

Asks That Water Meters Be Placed In All Houses

JOHN FLANNIGAN BADLY INJURED IN RUNAWAY SMASH

Is Rushed to Victoria Hospital For an Immediate Operation.

MAN IS UNCONSCIOUS

Occurred at Corner of Ridout and King Streets at 4:30 o'clock.

At 5 o'clock, hospital authorities stated that Mr. Flannigan sustained a fractured arm and severe injuries to the head.

John Flannigan, a traveler, of 13 Garfield avenue, was seriously injured about the head at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon, when a runaway horse and wagon, on which he was riding, crashed into a telephone pole at King and Ridout streets, and hurled him to the sidewalk.

Mr. Flannigan was taken to Victoria Hospital in an automobile, and his injuries were so serious that an immediate operation was deemed necessary. The extent of the man's injuries have not been ascertained. He is still unconscious.

It has not yet been found out who owned the sleigh or who was the driver.

Mr. Flannigan got into the sleigh in London South to ride uptown. At one place the sleigh slid ahead and hit the horse, at which the animal took fright and ran away. Seeing the delivery boy could not manage the horse, Mr. Flannigan took the reins and endeavored to stop the runaway.

At York and Ridout, the boy jumped from the sleigh, and at the intersection the runners of the vehicle slewed in the car tracks and struck a telephone pole, hurling Mr. Flannigan to the roadway.

PERCY HALL ELECTED PRESIDENT OF "COLTS"

Visiting Curlers Welcomed by Mayor at Opening of the Annual Bospiel.

Percy Hall of Plattsville was elected president of the Western Ontario Colts' League at their annual meeting held in the London Curling Club rink this afternoon. Following the election of officers, the visiting curlers to London, officially opened the annual bospiel.

Other officers elected were: First vice-president, Dr. G. H. Stevenson, Ontario Hospital; second vice-president, J. Allen; executive, Dr. Beachley (Seaford); C. Smith (St. Thomas); N. A. Cochran (Ayr); W. Studdale (St. Marys); George Snelgrove (Glencoe); W. Hyton (London); C. C. James Sands (Chatham) and M. Marshall (Ontario Hospital).

Dr. Wright is the new official clerk and W. C. Lamarche of Chatham was elected secretary-treasurer for 1924. The first round of the Free Press Trophy started at 2 o'clock this afternoon, with all the rinks filled. Play for the McLaren Trophy will commence in the morning, and the finals will probably be played tomorrow night, although it is possible that the play will continue till Thursday.

With the air nippy and the ice in splendid condition, everything forebodes a successful bospiel. Interest in the playing is keen and the windows of the restaurant were lined with spectators this afternoon. Many visitors are in the rink for the event, and are at the rink boosting for their home town.

An aggregation of Sarnia curlers will visit the London Curling Club Wednesday, and friendly games will be indulged in.

THINK HON. MR. GRAHAM TO BE RAIL MINISTER

Hon. Tom Low Likely To Succeed Defence Chief When Change Comes.

Special To The Advertiser.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 5.—The question of filling the position of Minister of Railways left vacant by the death of the late Hon. W. C. Kennedy has been canvassed extensively among Liberal members since the session opened and the general impression seems to be that the Hon. Geo. P. Graham, Minister of militia will be appointed to the position.

It is freely rumored that Hon. Tom Low, Minister without portfolio, is anxious to secure control of the defence department and will be appointed thereto. In such case, Mr. Low would have to stand for by-election in Renfrew, which, however, is regarded as a fairly safe Liberal



HUGH WALPOLE, The famous British novelist and lecturer, Hugh Walpole, is at present visiting Canada.

FIREMEN SAVE WOMEN TRAPPED BY THE HEAT

Roomers Suffering From Colds Escape Flames in Night Clothes.

