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A ROMANCE AT LAMBETH WITH BLIND MAN FOR LOVER

Alleged Elopement of a
Woman Under Strange
Circumstance.

LEFT SECOND FOR
FIRST HUSBAND

Mrs. Devine Had Been Married
in Her Youth to the Blind
Man.

A strange story of romance, re-
sulting in the elopement of a woman
with a blind man, has come to light
in Lambeth, although the fact has
been kept quiet for some time.

"Tommy" Devine, a sectionman on
the Southwestern Traction Company,
living at Lambeth, had a rather
pretty wife, and three children. He
was a quiet, hard working man, and
had secured certain property, valued
at something over \$1,000. This, at
the solicitation of his wife, he put in
her name. They lived happily to-
gether, and so far as could be seen
were as contented a couple as could
be found.

Lothario Enters.
Late last fall there came a visitor
to Lambeth, a blind man by the name
of Baker. He lived there for some
days, and as he seemed a very good
sort of chap, he was well treated by
the neighbors. He was a piano player,
and as there was a piano at
Devine's home he was invited to
spend the evenings now and then
there, where he entertained them on
the instrument.

Then he stayed a week in the
house, then two weeks, and another
week he had lived six weeks in
Devine's home.

Was Her Husband.
Finally there was some talk, which
came to Devine's ears, and he asked
his wife what it meant, and why
Baker was staying there. By some
chance or other Baker came to know
that Devine was married, and had
been married before, and had had
some difficulty about divorcing his
first wife. The second Mrs. Baker
thought she was not legally married,
and afterwards she married Devine.

Baker and Mrs. Devine lost track
of each other completely for years,
and in the meantime she and Devine
lived together, three children being
born.

Just Like "Dick" Helder.
Baker had suffered an affliction of
the eyes in the interim, and had be-
come blind, like "Dick" Helder in
"The Light That Failed." By some
chance or other Baker came to know
that Devine was married, and had
been married before, and had had
some difficulty about divorcing his
first wife. The second Mrs. Baker
thought she was not legally married,
and afterwards she married Devine.

Devine asked her if she intended to
live with Baker, and she said that as
his legal wife she could not do so.

She offered to leave Devine if he
would give up the children, and as
the property was in her name, she
would dispose of that. But Devine
would not give up the children and he
would fight for the property.

Locked Out.
Things went from bad to worse, and
at last when Devine returned home
one evening from his work he was
locked out.

He got a constable and was told
that he could not go into the house,
as it did not belong to him at all, but
to her.

A truce was patched up between
them, and Devine continued to live
there, although conditions were far
from satisfactory.

In the meantime Mrs. Devine had
been trying another tack. She came
to the city, and endeavored to get a
mortgage on the property. Devine
heard of it, and obtained an injunc-
tion restraining the woman from
completing the deal.

Have They Elope?
This brought matters to a climax.
One day Mrs. Devine and Baker came
to the city on a traction car. Whether
or not they had sent their clothing
on ahead of them or not is not known,
but anyway they seemed to have no
clothes when they got on the car, and
when Devine returned at night the
woman's clothing had disappeared.
Also, since then the couple have not
been seen, and it is alleged that they
have eloped.

A Strange Story.
The three children are still with
their father, Devine, and he is caring
for them. The mortgage on the prop-
erty was not consummated.

It is a very strange story, and has
caused not a little talk in the neigh-
borhood. Devine is spoken of as a
hard-working, industrious, kind-
hearted fellow, and he has the sym-
pathy of the neighbors.

Baker had two names, but that was
the one generally used. He is a
smooth chap, and seemed to have the
woman under his power. He told
little of himself, save that he was an
American. He can play the piano re-
markably well.

A Local Case.
The following local case was in
court in Toronto Saturday: Hyman vs.
Canadian Pacific Railway. Walrond
(MacMurchy, K.C.), for defendants,
moved on consent for an order dis-
missing action, without costs. Order
made.

ENGINEER BLACK DEAD AT FERGUS

Formerly Employed on the C.
T. R. Here—One of Those
Who Went to Costa Rica.

