

FARMER KILLED HIMSELF,
WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN

All Found Dead With Furniture Upset and Every Evidence
About the House of a Terrible Fight—Head of Little
Girl Was Shot Completely Off.

[Canadian Press.]

Red Deer, Alta., July 28.—At noon Sunday, George Robinson, a prosperous farmer of the Rumsey district, was found lying in his own home with the top of his head blown completely off.

Across his body was a Winchester shotgun. Opposite him on the floor was the body of his wife, shot through the right breast, her face bruised and beaten almost beyond recognition.

In the kitchen the 12-year-old son of the couple was found shot to death, while on a bed in the rear bedroom was the body of their 3-year-old daughter, her head blown completely off.

Three empty shells were found on the floor of the house and a fourth in the gun. Furniture was overturned, and there was evidence of a fierce fight found in every room.

The tragedy evidently occurred as Mrs. Robinson was preparing breakfast. Three plates had been placed on the table and the baby was still in bed.

Coroner Gibson had an inquest on the bodies, which were afterwards conveyed to Munson for interment.

Robinson was formerly a railroad clerk, but took up a half-section of land and went to farming. Mrs. Robinson was formerly the wife of Dr. McFarland, and had one boy, aged 9.

After the doctor's death she took up a half-section of land near Robinson, whom she ultimately married. The 2-year-old child was theirs. After their marriage it is reported quarrels between the couple over their possessions were frequent.

MAYOR INVITED
TO TAKE A HOUSE
NEAR INCINERATOR

Would Then Learn All About
Those Odors Which He
Says Don't Exist.

Residents May Take the Matter
Before Public Health Dept.
of Province.

Despite the fact that an attempt is being made to build up an alibi for the incinerator, the people who live near the plant continue to assert that it is a nuisance they cannot put up with.

"We are going away for a trip and we are mighty glad to go," said one householder. "The mayor says there are no odors before he has been near the place. Others have evidently come down when there was no wind blowing and have not thought there was anything in the air. But if they lived here they would think differently. It simply means that the people down here will have to do something before long. If the municipal authorities won't recognize us, we may go to Toronto, and have someone from the provincial board of health come and spend a short time with us. If Mayor Graham can spend 24 hours in this locality without making a lot of faces and without expressing a desire to live in the part of the city he at present resides in, we shall be satisfied."

The trouble with the whole incinerator matter seems to rest in the fact that there was no provision by an expert of its purchase or installation. Despite the fact that other incinerators could have been built cheaper and with a guarantee, no tenders were called for. Mayor Graham took the matter into his own hands, and if the incinerator is proved unsatisfactory, there is no saying what recourse the city will have. How binding the contract the city holds may be and whether there is an absolute guarantee of odorlessness are not known.

Stefansson Is Off
For the Arctic

[Canadian Press.]

Port Clarence, Alaska, July 28.—Vilhjalmur Stefansson's Canadian expedition, which will spend three years in scientific research work in the Arctic, set out for its destination early today, when the old whaler Kariuk sailed from Port Clarence. The Kariuk was accompanied by the gasoline schooner Mary Sachs. The power boat Alaska, which will be used by Dr. R. M. Anderson's southern party, remained at Port Clarence to complete repairs and probably will not leave until Wednesday.

WARD OF CHILDREN'S AID
DROWNED IN THE THAMES

Wilber Thorne, 15 Years Old,
Perished While Bathing
on Sunday.

Wilbur Thorne, aged 15 years, a ward of the London Children's Aid Society, living in a foster home at Glencoe, was drowned in the Thames while bathing Sunday afternoon. He was placed by the society with Mrs. Annie Stinson, of Glencoe, in 1908, and had given very satisfactory to his foster mother. Inspector Sanders visited him a short time ago, and was surprised at the progress the little fellow had made in his education and his ability to work. Both his parents are believed to be living, but their whereabouts are not exactly known. The mother when

BABY ROBERT LISTON,
first prize winner at the
McCormick picnic.

This sturdy little fellow is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Liston, of Adelaide street.

SEASON'S CROP
WAS BURNED

Lightning Struck the Barn in
Which Chas. Steer Was
Milking.

