

OLD MR. COMET "KIDS" EARTH DIDN'T BRUSH US WITH TAIL BUT IS COMING ALONG TODAY

Head of Halley's Astral Vagrant Was On Schedule Time Last Night But the Front End Was Travelling Too Fast for Caudal Appendage—But It's There All Right and Will Sweep Over Globe Within Few Hours.

[Associated Press.]

Williams' Bay, Wis., May 19.—Shattering all scientific calculations, and completely puzzling astronomers, the glowing tail of Halley's Comet appeared in the eastern sky today at a time when the world's comet authorities had agreed it would be in the west.

Such eminent astronomers as Prof. S. A. Mitchell, of Columbia University, New York; Prof. Edwin B. Frost, of the Yerkes Observatory staff here, and Prof. Edward Barnard, of the University of Chicago, agree that the glow of light they saw in the east was the comet's tail.

New York, May 19.—The most careful computations of the world's greatest mathematical astronomers have gone wrong over the caudal appendage of Halley's astral vagrant, and the cataclysm variously predicted for last night, was not due to strike the earth until some time today. Dispatches from the various trained observers throughout the world indicate that the comet passed between the sun and the earth on schedule time last night, but that the tail, which might be compared to the shadow of a planet or the moon eclipsing the sun, did not brush the earth. Bulletins from observers say that the tail, before daylight, was sighted in the east, indicating that the speed of the comet's head was so great that its tail swished out behind it in an elliptic, much like the curve in a stream of water played from a horizontally moving nozzle.

Therefore, the tail did not hit the earth last night, at least, not as it was expected, and the phenomenon was expected today.

All predictions as to results apply the same, the public being given a rain check to a postponed exhibition.

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TUNGSTEN LIGHTS ON STREETS LAMP ON EVERY OTHER POLE

The City's Lighting Plant Will Be Most Complete, Says Electrical Engineer Roberts—London Will Be One of the Best Lighted Cities in Canada.

Engineer Roberts is fast getting the street lighting system in shape, and in a few days will have all the brackets erected.

There will be three or four lights to a block. Every other pole will have one.

On each will be placed a Tungsten lamp of 60 candle-power efficiency. These lights are the best procurable, and in American cities where they are extensively used, they throw a brilliant light at a maintenance and operation cost much less than the usual lamp of this variety.

The lamp will be placed in a Wheeler reflector. These reflectors are almost two feet in diameter, with white enameled surface, and throw the light a long distance. Those who know say that one of these lights furnishes more illumination than the common arc light now in use.

"The city will be well lighted," said Engineer Roberts. "We will place a Tungsten lamp with Wheeler reflector on every other pole. That will make from three or four lights to a block."

"They have a very high efficiency, and the light will be distributed over a great area."

"I am certain that it will prove a splendid system, and will make London one of the best-lighted cities in Canada."

The plan shows, we will cover practically the whole of the city, giving illumination to many sections at present in darkness."

Patriotic songs will be sung by the children, and addresses appropriate to the occasion will be delivered by several prominent speakers.

The essay prizes donated by Mrs. Adam Beck, Chairman W. W. Gamble, Principal McCutcheon, Inspector Edwards, and Principal Radcliffe, will be presented to the winners of the essay on the "Made-in-London Exhibition. Prizes donated for the best essays on King Edward VII. by the Woman's Canadian Club will also be presented.

The new 15-ton steam roller for the board of works arrived in the city today and will be placed in commission at once.

A large number of streets are in need of rolling, and the big machine will be kept busy for the rest of the summer.

Mr. F. Elliott, of Toronto, a School of Science student, has been appointed draughtsman in City Engineer's Graydon's office, and today commenced his duties. He will remain until the school opens in the autumn.

City Engineer Graydon went to Port Stanley this morning to inspect the city property in that place. Certain improvements in the arrangement of conveniences will be suggested.

CAUGHT ON BRIDGE.
Toronto, May 19.—Joseph Symons, aged 60 years, the Scarborough farm laborer, who was run over by a south-bound Grand Trunk train while making the passage of what is known as the high bridge at Markham yesterday morning, died of his injuries at St. Michael's Hospital this morning.

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The funeral of King Edward will be held tomorrow from the Royal Church, St. George's Chapel, at Windsor. The picture is from a photograph taken while the coffin of his mother, Queen Victoria, was being borne into the chapel.

OH, YOU BURGLAR! HAND IT BACK!

Mr. Wallace Laut Will Pay for Return of Stolen Handbag.