Mr. J. E. Keenleyside, secretary of
St. John's Lodge, 208a A. E. and A.
M., has received a telegram from
Fergus, Ontario, announcing the death
of Mr. Sidney Black, a locomotive
engineer, who formerly worked in this
city.

The deceased had only been ill a
short time and his death was quite
unexpected. He was unmarried, and
resided with his mother.

Some time ago he went to Costa
Rica with a number of men from this
city, but returned broken in health.

He was about 35 years of age and
had a large circle of friends who will
deeply regret his untimely demise.

The funeral arrangements have not
been decided upon as yet.

TOY FACTORY IS
IN FULL SWING

Labor Men Will Soon Be Ready
to Sell Goods.

The toy factory on Clarence street
is now well under way. All of the
machines have been received, and are
now in operation. There were six
men busily engaged this morning con-
structing the chief product, which is
the toy locomotive. They are being
turned out fast and a good stock will
soon be ready for sale purposes. It is
thought by the superintendent that
next Wednesday will witness the pro-
ject in full force. The mechanics
employed there at present are mostly
timbermen and carpenters.

TWO LADIES HAD NARROW ESCAPE

Street Car Struck Their Rig and
They Were Thrown on
the Rails.

Mrs. W. K. Newton, of Salford, had
her collarbone broken on Saturday
evening about 9 o'clock, and her
young daughter Alwilda was painfully
cut and bruised when their rig was
struck by a Dundas street car at the
corner of Maitland and Dundas streets.

That they escaped with so slight in-
juries is remarkable. Mrs. Newton
was removed to the residence of her
brother-in-law, Mr. T. L. Newton, 54
St. George street, and will be taken
to her home during the week.

Mrs. Newton's wife and daughter,
both driven east on Dundas street and
had stopped the survey in front of the
butcher shop near Maitland street. He
went inside to make a purchase, hand-
ling the reins to his wife, who with
her daughter, was sitting on the rear
seat.

Horses Became Frightened.
A Dundas street car, driven by Motor-
man Rogers and Conductor McDonald
was going west. As the car neared the
horses they became frightened, and
commenced to back. Mr. Newton
rushed out of the door to stop them,
and although he seized them by the
bridles they had backed over the car
tracks, with the result that the car
struck the survey.

The rig was overturned, and Mrs.
Newton and her daughter were thrown
out.

Motorman Rogers made every ef-
fort to stop, but the car hit the rig
with considerable force. Mrs. New-
ton struck on her shoulder, breaking
her collarbone.

A Narrow Escape.
Mrs. Newton, who was nearest the
trolley, was thrown out and it was
feared she would be run over and cut
to pieces, but after being dragged
some distance she was picked up and
carried into a drug store. It was
found that while she was considerably
bruised, and her face was scratched,
but no bones were broken and there
were no internal injuries.

Mrs. Newton was taken at once to
the home of her brother-in-law, Mr.
T. L. Newton, and her arm bound up.
She was very nervous from the shock,
but it is expected that no complica-
tions will set in.

The rig was damaged slightly. The
windows of the trolley car were
broken and the fender bent consid-
erably.

ENDED LIFE IN JAIL.
North Augusta Woman Found Her
Daughter in an Outhouse.

North Augusta, Feb. 14.—Mrs.
Joseph Fowler, of this place, com-
mitted suicide at noon today by hang-
ing. She had been helping her daughters to
wash dishes, but left them and went
to an outhouse. Her daughters be-
coming alarmed went to look for her
and found her suspended from a beam
head. She had been recently in the
Brockville Asylum.

LONDON PEOPLE MAY BE HEIRS

To an Immense Fortune Alleged
To Be in England.

TWO LADIES
BEING SOUGHT

Once Resided in Hamilton, But at
Present It Is Impossible to
Locate Them.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Hamilton, Feb. 15.—The Spectator
says:

An effort is being made by Mrs. W.
G. Walton, who resides on the moun-
tain near the James street incline, to
locate two women named Page, who
the daughters of one Henry Page, who
she thinks can claim a share in an
enormous estate in England, estimat-
ed to be worth \$750,000,000. Already
about 50 persons believed to be
heirs to the vast fortune have been
located.

