

WILSON CONFESSED WHEN 'GETAWAY' FAILED

Mayor Wenige Gets Early Lead As Most Courteous Official

HERB WILSON ATTEMPTS ANOTHER DARING ESCAPE FROM CALIFORNIA JAIL

Loaf of Bread in Former Evangelist's Cell Attracts the Attention of Jailer, Who Discovers Key to Prison Door Concealed Within—Other Keys Are Found in Sugar Biscuits.

TRIES TO NEGOTIATE \$80,000 IN BONDS

Special to The Advertiser.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 19.—The confession that he supplied thirty parts of nitro-glycerine to the assassins who bombed Wall Street, made to W. J. Burns and state and federal detectives by Herbert Wilson, formerly of London, Ont., was wrung from the ex-preacher after discovery of another startling attempt at a general jail delivery had been frustrated.

A young turnkey in Tank 2, at the county jail, who is 27 years of age, a law student, and a prospect for a future marriage, was the first link in the latest sensational development in the Wilson case. The turnkey came to the attention of the authorities when he attempted to negotiate the sale of \$80,000 of United States Liberty bonds on behalf of "a prisoner in Tank 2." It is in this jail section that Wilson is a prisoner.

The turnkey, who is now under surveillance, and who has been sharply questioned by federal operatives, was involved into attempting the sale of the bonds to postoffice inspectors who posed as a "fence." Every effort was made to have him produce the bonds, but on his last trip he admitted that he had repented, and that he had concluded to go no further in the matter. He claimed that he had not received possession of the bonds, but that he had been told that if he would arrange a sale he could have the first \$5,000 payment for himself on condition that he should turn the balance of the money over to the prisoner, who directed him to the place where the loot was cached.

Make Second Search.

The turnkey's inability or refusal to tell where the bonds were, caused

the authorities to make another thorough search of Wilson's cell. Jailer J. Mark Bailey found nothing except two sugar biscuits and a loaf of bread, which had been sent to Wilson by friends. These did not attract any attention until the jailer noted the fact that though they had gone very stale they were still being kept by the bandit evangelist. The loaf was cut and revealed a key to the back door of the jail. In each of the biscuits were other keys, which Wilson promptly admitted were secured to effect a wholesale jail delivery.

"I had them made with the plan of slipping out on you some time when I found a favorable opportunity," Wilson said. "I have had them since a short time after my last escape. I believe I could have taken with me all of the sixty or seventy prisoners who were held in my tank. I since decided, however, that the best way is the right way, and I am going to stay here until I overthrow my conviction before a jury in the appellate court."

Wanted To "Help."

"In the meanwhile I have decided to help the jail to improve conditions here on behalf of my fellowmen. I have always, since my early days as an evangelist and welfare worker in London, been interested in the health, sanitation and comfort of the poor boys who fall into error or are unjustly imprisoned. I have some suggestions for general improvements that are entirely feasible, and which I believe I can help the jail and county authorities to accomplish." Wilson claimed that he secured the thirty parts of nitro-glycerine that were used to blow up Wall Street while on a trip through Ohio. The explosion cost thirty-nine lives and a million dollars property loss.

OLD AND NEW SEEN IN STREET LAMPS IN CITY'S CENTER

Dundas Street Has Specimens Which Show Striking Contrast, NOT FAR APART

New One in Front of Hydro Office, Old at Congregational Church.

Within a distance of two short blocks near the heart of London stand two types of street lamps, representing the earliest and the latest methods of illuminating the city streets.

In front of the Congregational Church on Dundas street, near Colborne, stands the post and lantern frame of an ancient gas lamp. It is a venerable but sturdy reminder of a system that passed into history more than 40 years ago. To the older citizens of the city it is a connecting link to the good old days before the advent of electric street cars, automobiles and concrete pavements.

In front of the Public Utilities Building, near Wellington street, stands the other type—a tall and stately post suspending high above the pavement one of the most modern and powerful street lights used in any city.

In Forty Years.

Forty years is not long, as time is measured, but in the history of the development of illumination the past 40 years has marked a very long stride.

For eleven years previous to 1883 the streets of London could boast only of an occasional flickering gas lamp. The business section was illuminated by a light on every street intersection, but in other sections of the city, citizens found their way about with the aid of dim lights located on every second or third corner. Sometimes lamps were installed in front of churches and other public buildings.

Boys were employed to light the lamps in the evening and to extinguish the flame in the morning. Every day they could be seen parading the streets with ladder and hook.

First Electric Light.

