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SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. GEO. BURNS, CUSTOMS COLLECTOR

Expired from Heart Disease While Sitting at Desk in His Office—Was Resident for Forty Years.

Mr. George Burns, collector of customs for the port of London, died at 10:30 o'clock this morning, while attending to his duties in his office at the custom house.

The end came with awful suddenness. The collector's office is situated to the right of the main hallway, and



Photo by Frank Cooper.
THE LATE GEORGE BURNS.

At the west end of the building, immediately off the long room. The clerks there were busy with their duties, and were not noticing Mr. Burns, who was sorting papers on his desk.

At this moment Victor Short went into the collector's office to secure some street car tickets, as he was about to deliver some messages in different parts of the city. He noticed the collector sitting in his chair, staring vacantly ahead, and he thought Mr. Burns was looking into a mirror on the west wall. Then he heard a deep groan, and, boylike, he fled from the room. He rushed into the long room and informed Messrs. Talbot, Brady and others, who instantly went to Mr. Burns' assistance. The latter was seated in his chair, with his head resting on his chest, and death plainly written on his countenance.

Three doctors were immediately summoned. Dr. John D. Wilson was the first to arrive, but he could do nothing, the collector dying a minute after his arrival. Then Dr. C. T. Campbell and Dr. Wishart arrived. An examination by the physicians showed that death had resulted from heart disease.

In Poor Health for Two Years.

Mr. Burns had been troubled with his heart for over two years. At times his condition was regarded as dangerous, and two weeks ago he suffered a most severe spell.

When he arose this morning he complained of feeling unwell, but he determined to go to the office. When he arrived there he looked pale and worn as though he had slept poorly, and several of the clerks inquired as to how he felt.

"I'm in very bad condition," he said, as he held his hand to his chest, "very bad, indeed."

Some of his friends advised him to go home again, as his breathing was labored, but he persisted in remaining at his post. The next they knew of his illness was when the frightened

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BANWELL LANDED IN TORONTO JAIL

The Defaulting Teller and Wife Plead Not Guilty to Big Theft.

Toronto, March 1.—George Banwell, the defaulting Crown Bank teller, was landed in jail this morning by Detective Black on arrival of a C. P. R. train from Montreal. Upon arrival in the city, Mrs. Banwell, who voluntarily accompanied her husband from Jamaica, was also placed in custody. It is not likely the case will be proved against her. She got bail in \$5,000 bonds. Both appeared in court, pleaded not guilty, and were remanded till Monday.

SPORT FOR ARTHUR

Game Laws of British Columbia Prevent His Shooting.

Ottawa, March 1.—Prince Arthur of Connaught, who is a genuine sportsman, was desirous of obtaining some hunting in the Rockies, but the provincial game laws of British Columbia are against him. At the time of his arrival in British Columbia the close season for all kinds of deer, elk, moose, mountain goat and mountain sheep will be on, and all that the prince would be able to hunt without violating the law will be bears and panthers. It is therefore likely, to overcome the difficulty, a permit will be issued by the Minister of the Interior to permit the royal visitor having two or three days' hunting in the Rocky Mountain Park at Banff.

BAD BROOKLYN BLAZE

Thirty People in Peril and \$40,000 Damage Done.

New York, March 1.—The lives of more than 30 persons were endangered and property valued at \$40,000 was destroyed by a fire in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn early today. The fire started in a three-story furnished room house at 26 Throop avenue, and quickly communicated to a similar structure adjoining and to the six-story brick factory building. The occupants of the lodging houses were forced to flee in scanty attire from the flames. With the exception of one woman all the occupants escaped uninjured. She was overcome by smoke, but was rescued. Both houses and the factory building were badly damaged.

C. P. R. ADDS TO ITS LAKE FLEET

Toronto, March 1.—Mr. Frederic Nicholls, president of the Canadian Shipbuilding Company, stated this morning that Mr. A. Angstrom, the general manager, had just returned from Montreal, where he had secured an order for a passenger and freight steamer for the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's upper lake service.

The steamer will be of the most modern

THIRTY PERISH IN NORTH SEA

Cable Breaks During Gale and Steamer Is Blown Ashore.

Haugesund, Norway, March 1.—Thirty men were drowned last night by the wreck, between Haugesund and Bergen, of the Norwegian coasting steamer Thor. The vessel's cable broke during a hurricane, and she was blown ashore and sank. Only three of her crew were saved.

DOESN'T KNOW HIM

Rice Denies Story of His Familiarity With Jones.

