

**USED DEAD NIECE
TO GET MONEY**

Woman Made an Attempt to
Flimflam a Business Man
of London.

VERY NEATLY TRAPPED

A Most Peculiar Case, in Which a
Little Boy Was Used as a Tool
by a Woman.

Shortly before noon yesterday, a well-known businessman received a call on his telephone, and on answering it a woman asked him if he could lend her \$10.

She explained that she was the mother of a young lady who had died recently, and who had been the businesswoman's bookkeeper.

He said he would be pleased to oblige her and would bring the money right over to the house.

The woman thanked him and said she would send for it.

The businessman, however, went over to the house, with the money, and upon offering it to the lady he supposed had asked for it, it was much surprised when she refused it.

He asked if she had not telephoned, and she said no.

He hurried back to his office he awaited developments, and it was not long before a small boy came, and was given the money.

The boy said he had been sent for the money by his mother, who is a sister of the woman who is supposed to have phoned.

The woman was visited by the police and confessed that she had been in need of money and had taken that means of obtaining it. She was given some wholesome advice by the police, but on the businessman declining to prosecute the affair was dropped.

**CHARITY BALL REALIZED
THE SUM OF \$875.40**

Statement Was Read at a Meeting
Held in the City Hall
Today.

The charity ball held in January last yielded \$875.40 profit, and that sum will be placed in trust for consumptives.

At a meeting of the joint committee of ladies and gentlemen, this morning in the mayor's office, the financial statement was submitted and was found very satisfactory.

The statement, the honorary secretary, read the following statement:

"Ladies and Gentlemen,—It is a matter of very great regret to the committee of four ladies, who, with your approval, undertook the planning and carrying out of the charity ball, held in January last, in aid of the tuberculosis cause in the city, that this date has been reached before a report of the enterprise has been rendered to you. The delay has been entirely due to the dilatoriness of many subscribers in sending in the amounts for which they were severally pledged. Even now there remains unpaid promised subscriptions totalling over \$40, money which is the task of collecting this money would be neither agreeable nor hopeful one, your committee deems it inexpedient to further defer reporting to you the financial result of the ball, and hereby presents the statement covering all accounts connected with it, up to the present time. Hoping you will not find it altogether unsatisfactory."

Most Satisfactory.

The receipts were \$1,351, and the disbursements \$475.60, leaving a balance of \$875.40 to the credit of the committee.

The report was most satisfactory to all concerned.

"I think the ladies have done remarkably well," said Mayor Stevely. "The surplus is indeed a handsome one."

The money will be held in trust, and will be distributed as thought best by the committee.

Those present at the meeting were: Mrs. E. B. Smith, Mrs. S. Stevely, Miss Graydon (honorary secretary), Mayor Stevely, Dr. Niven, Dr. John D. Wilson and Aid. J. H. A. Beattie.

**'TIS A WICKED WORLD
SAYS BANKER ROY**

He Expects to Die Soon, and Doesn't
Care, Anyway.

Montreal, May 28.—Interviewed on his way to St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary, Phillip H. Roy, ex-president of la Banque St. Jean, convicted of making false returns to the government, said he was indifferent to his fate. He had nothing to reproach himself with, and his conscience was clear. Mr. Roy went on to say he did not consider the twelve farmers making the jury were his peers, and that had twelve bankers tried the case the result would have been very different. Finally he said: "What do I care? I am an old man, and going to die. This is a wicked world, and I care for nothing now."

Returned From Boston.

Mr. B. W. Bennett, of the Pere Marquette, has returned from Boston, where he has been attending the convention of the Railway Conductors. "The session was a most interesting one, and we did a lot of business," said Mr. Bennett. "We made few changes in our laws, and everything was found to be in first-class shape. I enjoyed the trip very much."

**MORE PRIZES FOR THE LADIES
OF ADVERTISER'S CONTEST**

Miss Winnie Grimson Will Be Tendered a Trip to Quebec—
Five Other Ladies Will Be Presented With Gold
Watches By the Great Home Paper.

