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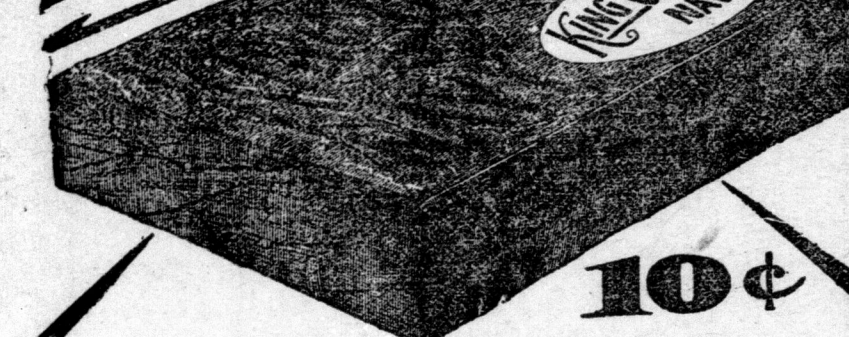
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COMMISSIONER STARR WELL-KNOWN LOCALLY

Death of Toronto's Juvenile Judge Regretted by London Clergymen.

Rev. John Edward Starr, commissioner of the juvenile court in Toronto, who died at the General Hospital yesterday in that city, was well known in London. He has often lectured in this city in several of the churches, and his descriptions of his work have interested many local congregations. Rev. Thomas H. Mitchell, in reference to his death, said to The Advertiser last night: "Rev. Mr. Starr was a personal friend of mine and I visited him in Toronto only two weeks ago. His last visit to London was at the inception of the Men's Federation when special inaugural services

were held in the First Methodist Church. He has been doing a splendid work in Toronto and his death came as a painful surprise."

Rev. W. H. Harvey: "I knew Commissioner Starr very well and I always felt the highest regard for him. He was a noble man and his work was of an interesting nature that always calls forth the highest commendation."

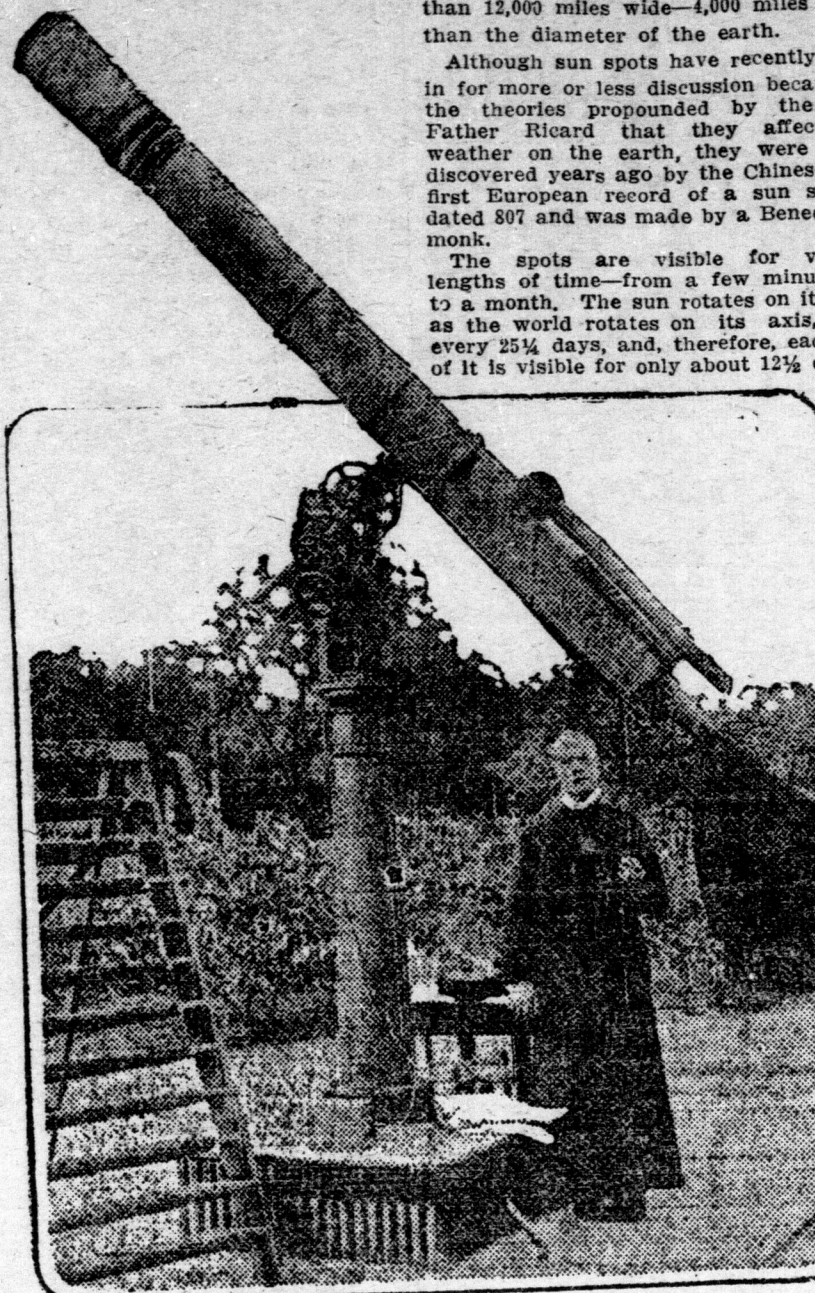
UNFINISHED JOB.

