

WOMAN OFFERED TO SELL CHILD AS A FORMER EAST LONDONER

Story of Degradation
Comes From City
of Detroit.

AWFUL GREED FOR MONEY

Revealed in the Courts in the
City of the Straits—Well-
Known Here.

Greedy for money is alleged to have recently caused a former London woman, Mrs. Julia Payne, to sell her 20-year-old daughter to a life of shame in Detroit.

Mrs. Payne's husband is a butcher doing business near the site of the old Queen's Hotel, London Township. Some five or six years ago Mrs. Payne instituted action in a local court for alimony for her husband, but was defeated, the judge holding that the woman herself was the author of her own troubles.

Since that time the couple have not lived together.

Mrs. Payne formerly resided on Dundas street, East London.

The Detroit Free Press says: Greedy for money caused a mother to attempt to sell her 20-year-old daughter, herself, a mother of two boys, into a life of shame, and the sale might have been consummated but for the vigilance of Detectives Wilson and Black, who took both mother and daughter to the central police station.

The mother is Mrs. Julia Payne, although she was registered at the station as Julia Willett. And her daughter is Mrs. Lena Roberts, the wife of Ernest Roberts, 162 East Congress street.

Mrs. Payne lived with her son-in-law, and from information received by Detectives Wilson and Black, she called at a Champlain street resort yesterday afternoon and offered to "sell" her daughter to the landlady for \$10. The mother was to produce her daughter at the house last night. Shortly after she arrived there with Mrs. Roberts, Detectives Wilson and Black placed both women under arrest.

Mother Makes Admission.
At the central police station, Mrs. Payne admitted attempting to sell her daughter, but she did not divulge her relationship with the young woman. After she was locked up with the matron, Mrs. Roberts, who up to this time had given the name of Lena Pitt, broke down and confessed to Detectives Wilson and Black that the woman was her mother. She begged not to be held there, she had to feed the youngest baby, six months old, and had to care for her other child, one and one-half years old.

"I am not going to lie any more," sobbed Mrs. Roberts, after her own mother had been locked up. "That woman is my mother, and yesterday afternoon, she suggested to me that I enter upon a life of shame. She said she could get \$10 if I would and that she would give me \$5 of the amount. My husband is not working regularly and, as I was under her influence, I consented to go with her. Tonight we left my husband at home to care for the two children, telling him that we were going out to the house for a house. We went right to that resort and had hardly reached there when the officers arrived."

Mrs. Roberts Taken Home.
Mrs. Roberts was taken to her home, and when her husband was told of the life his mother-in-law had intended his wife to lead and the narrow escape she had from it, he was overcome, and it was only with the greatest difficulty that he could speak.

While the officers told him the story his wife hung her head, but when it was all over she raised her tear-stained eyes, clasped her youngest son to her bosom and asked forgiveness. Roberts forgave his wife, but indignantly denounced his mother-in-law. Roberts is employed as a polisher, but lately he has not been working full time.

Mrs. Payne left her husband, a butcher in Canada, five years ago, and a year ago last June she came to Detroit with her daughter and son-in-law. While the officers have not yet decided it is quite likely that she will be turned over to the United States immigration authorities for prosecution.

SURVEYING THE LINES.
Windsor, Ont., Sept. 4.—Engineers have been working in Essex County for some time, making a survey in the vicinity of Leamington and Kingsville, and are at present working a few miles east of Windsor. Hon. J. O. Reame is authority for the statement that they are Government engineers sent down to survey the transmission line. This is the first definite step taken by the hydro-electric commission since the announcement that the board had received application for sufficient power to warrant it in extending the line from London to the frontier. As a result, Niagara power for Windsor becomes more a remote possibility.

HAVE YOU SEEN THE NEW COMET?

Toronto, Sept. 3.—According to a message received today from Barnard by the Toronto Observatory, there's a new comet in the heavens.

