

Purse Snatchers Almost Extinct In Recent Years

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PROTECTION BETTER

One type of criminal at least, the pickpocket, has become almost extinct in recent years, according to the police, who have experienced little or no trouble with purse-snatchers or roll-thieves at the Western Fair for a number of years.

The public has run the pickpocket out of business, they declare. By being more judicious in the carriage of their money, fair visitors have placed no temptation before the crooks and sneak thieves who form a following of every exhibition and who are present in all large gatherings. But police protection is also better than it used to be, and a pickpocket of today would stand little chance of working his trade at the Western Fair grounds, where squads of policemen are on patrol duty night and day.

The signs of Beware of Pickpockets placed conspicuously about the exhibition grounds started some years ago a police war on this type of thief, which has so far proved successful. Few reports are received at police headquarters from people who have had their pockets picked, and this year exceptional order at the Fair grounds has so far been observed.

RIVER PROPERTY IS RECLAIMED

Changes at Hospital, Including Salvaging of Plot of Land.

More than 20 feet of property on the south bank of the river Thames at the rear of Victoria hospital has been reclaimed in the past year. Originally a dump, the bank has been filled to the high level of Ottawa avenue with soil excavated from the new hospital tunnel.

Work on the tunnel itself, according to Superintendent J. G. Clegg, is expected to be finished by winter. The tunnel will be in operation by the time cold weather sets in.

Numerous other changes at the hospital will be completed by the end of this month. A new and larger laboratory is being occupied by the izing rooms formerly used as a dispensary, and that department in turn has been moved to larger rooms on the ground floor. During installation of a new elevator at the institution, the old freight lift is being pressed into use for patients.

DISARMAMENT PLANS ARE TO BE HASTENED

Leaders of World League Will Proceed at Once With Technical Work.

Associated Press Despatch. Geneva, Sept. 16.—The leaders of the assembly of the league of nations seem determined to proceed with the technical preparations for the proposed league disarmament conference regardless of whether the security question shapes up speedily by the conclusion of formal agreements.

League officials who are hastening to lay the conference's statistical foundations point out that the work must be started at the earliest possible moment, as a general armaments inquiry, which is an essential preliminary to the conference must be in order so as to expedite the work of the conference.

Paul Boncompagni, who is chairman of the French superior council of national defence, is quoted as saying that the labor of compiling the necessary information will take from two to three years perhaps, allowing fairly ample time for the conclusion and testing of the security framework of regional accords.

SELECTION OF JURORS BEGUN FOR 1926 COURTS

The selection of jurors for 1926 courts commenced at the courthouse yesterday afternoon when the board of juror selection convened under Judge Talbot Macbeth. After a short conference the board adjourned till Nov. 25. Those present at the meeting were Judge Macbeth, Crown Attorney Albert M. Judd, Warden Allan McPherson, Middlesex County Sheriff Donald Graham, County Treasurer (Capt. T. E. Robson, Mayor Weale and City Treasurer James S. Bell.

ISSUING DEBENTURES TO PAY HIGHWAY BILL

Tenders for the sale of \$50,000 worth of 5 per cent debentures are being called for by County Treasurer Capt. T. E. Robson. All offers must be in the hands of the treasurer by Sept. 22. The amount to be raised is in order to pay the county bill for its share in the cost of paving provincial highways in Middlesex during 1924.

A. E. TENNENT DIES HERE

Following a brief illness, Alfred Edward Tennent of Exeter, brother of David H. Tennent of this city, died in Victoria hospital yesterday morning. He is survived by two brothers, David of this city, Ezekiel of London, and one sister, Mary J. Tennent, of this city.

TEN CASES IN COURT.

Ten cases were disposed of in the 9th division court this morning at the courthouse. Judge Macbeth presided over the list of cases submitted by Division Court Clerk Frank Whetter.



MRS. PATRICK O'CONNOR, "the soldiers' friend," who died on Monday in Toronto. During the war she worked hard for the Red Cross, among her accomplishments being the knitting of 1,525 pairs of socks for the soldiers.

CHURCH SUMMER SCHOOLS MERGED

United Church Will Now Administer Combined Summer Program.

Formal ratification was given to the plan to merge the summer schools of the former Presbyterian and Methodist churches at a meeting of the executives of the summer school associations this morning. It will now be under the direction of the United church, and a committee will be chosen for that purpose.

The summer schools, which are a comparatively recent development of religious education, are held each summer at Alma college, St. Thomas. Each school lasts for two weeks. The Presbyterian school has included the whole of the London-Hamilton synod, and the Methodist schools, the London conference.

