

## HURRICANES HARRIES ENGLAND GREAT DAMAGE AND LIFE-LOSS

**Ships Overturned, Buildings Unroofed, Grand Stands Destroyed—Many Injured at Birmingham**

London, Feb. 23.—The northwest of England and the north of Ireland were in the grasp of a hurricane to-day which left death and destruction in its wake. In the Mersey River a schooner was capsized and eight men drowned. Several small steamers are reported in distress off Holyhead, while a number of small craft have been driven ashore. No less than one dozen grandstands at several provincial points were blown down and many of the occupants who had gathered to witness local football matches were injured.

A train running between Burtonport and Donegal was blown off the rails by the wind while crossing a viaduct and nearly crashed into a bog beneath. The passengers were rescued unhurt.

The launching at Belfast of the new 25,000-ton steamer Rotterdam for the New York service of the Holland-American line had to be postponed on account of the gale.

Blinding hailstorms added discomfort to the day.

Reports received here show that the damage by the gale was general throughout England. The tornado was of short duration, but most violent, unroofing school and churches and uprooting trees. Fatalities are reported through the collapse of buildings in Manchester, Sheerness, Wisbech and Leeds. The tramway service in Liverpool and Manchester were partially suspended because of trees that had fallen over the tracks. The lights at Grimsby were sunk, but the crew was rescued by a trawler. A schooner foundered off Sheerness and the skipper was drowned. Many were injured at Birmingham.

## Conservatives Select Candidates To Both Houses On 7th of March

**East Middlesex Association Held Its Annual Meeting Saturday Afternoon.**

The annual meeting of the East Middlesex Conservative Association was held on Saturday afternoon in the Conservative Clubrooms with a large attendance of delegates.

Mr. J. H. Marshall, president of the association, presided.

Mr. S. Frank Glass acted as secretary.

Secretary Carstairs, of the Dominion Conservative Association, wrote, advising the association to place candidates in the field as soon as possible.

On motion of Messrs. R. M. Hobbs and R. G. Ross, it was decided to hold a convention on Saturday, March 7, to choose candidates for both the provincial and Dominion Houses.

**Officers Elected.**

Mr. A. T. McMahon, president of the London Conservative Association, presided, while the following officers were elected:

President—J. H. Marshall.  
First Vice-President—R. L. Guest.

## FAREWELL PRESENTATION, EXIT THE FERRIES

**Interesting Gathering at the Home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lockrey.**

Belton, Feb. 23.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lockrey, who are moving away from the strait line, was a scene of a pleasant surprise on Friday evening, when a host of friends assembled to say farewell. A very enjoyable evening was spent, in the course of which Mr. and Mrs. Lockrey were presented with a beautiful parting suite, and a complimentary address.

Mr. Lockrey has been a resident of the neighborhood for nearly 40 years, and he and Mrs. Lockrey, by their neighborly acts and their readiness to help others in need, have won the sympathy and affection of all who have known them. They are leaving for a new home in the west, where they will continue to be remembered by their friends.

This evening gathering was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lockrey, who are moving away from the strait line, and who have been residents of the neighborhood for nearly 40 years.

The address is signed on behalf of the numerous friends of Mr. and Mrs. Lockrey, and is signed by Messrs. Wm. H. Newman, president of the Order of Railroad Conductors, and Mr. H. Newman, general manager.

## NO CUT IN WAGES

**Big American Railway Systems to Keep Up Present Schedule.**

New York, Feb. 23.—Having satisfied itself that the large railroad lines in the east do not intend to reduce wages now, and hearing encouraging reports from the west and south, the committee representing the railroad brotherhoods in this state, which has been in session here for some time, adjourned tonight. The mission of the committee was to confer with the officials of the principal railroads and protest against any reductions in wages.