The Advertiser is pleased to be able to announce several extra prizes to those who worked faithfully and energetically during the recent Trip to Europe contest.

Miss Winnie Grimson, for having over 200,000 votes to her credit, will be tendered a trip to Quebec in recognition of her strong bid for success in the race.

Five other candidates, Miss E. Ball, 664 Talbot street, District No. 1; Miss Rosa Longfield, Mossley, District No. 5; Miss Clara Kipp, of Chatham, District No. 6; Miss A. W. Sowers, Brucefield, and Miss Clara Holden, St. Marys, both of District No. 8, who had over 60,000 votes to their credit, each receive a gold watch.

In this way The Advertiser has tried to recompense all those who have worked consistently through the contest. There are other candidates who have around 50,000 votes. But in the case of these there had been no appreciable gain during the last two weeks of the contest, and it was evident that they had ceased to be greatly interested in the result, and had given up the contest before it was finally closed.

The Advertiser was anxious that none who had worked faithfully should feel that they had wasted their time, and so these extra prizes that were not provided for in the terms of the contest, are gladly given.

**HAMILTON PIGEONS
RELEASED IN LONDON**

Thirty-Two Beauties Brought
Here and Left for Home
in a Bee Line.

A great deal of interest was aroused at the Grand Trunk station this morning when 32 homing pigeons, which came in on Express No. 3, were released from their hampers and at once started for Hamilton.

The official time at which the birds were released was 11:12, and they were expected to reach Hamilton, 30 miles away, in about an hour and a half.

As soon as the covers of the hampers were lifted the pigeons rose into the air in a flock, and after circling twice, darted off at full speed in a straight line for Hamilton.

The birds flew with a speed that was astonishing, and were out of sight in a few minutes.

They were sent to London by the Homing Club of Hamilton, which is training them.

**MISCHIEVOUS BOYS
WORK "SWISS" ACT**

Drop Boulders on Autos Which
Pass Under the G. T. R.
Bridge.

People who have been automobiling in South London recently, complain of the action of a gang of boys who congregate around the Grand Trunk bridge on the Wharfedale road, and throw stones and mud at passing machines.

On Thursday evening, one of the occupants of an auto was struck on the back of the neck by a stone, and had his neck hurt.

"Not only are people liable to injury," said one man this afternoon. "But the damage to machines is not inconsiderable. Automobiles are very highly finished, and every time a stone strikes the back or side of it, makes a big mark, which it is impossible to eradicate. This is very annoying, and we have reported it to the police who promise to take steps to apprehend the boys."

Make Much Trouble.

The police state that they have had a lot of trouble with boys in the neighborhood mentioned, and notwithstanding the fact that they have brought into court several times and fined, the trouble still continues. Magistrate Love has determined if any of the boys are brought before him to deal severely with them.

**THREE INFANT BODIES
FOUND ON A FARM**

Grotesque Discovery Made in the Out-
skirts of Palmerston.

Palmerston, Ont., May 28.—The bodies of three infants, one of them that of a fully developed babe, were discovered yesterday on the farm of Mr. Charles Cosens, just outside the city limits, where the bodies were dumped with the refuse collected by the scavenging cart. Mr. Cosens at once notified the chief of police, but could only find the bodies after the night. The coroner has been notified and an inquiry will be instituted.

STRATHROY WILL LOAN \$20,000.

Strathroy, Ont., May 28.—Strathroy ratepayers today carried the bylaw granting the loan of \$20,000 to the Royal Furniture Company by a margin of 84 over the required two-thirds vote. The new company will build a large factory here this summer and employ 50 hands. The figures were: Total for, 528; required to carry, 444.

FOUR SOLDIERS ESCAPE.

New York, May 28.—The escape of four soldiers, who sawed their way out of the guardhouse during the early morning hours, was reported by the United States military authorities at Fort Totten, on Long Island today. It is believed that the men procured a boat and made their escape to this city.

The names of the escaped soldiers are: Kirk, Carr, Covey and Edwards. All wore military uniforms. It is thought that they proceeded towards Bayville, where soldiers of the fort and local police are searching the woods for them.

Off For Detroit.

