

REBELS SHELL FORT GREYTOWN BRITISH TARS FIGHT FLAMES

Ninety Buildings Destroyed by a Great Conflagration Following Naval Attack by Nicaraguan Insurgent Navy.

San Juan Del Sur, Nicaragua, Feb. 5.—Advices received here are to the effect that the provisional government's gunboat Ometepe, endeavored to bombard Greytown Thursday, but that contrary to yesterday's dispatches she stood too far off and most of her shells did not reach the city. The land battery immediately replied to the fire of the Ometepe, which left after an hour's action. The advices also state that Thursday night a big fire broke out in Greytown due to the shells, and destroyed ninety houses, and that the

flames were extinguished finally with the aid of British bluejackets. Owing to the interruption of the telegraph land lines, news has just been received here of the arrival at Greytown Wednesday of the members of the Managua Red Cross from Corn Island, where they had been held prisoners by General Estrada, the provisional president.

Reports from the department of Chontales say that the column of the revolutionary general, Luis Mena, is surrounded by Government forces at Santo Domingo, nine miles from La Libertad, and that Mena must fight or surrender.



COL. W. M. GARTSHORE,
Chairman of the Local Committee of the Hardware Association and One of the Leading Spirits of the Gathering.

SURGEON DIES IN OPERATING ROOM

Burst Blood Vessel in Trying to Handle Patient Who Had Fallen.

Long Beach, Cal., Feb. 5.—The strain of supporting a 200-pound patient, who had rolled off the operating table, burst a blood vessel in Dr. William Lawrence Woodruff's lungs yesterday, and the surgeon died shortly afterwards.

The patient, a man named John, was brought to the hospital by a private ambulance. Dr. Woodruff, who had been practicing for many years, was called in to operate on the patient. While attempting to move the patient, who had fallen from the table, a blood vessel in the doctor's lungs burst, and he died.

PHONE DISPATCHING HERE TO THE FALLS

Grand Trunk About to Replace the Old System of Operating Trains.

It is expected that the work of installing one of the new telephone lines for operating the Grand Trunk lines in this district will be commenced very shortly, and the first wire will, in all probability, run from here to Niagara Falls. The work of installing a telephone system between Toronto and North Bay is under way, and before the year is over it is expected that many of the lines will be operated exclusively by telephone, which means a saving of considerable money over the old way of telegraphing.

FRENCH CAPITAL IS RECUPERATING

Its Streets Once More Clear of the Seine's Muddy Waters.

RIVER RECEDES 13 FEET

Train Service Restored and Factories Resuming Operations — Gas and Light Service Renewed.

Paris, Feb. 5.—The Seine has fallen today more than thirteen feet from its flood maximum, and the city has begun to assume its normal appearance. The streets are clear of water and the wreckage left by the flood is rapidly disappearing.

Above and below the city waters have returned to the river-bed and householders are busily engaged in cleaning and drying their homes.

Train service in all directions is being resumed and some of the factories have resumed operations, thus decreasing the number of the unemployed.

In many quarters the gas and electric light service has been renewed, but it will be many days before the transportation services, telegraph and telephone and other utilities, are in complete operation.

In the meantime there will be no cessation in the work of relieving the misery caused by the rampant waters. The hospitals and other places of refuge as well as the soup kitchens, continued crowded today, and the distribution of food and clothing proceeded systematically.

A great number of women is engaged in a house-to-house canvass collecting from the more fortunate old furniture, beds, mattresses, and even toys for the children.

Premier Briand, presenting the flood situation before the cabinet today, expressed the belief that the effects of the disaster would be somewhat less grave than had been anticipated. He said that he felt confident that the measures prescribed to prevent an epidemic would be effective. The cabinet decided to ask Parliament to grant new credits for furtherance of the work of restoration.

Tomorrow, by agreement, the authorities and relief societies will continue the distribution of relief supplies to all corners, and the list of those added in each arrondissement to those resident in that particular commune. The object is to furnish substantial aid and prevent families from returning to their own homes as rapidly as possible.

LORDS VETO OR THE BUDGET FIRST BUSINESS OF ASQUITH

In Rumored Cabinet Changes Again Stated That Carrington Will Be Made Canadian Governor-General.

