

NORFOLK NEWS

BAD BLAZE IN GARAGE AT SIMCOE

Quick Work of Firemen Helped to Avert Spread of Conflagration

OTHER SIMCOE NEWS

Simcoe, Nov. 22.—(From Our Own Correspondent.)—The firemen, delayed somewhat by instructions as to where the fire was when the bell rang at two o'clock yesterday, reached the Ford Garage with expedition and the chemical put down a momentary check, though the second storey floor and the interior of the roof were already wrapped in flames.

The Canadian Express Co.'s office and the G.N.W. Telegraph Co. offices in the front were promptly cleared out. Mr. Butler from the C.P.R. office hastening over to salvage the telegraph plant. Meanwhile a plate glass front in the showroom was opened and several cars moved out to safety. Several streams of water now played upon the flames and it was quickly evident that the brigade would get the fire under control and this was done when the greater part of the roof had dropped in and the second floor became pretty well charred. Four or five new cars were damaged on the second floor and a few more in for repair were partially wrecked.

We have had no information as to how the fire started. The workmen were unable to say how or where it started.

The H. S. Falls store immediately to the south closed doors for the afternoon to prevent damage from smoke and spectator traffic. But at no time did this block appear to be in danger. The printing office adjoining on the north, was separated by a solid wall and suffered no material damage. Mr. Wallace's entire loss would probably be from ten to fifteen thousand dollars, plus the inconvenience that he will be put to till the building is repaired. Except the second hand cars, five of which were on the second floor, the loss is covered by insurance.

Willie King's Funeral.

The funeral of Master Willie H. King, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. King, who died on Tuesday morning, November 19th, was held to Oakwood Cemetery yesterday afternoon at two o'clock services at the house. Floral offerings from the family, relatives, school mates and teachers in day and Sabbath school were carried before the bier by fourteen of his young friends. The bearers were: Thornley Chadwick, Harry Witherspoon, Thomas Lea, Thomas Reid, O. A. Tracey and Rex Laplante. Among those present from out of town were John Y. King, Mr. and Mrs. Walker Guntion and Capt. and Mrs. Mack McDonald, of Egan; Dwyer, Sergt. Wm. Culliver, Mr. Baker, Mr. Thos. Lane, Miss Lane and Mr. and Mrs. Waldie, of Brantford.

Kent Indignities.

The family of George Bembridge are indignant over Howard township, and been living during the past eight months in a neighborhood and moving from place to place through Middletown, and has come under the surveillance of the Children's Aid Society.

The mother has just given birth to Courtland to the last of six children, the oldest of whom has passed seven years. The third child is dead.

Will be returned to Kent. An investigation was held before Magistrate R. Guntion and P. E. Langford, J. P., yesterday at the instance of D. E. McIntosh, agent.

RUGBY

B. C. I. vs. HAMILTON HUSTLERS

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of the Children's Aid Society; four of the children were present. The father, who is almost blind, arrived at the court room after the hearing was over, having spent some time sitting in the court house where he thought the investigation was to be conducted.

Evidence of Henry Wallace and others went to show that the family were destitute and lived entirely upon alms. And later of The Courier, Mr. Bembridge corroborated their evidence to the effect that Reeves Walters of Howard township, who is a warden of the county of Kent, furnished the money for the transportation of the family to Courtland. The unfortunate man complained also of medical treatment for his eye due to an interruption of this change of domicile.

Odd Ends of News

Mrs. R. E. Guntion has received advice of the death at Oyne, Alta., of her niece, Alice Nettleton, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Nettleton of Strathroy. Deceased, who had been engaged in teaching for a year past out West, and who was a victim of influenza, had frequently visited at Simcoe.

The corporation wood pile is growing daily.

M. Rowan counsel has decided not to go ahead with roadway construction next year. Underdrainage would go ahead however. Engineer Marston was up on Wednesday evening conferring with the council in the matter.

Warden Buck has been down to Simcoe three times since Saturday in connection with county business. The jurors for the high court sittings were chosen this week.

PREFER TO GO BAREFOOT.

Native African Troops Carry Their Boots When on the March.

Among native African men living near mission stations boots are often worn on Sundays to go church in, or rather with, for the footwear is almost invariably carried slung over an arm or shoulder, this being more comfortable for the feet and less wearing on the boots. Still, on nearing the church, they are put on with much seriousness and importance; the more the better, and should a pair creak badly the joy of the wearer and envy of his friends are beyond all description.

