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LONDON AND DISTRICT

—The assessment committee of the county council met yesterday at the office of County Clerk Robson.

—Mrs. Greensides and children, of Queen's avenue east, are the guests of friends in Clinton and Blyth.

—Charles Warner was sentenced to 21 days in jail by Squire Taylor yesterday afternoon for trespassing on the C. P. R. at Hyde Park.

—Mrs. P. Downham, who has been spending a few days with friends in London and St. Thomas, has left for her home in Peterboro.

—Messrs. S. Laird and Fred Kelly, of Montreal, and Guelph, respectively, have been transferred to the local branch of the Sovereign Bank.

—George George, whom it is alleged, purloined a bicycle belonging to John Chittick yesterday afternoon. George pleaded not guilty, and the squire reserved his decision until Friday. The accused was released on bail.

—The death is announced of Mr. Nelson Wiley, a prominent farmer of Adelaide Township, near Watford. The deceased recently suffered from an attack of appendicitis, an operation being necessary, to which he later succumbed. Dr. Wiley, of Brantford, was a brother of the deceased.

—The remains of the late Mr. Samuel Pascoe were interred at Mount Pleasant Cemetery yesterday afternoon. The funeral took place from the family residence, lot 22, con. 2, London Township, where the services were conducted by Rev. E. B. Lancelley, of the Dundas Center Methodist Church. The funeral was well attended by the many friends of deceased, who had for many years been a highly-esteemed resident of London Township.

UNION THANKSGIVING SERVICE.
A thanksgiving union service of the congregations of St. Andrew's Presbyterian and First Presbyterian churches will be held at the First Presbyterian Church Thursday at 11 o'clock. The Rev. Dr. Ross will be the speaker.

KEROSENE STOVE EXPLODES.
A kerosene stove exploded in the home of Mrs. Warner, 318 Thames street, yesterday afternoon, and the firemen were called. The brigade responded promptly, and no damage resulted from the mishap.

GOSPEL HALL OPENING.
Tomorrow, the new Gospel Hall will be opened by the Plymouth Brethren, at the corner of Adelaide and Grey streets. A three days' convention will follow the opening. Delegates from all parts of the United States and Canada will be in the city to attend the convention. Among those who will speak

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ONEIDA'S WILL GET MONEY.

It has been settled before a doubt that the Oneida Indians are to get \$250,000 from the American Government. In return for lands ceded to the American Government in 1851 by the New York Indians, the court of claims was ordered to pay a large sum of money to the different tribes. To prove the Canadian Indians from getting all this money, the Seneca, Onondaga, Cayuga, and Tuscarora tribes filed a claim for \$250,000. Mr. A. G. Chisholm, of this city, who has been acting for the Oneidas, says that the Indians, with a few exceptions, have now received their respective shares.

ANNIVERSARY CONCERT.
A special concert marked the anniversary of Askin Street Methodist Sunday school, which was celebrated last night. The attendance was good and the entertainment provided was excellent. Only those belonging to the Sunday school took part in the programme, among them being: Harry Vanstone, Ruby Jones, Ruby Mickleborough, Rold and Reynolds, Miss Nita Rowley, Mr. Perrie, Miss Ella Deacon, and a male quartet, composed of Messrs. Gilmore, Fairley, Harding and Perrie. The programme throughout was very pleasing. Many dialogues and class songs were given, the classes doing their work with great skill, and receiving hearty applause. One exceptionally pleasing number was a patriotic drill by sixteen young ladies. A hoop drill by the girls' class, and the pantomime, "Lead, Kindly Light," were especially fine features.

JOINS THE WOODS AGENCY

C. C. Norris, Advertising Manager of the Mail and Empire, Resigns His Position.

Mr. C. C. Norris, who has been for eighteen years connected with the Mail and Empire, Toronto, and for the last five years has been in the position of advertising manager, has resigned his position with that paper. Mr. Norris has acquired an interest in the J. H. Woods Advertising Agency, Limited, Toronto, and will hereafter be associated with Mr. Woods in the management of that business.