Professor Moorehouse, of Yerkes Observatory, near Chicago, discovered this stranger comet on Sept. 1. It has a long tail, is very conspicuous, and has a rapid northeast and southwest movement, 3 hours and 20 minutes right ascension, declination 67 degrees and 15 minutes north.

"It will be visible all night in the north," said the weatherman, "it crosses the meridian line above the pole at 4:49 a.m., and below the pole at 4:49 p.m. In the early evening it is visible in the northeastern sky."

A LIVELY FIGHT IN SIGHT TORY CONVENTION IS CALLED

For Friday Night of Next Week—Proposal to Slaughter Major Beattie So as to Provide for Mr. William Gray, the Prodigal.

The Conservatives will hold a convention on Friday night next to nominate a candidate for the Dominion House.

It promises to be a very interesting occasion, and there will be something happening every minute.

"Billy" Gray is out for the nomination, and will make a bitter fight for it.

When the last provincial elections were on Mr. Gray was very outspoken against Mr. Beck, and for a time it was thought that he would bolt.

However, a truce was patched up, and Billy was bought off with the promise that he would be given the nomination for the Dominion House, provided he would be good. He accepted the truce, and he and Mr. Beck shook hands, and he was one of the most enthusiastic followers of Mr. Beck, whom he had a short time before said he would knife.

Major Not Consulted.
Major Beattie, M. P., was not consulted when the deal was made, and his feelings on the matter were given absolutely no consideration.

He was passed over without as much as saying "By your leave."

The major is also confident that he will come through all right, and that he will be the Conservative candidate.

Ex-Mayor Judd, of commission fame, is also hankering for the position, and it was stated, and it is a good opportunity to allow his name to come forward. His great services on behalf of his party should be before the voters, and he thinks it about time to collect the reward.

The fight will be interesting to say the least.

Two-Weeks' Bride Commits Suicide
Windsor, Sept. 4.—Mrs. Hildegard McCarty, a bride of two weeks, committed suicide last night by taking carbolic acid. No reason other than illness.

A Liberal Excursion to Strathroy
The Young Liberals will run an excursion to Strathroy on Sept. 19 to hear Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

A very large number of Liberals will attend the demonstration, which promises to be one of the largest ever held in the county of Middlesex, if not in Western Ontario.

Many Cases Defaulted or Adjourned
A large number of cases were disposed of at the sitting of the first division court before Judge Elliott today.

Many of the cases went by default or were adjourned. Among those held over was one involving the ownership of a handsome collie dog. This action was found to come within the jurisdiction of the ninth division court and was accordingly held over until the 25th of this month.

A jury case which was to have been heard was also postponed.

POST-MORTEM HELD ON THE REMAINS

Of the Late James Noble, Who Was Hurt in Street Car Accident.

Drs. Hadley Williams and N. H. Beal held a post-mortem on the remains of the late James Noble at D. A. Stewart's undertaking rooms yesterday, and will submit a report at the inquest to be held before Dr. MacLaren tonight.

The funeral of Mr. Noble will be held on Saturday afternoon from the family residence, 556 Colborne street, to Mount Pleasant cemetery.

The services will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Anderson, of the Richmond Street Mission.

It was expected that some of Mr. Noble's relatives would arrive in the city tomorrow from Scotland, but it is now thought that they will not arrive until Monday.

**LONDON TRAVELLER
HAD NARROW ESCAPE**

Mr. James E. Sussex, of this city, one of the travellers of the Ontario Spring Bed Company, had a close call from being seriously injured while driving near Exeter recently.

Mr. Sussex was driving through a swampy place where the road was very narrow, when an automobile came along and frightened his horse. The animal jumped into the swamp, throwing Mr. Sussex out and bruising him considerably. The buggy was badly damaged. Mr. Sussex is able to be around again all right.