New York, March 1.—Mayor H. Baldwin Rice, of Houston, Texas, was a witness in the hearing today on the motion for a new trial for Albert T. Patrick, who is under sentence of death for the murder of William Marsh Rice, the Texas millionaire. The mayor is a nephew of the murdered man.

Mayor Rice denied the statements made by Minnie Gallard, one of the witnesses for Patrick's counsel, who had testified that she overheard a conversation between Mayor Rice and Charles F. Jones, Millionaire Rice's former valet, while the mayor and Jones were riding in a trolley car in Houston.

"Did you ever sit in a street car with Charles F. Jones?" asked District Attorney Jerome, who had called him as a witness.

"No, sir," replied the mayor; "I don't know him."

BIG SALE OF BANK SHARES

Bank Sells \$2,031,250 Worth to Berlin Institution.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, Ont., March 1.—At a special meeting of the Sovereign Bank yesterday the sale of 15,625 shares to the Dredner Bank of Berlin, one of the largest monetary institutions in the fatherland, was indorsed. This represents a cash transaction of \$2,031,250. The increase of the capitalization to \$4,000,000 was also indorsed. The Dredner Bank has paid up capital and surplus of over \$10,000,000. The deal was put through by J. Pierpont Morgan, who since organization of the bank, has had few shares.

ern type for the lake business, and will have a sustained speed of sixteen miles an hour. It will be 350 feet long by 44 feet beam, and will be propelled by quadruple expansion engines of great power.

The passenger accommodation will be most complete. The construction of the steamer will be proceeded with immediately, the vessel to be ready for the opening of navigation next year.

Electricity Blinds

Chicago, March 1.—Universal blindness is to be humanity's tribute to electricity, is the theory expressed by Dr. H. Preston Pratt. Eye specialists have been the first to discover the corroding effects of the electrical currents being generated by millions of dynamos in every corner of the civilized globe, explained the professor. Day or night we are never free from their influence, he said. The eyes, the most delicate portion of the human body, will suffer first. Dr. Pratt cited the increasing prevalence of failing eyesight. Later will come a gradual sensitizing and burning of the hands.

The wavering of the incandescent globe, the sputtering brightness of the arc light, the glaring white of the vacuum tube were specified as the agencies which already have made the Americans a spectacled and blinking nation.

The shock from a telephone battery, the spark of a "jumped" trolley pole, the snap and crackle of the power station dynamo and motor were cited as stronger, but less ever present contributors to the same effect.

A SPEED EXPERIMENT

British Sailors Will Be Rushed from England to Vancouver.

London, March 1.—Two hundred sailors leave on the steamship Lake Manitoba on the 13th of March for Vancouver, as an experiment of the admiralty as to how speedily, in the case of necessity, troops can be transported to the far east.

HAD HAND LACERATED

Wm. Pratt, of Hill Street, Met With Severe Accident.

William Pratt, of Hill street east, an employee of the Columbia Handle Company, had his hand caught in a machine while at work yesterday, with the result that it was badly lacerated. Dr. W. J. Stevenson dressed the injury. It will prevent Mr. Pratt attending to his work for a month at least.

BOXER TENNY DEAD

Fought at 'Frisco Last Night for Bantamweight Championship.

San Francisco, March 1.—Harry Tenny, who was knocked out last night by Frankie Nelli, the bantam champion pugilist, died today.

VISITED WHISKY ROW

And Became Helplessly Drunk on Three Glasses of Ale.

At the police court this morning George White and Ernest Ellis pleaded guilty to stealing several pairs of shoes from a Grand Trunk freight car. They claimed that they did not break the car open. They were remanded a week for sentence.

A drunk was up for the first time, and was discharged. He had been visiting whisky row and was as near a dead one as possible, although he said he had only three glasses of ale. In many ways his case was similar to that of Henderson who died in the cells. This man was completely paralyzed, very little pulse, and hardly a sign of respiration. This morning he did not remember anything about it. It is suspected that he was doped.

ousting Yankee Silver

Work of Collecting It for Shipment to Washington Begun.

As already reported in dispatches from Ottawa, the ousting of American silver coins from Canada commences today. The finance department has completed arrangements with the banks for the collection of all the foreign silver in circulation. The banks will forward it to Ottawa, and from there it will be sent to Washington and exchanged for gold, the banks to be paid three-eighths of 1 per cent for silver turned in. It is calculated there are \$800,000 of United States silver circulating in Canada. When this is replaced by Canadian coins the seigniorage profit to the Government will be something over \$40,000, depending upon the condition of the silver bullion market.

