

NARY SHIPS WRECKED IN STORM--NO LIVES LOST

SOLDIER LIES UNBURIED DURING LAST TEN WEEKS

Unfortunate Circumstances Leave Remains of William Thompson in Vault at Mount Pleasant Without a Grave Since Dec. 7th—Local Authorities Make Generous Efforts.

NOW AWAITING WORD FROM VETERAN'S WIFE

William J. Thompson, veteran of the 57th Battalion, C. E. F., died on Dec. 5. His body today lies unburied in the vault at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Unfortunate circumstances are responsible for this extraordinary situation.

Last summer all the machinery of the militia department and the department of soldiers' civil re-establishment was set in motion to determine the status of the late Pte. Thompson, who had been admitted as a civilian patient to Queen Alexandra Sanatorium at Byron. The local unit of the D. S. C. R. had made application to have Thompson placed on its strength and transferred to the military wing of the Byron institution. Before it had been decided whether the veteran's disability was due to service, he died. The question of his burial then became the matter of paramount importance.

Wired Ottawa.

Major E. N. Chesham, of the local unit of the D. S. C. R., wired Ottawa for a ruling on the matter. The authorities in London were instructed to proceed with the funeral at the expense of the D. S. C. R. However the question of burial remained an undecided issue.

Partly upon the decision of the Ottawa officials as to whether Thompson died from disability received while in the service of the empire, and partly upon the wishes of his widow, the question of the disposition of the body hinged.

And so, a burial plot not having been provided, the body was placed in the vault at Mount Pleasant Cemetery on Dec. 7.

Rev. Ray D. Moss, chaplain for the D. S. C. R., who officiates at funerals of returned soldiers, when instructed by the D. S. C. R. officials, conducted the service at the undertaking place, and at the vault.

Although Mrs. Thompson was with her husband when he died, she did not attend the funeral, those who took part in the service declared to The Advertiser today, Mrs. Thompson lives in Toronto.

Such interest has the case excited at Ottawa that Hon. H. S. Beland, minister of the department of soldiers' civil re-establishment in Canada made a personal investigation.

Not Due to Service.

Finally, during the latter part of December the board of pension commissioners decided Thompson's disability was not due to service.

This ruling prevents the burial of the body in the soldiers' plot at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, unless Mrs. Thompson signs an agreement to pay for the regulation headstone, which will cost in the neighborhood of \$70, and which, under an order of the Imperial War Graves Commission, provides, must be erected on every grave in the plot.

ADMITTS KILLING GIRL TO CLEAR SHIPMATE

New York, Feb. 16.—Conscience-stricken because his shipmate, Robert Ellis, was under arrest for the murder of Christina Herish, 17, at Wallington, N.J., on Thanksgiving morning, Sylvester McGrath, 23, tonight telephoned Jersey City police from a Bowery drug store, and confessed that he had killed the girl.

While the Jersey City police kept him on the telephone, they notified New York officers, who rushed to the Bowery and arrested McGrath, who still was relating details of the murder.

Fire Destroys Church, Place Loss at \$40,000

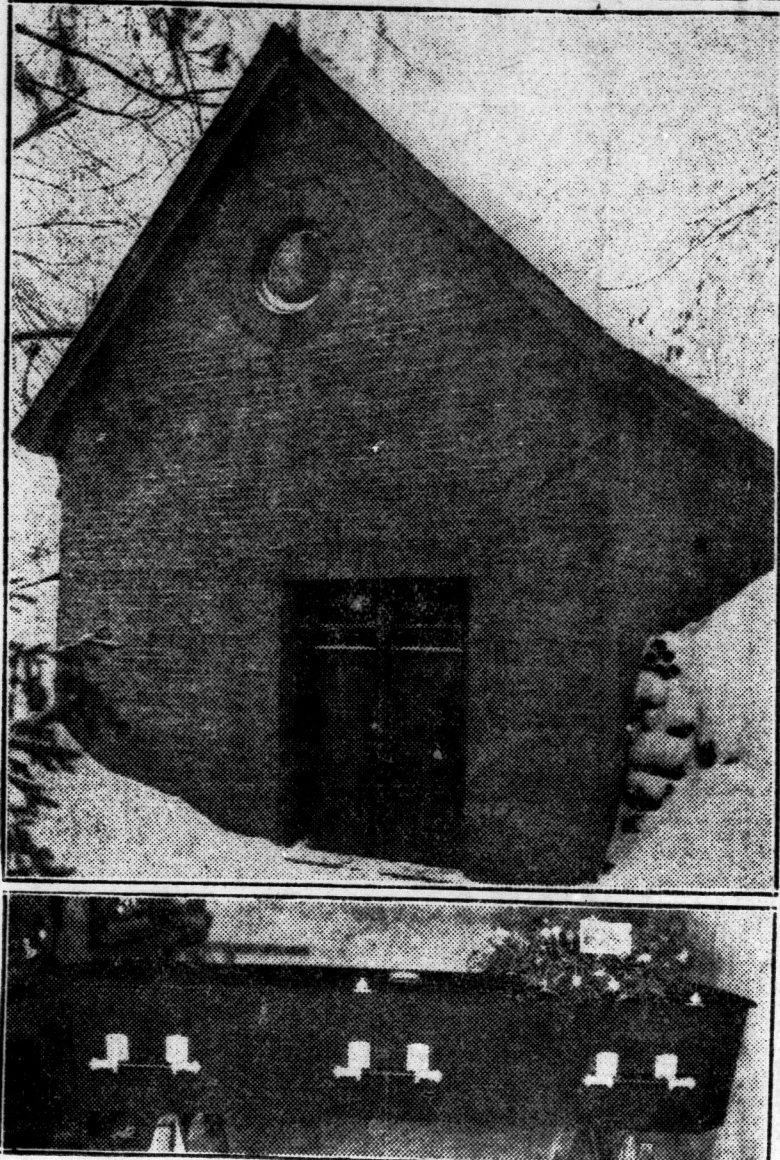
Canadian Press Despatch, Pontiac, Sask., Feb. 16.—Five last night completely destroyed the Roman Catholic Church, with contents, including valuable paintings, save one statue, and caused a total loss of \$40,000, practically covered by insurance. The fire is believed to have originated from a defective fuse in the furnace.