Seedy individual (who has come up just after the rescue)—Are you the cove wot 'as just pulled my boy ahit o' the sea?

The Hero (modestly, after effecting a gallant rescue)—Yes, my friend, but that's quite all right—don't say any more about it. "Orl right? It ain't orl right! Wot abaht 'is bloomin' 'at?"

Have You Seen the New Sun Spot?

It Is 2,000 Times Bigger Than the Surface of the Earth, and Scientists Say May Affect Our Weather



than 12,000 miles wide—4,000 miles wider than the diameter of the earth.

Although sun spots have recently come in for more or less discussion because of the theories propounded by the Rev. Father Ricard that they affect the weather on the earth, they were really discovered years ago by the Chinese. The first European record of a sun spot is dated 897 and was made by a Benedictine monk.

The spots are visible for varying lengths of time—from a few minutes up to a month. The sun rotates on its axis, as the world rotates on its axis, once every 25½ days, and, therefore, each side of it is visible for only about 12½ days.

Father Jerome Ricard, who discovered the large sun spot, standing by the huge telescope through which he first sighted the big spot on the fiery face of the sun.

Have you seen the latest "SUN SPOT?"

Father Jerome Ricard, of Santa Clara University, California, discovered a smudge on the face of the sun the other day. And he called it a "SPOT"!!!

Just think of a "spot" that has a surface of more than 400,000,000 square miles—2,000 times larger than the earth's surface! And yet that is what the famous sun spots are. Vast blotches on the face of the great orb that are visible even without the aid of a powerful telescope—most of the time.

The surface of the sun is estimated to be something like 2,353,027,220,864 square miles. The figures are way beyond the imagination of the average person. They are nothing more than figures. The new "spot" is more than 32,000 miles long—7,000 miles longer than the circumference of the earth at the equator—and is more than 100 times as wide as the earth.

Exactly what the sun spots do, nobody knows. Father Ricard believes that they affect the weather of the earth. He has asserted that by observing the sun spots the weather can be foretold up to 40 days ahead. But other scientists dispute this. Observers declare that the spots come and go in regular succession. It takes about 11 years for these periods to pass. That is from the beginning of the time of their increase in number and size and their final disappearance.

MANY NEAR DEATH WHEN DOPE FIEND TOOK POT SHOTS

Farmer Tells How He Was Held Up by Brantford Bad Man.

WOMAN IS HYSTERICAL
Fright Has Taxed Her Heart and Serious Results Are Feared.

[By Staff Reporter.]

Brantford, Dec. 24.—That several persons were not murdered outright by "Billy" Murray, the cocaine-crazed negro, who ran a racket with a shotgun in Brantford on Tuesday night and early Wednesday, is the universal opinion of both the citizenry and police of that city.

Probably the most thrilling tale told of those who encountered the mad man, is that of John Simpson, a farmer, who was driving home when Murray held him up on St. George's road at 4 a.m. on Wednesday morning, and demanded that he "give him a lift."

At police headquarters on Wednesday evening, Mr. Simpson related how the negro sprang out from a clump of bushes and, pointing the shotgun at him, ordered that he jump out of the buggy and turn the outfit over to him. Mr. Simpson said he used rare tact, and humored the man, and told him he would drive him wherever he wished.