Between 600 and 700 people went to Detroit this morning on the excursion held under the auspices of the Canadian Order of Chosen Friends. The Grand Trunk special carried about 500, and the C. P. R. handled about 200 more. They will return on Monday, the tickets being good for three days.

**SMUGGLING TRICK
AT NEW YORK**

False Bottom Trunks Furnished
for the American
Trade

Rich Bostonian Caught
Was Attempting to Get by the Author-
ities With \$3,000 Worth of
Goods.

New York, May 29.—A big French steamer trunk brought into port by a wealthy Boston woman, has revealed to the customs, they say, not only \$3,000 worth of smuggled goods under a false bottom, but also the fact that such trunks are being regularly manufactured by a firm in Paris, "especially for the American trade." In other words, "smuggling trunks" are a staple commodity in the French capital.

The customs representatives on the other side of the water have already begun looking into the manufacturers of the false-bottomed trunks.

How It Was Done.

When the Kaiser Wilhelm II. arrived last Tuesday, among his passengers was Mrs. Frederick F. Chesbrough, wife of a Bostonian. On her declaration slip she had entered dutiable goods to the amount of a little more than \$100, which were plainly visible in one of her three trunks.

The trunk was emptied of its contents, and the customs men found two sealable bags, two sealable boxes and two sealable muffs, five Parisian gowns of silk and velvet, a large number of lace handkerchiefs and napkins; several dozen pairs of gloves, and a number of Italian corals, combs and set jewelry. Placing a very low estimate upon this collection the customs appraisers said it was worth \$3,000.

Among a bundle of bills and invoices was one showing that Mrs. Chesbrough had purchased a necklace costing 90,000 francs, or \$18,000. This was not in the trunks, and examination of the customs records showed it had not been declared or levied upon.

Yesterday Mrs. Chesbrough's husband came to Boston. He was asked about the \$18,000 necklace, and said that the necklace was purchased by him in March, and that he had it to Toronto to await the tariff decision on it.

That if the duty were reduced from 60 to 20 per cent he would immediately bring in the jewels. Mrs. Chesbrough said she had no objection to the duty being reduced, but she did not understand the nature of her act, and agreed to pay all the duty on the undeclared goods.

**MAN IS LIABLE TO
\$200 FINE IF GUILTY**

Inspector Galpin Has Laid a
Charge Against Him of
Selling Liquor With-
out License.

One of the most interesting cases that has been before Magistrate Love for some time will come up on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, when a charge laid by Inspector Galpin against a Hebrew resident who resides in the southern part of the city.

This man, who has already been in court on two occasions for selling liquor without a license, and was fined both times.

Inspector Galpin, it is stated, has a very strong case against the man, and has a very large number of witnesses, who will be called in case the accused does not plead guilty.

It is alleged that the man in question has been doing a big business in selling liquor to his countrymen.

**CITY COUNCIL MEET
ON MONDAY EVENING**

Is a Special Session, But All
Classes of Business Will
Be Dealt With.

The council meeting on Monday evening will clean up all the business now in hand, including the Niagara power tenders, the water bylaw, and all other business. It will not be necessary to hold the regular meeting on a week from Monday.

The committees will meet on Monday, to get their business ready. It promises to be rather a long meeting, as many matters of importance will be taken up.

The water bylaw will be discussed, but that will be sent to the people as it stands.

There may be some discussion on the tenders for Niagara power, but it is likely they will be passed.

There are other matters of some importance to be considered. This is very busy time.

**COPPER WIRE JUMPS
TENDER IS AFFECTED**

Wire and Cable Company Will
Only Guarantee Offer Till
Wednesday.

The Wire and Cable Company, of Montreal, whose tender for wire for the distribution station was recommended to be accepted at the special power committee meeting the other evening, wired today that they will not protect their contract later than Wednesday.

The reason for this is that copper wire is advancing. It took a jump of one-half cent a pound the other day, and it is more than likely a further advance will follow.

"We just saved \$500 by ordering the wire when we did," said Engineer Sifton. "Wire is going up and those who have not ordered it before this will have to pay considerably more money. There is, as I said, nearly \$500 difference between the price we will have to pay, and the price we would have to pay if we ordered it now. We are rather fortunate."