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, Feb. 5.—Fire fighters saved the lives of Miss Elsie Cummings, aged 20, and Mrs. Agathe New, when they were trapped by smoke and heat in their rooms on the third floor of a rooming-house on Shuter street, when fire broke out in the kitchen at 9:15 this morning. Two other women in the house, Mrs. Maudie Lewis, landlady, and Mrs. Violet King, aged 25, managed to escape into the street in their night clothes.

The four women were alone in the house. All were in bed, and all were sick with colds and influenza.

ARRIVAL OF TWINLETS HEATS UP COLD HOME

Birth of Numbers 9 and 10 Takes Place With Cellar Exhausted.

Canadian Press-Despatch. Toronto, Feb. 5.—When twins arrive in a coal-less house the situation is serious.

Property Commissioner Chisholm, civic fuel commissioner, found among his callers today a man who carried in his hand a doctor's request that coal be sent to the man's house. "A fine pair of twins just arrived," said the doctor's note.

"And I have eight children already," said the proud father. "How much coal have you left?" he was asked. "Just a small bagful," answered the man, who is a foreigner. "Well, we'll have to look after you," said Mr. Chisholm. "We can't let you go out in the cold with a fine pair of twins just arrived, and forthwith he set machinery in motion to get a supply of coal to the home of the new arrivals.

CANADIAN SPEED CHAMP. LEADS SKATING CONTEST

Associated Press Despatch. Binghamton, N. Y., Feb. 5.—Harry Kasky, Chicago, Canadian speed skating champion, by dint of victories at Montreal Friday and Saturday, took the lead in the contest for the United States championship by winning two first places and a third in the national meet on Ideal Park Rink, at Endicott, yesterday. He captured the three-quarter mile and mile events by a good margin, but got away to a poor start in the 220-yard event, and was in the rink for the event, and are at the rink boosting for their home town.

Miss Elsie Muller, New York, won the 220-yard women's championship event, and Miss Gladys Robinson, Toronto, and Miss Rose Johnson were tied for first in the one mile women's championship contest. Miss Robinson finished second in the 220. Kathleen McRea, Toronto, finished third in the one mile.

Americans Laud Canadian Government For Assistance to the Agriculturists

Canadian Press Despatch. Washington, Feb. 5.—More than passing attention has been attracted here to the recent address read by Governor-General Byng at the opening of parliament in Ottawa. The extent to which the speech dwelt on the need of legislation intended to benefit and build up agriculture in Canada, and to help the farmers of the Dominion, has been noticed by leaders of the farm bloc in Congress and by leaders in farmers' organizations in the United States.

Comments among the farm bloc on the fact that the speech directed the attention of parliament to a series of important measures for the benefit of Canadian agriculture, is that it sets a good example for many of the high officials in Washington and

Closing Markets and Latest News of the Day

WILL SAVE MONEY PUTTING METERS IN EVERY HOUSE

Ratepayers Without Meters Are Getting Water Ten Times as Cheap.

GREAT WATER WASTE

Gross Discrepancy Should Be Overcome, Declares Buchanan.

General Manager E. V. Buchanan of the public utilities, pointed out today that enough money can be saved through the meter system, either to reduce the water rate, or, after paying for the purchase and installation of the meters, within two or three years, turn a large annual surplus over to the city treasury, which would go to materially reduce the tax rate.

"Although the work begun by the Pitometer Company towards the end of the year, is not completed, sufficient was accomplished to show that the distribution system under the control of the commission was in excellent condition," he said, "but that the major portion of the waste was on consumer's premises, where the commission had little or no control. In one of the blocks where the Pitometer survey showed a high consumption, meters were immediately installed, and during the first week the meter on one house showed an average consumption of about 2,000 gallons a day, and another house about 600 gallons per day. Both these were small houses."

Only 37 per cent of London houses are metered, and these houses are paying at the rate of 50 cents per 1,000 gallons, and are using an average of 50 gallons per day. In striking contrast, Mr. Buchanan points out that the 63 per cent of homes are not metered, and are paying only 2 cents per 1,000 gallons, on an average daily consumption of 200 gallons. This condition indicates not only needless waste of water by unmetered users, but also that London's water supply is being lessened at the expense of those who are now metered users, since the unmetered users are getting off ten times cheaper per gallon than metered users.