WIFEROBBED IN SYRACUSE

Mrs. Marshall, Also Wife of Former London Newspaperman, Was Victim of Mean Thief.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Syracuse, N. Y., May 19.—The Journal says: It's very seldom that a burglar, who gets away after doing a "job," is offered more money and from the same party, too, just because he got away with the first "load." Such is the fact as far as W. J. Laut, of 307 Onondaga avenue, who Monday night was relieved of two handsome handbags, one of which held \$20 or \$22, is concerned.

Mr. Laut is very anxious to get the handbag back, which had the money in, as it is valued very dearly by the owners. It was a wedding present to his young wife, and they would rather part with more money than lose the bag.

Offers \$5 Reward.
Mr. Laut has offered the "clever" burglar \$5 if he will return this bag, and, according to the advertisement which he placed in The Journal, will ask no questions.

"The man or woman who has the bag," Mr. Laut, "should bring it back if he doesn't care for any more money, at least for the sake of my wife. She values that bag more than a sum of money which is five times as large as the bag is worth, and it grieves her to lose that treasured article. I will pay the person who restores the bag a good sum of money."

The robbery took place shortly after 6 o'clock Monday night. Mr. and Mrs. Laut live at 307 Onondaga avenue, but they are taking their meals at the home of W. R. Marshall, 311½ Onondaga avenue. At a few minutes past the supper hour they arrived at the Marshall home. They took their wraps off and placed them in a side bedroom and then proceeded to the table.

Handbags Missing.
After supper they found that Mrs. Laut's handbag was missing. Upon making inquiries it was discovered that Mrs. Marshall's handbag was also missing. The party then began a search and found that someone had climbed into the window and taken away the bags.

The burglar in getting into the house evidently chewed gum, for he left some sticking on the sidewalk they found, and although the police were quickly notified the person who made the daring day robbery got away.

Handbag Described.
The handbag which contained the money and the one Mrs. Laut owned and treasured was of fawn leather, with a solid gold top and the owner's name engraved on the inside. For the return of this bag Mr. Laut offers the reward. The other bag, which belonged to Mrs. Marshall, was of grey leather. She doesn't know whether there was any money in it or not. There was a gold watch fob with initials W. R. M. and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall's calling cards.

Mr. Laut is a former newspaperman of London, having left here a couple of weeks ago for Syracuse, where he has entered into business for himself.

SUDDEN DEATH OF VERY BRIGHT BOY

Walter Stephenson, Aged 9, Succumbed to an Attack of Croup.

Walter Stephenson, only son of Mr. and Mrs. William Stephenson, died very unexpectedly yesterday at the home of his parents on Oxford street, just outside the city limits. Deceased was only 9 years of age. Besides his parents he is survived by three sisters. The funeral will be held on Friday afternoon at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

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The Military Parade

It is desirable that the military parade on Friday afternoon should be in keeping with the fact that it is occasioned by the death of one of the best beloved sovereigns the great British Empire has as yet known, Edward VII. There should be a large turnout of all the troops of the local garrison. Employers can assist materially in the matter by allowing those of their employees who are connected with military organizations to go home a little earlier than usual, so that they may be able to prepare for the parade. The officers will greatly appreciate anything the employers of labor can, without prejudice to themselves, do in London in this regard.

POWER STATION READY JULY 1 MAY HAVE TO USE GAS ENGINES

It is Not Probable That Niagara Power Will Be Here by Date Mentioned—But Citizens Will Have Plenty of Water for All Purposes This Summer.

The new pumping station will be ready by July 1, or thereabouts. The brick work is practically completed, and the roof will be up before the end of the week.

The machinery is on the way, and will be ready to be placed in position without delay.

The one obstacle will be the lack of power. There is some uncertainty as yet as to the exact date when Niagara current will arrive, but if it is here by Dominion Day, the pumping plant will be ready for operation.

The gas engine capable of pumping a million and a half gallons of water will be ready also, and the cost of maintenance is expensive, and the commissioners will probably decide that it would be better to await the coming of Niagara power. The temporary plant at present in use could be utilized at small expense in the interim. If, however, there is a prolonged dry spell, the gas plant could be used guaranteeing plenty of water for the citizens of London.

"We will be ready by July 1," said a gentleman in close touch with the work. "The gas engine will be ready, and can be used for emergency. The cost of operating it is high, and it might be better to utilize the present plant until Niagara power comes. If it is here by July 1, the whole plant will be in fine order, and the citizens will have plenty of the best water to last them for many years to come."

ALL MAY JOIN IN SERVICES IN ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

The rectors and churchwardens of St. Paul's Cathedral are doing everything to make the memorial services tomorrow impressive and useful.