"This natural antipathy to wearing boots," says Prof. Holloway in the Wide World, "does not only apply to the south. In some colonies where native troops are supplied with boots when on the march, they will beg their officer's permission to walk barefoot, and in comfort. I remember a cool-black South African, a fine old soldier, well over six feet, who was doorkeeper at a friend's house in Khartoum. Whenever I called, after saluting he would solemnly put on his boot before taking my card, and on his return immediately take them off again with a grunt of attention, and in his deep voice rumbling out whether or not his master was at home. He was quite under the impression that this was the correct thing to do."

A Common Decoration.

The Victoria Cross has just been awarded for the 4,000th time. Though the Order of the British Empire was instituted much later, it has long ago passed the more venerable decoration in the number of those who hold it. In fact, the O.B.E. is about as highly prized by those who haven't it as the V.C. by the junior bar of Ontario. The following poem from the pen of Arthur Norman, which appeared in the London Times, indicates the estimation in which the comparatively new honor is held:

TWO TITLES.

I had two friends, both lithe and young,
Of manly vigor, tensely strung,
Both seeming sound in heart and lung;
Now I am left through lonely years
To tend their memory with tears.

One friend, in a ramagedon strife,
Freely laid down his fresh young life.
That tyranny no more berite;
The other, to his worldly gain,
Solved self and country with his brain.

More dead than dead that friend
For lives on.
For best is our communion—
Love cannot stay with honor gone:
No grave could make so wide a gap
As war's embittering mishap.

The reason that, with anger great
I rail at the caprice of fate
Two titles in large letters state;
One of them is O.B.E.;
The other simply—R.I.P.

EXPLOSIONS AT GHEEL.

By Courier Leased Wire
Bridgeway, Holland, Thursday, Nov. 21.—Fighter crossing the Belvoir Dutch frontier report that many soldiers have been injured by explosions at the commune of Gheel, twenty-six miles southeast of Antwerp. The town has been completely devastated, it is said.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

History Made in Little Village

AMONGST the many, otherwise insignificant places in the world which have had greatness thrust upon them Varennes, the little French town just captured by the Allies on the Aire some 45 miles east of Rheims, is certainly one of the most notable. True it has many "ifs" in its greatness, but the simple fact that it was at Varennes that Louis XVI. and Marie Antoinette were arrested on their memorable flight from Paris in the night of June 21, 1791, makes it memorable enough.

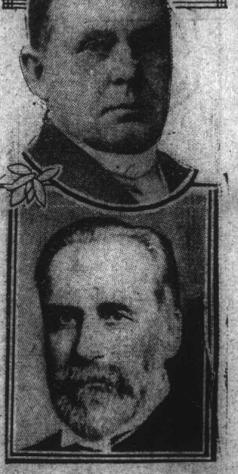
It is to Carlyle, of course, that Varennes to a great extent owes its place in history, for the probabilities are that if Carlyle had never written his famous account of the French Revolution people would have known as little about Varennes as they knew about the "traditional Christmas" before Dickens created it. The arrest of Louis at Varennes did, of course, mark a notable epoch in the story of the Revolution, even if it did not, as Carlyle insists it did, change the whole course of French history. If Louis could have prevailed upon to make his journey with less circumstance; if he could have steered his heart to forego the "new Berlin," and take the road in some commonplace travelling carriage like "Mon-sieur," speeding northwards, or Princess, by another route, bound, too, for Flanders; if the arrangements all along the way, the passes of hussars and dragoons at every village, the postmasters all warned and the post-homes all ready for the passage of a mysterious "treasure" could have been done away with; if Old-Dragon Drouet in his "loose-fitting nightgown" had not had his suspicious aroused, as the Berlin, with its three yellow pilot-boats of mounted bodyguard couriers lumbered past his door, the last door of the village of Sainte-Menehould; if many other things had not happened, the bridge at Varennes, where Louis instead of making the great stand which Carlyle invokes as the only royal attitude, descended from the Berlin and gave himself up to Le Procureur Sausse, then might the whole of French history have been different. They did happen or did not happen, however, as the case requires, and so Varennes won its place in history.

As Carlyle tells the story, it stands out with a vividness that only Carlyle can command. The tremendous expectancy all along the way, the growing suspicion, the atmosphere of a race against time, is all there, and is also that quick flashing from one scene in the great drama to another so necessary to fill in the whole wonderful canvas. Now it is Old-Dragon Drouet and Clerk Guillaume, gaiters pulled fully awake, spending through the darkness to overtake the royal fugitives; now it is Capt. Dandoin "sauntering with a face of indifference," a heart eaten of black "case" waiting for the treasure that will not come, and now, in a moment, it is the new Berlin again, swaying along the road with all its trappings at three miles the hour. "And thus the new Berlin rolls," says Drouet and Guillaume gallop after it, and Dandoin's troops or trooper gallops after them; and Sainte-Menehould with some leagues of the King's highway, is in explosion.

