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TORONTO MAN DROWNED CANOEING ON THE THAMES NEAR WOODLAND CEMETERY

Clement Irwin Was Accompanied By a South London Girl When the Canoe Upset—She Clung to the Craft, But Irwin Went to the Bottom—Neither Could Swim.

Clement Irwin, of Toronto, was drowned in the Thames last night a short distance from Woodland Cemetery while canoeing with Miss Edith Plewes, of 57 Becher street, South London.

When the canoe upset Miss Plewes managed to catch hold of it and keep afloat until she was rescued by Mr. C. Lackey, of the firm of Johnston & Harbour, King street, who was passing in another boat.

Mr. Irwin was employed in the publishing house of McMillan & Company, Toronto, and came to this city on Tuesday evening to spend the holiday with friends.

The greater part of the day he spent at Springbank in company with Miss Plewes and was boating during the afternoon.

In the evening he again wished to go canoeing, and Miss Plewes accompanied him.

They procured a canoe from Lancaster's boat house about eight o'clock intending to go to Springbank.

THE ACCIDENT.

Near Woodland Cemetery there is a sharp bend in the river. Miss Plewes was paddling close in shore when, without any warning, the canoe upset.

Miss Plewes saw Mr. Irwin throw up his hands as he went into the water. He was not seen again, and although grappling irons were obtained from the pump house at Springbank as soon as possible, all efforts to locate the body during the night proved unsuccessful.

MR. LACKEY'S STORY.

Mr. Lackey, when seen by The Advertiser, stated that when he passed Mr. Irwin and Miss Plewes the lady was paddling and taking wide sweeps with her canoe paddle.

Mr. Irwin was trying to steer.

Mr. Lackey had not got fifty feet past the canoe when he heard Miss Plewes calling for help and saw her splashing in the water.

As quickly as possible he turned and headed for the spot and was in time to see Mr. Irwin sinking.

Mr. Lackey states that, although only a few feet from the canoe, Mr. Irwin made not the slightest attempt to reach it and went down without a struggle.

Mr. Lackey reached out an oar to Miss Plewes and she pulled herself along by it until she reached the boat and was taken into it.

Mr. Lackey is unable to swim but remained at the place expecting to see Mr. Irwin come up.

NONE COULD SWIM.

A number of boats came on the scene quickly, but none of the occupants would dive into the water, and it was not until nearly fifteen minutes that anyone went in to search for the body.

Miss Plewes in the meantime had been transferred to the launch of Mr. Gib McLaren and taken to her home.

She is suffering considerably from the shock, but otherwise is uninjured.

DRAWING FOR BODY.

High Constable Hughes and Constable Sadleir directed dragging operations all night, but without success.

A young Englishman named John Kildare, who was diving struck a stone, and cut his shoulder so badly that he had to go home.

A number of launches were on the scene of the drowning all night and lent all possible assistance in the search.

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Coroner Ferguson will probably hold an inquest.

MISS PLEWES INTERVIEWED.

Miss Plewes, when seen by The Advertiser, said that both Mr. Irwin and herself were paddling.

She did not know how to paddle properly, and was playing with the one she had.

Suddenly the canoe upset, and she saw Mr. Irwin throw up his hands. He made no effort to swim to the canoe, which was only a few feet away, but sank almost immediately, and did not reappear.

Miss Plewes did not know whether or not Mr. Irwin could swim. The young lady is greatly distressed over the unfortunate affair.

BODY NOT YET RECOVERED.

The work of grappling for the body of Mr. Irwin has up to date proved unsuccessful.

High Constable Hughes and Constable Sadleir, of the county constabulary, in company with a number of other men, including Mr. C. Lackey, who rescued Miss Plewes, the young lady who was with Mr. Irwin at the time of the accident, went down the river early this morning and dragged the river with grappling hooks from the place of the drowning to the bend in the river at Woodland Cemetery.

The work will be carried on until the body has been recovered.

THE FRENCH TREATY

No Official Information as to What French Government Will Do.

Ottawa, July 2.—Replying to Mr. Foster today, Hon. Mr. Fielding said he had no official information concerning the position of France as regards the Canadian treaty. The treaty has been approved by the French Chamber of Deputies, but has not yet been approved by the French Senate. The Government was aware that there had been some objections to the treaty on the part of some industries in France, and the matter for the present stood for further consideration.

