

**WORKMAN'S BODY SEVERED
BY CONTACT WITH SAWS**

Steve Lechota, a Russian Employed at the London and Petrolia Barrel Works, Instantly Killed This Morning While at Work.

Coming in contact with circular saws revolving at the rate of 575 revolutions a minute, Steve Lechota, a Russian, living at 544 1/2 Ottawa avenue, was instantly killed about ten o'clock this morning while at work in the plant of the London and Petrolia Barrel Works. His body was severed at the waist, his left leg was torn off, and one of his hands terribly mangled. Coroner Dr. MacLaren viewed the remains, which were later removed to the undertaking parlors of Smith, Son & Clark. An inquest will probably be ordered.

Occurred in Sawmill.

Lechota was at work near the head-saw of the sawmill, where the logs are first reduced to timber. The logs are placed on a carriage, which runs on a track past the twin circular saws, which cut the boards from the log. It was Lechota's duty, when the timber fell from the log, to drag it over onto a set of rollers, on which it was carried to another machine to be further manufactured. This did not require him to work near the saw.

Caught by Saw.

This morning a larger cant than usual was saved from a log, and was sent back to be cut again. Lechota, with a couple of other workmen, was engaged in pushing it from behind back onto the carriage. Apparently he thought that he could accomplish his object better by getting in front of the cant, for he stepped out in front of the saw with a heavy in his hand, and began pulling the timber. Mr. Fred White, the sawyer, realizing the danger the man was in, ordered him to go

back, and took the heavy out of his hand. Lechota turned to go back to his proper place, and attempted to pass between the saw and a small circular splitter, a small wheel used to separate the boards from the log after it had been sawn. The space was not more than a foot, and in an instant his leg was caught and he was whirled bodily through the saws. The machinery was stopped as soon as possible, but as the saws were revolving at a rate of over a mile a minute Lechota's body was completely severed, the head and shoulders falling on one side of the saw and his body on the other.

Has Family in Russia.
Lechota, who was 32 years of age, was a married man, having a wife and four children living in the state of Minn. In the southern part of Russia. He first came to this country four years ago, and after spending three years in Canada, he returned to visit his wife and family. He returned about eleven months ago, and coming to this city went to work at McLaughlin's. For the past week or so he had been ill and had not been able to go on with his regular work. Becoming tired of the delay, he applied for a position at the Barrel Works, and had only worked a day and a half when the accident happened.

He had a twin sister living in the south-eastern section of the city. She hurried to the scene on being informed of the accident, and her grief was pathetic. He was popular among his fellow-countrymen in this city, and was described as being a well-set-up man. Mr. St. Weinstein, who conducts a grocery store on Philip street, was well acquainted with him, and described him as a fine fellow. "Only last night he was in to buy some goods," said Mr. Weinstein, "and we talked together for about half an hour."

**BANKS MAY TAKE
SEVEN PER CENT
UNDER NEW LAW**

Proposal of Minister of Finance Regarding Interest Rates Carried.

Strong Protest by Members That Banks Will Become Mere Usurers.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, May 7.—Hon. W. T. White today declared himself opposed to the proposal that bank notes should be sterilized before being circulated after coming back to the banks. He believed that sterilization of bank notes would render the notes brittle.

However, he suggested an amendment whereby the treasury board could make regulations for discharging notes where considered necessary. He desired that the question be further inquired into before putting the regulation into effect. The minister submitted a further amendment relating to the rate of interest to be charged by banks. The amendment provided that "a bank may stipulate for, take, receive or exact in advance such rate of interest or discount as may be agreed upon, and may take such rate, but no higher rate than seven per cent shall be receivable by the bank. The provision suggested raised considerable heated discussion.

Banks Usurers.
"Why do you propose to allow banks to do what you will not allow private individuals to do?" asked Mr. Sexsmith vehemently, shaking his finger at the minister. "You have a usury act, and everyone prohibits individuals from charging beyond a certain rate. Now you are just allowing the banks to become usurers. So long as a man agrees to pay ten, twenty, or forty per cent he must do so. I think it most outrageous and most unreasonable."

"Why this is not usury," expostulated Mr. White.
"It is no better," declared Mr. Sexsmith. "If a man's father dies, and he wants money in a hurry to put in a coffin, he will go and agree to pay any exorbitant charge the banks may ask."