The Claims.
The basis on which the claims are
made is that in 1829 Henry Page died
in Marble Arch, Middlesex, England,
leaving a large and valuable tract of
real estate. The direct heirs were
widely scattered, and the estate was
never wound up. As no clear deed to
the property could be discovered, at-
tempts to dispose of the property
proved futile. Some time later, how-
ever, the land was leased for 99 years.
The lease still has 21 years to run.

The First Move.
The first move towards winding up
the estate was made a few months ago,
when an Australian laid claim to "the
whole property as the heir of Henry
Page. A Boston lawyer, who heard of
the case, unearthed about 50 more
claimants in Canada and the United
States.

As the law stands the estate will be
divided equally among all who can es-
tablish their claims. The important
point for the Canadian heirs to prove
is the Christian name of their grand-
father Page, who died in St. Thomas
and was buried in the old Engle-
Cemetery there in 1860. Some say it
was Jonas Page, while others claim it
was William.

Resided in Hamilton.
The two girls named Page, who Mrs.
Walton is interested in, resided on
Hudson street, opposite the fire sta-
tion, in 1907, but they left there, and
nothing has been heard of them since.
The father of the girls was known
to her as "Late." She said that there
was only a nickname. The women are
about 40 years of age. Chisholm &
Logie are acting for Mrs. Walton and
advertisements are being placed for
information as to the whereabouts
of the Misses Page. If they are
located, their whereabouts will be
traced, and an effort made to estab-
lish a claim to the great fortune.

The Probable Heirs.
Those believed to be heirs, as now
located are: One named Page, re-
siding in Saginaw, Mich.; one in
St. Thomas and London, and quite
a few in Bothwell. The St. Thomas
heirs include Mrs. William Page, wife
of Joseph Page, and daughter,
Valerie; Byron Knight, two sons
and a daughter. The Bothwell heirs
are: Misses Susan, Mary, and
Ellwood; Mrs. Charles Galloway, Wm.
Ellwood, Mrs. Minerva Sussex, Clav-
ton B. Sussex, Mrs. Samuel Marcus,
Arthur Sussex, Wesley Sussex, Alfred
Sussex, Mrs. L. McColl, Miss Ferns
Sussex, Miss Ethel Galloway, Miss De-
la Galloway, Miss Lottie Galloway,
Mrs. N. K. Cornwall of Thamesville,
Mrs. Thos. Reynolds, Chas. Galloway,
Jun. Geo. Galloway, Mrs. Lafa Young,
of Essex; Roy W. Young, First
Young, Miss Helena Young, Mrs. Han-
nah Burr, of Detroit; Oran Ellwood,
of Detroit; Mrs. Archie Patterson, of
Bothwell; Mrs. William Pop, Mrs.
Wesley Ellwood, Miss Hattie Ellwood,
Miss Maud Ellwood.
Other heirs are: Mrs. Wm. Frank
and Mrs. D. D. Campbell, of Filmore,
Sask.

BOARD OF HEALTH QUITE SARCASTIC

Reply Made to the Grand Jury's Pre-
sentment Regarding Smallpox
Hospital.

In acknowledging the receipt of the
grand jury's presentment regarding
the smallpox hospital the board of
health practically requested the au-
thorities to take the beam out of their
own eyes before beginning to worry
about a note in theirs. Their reply
is as follows:

"At a meeting of the board of
health, held on Feb. 9, 1909, Dr. Niven,
chairman of the board, presented the
report of the grand jury.

"The clause relating to the disgrace-
ful condition of the smallpox hospital
was read, and upon motion, the sec-
retary was instructed to forward the
following reply:

"The board of health of the city of
London thank the grand jury for their
interest in the smallpox hospital, and
in the near future the causes of
complaint will be removed.

"The board of health's attention has
been called by high circles to the in-
sanitary condition of the courthouse,
where the primitive heating and ven-
tilating is a menace to the health of
those whose duties call them to re-
main for hours in the tainted air.
This is a very serious matter, as it
deals with the health of many."

ANOTHER BISHOP RUMOR
Father Hand, of Toronto, Leaves To-
morrow on Trip to Rome.