This evening Mr. Morley, chairman of the state executive board, of the Order of Railroad Conductors, said:

"We are satisfied now that no reductions in wages will take place, whatever may have been the original intention of some of the railroads. After conferences with the officials we can now announce that the wages of the men on the New York Central and all the Vanderbilt lines, the New York, New Hampshire and other lines, will continue the present wages. The officers of the New York Central, with whom the conferences were held, were Wm. H. Newman, president; Wm. C. Brown, general manager.

"We were also promised a continuance of the present wages on the Harriman and Hill lines. President Underwood, of the Erie, has promised that the wages of the men on the Erie roads will not be cut.

"I believe that the letter of the President to the Interstate Commerce Commission had a good effect. There is no doubt the smaller lines will do as the larger lines do."

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## Brilliant Record of Young Londoner Roy Elliott Secures a Jena Degree

**Former Member of The Advertiser Staff Distinguishes Himself in Germany.**

The brilliant record of Roy M. Elliott, of this city, a former member of The Advertiser's editorial staff, which he made at the University of Toronto, has been duplicated in the universities of Oxford, England, and Jena, Germany, where he has been studying for the past two years. The other day he was granted the degree of doctor of philosophy, Ph.D., from the University of Jena.

Dr. Elliott is a nephew of Mr. Geo. M. Reid, of this city, and is well known here. His home is on Talbot street.

Roy Elliott is a former student of the Collegiate Institute here. His record gave promise of great things, and when he graduated from Toronto University, in 1904, as gold medalist, still greater things were expected of him. He spent two years here in newspaper work, and then went to England, where he studied at Oxford for a time. Afterward he went to the University of Jena, where he has recently been granted the doctor's degree—a remarkable record for so young a student.

He was prominently mentioned for one of the Rhodes scholarships.



MR. ROY ELLIOTT.

## FIGHTING WHITE PLAGUE Earl Grey to Preside Over a Conference of Municipalities.

Toronto, Feb. 22.—Arrangements are being rapidly completed for the conference of municipal representatives, called to meet in the Royal Alexandra Theatre, Toronto, on March 4, by the National Sanatorium Association, to discuss how more effective provision can be made for the relief of those who are suffering from and for the prevention of the spread of tuberculosis.

At 12:30 noon the mayor and city council propose to entertain at luncheon the municipal delegates, who will include wardens, mayors, reeves and other municipal officers from all parts of the Province. The conference will be opened at 2 p. m. by His Excellency Earl Grey, who will deliver an address and preside over the gathering.

## TRIED TO WRECK EXPRESS But Freight Comes Along First and Plunges Into the Ditch.

Sedalia, Mo., Feb. 22.—An attempt to derail a fast passenger train on the Missouri Pacific, evidently for the purpose of robbery, was made at Ottaville, 20 miles east of here, at midnight last night, a rail having been removed. The bad place in the track was struck by an extra freight train from St. Louis.

The freight was derailed and wrecked, the engineer, fireman and brakeman being seriously injured.

The train that the wreckers evidently sought to catch left Kansas City at 9:10 last night for St. Louis. It was supposed to carry considerable money.

The wreckers had removed a rail on Ottaville Hill, a mile and a half east of Ottaville, and built a fire between the tracks to bring the passenger train to a stop. The freight crew did not notice the fire until too late to stop, and the engine and several cars were derailed and badly damaged.

Robert H. Johnson, engineer; Eugene Rueter, fireman, and Hugh Harvey, head brakeman, were seriously injured.

The injured men were brought to a hospital at Sedalia. There is no clue to the would-be robbers.

Morland Parish (Westmorland) is making a subscription to purchase a new house, as it is felt that the existing one, made during 1826, is out of fashion.

Having shut up his folding bed, a Hickmonville father discovered twenty minutes later that his wife had left their child in it. The child was suffocated.

**THE WEATHER.**

**TOMORROW—MILDER.**

**FORECASTS.**

Toronto, Feb. 24—S. a.m. Today—Fine and cold. Tuesday—Milder, with light local snow-falls.