Mr. Emmerson's View.
"If we have a usury act," asked Mr. Emmerson, "are we not taking the lid off to usury by the banks by this amendment?"
Col. H. H. McLean, of Queen's, Sunbury, rose to the rescue of the banks. "Some members," he declared, "think banks are benevolent institutions. The banks should be allowed to regulate their charges according to the security. If banks are limited to allow a rate of interest in the west they cannot do business."

"Would the banks be under the usury act?" asked Mr. Sexsmith.
"The usury act applies to individuals who made it a practice of charging over ten per cent. The banks do that," said Mr. White.

Mr. White's amendment was put and passed by a vote of 12 to 4.

**Aviation Regulations
To Be Inaugurated**

[Canadian Press.]
Paris, May 7.—France is about to introduce legislation for the strict regulation of aerial navigation. Adrien Thivry, minister of public works, presented a bill to the cabinet yesterday providing for the inspection of flying machines, the licensing of air-men and the prohibition of flights over certain districts in the interests of national defence.

**MOTORISTS
FIXING ROADS**

Arrange With Traction Co. and Farmers to Fix the Bad Spots.

ROAD TO ST. THOMAS

The committee of the London and Western Motor Club which has charge of the condition of the roads in the western part of the Province, has arranged with the London and Lake Erie Transportation Company, which has the road between the two cities, and with the Traction Company, which has the road between the two cities, to have the road fixed up.

The committee is also asking the assistance of the London and Lake Erie and the various municipalities between London and St. Thomas in having the road fixed up. The committee is also asking the assistance of the London and Lake Erie and the various municipalities between London and St. Thomas in having the road fixed up. The committee is also asking the assistance of the London and Lake Erie and the various municipalities between London and St. Thomas in having the road fixed up.

**Westerners Ask For
More British News**

[Canadian Press.]
Saskatoon, Sask., May 7.—Representatives of western newspapers dealt with important business at their sessions held yesterday at the board of trade offices. The question of improved British cable service was taken up, and the desire of western newspapersmen to get more direct British news written for Canadian readers to supplement the Associated Press service was taken up. A committee, composed of J. A. Aiken, of the Saskatoon Phoenix; Wm. D. Davidson, of the Calgary Alberta; and E. J. McMillan, from the Western News, was appointed to negotiate in the matter.

The knowledge that M. E. Nichols, president of the association, intended to sever his connection with the association on his removal to Montreal, was the reason for the following motion, which was carried unanimously:
"That the association has heard with profound regret of the intention of M. E. Nichols, president of the Western Associated Press, to sever his connection with the association, and that a committee be hereby appointed to draft a formal resolution which will express appreciation of his services to the Western Associated Press and to western newspapers generally."

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FINE AND COOL.
Forecast.
Ottawa, May 7.—8 a.m. Moderate to fresh winds; fine and cool today and on Thursday.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
Stations. High. Low. Weather.
London..... 53 32 Clear
Victoria..... 42 22 Clear
Calgary..... 56 32 Snow
Winnipeg..... 56 28 Cloudy
Port Arthur..... 48 28 Cloudy
Perry Sound..... 60 34 Clear
Ottawa..... 58 40 Clear
Montreal..... 62 44 Cloudy
Quebec..... 60 40 Cloudy
Father Point..... 60 40 Cloudy
Weather Notes.
Press. is now high over the greater portion of the continent, with the highest pressure situated to the northward of the Great Lakes.
The weather has turned cool in Ontario and Quebec, while it continues quite cool in the West.

**FLYING EXPRESS STOPS
FEW FEET FROM BABIES
ON THE COVE BRIDGE**

Little Lad and Lassie in Play Wander On To the Structure and Engineer By Jamming on Emergency Stops Train in Nick of Time.

Two tots, a boy and a girl, both under 5 years of age, were guilty of one of the greatest breaches of railroad laws Tuesday afternoon, when they stopped Grand Trunk express No. 2 from the west on the Cove bridge.

The children, who are Harold McGlone, son of Mr. H. McGlone, of 314 Thames street, and Ida Holden, daughter of Mr. G. Holden, of 318 Thames street, were playing together all afternoon, when suddenly the boy suggested that they go down to the railroad tracks and watch the "choo choos" go past.

Ida was delighted, and taking her companion's hand, she accompanied him to the bottom of the embankment west of Thames street. They saw several engines go hurrying past, and delighted with the exhibition, decided to climb the steep hill to the railroad tracks. After considerable difficulty they arrived at the top of the hill and started west on the tracks, playing as they went, until finally they came to the bridge which spans the river at the Cove, and which is one of the longest in this section of the country. It was great fun for the boy to walk over the ties and look down at the river underneath, but the girl was a little timid at first.