Toronto, Feb. 15.—Vicar-General Cunn
and Rev. Father Hand, of St. Paul's
Church (Roman Catholic), leave tomorrow
for Rome. The nature of their
business is not known, but it is thought
by some that it may have to do with the
reported selection of Father Hand as
Bishop of London.

NOVEL USE FOR THE GRAPHOPHONE

New York, Feb. 15.—A spe-
cial from Fairfield, Ill., to the
World says: The Rev. Daniel
Bassett Leach, an aged clergy-
man of Bone Gap, was told
yesterday that he was going to
die. He asked that his grapho-
phone be brought to his bed-
side. Into the machine the
venerable pastor talked. Be-
sides an address he spoke
prayers. When Mr. Leach had
finished he had the records
repeated. Then he asked that
they be used at his funeral.
His relatives assented, and
thus his relatives, congregation
and friends will hear his own
voice as they stand beside his
grave.

TO INVESTIGATE LOCAL CROSSINGS

Railway Commission Will Set in
London February 25.

KILLING OF PEOPLE
ATTRACTS ATTENTION

Of the Dominion Body Which Regu-
lates Many Matters of
Importance.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 15.—The board
of railway commissioners will go to
London on the 25th of this month, and
will there take up the Adelaide street
crossing of the C. P. R., the Grand
Trunk crossings in East London, and
the West Lorne crossing cases.

The board will sit in Guelph on the
26th, and will consider the application
for improved station accommodation.

Adelaide Street.
The sitting of the board is of great
importance to Londoners. The Ade-
laide street crossing of the C. P. R. is
a dangerous one, and there is no
watchman there. Some time ago the
company's attention was called to this
fact by the city council, but nothing
further has been done.

The city did not make an appeal to
the commission, for if they did the
cost determined by the benefits ac-
crued would be assessed both on the
city and company.

The West Lorne crossing is an ex-
tremely dangerous one. It is crossed
by both the Pere Marquette and the
M. C. R., and several people have
been killed there, the last within two
months.

The G. T. R. Crossings.
The whole east end situation of the
Grand Trunk will be canvassed by the
commission, all the crossings east of
Adelaide street being investigated. The
Egerton street crossing and the Rec-
tory street crossing, are particularly
dangerous, and the numerous accidents
there have called the attention of the
board to them.

The board will also consider an ex-
tremely dangerous one. It is crossed
by both the Pere Marquette and the
M. C. R., and several people have
been killed there, the last within two
months.

LONDON MAY GO TO APPEAL COURT

Division Court Dismisses Appeal
Against Judge Latchford's
Decision.

The action of Smith against the city
of London, to prevent the council en-
tering an agreement with the hydro-
electric commission to take Niagara
power, reached another stage on Sat-
urday when the appeal of the city
against the judgment of Mr. Justice
Latchford, refusing to grant a stay of
proceedings until the commission was
made co-defendants, was dismissed by
the division court, with Justice Ang-
lin, Magee and Cline presiding.

It is more than probable that the
city will carry the matter to the court
of appeal.

Mr. Justice Latchford's order re-
fused a stay of proceedings till the
hydro-electric power commission was
added as a defendant. Following the
refusal of the attorney-general to
allow the commission to be added as
a party defendant, the city of Toron-
to, and similarly the city of London,
asked to have the action dismissed.

This request has been denied, but the
refusal simply decides that the case
may go ahead. Without the addition
of the commission as a party, and
does not affect the merits of the cities'
cases if finally argued.

OFFERED LEADERSHIP

Alberta Conservatives Offer the Posi-
tion to M. S. McCarthy, M. P.

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—Mr. M. S. Mc-
Carthy, M. P., states that he received
by wire the offer of the Alberta Con-
servative convention of the leadership
of the party in that province, but that
he will make no reply until he re-
ceives confirmation of it by letter.
The meantime Mr. McCarthy will con-
sider whether or not he will drop out
of Federal politics to take up Pro-
vincial work.

DYING WOMAN WAS ILL TREATED

Alleged That Daniel Curtin
Turned His Wife Out of
the House.