Murray climbed into the buggy but kept the rifle across his knees, and reiterated his determination to shoot at the first false move his driver made. When Murray's sister's place was reached, Simpson said the negro jumped out, and just to sustain the record he had made, took a pot shot at him.

Aim Was Poor.
The negro's aim was poor and the shot flew high over Mr. Simpson's head, but he said it was the wildest experience he had gone through or ever wished to go through. He likened it to the nightriders and moonshiners of Kentucky. Of all the people whom Murray terrorized, Mrs. John Sears is the worst sufferer. She, it will be remembered, was the elderly woman whom he drove to the streets half-crazed. She has been in a state of constant hysteria since the happening, and is under the care of a physician. It was learned tonight that the fright had taxed her heart, and fears are entertained that her frail health may be undermined as a consequence.

Resting Easily.
Constable J. J. Cobden, who was shot by the man while endeavoring to arrest him, was resting easily at the local hospital tonight, and his condition was not considered to be serious. Cobden, who was on the London police force for several months, distinguished himself by several acts of heroism. He was well thought of there, and his superiors spoke commendably of his action on Wednesday morning.

May Save Hand.
Emma Jones, the negroess with whom it is alleged Murray lived, and who had her hand almost blown off by the rifle he carried, is resting comfortably. Physicians stated that her hand could be saved. Murray, when seen at his cell tonight,

Never a Christmas morning,

Never the old year ends,
But somebody thinks of somebody,
Old days, old times, old friends.

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appeared dazed and stupefied. He had nothing to say more than that he "must have been crazy at the time."

INQUEST ORDERED INTO INDIAN'S DEATH

Lucisse Leween is Believed to Have Died From Neglect.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Deseronto, Dec. 24.—Mystery surrounds the discovery of the body of Lucisse Leween, an Indian, on the Mohawk reserve west of this place early yesterday morning in a barn adjoining an unoccupied house on the reserve.

Leween, accompanied by a cousin, Daniel Leween, had been in town early in the afternoon, and had left for home on a load of lumber. Several rumors are current, one to the effect that he fell off the wagon and the wheels passed over his chest, inflicting internal injuries, and that his companion then carried him into the barn and drove on home, neglecting to give the alarm. Another story is that the unfortunate man fell off unnoticed and managed to crawl into the barn.

An inquest will be held Wednesday next.

EAST LONDON AFTER BETTER CAR SERVICE

Citizens From That Section Will Support Candidates Pledged To Improved System.

East End residents are in sympathy with the citizens of the north end of the city in their decision to support candidates for municipal honors who will work for a better car service.

"If the street railway's north end lines are inadequate, what shall we say of the Ottawa?" a resident of Rectory street said to The Advertiser today. "This morning I waited for almost half an hour and then walked to Dundas street to catch a car east to my work. We are going to support the candidate or candidates who will boost for a better car service, irrespective of party."

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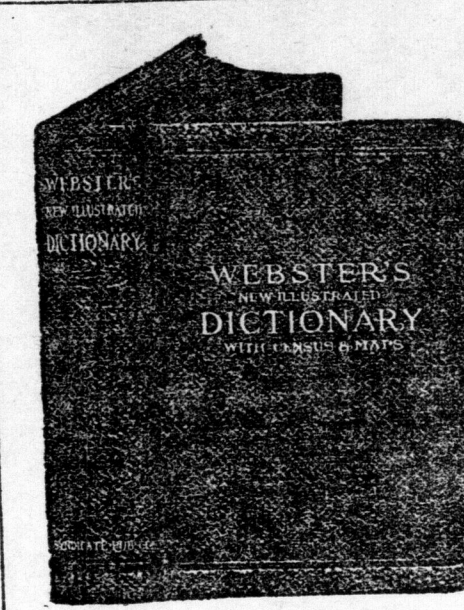
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Supreme Court Decides Against the Wholesale Lumber Companies.
[Canadian Press.]

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 24.—The Missouri supreme court today issued a decree of Ouster against several wholesale lumber companies. The supreme court suspended its decree of Ouster against the twenty companies named on condition they

HIS EXACT SOCIAL STATUS.
[Almont (Mich.) Herald.]

We were misinformed in regard to Mr. Rogers, the section boss, having rented the McKoon house, on North Main street. He plans to keep "bach" in two freight cars that have been placed near the track by the tool-house.

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