

THAMES CLAIMS ANOTHER VICTIM
CHAS. LEAH DROWNED LAST NIGHTWas Paddling in North
Branch and Stepped
Into a Hole.DROWNED IN
SIGHT OF CHUMBody Recovered—Inquest Not
Necessary—Drowning Fifty
Years Ago Recalled.

Charles Chester Leah, aged 13, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Leah, of 933 Elias street, East London, was drowned in the Thames yesterday afternoon by falling in a deep hole a short distance east of Adelaide street bridge.

The only witness of the accident was Gordon Young a chum of Chester Leah and he was so shocked by what had occurred that he could only give an incoherent account of it.

The boys started from home about half past three in the afternoon, and went to the river.

According to the neighbors, both lads were paddling in the shallow water on the north side of the river for some time.

Later, it would seem, that the Young boy dressed and sat on the bank, watching Leah.

The Accident.

He states that Leah started to go across the river to the south bank.

Young, who was watching him, says Leah suddenly called for help and immediately afterwards sank.

A few seconds later he came up again and then disappeared.

Gordon Young ran over and told a farmer who was working in a field that his chum was drowned.

Then he ran all the way to his home on Elias street and told his father.

Mr. Young telephoned at once to High Constable Hughes, who got grapping irons and went to the scene of the accident.

Assistant Chief Aitken and Fireman Frank Sheffield went from the Central Fire Station with a boat hired from Lancaster's.

Search for the Body.

A number of people from the neighborhood spent some time in diving, and it was ascertained that near the spot where young Leah had last been seen were several holes in the river bed going down abruptly for ten or twelve feet.

It was evident that the boy had unsuspectingly stepped into one of these.

After searching for nearly three hours, Mr. Thomas Leah, father of the drowned boy, who was on the scene as soon as possible after being notified, found the body in one of these holes.

The water was at least twelve feet deep.

Coroner MacLaren decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

Rectory Street Pupils.

The late Charles Leah was a pupil at Rectory street school, and was a general favorite with all who knew him.

His mother has been in delicate health for some time and the news of the sad affair proved a very severe shock to her.

The funeral will be held on Wednesday afternoon.

This is the third drowning that has occurred in the Thames during the month, Clement Irwin, of Toronto, having been drowned near Woodland Cemetery on July 1, and Willie Davis, on Wednesday last, only a short distance from where Monday night's accident took place.

Little Harry Baker was also drowned in the Thames in the early spring.

Singular Coincidence.

A rather singular coincidence is the fact that today The Advertiser received a letter from a subscriber in Michigan, Mr. John J. Sleeman, telling of the drowning of a boy which occurred near the Adelaide street bridge fifty years ago. The letter is as follows:

"The Advertiser, London, Ont.:

"Since receiving The Advertiser, it becomes more welcome every day. In looking over the various reading matter it tends to recall half-forgotten memories of the past fifty years or more.

"The distressing accident of the Continued on Page Two.

OFFICERS NAMED
FOR COMPANIESThese Will Command Companies
of First Composite
Regiment.

This morning orders were issued appointing the officers for a number of the companies which will form the First Composite Regiment, which mobilizes in this city on Friday afternoon, and departs for Quebec via the Grand Trunk on Friday evening.

The officers appointed so far are: Twenty-fourth Regiment—Capt. S. L. Lewis and Lieuts. G. J. L. Smith and A. C. Woodward.

Twenty-fifth Regiment—Capt. W. H. Currie and Lieuts. R. H. Dowler and W. A. Jennings.

Twenty-sixth Regiment—Capt. F. W. Orr and Lieuts. S. MacKay and B. S. Robinson.

Twenty-eighth Regiment—Capt. G. L. Money and Lieuts. McBeth and King.

Twenty-ninth Regiment—Capt. C. H. Bechtel and Lieuts. Ziegler and H. E. Reid.

Thirty-second Regiment—Capt. J. C. Milne and Lieuts. P. A. Malcolmson and H. Chadwick.

Orders have been issued that the Twenty-second and Thirtieth Regiment companies will form part of the Third Composite Rural Regiment, which will mobilize in Toronto on Friday afternoon. The company from the Twenty-second Regiment will be in charge of Capt. F. O. Burgess and Lieuts. T. L. Hay and J. D. Duhlop, and that from the Thirtieth Regiment will be commanded by Capt. J. S. Taylor and Lieut. J. C. Noice.