London, Feb. 5.—Premier Asquith will meet David Lloyd-George, chancellor of the exchequer, today, and it is expected that he will return to London on Monday. The Premier is keeping his own counsel, and though there is plenty of speculation concerning what the Government's policy will be in the new Parliament, nothing definite is known.

The cabinet changes, which are to be announced early next week, will, it is said on high authority, include the resignation of Viscount Wolverhampton, lord president of the council, and the transfer of Earl Carrington, president of the board of agriculture, to the governor-generalship of Canada. Reginald McKenna, succeeding Viscount Wolverhampton, and Mr. Haldane, home secretary, becoming first lord of the admiralty in place of Mr. McKenna.

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GREAT HARDWARE EXHIBITION WILL ECLIPSE ALL OTHERS

Finishing Touches Being Put to the Splendid Exhibit—Will Open Next Week With Delegates From All Parts of the Dominion.



Ex-Mayor Stevely, who is in charge of the exhibition.

The convention of the Retail Hardware Association, which opens next week, will be the greatest thing of the kind London has ever had with the exception of the Western Fair. The Secretary, A. M. Hunt told The Advertiser this afternoon. The finishing touches were being made to 45 handsome booths which will contain the "Made in London" exhibits and displays from leading firms all over Canada.

"The convention," he said, "will bring thousands of people to the city, and the exhibits will be in use a long way to see. Everything is of the highest grade, and when the displays are all in place, people will be surprised to see what we have."

"Made in London."

The whole of the upstairs of the city hall and the arcade will be in use and is being magnificently decorated. The "Made in London" exhibits will be in the arcade, which has been transformed by carpenters and decorators and presents a splendid appearance.

The railways are giving special rates, and it is expected that great crowds of travellers from the Atlantic to the Pacific will be present, and it is expected will number more than 500 alone.

The Programme.

Following is the programme of the convention:

Monday, Feb. 7.
9 p.m.—Executive meeting.
Tuesday, Feb. 8.
9 a.m.—Opening of hardware exhibition in city hall.
10 a.m.—Distribution of badges, enrollment of new members, payment of dues, etc., at convention hall.
2 p.m.—Open session of convention, address of welcome, reports of officers, appointment of resolutions and nominating committees, "Mock Sale," address on salesmanship, open discussion on trade matters in which travellers, manufacturers and jobbers are invited to participate.
8 p.m.—Smoking concert in exhibition hall.
Wednesday, Feb. 9.
9 a.m.—Convention, business session, reports of mutual insurance and special committees, "Question Box" discussion.
1 p.m.—Hardware exhibition open.
2 p.m.—Visit to McClary foundry and enamelling plant.
8 p.m.—Convention, "Question Box" discussion. Public admitted to hardware exhibition.
Thursday, Feb. 10.
9 a.m.—Convention, business session, reports of resolution and nominating committees, selection of next meeting place, etc.
1 p.m.—Hardware exhibition open.
2 p.m.—Visits to London's hardware manufacturing plants.
8 p.m.—Complimentary banquet tendered the members of the Retail Hardware Association by hardware manufacturers and jobbers of London.
Friday, Feb. 11.
9 a.m.—Convention closing, election of officers and meeting of new executive committee.
1 p.m.—Hardware exhibition.

TRUCKS CUT SWATH THROUGH A PLATFORM

A Wabash Freight Train in a Peculiar Accident at Simcoe.

The rear trucks of a Wabash freight car jumped the tracks while going east through Simcoe yards Friday about 10:30 a.m., leaving the tracks at the switch west of the station it cut a swath the whole length of the platform for about twenty rods, smashing it into kindling wood, and coming within six feet of the operator's window. The line was tied up for a short time. The passenger trains had to take the sidings through the yard. The wrecking train from St. Thomas had the track cleared in a short time.

COUNCIL GOING AFTER THE CEMENT CONVENTION

Number One Committee Believes It Will Be an Excellent Boost for City.

The city will go after the Canadian Cement and Concrete Association Convention.

At the meeting of No. 1 committee held last evening, Mayor Beattie stated that he had a conversation with Mr. Puffer, of the Ideal Concrete Machinery Company, relative to the convention, and found out all that was needed to be a building for exhibiting machinery and a hall for meeting purposes.

