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PRICE TWO CENTS.

Mayor Says He Will Order Suspension of Street Car Service---Will of Aged Recluse Found Tacked to Chest---Hold Municipal Elections First Week in September Says City Clerk---Deputation Threatened Cabinet Declares Graham.

WILL OF RECLUSE, DISPOSING OF LARGE ESTATE, IS FOUND NAILED TO BOTTOM OF CHEST

Mrs. Jane Rudd Told No One of Existence of Document Which Leaves Between \$50,000 and \$100,000 To Two Nephews.

PENCIL MARKS MAY VOID WILL

Carefully sealed in an envelope, wrapped in cloth, tied with strings, and firmly tacked to the bottom of an old oak chest, filled with clothes, the will of Mrs. Jane Rudd, who died last Friday, was found in her home by relatives and friends, on Monday afternoon, after the funeral. It was criss-crossed with pencil marks, as if to invalidate it. The will disposes of real-estate variously estimated to be worth from \$50,000 to \$100,000, and is said to be left entirely to two nephews, Richard Frank of Thompson Road, and Charles Frank of Lolo. On the other hand if the will's defacement invalidates it, the property may go to Miss Frank, Mrs. Rudd's sister.

Miss Elizabeth Frank, of Wellington Road South, is the sister of Mrs. Rudd, but she knows very little of her affairs. The sisters lived alone, each in her own house. They were friendly, and visited each other frequently, but never discussed business affairs, so that the value of the property owned by Mrs. Rudd can only be estimated.

One Farm Worth \$20,000.

A farm which she owned near Chelsea Green is said to be worth \$20,000. Besides this, she owned extensive property along the south bank of the river in the neighborhood of Wellington and Waterloo streets, and two houses on Horton street.

Mrs. Rudd was born and died in the same room of the old-fashioned house, where she had lived all her life, next to the Traction Company's station, a plain, square, brick residence, with a small two-story wooden porch in the front. It is one of the oldest residences in London, and was the original family home of the Franks. It was given to Mrs. Rudd by her father upon the time of her marriage. Her husband was a prominent and highly-respected veterinary surgeon. He died 27 years ago.

Locked Up Old Carriages.

Immediately after his death, Mrs. Rudd locked up his barn at the rear of the house and it has, according to his

friends, never been opened since. In it are stored a phaeton and carriages and it is said many family relics, now thickly covered with the dust of more than a quarter of a century.

Since her husband's death, Mrs. Rudd had lived entirely alone, and was known to be eccentric. Children of the neighborhood never dared to enter her yard.

"She was hard to get along with," one of her tenants said, "but not after one knows her inside soul. By simply suggesting that I wished some little thing done, Mrs. Rudd would generally consent, but when asked directly, never," although I remember one day speaking to her about a new veranda, she refused point blank to think of such a thing. That afternoon, men came and measured the house and the veranda was built immediately."

Shot by Intruder.

Miss Elizabeth Frank, has lived alone for many years, in her home on Wellington St. South, and is well-known to hundreds of Londoners. Several years ago she was shot while resisting the entrance of an intruder who attempted to enter the house one night.

On Tuesday, March 24, Mrs. Rudd got up at 2 o'clock in the morning to attend to a stove in the kitchen. She tripped over a carpet and fell, breaking her leg. She lay on the floor until 7 o'clock in the morning, unable to rise. In the evening, she was found by neighbors in a weak condition.

Caused Her Death.

This is what caused her death, which occurred the following Friday about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, in the presence of several nephews, her sister, Miss Frank, a trained nurse, and three or four friends and neighbors.

No mention was made by her of a will, although there was known to be one, drawn up many years ago. No other has been found as yet. Whether the pencil marks render the will of no account will likely be decided by the court.

THREATENS TO SUSPEND CITY CAR SERVICE

Mayor Declares He Will Do So If Schedule Is Not Obeyed.

SOLICITOR IS AT WORK

T. G. Meredith Now Drafting Official Order on Company.

WILL GO TO THE COURTS

Further Refusals to Grant Civic Demands Will Be Followed by Appeal to Law.

Mayor C. M. R. Graham threatens to suspend the London street railway service. Following the action of the company in not putting into effect on April 1 the new schedule drawn up by City Engineer W. N. Ashplant and incorporated in a by-law unanimously passed by the city council, the mayor has consulted City Solicitor T. G. Meredith, and according to his wish, the city is now making preparations to fight the company. He declared this morning that the company's service would be suspended if the schedule was not immediately given.

"The solicitor is now drawing up a document," he said to The Advertiser this afternoon, "which will be presented to the city council next Monday night for approval, and will then be sent to the company, ordering it to give us the service we demand. If the company refuses, we will go to law so fast that it will make your head swim."

WOULD HAVE CIVIC ELECTIONS HELD DURING DECEMBER

City Clerk Favors an Earlier Date For Annual Voting.