Venture on Bridge.
After considerable coaxing on the part of her companion, she consented to go with him, and he returned to the edge of the bridge and took her hand to help her over the open ties. Everything went well until they got to the middle of the structure, when the boy suggested that they lie down on the ties and watch the water. This they proceeded to do. Just then the giant engine hauling heavy express No. 2 from the west came in sight, and there it was a considerable distance from the point, it was travelling about 40 miles an hour.

Lay on the Tracks.
The children lay in the middle of the tracks totally unaware of the approach of certain death, and Engineer Morris, with his head out of the window, did not see them until he was within a few feet of them. Then his hand flew to the whistle cord, and gave it a jerk. He opened it wide, and the whistle screamed forth its warning. Still the children did not move, and the engineer reversed his engine, reached for and threw on his emergency brakes. They grasped the wheels with a shriek, sparks flew, and passengers were thrown from their seats. Mr. Morris closed his eyes after doing all he could, for he

**PARADE, MUSIC, SPEECHES
START BASEBALL SEASON
OF THE CANADIAN LEAGUE**

Headed by a band mounted on a huge auto truck, the London and St. Thomas baseball teams, accompanied by the officers and directors of the London baseball club and many prominent local citizens riding in automobiles, paraded the downtown streets shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon on their way to Tecumseh Park, where the Canadian League season was officially opened. The procession was nearly two blocks long, and it was made up of from 20 to 30 automobiles.

Team Looks Neat.
The players were riding in a motor truck, and the London boys particularly attracted a great deal of white uniforms, which are being used for the first time today, and wearing their new maroon sweater coats, they presented a natty appearance.

**PENSIONS FOR MOTHERS
TO STOP CHILD LABOR**

National Council of Women Discussed Proposals—Government Would Have to Make Marriage Restrictions.

[Canadian Press.]
Montreal, May 7.—The National Council of Women today discussed the subject of pensions for mothers. Mrs. Huestis, for the Toronto council, introduced a resolution advocating a petition to the Government urging it to pass such a measure. The object, she said, was to save mothers with young children from going out to work and to prevent child labor as much as possible.

Mrs. Huestis said that in Ontario there were children under 14 years of age employed at different kinds of work not covered by the provincial act. Marriage Restrictions.
Miss Derrick, of Montreal, argued that no encouragement should be given to the unfit to marry and bring children into the world that they could not maintain. No pension to mothers should be granted unless the Government also imposed restrictions in marriage, segregation of the unfit, and the regulation of the home life. Mrs. Adam Shortt, of Ottawa, pointed out that in giving pensions to mothers the Government was giving aid to the parents of degraded women getting rid of their husbands and to husbands to desert their wives.

Will Investigate.
It was decided to appoint a committee to inquire into the subject, and the resolution was left over in the meantime. Mrs. L. A. Hamilton, reporting for the agricultural committee, said a number of other country women who

expected in a moment to hear the screams, as the iron monster struck them, but just as the expert catcher on the front of the engine struck the two the engine and the



Little Harold McGlone, who with tiny companion held up fast train on Cove bridge.

heavy train came to a dead standstill. Passengers hurried from the coaches to the front of the train to learn the trouble, and there found the engineer talking to a curly-haired boy, who was standing looking up at him with an innocent look, and a little girl with her hand tightly clasped in that of her companion. The children were placed aboard the train and brought to the depot, where they were turned over to Constable Logan, who took them to their homes and turned them over to their parents.

KILLED THE BILL.

[Canadian Press.]
London, May 7.—The defeat of the woman suffrage bill in the House of Commons last night is generally attributed by the morning newspapers to the women themselves. The militant ones, whose wild law-breaking tactics alienated the sympathies of suffrage supporters.

The Times says that the embarrassing incident that militates have fostered on the cause lay like a dead weight over the whole course of the debate on the bill in the Commons. "There is not the slightest doubt that the militants have defeated their own objects," the paper continues. "The change in the political barometer cannot be mistaken. For some years past bills for giving votes to women have passed the commonsense and respectable majorities. They may not have been intended to get any further, and we think there has been a good deal of hypocrisy on the part of some members of the House who voted for their second reading, but that success has now been reversed. The majority is not very large, but in the circumstances it is decisive. It tells the militants that they are no longer to be taken seriously."