So, at last, the new Berlin reaches the "little paltry village of Varennes," about 11 o'clock, six hours late. Everything here has gone wrong. "Young Bouille, silly stripping, thinking the matter over for this night, has retired to bed." The postillions refuse to go on without fresh horses and for "five-and-thirty minutes" by the King's watch "the Berlin is 'at a dead stand.'" And now with all the stage set, as Old-Dragon Drouet and Clerk Guillaume ride "hurly burly" into the village, let Carlyle take up the story: "The village of Varennes lies dark and stammerous a most unlovely village, of inverse saddle shape, as men write. It sleeps; the rushing of the River Aire singing lullaby to it. Nevertheless from the Golden Arm, Bras d'Or Tavern, across the sloped market place, there still comes shine of social light; comes voice of rude drivers, or the like, who have not yet taken the stirrup cup; Boniface Le Blanc, in white apron, awaiting them; cheerful to behold. To this Bras d'Or Drouet enters, alertly looking through his eyes; he nudges Boniface, in all privacy, "Camarade, es-tu bon Patriote," Art thou a good patriot? "Get to work," answers Boniface. "In that case," eagerly whispers Drouet—what whisper is needful heard of Boniface alone.

And now see Boniface Le Blanc bustling. See Drouet and Guillaume, dexterous old dragon, instantly down blocking the bridge, with a "furniture wagon they find there," with whatever wagons, tumbrils, barrows their hands can lay hold of till his carriage can pass. Then swiftly see them take station hard by, under Varennes archway, joined by Le Blanc, Le Blanc's brother, and one or two alert capital patriots who had arranged. Some half dozen in all, with national muskets, they stand close, waiting under the archway, till that same Korff Berlin rumbles up.

"It rumbles up; Art thou listening hard out from under cobble-stairs, bridges cluck in strong lists, two national muskets level themselves fore and aft through the two coach-doors: "Medames, your passports,"—Eusebe! Show Sausse, president of the township, allow chamber, also grocer, is there, with official grocer politeness; Drouet with fierce logic and ready wit. The respected travelling party, he it Baroness de Korff, or persons of still higher consequence, will perhaps please to rest itself in M. Sausse's till the dawn strikes up!"—Christian Science Monitor.



NEW DIRECTORS FOR DOMINION RAILWAY

At the top is Alex. P. Burnkill, K.C., of St. John, N.B.; next is Thomas Cantley of New Glasgow, and below is Sir Hornidas Laporte, N.S., who join the board with the placing of the Intercolonial and the Transcontinental lines under the directorate of the Canadian Northern Railway.

CONGRESS ON VACATION

By Courier Leased Wire.
Washington, Nov. 22.—Congress today started on a ten-day vacation, its first complete suspension since the session which adjourned yesterday, since it began December 3, 1917.

While most members will be at leisure until the new session begins on December 2 next, several committees will work during adjournment on legislation to be presented then. Leaders and many members also are preparing for the great reconstruction and appropriation program, which must be succeeded into the session ending March 3 next.

Senate committees will continue work on the war-revenue bill, and the investigation of brewers' activities. House appropriation committees will proceed with drafting the score of regular supply bills.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY IN SESSION

One Day Convention Opened in Brant Ave. Church This Morning

REPORTS SUBMITTED

The Women's Methodist District Missionary Society opened a one day convention in Brant Avenue Methodist church this morning, when reports were submitted from a practically very Methodist church in Brantford and the adjoining district. The convention was to have been held in St. George, some time ago, but was postponed owing to the flu.

There was an unusually large attendance when the meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. P. A. Shultz this morning. Mrs. (Rev.) Marshall then read a scripture lesson and also sang a hymn. Mrs. Isaacs and Mrs. Brodley then led in prayer. Mrs. Shultz spoke briefly on the subject of the influenza epidemic, pointing out the invaluable service given by women everywhere, and urging a continuance of their efforts.

The submission of reports was then proceeded with, and occupied the majority of the morning session. All the churches reviewed the work accomplished during the year.

Mrs. McWebb favored the gathering with a recitation "Just for To-night," verses written by a Canadian soldier in the trenches to his mother. Mrs. Weaver read several verses

on Christian stewardship, which was much appreciated.

Rev. Mr. Smythe of Sydenham St. church, in a brief address, wished the society every success, explaining that he took a deep interest in its work.

Rev. J. D. Fitzpatrick, of Brant Avenue church also paid a tribute to the work of the Women's Missionary Society, going on to outline the nature of that work.

A question box was then conducted by the Paris W. M. S., prior to adjournment at noon. This afternoon an address on Chinese missions was the chief feature of the program.

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