

CONFESSES TO TWO MURDERS
BEFORE GOING TO THE GALLOWS

Steffoff, the Toronto Macedonian, Who Hacked a Fellow Countryman to Pieces Was Executed This Morning After Admitting the Deed.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

Toronto, Dec. 23.—"Good-bye, my friends; good-bye, my friends," were the words of the man who was to die this morning at the gallows at the old Newgate. He was a Macedonian, a native of the Balkans, and his name was Steffoff. He was a man of about 35 years of age, and he was a native of the Balkans. He was a man of about 35 years of age, and he was a native of the Balkans. He was a man of about 35 years of age, and he was a native of the Balkans.

Two Hangmen. Little preparation was necessary for the final scene as the death-dealing paraphernalia is a permanent at the Toronto jail. Radcliffe was at the gallows at 11 o'clock this morning. At 7:30 a stranger came to the jail and carrying a cheap suitcase, was ushered into the jail corridor. He wore a black peak cap, and seemed familiar with such as those upon which he first set his eyes, the sheriff, the governor of the jail, a number of officers and the usual gathering of newspapermen, where Radcliffe came forward and shook hands with him.

"Sorry to see you here, old man," said Radcliffe.

NEW PRISON SITE
CLOSE TO GUELPH

The Government Selects a Place on Which to Erect Central.

IDEAL FOR FARM WORK

Building Will Hold Five Hundred Prisoners—To Be Ready in Two Years.

Guelph, Ont., Dec. 23.—Early in January a number of men from the Central Prison will start to work about two and a half miles from the city of Guelph, on the spot that has been chosen by the Government as the site for the new provincial reformatory. The six hundred and three acres of land which the Government has secured are situated to the east of the city, and nearly adjoining one portion of the grounds of the Ontario Agricultural College. The decision to build the new reformatory near Guelph was reached at a meeting of the cabinet last week, but owing to the fact that the land wanted had not been closed, no announcement of the Government's action was made until yesterday. The building operations were closed during the afternoon.

It is immediately within the city limits, in close proximity to the Ontario Agricultural college, and comprises five properties, with an aggregate area of 602 acres. The price paid for the parcel by the Government will be some \$42,250, approximately \$72 an acre.

The properties purchased are: The Walsh farm, 130 acres, with an inexhaustible deposit of rock and white and grey limestone, fronting on the C. P. R. The balance of the farm is good agricultural land.

The Farr farm, 83 acres; good pasture and agricultural land, suitable for dairying.

The Matthews farm, 210 acres, with large deposit of rock and dolomite limestone, on the C. P. R.; also a large acreage of farm land and a site for buildings.

The Myers farm, 50 acres, with big gravel and sand deposit, contiguous to the G. T. R. Also fine farm land and a site for buildings.

The Fleming farm, 130 acres, two-thirds fine farm land, with an acreage of blue clay suitable for manufacturing bricks.

Two other adjacent properties are under consideration, the price for one of which is greater than the Government is ready to pay.

"The location of the site in Wellington," said Mr. J. P. Downey, M. P. P., when interviewed, "is solely on its merits. That is the most satisfactory feature of the decision."

At the last session the Legislature passed an initial appropriation of \$50,000 towards the new reformatory.

HADN'T HIS BELLS ON

Driver Fined in Police Court for Being Without Them.

For driving a horse and sleigh without bells, David Gilmour was fined in the police court this morning. The police intend to lay information against all persons whom they find driving about without bells, as it is regarded as a very dangerous practice, particularly at night.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

New York, Dec. 23.—Arrived: Room, from Bremen. Sailed: Mauretania, for Liverpool. Sailed: Lusitania, for Southampton. Sailed: Lusitania, for Southampton. Sailed: Lusitania, for Southampton.

EARLY BIRD GETS THE WORM
EARLY BIRD BUYERS GOT STUNG

Turkeys to Right and Turkeys to Left Drove Prices Way, Way Down Even to Seventeen Cents and Those Who Bought Early Are Saddened.

The frugal housewife who yesterday bought her turkey in haste at 25 cents a pound is today suffering agonies of regret. Everyone expected that the toothsome bird would soar almost out of sight on this morning's market, and the way eager buyers hastened to hand over their 20, 22 or 25 cents a pound on Tuesday, was very touching. But for two days they had the unalloyed delight of thinking that Mrs. Jones, who lives next door, and who overslept on Tuesday, would probably pay 20 cents a pound for her Christmas turkey. But, oh, the sorrow of it when Mrs. Jones came triumphantly home with a turkey which she had acquired for 18 cents! There are many people in London today who are thinking bitterly of the man who got off that proverb about the early bird and the worm.