NEW YEAR'S UNSUITABLE

Only 43 Per Cent of Voters Now Exercise Franchise, Says Sam Baker.

City Clerk Samuel Baker favors the suggestion of the W. C. T. U. to change the date of the municipal elections, and while agreeing with Controller J. P. Moore in the latter's desire to have the elections prior to the end of the year, thinks that they should be held the first week in December rather than two or three months before the close of the year.

Many Out of Town.

"The fact that about only 43 per cent of the ratepayers exercise their franchises at the civic contests is not due to indifference alone," said Mr. Baker this morning, "but also to the reason that many citizens are out of town on New Year's Day, and hundreds of others are entertaining friends and find it hard to get to the polls on this account. Consequently, unless there is a project of absorbing interest they do not vote."

Few Travellers Succeeded in having the elections held on New Year's Day, but my count in 1912 showed that only between five and six per cent of them voted. There is no doubt but that it is very difficult for the voters to get to the polls on New Year's Day, owing to the extra household duties devolving upon them on such a day.

No Opportunity for Railroad.

"We should certainly have the elections before the end of the year, but must take into consideration the effect they might have on the sitting council if held, say two or three months before the end of the term. Certain aldermen after knowing that they were not to sit at the board the following year might become absolutely indifferent or too venturesome. By having the elections the first week in December, only one regular meeting of the council would be held before the end of the year, and it would be impossible to railroad through an undesirable legislation, as notice of motion would have to be given at that meeting, and there would be no other meeting at which to press the matter. In this way any attempts to introduce rash, clever, half-hour matters could be frustrated. I certainly think that we should get away from the holiday elections."

SEALER SOUTHERN CROSS SINKS OFF CAPE RACE WITH A TERRIBLE LOSS OF LIVES

S. S. NEWFOUNDLAND AND MANY OF HER CREW LOST

LATEST DISPATCHES.

[Canadian Press.]

St. Johns, Nfld., April 2.—The sealing steamer Newfoundland and the great part of her crew of 150 men are believed to have perished.

Steamers in the vicinity picked up several bodies, and a few of the crew who had survived on the ice floes, to which they escaped when their vessel went down.

Fifty of the crew have been accounted for in this manner. Most of them were dead when discovered, and several others were dying.

ANXIETY FOR SOUTHERN CROSS.

Great alarm is also felt for the sealing steamer Southern Cross, which is also believed to have been caught in the ice. The first reports here said that it was a part of the crew of the Southern Cross that had been picked up, and that they were being brought into port by the Newfoundland. There are 173 men on board the Southern Cross. She was due here Tuesday.

A BAD STORM.

The storm that has raged over Newfoundland for three days continued unabated today, and the telegraph service to points along the coast has suffered.

The captain of the Newfoundland was Wesley Kean. Meagre reports relayed from one vessel to another by wireless, and more or less confused, state that of the crew of the Newfoundland, 120 were right on the ice floes this morning. It is thought possible that some of the bodies picked up on the ice were those of members of the crew of the Southern Cross. One report says that the men who left the Newfoundland were scattered by the moving ice fields in different directions, radiating from the wreck like the spokes of a wheel. The wind was blowing a gale off shore, and there was a blinding snow storm in which the crew would be unable to find their way in any direction. They had little food when they left the ship, and no extra clothing. Without tents or other shelter many succumbed to hunger and exposure. It is feared here that very few will survive. Vessels sent out from here are searching among the ice floes.

Very Few of Crew of 170 Thought to Have Escaped Alive.

NEWFOUNDLAND BRINGS SOME IN

Most of These Were Dead or Dying When Taken on Board.

ICE FLOES CRUSH

Disaster Came Suddenly and Men Had Only Time to Slide Over Ship's Sides Onto the Ice.

[Canadian Press.]

St. Johns, Nfld., April 2.—Stories were brought to port today of the loss of the sealing steamer Southern Cross and her crew of 170 men. The exact loss of life is not known, but it is believed that practically the whole crew perished after the Southern Cross had been crushed and sunk in the ice off Cape Race.

The Newfoundland picked up fifty of the crew, the greater number already dead, and others dying, from the tossing ice floes to which they escaped when their craft went down. Those who survived were able in their weakened condition to tell but little of the wreck and the probable fate of their fellows. Ships were at once dispatched in the hope of finding other survivors, or recovering more bodies.

Awful Suffering.

The sufferings of those found by the Newfoundland beggars description. For 48 hours they were adrift on ice floes, while a furious blizzard swept over them. The Southern Cross had completed an unusually large catch in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Her holds were filled with seal skins, and her decks were piled high with trophies of the cruise.

An Increased Crew.

The steamer also carried a crew greater by one-third than she had signed for her former trips, as sealing was reported to be unusually good and a large bonus had been offered by the owners. This unusual load added to her difficulty when she encountered the storm and ice.

