

HE SWALLOWED CARBOLIC ACID STOOD AROUND HOTEL FOR HOUR

Carl Ray Told a Number of Men in the Barroom He Had Taken the Poison, But They Would Not Believe Him Until He Fell Unconscious.

SAID FAMILY TROUBLES CAUSED THE RASH DEED

Drank an Ounce of the Drug, But Physician Says That He Will Recover—Comes From Zanesville, Ohio, But Claims Relationship With a Local Family—Is Twenty-Three Years Old.

To swallow enough carbolic acid to kill six men, and afterward to stand around for an hour trying to convince a number of people that he had taken the poison, and to be still alive to tell the story, has been the experience of Carl Ray, a young man whose home is in Zanesville, Ohio, and who attempted to commit suicide at the Homister House, on the Hamilton road, yesterday afternoon, about 4 o'clock.

Family troubles and drink are supposed to have caused the rash attempt. About a quarter to 4 yesterday afternoon Ray walked into the Homister House on the Hamilton road, and stood up against the bar.

A man named Gibbons, who was standing alongside of him, detected a strong odor of carbolic acid almost immediately, and questioned Ray in reference to it.

Drank an Ounce of Acid.
“A man naturally would smell strongly of carbolic acid when he had drunk nearly an ounce of it,” replied Ray, who did not appear to be suffering any pain.

After questioning him further, bystanders in the bar notified the proprietor of the house of the matter. To Mr. Homister Ray repeated his statement that he had poisoned himself, and said that he did it because he did not want to live any longer.

Still no one believed that Ray had swallowed the poison, as he showed no signs of suffering.

Finally, after almost an hour had passed Ray pulled an ounce bottle labeled “Carbolic Acid” from his pocket, which contained perhaps a quarter of an inch of acid.

Fell to the Floor.
“There is the bottle,” said Ray, “and in a short time I will be dead.”

Ray then opened his mouth, and showed his listeners where the acid had burned his tongue and the lower part of his mouth.

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War Within the Conservative Fold Beck and Gray Factions At Odds

'Tis Said Mr. Gray Will Run Against Mr. Beck To Even the Accounts.

A dispatch to the Toronto Globe from this city says:

The trouble which has been brewing in the local Conservative camp ever since June, 1906, when Hon. Adam Beck refused to take any active, or, at least, open part in the campaign being waged by Mr. William Gray, threatens to break out in fine style, now that there is a probability that the Conservatives will be called upon to select a candidate for the Legislature, probably this year. It is known that Mr. Gray has stated to friends here that if Mr. Beck ever runs again he will oppose him to get even. Mr. Beck, on the other hand, has no love for Mr. Gray.

Special Meeting of No. 1 Committee

The extension of the street railway in the North End will not come before the No. 1 committee tonight. A special meeting will be called for Tuesday evening next, when that matter will be settled.

The Western University agreement will also come up at this meeting. The agreement with the county council regarding the maintenance of the county jail will come up for settlement this year.

The council will meet on Tuesday evening next, and it is likely that a committee will be appointed from the county council to meet No. 1 committee to draft a basis of agreement regarding the jail.

Petitions Go Before Council Monday

The petitions from the residents of East London, re the fire hall, have not been presented to the city clerk as yet, but it is understood that they will be presented tomorrow or Monday in order to come before the council on Monday evening.

The petitions have been very largely signed, and a concerted move will be made to secure the removal of the East London fire hall.

“We have the petitions all right, and they will be in to the council in time,” said an East Londoner this morning. “They have been signed by a large number of people, north of Dundas street—in fact by practically everybody in that section.”

No New Rails for the Street Railway

Now that City Solicitor Meredith has opposed the laying of “T” rails on Dundas street, the London street railway will not purchase new rails for that street, but will rely on the old groove rails at present used by the company.

Such was the statement made by a man in close touch with the railway. It was the intention of the company to replace all the groove rails on the system with “T” rails, and Dundas street was to be the first step in that direction.

Now that this move has been blocked it is unlikely that the company will invest any more money in the groove rail, but will rather get along with the rails it has at present.