CANADIAN MURDERED ON WAY TO SEE RUINS

Associated Press Despatch. Cairo, Egypt, Feb. 5.—Via Reuters. —Travers Allan, of Montreal, whose body was found on Jan. 30 near Luxor, Egypt, was murdered, Medical and legal experts who have been investigating the death of the Canadian tourist, report that the circumstances under which Mr. Allan's body was found clearly prove that the crime of murder was committed, and that it was due to personal, not political motives.

Travers Allan was taking a trip up the Nile in a motor launch, and was accompanied by his cousin named James on a private steamer. The impression at the time of the discovery of his body was that he was on his way alone to Karnak to see the famous ruins by moonlight, and was killed for the money and valuables he had in his possession.

BLUE RIBBON CURLING BEGINS AT WINNIPEG

Associated Press Despatch. Winnipeg, Feb. 5.—Play commenced this afternoon in the 36th annual curling world, with several rinks participating in the Dingwall, one of the two primary competitions. There are approximately two hundred and twenty rinks attending this year's meet, including the Scottish contingent, which is the largest since the record last year of two hundred and fifty-two. Six rinks from the United H. 115, Run George 115, Pueblo 115, xGrace Trimble 108, xPhilanderer 110, xQuincy Ward 110, Review 115, F. G. Corley 115.

Sixth race, 5 1/2 furlongs, claiming, 3-year-olds and up—xMiss Jane 92, xRex 95, xKatherine Rankin 103, xWild Flower 107, Summer Sigh 111, Cavalador 114, xBlack Betty 102, xRoisterer 104, xWar Penny 110, Piedra 112.

Weather, clear; track, heavy.

HON. MR. ROBB RETURNS FROM AUSTRALIAN TRIP

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, Feb. 5.—Hon. James A. Robb, Minister of trade and commerce, returned to Ottawa this morning from his trip to Australia on trade matters. Hon. Mr. Robb spent Sunday at his home at Valley Field, Quebec. On his arrival today the Minister declined to make any statement.



HUGO STINNES, LEFT, DISCUSSING RUHR SITUATION IN BERLIN. "King of the Ruhr," Hugo Stinnes, Germany's financial wizard, is the man of the hour in Germany as France holds the rich Ruhr valley in an effort to collect from the mines and industries of Stinnes and other chiefs. Stinnes' vast wealth and his holdings in the mine, steel, dye, newspaper and shipping industries make him financial dictator of Germany.

RACE RESULTS AND ENTRIES

HAVANA ENTRIES

First race, 4-year-olds and up, claiming, 5 1/2 furlongs—xWesthead 107, xTom Norris 107, xIdol 107, xRetain 108, Guardsman 108, xMills 113, xGet 'Em 107, xMajor Domo 107, xBelo 107, Far East 107, xGeorge W. 112, Ray 112, xIdol 112.

Second race, 4-year-olds and up, claiming, 5 1/2 furlongs—Mary Maxin 103, Mary Malton 107, xCol. Murphy 107, Huilo 107, Elmont 112, Deer Trail 112, xPortlight 107, Fair Lassie 107, xDick Nell 107, xMajor Domo 112, Hello Cross 112, Memphis 116.

Third race, 33-year-olds, claiming, 5 1/2 furlongs—xClisqua 98, xEastern Star 106, Polite 107, Proceeds 112, xJennie C. 102, Confederacy 107, Happy Moments 107, Pony Express 115.

Fourth race, 4-year-olds and up, claiming, 6 furlongs—xFlycatch 99, xAdmiral 102, xSalvo 105, xMal-lomont 109, Walkup 100, xGlenn 102, Primo 105, xThe Pirate 114.

