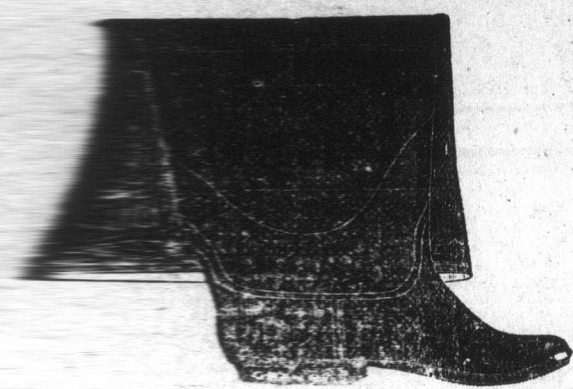


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We have not the time or space to sermonize on the why or wherefor of this **Monster, Money-Saving, Going-Out-of-Business-Sale**. Suffice it to say that Mr. Geo. W. Cowan has business interests which will take him out of Chatham shortly. He cannot leave his stock behind, and therein lies the cause of this ruthless slaughter of prices. **The Stock must be sold—and sold quickly.** Take opportunity by the forelock, and be with the crowd who will reap a bountiful harvest of big bargains at Cowan's during the coming weeks. If you need a pair of Shoes here's your chance to get the very best in town at the Going-Out-of-Business prices. Buy an extra pair anyway. The quality you get at low prices will make your heart rejoice. Here are some of the exceptional opportunities which are awaiting you at Cowan's Store.

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PROBABILITIES.

Special per G. N. W.

Toronto, Feb. 20.—11 a. m.—West-erly to northerly winds, fair and considerably colder. Thursday, fair and considerably colder.

LOCAL

F. H. Brisco is spending the day in Detroit.

Le A. Brown, of Aymer, was a city visitor yesterday.

W. Park, of the News staff, leaves for Toronto to-day.

Dan Donovan has purchased the Glassford House feed stables.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith spent Sunday with friends in Ridgeway.

I. Tester, of Queen street, is quite seriously ill at his home with la grippe.

Miss Cocksley left this morning for Toronto, where she will spend the week.

A. H. White is in Toronto, attending the annual meeting of the Fair Association.

Councillor Denholm, of Blenheim, was in Chatham on business yesterday in the city.

Warden S. Somers, of Wallaceburg, was in the city on business yesterday.

Alvin Parnham left this morning for Toronto and Guelph, where he will visit friends.

Miss Lott Morris left this morning for Toronto, where she will spend a few days.

Wanted—A good farm to work on shares. Dover Township preferred. Address L. L., Box 297, Chatham.

Miss Lee, trained nurse, of Chatham, daughter of J. Lee of Highgate, will leave for Winnipeg next week.

Litter of admittance in the estate of the late Catharine Walker have been granted to A. J. Walker.

Probate of the will of the late William Balmer, has been granted to H. McLaughlin and George B. Watson.

L. Field, Emma's son, left yesterday for Moose Jaw, where he will spend the summer.

Miss Emma Rutledge has left for Toronto, where she will attend the Victoria Convention.

W. Trimble, of Essex, is in the city on business. While here Mr. Trimble is the guest of W. Shillington.

In all probability a couple of games of the city league series will be played off to-morrow night at the rink. Arrangements are now being made.

Mrs. W. T. Peck and little daughter Dena, of Blenheim, are the guests of Mrs. A. Shillington, Wellington street.

Dr. G. T. McKough passed a comfortable night, and is now making good progress toward a rapid recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Elgie, of Camden, have returned to their home after a few days' visit with friends in the city.

There is some talk of the D. A. C. hockey team of Detroit meeting the Tilbury hockey team on the local rink. This game will be the \$100,000 bet between the two teams.

The wedding is announced to take place this afternoon of Miss Ethel Weaver, of this city, to Mr. Corby, of Raleigh. The event will be solemnized at the residence of I. E. Weaver.

Park Bros. received the contract yesterday for a 150 horse power boiler for the Essex Canning and Preserving Co. of Toronto. This boiler is to be put in their factory at Essex, and is a duplicate of the one furnished to them by the same firm two years ago. The firm is now doubling the capacity of their plant.

Assistant Analyst McGill did not arrive in the city this afternoon as expected. It is thought that the department probably received the samples of gas sent from Chatham, before Mr. McGill's departure from Ottawa, and decided to make a test of the gas there.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ladd, Grey street, entertained Tuesday evening at each in honor of their guests, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Cartier, of the Lighthouse. The special feature of the evening was the presentation of a beautiful carving set to Mr. and Mrs. Cartier by a few of their intimate friends of the city.