A CAPTAIN SUICIDES.

Marselles, May 29.—Capt. Boyer, of the French steamer Dumbie, from Australia, shot himself as the vessel was entering Marselles harbor today. While in Bombay a fortnight ago the Dumbie was in collision with the British Egypt. It is presumed that this accident preyed upon Captain Boyer's mind, and was responsible for his suicide.

**BUILDING PERMITS FOR
MAY TOTAL \$76,770**

Ninety Were Issued for This
Month—Largest One Was
for \$27,000 Warehouse.

A large number of building permits were issued during the month of May, but the total does not reach \$100,000 as anticipated.

City Engineer Graydon has issued 90 permits, since the beginning of the month, for a total of \$76,770.

The large majority of them were for small buildings and alterations, and consequently the total expenditure does not run very high.

The most important building for which a permit was taken, was the warehouse for John Garvey, costing \$27,000.

The total permits issued to date are 288, for a total of \$418,300.

**LONDON CONFERENCE
NEXT WEDNESDAY**

Important Gathering of Metho-
dists Will Take Place in
This City

A MEMBERSHIP OF 51,978
Will Be Represented—A Glance at the
Powers of This Body—Ordination
Candidates To Be Examined.

The London Conference which opens next Wednesday in the Askin Street Methodist Church is one of the fourteen conferences of the Methodist Church of Canada, which takes in as well as the different centres in Canada itself conferences in China and Japan, Newfoundland and Bermuda.

The London Conference is composed of some 230 ministerial members, and an equal number of laymen, who represent a church membership of 51,978.

The ministerial session, which opens at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, is presided over by the president of the present year. It deals with purely ministerial affairs, such as the doctrinal soundness and businessness of life of the different ministers. It is the church court, and before it would come any complaints against the character of a minister. It is very serious, however, than an exemplification of this phase of the session power becomes necessary.

It is at this session, too, that the probationers are elected into full connection and ordained. There is this year a class of eight probationers to receive the final ratification of the court before becoming fully ordained ministers.

Large Powers.

This session has large powers over its members. A two-thirds vote of its members could order any of its members out of the conference, and void the ordination of any of its members. This is another power, however, that is practically never exercised.

One phase of its work, however, which is constantly exercised, has to do with the caring for the elderly ministers who, through physical disability, are unable to continue in the active work. When the body so decides, a minister whose age or physical condition may unfit for the active work of the ministry, may be placed upon the superannuation list, and draw his stipend from that fund. Or where men on this list may have recovered from their disabilities, this body has the power to restore them to the active work.

General Session.

The general session, which commences on Thursday morning, is open to the public. It is composed of all ministers within the jurisdiction of the conference who have been received into full connection, and an equal number of laymen, who have been elected by the several district meetings of the conference.

The first business of this session, following the roll call, will be the election of the president and secretary for the ensuing year. Among the names mentioned for the presidency, that of the Rev. A. K. Birks, the pastor of (Continued on Page Ten.)

MRS. ELEPHANT WAS RESTLESS.

Toronto, May 29.—The elephant at Riverdale Zoo made frantic attempts to escape from her open-air paddock this morning. There are two fences around the paddock, the outer one being of heavy iron, and the inner fence of logs. The gateway into the inner fence consists of a square, two-inch iron bar. This bar the elephant tried hard to break or bend with her forefeet, and she succeeded in making it sag a little, but not enough to enable her to get out.

DEATH FROM STARVATION.

Lockport, N. Y., May 29.—Mrs. Edward Skinnard, 42 years of age, died from starvation. Almost four months ago she swallowed a dose of sulphuric acid in an attempt to end her life on account of domestic trouble. The lining of her throat was destroyed, and for weeks no nourishment was taken except with the greatest difficulty. About three weeks ago she became unable to administer food, and the woman began to waste away, and when death ensued her sufferings last night, she had become almost a skeleton.

The coroner today issued a certificate of death from starvation.

ONTARIO APPEALS.

