

FERGUSON ACTION MAY COST LONDON ONE SEAT

Many Narrowly Escape In Train Wreck Near Kitchener

MISSING "CORPSE" SEEN WANDERING ALONG ROAD

Drunken Man Awakened From His Nap on Cattle Guard Near Elmstead.

SECOND "MYSTERY"

Provincial Officers Confident That They Will Locate "Spirits."

Special to The Advertiser.

Elmstead, Ont., April 17.—Elmstead has a reputation for "live corpses." Twice within two months federal, provincial and county police have been called to Elmstead to unravel murder mysteries. On each occasion the "body" has been the missing link, but invariably the "murdered" man demonstrates beyond all question of a doubt that the facts in the case have been slightly distorted. Sunday the latest murder mystery threatened to claim the attention of the province.

It was all due to superstition on the part of Paul Lesperance, a section man. This employee was on duty along the C. P. R. tracks a few miles west of Elmstead, at the Church Road crossing, when he spied the prostrate form of a man lying on the cattle guards, just east of the crossing. A cursory glance satisfied him that the man was dead. Had he but felt the man's pulse or listened for signs of heart action, he could have assured himself the "corpse" was very much alive.

But Lesperance does not believe in touching a dead body. He was not going to incriminate himself by leaving finger prints on the corpse, and he warned others to do the same in this respect, his neighbors say.

Notified Agent.

His only thought was to notify the station agent at Elmstead, L. M. Patterson. Patterson, in turn, notified London officials of the discovery, and stated that he and Lesperance were going back to get the body. They carried out their intentions—as far as they could. They returned to the scene of the "crime," only to find that some mysterious agent had intervened and removed the body.

Then the detectives were called to the scene. They at once began to search the countryside for the body. Not until Monday was the truth learned. Several farmers living at Klondyke, a hamlet but a few hundred feet distance from the spot where the body had been found, exploded the mystery. They had seen the inert body lying on the cattle guards and investigated. They at once decided the man was almost paralyzed with liquor. They managed to rouse him from his drunken stupor and send him staggering on his way. As he reeled along the Church road the resuscitated "corpse" hid his face from the view of churchgoers homeward bound.

Saw the Man.

"I passed that spot and saw the man," declared Frank Dame, Klondyke blacksmith. "I had my buggy with me and was driving a very risky horse, and so could not risk getting out of the buggy. Another man passed the spot about the same time as I, and at first he thought the young man was dead. When he discovered such was not the case he left the stranger and drove home. There was certainly a great many officers on duty and so could not risk getting out of the buggy. Although none of the people who saw the 'mystery man' could identify him positively, a few believed him to be a young Windsor resident, whom they knew by sight, but could not name.

Provincial police today were trying to discover the identity of the man, in an effort to find the source of the liquor, which had such a "mummifying" kick. Sunday's spirit episode revived the story of a somewhat similar occurrence two months ago. At that time

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CALLS ON NATIONS TO CUT RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS

Russian National Committee at Paris Appeals on Behalf of Archbishop Tikhon.

GET DEATH SENTENCE

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, April 17.—A call upon the nations of the world to break all relations with the soviet government of Russia, was issued yesterday by the Russian national committee here in the form of a public statement signed by A. Karachoff, Michael Fedoroff and Jules Semenov. The statement was drafted in connection with the forthcoming trial of Archbishop Tikhon, former patriarch of the Russian Orthodox Church.

SENTENCE ELEVEN TO DEATH.

Moscow, April 17.—The trial of eighty-six government employees, tradesmen and commissioners, has just ended. They were charged with bribery and corruption before the supreme criminal tribunal, under the chairmanship of Jacob Peters, who was once known as the leader of the Red Terror in Moscow. Eleven officials of the Moscow housing department were sentenced to death, without the application of amnesty; twelve were sentenced to ten years' imprisonment; fifteen to five years' imprisonment, and 24 to three years. All the sentences include confiscation of their property to the state.

Non Stop Dance for "One-Legs"

Theodore Sullivan Expects To Outdistance Everyone.