No New Rails.
“We will not lay any new rails on

street—in fact by practically everybody in that section.”

New Hall Is Needed.
“We will not object to a new hall being placed in the southeastern part of the city. I think it is needed there. That portion is growing very fast, and should be protected, especially as there are so many factories being built in that neighborhood. Let them have a hall there. We want our hall to stay where it is.”

Judging from what can be learned of the attitude of the aldermen they will leave the present hall where it is, and build the new hall in the southeastern portion.

Premier's Relative Weds

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 17.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Lady Laurier and the Hon. L. P. Brodeur leave for Montreal this afternoon to attend the marriage of Madame Henri Laurier to Alfonso Brodeur, Montreal, tomorrow.

Alfonso Brodeur is a cousin of the Minister of Marine, and Madame Laurier is a sister-in-law of the Premier.

Protest Against the Insurance Bill By Delegation From the I. O. F.

Say Measure as It Now Stands Would Wipe Out the Organization.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Jan. 17.—E. G. Stevenson, supreme chief ranger of the Independent Order of Foresters; C. D. Clarke, supreme physician; R. Matheson, supreme secretary; W. H. Hunter, supreme counselor; S. H. Pope, actuary; Mr. Morin, deputy chief ranger, and a number of other representatives of the order are here today interviewing the

Finance Minister and the superintendent of the insurance department in connection with the insurance bill. The objections of the order to the bill have already been published. The insurance bill provides that fraternal societies must adopt the fraternal congress tables of mortality, and that all new business must be conducted separately from the old. Great objection is made to a division of the business. The representatives of the order say that it would mean the destruction of the organizations and deprive the old members from any benefits of monies paid to obtain new business. It is contended that the bill as it now stands would mean that the society would have to go out of business.

Westminster Man Badly Injured Thrown Violently From Load of Hay

Painful Experience of Mr. Wm. Foster on Brick Street Thursday.

Mr. Edward Foster, a farmer living at the corner of Brick street and the Wharfedale road, met with a serious accident yesterday afternoon while taking a load of hay to a neighbor's place.

Mr. Foster was standing on top of

the load when the sleigh struck a rough place and he was thrown to the ground.

Rendered Unconscious.
Apparently he struck on his head and neck, for when discovered shortly afterwards he was unconscious, and his head was badly cut. Upon examination found that Mr. Foster's spine had been very seriously injured. It is not thought that the injury will prove fatal, although Mr. Foster is suffering greatly, and will be confined to his house for a long time.

\$50 Fine for Loitering in Shanty G. T. R. Rigidly Enforcing New Rule

First Case Came Up in Police Court—Fine Remitted on Condition.

The Grand Trunk Railway Company wishes to make it known that in future it will not allow any person to loiter in the shanties of the men employed in watching the crossings.

A rule, which was recently made, is very strict in regard to this matter, and even goes so far as to state that employees when they are off duty, if found loitering in the shanties, will be regarded as trespassers and will be prosecuted.

The First Case.
The first case to come under the new

rule was threshed out in the police court this morning, when Robert Moray, a former switchman on the Grand Trunk, was charged with trespassing in the shanty at Wellington street, and fine \$50, or two months in jail.

Upon certain representations made by Detective Tisdale, the court decided to remit the fine, and allow Moray to go, on condition that he promised never again to repeat the offense.

Will Enforce Rule.
“The company intends to enforce this rule most rigidly,” said Detective Tisdale to “The Advertiser.” “For a long time we have been receiving complaints regarding the conduct of persons in these shanties, and the loitering is going to be stopped at any cost. No person has any business in these shanties except employees on duty, and no one else will be allowed in them.”

No Money for Courthouse and Jail Says Finance Minister of Council

Ald. Beattie Declares That New Registry Office Is More Badly Needed.

“What about a new jail and courthouse,” was asked Ald. Beattie, chairman of the finance committee, this morning.

“I suppose it is needed, but I do not see how we can build it at present,” the alderman replied. “There is so much money needed now for more important work. I hardly see how we can get money to build it.”

“The present building will last a little longer. It is safe enough. While not sanitary, I do not see how we can do better than let it alone until such a time as we are in a position to build a new one.”