**Home Rule Bill Was
Introduced In Commons**

[Canadian Press.]
London, May 7.—The home rule bill was introduced in the House of Commons today by Premier Asquith, and read a first time under the standing order of the House, which provides that it shall be read a second time on June 2.

**DOUBLE-BARRELLED PROTEST
OVER PUBLICITY APPOINTMENT**

Progressives Protest.
The West London Progressives also claim that their representative, Mr. J. Clarke, was not notified, and that his absence and that of several others who were alleged to have received no notification, was responsible for the nomination of an outside man over the heads of applicants who were citizens of London.

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**BIG BOMB FOUND
UNDER HIGH ALTAR
IN OLD ST. PAUL'S**

Suffragettes Blamed for Deliberate Attempt to Wreck London Cathedral.

Outrages Are Responsible, All Papers Agree, for Defeat of the Franchise Bill.

[Canadian Press.]
London, May 7.—An attempt to wreck the ancient St. Paul's Cathedral by a bomb early today is attributed to the militant suffragettes. The verger who conducts sightseers through the massive edifice was making his rounds at about 8 o'clock this morning when he noticed a ticking sound near the high altar. Upon investigating he found hidden a heavy parcel done up in brown paper. He immediately placed it in water and handed it over to the police, who found a suffragette newspaper wrapped up with the bomb.

This attempt, and the placing of two other bombs in other parts of the city this morning, made it appear that the militant suffragettes had entered anew on their law-breaking campaign, following the defeat of woman suffrage bill in the Commons last night. Shortly after the discovery at the cathedral, the police found a similar bomblike package on the steps of a newspaper office in Fleet street, and a tin canister, believed to contain explosives, was picked up on the steps of a wholesale drug establishment near St. Paul's.

No Arrests Made.
No arrests were made following the discoveries, and it is doubtful if the police have clues to the identity of the bomb-throwers. The various papers are awaiting examination by experts.

Plain-clothes policemen have been on duty in St. Paul's for several weeks for the express purpose of preventing militant suffragette outbreaks, but they observed nothing.

Several parts of the cathedral, usually opened to the public, were closed today. No trace of the destroyers of St. Catharine's Church, Halesham, which was burned yesterday, had been discovered this morning. The woman arrested on the charge of placing an explosive on the steps of the Grand Hotel yesterday, was discharged today for lack of proof.

Another mysterious fire broke out at a luncheon yard in Lambeth today, the fourth of this kind in London within a few days. It was extinguished before much damage had been done. "Small but decidedly powerful," is the police officer's description of the bomb found near the high altar of St. Paul's cathedral this morning. It was discovered that it was timed to explode at midnight, but a derangement of the clockwork retarded the explosion. Apparently only this accident prevented serious damage being done to the cathedral. A number of brass screws and nails were found among the contents.

EXPANDED TO 200 FEET

The announcement has been made that the completion of the Port Stanley harbor improvements will be undertaken at once by the Public Works Department. The inner harbor which is now only 90 feet in width will be widened to 200 feet. The improvements will make Port Stanley the only adequately protected harbor between Port Colborne and Windsor.

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**10,901 New Settlers
In Past 24 Hours**

[Canadian Press.]
Quebec, May 7.—The immigration buildings on the Princess Louise docks are alive with new Canadian settlers in every case desirable, and well supplied with money.

Five ocean steamers arrived between 7 o'clock last evening and 4 o'clock this morning, the Tyralla, Transpacific, Victoria, Laurentide, and Royal Edward, bringing 6,901 passengers, 95 per cent of whom are destined for the Canadian West. Eighty of these are British and 20 per cent foreigners.

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**PLUCKY STOP
OF A RUNAWAY**

Boy Climbers on Back of Galloping Horse at Risk of His Life.

REFUSES BIG REWARD

An occurrence that would make a stirring theme for a moving-picture film occurred on Tuesday evening about 8 o'clock. An unsung King's Plater, attached to a buggy, made the mile in :32 flat on Dundas street from Wellington Adelaide street.

Taking the wrong side of the road going east, and guided only by his instinct of blind fear, the horse bolted, and "Close Call" Charley, The Advertiser's demon, narrow-escape reporter, counted eleven parties of automobiles, twelve aged women, twenty-two toddling children and five boys on bicycles, who escaped the mad career of the "infatuated animal" by such a narrow margin. What might have happened to all these people made an awful picture of carnage in Charley's mind, and it was not a matter for great levity at that.

