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WOMAN FOUND DEAD IN BARN WITH SKULL TERRIBLY SMASHED CORONER ORDERS AN INQUEST

Mrs. James C. Jenkins, Wife of a Well-To-Do Farmer, Dies as the Result of an Attack by a Vicious Horse, It Is Alleged—Rumors Afloat Cause the Authorities To Order an Investigation Into the Case.

HUSBAND SEEN BY THE ADVERTISER

Gave His Story of the Affair to a Reporter This Morning—
Last He Saw of His Wife She Was Washing Pans—
Boy Who Fed the Horse Apparently Failed
to Close the Door of the Stall.

Mrs. James C. Jenkins, the wife of Mr. James C. Jenkins, a farmer, living on lot 13, concession 8, London Township, was found dead in the stable yesterday afternoon by her husband, death presumably having resulted from an attack by a horse.

Dr. MacNeill, of St. Johns, was hastily summoned, but the woman was dead when he arrived.

Sensational rumors were afloat, however, and Dr. MacNeill, after making full inquiries, deemed an inquest necessary.

The neighborhood is wrought up over the occurrence, and all sorts of rumors are flying.

The Husband's Story.
Yesterday afternoon, according to the story of Mr. Jenkins, he was working in the field, when he noticed a stallion, which he owned, running loose. He knew that it was extremely unusual for the animal to be out, and immediately went to the stable and drove it in. When he got in the stable he found his wife, he says, lying bleeding, unconscious in the passageway behind the stall.

Dr. MacNeill was called, was summoned and informed that the woman was dead. She had been removed to the house.

Woman's Head Smashed.
Upon examination he found the woman's head badly smashed. The left side of the skull was caved in, and the scalp torn off for a space as big as a man's hand. There were wounds on the left eye, and on the top and back of the head.

Death would have followed in a few minutes after the accident happened.

Dr. MacNeill interviewed.
An alleged foul play story was current last evening and this morning and Dr. MacNeill was interviewed by The Advertiser.

"Yesterday afternoon I was summoned to the home of Mr. Jenkins, and was informed that Mrs. Jenkins had been trampled by a horse," he stated. "I drove as rapidly as I could to the place and on arriving I was told that she was dead."

"I found the skull smashed on the left side and wounds on the right eye, top of the head and base of the skull."

The explanation is that the woman went into the stable, and the stallion attacked her, crushing her scalp with his teeth.

Mrs. Jenkins was about forty years of age. There are several children in the family.

The funeral will be held on Sunday at 2:30 o'clock. Interment will be made in St. John's Cemetery.

Fatal Injuries.
The injuries were fatal. Ugly rumors were afloat about the relations existing between Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins, and, as coroner, I made the fullest possible investigation.

"On what I was told, and what I saw, I considered it the interests of justice to order an inquest."

"Wishing to avoid the difficulty that arose in the Kinross case, in which the consulting physician was barred from presiding as coroner as his evidence was material to the case, I consulted High Constable Hughes and Crown Attorney McKillop, and it was decided to call Dr. R. Ferguson, coroner of London. He will go out and make an investigation at once."

Inquest Ordered.

When the alleged facts of the case were laid before Crown Attorney McKillop he at once ordered an inquest.

CZAR AT CHERBOURG

Nicholas Welcomed to France by President Fallieres.

Cherbourg, July 31.—A French naval division, consisting of the armored cruisers Marsellaise, Admiral Aube and Gueydon, and twelve paddle boats, under the command of Admiral Aubert, met the Russian yacht Standard, which has the Russian imperial family on board, at Cape Grisez, today, and escorted it here. President Fallieres, on board the cruiser Galilea, met the Russian warships at the entrance to the roadstead, where he went on board the Standard, and extended to the Russian Emperor and Empress the French welcome.

The president, with their majesties, then returned to the Galilea, and the brilliant sea procession steamed into the harbor amid the booming of guns from the ships and forts. Their majesties will dine with President Fallieres on board the French battleship Verite tonight. Afterward they will witness from the deck of the warship a wonderful Venetian fete, consisting

MANY INFANTS DIED DURING THE MONTH

Tuberculosis as Usual Exacted a Heavy Toll in July—
Pneumonia Also.

INCREASE IN MARRIAGES

Stork Left Quite a Few Youngsters in the Homes of London—City Clerk's Statistics.

According to the vital statistics compiled by City Clerk Baker, the month of July was particularly hard on infants, no less than 14 babies, out of a total of 47 deaths for the month, succumbing.

A number of the them died from cholera infantum and kindred ailments.

The number of deaths for the month shows an increase over July, 1908, when 35 died, as compared with 47 this year.

Tuberculosis Busy.
Tuberculosis got in its deadly work as usual, five deaths from this disease being recorded. Pneumonia also was prevalent, four deaths being the toll exacted.