It is confidently expected that 200 or more will attend the United school next summer.

News Briefs

Canadian Press Despatch. Worcester, Mass.—Thugs last night broke into the county courthouse and stole \$3.35 and two revolvers.

Mitchell Field, L.I.—An aeroplane which can attain a speed of 300 miles an hour is being tested here, it is stated. The world's record is 278 miles an hour.

St. Louis—A local dentist has done away with the use of local anaesthetics when extracting troublesome teeth. Instead he puts a jazz record on his gramophone to soothe the nerves of his patients.

Atlantic City—Two dry enforcement officers have been arrested on a charge of drunkenness.

Washington—Total collections of internal revenue from all sources in the United States for the fiscal year aggregated \$2,584,140,248. Despite a 2 per cent cut in taxes since last year, the returns represent only a \$212,000,000 reduction from that period.

New York—Living for five weeks on water only and missing a day's work during that period, Edmund Wuensch, a mill weaver, has just concluded a fast for his health. Although he lost 44 pounds, Wuensch says he "feels much better."

New Providence, N.J.—Suffering a paralytic stroke following work on a bridge in the Shenandoah disaster, August Mazucio has died here.

Philadelphia—"Hard-boiled" Smith has been made an assistant federal prohibition agent as deputy warden of a penitentiary.

New York—Mrs. Margaret Robinson is suing to prevent William G. Wilson, wealthy Cleveland insurance man, from cancelling a trust fund of \$100,000 he established for her. She says the fund originated in 1920 when she threatened to sue him for breach of promise after he had made her a wife and two children.

Atlanta, Ga.—Brief local thunderstorms have failed materially to relieve the drought which has gripped the southeastern states for one of the longest spells in its history.

Washington—Returns on a prison census, just announced, show that 2,282 prisoners in Leavenworth, Kan., penitentiary, are serving sentences for violation of the drug act, while revenue and prohibition law violators number 219.

Buffalo—Two men were killed and six were seriously injured when a motor truck and gasoline-driven "scooter" collided at a railway crossing here.

WISCONSIN VOTERS BACK YOUNG BOB IN PRIMARIES

Associated Press Despatch. Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 16.—Robert M. La Follette, Jun., son of " Fighting Bob," swept everything before him in the Wisconsin senatorial primary in the Wisconsin carrying all but 8 of the 71 counties in the state, and receiving the Republican nomination.

The vote represented somewhat less than half the voting strength of the state, few more than three hundred thousand going to the polls. Those who did vote registered in no uncertain manner their desire to retain La Follette in Wisconsin.

Young Bob just within the constitutional age limit, won with a majority of 28,495 over his three opponents, and a plurality of 85,488 over his nearest opponent, Roy P. Wilcox of Eau Claire, the Coolidge Republican candidate.

FUNERAL ASSN. OPENS SESSION

Convention Will Elect Officers at This Afternoon's Meeting.

Addressing the association at the afternoon session of the first day of the convention, J. N. Sletton, secretary, National Funeral Directors, Chicago, spoke on the subject of "Higher Standard Through Organized Effort." His address was the feature of the afternoon program. He outlined the methods and results of the association work in the United States. He said that the idea and aim of the association was to bring practice of the profession to a higher standard, whereas, instead of simply selling merchandise, really sell service.

He stressed firmly that all funeral directors should do a fair amount of advertising and to particularly emphasize the quality of service that they were prepared to render, so that the people, when they required service of funeral directors, would have become familiar with the men doing high-class work.

Present Annual Report. N. J. Griffith, president of the Ontario association, in the afternoon presented his annual address, reviewing the work of the past year and making recommendations for the coming year.

At yesterday morning's session three committees were named, the resolution committee, consisting of E. C. Burgess, Toronto; Morley Bedford, Toronto; and E. C. Killingsworth, London. Obituary committee is composed of J. O'Hagan, Toronto; N. L. Branden, St. Marys; W. F. W. Matthews, Toronto; Newton Boyd, Mitchell, and J. A. Mundell, Orillia, were appointed the nomination committee.

The Victoria quartet supplied a well-appreciated program of music at the afternoon session.

Review Exhibits. Formal review of the exhibits was made by J. H. Hillier, 2nd vice-president of the association, at the close of the morning meeting. Sixteen exhibits are on show at the armories during the various committees were given at the afternoon meeting by the committee chairmen.

Concluding the morning session of the second day of the Ontario Funeral Service Association convention being held in the armory at 111, Adelaide street, the organization will, in addition to the well-known directors and their relation to funeral services and the treatment required, His address was a feature of the session.

