGERS HURT WHEN CARS COME TOGETHER AT NOON

Two Injured in Head-On Smash at Ridout and Dundas Streets.

GREASY RAILS BLAMED

Eastbound Car Could Not Slow Up in Time to Prevent Collision.

Two street cars, bound in opposite directions, collided on a switch on Dundas street, near the corner of Ridout street, at 12:30 o'clock today, and two passengers of the westbound car were injured.

The cars, No. 22 Argyle street, and No. 23 Argyle street, were approaching each other on the switch, and the westbound car was unable to stop in time to prevent a collision.

The cars were carrying a total of 15 passengers. Two of the passengers of the westbound car were injured. One was a man, and the other was a woman. Both were taken to the hospital.

The cause of the collision was attributed to greasy rails. The rails were found to be very slippery, and the cars were unable to stop in time to prevent a collision.

The city council has ordered that the rails be cleaned immediately. The council also ordered that the cars be slowed down when approaching switches.

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GEORGE JACKSON DIES SUDDENLY IN WESTERN CITY

Prominent Wholesale Butcher of London Passes Away Suddenly at Winnipeg.

WAS SEEKING HEALTH

Left in September in an Endeavor To Recover—Death Shock to Family.

A telegram received in the city shortly before noon today, announced the death in Winnipeg today of Mr. George Jackson, the well-known wholesale butcher of this city, while on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. H. Roe, of that city.

Mr. Jackson had gone to Winnipeg in September last, thinking that the change would benefit his health, which had begun to fail. The change did prove highly beneficial, and the news of his death came as a distinct shock to his many friends in this city.

He suffered from arterio-sclerosis, or hardening of the arteries, and it is supposed by the family that this was the cause of his death.

Son Returned Friday. His son, George Jackson, jun., returned from Winnipeg only Friday evening after a visit to his father.

"When I left him on Wednesday he appeared to be in much better health than he had been for some time, and seemed to be getting better," his son informed The Advertiser today.

Mr. Jackson was born in this city in 1857, and had been a resident all his life. He succeeded in building up one of the largest wholesale and retail butchering establishments in the city, and was widely known and respected, not only in London, but also throughout the County of Middlesex.

No arrangements have yet been made as to the funeral, as the family are awaiting more definite news from Winnipeg.

Four Children Survive. Mr. Jackson is survived by two sons and two daughters, George Jackson, jun., and Frank, both of this city; Lilian, at home, and Mrs. H. Roe, at home in Winnipeg. He died. His wife predeceased him about two years.

REGAINS USE OF TONGUE AFTER WEEK'S SILENCE

West London Man, Whose Fall Rendered Him Speechless, Can Again Talk.

After being powerless to utter a sound for more than a week, Richard Taylor, of 189 Wharncliffe road, West London, was last night enabled to speak to his parents.

A week ago Friday, while descending the stairs in his parents' home, he slipped and, striking his head on the edge of a step, was rendered unconscious. A doctor was quickly summoned. For almost a week he lingered in a precarious condition. Signs of life were visible, and grave fears were entertained for his life. Last night, after working with him for several hours, Dr. D. C. Parsons was rewarded by a return of speech.

Mr. Taylor is 23 years of age. "He is improving wonderfully," said William Taylor, the young man's father, to The Advertiser this morning. "Of course, his jaw is sore, but he is resting easily and can articulate freely."

BUILDING HEAVY

December Record Already Surpasses That of Same Month of Last Year.

Building permits for the first thirteen days of December total \$30,805, as against \$27,363 for the whole of December last year. If operations are continued as at present, Building Inspector A. M. Piner anticipates that the permits for the year will be close to \$800,000 above last year's record.

Thomas Wilkey was today granted a permit for a \$1,700 brick residence on Lorne avenue.

BANQUET FOR WOMEN. [Canadian Press.] Brandon, Man., Dec. 12.—J. D. McGregor, twice winner of the world's steer championship at the International Stock Show at Chicago, was the guest of honor at a banquet last night attended by the lieutenant-governors of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, many cabinet ministers and other notables.

OFFER \$1,000 REWARD FOR TRAIN WRECKER'S CAPTURE

New President of New York Central Escaped Unhurt, But Fireman Was Killed When Big Locomotive Suddenly Leaped in the Air.

[Canadian Press.] Cleveland, O., Dec. 12.—That the partial derailment of train No. 16 on the Lakeshore and Michigan Southern Railroad, near Wickliffe, east of the city, shortly before last midnight, was the result of a deliberate attempt, is the belief of Lake-shore officials early today. They assert that spikes had been removed from the rails, and the road has offered a reward of \$1,000 for the arrest of the person tampering with the roadbed.

Attached to train No. 16 was the private car of the newly-elected president of the New York Central system, Alfred Smith, President-elect Smith, after a visit to his aged mother in this city to receive her congratulations on his promotion, and a hurried western trip, was returning eastward. The private car was not derailed.