GEN. BATCHELLOR DYING.

Paris, July 2.—General George Sherman Batchelor, judge of the international tribunal of Egypt, who has been seriously ill in this city since last week is not expected to survive the day.

Yuzovka, Russia, July 2.—Last evening a violent explosion occurred in the Rikovsky mine in which 550 miners were at work. A hundred are reported to have been killed. The thousands of miners in the town are greatly excited because of the accident and troops have been hastily summoned to prevent the disorders which are feared.

VISCOUNT CHELSEA DEAD

London, July 2.—Henry Arthur Cadogan, Viscount Chelsea, is dead. He was born in 1888.

THE DEATH OF A HERO

There are many people in London who think that Clem Irwin, of Toronto, died the death of a hero in the Thames last night, when the canoe containing Miss Plewes and himself upset near Woodland Cemetery.

Neither could swim.

The river at the point mentioned is very deep, and flows with a slow, sullen current.

A few hundred yards up stream about 200 Londoners found a watery grave at the time of the wreck of the little steamer Victoria on May 24, 1881.

When the canoe upset, Irwin made no attempt to catch hold of it.

He apparently left it for his girl friend, who was struggling in the water, and he went down to his death.

Those who knew Irwin say he was courageous and chivalrous, and that when he was thrown in the water he scorned to save himself at the expense of a girl's life.

LONDON MAN'S PLUCKY ACT SAVED BOY FROM DROWNING

A. J. Morgan Distinguished Himself at the Lakeside Yesterday
—Four Other People Have a Close Call—Michael Buller Badly Injured—Minor Accidents.

One of the largest crowds that ever visited Port Stanley on a holiday attended that resort yesterday.

From early in the morning until evening the Pere Marquette and the Traction line carried thousands to the Port on each train and car. The latter company carried the largest number of pleasure-seekers to the lake since the line was opened. No accidents were reported, although over 2,000 tickets were sold to excursionists by the company at the London station.

Many St. Thomasites also took advantage of the Traction line.

A Little Excitement.

The Pere Marquette did a tremendous business.

All trains were crowded, but despite the heavy loads good time was made, and everything passed off smoothly.

On the 1:20 p.m. train some excitement was caused for a few minutes, when a young man about twenty years of age engaged in a little contest over the possession of a seat, with an old man of about sixty.

The young fellow obtained possession of two seats as soon as the cars were drawn up to the station, and claimed to all who asked for them that he was holding them for three ladies and himself.

Several persons had left him on the strength of the story, when the old gentleman happened along with two ladies, a young man and a little boy.

He asked for the seats, and when told that they were taken, he began an argument and was soon engaged in removing the occupant. The other passengers sided with the old gentleman, as they were of the opinion that he was a fresh aleck, holding them not for ladies, but for several boys.

The old gentleman won out, but not (Continued on Page Nine.)

Two Wife-Beating Cases in Court Terribly Abused By Husbands

One Man Sent for Trial and Another Is Allowed to Go This Time.

Two of the most brutal cases of wife-beating that have been heard in a local court for some time were investigated before magistrate love this morning, and as a result, Edwin W. Wells was committed for trial at the next general sessions, and Richard Taylor was bound over to the whip of \$500 to keep the peace towards his wife.

In Taylor's case had it not been for the intervention of his wife, he would have been most severely dealt with.

Mrs. Edna Wells, of Ottawa avenue, laid the charge against her husband, Edwin Wells, and stated in the witness box that she had been married for three years, and had two children, one month.

Last week Wells came home one evening, and wanted to know if she was going to give up her people.

She said: "No, they had always been good to her."

Wells told her to get out of the house and she said she would not get out of her own house.

He then seized her by the throat and punched her, and threw her down and choked her repeatedly about the face and head.

A Fearful Beating.

Dr. John D. Wilson was called, and (Continued on Page Nine.)

Public Works Secretary Drops Dead

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, July 2.—Fred Gellinas, aged 39, secretary of the department of public works, died of heart failure last night. He had been unable to sleep, and at 3 a.m. had arisen and lit a cigar, hoping to quiet his nerves. He had smoked but a few minutes when he dropped and expired in a few minutes. He leaves a wife, but no children. He was a native of Ottawa, but for many years was engaged in news Ottawa in 1896 as private secretary to Hon. J. L. Tarte.