Associated Press Despatch.

Cleveland, Ohio, April 17.—Theodore Sullivan, 24, is out to set a new stop dancing record for one-legged persons. Sullivan entered a contest being conducted at a local dancing academy here at 6:30 last night, and said he will establish a mark for everybody to shoot at.

BRING ALBERTA COAL TO ONTARIO FOR \$4.62

E. J. Garland Tells House Committee Price Per Ton on Western Fuel.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, April 17.—That Alberta domestic coal could be brought to from any average point in Alberta and laid down at Ontario points for \$4.62 per ton, was claimed this morning before the House committee on mines and minerals by E. J. Garland of Bow River, Alberta. Mr. Garland submitted a detailed statement of the costs, including an allowance of 60 per cent for returning empty cars. Mr. Garland said the statement was drawn up by an experienced railroad freightman who had 16 years experience.

STEEL COMPANY AUDIT EXPECTED TOMORROW

Walter M. Wilkins Conferring With Shareholders of Enterprise in Toronto.

Special to The Advertiser.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 17.—Walter M. Wilkins, former head of the board of control of the L. R. Steel enterprise, who is trying to rehabilitate the concerns in which \$25,000,000 were invested, is in Toronto today conferring with some of the larger shareholders in that city.

He is asking them for an assessment of at least 10 per cent of the value of their stockholdings. The audit of the company, which has been completed, will be given to the public by the receivers tomorrow.

GRANT HAMILTON ITALIANS ANOTHER WEEK'S REMAND

Canadian Press Despatch.

Hamilton, April 17.—Magistrate Jells this morning granted a remand of another week in the case of the four Italians held in connection with a bomb outrage here last September, but informed the crown that if the missing crown witness was not produced by 8 o'clock last night, the prisoners' Crown-Attorney Ballard informed his worship today that the principal witness against the men was still missing. Prisoners' counsel asked for their release and was told they would be released next week if



Above an Advertiser photographer shows the clever girls and boys of Chesley Avenue School, announced yesterday by Principal Gibbs as the winners in the first round of The Advertiser' big spelling match among 4,000 pupils in all the city's schools. Chesley avenue is now ready to enter the second round.

HERE ARE THE BEST SPELLERS IN CHESLEY AVENUE SCHOOL.

First row, left to right, Grade 8—Vivian Prok, Verdo Bezzo, Dorothy Hill, Sylvia Hill, Marjorie Westland, Ruby Charlton, Gertrude Hughes, Della Moyer. Grade 7—Donald Patterson, Edward Wilson, Wilfred Patterson, second row—Floyd Cake, Douglas Wood, Dorothy Benbow, John Lane, Eleanor Westland, Frances Parker, Evelyn Smith, Alice Barned, Lena Adams, Greta Bragg, Olive Huston, Irene Anderson, Wm. Harrison. Grade 6—Third row, Bernice Fountain, Ruby Gwalchmal, Reta Poole, Estelle Northey, Margaret Cleary, Fred Maudsley, Kathleen Adams, Charlie Armstrong, Margaret Ross, Bernice Ristey, Eileen Purdy, Jack Daniels, Harold Peters, fourth row—Frances Sumner, Jack

G. T. R. COACHES LEAP THE TRACK NEAR KITCHENER

Passengers Narrowly Escape as Toronto Train Wrecked Last Night.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Kitchener, April 17.—Passenger train No. 37 on the G. T. R., leaving Toronto at 6 o'clock, and due to arrive at Kitchener at 8:11, left the rails at a point about two miles east of Breslau last night a few minutes before 8 o'clock, scattering the five coaches and baggage car on each side of the tracks, the engine alone remaining on the rails. Most of the passengers were badly shaken up and slightly bruised, but according to latest reports no one was seriously hurt. The train was running at a fast speed after passing through Mosborne, and that none of the passengers was killed is considered miraculous.