LOSS WILL BE HEAVY

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Forest, July 28.—During the thunderstorm which passed over this district last evening lightning struck a barn on the property owned by Mrs. Bannister. In a short time the structure was a mass of flames and was destroyed. All this season's wheat, twenty-five tons of hay, cut recently, and all implements, were destroyed.

The buildings were located on concession 14, of Plympton, and Charles Steer was the tenant. He was in the barn milking when the bolt struck, and had a close call. Acting promptly, however, he succeeded in getting all the cows and other cattle out.

Mrs. Bannister's loss is \$1,750 on which she has an insurance of \$750 in the London Mutual. Mr. Steer's loss is \$1,200, on which he has \$400 insurance in the London Mutual.

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last heard of by Inspector Sanders had gone to Detroit. She was living apart from her husband when the boy was made a ward of the Children's Aid Society.

No Relatives Here.
Peculiarly pathetic circumstances surrounded his early years. It is not known if he has any relatives at present living in the city. He had been visiting Mr. Thomas Walker, Mrs. Stinson's son-in-law, at Woodgreen, and was swimming in the Thames with some other lads when he got in a hole. The other boys had started to swim across the river and had got some distance from young Thorne when they were startled to hear him scream for help. Looking around they were just in time to see him disappear. It was two hours before the body was located.

BURSTING OF MAIN
FLOODS HORTON ST.
MAKES CATARACT

For Eighteen Hours Throws One
Hundred Gallons a Minute
Into the Air.

Temporary Main From Hydrant
Put In in Order to Supply
Transformers.

Bursting of a four-inch service main of the waterworks at 5 p.m. Sunday ate over 200 cubic feet out of Horton street east of the Horton street pumping station, flooded the south half of the street, caused a small-sized lake to form at the corner of Horton and Ridout streets, and started a miniature cataract that threw 100 gallons of water a minute into the air for over 18 hours. Electrolysis is blamed by the waterworks department for the break.

Couldn't Be Stopped.
The fact that the main that burst is the same one that feeds the transformers at the Horton street station prevented it being shut off yesterday afternoon. It was not considered by Manager Claubitz, however, enough to cause the men to work all night, so it was allowed to run until this morning.

In order to provide a supply for the transformers when the main was shut off, waterworks Superintendent Thos. Hodgkinson constructed a temporary 2-inch main from a fire hydrant at the northwest corner of Ridout and Horton streets, to the pumping station hydro transformers. The "main" was buried in a shallow trench, run under the car tracks and finally to the side-walks on Horton street. It was carried over by earth supports and so on down to the transformers. This temporary work was completed by 11 o'clock and the main was shut off.

It was only recently that the Horton street four-inch service main was replaced to a point almost to where yesterday's break occurred. The section of main there is an old one and electrolysis from the street car tracks is blamed. The water ate its way through the six feet of ground to the surface and before the water was shut off a hole had been dug by the force of the water that was more than six feet square.

"The break was not means a serious one," said Superintendent Hodgkinson, this morning. "It was in an old section of pipe and the only reason the main was not shut off was because of the transformers in the station that are fed off this pipe. When we put in the new pipe we will also put down a valve, so we can cut the surface off just above and below the station intake. That will make it almost independent."

"We didn't call the men out yesterday because the break was not serious enough to warrant it," said General Manager Claubitz. "It was rather a spectacular break, but that's all there was to it."

WARM WELCOME
FOR BRITISHERS
IN QUEEN CITY

Parliamentary Party Spent Sunday
Sight Seeing at
Niagara Falls.

Off For Trip Up the Lakes
and Then to the
West.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, July 28.—In fulfillment of a large and pretentious program the visiting members of the British Parliament started sightseeing with a vengeance this morning. Sunday was spent at Niagara Falls, and after an extensive tour of Toronto as guests of the city council an informal reception was held at the Board of Education, where Sir James Whitney and Hon. J. Foy were genial hosts. An hour was spent in social fraternizing.

Both members of the Provincial Government engaged Unionists, Liberals and Laborites in conversation. In fact, the joke of the occasion was a lengthy talk between Mr. Foy and Mr. Crooks, the famous Laborite. The opinion was expressed that "Foy is following the Labor member around closely because he is used to watching 'Crooks'."