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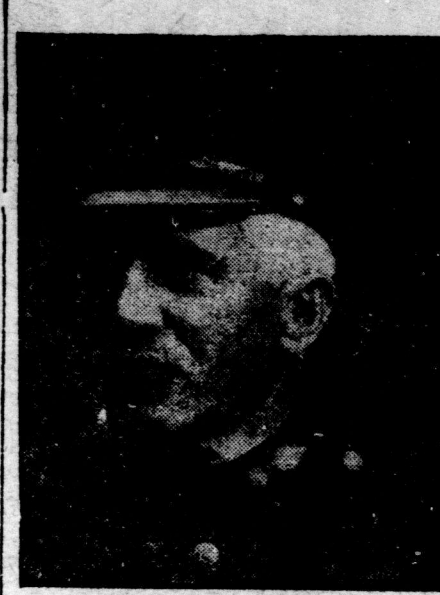
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MAJOR GEO. W. HAYES.
Popular Officer Who Won the City of London Medal in the Seventh Regiment Rifle Shoot. It is the Biggest Prize of the Competition.

HOW LONDONERS SPENT HOLIDAY

Immense Crowds Took In the Favorite Resorts.

REGATTA PLEASED BIG CROWD

Baseball and Cricket Had Their Devotees—Accidents Marred Pleasure to Some Extent.

Holiday-seekers yesterday were most fortunate, for seldom has there been a more pleasant holiday than Dominion Day.

The day was ideal for holiday-making, the weatherman being most kind, furnishing just the proper sort of temperature for merry-makers.

It was rather threatening in the morning, but it looked as if there would be a heavy rain.

However, the clouds cleared away before noon, and there was no further need for worry from that source.

Then the throngs of people made for the depots, and later to the resorts.

Port Stanley was the objective point of a large number of amusement-seekers.

As a result the Pere Marquette and the Southwestern Traction Company had a very busy day.

Broke All Records.

The Pere Marquette carried 3,645 from London alone. With the addition of passengers from St. Thomas and other points the number carried by the P. M. was well over 5,000. This broke all records for all days, except when the Irishman's picnic at Port was held.

The service was excellent. The P. M. had two of their big engines on, and they handled the heavy traffic in fine style. There were fourteen cars to each train, and the big fellows pulled them up and down in record time. The trip occupied less than an hour.

The company had also fourteen trains on the line, and there was as a result, a lack of crowding, so noticeable on a day of this sort.

Trainsmaster Gihula of the P. M. looked after the traffic himself, and did his best to keep the service up to the standard. Passenger Agent Kearns, of London also looked after the interests of his patron.

The Southwestern Traction Company had a very busy day, and it is estimated that fully 5,000 people went to the Port over the trolley line. The traffic was well handled also, and the service was good.

Four cars were run into Port every hour from early morning until 10 o'clock at night.

As a result there was one of the largest crowds that has ever been at the Port made merry at London's lakeside home.

An unusual number of accidents are reported from the Port, and only by the merest good fortune no fatalities resulted. Several people took an unlooked for bath in Lake Erie, while there were others who took a fall in the murky waters of Kettle Creek.

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TRAINS CRASH IN A FOG SEVENTEEN PASSENGERS PERISH

The California Limited and St. Joseph Express on the Missouri Pacific Meet Head-On Near St. Louis While Traveling at High Speed.

St. Louis, Mo., July 2.—A long distance telephone communication with Sedalia concerning the Missouri Pacific wreck that occurred twenty miles east of there early today is to the effect that seventeen are known to have been killed, and a score were injured. The fast Missouri Pacific California Limited, which left St. Louis at 10:10 last night, and the St. Joseph express, bound to St. Louis, met head-on between Lamont and Knobnoster.

Met in Fog.

The wreckage of the engines and mail cars is reported to be in such a chaotic shape that until a wrecking train clears it away to a large extent

It cannot be positively determined how many dead bodies are in the debris. The cause of the collision has not been determined, but it is believed the failure of the California Limited to take the siding near Knobnoster caused the disaster. The track at the scene is level, and without curves, but a heavy fog prevailed at the time, and prevented the engineers from seeing ahead any distance. A special train bearing all available physicians in Sedalia went to the scene, and it is believed the dead and injured will be brought back here.

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