No Ice in Straits.

Quebec, Que., Feb. 28.—As an evidence of the remarkably open weather Mr. U. Gregory, Quebec agent of the marine and fisheries department, received a telegram today from P. J. Colton, lighthouse keeper at the Straits of Belle Isle, announcing that the Straits were practically clear of ice.

Montreal's Customs Returns.

Montreal, Feb. 28.—Montreal customs collections for February amounted to \$1,015,811, against \$879,171 for February of 1905, an increase of \$136,640.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

Steamer	Reported at	From
Francesca	New York	Trieste
Texonic	New York	Liverpool
Liguria	New York	Naples
Dominican	Liverpool	Portland
Nebraskan	Mobile	St. John
Ethiopia	Mobile	St. John
Ivernia	Queenstown	Boston
Majestic	Queenstown	New York
Cassel	Havre	New York
Quebec	Bremen	New York
Lake Manitoba	Liverpool	St. John

PLOT TO MURDER QUEEN MARGARITA

Royal Automobile Tour of United States Canceled.

FEAR NEW JERSEY ANARCHISTS

Assassins Who Killed Humbert Prepared to Take the Life of His Widow.

New York, March 1.—A Washington dispatch to the Herald, says that while it was impossible to obtain confirmation last night at the Italian embassy, it is reported at the capital that the sudden change in the plan for a tour by the Dowager Queen of Italy in the United States is due to disclosure of a plot to kill her majesty conceived by the anarchist group, whose headquarters are at Paterson, N. J. In that city was arranged the successful conspiracy to assassinate King Humbert, of which Bresci was the instrument. It is said at Washington, the dispatch asserts, that the Italian consul-general in New York and the embassy were warned that there was peril for the queen in the projected American automobile tour.

An investigation, it is announced, disclosed the fact that there was sufficient basis to justify the authorities at Washington in cautioning the Government at Rome that the trip would be dangerous.

For her American trip, it was said, that a fine machine had been ordered.

PETERBORO WINS ROUND

Has a Lead of One Goal Over the Parry Sound Seven.

Parry Sound defeated Peterboro at Parry Sound last night in the fastest game of the season in that town. The game was one of the semi-finals of the intermediate series by a score of 9 to 6. The half-time score was 5 to 3.

Peterboro defeated the Northerners at Peterboro by a score of 8 to 4, thus winning the round by 14 to 13. It is likely that Goderich and Peterboro will play a sudden death game in Toronto for the championship.

GIBSON—ARTMAIER

A Former Londoner Wedded to a Chicago Young Lady.

The marriage is announced at Chicago of Mr. Ralph C. Gibson, son of Mr. Wm. Gibson, this city, manager of Oak Hall, and Miss Charlotte Artmaier, eldest daughter of Mr. J. Artmaier. The ceremony was performed at the Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church by the pastor, Rev. J. Norris Hall.

The bride was supported by her sister, Miss Olive Artmaier, and the groom by his brother, Mr. Frank Gibson, also of Chicago. The young couple received many useful gifts, including a set of solid silver cutlery from the employees of Marshall Field & Co., where the groom is employed, and a very handsome dining-room suite from the parents of the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibson will be at home after May 1 at 204 North Hermitage avenue, Chicago.

THE KINGSTON SYSTEM

Sir Frederick Borden to Appoint Investigation Committee.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, March 1.—Carrying out his promise of yesterday at the artillery meeting, Sir Frederick Borden has decided to appoint a committee to investigate the charges against the system of teaching at Kingston, General Lake will be chairman.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Milder, With Rain.

London, Thursday, March 1.
Sun rises, 6:55 a.m. Moon rises, 10:12 a.m.
Sun sets, 6:46 p.m. Moon sets, 12:30 a.m.
Toronto, Feb. 28—8 p.m.
Minimum and maximum temperatures:
Dawson, 2 below—10; Victoria, 34—50;
Vancouver, 36—45; Edmonton, 16—29;
Calgary, 8—38; Qu'Appelle, 8—20; Winnipeg, 14—32; Parry Sound, zero—22; Parry Sound, 10 below—10; Toronto, 5—18; Ottawa, 4 below—10; Montreal, 4 below—20; Quebec, 8 below—8; Halifax, 14—32.