The Southern Cross was reported off the southern coast on Sunday, and ought to have reached here last Tuesday. As far as can be learned she was rounding Cape Race when she ran into an immense field of drift ice from the Labrador coast, and about the same time a blizzard enveloped the ship, cutting off observation. Not long after, the sealer caught between two ice floes, which crushed her plates like cardboards. The crew had just time to tumble over the side onto the slippery ice cakes when the steamer disappeared.

SEARCHING FOR 120 LOST.

Montreal, April 2.—A message from Cape Race-Maroni station: "The worst disaster sealing fleet for over twenty years. Sealers from Newfoundland caught in blizzard. Fifty men found dead on ice this morning. Men from other ships searching for remainder of exhausted crew of 120 men."

PREMIER ASQUITH TO GET ELECTION BY ACCLAMATION

Unionists Decide To Allow Him a Walk-Over — King's Equerries To Make Their Choice — Gen. Sir Charles Douglas, G. C. B., To Succeed Sir John French.

[Canadian Press.]

London, April 2.—The Unionist executive committee of the east division of Life county today decided to allow Premier Asquith a walk-over. In the opinion of the committee, the result of the election will be the result of the assumption by the prime minister of the secretary for war portfolio. The report that Mr. Asquith would be opposed by James Larkin, head of the transport workers union, also has fallen flat. The premier will be nominated at once and elected April.

Equerries To Decide.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, April 2.—A London cable to the Tribune says: "There is a distinct opinion over the King's action in the army crisis among the equerries and lords-in-waiting, who are recruited mainly from navy and army officers."

A special summons to attend at Buckingham Palace next week has been sent.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—SNOW FLURRIES.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London for the 24 hours preceding 8 a.m. yesterday:

Highest, 45 above; lowest, 35 above.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today: Highest, 42 above; lowest, 32 above.

Forecast.

Today.—North and northwest winds, cold and mostly cloudy.

Friday.—Local snow flurries.

Temperatures.

London, April 2.—8 a.m.

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

Stations. High. Low. Weather.

Victoria 40 46 Rain

Calgary 42 25 Cloudy

Winnipeg 40 22 Cloudy

Port Arthur 38 18 Snow

Parry Sound 38 32 Partly Cloudy

Ottawa 43 34 Snow

Quebec 46 22 Snow

Montreal 46 30 Cloudy

Father Point 30 16 Snow

The British Unionists are divided on the point. There is certainly a strong body of Unionist members opposed to federalism, and on the whole there is little likelihood of any immediate agreement, although it is probably true that there is now a greater volume of opinion in favor of a settlement of some sort than ever before.

It seems that the Unionists are unlikely to oppose Premier Asquith's re-election. The matter will be settled at a meeting of the Unionist executive committee today.

Gen. Sir Charles Douglas, G.C.B., inspector-general of the home forces since 1912, has been appointed by Mr. Asquith chief of the imperial general staff, in succession to Sir John French, resigned. He was born in 1850, and has served in all Great Britain's wars since the Afghan campaign of 1879.

Uster Securities Nearly All Advance.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, N.Y., April 2.—A cable from London to the Journal of Commerce says: "The London Economist in support of its contention that the Civil War talk is largely hysteria, prints a table of prices of leading Uster securities showing present prices as compared with February 14. The list comprises municipal, bank, railway and industrial securities, all but one of which showed an advance ranging from 1-4 in Great Northern Railway debentures, to 4 points in Belfast and County Down ordinary. The one exception to the general advance is Yorkshire Flax securities, the ordinary and preferred of which are unchanged."

DISASTROUS FIRE AT ST. AUGUSTINE

Five Hotels and Other Buildings Burned—Fine Relics Destroyed—Unidentified Woman May Be Fatally Injured.

[Canadian Press.]

St. Augustine, Fla., April 2.—Flames that swept through two large blocks in the heart of St. Augustine along the bay shore early today destroyed five tourist hotels, a theatre, the court house, and numerous residences with an estimated loss of \$500,000. There was no loss of life, but numbers of guests in the hotels were forced to flee scantily clad into the streets, while others were carried down ladders by firemen and volunteers. A company of state militia helped preserve order and prevented looting.

Two persons who jumped in their fright from the flames were seriously injured. An unidentified woman, who hurled herself from the third story of the Florida House, suffered a broken back. She was probably fatally hurt. Several other persons sustained minor injuries.

The hotels destroyed were the Florida House, Munson House, Chalmers Hotel, Central Hotel and Atlantic Hotel. The Governor Opera House, the power boat club house, nine residences and several cottages, were burnt. The Vedder House, one of the oldest buildings on the continent, containing priceless relics of the Spanish period, was completely destroyed.