Mr. Norris is one of the best known advertising men in Canada, and his name is familiar in that connection to practically every large advertiser in this country and the United States. The J. H. Woods Advertising Agency is well known all over Canada and possesses a strong list of clients. He may safely be prophesied that under the new arrangement now to take place the prosperity of the agency will be increased and its scope of usefulness still further extended.

CAN'T COME TO LONDON

Hamar Greenwood Unable to Address the Canadian Club.

Mr. Hamar Greenwood, M. P. for York, England, has wired that he will be unable to attend the opening meeting of the Canadian Club in this city. He had been invited to give an address. Mr. Greenwood has been very busy since his arrival in Canada. He says it would have given him the greatest pleasure to have been the guest of the Canadian Club, but he is compelled to sail for England on Friday.

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OLD BRIDGE COMING DOWN

Grand Trunk Starts Work at Wharfedale Road.

Today a change went into effect on the routing of the South London cars, as a result of work being carried on by the Grand Trunk Railway at the Wharfedale road.

Belt line cars will enter South London via the Wortley road and Beaconsfield avenue, instead of via Stanley street and the Wharfedale.

Ridout belt cars will also travel via the Wortley road and will return by way of Ridout, Horton, Thames and York streets.

TO USE TURBINE ENGINES

The United States Navy Follow British in Plans For New Warships.

Washington, Oct. 17.—United States Secretary of the Navy Bona parte has received and turned over to the naval construction board a lot of data pertaining to the new British armored cruisers of the Indomitable class, directing special attention to the turbine machinery, and upon the report of the constructors, he will probably base his own recommendations to Congress at the approaching session, relative to the naval construction. The construction board has rejected the turbine machinery when last offered, but recent reports touching the performance of the Dreadnaught have inclined them to reverse their judgment, and it is probable that turbine engines will be proposed in the plans for the 20,000-ton battleship to be submitted to Congress at the next session. Details of the construction of the Dreadnaught are coming to light, and they show that the objection to the turbine on the point of maneuvering capacity has been overcome. This was accomplished by equipping the big ship with four separate propeller shafts and with the two great rudders, one behind the other, giving great power of steering. Initiations have been received from some American ship builders that with the experience gained in the recent construction of merchant ships and yachts turbine engines can be considerably reduced.

A SLICK SWINDLE

Bogus German Captain With Troops Plunder German Burgomaster.

Berlin, Oct. 17.—An unique and daring robbery was committed at Coepentick, a small town east of Berlin yesterday. In the uniform of a captain of the German army, a detachment of twelve men on a street in Berlin, who were returning from target practice. He produced a forged cabinet order authorizing him to take command. The men recognized him, and he then ordered them to march to Coepentick. Upon arrival there, they proceeded to the town hall, arrested the burgomaster, and the treasurer, and took possession of the cash, \$1,000. The robber detached several of his men to conduct the prisoners to headquarters in Berlin, and ordered the burgomaster to accompany them to the town hall for half an hour. He rode off alone in the direction of Berlin with the money. The burgomaster and the treasurer were greatly mystified at the meaning of their arrest. Upon their arrival at headquarters in Berlin, the burgomaster and the treasurer were informed that the ostensible captain was a fraud, and were immediately discharged. The police and military authorities are without any clue whatever as to his identity.

DOES IT HIDE A ROMANCE?

Costly Gem, a Gift of Kaiser's, Seized by the U. S. Customs.

New York, Oct. 17.—Believed to be the gift of Emperor William of Germany to another titled person, a gold jewel case, studded with diamonds, and embellished with the initial "W." surrounded by the imperial crown of Germany, is in the hands of the custom officers of the port. Hugo L. Lederer, of this city, who was a passenger on the steamer Deutschland, brought the box with him, and was seized by the customs officers resulted in its seizure.

Lederer stated that while traveling in Austria he stopped at the capital, and made the acquaintance of a woman who appeared to be in somewhat straightened circumstances. She begged him to buy the ticket that showed that the jewel box was in pawn, and he investigated and discovered the costly trinket. The only way he can regain possession of the box is by paying the value appraised by the examiners.

THE CASTELLANES' CASE.