In 1883 the first electric light was installed on the streets of London, when lighting contracts were awarded to the Forest City Electric Company and the Ball Electric Company. In the next ten years the gas lamps were entirely replaced by electric lights which were suspended over each street intersection of the city.

With the passing of the two pioneer electric companies, the street lighting fell into the hands of the old London Electric Company, and then in time it was taken over by the Hydro-Electric.

In contrast with the time of the gas lamp, the streets of London are now "great white ways." Where the old lamp post stands before the Congregational Church had in its palmist days a light of 16 candlepower, the electric lamp before the Public Utilities Building boasts a 750 candlepower, a light more than 45 times as strong. Instead of lights at every corner or every second and third corner, brilliant lights now shine, even on the back streets, on every second or third pole.

But even yet the authorities are not entirely satisfied. They still see room for improvement, although the old lamp post stands as a reminder of wonderful progress made and bids complaining citizens remember what might have been.

TODAY IN PARLIAMENT.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, April 19.—The treaty of commerce between France and Canada will continue under discussion in the House of Commons. The Senate meets at 3 o'clock.

Girl Kidnapped by Savages Believed To Be Still Alive

British Troops Feverishly Searching Afghanistan Frontier for Fifteen-Year-Old Molly Ellis.

Associated Press Despatch.

Simla, British India, April 19.—Molly Ellis, 15-year-old girl for whom British troops have been searching feverishly since she was kidnapped by savages near the Afghanistan frontier, recently by savage tribesmen after they had slain her mother, has been seen by captors on the bank of a stream in the Tirah country, thus dispelling the fear that she had also been killed. The belief is growing that she is being held as hostage as part of a plan by the tribesmen to obtain the release of certain of their compatriots, now held by the British.

The country in which she is held is wild and mountainous and affords many hiding places for the tribesmen, who, having spent their lives among the rocky fastnesses, know every nook and corner of them. The girl is the daughter of Major Ellis.

temporary command at Kohat.

The tribesmen who kidnapped her are primitive savages—big, raw-boned, devil-may-care fellows, of great strength and hardihood, many of whom devote their whole existence to hunting, fighting and brigandage. One of their favorite pastimes is raiding in British territory. The latest crime has stirred Europeans in India as has nothing for years, and every effort is being made to free the girl from their clutches. The British express their determination of severely punishing the perpetrators of the outrage.

The family of Molly Ellis, in Plymouth, has received a telegram saying that the girl, who was kidnapped some time ago by Afghan tribesmen, has been located and the prospects of her being taken away from her captors was good.



THE OLD AND THE NEW.

In the past forty years, wonderful progress has been made in developing street illumination. Just how great the stride has been is strikingly indicated by the two lamp posts shown in the picture, one ancient and the other modern, and they stand on Dundas street within a short two blocks of each other. One is a post and lantern frame, a survivor of the period of gas illumination, which stands before the Congregational Church at Colborne street, and the other is an ultra-modern electric light standing before the public utilities commission building. In its palmist days the gas light boasted a power of sixteen candles; the electric light is 750 candle power.

Five More Schools Select Their Spelling Champions For Advertiser's Contest

Ealing, Empress Avenue, St. George's, Talbot and Victoria Complete First Round, With Girls Still Leading.

Five more schools have selected their best spellers for The Advertiser's best spelling match.

Ealing, Empress Avenue, St. George's, Talbot and Victoria schools are the latest to complete the first round in the city-wide contest and the names of the successful candidates are announced on page two of this edition.

Of the total results seem to prove that girls are better spellers than their claim to that honor is rather shaky. In two of the schools announced today the boys seized the honors and in two others they existed. The girls won out only by large margins.

Justified gains in Victoria and St. George's schools.

Seven schools, in addition to the central group, including Aberdeen, Wortley, Tecumseh, Lorne Avenue, Simcoe Street and Riverview remain to be heard from, but it is fully expected that complete results for the first round will be announced by Saturday.

Then will come the group contests. Already plans have been laid for the second round which begins Monday in several of the groups, representatives of the various schools met last night to prepare the written test by which the ten best spellers in grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 in each of the five groups will be selected.

FAVORED VALENTINO, WILL BE PENALIZED

G. T. R. Official Scored by C. G. Bowker for Holding Train for Movie Actor.

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RUMOR "DARK HORSE" TO OPPOSE E. C. DRURY

Will Be Brought Out by Conservatives Saturday—Liberal May Not Run.