Registry Office Wanted.
“We are in much more need of a registry office,” Ald. Beattie continued. “The present office is too small, and will have to be replaced very soon. I have hardly think it would be wise to wait

until the new courthouse is built, and then set a room aside in it for the registry office. The practice is to keep the registry office under one roof, as it will be hard to get a fireproof room in another building. It could be done, but it would be more difficult.”

A Suggestion.
“Here is my proposition. The weigh scales, I understand, are to be moved over to the other side of the market. Then tear down the present fish houses and move them over to the other side of the market along with the weigh scales. The city then would have an excellent site for the new registry building, and would not have to spend a cent for a site. It would be centrally located, in the midst of the lawyers' offices, downtown, and just off the main street. I think it would be a fine spot.”

How About the Money.
“Of course, the question is, where is the money to come from to build it? We are face to face with that difficulty. A new office will have to be built soon, I think the plan I have suggested would prove a good one.”

Cutting Trees Results in Big Lawsuit

As a result of the alleged cutting down of certain apple trees, approximately 20 sheets of foolscap have been filled with testimony, and perhaps fifteen witnesses have been examined, in the Carling vs. Ball case, which came up for the second time at the county magistrate's court yesterday afternoon, and was again enlarged until next Monday.

Miss Mary Carling charged A. S. Ball, of London Township, with having maliciously cut down three valuable apple trees from a piece of her property, which he had rented.

The various witnesses examined differed as to the number of trees cut down. Some swore that there were three missing, while others were equally confident that but two had been cut.

A Lease Question.
Then there is a little matter of signing a lease for the property, which will probably have to be settled before a decision can be rendered by Squire Chittick.

The defense alleges that the terms of the lease were so-and-so, and the complainant avers that they were not as alleged.

At all events the cost of the trees, as the case might be, will be more than spent in witness, constable and magistrate fees.

Both sides are positive they are in the right, and there appears to be no possibility of a settlement.

JUMPED INTO A WELL

Resident of Howick Township Despondent, Commits Suicide.

Wingham, Jan. 16.—Adam Caust, who resided on the second concession of Howick, committed suicide by jumping into a well. He was about 65 years of age, and had been in a despondent state for some weeks.

DEAD ON BARN FLOOR

Southampton Man Killed by Bursting of Blood Vessel.

Southampton, Jan. 16.—Norman Shoemaker, 60 years of age, manager of the Commercial Hotel, was found last night found dead on the floor of the barn. Death was due to the bursting of a blood vessel in the brain. Deceased leaves a widow and three sons.

NEW STORY TOMORROW

The first installment of The Advertiser's new story, “The Heiress of Densley Wood,” will be published in Saturday's edition. The author is Florence Warden, one of the most successful English writers of fiction. This story has not yet appeared in book form, and the serial rights have been purchased for this district by The Advertiser. It will be found to be of absorbing interest. A very liberal installment will be given tomorrow.

G. T. R. FIREMAN PAINFULLY INJURED

Mr. Wm. Nicholson Met With a Serious Accident Last Night.

Fireman William Nicholson, of the Grand Trunk, sustained painful injuries last night, while his engine was taking water in the east end yards.

While lifting the funnel, his foot slipped on the ledge and he fell, striking his head against the sharp edge of the reservoir.

A gash several inches in length was cut in Mr. Nicholson's head and he will be confined to his home for some time.

NEW TUNNEL SYSTEM MEANS BIG SAVING

Superintendent Brownlee, of the Grand Trunk, passed through the city this morning en route for Sarnia where he will inspect the new electrical equipment which has just been installed. To The Advertiser Mr. Brownlee expressed the opinion that the new method of handling the traffic through the tunnel would be a vast improvement over former methods, and would save not only a great deal of time, but a large sum of money annually.

FACTORY GIRLS IN PERIL

One Burned and One Killed by Jumping in a Scranton Blaze.

Scranton, Pa., Jan. 17.—The Imperial underwear factory, employing more than 100 girls, is burning. A number of girls have leaped from the windows, and some are reported caught in the building. One employee, Florence Watson, is reported burned to death, and another, Mattie Buckley, was killed in jumping.