Paris, Oct. 17.—The hearing of the suit for divorce brought by Countess De Castellane against her husband, Count Boni, and the hearing of the suit brought by the creditors of the count, were both postponed for a fortnight today, counsel for the countess succeeding in having the court decide to have the divorce suit before the creditors' suit. The count wanted to have the latter case decided first.

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New York Excursions November 2 and November 23.

West Shore Railroad announces a rate of \$9 Suspension Bridge to New York and return on Nov. 2 tickets good in all regular trains that date, good ten days for return. For the benefit of those who cannot get away on Nov. 2, a similar excursion will be run on Nov. 20. Write L. Drago, Canadian passenger agent, 694 Yonge street, Toronto, for full information.

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HOW GREAT RELIC GOT TO LONDON

The Heart of French King Lies Buried With Old Dean Who Swallowed It.

London, Oct. 17.—The fact does not appear in the guide books, nor is the story told in any of the numerous works that have been written about the noblest temple of worship in England; but a friend gives me a weird tale about the heart of Louis XIV., the greatest king of France, being buried in Westminster Abbey. He got the gruesome facts from the late Sir William Harcourt, the Liberal leader, whose widow is an American, the daughter of John Motley, the historian. The Harcourts, it seems, had many French connections, who fled to England for refuge during the French revolution. Among them was a canon of the Cathedral of St. Denis, the royal mausoleum of France, where fifty kings and queens are buried in rows of tombs. When he was about leaving the Harcourt mansion to return to his home across the channel, the canon expressed the gratitude of himself and two or three of his associates who had enjoyed the hospitality of his host and produced from his pocket something that looked like a piece of leather. "I was in the Cathedral at St. Denis when the royal tombs were broken open by the mob," he said, "and the ashes of the kings were scattered to the winds. This," and he held up the significant-looking object, "is the heart of Louis Quatorze, which was kept in an urn on the top of his sarcophagus. I managed to save it and would like to leave it with you until affairs are entirely tranquil in France."

But the abbe never called for his strange memento. He died of an epidemic shortly after his return to his country, and the Harcourt family found themselves in a dilemma. Not knowing exactly what to do with the relic they concluded to do nothing and await the opportunity of his heart was occasionally brought out for the inspection of visitors. The late Dr. Buckland, while dean of Westminster, was a guest of the mansion on one occasion and asked to see the weird curiosity. He was a very eccentric man, and at that time was very old, and he took the relic in his hand, rubbed it with a wet finger and then for some reason or another placed it in his mouth. The ejaculations of the astonished company seemed to rattle the distinguished prelate and he swallowed the heart while gasping an explanation. The old man fainted when he realized what he had done, and a physician, whom they called, declared that they had better let well enough alone because he could never enough the thing and might throw it off his stomach.

But he never died. He died a few weeks later from senile debility, so the doctor said, but it is entirely probable that the tough old heart of Louis XIV., which had suffered a variety of violent emotions, hastened his end. It was an overdose of heart, and by this strange combination of circumstances the heart of Louis XIV. is now reposing in Westminster Abbey with the body of an English dean for its sepulcher.

Bankrupt, men who cannot pay their debts are not eligible to the British parliament, and, if it becomes insolvent after election they must resign. The act says:

"If a member of the House of Commons is adjudged bankrupt, and the disqualifications arising therefrom are not removed within six months from the date of the order, the court, shall, immediately after the expiration of that time, certify the name of the member to the House of Commons and the House of Representatives shall declare the seat of the member vacant."

Nor can a bankrupt sit or vote in the House of Lords, or in any committee thereof, nor can he be elevated to the peerage, nor can he be elected as a peer. A bankrupt, or one who has been declared bankrupt, is ineligible to be a member of the House of Commons, and if he is elected he must resign. The act says:

"When parliament meets in October it is expected that at least one seat will be declared vacant and a new election ordered. A prominent member of the House of Commons having been involved in bankruptcy proceedings since the adjournment. There was a similar case in the last parliament. One of the Irish members was ordered to "withdraw from this house until his bankruptcy suit had been superseded, or annulled, or until his creditors, proving their debts, shall have been paid or satisfied to the full extent." Mr. H. J. G. was the gentleman's name, vacated his seat, but made a compromise with his creditors and was at once re-elected without opposition.