The detail for the full composite regiment will be issued tomorrow.

WON'T SURRENDER KEYS

Woodstock Ex-Jailer Says Successor
Must Pay for Garden.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Woodstock, July 14.—An interesting situation has developed in connection with the appointment of Charles Wilson to the Oxford jail governorship, which was made last week. John Cameron, governor for the past 40 years resigned, but now refuses to leave the governor's house until Mr. Wilson settles for a garden Mr. Cameron planted this year. Mr. Wilson made him an offer which was refused, and there seems little prospect of the two men reaching an agreement unless they decide to leave it to arbitration. Wilson wanted to enter upon his duties yesterday, but Cameron refused to give up the keys. He says that he will stay in the house until legally evicted by the sheriff, or until he gets paid for his potatoes, corn and other fruit and vegetables. The citizens are following the affair with much interest and amusement.

COL. WILKINSON DEAD

He Organized Essex Fusiliers to
Fight the Fenians.

Windsor, July 13.—The death occurred at Leamington on Saturday of Lieut.-Col. Wilkinson at the age of 71 years. Col. Wilkinson was instrumental in organizing the Twenty-First Regiment, Essex Fusiliers, at the time of the Riel rebellion, and was its first commanding officer, serving in that capacity for seven years. He obtained considerable fame as a poet, being the author of "Canadian Battlefields and Other Poems" which ran into a second edition. The funeral will be held in Leamington tomorrow and will be attended by a deputation of officers from the regiment in this city as well as a firing party.

MISSION HOUSE BURNED

Two Priests Drowned in the Wilds of
The Northwest.

Athabasca Landing, Alta., July 14.—From word received here yesterday by special messenger it is learned that the large Roman Catholic mission house at Chippewawan, on Lake Athabasca, was totally destroyed by fire, together with all the supplies for the year, which had just been received a short time before the fire. Some twenty or more train dogs belonging to the mission were also burned, together with all their large stock of fishing nets and other necessities. The priests' house had a narrow escape, as it caught fire, but by hard work the men of the place succeeded in getting the fire out before much damage was done.

It is also learned by the same messenger that two priests were drowned at Smith's Landing, about 550 miles down the Athabasca River from here, while out in a small boat in a bay or eddy formed by a bend in the river at that place. The bodies were not recovered when the messenger left. The two priests were the father in charge of the mission and a young priest who went down there this summer.

A PICTURE OF HAPPIER DAYS.
Above are shown Mrs. Leah and her boy Charlie. The latter was yesterday drowned in the north branch of the Thames at Adelaide street bridge.

FATHER AND DAUGHTER DIE

The death occurred at Victoria Hospital yesterday afternoon of Miss Lida M. Wilson, general secretary of the Young Woman's Christian Association.

Miss Wilson had been ill for many weeks, but was thought to be recovering, and the news of her death will come as a sad shock to a host of her friends in the city.

She came to this city from St. Catharines about a year ago, and by her genial and kindly disposition won the esteem of all with whom she came in contact.

Death was due to an affection of the stomach.

Miss Wilson's aged father was so ill in St. Catharines at the time she died that he could not be informed of his daughter's death, and just three hours afterwards he too passed away.

Miss Wilson is survived by her mother, two sisters, Mrs. William Wilson, of St. Catharines, Miss Florence, at home, and two brothers, Harry, of St. Catharines, and Norman, of Ottawa. The remains will be taken to St. Catharines today, and the funeral will be held in that city.

LONDON BOY IS A WALKER
HAS BILL WESTON BEATENBut Is Now Being Sent Home by the Police of Windsor—Had a
Good Hard-Luck Story to Tell—Out on the Tramp
Since January Last.

The Detroit News says: "Please let me out tonight, Mr. Chief, 'cause I can get a good start by tomorrow."

This was the request made by 15-year-old Henry Morden, of Chief of Police Wills in the Windsor station Monday afternoon, and his "good start" meant several miles of road covered on his way back to London, from whence during the past six months he has wandered, performing Western feats that put that aged walker somewhat on the defensive.

Early in January last young Morden left his home in London because he would not obey his mother's command to be in the house by 8 o'clock every evening, much preferring to sell papers and carry hand baggage at the depot until 11 o'clock at night. He was threatened with a whipping if he stayed away later, and so he decided to stay away altogether.