Thursday, March 1—8 a.m.
Today and Friday—Milder, with light snowfalls, turning to sleet or rain.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	20	12	Cloudy
Winnipeg	16	14	Cloudy
Parry Sound	2	10	Cloudy
Toronto	14	10	Snow
Ottawa	0	0	Fair
Montreal	2	0	Clear
Quebec	6	8	Clear
Father Point	2	4	Cloudy

The sign—indicates below zero.

THE SEVERE STORM which prevailed yesterday has now passed into the Straits of Belle Isle. A marked disturbance this morning covers the Southwest States, and the weather has become colder again in the Northwest Provinces.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Wednesday were: Highest, 19.5°; lowest, 10° above.

SNAP SHOTS AT SCHOOL CHILDREN

When the little girl whose picture is reproduced today was photographed

by The Advertiser man, she was enjoying a hearty laugh with a number of companions. A prize of one dollar will be paid her if she calls at this office, and presents a copy of the paper between 5:30 and 6 o'clock tomorrow.

Arthur Hessel, 11 years old, son of Mr. Rudolph Hessel, 60 Pipe Line road, South London, is the school boy whose picture was published on Tuesday. Arthur is a pupil in grade IV.A of Victoria school, and when photographed he was in front of a store near the school. He was not aware that he had been taken. He called yesterday afternoon and received his prize.



SNAPSHOT NUMBER NINE.

A PROBLEM YET TO BE SOLVED

How Will P. M. Trains Get to G. T. R. Depot, When Later's Tracks Are Elevated.

Engineer Crowley, of the Grand Trunk Railway, today secured plans of the sewers and water mains adjacent to the Grand Trunk along Bathurst street, so as to assist the company in preparing the plans for the general improvements contemplated this summer.

Ald. Garratt has ordered the city engineer to prepare plans of every street which will be crossed by the overhead lines of the Grand Trunk, so that the city may be in a position to demonstrate to the company the importance of having passageways the full width of the streets.

No one around the city hall has as yet solved the problem as to how the Pere Marquette trains will get to the Grand Trunk depot when the lines are elevated.

It is understood that the G. T. R. is bound by a 99 year agreement with the city to allow trains over the L. and P. S. R. to have access to the Grand Trunk depot, so that no matter what the Grand Trunk does it cannot shut out the Pere Marquette trains.

This agreement was made in ex-Mayor Little's time and is now demonstrating its value.

Tug on the Rocks.

Gloucester, Mass., March 1.—The tug Daniel Willard, which left Gloucester bound for York, Maine, last night struck a rock off the Rockport breakwater early today, and sank while making the north shore. Three of the five men on board were drowned. Two were rescued by the life-saving crew from Pigeon Cove.

Mill Hands Go To Their Death in River Thames

Edward Dexter and Hugh McDougall Swept from a Dam and Drowned.

The icy waters of the Thames added two more to its long list of victims yesterday afternoon.

While working on the dam at Dexter's Mills on the north branch, just across the river from the Western

Swept Away by Rush of Water.

Dexter and McDougall were intent with their work yesterday and did not look up stream. At the time about two inches of water was coming over the dam. A great mass of snow and ice that had been blocked for some time farther up the river suddenly broke up, and the water that had been held back by the blockade, came down with a rush, and swept both men away before they had an opportunity to attempt to reach the shore. Dexter was carried under the water in a second and was never seen again. McDougall, though 30 years his senior, struggled among the broken ice for nearly a minute and finally disappeared from view. Patrick, standing on the bank, was powerless to aid them. The men at the mill were notified quickly, but nothing could be done for the unfortunate men.

Dragged for Bodies.

The only boat in the locality was nearly a mile up the river and belonged to Mr. Cushing, the ice dealer. A party of four set out in a wagon for the place, and after a great deal of trouble, secured the boat, and returned to the scene of the drowning. With the aid of a long ice-hook several willing helpers dragged below the dam in a futile effort to locate the bodies. Mr. Luke Jeffery was sent for, and another boat was secured. For nearly two hours the party grappled in vain for the victims. The weather became intensely cold and rendered the work much more difficult, and the light snowfall did not help matters by any means.

The river-bed at that locality is of clay, and is dotted with many deep holes. The men were washed off about

WAS PAL OF TEXAS AND SHORTY BILLY

Herbert Turner, Bigamist, Convicted of Stealing a Watch—Record Raked Up.

Herbert Turner acknowledged the crime of bigamy at the police court this morning. He married a woman named Dell about a month ago, while his first wife was still around the city. Herbert came to this country three years ago, from England and seemed to be after a matrimonial record.