Starting at one o'clock on the second floor of the Florida house, the fire raged for four hours through an area that had been one of the city's show places. The origin of the flames had places.

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SIX ESCAPE FROM AN ILLINOIS JAIL

Murderer Condemned to Hang Among Them—Reward for Him, Dead or Alive.

[Canadian Press.]

Cairo, Ill., April 2.—Six prisoners escaped from the county jail early today. Among them was W. M. Wilson, sentenced to be hanged on April 20 for the murder of Thomas C. Logan, a special officer of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad.

Last night an Ottawa car was freight train. The men escaped by sawing the steel bars of a cell. A reward has been offered for the capture of Wilson, dead or alive.

Before murdering Logan, Wilson escaped from the Ohio Penitentiary, where he was serving a life sentence.

A Half-hour Delay

Grand Trunk level crossings are not the only ones in the city that are responsible for the delays to street car traffic and the consequent inconvenience to thousands of citizens who patronize the cars.

Last night an Ottawa car was held up at the Adelaide street crossing of the C. P. R. for 27 minutes. For almost half an hour the car remained stalled because of the blocked crossing, and it was hours before it was restored.

ARCHBISHOP OF OTTAWA RESIGNS

Advanced Age Given As Reason For Steps by Ontario Metropolitan.

[Canadian Press.]

Ottawa, April 2.—Most Rev. Charles Hamilton, Anglican archbishop of Ottawa and metropolitan of Ontario, in a circular letter to the clergy and members of the church today, announces his resignation to take effect on June 22 next. His advanced age is the reason for the step. The announcement, which is received with general surprise and regret, reads:

"I am not willing that you should learn from others that I have sent my resignation of my position as metropolitan of the ecclesiastical province of Ontario, and Archbishop of Ottawa to the House of Bishops, to take effect, if their judgment approves, on June 22nd next. I have chosen this date in order that I may complete with the synod the current year, and leave, as I humbly hope, all things in readiness for my successor."

"I desire to add that I am moved to withdraw from the active duties of a bishop because the church is entitled to the best work and judgment which any man in his fullest strength can render. In my 81st year my powers are no longer advancing, they are on the wane."

"I have had 29 years of happy service as a bishop—eighteen of them in Ottawa. I can fairly say, that, although I have had at times my burdens of anxiety and care, yet my days have been full of peace and happiness. My years of service have been a joy to me."

"I pray God to send His blessing upon you one and all, and to give you grace to serve Him faithfully and joyfully all our days."

"Believe me your faithful friend and archbishop,"

(Signed) CHARLES, OTTAWA.

DETROIT EXCURSION FARE IS BOOSTED TO \$2.70

Passenger Association Notifies Local Officers of Increased Rates for 3-Day Trips.

Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific railway ticket agents today received a communication from the Eastern Canada Passenger Association, to the effect that the fare on three day London to Detroit excursions this year will be \$2.70, an increase of 85 cents over last year's fare of \$1.85.

The boost in the price is laid at the door of London business men who have been petitioning the Passenger association to raise the price per ticket in their efforts to keep money earned in London in circulation here instead of spending it in Detroit.

Ticket agents of both the roads stated today that while the present number of excursions booked is below that of other years many have been arranged and now the fare has been decided they expect to have many more applicants for dates.

LOSS-OFF BASIS TO BE ENFORCED IN BUYING EGGS

Western Ontario Produce Men Meet and Discuss the Situation.

NOW UP TO THE PRODUCER

Four Million Dollars Lost in a Year Through Stale Produce.

To educate the producers to the necessity of providing an absolutely fresh article, by putting the loss for all stale eggs on the first seller, is the plan of the Canadian Produce Association, reaffirmed by the Western Ontario members at a big gathering in London yesterday.

The idea, as explained to The Advertiser by A. E. Silverwood, of Silverwoods, Limited, London, is to work the egg business on the loss-off basis, that is to pay for no bad eggs. This attitude, which is to be adopted by the organized egg-buyers all over the province, clearly puts it up to the producer to sell only a reliable article or suffer the financial loss that is sure to follow.

"The buyers paid the Piper," said Mr. Silverwood, "and taking the producers' word for it that the same were fresh and in good condition, many cases they suffered heavy losses as a result of this plan. In a case, for instance, one might find five dozen eggs that were spotted or otherwise unfit for the best class of trade. The association proposes to eliminate this sort of thing."

"I might send a buyer out into the country, and he would approach a storekeeper and ask him if he had any eggs for sale. The latter would reply that he had 200 dozen, and in response to another question, might say that he had had them in for only three or four days. The buyer would then write out a check for the purchase, and on opening and candling the eggs at London, would find many more applicants for dates."

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THREATENED GOVERNMENT TO GO DIRECT TO PEOPLE

Radial Deputation Made Statement Significant of Cabinet Embroglio, According to Mayor Graham.

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