Seats will be reserved for the mayor, Ministerial Alliance, civic bodies and the military.

The doors admitting the general public to the cathedral will be thrown open at 9 a.m.

Each person attending will be furnished with a copy of the memorial service.

When the cathedral is filled, any persons outside who have been unable to obtain admission will kindly go to the south side, towards Queen's avenue.

They will also be furnished with copies of the memorial service. Two cornets will be placed there, under the conductorship of Mr. Roselle Pococke, so that those outside may join in the hymns with those who are in the cathedral.

Canon Dann especially asks all present to remember that they are called together to do honor to the late King, and to have a proper appreciation of the fact that it is a funeral service they are attending.

MUST PUT IN PIPES AND AVOID TEARING UP

City Engineer Graydon Sends Out Notices to Property Owners.

Notices have been sent out from City Engineer Graydon's office to all the property owners on Dundas and Richmond streets, instructing them to have all water mains, sewer connections, etc., put in while the pavement is being resurfaced.

The City Gas Company and the water commissioners have also been notified to do what work they can at this time to obviate the necessity of tearing up the pavements as heretofore.

"We are going to insist upon this," said City Engineer Graydon. "For years past we have been put to much expense and a great deal of annoyance along this line. It has been the custom to send out these notices, but as a rule little attention has been paid to them. Just as soon as the pavement was down, or any permanent improvement made, we were deluged with requests for sewer connections and the like. The pavement was torn up and the city put to much expense. Now we are going to try as much as possible to have everything done, water and sewer connections and all laid at the same time the pavement is, in order to prevent this. Those who neglect to do this necessary work will be paid dearly for the privilege."

The City Gas Company are going to repair their mains on Dundas and Richmond streets, and the water commissioners will see that all their work is properly done. The property owners will also see to their needs.

A CUBAN EXPLOSION TAKES FIFTY LIVES

Havana, May 19.—Until the ruins have been more thoroughly examined it will not be known positively how many lives were lost when the Rural Guards' barracks in the city of Pinar de Rio was demolished by an explosion of dynamite late yesterday.

There is reason, however, for the hope today that the fatalities did not exceed fifty. The wounded will number more than 100 others, it is believed. Investigating today has developed no good grounds for the suspicion that the disaster was planned by conspirators against the Government. It is almost certain that the explosion resulted from the accidental fall of a case of dynamite from the hands of an employee who, with others was engaged in loading upon wagons 72 cases of the explosive which was to be transferred from the barracks to the Government magazine in this city.

Many injured ones are believed to be still pinned under the debris. The work of extricating the victims was continued throughout the night by torchlight. Among the bodies recovered were those of Captain Alfred O'Raven, of the Rural Guards, his wife and three children. With the exception of a daughter, Graciel, the whole family perished with the destruction of their home.

The body of Lieut. Dihigo, of the Rural Guards, and those of a score of privates have been recovered also.

MOUNT BRYDGES MAN KILLED BY GRAND TRUNK WAY FREIGHT

James Neville, Aged 65, Victim of Fatal Accident Near His Home—Son Was Formerly Engaged On the London Street Railway.

James Neville, aged 65, of Mount Brydges, was struck by a Grand Trunk freight engine about 10 o'clock this morning while he was walking on the tracks from his home to the station, and sustained injuries from which he died at noon.

Engineer Anderson, of this city, was in the cab, and the way freight was only going about six miles an hour.

It was pulling into a siding. The engineer claims that he blew the whistle, but that Mr. Neville apparently did not hear it.

The engine struck him and threw him clear of the tracks, and when he was picked up he was in an unconscious condition. He was carried at once to his home, and Dr. Woods, who was called, found that the skull had been fractured at the base of the brain.

DIED AT NOON.
Mr. Neville never recovered consciousness, and died about noon. His son, James, who keeps a hotel in Mount Brydges, is well known here, and was formerly in the employ of the London street railway.

Mr. Neville, Sen., was a life-long resident of Mount Brydges. His mother, who recently celebrated her 94th birthday, was terribly shocked at the news of her son's death.

Besides his wife, Mr. Neville leaves one son, James, of Mount Brydges; two daughters, and one sister, Mrs. Skeudle, of Mount Brydges. Coroner Dr. Wood will hold an inquest at Mount Brydges this evening.