Weather, clear; track, fast.

TIJUANA ENTRIES

First race, 3 1/2 furlongs, 2 years—xMiss Legro 102, xJosephine Newell 107, San Dimas 110, Golden Orb 110, Norwood 117, xOvershot 107, xA-labor 118, Red Planet 96, Modiste shot 117.

Second race, mile and 70 yards, claiming, 3 years and up—Lichon 84, Emelda 105, Debra 105, Point to John 107, Lucky Pearl 110, Care 112, John 108, Red Planet 96, Modiste shot 117.

Third race, mile, 3 years and up—Disolute 100, xMiss Proclamation 101, Little Florence 103, Delhimar 105, Emma Velde 108.

Fourth race, 5 furlongs, claiming, 3-year-olds and up—xMiss Jane 92, xRex 95, xKatherine Rankin 103, xWild Flower 107, Summer Sigh 111, Cavalador 114, xBlack Betty 102, xRoisterer 104, xWar Penny 110, Piedra 112.

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CRIMINAL CASES FEW IN NUMBER BEFORE ASSIZES

Jury Is Out on Case of Joseph Manenti, Charged With Forgery.

WILL SEE DIET SHEET

Judge Cautions Jurors To Determine If Prisoners Get Enough Food.

London and Middlesex is to be congratulated on the small number of criminal cases coming before the winter assizes. Hon. Mr. Justice Mowat stated during his charge to the grand jury at the court house this afternoon.

Late this afternoon the grand jury was out in the cases of Joseph Manenti, charged with escaping from lawful custody and with having forged American bank notes in his possession, and in the case of Cecil Cady, a young Indian, charged with the theft of three from William Dunn.

Explaining the charge of escaping from lawful custody, Judge Mowat stated, a man did not have to be convicted to escape from custody. He could be awaiting trial. Manenti was awaiting trial on the forgery charge in September, 1919, when he alleged to have escaped from the Middlesex county jail. He was arrested a few months ago following his release from the jail farm at Toronto, where he served a term for having forged in his possession.

Crown Attorney J. E. Elliott, K.C., asked to have the trial of the forged banknotes charge transferred to the spring assizes, which open in March, here, saying that although the sheriff's officers had searched for two weeks, they were unable to locate material crown witnesses. He asked that the jail-breaking charge be heard at this session.

Asks for No Delay.

J. M. McEvoy, K.C., counsel for Manenti, asked that the depositions be read in the forgery case, instead of delaying the case until the witnesses were found. The crown objected. Then Mr. McEvoy asked that both cases be laid over until March, when he wanted the forgery charge tried first.

Judge Mowat explained he was acting in the place of Hon. Mr. Justice Lennox, who, although eager to come to this court, was unable to do so because of illness. However, Judge Mowat said, Judge Lennox would be the non-jury list of twelve cases next Monday.

In cautioning the grand jury regarding the inspection of public buildings, Judge Mowat instructed the jurors to ask the governor of the jail to allow them to see his diet sheet, so they could determine whether the prisoners were getting enough, or two much to eat. Every man, even if imprisoned, was entitled to enough to eat and wear, and sanitary conditions, he asserted.

The grand jurors, he reminded, stood between the people and the officials of the country, and it was the duty of the grand jury to see everything was in order in public institutions.

Postpone Auto Accident Case.

The jury case of Roy Emerson Moore vs. Charles White, a suit for \$10,000 for injuries alleged to have been received in an auto accident, which the plaintiff claims was due to the negligence of the defendant, was postponed until the spring assizes.

The case of George Cook vs. London Mutual Fire Insurance Company, an action to recover \$1,200 insurance because of the destruction of plaintiff's cars, was settled, the plaintiff being awarded \$550 and 150 cents.

The case of A. H. Burrows vs. the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada, which is on the jury docket, was started late this afternoon. Burrows is claiming \$1,500 damages, alleging that his auto was struck by a train at the intersection of the G. T. R. and Adelaide street and that the usual warning of whistle and bell was not given.