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HIS RETALIATION

Mr. Fowler Makes a Threat to Expose Private Lives of Cabinet Ministers and Private Members.

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—A sensational scene occurred in the House yesterday afternoon, precipitated by a reference by Duncan Ross to the western land deals of George W. Fowler, M.P.

Duncan Ross (Liberal, British Columbia), referred to Mr. Fowler's investments in western lands, and Mr. Fowler challenged him to proceed. "Go ahead," he cried excitedly, "we will show your connection with Jim Hill."

Mr. Fowler not only answered Mr. Ross with considerable vigor, but startled the House by charging that Hon. Mr. Hyman was out of the House because of something discreditable in his private life, and followed this with the statement that he (Mr. Fowler) was prepared to expose the lives of Liberal members of the House, "including Ministers of the Crown, and their connection with wine, women and graft."

The House was a bedlam for 15 minutes, the Opposition wildly cheering Mr. Fowler throughout his speech. Mr. Foster and Mr. Bennett were intensely worked up, and challenged Mr. Ross to bring on his charges.

The serious accusations of Mr. Fowler have caused no end of gossip, and the effect upon the Government of declining to accept his challenge can hardly be overestimated.

This occurred when the House was in committee on Mr. Lemieux's bill to prevent strikes and lockouts. After debate by Mr. Barker (Hamilton), Mr. Monk (Conservative, Quebec), Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and Mr. Lemieux, it was decided to keep the bill in committee, but the question as to including railway employees is to be reserved for the present.

LITTLE—McNAUGHTON

A quiet but pretty wedding took place yesterday morning at eleven o'clock at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Dane Colby, of William street, when their daughter, Mrs. Minnie E. McNaughton, was united in marriage to Thomas M. Little, of Ann Arbor, Mich. Rev. Mr. Rutledge officiated.

The bride is well and favorably known both in this city and in Blenheim, where she resided for some time prior to coming here.

Mr. and Mrs. Little left on the 12.55 train yesterday for Florida, where they will reside for the remainder of the winter.

THE THAW TRIAL

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White and "other scoundrels" lured young girls, was called in evidence.

Mrs. Thaw identified forty-two letters which she said were in the handwriting of Stanford White. The letters were not offered in evidence, but Mr. Delmas will attempt later to get them into the case.

Mr. Delmas said one letter, which was written by Mrs. Nesbitt subsequent to Thaw's proposal for the hand of her daughter, tended to show a condition impressed upon the defendant's mind.

"The letter shows Thaw paid honorable court to this girl and with her mother's consent," continued Mr. Delmas. "He was a welcome wooer, as I understand it," said Mr. Jerome, "this man came to Mrs. Nesbitt and made a definite cash proposition."

Angry or Irrational? Mrs. Caine, who was the only other witness of the day, testified to over-hearing Harry Thaw ask Mrs. Nesbitt for her daughter's hand in 1903. She also testified as to how Harry Thaw acted when he saw Stanford White. She declared he appeared angry.

"As a man in the face of his enemy might appear," suggested Mr. Jerome, on cross-examination.

"Yes," replied the witness. Mr. Delmas asked if she did not mean that Thaw's conduct in the presence of White was "irrational." She said she did. To Mr. Jerome she again said he appeared angry, however.

Mrs. Caine testified that Thaw had told Mrs. Nesbitt that he would provide for her and her son always if she would consent to her daughter's marriage to him. Mrs. Nesbitt promised to do her best to have Evelyn consent.

Charlton Murder Verdict. Toronto, Feb. 20.—Coroner Young last night concluded the inquest into the shooting of Mrs. Mary Charlton. The jury brought in a verdict that she died from bullet wounds inflicted by John Raymond.

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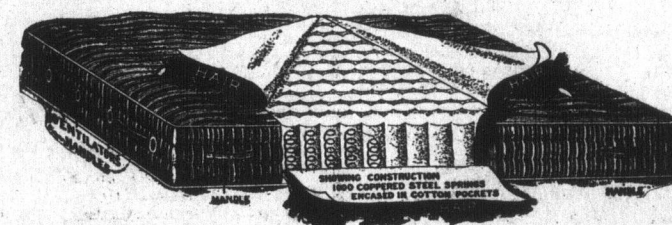
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