**Local Temperatures.**

The temperatures recorded at the local observatory up to 8 p. m. on Saturday were: Highest, 21°; lowest, 12° above zero. Sunday: Highest, 24°; lowest, 15° above zero.

TEMPERATURES.			Weather.
Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	
Calgary	21	22	Clear
Winnipeg	24	20	Cloudy
Port Arthur	12	0	Snow
Parry Sound	-16	-18	Clear
Toronto	4	2	Clear
Ottawa	0	0	Fair
Montreal	2	2	Clear
Quebec	2	4	Clear
Father Point	4	0	Clear
Minus (-) means below zero.			

The first column in the above table records the temperatures at the local observatory, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

**WEATHER NOTES.**

The pressure is low off the Atlantic coast and in the Western Provinces, and high in Ontario and Quebec and the North Pacific States.

The weather is cold from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, and very mild over the western portion of the continent.

**YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES.**

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Port Simpson, 30-44; Vancouver, 39-47; Edmonton, 22-29; Calgary, 40-60; Regina, 23-33; Winnipeg, 10-20; Parry Sound, 2-24; Toronto, 14-20; Ottawa, 8 below-10; Montreal, 2 below-10; Quebec, 14 below-8; Halifax, 12-22.

## CANADIAN

Secretary of State Scott was 32 years old today.

The Winnipeg Grain Exchange may be moved to Port Arthur.

A St. Thomas millster married a couple between funerals Saturday.

Philip Heaslip, police magistrate, of Gananoque, is dead, aged 79.

The Hamilton Beach commissioners talk of establishing a fire department. Amateur dramatic companies competing at Ottawa cannot rehearse on Sundays.

The total immigration for the first ten months of the fiscal year was 240,855, an increase of 20 per cent.

The Government will place the regulation of telephones and telegraphs under the railway commissioner.

Manitoba has cut down the chicken-shooting season to two weeks and has made the opening date Oct. 15.

Immigration to Canada during January totaled 2,805 by ocean ports and 2,18 from the United States.

William Jones Pender, a tenant, of Vancouver, was thrown from his wagon and his neck broken.

Hon. R. W. Scott says that seals are in danger of extermination and protective measures are needed.

A reciprocal demurrage will be provided for in a Government railway bill to be presented shortly.

The operating expenses of McGill University last year were \$32,000 more than the revenue.

West Plamboro will reduce the licensed hotels in the township from four to two.

The Molders' Union of Hamilton will oppose the reduction of wages by the founders.

Herkimer Street Methodists, Hamilton, propose a new church at a cost of \$20,000.

The United States consulates in Port Hope and Port Rowan may be abolished.

Duncan McKenzie, of Hamilton, is dead, aged 77.

A petition is being circulated in Sarnia to cut off three hotel licenses in Sarnia.

Three Italians have been murdered in Montreal in three days, and the police are baffled.

There will be no attempt made to reduce the number of liquor licenses in Chatham this year.

Hon. J. J. Foy, attorney-general for Ontario, predicts that there will be two general elections this year.

It is rumored that Sir Richard Cartwright will be appointed lieutenant-governor of Ontario shortly.

The St. Hilda and Paardeberg chapters, Daughters of the Empire, played games of living chess the other evening.

The Alliance Insurance Company's building on St. James street, Montreal, has been sold for half a million dollars.

Montreal will petition the Quebec Legislature to amend the city charter by making provision for a board of control.

Convivial Union of the International Stevedores and Dockworkers favor amalgamation with the Associated Brotherhood.

C. P. R. conductors have received a circular calling their attention to the rule prohibiting swearing or profane language on trains.

Miss Murdoch, late superintendent of the Ancon Hospital, Panama, has been selected as lady superintendent of Stratford Hospital.

A gang of counterfeiters from the States have been working at Bedford, Que., where Fessenden, one of their number, was arrested.

A new Roman Catholic clubhouse, to be known as the Parish Hall, is to be erected at the corner of Church and Kent streets, London.