His worship thought the council could well afford to look after that for the association.

"Such a convention will mean a great deal for London," said his worship. "Visitors will be here from all over Canada, as well as the United States, and it will be a great advertisement to us. I think we could guarantee to furnish the halls, and look after that end of the matter for the association."

The city will not be very large, as we can get the Princess Rink reasonably, and the other arrangements would not be expensive."

Ald. Stevenson heartily endorsed the proposition.

"I should say that this convention would mean a very great deal for us," he stated. "I move that we invite the association to London, guaranteeing them a hall for their exhibits, and a place of meeting."

"I agree with that heartily," said Ald. Eckert. "Let us bring it to the city."

The motion carried without opposition, and Mr. Puffer was instructed by telephone to invite the association to hold their convention in London in March.

It is quite probable that the invitation will be accepted.

CHICKENS AND DOG PERISHED IN A FIRE

A Chicken Coop Conflagration Furnished First Run for the Brigade in 20 Days.

The first run of the fire department in days was in response to an alarm for a fire at William Loan's, at 226 Grey street.

The alarm was turned in at 4:30 o'clock. A stove in the chicken coop had ignited the structure, resulting in the death of the chicken and the dog that was watching them.

The damage was fixed at \$100.

JANUARY'S REVENUE SHOWS AN INCREASE

And Ten Months of Fiscal Year Show Increase of Twelve and Half Millions.

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—The financial statement of the Dominion for the month of January and for the first ten months of the fiscal year, shows an increase of revenue for the month of \$1,481,388, and for the ten months of \$12,572,886, as compared with the corresponding periods of the previous year. The total revenue for the month was \$3,120,441, and for the ten months \$24,502,222. The total increase in revenue \$1,020,449, is credited to customs. Total expenditures on consolidated fund account for the ten months was \$59,678,472, or \$2,832,000 less than the revenue. The total expenditure on capital account for the ten months was \$2,559,215. The total net debt of the Dominion was \$1,020,449, an increase of \$22,389,500, an increase of \$2,613,943, for the year.

COMMERCIAL OF THE LAKES

The Freight Carried Last Year Aggregated 80,974,605 Tons.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 5.—The domestic commerce on the great lakes during the calendar year of 1909 aggregated 80,974,605 tons of freight, shipped between ports in this country alone. This tonnage, which is the third largest for 1909, is about two and a half millions below the tonnage for 1907, the largest total in the history of the lake trade.

The 1909 tonnage includes the volume of exports to Canada, or the imports to Canada carried on the lakes, nor does it include the volume of local commerce within the various ports. If these were included of the department of commerce and labor estimates that the total lake commerce for 1909 would approximate ninety millions of tons.

LIBERAL CONVENTION HELD IN ST. MARYS

South Perth Association Elects Officers—Delegates to the Ontario Convention.

St. Marys, Feb. 5.—The annual meeting of the South Perth Liberal Association was held here yesterday. Over 75 delegates were present, every municipality of the riding being represented. The officers elected were as follows: William Forrester, Mitchell, president; Robert Roy Logan, first vice-president; George Kastner, second vice-president; A. C. Wood, St. Marys, secretary-treasurer.

This is Mr. Forrester's second term as president. Mr. W. M. Appel, of Tavistock, who has been secretary for several years, has declined this year owing to business affairs, was accorded a very warm vote of thanks for his faithful services to the party.

Arrangements concerning the proposed Ontario Liberal convention were discussed, and the 30 delegates required to represent South Perth were selected.

The national policy of the Laurier Government was a topic of marked interest, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier's great speech in the Commons defining the same was the subject of enthusiastic approval.

After the regular business there were addresses by Deputy Speaker G. H. McIntyre, M. P., Mr. Valentine Stock, M. P., and the provincial secretary of the Liberal party, Mr. F. G. Inwood. The meeting was a most enthusiastic one.

It was the opinion of the delegates that, despite the fact that Tavistock Village, with a large Liberal majority, has been removed from Perth County to Oxford, South Perth could be kept in the Liberal column as long as men like Mr. McIntyre and Mr. Stock were available.