WAS BAREFOOTED
IN THE SNOW

Tale of Frightful Cruelty Was Un-
folded in the Local Police
Court Today.

A shocking story of alleged inhuman
treatment was told this morning in the
police court in connection with a
charge laid against Daniel Curtin for
being drunk and disorderly.

In the witness-box Wm. Millet, a
neighbor of Curtin's, and the man who
saw the charge against him, stated
that on Sunday morning between 12
and 1 o'clock he had been aroused by
his neighbor, William Pring, and on
going to his house had found Curtin's
wife there.

The woman begged to be taken to
her mother's, alleging that Curtin had
driven her from the house, and was
going to poison her.

Bare Feet in Snow.
William Pring stated that he had
been awakened between 12 and 1
o'clock on Sunday morning by Mrs.
Curtin. It was freezing cold, and the
woman was in her bare feet and had
no clothes on but a night robe. He
had known that she was so seriously
ill that she was not expected to re-
cover, and was accordingly very much
surprised to see her. She stated to
him that her husband had come home
drunk and had driven her out of the
house, and begged him to take her in.

After getting Mr. Millet, they took
Mrs. Curtin back home, and when they
entered the house they found Curtin
there in a drunken condition. When
his wife started to cry, Curtin swore
at her and abused her, and pulled her
about roughly.

Drunk at the Time.
P. C. Froby, who arrested Curtin,
stated that the man was considerably
under the influence of liquor at the
time.

"I think this is a shame and
an outrage," said Magistrate
Love; "you might as well have taken
an axe and killed the poor woman out-
right," he said.

A Brutal Act.
"I know Mrs. Curtin's condition, for
I went to see her, and I want to tell
you that it is a shame the way you
have used her. I know that for years
you have been coming home drunk,
and abused her frightfully. It has
been more merciful if you had
taken her out and shot her than to
treat a dying woman in such a
manner. I will take good care that
you don't go back to the house while
she is alive, which, fortunately for her,
will not be long now."

Remanded to Jail.
Mr. Scatcherd, who appeared for
Curtin, asked that the case be laid
over until tomorrow in order that he
might produce witnesses for the de-
fence.

"That man must not go back to the
house while his wife is there," said the
court. "I will remand him to jail until
tomorrow."

Mrs. Curtin is suffering from an in-
curable disease, and also from the ex-
haustion of her husband's treatment. It is the opinion
of the physician in attendance that she
will not live more than a few days.

PENN. FLYER WRECKED BUT NOBODY HURT

Eighteen-Hour Train Ditched While
Travelling at Top Speed.

Philadelphia, Feb. 15.—The Penn-
sylvania special, the 18-hour flyer from
Chicago to New York, struck a rock
at Newton-Hamilton, 83 miles west of
Harrisburg, shortly after 6 a.m. today,
wrecking the train.

The official report to the company
in this city says that beyond a severe
shaking up no one was severely in-
jured. As far as can be learned, the en-
gineer of the flyer had no time to
slacken his speed before striking the
rock, which fell from the hill-
side. The Pullman, the combination
smoker, baggage car and three sleep-
ers were derailed, the engine and the
first two cars turning over on their
sides. All the passengers were still in
their berths, and it is considered re-
markable that no one was killed, but
all were thrown about and badly
shaken up.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—COLD.
FORECASTS.
Toronto, Feb. 15.—8 a.m.—
Today—Northeast and north winds,
with snow.
Tuesday—Northerly winds and continued
cold.

TEMPERATURES.
Today. Yesterday.
Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Max. 8 a.m. Min. Max.

London 17 25
Victoria 40 46
Calgary 0 -6 22
Winnipeg -26 -26 -8
Port Arthur -14 -29 -2
Perry Sound 4 2 8
Toronto 12 15 20
Detroit 10 4 20
Montreal 8 0 25
Quebec 8 -10 8
Father Point 4 .. -42
Dawson -32 -42
Vancouver 31 41 42
Kamloops -2 22
Edmonton -34 2
Moosejaw -20 -22
Minnedosa -20 -22

Minus (-) means below zero.
WEATHER NOTES.
The disturbance which was centred in
Arizona on Saturday moved very quickly
eastward, and by Sunday morning was
over the Middle States. It has since been
nearly stationary.