Reports of Secretary F. M. Moffatt, Toronto, and Treasurer R. Milson, Toronto, were presented to the directors. The treasurer's report showed a surplus of \$2,500 on hand, which points to a most successful year for the association.

In opening this morning's meeting, Mayor Wenig welcomed the funeral directors to the city. J. A. Robinson, Hamilton, responded to his worship's address.

Greetings to the association were given from the national funeral directors' association by J. A. Sletton, Toronto, and from the Canadian association by N. B. Cobbleck, Toronto, and from the Ontario association by T. E. Simpson, M.P., of examiners by T. E. Simpson, M.P., of the Tecumseh house. George Morse, of the association, acted as chairman. It was a free-for-all discussion and proved very interesting. Professor C. F. Callaway led the discussion.

The casket trimming contest, for which prizes are to be given, was crowded out of the morning and will be held first this afternoon. Interest in the election of officers for the year 1925-26, with participation of officers following immediately after.

RAILWAYS ARE BUSY WITH FAIR CROWDS

Special Trains to London For Exhibition Are All Well Filled.

Fair business is good. This statement was given out by the railways this morning as the crowds hurried away from the platforms eager to get away to the exhibition grounds. A special Canadian National train came in this morning. They brought fair visitors from the north, east and west. The coaches were well filled.

Special coaches are being operated on all trains. The Canadian National officials state that business is better than was anticipated. C. P. R. officials said that heavy traffic was handled over their lines this morning.

OFFICIAL CHECKING UP CITY'S GARAGE LICENSES

Garage owners of the city who have not complied with sections of the highway traffic act which calls for government licenses for all garages are being prosecuted by Arthur Gamble's special provincial office of the motor vehicles department.

Mr. Gamble arrived in London on Monday, and is making a tour of all local garages. M. Fisher, 42 Blackfriars street, paid a fine in police court this morning for violation of the act for operating his business without a license.

PERE MARQUETTE HEAD PASSES THROUGH LONDON

A. E. Badger, general superintendent of the Pere Marquette railway, passed through the city at 11 o'clock this morning en route from Montreal to Detroit.

Mr. Badger travelled in a special car over the Canadian National lines.

H. J. PAGE PASSES THROUGH

H. J. Page, chief investigator of the Canadian National railways, passed through the city today in his special business car en route from Montreal to Battle Creek, Mich.



SOLOIST WITH SOUSA. A Canadian-trained soloist who has made good is Miss Marjorie Moody, eminent soprano soloist, who received her musical education at the Bishop Strachan school, Toronto. She is a native of Boston. She is at present soprano soloist with Sousa's band and will be heard in London arena on Friday evening.

Peel and Fidler Canvases Occupy Places of Honor In Western Art Display

Well-Balanced Exhibition of Pictures Delights Fair Visitors This Year.

PORTRAITS BY GLEN Work by Other London Artists Comes In For High Praise.

By A. J. DALRYMPLE. A well-balanced exhibition of paintings representative of different schools at home and abroad is seen in the art gallery of the Western Fair this year. Though space is limited in the present building, the selection shows that careful thought has been given to showing the work of as many noted painters as possible. In such an offering art lovers of London are sure to find the showing not only satisfying but delightful.

Occupying the central position are two beautiful examples of masterful penmanship of Paul Peel. Depicting peasant life abroad, these two paintings are the mellow tones of a world that has been the influence of a period much earlier than the 18th and 1892. There is a painting by Harry Fidler, R.B.A., R.O.I., at the fair last year, which is a reproduction of the well-known work of this artist is once more on view.

There is a particularly imaginative spirit brushed on to the canvases of Fidler. To be sure, his horses and their surroundings are real and living, but the technique suggests a sort of poetical atmosphere that perhaps the artist wished to slight in order to share the beauty of the scene by weaving its own mind picture about it.

Another Canadian. Something of that same feeling comes in the work of E. H. MacDonald's Snowbound. It is one of the finest pictures we have yet seen by this noted Canadian. His penchant for the decorative is seen in the snow-laden evergreens and the exquisite atmosphere of suggested light in the background.

There is a painting by the late F. M. Bell-Smith that will appeal to art and stir the memories of those who followed Thames River scenes he so loved to depict: barges in the foreground and the buildings on the farther shore.

An unusual picture, and one of now historic value, is Orangeville. One of the earlier works of Owen Staples, the portrait of a woman in blue and white, a bottle of champagne resting in a pot of bleached flowers, and an ornate chair, form a bizarre composition, with the woman's mischievous smile as the center of interest.

Arthur D. Rozaire, A.R.C.A., has portrayed the stillness of winter in the Canadian woods in his Mulet River, Laurens.