C. W. Swift, brought from Halifax to Hamilton to answer a charge of theft of \$370 from the Bennett Theatre Company, has been released.

Miss E. M. Keyes, one of the teachers injured in the Hochelaga school fire in Montreal, is suing the Protestant school commissioners for \$5,000.

Mr. J. A. Moore, of St. Thomas, who has been in jail for some months on a charge of forgery, has been released on \$2,000 bail to appear in April.

A C. P. R. passenger train ran foul of a freight train at Wingham on Saturday and a coal car was thrown on the station platform. No one was hurt.

A man named Babcock, of Murvale, is under arrest charged with inhumanly treating his four-months-old child by twisting one of its arms till it broke.

The C. N. R. superintendent at Port Williams has received a "Black Hand" letter from Italians, who demand work and who will blow up the docks if they don't get it.

Thomas Burdge, of Avon, had his arm drawn into the cogs of a windmill and mangled in such a manner that the arm will have to be amputated.

Noel Wilson, a farmer near Montreal, was struck by a train, while driving over the crossing at Whetst street, the watchman being unable to stop him, as the gates refused to work.

Relatives of Mr. W. D. Jackson, of Guelph, were informed that he was dead in New York, but he was found and went to the morgue to view his own resemblance to Jackson.

A farmhand named Charley Marshley, living with Mr. Arthur Morgan, of Kerwood, went violently insane on Saturday, and created a scene at the depot. He was taken in charge and removed to London by Chief Wilson, of Strathroy. Marshley is a Barnardo Home boy.

## Busy Week for British Commons Talk Is Now of "Premier" Asquith

London, Feb. 23.—The session of Parliament up to the present, apparently uneventful, will begin tomorrow a busy and important week with the introduction of a new education bill and the publication of the naval estimates, over which there is said to have been much divergence of opinion in the cabinet.

On Tuesday the Government will make a statement on the Macedonia situation, and the Congo debate will occupy Wednesday. The licensing bill, one of the Government's principal measures, will be taken up on Thursday, and on Friday the women's suffrage bill.

The health of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the prime minister, is improving, but very slowly. There is not the slightest hope that he will be able to resume active leadership before Easter, even if, then, and the party is beginning to take for granted the advent of Herbert H. Asquith as premier, which would be an important event in many ways, as Mr. Asquith is the leader of the Imperial section of the cabinet, while Sir Henry leads the Radical section, which is committed to home rule and other advanced measures.

As Mr. Asquith holds the influential position of chancellor of the exchequer, his appointment as premier would give his party enormous modification of the policy of the cabinet as a whole. Rumors that the premier has already offered to resign, however, are unfounded.

It is understood the naval estimates will show an increase of about \$5,000,000 over last year, the shipbuilding programme being a modest one.

## IN THE SHADOW OF THE GALLOWS THROUGH STORY OF PERJURER

**Witness Whose Evidence Convicted Billik Has Recanted.**

Chicago, Feb. 22.—Eighteen-year-old Jerry M. Vzal, whose testimony more than any other person's served to convict the Bohemian fortune teller, Herman Billik, of the murder of six members of the Vzal family, has, it is announced today recanted and in an affidavit declares that the testimony was simply perjury.

Billik is under sentence to be hanged March 20. The supreme court has affirmed the judgment, declaring the man's last chance unless Governor Deneen shall issue a pardon.

Not only does the Vzal boy impugn his own evidence, but he declares that two of his relatives also lied. In the affidavit the boy states that all the vital part of his testimony was perjury taught him by a high police official and an assistant states attorney. He specifically names the men whom he accuses.

In the affidavit Vzal, who is now a student in Valparaiso, Ind., asserts that he told the story because a police official threatened him with a charge of murder unless he did as the police wished him to do. "The credit for polishing off the fictitious narrative he gives to an assistant states attorney, with whom, he says, he was closeted forty times, the conferences being from one to four hours in duration. He further asserts that the inspector of police summoned him at least fifty times and that these conferences usually lasted two hours.