Grand Trunk officials in this city were at a loss this morning to account for the cause of the wreck, but it is believed a loose rail likely was the cause of the derailment. The passengers were removed to Kitchener about midnight in auxiliary coaches brought up from Stratford by the wrecking crew sent out to clear the tracks.

Cleared by Noon.

It was stated this morning by John Milhausen, G. T. R. agent here, that the wreck would be cleared about noon. G. T. R. traffic was tied up last night, but the schedule was resumed here this morning at 9:15. Wild rumors were in circulation throughout the city early this morning that several persons were fatally injured, and that a large number of the casualties had been taken to hospitals in Guelph. This was denied this morning.

Mayor Breitaupt of Kitchener, who went to Toronto this morning on

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Seven More Schools Join Spelling Match

Big Contest Now Includes All City's Separate Schools—Winners of Match Will Be Real Champions From 4000 Contestants.

The big spelling match is growing. Today it has been extended to include not only all the public schools in the city, but London's separate schools as well.

The winners of the match thus will be real champions of all the girls and boys in the city—the best spellers London can produce.

Seven separate schools are added to The Advertiser's contest today by agreement between Father Brisson, secretary of the separate school board, and officials of the public schools.

These schools are as follows: Sacred Heart, St. Mary's, St. Martin's, St. Michael's, St. Joseph's, St. John's and St. Peter's. The seven new schools enter the spelling match, of course, under exactly the same conditions as the schools already listed. The choosing of their best spellers to enter the second round in the group tests is already under way.

The new entries have been grouped together to form a fifth group, known as "central group."

The contestants in the spelling match now total nearly four thousand boys and girls. The four winners who will be chosen in the big public final "spell-down" will be real champions.

Above you may see pictures of the girls and boys who were announced yesterday as the best spellers from Chesley Avenue School by Principal E. E. Gibbs. Tomorrow The Advertiser will give the winners from more schools who are now ready to enter the second round of the match.

ATTACKS WHEAT BOARD IN MANITOBA HOUSE

W. Sanford Evans, Conservative, Fights Government Measure Last Night.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, April 17.—Declaring there was no evidence of a demand which would justify the Manitoba Legislature taking action to establish the proposed wheat board and adding that public opinion was fast turning against the scheme W. Sanford Evans, Conservative member for Winnipeg, launched an attack on the government's wheat board measure in the Legislature last night.

The fact that the Bracken administration induced A. R. Bovin's resignation, calling for the establishment of minimum price on wheat, sanctioned the Dominion government's scheme for an investigation into the grain trade and proceeded to levy a tax on trading in futures, went to show that the Manitoba government did not expect to see the wheat board go into operation in the province, Mr. Evans declared.

KWANGSI TROOPS ATTACK SUN YAT SEN FORCES

Associated Press Despatch.

London, April 17.—Kwangsi troops commanded by General Shen Chung Ying, whom the Peking government only yesterday appointed military governor of Kwang Tung Province, have attacked Canton troops supporting Sun Yat Sen, says a Reuters despatch from Canton. The attacks have so far been repulsed, but the fighting is progressing.

LOCAL HOUSE HAS NO CHARM FOR HIM, SAYS THE MAYOR

"I Haven't the Time or the Inclination," He Says as to Reports.

"I haven't the time or the inclination,"

So explained Mayor Wenige today dispelling, he says, for once and all, the impression that he had cast inquiring eyes in the direction of the local seat in the legislature. "I would not have the time, even if I was elected," his worship announced this morning, "but the chief reason is at this moment that I have undertaken a real job here as mayor of the city."

"And that will last until—" he was asked.

"I hope until the close of the year," was his reply.

Four-Sided Fight.

Prospects of a four-sided contest in the city, in the event of no redistribution are still bright, submit those, who, despite the mayor's emphatic declaration that he is not to be counted in, maintain that he should help constitute the quartet. It has been their contention that the mayor should enter the classic as a straight independent, untrammelled by party affiliations. While vigorous in his statement that "such is an utter impossibility" as far as he is concerned, his worship's remarks lead one to believe that the "independent" idea appeals strongly to him.