LORNE McDERMOTT DIES

Successor to Injuries Received in St. Catharines Theater Fire.

St. Catharines, Ont., Jan. 17.—Lorne McDermott, son of ex-Ald. Chas. McDermott, who was severely burned by the explosion of the moving picture machine, which he was operating at the Hippodrome Theater on Wednesday afternoon, died at the city hospital at an early hour this morning, after suffering intensely. Dr. W. H. Merritt, the coroner, after investigating the circumstances in connection with the accident, has decided that an inquest is not necessary.

THE PONTIFF UNWELL.

Rome, Jan. 17.—Owing to an attack of gout the Pope has been reluctantly obliged to suspend his audiences. He was visited yesterday by his private physician, Dr. Petacoli, who insisted that he go to bed, and to this the patient consented. The gout causes acute pains and a swelling of the knee.

TO HELP SURVIVORS.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 17.—The revenue cutter Perry, which left Seattle last night to seek possible survivors of the British ship Hartfield, believed to be lost off the west coast of Vancouver Island.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—COLD.

FORECASTS.
Toronto, Jan. 17—8 a.m. Today—Strong southerly winds; a light snowfall tonight.

Saturday—Northwest winds and moderately cold.

Local Temperatures

The temperatures recorded at the local observatory yesterday were: Highest, 22.5; lowest, 3.5.

TEMPERATURES.
Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.
Calgary..... 12 8 Clear
Winnipeg..... 12 8 Clear
Port Arthur..... 12 6 Cloudy
Perry Sound..... 26 4 Cloudy
Toronto..... 18 12 Cloudy
Ottawa..... 14 2 Cloudy
Montreal..... 8 0 Fair
Quebec..... 2 -4 Snow
Father Point..... 2 -4 Cloudy

Minus (-) means below zero.

The first column in the above table records the temperatures at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES.
The acute high pressure which appeared over the Western Provinces yesterday, accompanied by a cold wave, has moved southward, and the temperature has risen again throughout the West.

The disturbance which was in Wisconsin yesterday is now centered near Quebec, and will pass quickly eastward.

TWO INJURED ON SIMCOE ST. TRACTION CAR STRUCK SLEIGH

Albert Nurdon and Little Son Painfully Hurt While Giving City Family a Ride Around the Town—Patients Will Recover.

An accident which would have been attended with the most serious consequences but for the prompt action of Motorman Smith, of the Southwestern Traction Company, occurred last evening at 6 o'clock at the Simcoe street crossing of the traction line.

As it was, Mr. Albert Nurdon, of Massonville, and his little son, were injured. Mr. Joseph Hardiman, of 79 Maitland street, foreman at Labatt's brewery, with three of his children, had a close call.

Taking a Ride.
Mr. Nurdon and his boy had been visiting the Hardimans, and before leaving for home volunteered to give the children a sleighride. Mr. Hardiman, with his daughter Beatrice, got in the sleigh, with Mr. Nurdon and little Albert Nurdon. Clara and Louie Hardiman caught on the sleigh and rode on the runners.

All went well until the crossing of the traction company on Simcoe street was reached.

There, it is alleged, Mr. Nurdon drove in front of a car which was approaching from the south.

Car Struck the Cutter.
Fortunately the trolley was within a

short distance of the station and was preparing to stop, when it struck the sleigh, overturning it and throwing the occupants out.

Mr. Nurdon and his son Albert were the only persons injured, the boy having his hip dislocated and the man sustaining a bruise on the head.

Both were taken to Victoria Hospital in D. A. Stewart's ambulance.

Mr. Nurdon arrived from England a year ago, and his wife came out in August.

Says He Rang the Gong.
Motorman Smith states that he was ringing the car gong at the time.

The crossing at Simcoe street is a wide one; there are no houses very close to the track.

As soon as Motorman Smith saw the horse he commenced to slacken speed, and after striking the sleigh the car was stopped, it is said, inside of a few feet.

The horse escaped unhurt.

Manager's Statement.
Manager Mower was on the car at the time and states that had the persons in the sleigh been paying attention they could not have failed to see the glare of the electric headlight, with which all the cars are equipped.