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UNION OF UNDERTAKERS CALLS STRIKE IN FRANCE

Associated Press Despatch. Paris, April 19.—The French Undertakers' Union has called a general strike throughout the country to support the wage demands of its members in the Paris suburbs who for the last month have sought an increase of five francs a day. The latest crime has stirred Europeans in India as has nothing for years, and every effort is being made to free the girl from their clutches. The British express their determination of severely punishing the perpetrators of the outrage.

"WOLFE ISLANDER" OPENS NAVIGATION AT KINGSTON

Canadian Press Despatch. Kingston, April 19.—Navigation was officially opened this morning when the steamer Wolfe Islander broke the ice and made her way to Garden Island. The trip was started at eight o'clock, and it was three hours before three miles were covered to Garden Island. The opening of navigation this year is the latest in the history of the lake.

Admiral Nelson's Ship To Be Saved

Lord Mayor of London Opens a Fund.

Associated Press Despatch. London, April 19.—The lord mayor of London, Edward Cecil Moore, is advertising the opening of a fund for the preservation of Nelson's flagship, the Victory.

For some time the old wooden man-of-war Victory has been rotting in her drydock at Portsmouth, but the work of restoring her will soon begin. Nelson's Victory was the fifth ship of that name in the British navy and was laid down in 1759. Recently a "well-wisher of the navy" contributed £50,000 toward the cost of saving the Victory from utter decay.

DIES IN HOSPITAL FOLLOWING FIGHT WITH HIS BROTHER

David Mackie, Jr., of Blenheim Township, Victim of Quarrel.

INQUEST IS CALLED

Relatives Summoned as Witnesses—Two Different Versions Presented.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Woodstock, April 19.—David Mackie Junior of Blenheim Township died in the hospital this morning from injuries said to have been received in a quarrel with his brother on the dead man's farm, two miles from Drumbo, on Wednesday morning. The brothers, who live on farms adjacent to one another, it is charged, have not been on the best of terms for some time. Wednesday morning Milra Mackie went over to his brother's in search of a carpenter's plane.

He found the tool, which was a three-foot iron affair, and was in the act of leaving the farm when he was intercepted by his brother David, who demanded the plane, according to the information given by the police. Milra refused to hand it over, and a quarrel followed for possession. It was during the quarrel that David received the wound which resulted in his death this morning.

Different versions of the affair are told. Mrs. David Mackie Jun., it is said, claims that her husband told her before he died that the wounds were inflicted when he was struck on the head by the plane in the hands of his brother. The brother, it is said, states that during the course of the row he struck his brother with his fist, and that he fell to the ground, striking his head on a stone.

The injured man was rushed to Woodstock Hospital, where he died early this morning. Coroner Andrew Mackay was summoned, and he decided to hold an inquest. The trial will take place at Drumbo on Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock. The brother and other relatives have been summoned as witnesses. The father of the dead man, who is in very poor health, was at the hospital when his son died.

The injured man was unconscious when brought to the hospital, and never regained consciousness. There was a big gash on the head, and the doctors say death followed from concussion of the brain.

David Mackie was a married man, and leaves a widow and one young daughter.

STORM NOW BREWING IN TYNESIDE SHIPYARDS

Associated Press Despatch. London, April 19.—A storm is brewing in the Tyneside shipyards. The employers are posting up 120,000 notices of a lockout of the boiler-makers, plumbers and joiners at the end of the month, because of the men's refusal to accept the terms of a recent agreement, which was signed by the Shipbuilding Federation on behalf of all the unions in the shipbuilding industry.

Permission Is Granted

So widespread is the interest in the big Spelling Match which The Advertiser is conducting for 4,000 girls and boys in all the city schools that London's second paper, the Free Press, has requested permission to publish the results of the contest as they come in.

This permission has been granted, and the Free Press will now publish for The Advertiser, in part at least, reports of The Advertiser's Spelling Match.

DETROIT ARRESTS TORONTO WOMEN AS BOOTLEGGERS

Suspect Prisoners Are Concerned in Recent Liquor Tragedy.

MEMBERS OF GANG

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, April 19.—The following four Toronto women whom it is claimed, joined up with a gang of gunmen, believing them to be a crew of successful bootleggers and silk smugglers, are being held by the Detroit police in connection with a liquor tragedy which occurred in that city: Ida Halder, Myrtle Watson, Clara Monroe and Blanche Clayton.

According to the Detroit police, these young women, with four men and another woman, are members of a gang who started out in Toledo as bootleggers and later became gunmen. It is charged that members of the gang have already been connected with three slayings, one of which includes a police officer.