A. H. Burrows, the plaintiff, was the first witness called by J. M. McEvoy, K.C., counsel for the plaintiff. He told of the accident and the surrounding circumstances.

POISON WHISKEY KILLS FOUR.

Special To The Advertiser.

New York, Feb. 5.—Four persons are dead and one is dying in a Harlem hospital from poison liquor they drank Sunday, according to police reports today. Three of the dead are women.

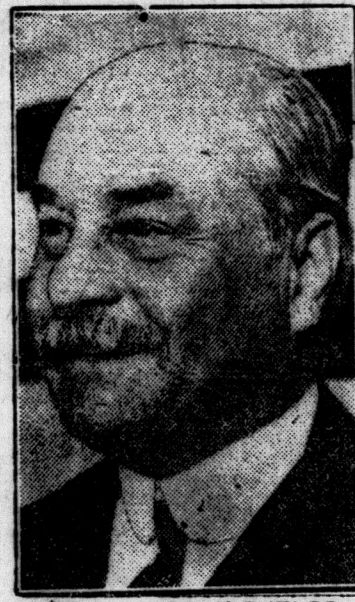
Allied Ships Near Constantinople, And Another War Seems Inevitable

By HAL O'FLAHERTY.

Special Cable To The London Advertiser and Chicago Daily News. Copyright. London, Feb. 5.—The failure of the Allies to bring about a settlement of the Near East problem, after a three months' conference in Lausanne with the Turks, has struck the heaviest blow at European peace since the assassination of the Austrian Archduke at Sarajevo.

Another war between Greece and Turkey seems to be inevitable, with the gravest possibilities. Allied warships now on the way to Constantinople may be called into active service. The relations between Great Britain and France, strained almost to the breaking point over the Ruhr occupation, are still pined further toward estrangement and bitterness.

Probe Loss of Supplies Shipped To Fire Victims



DR. U. MURRAY BUTLER, President of the Columbia University, denounces prohibition as "a maker of lawlessness," declaring that enforcement and repeal of the U. S. dry law are equally remote.

PROBE SUPPLIES LOSS OF NORTH SUFFERERS

Two Men Are Charged With "Illegal Possession of Car of Supplies."

IS PECULIAR CASE

Unsuitable Goods Shipped to Toronto To Be Disposed Of.

Special To The Advertiser.

Cobalt, Ont., Feb. 5.—It will be a peculiar case in the Cobalt police court this afternoon, when the crown attorneys will probe the loss of a car of supplies sent to the fire sufferers.

Provincial Inspectors Moore and Grier, who are in charge of the case, will make no public statement, but Charles Goldin are together charged with "illegal possession of a car of supplies."

The story as told to The Advertiser by a prominent businessman of Cobalt, is that the whole thing arose out of the sending of some supplies that were absolutely unsuited to the needs of the fire sufferers. For instance, one lady some place in Southern Ontario, sent a pair of worn-out satin dancing slippers for the protection of a woman in the fire area against the cold and snow of the northern winter. Anywhere there were some such unsuitable supplies here at Cobalt that the storage of them was hampering the work of the relief commission.

The whole thing will come out this afternoon. The man who will be in the case will not be present, as the consent of W. A. Burrows, who at the time was chairman of the Northern Ontario Fire Relief Committee, a carload was accordingly disposed of to Charles Goldin, as old rags and shipped to Toronto. Just what the charge being laid is not being stated by the provincial police.

The car of supplies in dispute is being held in Toronto by the Red Cross, until its ultimate disposal is settled, and the police court case is to be heard here this afternoon.

Have heard around Cobalt that the case will not be proved very hard," suggested The Advertiser reporter to Inspector Moore, of the provincial police.

"No one has any grounds for saying that," answered the inspector. "It is a crown case, and will be handled just the same as any other crown case."