In The Flower Girl, by Alexis Hurlimoff, is seen a painting with a haunting, soul-stirring beauty. Incidentally it differs from many of the Russian paintings which are seen on these shores just now.

Arthur Lismer, one of the foremost exponents of the art of the Group of Seven, has sent The Road Through the Bush. It is reminiscent of his earlier work, and bears not a trace of the primitive dashes he has lately put in his Northern Ontario paintings.

Last night the work of Edward Glen commanded considerable attention. His portraits of two Detroit women called forth much praise. Mr. Glen is also exhibiting some landscapes.

A. Tempier, a London artist, is showing a group of figures. Among these are two charming bits of water through the

OSTEOPATHS PICK BYERLY AS HEAD

Guelph Man Elected President at Eleventh Annual Convention Here.

A. E. Byerly, Guelph was elected president of the Western Ontario Osteopathic association at the 11th annual meeting held here today. The sessions are being held in the office of Dr. C. W. Coles, Hayman Court. The meetings will be brought to a close tonight.

Other officers elected for the ensuing year were: E. J. Gray, St. Thomas, vice-president; C. R. Merrill, Stratford, secretary treasurer; H. E. Illing and C. W. Coles, executive council.

The chief address of the morning session was made by Dr. E. J. Gray of St. Thomas who spoke of the Osteopathic Laymen's association.

The status and progress being made by osteopathy in Ontario was discussed by Dr. P. A. Parker, Wingham, Dr. A. E. Byerly, Guelph, Dr. E. D. Helst, Kitchener and Dr. T. V. C. R. Merrill announced the following subjects for the sessions this afternoon: Radiation, by H. E. Illing, Kitchener; Upper Dorsal Technique, by C. H. Sauder, Brantford; The Heart After 40, by R. S. Letwiler, London; Hay Fever, by Robert Harkins, London; Whooping Cough, by M. Sherriffs, Guelph.

The members of the association will visit the Western Fair tonight. The next annual meeting will be held at Guelph.

NO ANTHRACITE COMING TO CITY

Local Dealers' Reserve Supplies Are Rapidly Being Depleted.

Although the strike in the anthracite coal mines has been on over three weeks, Londoners are showing no undue haste in filling their bins, according to local coal dealers. Practically no anthracite is coming into London at the present time, and the supplies which the dealers have are rapidly becoming exhausted. If the strike is not settled in a short time, an increase in price may be expected as the reserve supplies diminish.

Some dealers already are refusing orders for anthracite. Every pound in one of the big local yards is on order, and Solway coke is the only fuel procurable there. Other dealers have quite large stocks on hand. How long they will last, once the public realizes the seriousness of the situation, is another matter.

Prevailing prices are \$16 for stove and chestnut and \$15.50 for egg. The price of pea coal and other smaller sizes varies considerably.

ANGELIC MISSION WORK PROGRESSES

Thirty-Six in Field, According to Report of Auxiliary Secretary.

Canadian Press Despatch. Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 16.—The annual meeting of the dominion board of management of the women's auxiliary to the missionary society of the Church of England began yesterday.

Bishop C. T. Schofield of Victoria gave the address of the morning. Business sessions were followed by a luncheon. The address of the dominion president, Mrs. L. A. Ferrabee of Montreal was given at the afternoon session and the report of the corresponding secretary, Miss A. L. Slater of Hamilton. The report said, in part: "There are now 36 mission-aries in the overseas field. Sixteen are in India, six in Japan, and four in China. There are also 16 missionaries and 5 Indian school teachers to the Jews."

In Canada, according to the report, work among Indian boarding schools is progressing satisfactorily.

MUSICIANS' NOTICE WILL BE DISCUSSED

Wisdom of Publication of "Unfair" Charge Debated by Labor.

The question of taking action towards the endorsing of a Labor candidate in the coming federal elections will be the chief matter for discussion at the regular meeting of the trades and labor council tonight. While the council itself, being non-political, is prohibited from nominating any candidate they see fit.

President John Colbert of the council is at present in Montreal. He is believed to be the man most favored by the trades council.

The wisdom of permitting the notice, proclaiming the Western Fair as unfair to labor being published under the stamp of the trades and labor council is another matter for debate. Many union men feel that the musicians have but made themselves ridiculous by the publishing of it and doubt whether a single individual will be deterred from attending the fair by it.

Much routine business is also on agenda.

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London a City of Doctors; One For Every 125 Families

More Physicians Pro Rata Than Any Other City in Dominion.