Off hand it would appear that a straight independent, untrammelled by party affiliations, would tend to complicate matters but the professional "dopesters," glancing back through the achievements of other years say "no—quite the reverse."

City of Guayaquil Is Showered With Ashes and Fine Sand.

Associated Press Despatch.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, April 17.—The volcano Tungurahua is in a state of strong eruption, huge flames rising from its crater, and showers of rocks being shot into the sky, despatches from Rio Bambagay report. White-hot stones are falling in the environs of the city, which is covered with ashes and fine sand.

Premier Drury Outlines Post-Election Policy

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, April 17.—Claiming misunderstanding of his Milton speech, Premier Drury this afternoon issued a statement as to what he would do in certain circumstances after the election. The statement follows: "In order that there may be no doubt whatever as to my position, I take this opportunity to state it clearly and unequivocally. If after the election I find myself in command of a clear majority of the house I will, of course, continue to carry on the government. If I find that either of the other parties has a clear majority of the house, I will at once advise his honor to call on the leader of that party to form a government."

"If, on the other hand, I find myself the leader of a party which, while in the minority, is still the largest party in the house, I will carry on the government, relying on and accepting such support as the merits of my record and policies may bring me."

"If there should be elected a group or party larger than that of which I am leader, though not large enough to command a clear majority of the house, I will advise his honor to call on the leader of that party to form a government."

ASK RECOGNITION FOR IRELAND IN NATIONS LEAGUE

Great Britain Brings Question Before World Sessions, Opening Today.

WILL FIGHT EVIL

Members Plan To Work Out Scheme for Abolishing White Slave Traffic.

Special Cable to The Advertiser.

Geneva, April 17.—Business involving the United States was placed on the program of the 24th session of the council of the League of Nations, which opened here today.

Due to the absence of some members, when the council met this morning, however, it was feared action on vital questions might be delayed until the end of the week. International recognition of Ireland as a free and independent state was a primary world question, which was brought before the body by the Irish.

The permanent economic and financial advisory committee proposed that Ireland, with the United States and some other nations, not members of the league, be invited to attend the Geneva international customs conference.

If this is done, and it seems certain, it will carry the full understanding that Ireland is granted world recognition as an international entity.

The chief question to be brought before the council affecting the United States is the proposal of sending a note to America asking how far that government is willing to co-operate in control of traffic in arms and ammunition, considered one of the most important causes of war. Nothing can be done toward this end, it is thought, unless the United States agrees to join the movement.

The United States was one of the original signatories of the treaty of St. Germain, but the Senate refused to ratify the convention, and all the other parties, therefore, refused to accept it.

In view of the recent proposal of President Harding that the United States join the international court of justice, equal interest is attached to the question of the League of Nations, even if she cannot or does not wish to participate in the actual election.

The resolution introduced before the league permanent white slavery advisory commission by Miss Grace Abbott, the American representative, calling upon the council to appoint an international commission for an immediate investigation of leading ports of the world, will also be taken up. This is designed to determine the actual status of the white slave traffic, and on the information gained the league plans to work out a definite program for fighting the evil.

ATTEMPT TO WRECK FRENCH TRAIN TODAY

Lives of Cabinet Ministers Are Endangered as Bomb Is Thrown.

Special Cable to The Advertiser.

Paris, April 17.—Attempts were made today to wreck trains carrying French and Belgian cabinet members into the Ruhr district, to supervise the enforcement of more drastic methods by armies of occupation. A train supposed to have been carrying French officials into the occupied area was bombed and the tender derailed, no one was injured. Rails were torn from the track ahead of the speeding train, which was carrying the Belgian minister of defense to Dusseldorf, but the wreckers were chased away and the train crew freed.



ALLAN HEWITT, who was committed for trial by Magistrate Graydon this morning on a charge of taking groceries from G. T. R. freight car at Strathtory.

WENIGE AROUSED BY THE LATEST FERGUSON EDIT

Urges Immediate Action To Get Two London Members.

LIBERALS STIRRED

Dennis Questions Power of Dr. Stevenson To Achieve Anything.