Turkeys Galore! This morning when the market opened it was hardly possible to walk without stepping on turkeys. They were everywhere, lying in stately rows, snugly covered with a blanket, or sitting up in attractive attitudes on the seats of cabs. They were simply waiting to be purchased, but the very suggestion of 21 cents a pound seemed to cure the buying fever, and it was only a reluctant few who would even consent to carry an extra attractive bird at 20 cents. It was a day of sweet revenge for the townspeople, and they walked up and down the aisles of turkeys waiting for the price to descend into the realm of common things, while all the time the visions of sausages and Hamburg steak as Christmas fare grew more and more distant. Finally the price dropped to 18, to 17, and even in some cases to 15 cents, and then the sale began in earnest, and everyone was happy save those unfortunate ones who had already laid in their supply and who pined for the market, solemnly repentant for their undue haste.

Ald. Ferguson and Ald. Beattie Will Contest the Mayoralty

Hon. Adam Beck Announces That He Has Decided to Withdraw From the Contest—Has Legal Advice to the Effect That His Connection With Water Scheme Prevents His Candidature.

The mayoralty fight is between Ald. Donald Ferguson and Ald. J. H. A. Beattie.

Hon. Adam Beck this afternoon informed The Advertiser that after giving the matter his most careful consideration, he finds it impossible to be a candidate.

Mr. Beck asserts that two lawyers whom he consulted told him that his connection with the water scheme, which he put through last summer, places him in the position of a city contractor, and as such he would be vulnerable, should an action be instituted against him by any one.

In certain quarters it had been stated that should Mr. Beck decide to run, proceedings would be at once started to unseat him if he were elected.

A final meeting of Messrs. Adam McMahon, Pocock and Wyatt is being held this afternoon to consider whether the two former gentlemen will qualify and go into the fight.

SENSATIONAL STORY IS DENIED

ALDERMAN FERGUSON TO RUN

Rumor That He Was to Drop Out and Allow Ald. Beattie To Be Elected by Acclamation Is Refuted—The Story of the Alleged Frame-Up.

A rather sensational story was going the rounds today to the effect that there was an understanding between Ald. Beattie and Ald. Ferguson that the latter was to drop out at the last minute and allow Ald. Beattie to be elected by acclamation, should Hon. Mr. Beck fail to be a candidate.

It is an absolute falsehood," Ald. Beattie told The Advertiser. "I'm in the field to stay, and so far as I know, so is Ald. Ferguson. I'm out to win. Lay off, Macduff, and curb be he that first cries, hold, enough," he quoted.

Ald. Ferguson could not be located for comment, but some people in close touch with him denied the story as emphatically as Ald. Beattie had refuted it.

It is pointed out that Ald. Ferguson's cards are in circulation all over the city, and those who ought to know say he will run.

Up till 2 o'clock he had not qualified.

ADJOURNED SESSION OF COUNTY COURT

The Judge Reserves Decision in the One Remaining Case.

The adjourned session of the county court yesterday afternoon before Judge Macbeth to conclude the consideration of the cases entered for hearing at this session. Only one case remained to be considered, that of Morris against the Grand Trunk Railway, an action to recover damages for the killing of certain cattle which had strayed on the company's tracks. His honor reserved his decision in the case.

Judgment was given in the case of J. D. Mathewson, a general merchant of Konoctia, in an action against D. Wade, of this city, for \$34.12 in addition to the \$17.42 paid into court, as a settlement of the claim, and the costs of the action.

The plaintiff claimed that he delivered to the defendant goods valued at \$318.64, receiving \$150 on account. He entered a claim for the balance, \$168.64.

\$2,000,000 FOR STEEL WORKERS

Bonus Will Be Sixty Per Cent Cash, Remainder in Trust Stock.

New York, Dec. 23.—More than \$2,000,000 will be distributed by the United States Steel Corporation as a bonus to its officers and employees. Sixty per cent will be in cash, according to the official announcement today.

The amount is determined, as usual, by the annual earnings. The sum distributed for 1909 amounts to a little over \$2,000,000. This will be paid 60 per cent in cash and 40 per cent in preferred stock at 124, for common stock at 90, in accordance with the wishes of the recipients, so far as practicable and convenient. Also the opportunity will be given to subscribe for 25,000 shares of the preferred stock of the corporation at 124 upon the usual conditions.