Turner was also placed on trial for stealing a gold watch from Joseph Holmes. Turner borrowed the time-piece from Holmes in the first instance, in order to raise money for his wadding hurry. When he got hold of the watch, he disposed of it, and departed with his bride. When it was found that his second wife was a ex-convict, Turner was brought back, and the two charges preferred.

Turner is about as good a prevaricator as there has been since Ananias' time. Not that he is artful—he is not, but he's very willing. His work was weird. He told his story on the stand this morning, and it was certainly a rare one. He denied stealing the watch, but contradicted himself in many very important points.

Crown Attorney McKillop cross-examined Turner, and brought out some very interesting facts. Turner came from Halifax, Yorkshire, three years ago. He was arrested in Halifax. Continued on Page Eight.

Hearst Turned Down.

Albany, N. Y., March 1.—Attorney-General Mayer today announced that he had denied the application of Wm. R. Hearst, demanding that he begin proceedings to annul the charter of the Interborough-Metropolitan Holding Company, under which a merger is intended to be effected.

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STILL TINKERING WITH ESTIMATES

Government Fails to Bring Them Down as Promised.

NOT READY UNTIL NEXT WEEK

More Legislation Before Woodstock Epileptic Hospital Can Be Thrown Open.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Feb. 28.—The Provincial

Treasurer failed to fulfill his promise to bring down the estimates today, and the result was another ten-minute sitting of the House. It is understood that it will be next week before the estimates are presented, as the cabinet has not yet completed the work of preparation. This means easy work for members for the balance of the week.

Mr. William Kirkpatrick McNaught, member-elect for North Toronto, was introduced to the Speaker by the Premier and Hon. Dr. Pyne, and took his seat amid hearty Government applause. He will be a back-bencher, sitting in the third seat from the end of the back row on the right hand side. His deskmate is Mr. Aubin (W. Nipissing) and at his right sit Messrs. Hodgins and Nesby, members respectively for North and East Middlesex.

Mr. Munro (N. Oxford) was informed by Hon. Mr. Hanna that the Asylum for Epileptics at Woodstock would be opened to receive patients as soon as the legislation necessary for the control of such institutions was passed at the present session. The existing asylum legislation was not sufficient for this purpose. The erection of the two additional cottages at the asylum would be commenced as soon as the Government had decided what additional accommodation was necessary, and how it was to be provided. Funds were being provided in the estimates for the erection of the additional buildings.

Two bills were read a first time, one being Mr. Carscallen's bill to amend the act respecting stationary engineers, and the second being that of Mr. Smith (Peel) to amend the franchise act. The latter gallantly proposed that all women whose names are now on the municipal voting lists be placed upon the provincial lists. The bill is introduced yearly by Mr. Smith, and as regularly receives his quietus.

The following notices of motions were given:

Mr. Ellice—To amend the insurance act.

Mr. Ellice—To amend the municipal act.

Mr. Cochrane—To amend the act to preserve the forests from destruction by fire.

Mr. Thompson (Simcoe)—To amend the municipal act.

Mr. Kidd—To amend the municipal act.

Mr. Tucker—To amend the act to regulate the width between sleigh runners.

Mr. Lucas—To amend the act respecting conditional sales.

Mr. Preston (Brant)—To have any representations brought to the Government of Ontario by the Dominion Government, relative to possible injury to Niagara Falls through the development of electric energy at that point? 2.—Has international action to guard against such injury been suggested by the Dominion authorities, and if so, with what result? 3.—Does this Government intend to take steps to preserve the Falls, and if so, of what nature?

Hon. G. W. Ross, (W. Middlesex), Hon. Adam Beck, London, and Mayor J. C. Judd, of London, were among the invited guests at the speaker's first dinner held last evening.

KITCHENER STILL ON TOP

Lord Curzon Says Military Autocracy of India Remains.

London, March 1.—Lord Curzon of Kedleston, former viceroy to India, has written a long letter to the Times expressing his strong disapproval of the decision of John Morley, secretary for India, in the matter of the supremacy of military or civil authority in India.

Lord Curzon contends that Mr. Morley only overruled the military party on a small and relatively unimportant issue, and that Mr. Morley's issue is substantially the same as that of Mr. Brodrick, the former secretary for India, in protest against which Lord Curzon resigned, and that it "creates a military autocracy and irresponsibility of the military element in India, which may lead to fatal results."