G. Howard Ferguson's proclamation

that the Conservative group in the legislature "will fight to the last ditch" against the Drury redistribution proposal arouses the ratepayers of all classes in the city, who point out significantly that the abandonment of the scheme will mean that London will be unjustly deprived of fair representation for another four years at least.

"London should have two members, at least," Mayor Wenige declared today in his most vigorous manner, discussing the latest Ferguson edit from the capital. "How are we going to get this? Is it to be supposed that the member from Algoma or North Bay will fight our battles? Why, of course not. The members of the legislature are naturally interested or should be, in the welfare of their own constituency. That's what we have a member here for, I should imagine.

Wenige Talks.

"Here is what I would propose, however: Let a body of public-spirited citizens of London—say 100 of them, if possible—go down to the government in a body, and say: 'Come on, now; we are entitled to two, or even three, members. You have to go after these things. Your local member should do something. The council passed a resolution last night, but Dr. Stevenson should follow it up.'

"Pretty tough," was the comment from Ald. Edmund Hayden, relative to the "last ditch" proposal from the Conservative camp. "This redistribution bill should not be blocked now. London should at least have two members, if not three, when we consider the ratio of representation for the counties."

As president of the local Conservative Association, E. R. Dennis naturally enough leaned to the defence of the provincial leader.

"What do we actually know about this redistribution proposal?" he questioned. "We have no assurance that we are going to have an additional member for London, as we are entitled to. Why, to my mind, the mere fact that the local member, Dr. Stevenson, promises that he will fight for increased representation is ample evidence that they won't get it. We may even lose the one we have, for all we know."

"Every time that Dr. Stevenson has ever gone after or asked for London has been defeated by his own government."

Council Acts.

In the meanwhile, members of the city council, at the instigation of Ald. William A. Wilson, prominently identified with the Conservative party, are furthering their campaign for another member for London.

Ald. Gordon Drake and other well-known and acknowledged members of the party, voted enthusiastically last night for the following resolution, unaware, of course, that almost at the same moment their leader in the house, G. Howard Ferguson, was announcing confidently "that redistribution as proposed by the Drury administration would be combatted to the last ditch."

"That in view of a redistribution of seats in the local legislature, and the fact that the city of London has insufficient representation in comparison with other ridings in the provincial and Dominion parliaments, 'Be it resolved' That the city council request the chamber of commerce and the trades and labor council to join with the council in urging the governments to grant London the representation it is justly entitled to."

WM. PENNINGTON DIES.

Canadian Press Despatch. Hamilton, Ont., April 17.—Suffering a severe attack of seasickness on his way from England to visit his daughter, William Pennington, aged 69, was operated upon on arrival here Friday and died today.

Alberta Coal Deliveries

Deliveries of Alberta coal to the 100 houses listed in The Advertiser yesterday will be completed today.

Reports of the experiences of the householders who are testing The Advertiser's shipment will be published as received.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.

Today—Light to moderate winds; fair; a little higher temperature.

Wednesday—Light to moderate winds; fine and milder.

Pressure is relatively low in the Middle Pacific States, Alberta and Eastern Canada. Elsewhere it is normal or a little above.

A few light snowfalls or flurries have occurred in Ontario and Quebec, and snow and rain in the Maritime Provinces.

In the West the weather has been fine and quite warm in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Temperatures.

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

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	54	46	Cloudy
Calgary	52	42	Clear
Winnipeg	42	34	Clear
Port Arthur	44	32	Cloudy
Sault Ste. Marie	36	18	Cloudy
Toronto	46	33	Cloudy
Kingston	38	28	Snow
Ottawa	40	32	Cloudy
Montreal	42	34	Cloudy
Quebec	40	32	Cloudy
Father Point	38	28	Snow
St. John's	34	24	Fair
Halifax	34	24	Cloudy

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were:

Highest, 42; lowest, 31.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Highest, 34; lowest, 27.

Barometric Readings.

Monday—3 p.m., 29.96.