BROKEN RAIL THE CAUSE
Superintendent Nixon, of the Grand Trunk, who was at the scene of the accident near Princeton nearly all day yesterday, stated to The Advertiser this afternoon that the accident was due to a broken rail. One of the rails broke in two nearly in the middle after the engine had passed over it. As nearly as the railroad officials can judge the breaking of the rail was due to a defect in the rolling of it. This would not be apparent when it was put in place.

Mr. Nixon states that none of the passengers were seriously injured, and were all able to go on their way, with the exception of Mrs. Eugene Cruik, of 351 East Fifty-seventh street, New York City. Mrs. Cruik had been in a Chicago hospital undergoing an operation and was on her way home at the time.

She was very weak as a result of the operation, and is suffering somewhat from the nervous shock. It is expected that she will be able to be taken to her home in a few days.

The line was opened again for traffic yesterday afternoon. Mr. Nixon spoke particularly of the splendid manner in which all the cars withstood the terrific shock to which they were exposed. The train was travelling at a high rate of speed, and the cars, although scattered about over two tracks, did not break up.

**SOFT GROUND SAVED MANY LIVES
WHEN EXPRESS JUMPED RAILS**

Marvellous Escape of Passengers on Grand Trunk Train Going East Early Yesterday Morning Shown by the Position of the Cars After Accident Near Princeton.

Woodstock, Sept. 4.—Seldom has there been in this vicinity a railway wreck that contained such possibilities of disaster as one which occurred a short distance west of the little station at Gobles, about ten miles east of this city on the Grand Trunk, shortly after five o'clock yesterday morning.

A fast express were derailed while the train was going at a fast rate, and the passengers were, many of them, aroused from sleep by a terrific jolting, to a scene of terror and confusion.

The Lehigh Express, which is due at Woodstock at 4:25, was taking the down grade from Gobles to Princeton, at a rate of fifty miles an hour, it is said. When just west of the Gobles station, something happened. One theory is that a rail broke. At any rate, the engine kept the rails, and the front truck of the first coach. Then the next seven coaches were derailed. The last coach kept the tracks.

Left the Rails.
[Two of the coaches left their trucks and were partly buried in the banks at the sides of the tracks. The heavy coaches were scattered over the tracks, effectively blocking both the east and west bound lines. Fortunately they all remained in an upright position, and this probably saved the lives of many passengers, taken in conjunction with the fact that there is no steep embankment at the point. Had the cars rolled down a steep bank, such as exists a mile west of the point, consequences would surely have been disastrous.

As it was, a number of passengers sustained injuries more or less serious, and it is said this morning that one lady, whose name and residence cannot be learned, may not have escaped from Princeton and the injured were attended.

A train was run up from Toronto and the passengers continued their journey after considerable delay. The injured were taken, as well as those who escaped more fortunately.

The wrecked train is the one which was in a similar affair at the Diamond here about a year ago.

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Manager Rechnitzer Confirms Story Packing Co. May Go to Chatham

Maple City Has Offered Tempting Inducements to the Firm.

As announced exclusively in The Advertiser yesterday the Canadian Packing Company will probably remove from this city to Chatham.

Mr. E. Rechnitzer confirms the report that inducements had been offered to the firm to locate in that city, and as the offer is especially good, there is not much doubt that the directors of the company will accept.

"We have been approached by members of the Chatham Board of Trade," said Mr. Rechnitzer, "and they offered free site, limited taxation and power at \$8 per horse-power. If we would locate there, Chatham is in the centre of the hog-raising district, and we would save considerable money on freight there. It looks as if the company would go to Chatham."

It is understood that Mayor Geddes and Mr. Henry Roe, of St. Thomas, Hamilton.

THE WEATHER.
TOMORROW—FAIR.
FORECASTS.
Toronto, Sept. 4.—4-8 a.m.
Today—Fresh southwest winds; fine and a little warmer.
Saturday—Moderate variable winds; fair.