From London he rode to St. Thomas by train, and then started for Port Huron on foot, a distance of over 70 miles. He reached the tunnel city not much the worse for wear, and after a short career as a newsboy was shipped back to St. Thomas by the police, who did not like the manner in which his income permitted him to live.

Another Start.

Nothing daunted by a setback of a hundred miles or so, Henry accumulated a little capital and started again. This time he started east, going to Brantford, where he lived for a while selling papers, but the thoughts of an uncle living in Detroit lured him west again, and after three days and a half of trudging that he admitted tired him somewhat, he landed in Detroit.

The Detroit officers of the peace didn't think much more of his mode of living than the Port Huron force had, and Monday he was brought over to Windsor. About the first thing that he assured the chief that he was not broke and that he had lots of money. "How much?" Chief Wills asked him. "Forty-five cents," was the exultant reply.

The lad will be sent back to his mother by the first train this morning, and Chief Wills has assured him that he is far from likely to get the whipping, the fear of which drove him from home.

THE WEATHER.

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HOLD-UP GANG
SCARES MONTREALCriminals En Route for Quebec
Terrorize Citizens of the
Metropolis.

Montreal, Que., July 14.—The flow of criminals to Quebec for the tercentenary is proving an awkward thing for Montreal, and operations en route seem to be the proper thing in criminal lines. The murder in an opium dive recently broke up one gang of thieves and pickpockets, but another has been landing hard on Montrealers. For the past week citizens have been held up in broad daylight by the gang in quiet localities, and people are terrorized. The latest case reported to the police is that of a lady visitor from London, England, who was going up Cedar avenue, off Pine avenue, with her little boy, yesterday afternoon, when she was set upon and throttled, and her hand-bag, containing about \$100 taken. Hold-ups occurred last Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, and the police are convinced they are the work of the same gang.

CONTRIBUTION OF \$200
FOR BATTLEFIELD FUNDOld Boys' Show License Remitted by
the Council.

The city council, at its special meeting today decided to contribute the sum of \$200 to the Quebec battlefield fund.

The residents of Simcoe street, between Wellington and Burwell, asked that only a cement gutter without the curb, be installed on that street.

R. S. Nicholl, of the township of Westminster, wrote the council concerning the growth of noxious weeds on the lands of the L. and P. S. R. R. Referred to the L. and P. S. R. R. Board.

The usual circus license was remitted in the case of the Hatch shows which the Old Boys are bringing to London.

Kenneth avenue people asked for an electric light, No. 3.

The people of Grosvenor street from Waterloo to Colborne, asked for a curb and gutter on both sides of the street.

No. 2. London Concrete Machinery Company asked for a sewer on Marymora street, No. 2.

The London and Middlesex Historical Society asked for a grant, No. 2.

The Old Boys asked permission to hold a band concert and take up collections in Victoria Park in aid of the Old Boys.

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BIGAMIST PLEADS GUILTY
ADMITS HE HAS TWO WIVESRobert Henderson Wedded in Edinburgh and London—His First
Wife Laid the Charge—Is Now Residing in Scotland—
The World Is Small After All.

Robert Henderson, of 60 Cavendish street, West London, was arrested at his home last night by Detectives Egerton and Nickle on a charge of bigamy, laid by Crown Attorney McKillop.

Henderson is a young Scotchman, and came here from Edinburgh in December, 1906.

He was married in 1901, and has a wife and two children living in Edinburgh.

Shortly after his arrival in this city he secured a position as fireman at the London street railway powerhouse on Thames street, and has held it ever since.

For many months he continued sending money regularly to his wife and children in Scotland, but in May of last year wrote to his wife that he was out of work, and had no money, and that he was going to St. Thomas to look for work.

Worked a Game.

He sent her a letter dated St. Thomas, in which he said that he was sick of the country and had no money, that he was going to the States and that she need not expect to hear any more from him or to get any more money from him.

Shortly afterwards he was married here to a highly respectable young lady, who had been working as a maid in the home of a local family.

They had been living happily together until last night, when the detectives walked in and informed Henderson that he was wanted on a bigamy charge.

Henderson took the officers aside so as not to disturb his wife, and after hearing what they had to say went quietly with them.

Pleaded Guilty.