Snow has fallen in Ontario and Quebec,
and is setting in over the Maritime
Provinces.

HORTON ST. MAN DIED SUDDENLY

John Weekes Felt Pain in His
Head and Expired in a
Few Minutes.

Death came most unexpectedly to
Mr. John M. Weekes, of 180 Horton
street, at his home last night.

After having his supper Mr. Weekes
complained of a severe pain in his head,
and was advised by the members of
his family to lie down on a sofa. He
did so and shortly afterwards it was
noticed that he was breathing very
heavily.

An effort to awaken him failed, and
Dr. Stevenson, who was called as
quickly as possible, found upon his
arrival that Mr. Weekes had sustained
a paralytic stroke. He died shortly
afterwards without recovering con-
sciousness. Mr. Weekes was 59 years
old, and about three months ago had
his first paralytic stroke, but recov-
ered. Besides his wife he is survived
by a grown-up family. The funeral
will be held on Tuesday afternoon at
Woodland Cemetery.

MUST FORGET THE FIGHTING HABIT

Magistrate Love Gives Warning
to a Regular Offender.

Richard Rose appeared in court
this morning to answer to a charge
of being drunk and disorderly.
"I was drunk," he told the magis-
trate, "but not disorderly."
"You have been up here a good
many times," said the court, "and I
think every time you were drunk you
were disorderly."
"Well I was too drunk to remem-
ber if I was," said Rose.

The evidence showed that Rose was
using bad language on the street and
wanting to fight.

Forget Mr. Johnston.
"You must resist your pugilistic in-
clination," said the court, "and must
begin to learn that your fighting days
are over. It is only a year or so ago
that you had a big fight at the corner
of Dundas and Richmond streets, with
a policeman. I will fine you \$10 of
21 days."

Joseph Smith, a vag, was remanded
for a week.

The case of Stephen Newans, who
was found guilty last week of stealing
boots, was enlarged for another week.

A "RIPPER" LOOSE IN OLD BERLIN

German Capital Aroused by the
Mysterious Stabbing on
the Street.

Berlin, Feb. 15.—The mysterious at-
tack on women upon the streets of
Berlin, recurring the notorious "Rip-
per" cases of other cities, continues.
Five women of the working class were
wounded in the city suburbs yester-
day, while this morning the wife of a
merchant was attacked by an unknown
assailant. None of the women were
seriously hurt.

The first attack occurred in Moa-
bite quarter at 9 o'clock, yesterday
morning, on the open street. The
assailant stabbed the woman in the
upper part of the arm. Another
woman was stabbed in the thigh in
the northern section of the city.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon a girl
was attacked in the eastern section.
She was hit on the head with her
hand, which was wounded. In the
evening the "Ripper" attacked a
butcher's wife in the suburb of Hosen-
schlohausen, but the blade of the
knife broke against her breastplate.

The assailant then beat his
victim into unconsciousness and she
was taken to a hospital. Later in the
evening the wife of another butcher
was stabbed in the thigh in the
eastern section. The attack in the
merchant's wife occurred this morn-
ing in the southern part of the city.

The woman was injured in the thigh
and hand. In every instance the crim-
inal escaped. His method is to ap-
proach without arousing suspicion,
deliver his attack, and then flee. The
population of the laboring quarters of
the city is much excited over the fre-
quent attacks, and special orders have
been issued to the police to protect
women walking alone.

Berlin, Feb. 15.—The second attack
today was made an hour after the
first on a servant girl by three young
men. One of them stabbed her in
the abdomen. This is the fifteenth at-
tack since the outrages began. The
police have increased the reward for
the apprehension of the assailants.

CITY COUNCIL MEETS TONIGHT

Plenty of Business Is to Be Taken
Up and Dealt With.

The council will meet tonight, and
there will be plenty of business to be
taken up, and as a result there will
likely be a long session.

The Globe Company agreement
will be one of the important mat-
ters, and will cause a debate. The
council is quite evenly divided, and
anything is liable to happen.

The smallpox charges will come up,
and they