The Right Word.
No speeches were delivered, the heat of the day making it convenient for all parties to dispense with formal salutations. Mr. Arthur Hetherwell, Liberal M. P. for Huddersford, in conversation, spoke of the "Indemnity" as applied to the money received by members of Parliament.

"We have been searching for a word other than 'pay' for some time, and I shall be glad on my return to England to tell Lloyd George how you treat the subject in Canada. Why 'Indemnity' is great, and removes all the objection that has arisen over members of the British House receiving more 'pay.'"

The visiting parliamentarians are of the opinion that newspaper photographers are more to be feared than reporters. For the five hundredth time, said one member of the party, he was asked to join a group to pose for a picture. Either the Canadian newspapers have lots of money to spend or photography is not costly in this country.

Ladies Delighted.
The lady members of the party are particularly delighted with the entertainment that has been provided. Refreshments were served in the speaker's apartments before the company continued on their sightseeing tour, and expressions of gratitude were heard on all sides at what has so far been seen of Canadian hospitality. The party left for Port McNicol at noon en route to the west.

BURST in 4-inch main on Horton street, just east of pumping station, where 100 gallons a minute escaped, ate away over 200 cubic feet of earth, flooded corner of Horton and Ridout street, and blocked traffic on half the street.

THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS
IS THE COST TO THIS CITY
OF MAYOR'S "ECONOMY"

Discharging of City Architect Nutter Has Cost the Municipality
\$10,000 and the End Is Not Yet—Board of Education
May Have Architect Department of Its Own.

Economy!
That was the watchword of the Graham regime when it took over the city administration. Economy was the excuse offered when A. E. Nutter, city architect and building inspector, was "fired" by the 1912 council. It is the same economy that has cost the city more than \$10,000 since the action of Mayor Graham et al. in moving that the office of city architect be abolished, a move that was consummated in Architect Nutter's retirement into private practice on May 1, 1912.

When City Architect Nutter was let out, the city architects' bills amounted to \$1,200 a year, his salary from the city, and an honorarium of \$300 or so voted him by the board of education. There was a fight on the council over the said honorarium, and the city architect's office was moved to the city hall. Nutter, who filled the dual office of architect and inspector—\$1,200 per year.

This Year's Bills.
This year over \$5,000 will be paid by the board of education for architects' fees. Another \$2,500—or more than twice as much—will be paid to the city architect—will be paid out on the architects' work for the courthouse improvements, \$2,000 or so will be paid on the construction of Victoria Hospital additions, while the construction of the market square comfort station—that municipal monument to last year's council—will be \$600 or \$700 more.

Unless some action is immediately taken by the council to provide a city architect, the board of education will in all probability inaugurate a department of its own. Next year the building department will be asked to pay as big as it was during 1913, and members of the board have expressed their disapproval of continuing the present policy.

Comparison of Costs.

A comparative statement of what it cost the city under the old system, before the Graham administration decided to let Architect Nutter out, would look something like this:

Old System.
Architect and building inspector \$1,200
Board of education fees 300
Total \$1,500
New System.
Building inspector \$1,200
Board of education 500
Comfort station 500
Hospital trust 2,000
Courthouse repairs 2,500
Total \$11,200

What "Economy" Costs.
Added to the balance that shows a deficit of \$9,700 for "economy" is a little series of accounts paid last year as a result of \$1,252.26 paid last year by the board of education. This brings the total to \$10,952.26 since Mr. Nutter was discharged fifteen months ago, or almost a straight loss of \$1,000 a month through the economical moves of the Graham regime.

While the payments for this year's work have naturally not been completed a statement of the money already paid out for architects' fees would be:

Board of Education—
A. E. Nutter, Chesley avenue
A. E. Nutter, Talbot street
A. E. Nutter, Talbot street
Watt & Blackwell, Aberdeen
school 1,150 00
H. C. McBride & Co. 850 00
Comfort station 500 00
Watt & Blackwell 60 00
F. E. Swales 221 20
Total \$2,581 20

teeet now in charge, will be over \$2,500. The hospital accounts are not yet in, but the estimated architects' and engineers' fees for the alterations there and the installation of the new heating system, is placed at \$2,000. The same applies to the public comfort station.