In the police court this morning Henderson pleaded guilty, stating that he had been married in Edinburgh in 1901, and had two children and a wife still living in Edinburgh.

His wife and he had not got along well, he said, and had agreed to separate.

Henderson was remanded until Aug. 7 for sentence.

Crown Attorney McKillop has been working on the case for many weeks. Mrs. Henderson took the matter up first with the Attorney-General's department, and when it was found that the authorities offered to pay the expenses of Mrs. Henderson from Scotland to this country if it was necessary to prosecute Henderson.

Saved Unnecessary Trouble.

Henderson, however, by pleading guilty has saved all this trouble and expense. Henderson belongs to a number of lodges, and is somewhat of a singer of Scotch songs.

He is about 30 years old.

City Treasurer John Pope Is Ill

J. S. Bell Appointed in Place

Mr. Pope Is Given Two Weeks
Holidays—Is a Very Popular
Official.

After serving the city faithfully for thirty years, Mr. John Pope, city treasurer, of London, has become so ill that the city council at its meeting today, was compelled to appoint Mr. James S. Bell, assistant treasurer, to act in Mr. Pope's place for two weeks, when it is hoped that the treasurer will be able to resume his duties.

No more popular official ever served the city than John Pope. In his long service he has had charge of probably somewhere between \$20,000,000 and \$30,000,000 of city money, and he has been able to show where every cent went.

He is an autocrat in his way, in that civic business must be transacted in accordance with set rules, and no money could leave the treasury except by the route laid down by the auditors.

For some time his health has been failing, and he was frequently advised to take a few holidays, but remained faithful to his duties, and was usually at his office in the city hall.

Now his condition is such that he must take a rest, but his many friends earnestly hope that he will be able to resume his post shortly.

Mr. Bell is well qualified to transact the business of the office while Mr. Pope is away, and he is one of the best-informed men in the city's employ.

Street Railway Granted Extension
Will Operate Two Ways Aug. 10th

City Council in Special Meeting
Grants the Company's
Request.

The city council at noon today granted the request of the London Street Railway Company for an extension of time in which to operate the cars both ways on the Ottawa avenue line.

Some of the aldermen were a little afraid that when the 10th of August comes around the company will not be ready to operate the cars both ways, and that there will be another delay, but the city had a letter from Manager King to the effect that on that date he will run cars both ways, and will place three extra cars on the line.

However, Mr. King distinctly stated in his letter that he wrote it without prejudice, and that he did not admit that his company is compelled under the

bylaw to operate the cars as the council asked on Monday night.

Ald. Armstrong then moved the resolution granting the company's request, and Ald. Booth seconded.

The latter stated that he supported the motion on the distinct understanding that on the 10th of August, the date named by Mr. King, the cars shall be operated both ways without further parley.

Ald. Moorhead could see no reason for such a delay, and moved in amendment that the company be compelled to operate the cars both ways on the 1st of August.

There was no seconder.

The motion was then put and carried.

Those present were: Mayor Stevely, Ald. Steward, Ald. Armstrong, Ald. Penneles, Ald. Rose, Ald. Booth, Ald. Saunders, Ald. Parsons, Ald. Moorhead, Ald. Stevenson, Ald. Ferguson, Manager King, of the London Street Railway Company.

Flanagan Breaks Olympic Record
Walsh of Canadian Team Second

Sheppard Takes 1,500-Metre for
United States and England
the Walk.

London, July 14.—Walsh, of Canada, won in the first section of the hammer throw, with a throw of 159 feet 1 1/2 inches. Talbot, American, second, 157 feet 3/4 inch; Lemming, Sweden, third, 141 feet 6 inches.

Only the men who make the three best throws in all sections will compete in the final.

In the second section of the hammer throw, Nicholson, England, made 157 feet 3/4 inches; Horr, American, 154 feet 1/2 inch; Fyfe, England, 122 feet 6 1/2 inches.

In the third section of the hammer throw, McGrath, American, threw 167 feet 11 inches, breaking the British record. Flanagan, American, threw 165 feet 2 1/2 inches, and Gillis, American, 149 feet 6 1/2 inches.

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PEARY AT SYDNEY.

Halfax, N. S., July 14. — Lieut. Peary's Arctic exploration steamer Roosevelt was sighted this morning at 11 a.m. twelve miles from Sydney.