TEMPERATURES.
Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.
Calgary.....54 62 Clear
Winnipeg.....56 68 Clear
Port Arthur.....58 64 Fair
Perry Sound.....54 66 Fair
Toronto.....56 62 Fair
Ottawa.....46 44 Fair
Montreal.....58 62 Fair
Quebec.....50 44 Cloudy
Father Point.....50 44 Clear.

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

WEATHER NOTES.
The weather is fine and cool throughout the Dominion, except near Lake Superior, where it is showery.

The general indications are for somewhat higher temperatures.

ASPIRANTS FOR CITY COUNCIL ARE BEGINNING TO CROP UP

Ex-Ald. Cooper and Joshua Garratt Will Be in the Field—Trustee W. C. Fitzgerald May Run for Alderman and Several of Old Board May Drop Out.

Already candidates for municipal offices have begun to make their appearance and there will probably be several changes in the personnel of the council next year.

The Conservative party will make an effort to capture the council in January. That is certain.

Ex-Ald. Nell Cooper is out again for the office of alderman, and is now working for his election.

Ex-Ald. Joshua Garratt will also be a candidate, it is expected, and will take one more fly at the aldermanic badge.

Mr. T. F. Kingsmill, Jun., is also said to be anxious to be alderman, and will run.

Trustee W. C. Fitzgerald will also run for the council, so one of his intimate friends stated this morning.

He is anxious about his chances as a school trustee, and is one of those who put through the deal whereby Mr. McCutcheon was chosen principal of the Collegiate over Mr. R. A. Little.

Several others are considering the matter, and there is no doubt that there will be many candidates ready when the bell rings.

May Drop Out.
It is quite probable that some of the present board will not seek re-election.

Ald. Beattie is not anxious for any more of it. He was anxious to retire last year, and only consented to run at the last minute. But he may run for mayor.

Ald. Booth is also one who is not ready to run again. He had three years of it and is willing to retire on his honors. A very personal friend stated that he would not think of running again.

Ald. Greenlees will also retire, it is thought. He has repeatedly stated that he thought he would retire after this year.

All the rest of the council will seek re-election, it is said.

**SAW NO SIGNS OF GRAFTING
SAY MARINE PROBE WITNESSES**

The St. Lawrence Channel Splendidly Improved Under Mr. Brodeur—Work Well Done and Contractors for Government Receive Little Profit.

Montreal, Sept. 3.—The evidence of witnesses heard today at the trial in the same direction—that the marine department has followed a progressive policy in regard to improving the St. Lawrence route, and has not incurred any extravagant or unnecessary expenditure.

Mr. Thomas Robb, secretary of the shipping federation, was the first witness examined by Mr. Watson regarding the changes and increased expenditure that the department had incurred in order to improve the navigation of the St. Lawrence channel. The witness said the changes were carried out in great measure as the result of an inquiry which was made by the different shipping interests and underwriters in 1900, owing to the fact that the shipping trade was leaving Canada and being transferred to the United States. It was deemed necessary, first of all, that the light-house service should be improved right from Belle Isle and Cape Race to Montreal. The channel also had to be dredged. The Willson buoy was in his opinion without a rival for efficiency for the St. Lawrence channel. Altogether the improvements introduced had enabled Canadian shipping to compete more advantageously with the United States.

Public Interest Supreme.
"There is no case that I know of," added the witness, "in which individual interests were considered. The improvements were commenced in 1904; they have been continued ever since and are not yet completed. The recommendations for these improvements were approved by the States."

Beat Wife, Was Beaten by Brother
Mayor Praises an Alleged Offender

Who Took the Part of His Sister and Taught Her Husband a Lesson.

A young man named William Crockett appeared in court this morning on a charge of being disorderly.

It appears that last night Crockett dropped in to see a married sister. While he was there her husband came in and started to abuse her by beating her.

Crockett came to the rescue, and thrashed the husband.

The police were called by the husband and Crockett was arrested.