It Pays Mr. Nutter.
It might almost be called an irony of fate, or it might be called something else, but in the fifteen months that A. E. Nutter has NOT been a city employee he has collected more money from the city (by almost twice than he ever did while actually enjoying the somewhat doubtful honor of being a "city official."

Summed up Mr. Nutter's account with the board of education would look something like this:

Alexandra School \$ 100.00
Empress 256.16
Simcoe 579.15
Victoria 307.70
Total \$1,243.01
1913 \$ 300.00
Talbot \$ 300.00
Chesley 1,000.00
Total \$1,300.00

THREE LONDONERS INJURED
WHEN AUTO TURNED TURTLE

Mr. W. W. Gammage Pinned Under Steering Wheel When His
Car Upset at Bowood While Going Down Hill—Escapes
With a Severe Shaking Up

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Alisa Craig, July 27.—W. W. Gammage, florist; Harry Coleman and George Fraser, all of London, had a close call from being instantly killed at Bowood, four miles from here, on Saturday evening, when Mr. Gammage's car overturned.

The party were en route to Grand Bend to spend Sunday, and were making good speed down a hill when the car suddenly struck a newly gravelled patch of road and overturned completely.

Mr. Gammage, who was driving, was pinned under the steering wheel, and was unable to move until the others scrambled out and lifted the car off him. Dr. Kennedy, of Alisa Craig, was called, and for a time it was feared that several of Mr. Gammage's ribs were broken. Later, however, it was discovered that he had been only very badly bruised and shaken up. Mr. Coleman and Mr. Fraser each sustained sprained wrists. They all went on up to Grand Bend.

Over the long distance telephone today Mr. Gammage stated to The Advertiser that he was feeling very stiff and sore.

"It was a lucky escape from a bad accident," he told The Advertiser. "We were going along splendidly, enjoying the ride, when the car upset in a second and we were all scrambling about in the gravel under it. I wasn't able to move much until Mr. Coleman and Mr. Fraser lifted the car off and freed me from under the steering wheel. I have no idea what caused the accident unless it was a stone we struck or some new gravel."

Hon. Mr. Cochrane stood behind him in the face of the most violent protest ever heard from the Maritime Provinces. He will fight the men to the finish and for the first time the Intercolonial is likely to be tied up. The only things which ever stopped the road to the present were snow storms.

Wednesday Named as Half Holiday

At the suggestion of a number of the aldermen, and the request of a deputation of citizens, Mayor Graham has declared a half-holiday for Wednesday in order to insure a full attendance at the special "booster" day for the encouragement of the London ball team.

GIRLS IN PERIL

Got Down Smoke-Filled Stairway When Factory Burned.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, July 28.—Might have been another Binghamton," said Deputy Fire Chief Noble, speaking of a fire which caused damage of \$6,000 to a small factory building occupied by three small concerns on Saunders street this afternoon.

Twelve girls were working on the third floor, and they made their way down the smoke-filled stairway in local freight rates. General Manager Guethus raised the local rates, and yond control.

This makes a total of \$2,552.26 that has been paid to Mr. Nutter already. There is also about \$300 more coming from the Talbot street job, as well as \$750 more from Chesley avenue for this year.

Firing a man is not always supposed to boost a man's salary. In fact the reverse is the case. However, like a whole lot of other things, there are exceptions to prove the rule. The case of Ex-City Architect Nutter is one of them. When he was discharged by the city and opened an office for himself he just tripled his salary. Now he is a "private citizen," but has three times as much money coming in for being that.

"What would you take for the position of city architect?" was a question asked Mr. Nutter this morning. "I wouldn't accept the position at a salary less than \$3,000 a year," was the answer of the late employee, who is now in a position to laugh at his late employers and to really be thankful for having been "fired," a position that might have been taken after having their services dispensed with by their employers.