PANIC BESIDE THE KING'S BIER AVERTED BY POLICE RESERVES

Crowding Thousands Attempt to "Rush" Westminster Hall in Effort to See Dead Monarch and Doors of Building Had To Be Closed

[Associated Press Cable.]
London, May 19.—The last day of the lying in state of the body of King Edward brought a repetition of yesterday's scenes on an even larger scale. The resolute band of a thousand or more persons, mostly women, who had braved the storm throughout the night, was increased to a score of thousands before the sun rose above the roof tops, and by noon the queue awaiting admission to Westminster Hall stretched for miles to the westward of the House of Parliament.

Because of the enormous number of persons who were sure to be disappointed last night it had been planned to keep the doors open until midnight instead of closing them at 10 o'clock as was the original intention. This plan, however, was frustrated by the action of those nearest the entrance who became unruly and fairly rushed the building. The crowd about the doors were hastily closed and the police reserves summoned to assist in restoring order. It was a half hour before this was accomplished. Soon afterwards rain fell heavily, and all about 1,000 persons returned to their homes.

An order was received at the local Grand Trunk offices this afternoon, ordering all trains to stop from 8 o'clock tomorrow morning, until 3 minutes after.

All way-freights will be cancelled, and all employees that can possibly be spared will be given an opportunity to observe the public holiday.

The action of the Grand Trunk and C. P. R. in suspending all traffic in token of respect to the dead King, is without a parallel in the history of Canadian railroading.

ALL TRAINS ON GRAND TRUNK WILL STOP FOR THREE MINUTES

Hamilton Woman Said to Be Bigamist

Was Married in 1900 to a James Brown by Rev. Geo. Dewey, of London.

AGAIN MARRIED IN 1909

London Pastor Says He Understands Her First Husband Is Dead—Arrested in Toronto.

Charlotte May Brown has been placed under arrest in Toronto for bigamy. She was brought back from Hamilton by a detective and is now in the Court street police station.

On Feb. 1, 1904, she was married to James Brown, by Rev. George W. Dewey, now of West London. She is said to have been married on July 19, 1909, to John Gilbert Ford, by Bishop Evans, a former Londoner. The first time, it is said, that she gave her right name, Mary McDonald, and the second time Charlotte May Matthews.

Rev. Mr. Dewey Speaks.
Rev. G. W. Dewey, speaking to The Advertiser, stated that he remembered marrying the young woman, but did not think that she was a bigamist as he had heard that her first husband was dead.

"I feel sure that the first husband is dead," said Mr. Dewey, "because for some time past two lawyers have been writing me regarding his estate and asking me to identify the woman."

Her last husband interested the police in the case after she had left him, and it was their inquiries that led to the charge that she was a bigamist. She was traced to Hamilton and arrested there yesterday at her mother's home.

Husband at Bottom of It.
The woman denies the charge, and says that Ford swore out the warrant against her because she left him. It is the mother of three small children.

AILS CRAIG STARS WANT A GAME

Are More Than Anxious To Battle With a London Team.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ailsa Craig, Ont., May 19.—The Ailsa Craig Stars are anxious to arrange a game with any London league team for May 24, and are willing to pay all expenses. Any team desiring to make the trip should arrange with the Ailsa Craig Banner.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—SHOWERY.
FORECASTS.
Toronto, May 19—5 a.m. Today: Moderate winds; fair. Friday: Easterly winds; showery.

TEMPERATURES.
Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.
Victoria 40 32 Cloudy
Calgary 30 22 Fair
Winnipeg 20 12 Snow
Port Arthur 40 34 Cloudy
Perry Sound 40 34 Cloudy
Toronto 42 38 Cloudy
Ottawa 40 34 Fair
Montreal 44 44 Fair
Quebec 40 34 Cloudy
Father Point 44 44 Rain

WEDNESDAY'S WEATHER.
The weather is quite cold in the Western Provinces, and rain or snow has fallen very generally.

Westerly gales prevailed on the lower lakes yesterday, and an easterly gale is blowing on Lake Superior this morning.

Scattered showers occurred yesterday in the Western Provinces and in Quebec. Elsewhere in Canada the weather was generally fair and in the Western Provinces a little cooler.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, 47—52; Victoria, 44—52; Vancouver, 47—51; Edmonton, 40—52; Battleford, 40—54; Prince Albert, 36—52; Qu'Appelle, 36—52; Winnipeg, 34—42; Port Arthur, 36—50; Perry Sound, 42—48; Toronto, 50—52; Ottawa, 50—58; Montreal, 48—54; St. John, 44—55; Halifax, 39—44.

TODAY'S PROBS.
Maritime Provinces—Fresh to strong westerly and westerly winds; showery.
Lake Superior—Fresh to strong easterly and northeasterly winds; cool and showery.
Western Provinces—North and east winds; cooler; light local rains.