Resolutions of confidence in and appreciation of the services of the Dominion Government and the Ontario Opposition were passed unanimously and with enthusiasm.

CAN'T SLASH ESTIMATES SAYS EDUCATION BOARD

And Makes Merry at Threat of Taking the Matter to the Legislature.

There will be wags on the green when the finance committee and the board of education meet regarding the estimates for the coming year.

At a meeting of No. 1 committee last night, it was decided on the suggestion of Mayor Beattie that the Legislature be requested to give the city council power to revise, and, if necessary, amend the estimates of the board of education.

As would be imagined, the matter occasioned quite a debate. Ald. Richter, chairman of the committee, thought it would be well to meet the board and reason together.

Mayor Beattie had experience along that line, and came to the conclusion that the reasoning process was not the very best thing in the world.

In fact, he declared that the only successful reasoning process was to say as would be accompanied by a "big club, for instance, the power to revise, and, if necessary, modify the estimates."

"We have had experience with the board of education," said his worship. "They will simply laugh at us, and we can get no satisfaction whatever."

"That is correct," said Ald. Stevenson. "All we can do is to say 'No' to them, and then we will be able to talk with them."

So it was decided to ask for the necessary resolution. When the committee will be granted another question.

"The members of the board laugh at the suggestion, and are emphatic in declaring that the Legislature and the Government, particularly, will govern the council."

"The Government will laugh at us," an idea," said Dr. Wyckoff. "I cannot see any reason for it at all. We are an amendment to the council, and the Legislature is just as responsible. We are minding our own business. So it is up to the council to do likewise."

As a said before, if the council will mind its own business, all well, and said Trustee Graham. "We are attending to our own affairs, let them do the same."

"We are just as responsible a body as the council," said Chairman Stevenson. "We are doing our best for the citizens."

Some of the afternoon have viewed members of the board asking that the salary scale increase be allowed to lapse this year to help the present council out of a difficulty. It is not hard to imagine what the response to the request was.

The School Rate.

According to the figures submitted by City Clerk Baker, the school rate for London is not excessive. It is above the average, but is in line with other cities of a like size or larger.

It is lower than Toronto's rate, and also Ottawa's and Hamilton's, but is above the ordinary rate.

In any event, the board of education will not agree to any slashing of their estimates by the council, and if the Legislature persist in asking for a deputation, they will go down with a deputation and see what can be done.

BANK WRECKER RELEASED

Charles McGill, Ex-Manager of the Ontario Bank, at Liberty.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Feb. 5.—Charles MCGILL, former general manager of the Ontario Bank, was released from Kingston Penitentiary yesterday. He was sentenced to four years for wrecking the bank, and had served about two-thirds of the term.

NO THIRD TRACK YET

Michigan Central Doesn't Need One From Detroit to Buffalo.

Detroit, Feb. 5.—When asked last night as to the truth of the Buffalo story that the Michigan Central would soon begin the construction of a third track between Windsor and Buffalo, General Superintendent S. W. Brown, of the Michigan Central, said: "That is absolutely no foundation to it. It is true that we will build a new roundhouse in St. Thomas, the old one not being up to present requirements. The new house will be a 20 or 40-stall house, probably a 30-stall house."

Superintendent Brown says that the roundhouse now under construction in Jackson will be completed in April. This will hold 40 locomotives, and will replace another old house of five.

KILLS SIX TO ESCAPE THE "DIVINE WRATH"

Says He Had Command to Open Graves With Hands.

Fergus Falls, Minn., Feb. 5.—William Ruckheim, a farmer, aged 35 years, killed his wife and four children, and shot himself last night at Parker's Prairie. He was found dying when his son went to return to the farm. A divine command to proceed to a certain graveyard where he and his family were to exhume several bodies, using only their bare hands. Unless this command were carried out before Easter, Ruckheim said, he and his family would be dragged to death. After a long and desperate struggle, finding that it would be impossible to perform the task on account of the frozen ground, Ruckheim said he killed his family to escape divine vengeance.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—DECIDEDLY COLD.

Toronto, Feb. 5.—a.m. Today—Strong northerly winds; fast becoming colder, with local snow flurries.