At Waterloo street, for instance, three boys on bicycles rode directly toward the runaway and did not see their danger until they were within a few yards of it. A moment's confusion and they would have been tangled together. But they must have been Boy Scouts with the "Keep Cool" maxim firmly in mind, for they divided, two to one side and one to the other, as the horse plunged be-lievelly toward the runaway, and the large cars narrowly averted collision and carriages and pedestrians pulled up just in time.

When the animal reached Adelaide street it turned north. On the corner was a small boy who, taking advantage of the momentary slackening of speed, ran after the buggy, climbed over the back, and not being able to secure the reins, worked his way along the horse's back to the rear of the reins, and grasping them, hung on until he stopped the horse. The lively man wanted to give him \$25 for his act of bravery, but he refused and would not accept more than \$2.

**WIDER HARBOR
FOR THE PORT**

Public Works Department Announces Improvements Will Soon Be Completed.

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**UNFAIR TACTICS
AGAIN EMPLOYED
BY GOVERNMENT**

Arranged Things So That Whitney-Hanna Accusations Will Be Whitewashed.

Mere Fact of Taylor Item Being in Public Accounts Demands Investigation.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, May 7.—The latest move on the part of the Government in the debate on the Proudfoot charges is an attempt to jockey Opposition speakers out of position and leave the way open for an avalanche of perverid oratory from the big guns on the Conservative side later in the day.

Mr. J. C. Elliott (West Middlesex), was scheduled to resume the debate for the Opposition on the opening of the House today; a morning session was agreed to in the hope of concluding the matter today. A sudden change of line-up in the Government ranks made it necessary for Mr. Elliott to withhold his discussion.

An Unfair Move.

The object of the Government appears to be to get all the Opposition members who have been at all active in the investigation before the public accounts committee, or in the proceedings in the privileges and elections committee, to speak first, and then leave the way for Mr. McGarry, Mr. Ferguson and others to wind up with ex-parte statements that will go to the country uncontradicted.

It is even suggested that Mr. Rowell be scheduled in this position so that the Government may be able to apply the finishing coat of whitewash thicker than ever.

Mr. J. Hart (East Simcoe) was the first speaker after prayers, and was followed by Mr. Z. Mazan (Sturgeon Falls). The prince at large, he said, was anything but satisfied with the conditions that had been permitted at this inquiry. He quoted opinions from prominent Conservatives to show an uneasy mind will be one of suspicion. The Government had been encouraged on its own ground, and the methods that had been advised by the Conservatives placed the Provincial Secretary in an unfavorable light, and were unfair to any man occupying such a position.

Opening the debate, Mr. B. I. Hart (East Simcoe) replied to the complaint of the Liberal members that the committee was too partisan. He said nobody else to blame but themselves. "Can it be wondered that they did not have a greater representation on that committee?" he asked. "They had a fair percentage of the members here in the House, and if there is cause for complaint it must be made to the people by refusing to send them into this House in larger numbers."

He reiterated the argument of the previous speakers, and said that the Premier had carried out his promises. He had invited the Opposition to investigate, and he had carried out his promises. He had invited the Opposition to investigate, and he had carried out his promises. He had invited the Opposition to investigate, and he had carried out his promises.

A valuable contribution was made to the debate by Mr. J. C. Elliott (West Middlesex). He said that the charges had been brought forward for the purpose of making political capital. Every public man had a public responsibility, and he would not take any personal satisfaction in having a man's character taken away and the charges left hanging in the air.

**Three Taken From
"Side Door Pullman"**

Tony Kosack, of Wisconsin; George Knepper, of Kansas City, and A. Oakes, of Port Wayne, were gathered in by the police Tuesday evening from a box car in the Grand Trunk yards. They were charged with trespassing in police court this morning, and all pleaded not guilty.

Kosack and Knepper are cigarmakers and displayed their union cards. They claimed that they landed in town Tuesday and secured a job in a local cigar factory. They had no place to sleep, so went to the railroad yards and climbed into a box car.

Oakes has been in the city for several days, and is employed by a local cement contractor. He secured a boarding-house Tuesday, but when he went to bed the landlady wanted to put a strange man to sleep with him. He objected to that, and so sought shelter in the box car. The court found them all guilty, but suspended sentence, warning them either get to work or out of town.