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CHRISTIAN UNION IN CONVENTION

Temperance Reformers From the World Over Are Gathered at the Hub.

Boston, Oct. 17.—From far-away Japan and Australia and from more than 50 other countries in both the eastern and the western hemisphere, thousands of women interested in temperance reform have come to this city to participate in the triennial world's convention of the Woman's Christian Union, which opened here today in Tremont Temple. The convention will come to a close on Sunday night. One of the features will be a welcome banquet to be held in the temple this evening. In the absence of the president of the World's Union, Lady Henry Somerset, of England, the presiding officers at the business sessions will be Mrs. Lillian Stevens, president of the National W. C. T. U., and vice-president of the world's body. There will be meetings devoted to the Young Women's Christian Temperance Union, The Royal Temperance Legion and the White Ribbon Missionaries. It was arranged that today should be observed as "Devotional Day," beginning with a service at the Park Street Church, conducted by Miss Elizabeth W. Greenwood, of Brooklyn, N. Y., superintendent of the department of evangelistic work for the world's W. C. T. U. The convention proper will open tomorrow, when the delegates will be welcomed by Governor Guild and Mayor Fitzgerald.

ASTOR MAY TAKE A YOUNG BRIDE

William Waldorf Expected to Wed Before Occupying Hever Castle.

London, Oct. 16.—There is a persistent rumor in the neighborhood of Hever Castle that William Waldorf Astor is about to marry. The village and workmen around the old Tudor place are at any rate perfectly convinced that they will shortly witness the homecoming of a young bride.

For some time past Mr. Astor has been seen wandering over the wonderful estate which he has literally transformed, accompanied by a handsome girl belonging to an old Kentish family and many years his junior. He has introduced the young lady to several of his personal friends.

Hever Castle is now ready for occupancy. Mr. Astor of late has been spending week-ends there superintending the great work of restoration and living in the simplest of bungalows commanding a lovely view of the old moat.

At the castle Mr. Astor will occupy the Henry VIII. state chamber, a glorious and regal apartment, but for the present the haunted room will not be furnished. In this room the ghost of Anne Boleyn is said to walk at night.

Mrs. Spender Clay (Pauline Astor), is enchanted with the new old Tudor village and has spent several week-ends in it. The whole estate bristles with notice boards warning people not to trespass and every workman in the neighborhood knows that if he ventures on the sacred inclosure he will be taken into custody by the police.

John Burns, the Labor cabinet minister, is now comfortably settled in his new and larger home in Lavender Gardens. A great deal of fuss was made about his personal removal of his household goods from their humble home in Lavender Hill which he has occupied for so many years, but as a matter of fact it was only his precious books that he moved personally.

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His collection of "blue books," all carefully bound, is unrivaled. They occupy every available inch of space in the house at Lavender Hill, much to the annoyance of Mrs. Burns. Burns did not even occupy the whole house at Lavender Hill. For some years the top floor was tenanted by the widow of a chimney sweep. Now his new house is absolutely arranged that he can put his finger on any "facts" which his opponents may require.

Excursion To New York City By Erie Railroad, Oct. 18.

The next low rate excursion from Niagara Falls, Suspension Bridge and Buffalo, to New York, via Erie Railroad, will take place on Oct. 18. Tickets will be good going on all regular trains on above date, leaving Niagara Falls, Ont., at 7 a.m., Suspension Bridge 7:45 a.m., and 6:30 p.m., and 8:15 p.m., tickets good for return passage on any regular train on or before Oct. 27, at \$9.10 for round trip from Niagara Falls, Ont., and \$9 from Suspension Bridge, Niagara Falls or Buffalo.

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This story sounds American, though it is dug out of the German: "Tobacco smoking," said the traveler, "is so common in Holland that it is impossible to distinguish one person from another in a room full of smokers." "But suppose you want to speak to someone present, how are you to find it out?" "Ah, in such case a waiter is sent around with a pair of bellows, with which he blows away the smoke from the face of every person until the right one is found."

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