Sunday—Northerly winds; fine and decidedly cold.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Victoria	40	36	Clear
Calgary	40	36	Clear
Winnipeg	40	36	Cloudy
Edmonton	40	36	Clear
Regina	40	36	Clear
Saskatoon	40	36	Clear
Windsor	40	36	Clear
London	40	36	Clear
Ottawa	40	36	Cloudy
Montreal	40	36	Fair
Quebec	40	36	Snow
Father Point	40	36	Cloudy

Minus (-) means below zero.

FRIDAY'S WEATHER.

Toronto, Feb. 4.—3 p.m.—With the exception of a snowfall in Nova Scotia, the weather in Canada yesterday was generally fair. The weather was colder in Montreal and Saskatchewan, but continued quite mild in Alberta.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, 38-23; Victoria, 38-27; Vancouver, 38-23; Edmonton, 38-27; Battleford, 38-23; Prince Albert, 38-27; Calgary, 38-23; Moose Jaw, 38-23; Qu'Appelle, 38-23; Winnipeg, 38-23; Port Arthur, 38-23; Pelly, 38-23; Inuvik, 38-23; Repulse, 38-23; Tuktoyaktuk, 38-23; Etah, 38-23; Resolute, 38-23; St. John's, 38-23; Halifax, 38-23.

HEAVY LIABILITIES OF FISK & ROBINSON, NEW YORK BANKERS

Boston, Feb. 5.—The liabilities of Fisk & Robinson, bankers, this city, New York, Chicago and Worcester, who failed this week, are now estimated at \$12,000,000, instead of \$7,000,000, as originally stated. The assets are approximately \$11,000,000.

The increase over the statement shown on the day of the firm's failure is accounted for by the inclusion of customers' securities on both sides of the balance sheet.

MEASLES EPIDEMIC IN HAMILTON

Hamilton, Feb. 5.—There is an epidemic of measles in the city. Last week 219 cases were reported, and the attendance at the public schools has fallen from 93 to 87 per cent. It is feared that some of the schools may have to be closed if the disease is not checked.

DEATH OF NOTABLE PRELATE.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 5.—The very Rev. Gillert L. Benton, vicar-general of the Catholic diocese of Harrisburg, and one of the best-known clergymen in Central Pennsylvania, died suddenly at his residence in Steelton, near here today. He was 62 years old.

APPROVED AT THE VATICAN.

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—Mgr. Sharnett, papal delegate, has received a letter from Rome commanding the action of the Roman Catholic Plenary Council, held at Quebec last year. In deciding to raise \$100,000 for mission work among the Ruthenians of the Northwest.

The sum of \$100,000 per year will be raised by church collections and subscriptions.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

New York, Feb. 4.—Arrived: Room, from Bremen; Litania, Liban.

Have-Arrived: La Touraine, New York.

Bordeaux-Arrived: Hudson, New York.

St. John-Arrived: Empress of Britain, Liverpool.

Plymouth-Called: Oceanic, New York.

GOLDWIN SMITH SERIOUSLY ILL

Suffering From Shock of Bad Fall—Friends Much Alarmed.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 5.—Mr. Goldwin Smith lies at his home, The Grange, at 2300 Bloor street, suffering from the effects of a bad fall.

While walking in the hall he slipped and fell heavily, being severely shaken up.

His advanced age and weakness contribute to the alarm of his friends in regard to his condition.

MAILED FOR \$12,000,000

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NEW WRECKING TUG TESTED.

Sarnia, Feb. 5.—The City of Sarnia, the new tug built by the Reid Wrecking Company to take the place of the tug Ontario, burned last fall, has made its initial trip. The new craft gave perfect satisfaction. Its probable use will be to assist the other wreckers on the steamer Steinbrener, aground at Round Island, Lake Huron.

DIED IN A BALLOON.

San Francisco, Feb. 5.—With his head thrust into the envelope of a balloon into which a stream of illuminating gas was pouring, C. A. Farrar, an aeronaut, aged 30 years, was found dead today in the roof of the house where he lodged. It is thought ill-health caused him to commit suicide.

BROKERS QUIT.

Toronto, Feb. 4.—John A. Street & Co., an alleged product of the brain of George H. Munroe, with elaborate offices in the Home Life Building, resigned here today. The sheriff today seized the furniture for newspaper debts.