Mr. Hardiman is positive the motorman was not ringing the gong. At the hospital today Dr. McGillivray stated that the patients are doing well.

City Engineer Names Qualifications For a Capable Building Inspector

Thinks Mr. Victor Mitchell, Now in Scotland, Would Fill the Bill.

The appointing of a building inspector was again brought up at the meeting of the board of works last night.

Some time ago City Engineer Graydon was instructed to prepare a report as to what he considered were the qualifications of a building inspector. That report was submitted to the board last night.

Mr. Graydon advised another de-

partment under the control of the city engineer, where an expert architect should be employed who would do all the work necessary on public buildings.

If the proper man was secured he could do the building inspection as well. The report, which was laid over, is as follows:

The Report.
Dec. 26, 1907.
Chairman and Members No. 2 Committee:
Dear Sirs,—I consider that a building inspector should have the following qualifications for the position. He should have a thorough theoretical

Chatham's Mystery Solved

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Chatham, Ont., Jan. 17.—The dead man mystery, which has been agitating the city the past week, was apparently solved last evening, when the body found in the woods near Bloomfield was identified as that of Jack Kribs, who worked for Chas. Sparks, bricklayer, a year ago. Jas. Keats, a friend of Mr. Sparks, also knew the man, although not very definitely. Mr. Sparks says he never knew where Kribs came from. He had only worked for Sparks a short time. John Bessant, builder, this morning confirmed the identification, saying he had met Kribs. The question now is, Where did Kribs come from? The murder theory the bricklayer, a year ago. Jas. Keats, is dubbed bosh by the police.

THAW AS BABY ACTED ODDLY PRISONER'S OLD NURSE ON STAND

New York, Jan. 17.—Miss Alice C. Fletcher, of Washington, D. C., who said she had been a frequent visitor at the Thaw household in Pittsburgh and had known Harry K. Thaw for 26 years, was the first witness at the latter's trial today. She declared that Thaw was an unusual child, nervous and moody, with wild and staring eyes. He seldom talked coherently, and was unable to carry on a sustained conversation.

Mrs. William Thaw, mother of the

defendant, who reached the city last night at 7 o'clock from Pittsburgh, was at the courthouse early today ready to take the stand when called. She plainly showed the evidences of her recent illness.

Miss Fletcher told of seeing Thaw at his mother's home in 1903. Thaw said he had an awful experience; that he believed he was going to die—in fact, he wanted to die. He mentioned Evelyn Nesbit's name frequently, but

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SUFFRAGETTES RAID DOWNING ST

London, Jan. 17.—The arrival of the ministry in Downing street today to attend the first meeting of the cabinet before the assembling of Parliament, was made the occasion of a public demonstration by the women suffragettes. The police anticipated trouble, and a large force was present, but the women succeeded in making their way inside the residence of Premier Campbell-Bannerman, and five ar-

rests were made before order was restored.

Some of the demonstrators adopted a novel manner to prevent being carried off by the police. They had attached to their belts stout chains, which, when they saw the police about to lay hands on them, they quickly threw around the iron railing in front of the building.

The police had to break these chains by force before they could get the women away.

Ottawa Accepts Tokio Assurances To Restrict the Emigration

Ottawa, Jan. 16.—Relying on the good faith of the Japanese Government that the promise made to the Canadian Government through Hon. Mr. Lemieux, to the effect that the emigration of Japanese to Canada would be restricted in accordance with the request of the Canadian Government, a cable was sent this week to Tokio, stating that the Government here considered the assurances given by Japan were entirely satisfactory. There is no reason to doubt that the Japanese Government will enforce the promised regulations, looking to the carrying out of its announced policy to restrict to a maximum of less than 1,000 per year

the emigration of Japanese who would compete with white labor here. The final exchange of cables ratifying the understanding arrived at is now being made.

Details will be given out when Hon. Mr. Lemieux makes his statement in the House, and the effect of his announcement is expected to mark the final settlement of the emigration question in Canada, in so far as Japan is concerned.

L. and P. S. R. Board.

The London and Port Stanley board will meet on Monday for reorganization.