ROUNDHOUSE BURNED.

Albany, Vermont, Dec. 23.—The roundhouse of the Rutland Railroad here was burned early today. Five locomotives were destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

NO ONE IS BLAMED FOR THE ACCIDENT

Inquiry Into Death of Sarnia Brakeman Killed Here.

GLEDON FELL OFF CARS

Between Richmond and Talbot Streets, But the Accident Was Not Noticed Until Train Was West of Workley Road.

"That G. L. Gledon came to his death in the city of London on the evening of Dec. 17, 1909, by falling off between cars and being dragged and crushed to death while the train was in motion. From the evidence no blame is to be attached to anyone."

The above verdict was brought in by the jury, which, under Coroner MacLaren, last night investigated the death of D. Lorie Gledon, the young Sarnia brakeman, who was killed just west of the Workley road recently on the G. T. R.

W. E. Foster, of Montreal, represented the company, but the family were unrepresented.

The Evidence. The first witness called was Conductor H. Buckle, of Sarnia, who was in charge of extra westward freight No. 81 last Friday night. The train pulled out of London at 5:55 with both brakemen in their places. At 6:15 the train was stopped by the engineer as he could not keep up the pressure of air on account of a leakage. Witness got out to examine the train, and found marks in the snow which indicated that something was dragging. Each car was examined until Brakeman Gledon was found under the sixth car from the engine.

Witness notified the engineer and the body was taken out and he then walked back and made a report at the G. T. R. office.

Could Not Account for It. On the way back Gledon's cap, lantern and mitts were found between Richmond and Talbot streets.

Witness could not account for the accident. To the coroner he stated it (Continued on Page Eight.)

DELUGE OF MISSIVES FOR SANTA CLAUS

Little Folk Using Mails to Tell the Old Gentleman What to Fetch.

A great number of missives from little children to Santa Claus are being received at the postoffice, and of the requests being answered, some are pathetic. Some of the little ones have sent gaily decorated picture postcards to Santa Claus, and on their backs are written requests for all kinds of toys, candies and endless varieties of playthings. Nine out of ten of the little girls want dolls, and nearly all the boys want, among other toys, either a drum or an engine and cars. Some of the little children not only speak for themselves, but give directions what to bring for other little brothers or sisters.

"Postie! a Busy Man. "We will have our busiest night tonight," Postmaster Dr. McDonald told The Advertiser today. "All through the week we have been rushed to full capacity, but tomorrow evening the last day before Christmas there will be an enormous rush."

Parcels and packages of all kinds, and thousands of letters are arriving at the postoffice from all over the world.

The staff are taxed to their utmost to handle it. This year arrangements have been made with the firm that collects the mail to be in the distribution of the extra matter. This will be a material aid to the carriers.

DYSON WAS GUELPH BOY

Family's First Intimation of Death Received From Papers.

Guelph, Dec. 23.—The young man W. J. Dyson, who was killed at Redwater, was the youngest son of Mr. W. Dyson, a well-known resident of this city. He went to Toronto a year ago last September, and took a course in the School of Telegraphy. He was first stationed at Thorndale and later at Heslop, where he was connected with the T. and N. O. Railway.

The first intimation that his family had of the tragedy was the announcement in the papers yesterday.

Dr. Ghent Wilson, of Toronto, late of Wardsville, underwent a successful operation for appendicitis last Monday at the Western Hospital, Toronto.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—FAIR

Today—Fresh westerly winds; fair, with about the same temperature.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. 10 a.m. Yesterday.

London 38 36 38

Victoria 38 36 38

Calgary 38 36 38

Winnipeg 38 36 38

Saskatoon 38 36 38

Regina 38 36 38

Toronto 38 36 38

Montreal 38 36 38

Quebec 38 36 38

St. John 38 36 38

Halifax 38 36 38

Minus (—) means below zero.

The area of high pressure is now passing eastward across Ontario and the Middle States, and it is quite probable that a storm will develop in the Southwestern States and move towards the Great Lakes during Saturday.

The temperature continues fairly low in the Western Provinces and moderate in Ontario and Quebec.

BUT FEW CANDIDATES QUALIFY

VERY SMALL LIST TO DATE

City Clerk Says the Work Is the Slowest in Years.