Fireman Killed. The fireman of the locomotive was killed. President-elect Smith, after a conference with the engineer of the train, Jos. Lamb, issued this statement: "The engineer told me that while the train was proceeding about a mile from Wickliffe, the engine suddenly leaped into the air, indicating very plainly that an obstruction that could not readily be seen and yet would cause derailment, had been on the track. The accident is very mysterious in the view of this, and the added fact that it was a perfectly straight stretch where the wreck occurred."

After the wreck President-elect Smith himself helped to operate a handcar four miles up the road to a telegraph office to summon aid.

WOULD CHANGE CITY'S NAME TO TECUMSEH TO AVOID CONFUSION

FINDS 10 VALUABLE PEARLS INCLOSED IN ONE OYSTER

Emery Street Man Makes Profitable and Unusual Discovery as He Partakes of Toothsome Bivalves.

Ten valuable pearls in one oyster was the unusual and perhaps unprecedented find of Richard Holmes, of 147 Emery street, manager of the American Dry Cleaning Works, Dundas street east, a few evenings ago. Mr. Holmes was eating the toothsome bivalves when he bit something hard. He supposed it was a piece of shell, but, removing it from his mouth, discovered it to be a cluster of pearls. Nine were white and one black.

Black pearls are extremely rare, and more valuable than the white variety. Two of the white pearls were unusually large, one of them the size of a man's little finger tip. Altogether they weighed quite heavily, and Mr. Holmes can afford to eat oysters regularly for months to come as a result of his find.

He has not yet had the stones valued by a jeweler, but others who have seen them assure him of their value.

BETTER METHODS BADLY NEEDED IN KINGSTON PRISON

Expert Tells of Many Important Changes That Should Be Made.

FAVORS SEGREGATION

Would Be Better For All Classes of Men in Penitentiary He Declares.

[Canadian Press.] Kingston, Ont., Dec. 12.—The prison reform commission today heard the report of Dr. E. H. Young, assistant superintendent of Rockwood Hospital for the insane, with regard to methods in vogue at the Portsmouth penitentiary for treating the insane convicts.

Dr. Young was engaged on Oct. 8 by the chairman of the commission to make a searching report, and the Rockwood expert was most thorough in the statement he presented to the commission when it convened today. He found 32 cases in the institution, and after a careful examination he found that all these patients were really insane.

The ward has accommodation for 42 patients, but is sadly lacking in modern equipment. There are no modern conveniences, and the patients are locked in the cells from 4 p.m. until 7 a.m. next day.

Are Not Segregated. Criminals showing symptoms of mental disease are segregated, which Dr. Young finds is prejudicial to their own welfare, and also to that of the ordinary convicts. A high percentage of the inmates are more or less mentally affected. He stated that the problem of prison discipline would be considerably simplified if all mentally diseased and defective convicts could be removed to a special institution.

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SEEK YOUNG MAN WHO SENT INFERNAL MACHINE

Police Think Girl Killed Was Not Party Whom Bomb Threw Killed.

[Canadian Press.] New York, Dec. 12.—A young foreigner, swarthy and clean-shaven, was sought today by detectives as the sender of the infernal machine which killed Ida Anusov yesterday, as she opened it at her desk in the office of the O. K. Bottling Company.

From a patchwork of clues the police have overnight a theory of motive for the crime. The slain girl, they believe, was not the victim for whom the bomb was intended. William H. Callahan, the proprietor, was. Business rivalry, the police believe, prompted the act. Policing still further this theory, detectives believe the young man they seek acted as an agent for someone else, when he took the package containing the bomb to the offices of an express company for delivery.

The young man wore a slouch hat and a black sweater as he faced the clerk at the express office. Central office detectives picked him from a drag net over the east side for him. Although his name is lacking they have a clear-cut description of him.

UNIONIST CANDIDATE WINS LANARKSHIRE

Had a Majority of 251 Over the Liberal Nominee, In Bye Election.

[Canadian Press.] Glasgow, Dec. 12.—The Unionist candidate won the by-election yesterday for the South Lanarkshire seat in parliament left vacant by the death of Sir Walter Menzies, a Liberal home ruler.

The figures were: Hon. W. Watson (Unionist), 4,257; G. Morton (Liberal), 4,006; Mr. Gibb (Labour), 1,674.

The number of registered voters in the constituency was 10,885, and of these 9,377 went to the polls. This was the first time in the history of the constituency that a three-cornered contest had taken place, and the Liberals claim the result to be an endorsement of the government's Irish policy, as the Liberal and Labour candidates are both home rulers and together polled 1,423 votes more than the Unionist.

At the last previous election the poll was: Sir Walter Menzies (Liberal), 5,160; Dr. C. M. Douglas (Unionist), 3,963.

ADMIRAL ORDERS AMERICANS FROM CITY OF TAMPICO

More Than Five Hundred Refugees Are Now on Board Battleships.