FAME IS WIDESPREAD

London, a city of doctors, has a practicing physician for about every 125 families, or 500 persons. There are more physicians in London for its size than any other center in the dominion, according to Victoria hospital records, although Windsor runs a close second.

But London's plethora of doctors, specialists in all types of disease, has brought a certain amount of fame to the city. From coast to coast London is known as a medical center, being the seat of one of the foremost medical schools in the dominion and the home of six exceptionally large hospitals.

Graduates of the University of Western Ontario medical school, rather than forsake the city of their education for cities and districts where there is less competition, generally establish their practices for a few years at least, where they are offered hospital medical advantages. Ten graduates commenced practice in London last summer.

If statistics can be relied upon, however, the medical practice in London is not very remunerative. The average salary made by a physician here would not exceed \$5,000 if each city family pays an annual doctor's bill of \$40 or less.

STUDENTS TO SEE WATFORD PLANT

Model of Efficiency Will Be Studied by Commerce Class.

Commerce students of the university of Western Ontario will study industrial efficiency at Watford this year, it was learned today.

A Watford plant was chosen as it is the nearest method of operation is a well-known method of operation is in force. The system was designed and carried out by an authority on factory management. Many of the larger plants in Canada and the United States are using the system.

The Watford factory is considered an ideal one, for it is modern in every respect. It also turns out a varied list of products.

It is understood that a special class of students will make weekly trips to Watford during the academic year to combine a practical study of factory management with the theory as taught in the university.

PAY THREE-QUARTERS HOME BANK CLAIMS

Relief to Depositors of Less Than \$500 Nearly All Distributed.

Over 75 per cent, or about \$35,000, has been paid out to depositors in the defunct Home Bank by the market branch of the Bank of Montreal. Government relief for depositors of \$500 or less amounted to about \$45,000 in the area served by the local branches. Payments commenced two weeks ago and the depositors have been gradually coming in since then. They have till the 26th of June, 1925, to register the claims, but it is expected that payments will be practically completed before the new year.

NO VISIT TO LONDON PLANNED BY MRS. BOOTH

Mrs. Booth, wife of General Booth, head of the Salvation Army, will not visit London while in Canada next month, according to Adj. Spooner of the local headquarters staff.

The announcement that the distinguished Salvationist would be touring Canada in October brought the hope that this city would be placed on the itinerary.

Adj. Spooner said today that no word of a proposed visit here has been received to date.

"It is hardly likely that Mrs. Booth will come to London this time," said Adj. Spooner. "She will probably go directly to Winnipeg to preside over the army's annual western conference on October 9, and then return for the eastern congress in Toronto on October 17."

TRAFFIC SQUAD BIGGER FOR FAIR

Police Handling Big Crowds and Motor Traffic Efficiently.

Extra policemen have been added to the day shift for patrol duty during fair week in order to handle the increased traffic on the main thoroughfares and the detailment of officers to all busy corners. A squad of policemen have been assigned to fair ground duty alone.

Although the traffic in the city increased considerably yesterday, little inconvenience has been today. The greatest difficulty motorists experience is in Dundas and the street parking, where it is almost impossible to secure space for any length of time.

Autoists are complaining on streets connecting Dundas and York streets in the east end of the city near Queen's park.

Warning cards for minor breaches of city bylaws have been issued. Fair visitors are apparently rigidly observing the traffic ordinances.

Church Notes

ADELAIDE STREET L. A. The regular meeting of the ladies' aid of Adelaide street Baptist church was held yesterday afternoon. Mrs. W. Rowley, the president, presided. The reports were read and the quilting was done. Plans were made for the thank-offering to be taken at a later date. At the close of the meeting, which was very informal, refreshments were served.

ST. PAUL'S S. S. CLASS. Miss Jean Waugh's Sunday school class, St. Paul's cathedral, held a jolly picnic in the basement of Croydon hall recently. It had been the intention of the members to picnic at Springbank, but the weather was unfavorable. The inside picnic proved most successful, however.

EMPRESS AVENUE Y. P. L. The members of the young people's league of Empress avenue United church held their meeting last night, with Mrs. McLean in the chair. The Scripture lesson was read by A. J. Guymer, the president, on Loyalty to Christ. An interesting talk was given by Mrs. McPherson on Christ's Methods of Evangelism. A pleasing duet was rendered by Mrs. Lucas and a violin obligato. The orchestra was in attendance at the meeting.

TALBOT STREET L. A. The meeting of the ladies' aid society of Talbot street Baptist church has been postponed until Thursday afternoon of next week, and will be held in the Sunday school room of the church at 3 o'clock. An especially interesting program is promised, with Mrs. Rose Pickering and Mrs. W. McFadden in charge.

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