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FILES SUIT FOR \$10,000, BUT ACCEPTS ONLY \$800

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Feb. 5.—The action entered by Mary Saunders against the Toronto Transportation Commission for \$10,000 damages for the death, alleged to have been due to an accident, of her husband, was settled between the parties this morning. Plaintiff agreed to accept \$800 and costs.

While the deceased, Fred Saunders, was a passenger on a Yonge street car on July 8, 1922, the car was struck in the rear by another car, and he was thrown forward and injured. He died one month later.

Colonel Ware Receives Decoration For Service

The following medals and decorations have been conferred on officers and men in this military district. The colonial auxiliary force, of which the late Col. F. Ware, D.S.O., of the headquarters staff. The colonial auxiliary force Long Service Medal, Lieut.-Col. D. E. Giffard, officer commanding the 6th Regiment; Sgt.-Major C. J. Wainling and Company Q-M. Sgt. C. D. Lloyd of the same regiment.

BRITISH CABINET TO REMIND ALLIES OF INDEBTEDNESS

Impending Move Is Foreshadowed by Stanley Baldwin Saturday.

WAR IS NOT FEARED

Turks Cannot Threaten Mosul. One Hundred Miles From Nearest Post.

By HENRY SOMERVILLE.

London, Feb. 5.—The British government will issue shortly, it is believed, a new statement on the lines of the Balfour note, reminding France, Italy and other Allies of their obligations, and requesting early proposals for a debt settlement. This was foreshadowed by Stanley Baldwin on Saturday, who said that now we had practiced debt repayment, we could begin to preach it.

British authorities say that the Lausanne breakdown means a continuance of the armed truce, but no active hostilities unless the Turks attack, which they are not likely to do. They cannot threaten Mosul, for there is a hundred miles of most difficult country between Mosul and the nearest Turkish base. They have only weak forces in Thrace, and they cannot bring a large army across the straits while the British command the seas and hold Gallipoli. Turks can cause most trouble in Constantinople, and the evacuation by the Allies of that city is a possibility.

RUMORED MAJOR BELL WILL SHORTLY RETIRE

Pressure of Duties on C. N. R. Board Gives Credence to Report.

Special To The Advertiser.

Ottawa, Feb. 5.—It is rumored this morning that Major Graham Bell will shortly retire from the position of deputy of railways in order that he may be able to devote all his energies to his vice-presidential duties in the Canadian National Railway board. The rumor is given credence inasmuch as the activities of the board are becoming more and more divorced from those of the department of railways with which Major Bell has been connected under several ministers for a number of years.

At the present time George Yates, formerly secretary to Sir Robert Borden, and later, for a brief period, to Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, is assistant deputy minister.

TIDAL WAVE LOSSES INCREASE TO TWELVE

Thousands of Fish Washed Into Village With Wreckage.

Special To The Advertiser.

Honolulu, Feb. 5.—Report of loss of life in the tidal wave which swept the windward side of the Hawaiian Islands Saturday varied widely today. Four Japanese are known to have lost their lives, but various unconfirmed reports brought the list of missing up to twelve. One message, several days old, stated that bodies had been recovered, and the principal street of the town of Hilo, largest of the island, was entirely inundated.

It was strewn with wreckage and thousands of fish were cast ashore. Many people were driven from their homes by the waves. An unidentified man, about 45 years old and well dressed, was found frozen to death in a field in a remote section of the city. Police say the man was walking along an unfrequented road when overcome by the cold. He apparently sat down near a tree and died from exposure.

FIND WELL DRESSED MAN FROZEN IN REMOTE PLOT

Canadian Press Despatch.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Feb. 5.—One dead was reported today due to the extreme cold weather that has held the Niagara frontier in its grip for several days. An unidentified man, about 45 years old and well dressed, was found frozen to death in a field in a remote section of the city. Police say the man was walking along an unfrequented road when overcome by the cold. He apparently sat down near a tree and died from exposure.