The percentage of old people dying was quite small. There were nine recorded, whose ages were above the allotted span of three score years and ten.

Stork on the Job.
The stork was comparatively busy, visiting 84 homes during July. This is an increase of but three over July, 1908.

Dan Cupid is getting busier, and 52 marriages were recorded during the month. This is 23 more than in 1908, rather an ominous number, but showing, however, an improvement in conditions.

DRUGGED AND ROBBED ON RAILWAY TRAIN

Chicago Man Lies in a Critical State in a Toronto Hospital

Toronto, July 31.—Unable to speak, and in a serious condition, Ernest Genov, of 1427 North Holmsted street, Chicago, is in St. Michael's Hospital suffering from a blow on the back of the head. He was given a pad when he arrived at the hospital and wrote on it that he had been drugged and robbed on a train coming from Hamilton about 3 o'clock this morning. He also said he got his injuries in Hamilton, and was attacked by a pugilist. He claims he lost \$80. It is feared he may die.

WELL! WELL! WOULD YOU LISTEN TO THIS!

The Weather Man Says July of This Year Was Cooler Than Same Month of 1908.

The monthly weather report issued from the local observatory, shows that July of this year was cooler than in 1908, and that the rainfall was about one-third as heavy.

During the month just ended 1.11 inches of rain fell, while in July of last year there were 3.35 inches—over three times as much.

The lowest on the 6th, the temperature being 42.5 on that day. The highest and lowest readings for the same month a year ago were 93.5 and 47.5.

A PLUCKY CATCH OF RUNAWAY HORSE

Mr. Ed. Cavanaugh Made a Hit With the Crowd on the Market Today.

A horse attached to a light democrat wagon owned by a farmer named Weir, from Parkhill, and in charge of Mr. Weir's young son, took flight on the market this morning and for a time it was thought that many people in the crowded square would be injured. The horse jumped from the seat as the animal dashed through the weigh scales and was unhurt.

A moment later the runaway was thrown, the rig being turned completely over.

Mr. Cavanaugh, who was standing at the side of the scales, secured a hold on the bridle as the horse came by, throwing it to the ground as it turned toward the crowd.

The harness was badly smashed and the wagon damaged.

INGERSOLL BOY CANNOT BE FOUND

Detroit, Mich., July 31.—Richard A. Norman, of Ingersoll, Ont., is seeking information that will lead to the recovery of his boy, Ellis Norman, who disappeared from his home on July 28. The father is convinced the boy has gone on one of the lake boats. A reward of \$50 is offered for information regarding the missing boy.

Small Fire.

The firemen were called this morning to the residence of Mrs. Barretto, 7 Cavendish street, west London, where a stove pipe caused a fire which did \$50 damage to the kitchen.

The Late Miss Simons.

The funeral of Miss Florence Simons who died at Victoria Hospital Thursday, was held this afternoon from the residence of her parents. Interment was made in Mount Pleasant Cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Whiting, of the First Methodist Church.

LONDON'S POPULATION WILL NOT LIKELY REACH 50,000 MARK

Assessment Commissioner Grant Says the Returns From War 1 and 2 Are Disappointing—A Vote on Sunday Cars in January Next Seems Out of the Question.

The population of the City of London will not reach 50,000 when the census is completed.

That is the opinion of Assessment Commissioner Grant, who has completed the assessment of ward 2.

This ward will show a considerable decrease in population, much more than was anticipated.

The outlying portions of the ward showed an increase, but the downtown, or business section, shows a great dropping off.

Not 50,000 People.
"We will not have 50,000 population this year," said Mr. Grant. "I expected that we would, but the late returns from Ward 2 do not improve conditions. The boarding-house section shows a great falling off, so great

that the ward will show no increase, but rather a considerable decrease. I do not expect that we will have 50,000 population. It will probably be some under that."

Same in Ward 1.
"The same is true of Ward 1. The outlying sections, especially South London, show an increase, but the business section, and the boarding houses will show a decrease."

"The districts adjacent to the city are building up very fast, especially in Chelsea, Green and near the Hamilton road."

"They must be fed from the parent stem, and that is causing some fluctuation in our population."

Thus the chances of a vote on Sunday cars are very slim.

BIG POWER STATION CONTRACT WILL BE AWARDED NEXT WEEK

Meeting Will Be Held in Toronto to Consider the Tenders for the Necessary Work—It Is Now Up to London to Say What Shall Be Done Regarding Niagara Power for This City.

[Special to the Advertiser.]
Toronto, July 31.—The contracts for the transformer station for London will be let in Toronto on Wednesday next.

The tenders are practically all in at the present time, work will be commenced at once, and will be hurried to completion.