SOME WHO HAVE MADE UP MINDS

Fourteen Are Out For Aldermen—All Other Offices Are Going Begging.

The necessary formality of qualifying does not evidently appeal to the many gentlemen who were nominated yesterday for different offices. Up till 2 o'clock, only one candidate had qualified for mayor, one for hospital trustee, one for water commissioner, and fourteen for aldermen.

Three have withdrawn from the board of education contest.

City Clerk Baker says the work of qualifying has been the slowest in years.

The contest for the mayoralty will be between Ald. Ferguson and Ald. Beattie.

Ex-Ald. Wyatt has qualified and will run for the water commission, or utilities board, as it is sometimes called, but it is very doubtful that Mr. Philip Pocock and Mr. Adam McMahon will stay in the field.

Six of the candidates on the Municipal League slate have qualified, as have also a couple or more of the old aldermen.

All the candidates have until 9 o'clock tonight to say what they will do.

The following is the list of candidates to date:

For Mayor.

Ald. J. H. A. Beattie.

For Hospital Trustee.

Ex-Mayor J. C. Judd.

For Water Commissioner.

Ex-Ald. W. Wyatt.

For Aldermen.

Robert Ashplant.

Neil Cooper.

Wm. S. Deane.

James Fitzgibbon.

Harvey Kilbourn.

Andrew J. Morgan.

Charles G. Moorhead.

Henry Pascoe.

John G. Richter.

John H. Saunders.

James A. Tancock.

Wm. J. Underwood.

Wm. A. Wilson.

George Wood.

Board of Education Withdrawals.

J. H. Fowler.

W. C. Fitzgerald.

Thomas Stevenson.

WHOLESALE POISONING OF CRUMLIN DOGS

Five Valuable Canines Have Already Been Destroyed—Mischance Is Known.

There has been an epidemic of dog poisoning in the village of Crumlin lately. On Tuesday night, five valuable dogs were poisoned. They belonged to John Fordin, James Oliver, A. McNeill, J. Edwards, and John Packins, all of whom live in the vicinity of the village. The farmers in the vicinity are compelled to keep their dogs tied up, and as there are a number of very valuable sheep and cattle dogs in the neighborhood, the community is greatly incensed over the matter. Suspicion points very strongly to a certain individual who lives near the village, but as yet definite proof has not been obtained.

SHOOT CHILDREN THROUGH TUBES

Schools Will Be Outside of Chicago, Too, Says Architect.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—Forty years from now there will be no schools in Chicago. This was the prophecy of Architect Dwight T. Perkins, of the board of education, uttered yesterday. Perkins does not mean that Chicago will have quit trying to educate its children, but that local conditions, particularly those of transportation, will have changed to such an extent that the schools will be 20 or 30 miles beyond the city limits, far from the smoke, dirt, and turmoil, and close to nature.

FELL UNDER WHEELS WHILE STEALING RIDE

A Fourteen-Year-Old Boy Instantly Killed at Toronto.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—While stealing a ride on a shunting engine on the G. T. R. tracks between Galt avenue and Marjory street, this morning, Percy Hodgson, aged 14 years of 244 Pape avenue, was thrown under the wheels and instantly killed. An inquest into the fatality has been ordered.

ELLINGWOOD STILL ALIVE.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 23.—William Elingwood, who shot himself at Montreal Junction last night after parting on the C. P. R. Boston express with Maud Torry, is still alive at the Western Hospital, but the four bullet wounds he inflicted on himself are serious and there are doubts about his recovery. The girl, for love of whom he shot himself, was on her way to Hanover, Mass., but she returned to the city this morning on receipt of a telegram telling her of the shooting. After Elingwood shot himself he dragged himself a quarter of a mile through the snow to the Thornhill restaurant, leaving a trail of blood.

NEW SENATORS.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—It is understood that the vacant seats of Nova Scotia are shortly to be filled by the appointment of E. M. Farrell, speaker of the provincial legislature, and Wm. Roche, ex-M. P. for Halifax.

FATAL FIRE IN PAPER MILL.

Dorchester, Pa., Dec. 23.—A fireman was killed and several other persons were injured early today in fighting a fire which badly damaged a large paper mill plant of S. A. Bickling & Son. The dead man is Robert En-traken. He and a number of other men were caught under a falling smoke stack. One hundred and twenty-five men were in the place when the fire was discovered. The loss is not known.