Ottawa, May 28.—In the supreme court today judgments were delivered in the Ontario appeals: Goldstein vs. Harris, appeal dismissed with costs; Duff and Davies, J. J., dissenting. Ottawa Electric Company vs. O'Leary, appeal dismissed on equal division of opinion. Anderson vs. Foster—Appeal dismissed with costs. Fraser vs. Pere Marquette Railway Company—Motion to have special leave to appeal refused, with costs fixed at \$50.

**SHOOTS DAUGHTER
AND KILLS SELF**

Terrible Tragedy in a Rich
American Family in
Paris

Favorite Child Victim
David Henderson Pours Volley of Re-
volver Shots at Girl While Dining
in Restaurant.

Paris, May 29.—The American, who shot and killed his daughter and then committed suicide last night, was David Henderson, a native of New York. His victim was his eldest daughter Vera. The family has a son Rene, in New York.

The tragedy has created a most painful impression in the American colony. Mr. Henderson had lived in Paris almost continually for the past 25 years. He was popular, but eccentric and oftentimes despondent.

The coroner has decided that no autopsy is necessary and has rendered a verdict of homicide and suicide in a fit of temporary insanity. The bodies of Mr. Henderson and his daughter will be taken to Switzerland for burial in the vault of Mrs. Henderson's family.

Mrs. Henderson and the surviving daughter are prostrated with grief.

Tragedy in Restaurant.

The family went last night to dine at the "Pere Tranquil," a restaurant in the quarter celebrated for its good cooking. The Hendersons often dined at this place, and the repast last night was particularly gay. Today the father, with his youngest daughter, Gladys, had intended leaving Paris for his yearly visit to one of the Austrian lake resorts. Mrs. Henderson and the other daughters were going to the family chateau at Villers-Cotterets. As they were preparing to leave the restaurant, Mr. Henderson complained of a choking sensation. The governess opened a window and Mr. Henderson sat for a few minutes with his elbows on the window, still looking out into the street.

Shoots His Daughter.

Then suddenly and with warning he jumped up and began firing in the direction of his family, using a hammerless automatic pistol. When he saw Vera, his favorite daughter, fall, and heard the screams of consternation of his wife and other daughter, he rushed to her and stood for a moment looking down at the bleeding and dying girl. He then placed the revolver to his own temple and fired, the shot that ended his life. He fell dead across the body of his daughter, Vera, who had been hit once in the neck, and once in the breast, lived only a few minutes. She was a beautiful, fair-haired girl, and Mr. Henderson was deeply devoted to her.

**AUBREY WARD WILL BE
SENTENCED ON MONDAY**

Man With Two Wives Was Re-
manded—Other Cases in
Police Court.

In the police court this morning, Aubrey Ward, arrested in Detroit recently, and found guilty last week by Magistrate Love, of bigamy, appeared, but on request of his counsel, sentence will not be passed upon him until Monday morning.

William Andrus, the West London boy, who was bailed yesterday morning on charges of being drunk and disorderly, of stealing handkerchiefs and of stealing a wheel, appeared also. Andrus stated that he had no remembrance of having stolen anything, and was charged with stealing any of the things as he was too drunk.

"You have been coming up here pretty frequently for a young man," said the magistrate. "I am going to allow you to go on suspended sentence on the charge of stealing the handkerchiefs, and will bail you to appear on Tuesday morning for trial on the charge of stealing the wheel."

Andrus' bail was renewed.

Albert Progers, who has been keeping pretty straight for some time past, got arrested for being drunk yesterday.

"I am sorry to see you here," said the court, "and I am going to give you a chance. If you come up again, I will put you on the Indian list."

Out For a Time.

The court had a lot of fun with a big six-footer, who said he had only been out from Scotland a month, and when he came into London for the first time yesterday, had a good time, and ended up by getting drunk.

"It's the first time I was ever in trouble in my life, sir," he said, "and I am going to get into trouble."

"I was never in trouble either here or in Scotland," said the big fellow. "I came in from Belmont yesterday, and want to go right back."