"I think you took the only proper course," said Acting Magistrate Mayor Stevely, "and I discharge you."

Distributing Case.
Charles Hill, the expert distributor, was charged by Market Clerk Maier with breaking the bylaw in reference to the distribution of hand bills.

Mr. Hill, it is said, caused posters to be placed in the farmers wagons on market days this week.

The case was adjourned until next week.

Horse at Large.
Abram Shack charged with allowing a horse to run at large, came into court with a large halter and chain wrapped up in a sheet.

It was explained to him that he must not let his horse run at large. Mr. Shack's English vocabulary is still very incomplete, and he assured

the court many times that he had tied the horse to the chain, but that in some manner one of the links had got cracked. Mr. Shack was fined \$1, and was exceedingly indignant.

Throwing Stones.
Frank Cowan, R. Newton and C. Spence pleaded not guilty to a charge of throwing stones in the vicinity of Stanley street and Wharncliffe road.

The people in that vicinity have complained repeatedly of the conduct of a gang of boys who annoy them, and Chief Williams asked that the case be left over until next week in order that all the evidence possible be secured.

An Indian sister was fined \$10, and four first-time drunks were let go.

A Disorderly Case.
James Butt was arrested last night for acting in a disorderly manner while drunk. Butts bore many marks which would indicate that he had been fighting.

John Butt, however, assured the court that his brother would never have been guilty of such misconduct had he not been drinking.

James Butt corroborated these fraternal statements, and promised to go right home to Denfield if allowed to go.

The court decided to keep James in the cells until it was time for his train to go this afternoon, and then escort him to the depot.

These precautions were taken to make sure that James left the city without having another chance to get drunk.

**Mr. Brownlee Discusses Application
Of Railways Re Sunday Shunting**

Grand Trunk Is at Present Put to Great Inconvenience and Loss.

Manager Brownlee, of the Grand Trunk, was in the city this morning on his way to Detroit.

In speaking of the application that the Grand Trunk and Pere Marquette railroads are making before the railway commission at Ottawa to be allowed to handle certain traffic on Sundays, Mr. Brownlee stated to The Advertiser that the present situation is a very awkward one for the railroads.

This is particularly so now that the grain is moving in such large quantities.

If a boat loaded with grain comes into Sarnia or Point Edward on Saturday night late, it cannot be unloaded until Monday morning. Or if it comes in early enough to be partly unloaded and the train bearing it to Montreal happens to get into Toronto late on Saturday night it must stand there until Monday morning before being sent on to Montreal.

The delay occasioned often means the missing of an ocean liner and, besides, ties up the company's cars at a time when they need them most.

Regarding traffic, Mr. Brownlee said that it was good, particularly passenger traffic, which is equal to any in previous years.

Mr. Brownlee could not state when he will leave for Winnipeg to go with the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway.

Jumped From a Grand Trunk Express

William Baker, a cabinet maker, living at 564 Sherbourne street, Toronto, is in Victoria Hospital badly shaken up as a result of jumping from one of the cars of Grand Trunk express, No. 5, when it was crossing Rectory street last night.

Baker will be around again in a few days it is expected.

Peaches Rather Scarce at Present

According to fruitmen, peaches will be comparatively a scarce article for the next few weeks.

The shipments that have been arriving the last few days are small and have not been sufficient to meet the demand.

The first crop of Niagara peaches are practically gone, and the middle crop will not be ready for shipment for at least two weeks.

Peaches were selling at from 50c to 75c a basket today.

St. Railway Service for North End

At the meeting of No. 1 committee this afternoon, the matter of a service in the north end will be brought up, out it is probable that nothing will be done until President Everett of the London Street Railway Company arrives in the city to discuss the whole question of street railway extension. He is expected this month.

The regular meeting of No. 3 committee will be held tonight also. There is little business to be transacted. The appointment of a fire chief will not be considered at tonight's meeting.