This announcement will have an important bearing on the local power situation and may influence the council on Monday evening when dealing with this question.

Tenders for other stations will also be considered at the same time.

SHOT PRIESTS AT ALTAR STEPS

Incredible Ferocity of Maddened Mobs of Barcelona.

WHITNEY MAY NOW INTERFERE

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BRAND NEW MOVE TO GOVERN CITY

Real Estate Gives a List to the Advertiser of Possible Candidates.

STATUS BEING PROBED A BOARD OF CONTROL

Is Favored in Order to Expedite Business—Names of Those Whom Some Believe Should Run for Office.

At the present time the Real Estate Owners are looking into the question of government by commission or a board of control. Such a plan has been most successful in Galveston, Texas, and other American cities, and the association is taking the matter up with Galveston people, and after obtaining all the information possible will lay it before the citizens. In Galveston the municipal work is all in the hands of these men, and according to the best authorities the system is one of the most economical ever devised.

"We are going to investigate thoroughly," a member of the R. E. O. A. told the Advertiser today.

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MISS ANNIE ARCHER,
Well-Known London Lady Missionary,
Who Is Stationed at Osaka, Japan,
Which Is Being Destroyed by
Great Fire.

A LONDON MISSIONARY IN BURNING OSAKA

Miss Annie Archer Stationed at Osaka, Which Is Being Fire-Swept

The dispatches from Japan this morning telling of the great fire at Osaka, which threatens to destroy the entire city, are of special interest to Londoners, as Miss Annie L. Archer, a native of this city, resides in Osaka, where she represents the Canadian Church Missionary Society. Miss Archer has been stationed there for several years, returning some time ago after a furlough. Miss Archer is widely known throughout Ontario, having addressed many meetings during her last furlough.

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FLAMES RAZING A GREAT CITY OF MIKADO

Osaka, Japan, Is Being Swept by an Immense Conflagration.

FAMOUS TEMPLE IS DOOMED

One of the Imperial Cities With a Population 750,000 May Be Completely Destroyed.

Osaka, Japan, July 31.—A fire which threatens to destroy this city started at 4 o'clock this morning, and in spite of the most energetic efforts to check it, it is still burning. The firemen who have been fighting all day, are completely exhausted, and troops have been called out to assist in fighting the flames and to preserve order in the city. Everything is dry on account of the drought, and the water supply is falling. The fire is being fanned by a strong breeze, and thousands of buildings, including the world-famous Buddhist Temple, already have been destroyed. The total loss will be large. A number have been killed and seriously injured by the fire.

Osaka is one of the three "imperial cities" of Japan, and is one of the most important manufacturing and commercial cities of the empire. It shelters almost three-quarters of a million people.

The Buddhist Temple, for which the city is famous among travellers, covers an enormous area. The chief public building of Osaka is the palace built of stone in 1553.

BUILDING CONTINUES TO BOOM IN LONDON

Permits in July Totalled in Value \$71,008—Over Double That of Same Month Last Year.

Building continues to boom in the city. During the month of July there were 56 permits issued for a total of \$71,008. This is over twice the total for July, 1908, when twelve permits were issued by City Engineer Graydon for a total of \$34,600.

The permits now number over 500 for the first seven months, and total \$68,797. Before the year is out the amount of building is expected to reach nearly \$800,000.

The most important building for which permits were taken out during the month was for the Worley road school.

MARINA CAN HOLD OUT UNTIL HELP ARRIVES

Has Seventeen Thousand Men and Strong Batteries to Defend Melilla.

Paris, July 31.—The Matin correspondent who has just arrived at Melilla, Morocco, telegraphs that General Marina, commander of the Spanish forces on the Riff Coast, says he can easily hold his position until the arrival of reinforcements, when again he will take the offensive.

The correspondent says that the Spanish force is composed of 17,500 men which will be brought up to 23,500 when General Perros' brigade arrives, and two batteries of sixty millimetre guns and six mountain batteries. He declares it is impossible even to estimate the losses sustained by the Spaniards in the big battle of July 27, as the dead were not identified and were buried in the common trenches on the field. About 800 wounded men were counted as they were being brought into Melilla on stretchers. Many soldiers were reported missing.

Out of one company composed of thirty men only 23 reported after the battle.

The correspondent was struck by the apparent indifference of the people of Melilla.

Gen. Marina did not attend the funeral of Gen. Pintos, whose body was followed to the grave by less than one hundred persons.

FIVE DAYS LOST TURNS UP O. K.

Port Arthur, July 30.—Ald. George Horrigan, who separated from two companions five days ago and has since been lost in the woods near here was rescued today. Mr. Horrigan lived on berries, of which there was an immense quantity in the forest, and seems none the worse for his experience.