The confession was obtained through the instrumentality of the Rev. J. P. O'Callaghan, head of the Paulist Fathers in this city and pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, who has been working in Billik's behalf for several months. Father O'Callaghan says he was interested in the case through Sister Rose, a nun at the Columbus hospital, who firmly believed in Billik's innocence. It was Sister Rose who converted the car barn bandit Gustav Marx, who was executed with Niedermyer and Van Dyne, the only one of the celebrated trio that died a Christian.

## London Man Amongst the Victims Fifth Husband of Notorious Bigamist

**No Such Name as Pierce Juvinal Is Known in this City, However.**

The champion divorced woman in the United States has been discovered, and among the objects of her misplaced affections was a former Londoner.

The young lady in the sketch has just passed her 46th birthday, and has also had her eighth husband removed by the law.

Her name, according to the last official account, is Miss Sophronia Reed-Rose-Burkett-Wickizer-Juvinal-Bolinger-Griffin-Gleeson.

She has been called the human directory.

**Matrimonial Operations.**

Her operations in the matrimonial field have covered a considerable territory. They commenced in Indiana, then to Missouri, then back to Indiana, then into Canada, then Ohio, and back again into Indiana.

And, as she is still young, it is confidently expected she will cover the United States.

Here is the list in chronological order:

**The List of Victims.**

Husband No. 1—John Reed. John lived with her for some time, but he had a vision of what was coming, and died somewhat peacefully in 1885.

Husband No. 2—John Ross, of St. Joseph, Missouri. John moved in shortly after the death of No. 1, but lasted only two years, when he was divorced.

Husband No. 3—Jesse Burkett, the great ball player, but a rich farmer of Tippecanoe, Ind. Jesse (Continued on Page Eight.)

## Natal Act Case To the Privy Council

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 22.—Chief Justice Hunter yesterday granted the application of Mr. Macdonnell for the release of two Japanese recently convicted at New Westminster under the provisions of the provincial Natal act. His lordship stated that he did not believe the Natal act contravened the immigration laws of the Dominion, but he was positive it did undoubtedly run counter to the act sanctioning the treaty with Japan.

Mr. R. Cassidy, K.C., for the province, argued that for the Dominion to sanction the treaty was ultra vires, and that it guaranteed special privileges to the Japanese above other nations.

An appeal to full court was taken immediately, which will probably be argued on Monday by way of expediting a final appeal to the privy council, which is absolutely certain.

## Taft Says U. S. Is Not Ready for War

Buffalo, Feb. 22.—William H. Taft, secretary of war, was the guest of honor at the Elliott Club's thirtieth anniversary celebration of Washington's birthday here tonight.

Responding to the toast "George Washington," Secretary Taft took up some of the great political principles laid down by the first president, and drew parallels with present-day policies to show how far Washington's precepts had been followed by those who came after him.

In the course of his address, Secretary Taft had a word to say as to the nation's unpreparedness for war. "Washington deemed the preparation of the nation for war of high importance," said Mr. Taft. "Our humiliating experience with reference to our army in the war of 1812, and the immense losses which we suffered in the civil war from lack of preparation, show that in this respect, at least, we have not followed the advice of the first president."

"With a knowledge that in 1864-65 we had an army of a million men that were as good men as ever carried a gun, they have an abiding conviction that we could promptly raise a similar army to resist foreign aggression or to enforce our international rights without realizing that it took three years of a most stupendous war to make that army, in the history of which now they have such a just pride. Still we are very much better off than we were. We are slowly improving in the matter of national defense, and if God, who seems to have watched over the fortunes of this country, shall avert a war until another decade has passed, we shall probably be in a better condition to meet it than ever before in our history."

## HERE'S BONI AGAIN Is Ordered to Pay Half of Price of Gift to a Singer.

Paris, Feb. 21.—The court of appeals has confirmed the judgment of the lower court, ordering Count Boni De Castellane and Madame Anna Gould, who secured a divorce from the buyer's wife.