CONTINUOUS FIGHTING

Rebels and Federals Are Hanging or Shooting All Prisoners Taken.

[Canadian Press.] Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—Rear-Admiral Fletcher cabled from Tampico under date of 1 a.m. today that at 4 a.m. yesterday he had ordered all Americans out of the city, and that before midnight he had transferred about 500, who were aboard the Wheeling and the Tacoma, to the battleships Virginia, Rhode Island and New Jersey, outside.

CONTINUOUS FIGHTING. [Canadian Press.] Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—The navy department later issued this statement: "A cablegram has been received from Rear-Admiral Fletcher, sent from Tampico, which conveys the information that there has been no cessation of fighting, but that the fighting is not serious."

Agular was reported to have just arrived with 3,000 men and taken a position on the right bank of the river. That there were on route to Tampico the Mexican gunboats Vera Cruz and Progresso, Rear-Admiral Fletcher has received information that both Federals and Constitutionalists have shot or hanged all prisoners taken, numbering about 65.

Three Hanged Together. Three of these men were hanged in the forenoon from within the Federal lines in full view of the shipping and city. Admiral Fletcher made formal protest in the name of humanity, against the practice. He reports that no foreigners or property have been injured, and that the New Jersey is en route to Tampico.

The army transport Summer leaves Galveston, Texas, today for Tampico. Arrangements have been made to care for all Americans at Tampico. They number about five hundred.

NOW CONTROL TUXPAM. [Canadian Press.] Mexico City, Dec. 12.—The oil district of Tuxpam, which for nearly a month has been controlled by the rebels under General Gaudin, is now in the hands of the federal troops commanded by General Joaquin Maas, jun., according to reports received today by the war office.

General Maas has advanced with his column as far as Juan Casimiro to the north of Tamiagua, on the way to Tampico, without encountering any rebels, and it is assumed that they have gone to assist in the attack on Tampico.

EXPECT AN ATTACK. [Canadian Press.] Vera Cruz, Dec. 12.—There is every indication that the city of Monterey may be heavily attacked by the rebels at any moment, according to a dispatch from United States Consul General Hanna there. The telegram was filed this morning by way of Tampico, and thence to Vera Cruz by wireless.

A considerable federal army is believed to be concentrated at Monterey.

FIRE AT SMITHVILLE CAUSED LOSS OF \$38,000

Blaze in Furniture Store Spread to Half a Dozen Others.

[Canadian Press.] Smithville, Dec. 12.—One of the worst disasters in the history of this place occurred early today, when fire, which is supposed to have originated in Gracey's furniture store and undertaking establishment, or in Joyner's barber shop, destroyed the following places of business:

Bandie Morgan, Central Store, loss \$10,000; H. Gracey, furniture and undertaking, loss \$8,000; Joyner's barber shop, loss \$3,000; Hoyer's hardware and jewelry store, loss \$10,000; Patterson's grocery, loss \$5,000. The Smithville public library was damaged to the extent of \$1,000 and the Masonic Hall, \$1,000.

The fire burned fiercely for hours until it spent itself at 4:30 o'clock, leaving only a mass of smoking ruins. The Joyner family, mother and three children, one a babe in arms, escaped in their night clothes, all they have left in the world.

People formed a bucket brigade and fought the flames. Had it not been for the heroic efforts of the volunteer firemen, the whole village would probably have been wiped out, including the Merritt House.

The only thing saved from the section burned was a trunk and some bedding.

TRANSFERS INCREASE

Realty Sales Show Big Jump for the Month of November.

A comparative statement of the real estate transfers during the month of October has been issued from the assessment commission's department, and shows a considerable increase over previous years in point of numbers, percentage of assessment and selling considerations. The statement follows:

Assess. Consider. Ass. Year. No. ment. ation. pct. 1913 125 \$139,980 \$188,340 74.3 1912 89 128,762 166,717 82.1 1911 167 115,220 159,547 72.2 1910 76 87,230 121,524 71.7

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. The following were the highest and lowest temperatures in London for the 12 hours preceding 8 a.m. today: Highest, 37; lowest, 30.

The official temperatures for the 24 hours preceding 8 a.m. Friday were: Highest, 46; lowest, 23.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND MILD. Forecasts. Toronto, Dec. 13.—8 a.m. Moderate west to south winds; fair and mild today and on Sunday.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations. High. Low. Weather. Victoria 50 48 Rain. Calgary 44 30 Cloudy. Winnipeg 38 18 Cloudy. Fort Arthur 42 22 Cloudy. Parry Sound 32 24 Cloudy. Toronto 35 20 Cloudy. Ottawa 32 20 Cloudy. Montreal 30 26 Cloudy. Quebec 29 18 Cloudy. Father Point 24 24 Cloudy.

Weather Notes. Fair, comparatively mild weather prevails in all portions of the Dominion, but indications now favor a change to colder conditions in the West.