Photographs of the young women are being sent to Toronto for the purpose of identification by the verification of their story that they joined the gang thinking that they were only associating with bootleggers.

Officers of the provincial license department are to be asked if they know the girls who are detained in Detroit, and if they have any knowledge of their taking part in bootlegging in Toronto or on the Windsor frontier.

OFFERED RECIPROCAL TREATIES.

Associated Press Despatch. Melbourne, Australia, April 19.—Speaking at Launceston, Tasmania, Premier Bruce of Australia, said the commonwealth had offers of reciprocal trade treaties giving preference to Australian products from seven different countries.

Corner Cop or Mayor Who Wins the Prize?

Have you voted yet? The Advertiser wants to find out, during the Kiwanis Club's courtesy week, the most courteous public official in London.

We want you to name him. He may be a policeman, or the mayor, or a street car conductor, a judge—any public official.

To the man chosen as most polite, the Kiwanis Club will give a prize, and to the man who first nominates the winner, The Advertiser will give another prize.

Vote as often as you like. Write the name of your choice on the form below and send it to The Advertiser.

London's Most Courteous Official

Courtesy Editor, The London Advertiser.

I think London's most courteous public official is:

Name

Office held

I think he should win the prize because

Signed

Address

MAYOR LEADING AS MOST POLITE LONDON OFFICIAL

The Advertiser Mail-Box Is Deluged Today With Marked Ballots.

ELECTION NOW ON

Policemen, Street Car Conductors, Judges, Firemen, All Favored.

Chivalry is still in flower.

Despite sneers of cynics who claim gentleness and politeness went out when hobble skirts came in, graduates of the "grand old school" of Victorian courtesy are still going the rounds.

Numerous ballots from citizens, who took advantage of The Advertiser's contest for the most courteous public official, arrived in the mail this morning. Policemen, street car conductors, judges, firemen and Mayor Wenige all got votes. His worship jumped into the lead at an early date, and the explanation of his admirers for giving him support are many and various.

One said he chose Mayor Wenige because "he proved he was a leader of men." Another justified the choice with "because he is the only gentleman among a pack of ill-mannered officials." And still another said: "Wenige always takes off his hat in the house."

In the opinion of Ald. William Wilson, "Mayor Wenige should be awarded the grand championship for good manners. At a recent meeting, Ald. Wilson left the council chamber with the remark: 'Thank you for your courtesy, Mr. Mayor.' A street car conductor on the Normal Line received five votes, all of which explained that 'he always says 'Thank you' when we put our tickets in the slot.'"

London's most conscientious official is Ald. John Colbert, who "tries to make his telephone calls in a most polite and unobtrusive manner." Another ballot omits Thomas Nickle, city detective, who "manages to infuse politeness into every public function." He is the most disagreeable occupation."

E. V. Buchanan gets one vote. His admirer accounts for the choice by stating, "the telephone man who volunteered to clean up my front yard, which had been messed up by city sewer diggers, because he saw a complaint in the paper." He is the best public official London has." It is signed "Widow."

T. G. Meredith, city solicitor, is one of the most popular. He says, "He never fails to take off his hat and greet his friends. He is never too busy to smile and give an encouraging word. He is the most gentlemanly man in London."

Here are a few more: "Uncle Bill Moore is the most spirited man in London. Although he is not a public official, he attends every public function." "Dr. Hugh Stevenson, because he is never too busy to tell everybody about his adventures in Toronto."

Tomorrow the Kiwanis Club will announce the prize-winner among their youthful proteges who have entered the contest.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.

Fresh southerly to southwesterly winds; fine and milder today and on Friday.

Pressure continues low in the Western Provinces and highest in the Lower Mississippi Valley. A few scattered showers have occurred in Alberta and Saskatchewan, and a few light snowfalls in Eastern Nova Scotia. Elsewhere the weather has been fair.

Temperatures.

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

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	50	40	Clear
Ottawa	48	38	Clear
Winnipeg	42	32	Clear
Port Arthur	46	36	Clear
Sault Ste. Marie	44	34	Clear
Toronto	46	36	Clear
Kingston	46	36	Cloudy
Ottawa	48	38	Cloudy
Montreal	48	38	Clear
Quebec	48	38	Clear
St. John's	46	36	Cloudy
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Halifax	42	32	Snow

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 51; lowest, 28. The office temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 40; lowest, 27.

Barometric Readings.

Tuesday—5 p.m., 29.6.

Today—8 a.m., 29.4.