"Well Scotch people are usually pretty good people, and never drink or get into trouble," said the court, with a broad smile, "and as you are a first-timer I will let you go."

And the big man made all haste from the courtroom.

LADY ABERDEEN SAILS.

Queenstown, May 29.—Lady Aberdeen sailed for New York on board the steamer Cedric this morning. In addition to attending the Women's Congress in Toronto, she will fill engagements in New York and Boston, to explain what is being done in Ireland for the suppression of tuberculosis.

TAKES REAUME'S PLACE.

Toronto, May 29.—Hon. Frank Cochrane, minister of lands, forests and mines, has been appointed acting provincial minister of public works in the absence of Hon. Dr. Reaume. Dr. Reaume left for his home in Windsor yesterday, and will sail next week for England. He will spend three months in Britain and on the continent. The tour of the minister is taken at the suggestion of his physician, and has no public significance.

**SEEKING SCALPS
OF COMMISSIONERS**

Real Estate Association Would
Have Messrs. Darch and
Jones Resign

WANT WATER VOTE
ON JULY 19

Say That Mr. Beck Should Be Given
a Chance to Clean Up His
Options for the Wells.

The Real Estate Owners' Association will ask that the water commissioners resign, and go to the people on the well issue.

At their meeting last evening this question was discussed at length and many of those present were in favor of asking the commissioners to resign at once, and go to the people.

Action was delayed on this matter, however, until after the council meeting of Monday night.

The association will be there in force, and will insist on the council taking the vote on the artesian well bylaw on July 19, not July 26, so that Mr. Beck can clean up his options without trouble.

Approve the Scheme.

They will also oppose any move to add anything to the Beck scheme. They want it to go as it is, and any attempt to make an alteration in the proposition will find opposition from them. They will not object to a sum of money being added to install meters on all city services, but nothing more.

"The water commissioners do not seem inclined to give the wells a chance," said Mr. Jos. Lawrence, the vice-president of the R. E. O. A. "We want them to resign, and go to the people against it. We don't want them to make any change in the scheme. The people want a chance to vote on it. They know all about the proposition. A large number have been down to see the wells, and they can judge for themselves."

Want Them to Resign.

"The commissioners have not the confidence of the real estate owners, and we want them to get out and let those in sympathy with the wells run them."

We will wait for a few days before making a definite request for this, but we will do so. We don't want this scheme hampered. We want it solved, and we want it solved right away.

The water is there, two or as much as there was in the other scheme, and better water. We will save several hundred thousand dollars on the deal. That is something.

Several other members of the association expressed themselves along similar lines, and there is no doubt that at their next meeting this motion will be passed.

A Municipal Programme.

A complete municipal programme was also discussed. It includes a statement on the high tax rate, and makes suggestions as to methods of keeping the tax rate down.

A late is being prepared to submit to the association later on, and a number of businessmen will be supported for aldermen.

This programme will be ready within the next few weeks, and will be considered by the association.

There was a large attendance of the membership.

**RAIN AND COLD
HOLD BACK TRADE**

London reports say rain and cool weather has held back trade to some extent, but during the warm days of the week the movement of seasonal lines showed considerable improvement. The hardware trade has been of only fair proportions. Cigar manufacturers report excellent business. The prospects for the future are good and collections are coming in better. The country trade is quiet.

**BELGIAN MURDERED BY
FELLOW COUNTRYMEN**

Winnipeg, May 28.—A Belgian laborer named Adnave was murdered in St. Boniface on Monday night, and two companions, whose names are unknown, have been arrested, charged with the crime. Adnave mysteriously disappeared, and no trace was discovered until a blood-stained cap was picked up late last night, giving the police the first clue to his fate.

**MARRIED WESTON LADY
CUTS HER THROAT**

Weston, Ont., May 29.—Mrs. Teal, wife of Reuben Teal, engineer at the Moffatt Stove Works, committed suicide last evening by cutting her throat with a piece of lamp glass. The Teals recently moved to a farm near Mount Dennis, known as the Trim home, and it is thought the worry of farm life and poor health were the causes of the act. The woman leaves a husband and five children.

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