The Chinese are loud in their denunciation of the Japanese, whose assistance is held to have been mainly responsible for the success of the revolt from which the business community, unlike in 1911, has markedly abstained from taking part. There are wild rumors in circulation that concessions have been promised Japan by the rebels, and it seems undeniable that some material assistance in the way of money and military instruction have been lent the rebels in unofficial Japanese quarters. The Japanese Government's attitude, however, seems most correct, and it is doing its utmost to remove all grounds for reports that it expects to benefit through the success of the rebels.

Philanthropists already have organized efficient relief measures, and fugitives will be given free food and shelter.

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To Be Superseded

New Book Will Be Forty Cent
Cheaper Than Old.

[Canadian Press.]
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CHOLERA OUTBREAK.

[Canadian Press.]
Budapest, Hungary, July 28.—A case of cholera, which occurred at Temeš-Szilag, Hungary, near the Serbian frontier, today was notified to the minister of the interior, who, in accordance with the provisions of the international convention, informed all foreign governments.

THE WEATHER.

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Moderate winds; fine and warm today and on Tuesday.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

London 79 55 Cloudy

Victoria 70 54 Cloudy

Calgary 82 48 Clear

Winnipeg 72 48 Clear

Port Arthur 78 46 Clear

Perry Sound 84 64 Cloudy

Toronto 85 58 Clear

Ottawa 84 70 Cloudy

Montreal 84 70 Cloudy

Quebec 76 62 Cloudy

Father Point 68 54 Cloudy

Weather Notes.

The low area which was over Manitoba on Saturday has passed eastward to the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and another low area is now coming in over the Western Provinces, while between the two over the great lakes the pressure is high.

A few local thunderstorms occurred in Ontario last night, but the weather since Saturday morning has been mostly fine and warm throughout the Dominion.

REBEL LEADERS
ARE TRYING TO
ARRANGE PEACE

Disheartened By Defeats and
Dissensions Chinese Are
Tired of Fight.

Red Cross Society Has Arranged
For an Eight Day
Armistice.

[Canadian Press.]

London, July 28.—The Morning Post's Shanghai correspondent says the Red Cross Society has arranged an armistice between the government forces and the rebels which probably will last eight days. The correspondent says that 800 southerners have surrendered.

A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Peking says: "The rebel leaders, disheartened by defeats and dissensions in their ranks, besides approaching President Yuan Shi Kai with a view to negotiating peace, are transferring their funds to Japan. Since martial law was declared here, a number of daredevils who locked to Peking when the revolt started, bringing large supplies of bombs, have been arrested and executed. Many of them were women."

A DANGEROUS POSITION.

[Canadian Press.]

London, July 28.—Telegraphing from Peking, the correspondent of the Times says that the strategic position of the Nanking rebel army, in view of the likelihood of rear attacks from up and down the Yangtze River, is decidedly dangerous, and that nothing short of a decisive victory can save them from being completely surrounded and defeated.

DISARMED MANY.

[Canadian Press.]

Shanghai, July 28.—In accordance with a proclamation issued Saturday, the municipal police, reinforced by a strong body of Shanghai volunteers, went yesterday to the rebel headquarters at Chapel, immediately north of the foreign settlement boundary, where they disarmed three hundred soldiers and twelve officers and took six three-inch guns. There was no actual resistance on the part of the rebels, but for a brief period there appeared to be the prospect of a conflict. The rebels, however, were over-awed by the firm attitude of the municipal police. All was quiet here Sunday afternoon. Detachments of British, American, Japanese, French and Italian blue-jackets are patrolling the settlement and the Chapel boundaries.

COOL LINCING.

The rebels Saturday captured the Lien-ching, a Chinese admiralty yacht, which it is believed was bringing dispatches to Shanghai.

The departure of transports from Chao by points to the probability of a battle at the Wu Sang arsenal. During the last 30 hours all has been quiet, and the northern soldiers have been employing their leisure time in constructing wire entanglements on the roads.

Wu Ting-Pang is actively engaged in negotiating for peace, but the northern generals are not empowered to treat with him, as Shanghai forms only an item in the general revolt. Thus far, however, the negotiations have been successful, as the northerners have resolved to fight only if they are attacked.

Score the Japs.

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