A statue of the blessed Virgin, said to be over five hundred years old, was saved.

Lost on Prairie In Blizzard, Survives Hours of Horror

Man in Manitoba Wanders Aimlessly For Thirty-Six Hours in Worst Storm of Twenty-Five Years.

Portage La Prairie, Man., Feb. 16.—To roam about the prairies of Manitoba for two nights and a day in the worst blizzard of 25 years, and still live to tell of his terrible experience, was the fortune of Richard Graham of St. Marks, north of Portage La Prairie, who was found by a farmer on Tuesday night under a hayrack and wagon, and when morning came found he was near a farm couple, the man went to the suite above and annexed a pearl necklace and \$270 in cash belonging to another guest. The thief worked with extraordinary skill.



SOLDIER AWAITS BURIAL SINCE DEC. 7.

Above, The Advertiser photographer shows the vault at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, where the remains of William J. Thompson, veteran of the 57th Battalion, have awaited burial since his death early last December. Below is the veteran's casket, photographed this morning in the vault. Local military authorities have made every effort to solve the tangled difficulties which have given rise to this extraordinary situation.

COURT BATTLES TO ANCHOR TOSsing MATRIMONIAL BARK

Wife Charges Husband Chased Her Out With Razor—Husband Declares That Wife Left Him—Magistrate Endeavors To Bring Settlement.

"We were married on the 25th of July last year, and he threw me out three weeks later," were the words of Mrs. Alice Mason in the witness box at the police court this morning, in giving evidence against her husband, David Mason, in an assault charge.

It seems that the matrimonial bark of the Mason family has been some rough weather since last summer. Mrs. Mason declared that after her husband threw her out the first time, she secured a position in Koroaka and stayed there for three months, claiming home only after her better-half had written and asked her to return.

"After I was back two days he chased me out again with a razor," she said. "I then went to live with a friend of mine on Clarence street, and last Tuesday I happened to meet him on the corner of Richmond and King streets. He was intoxicated and seized me in front of a crowd of people."

Mr. Mason flatly denied that he had thrown his wife out, and said that she had left him on Aug. 21 while he was at work.

He stayed out Feb. 2. Then she left again and returned the next day for her clothes. I told her I wished her to get out of my house, and she put nothing in her way if she wanted to leave me. She told me that she had a position and was going to work.

The magistrate took the two into his office, after consulting with the police, and after coming to some agreement.

HEALTH BOARD SEEKS \$20,000 IN ESTIMATES

Postponed from last night, owing to the illness of the chairman, Ald. Leonard Douglas, the regular session of the board of health has been set for Tuesday next, at 5 p.m.

Consideration of estimates for the year will be the chief item, and certain contemplated increases in salaries will be submitted. The estimate for this year is slightly over \$20,000. A member of the present board, who is the opinion that this is quite a reasonable computation, in view of all circumstances, and directs attention to the fact that last year other communities, Bradford as an instance, while much smaller in population, expended nearly as much for health purposes as did London.

HEADS WORLD BROTHERHOOD.

Wm. Ward, president of the World Brotherhood Federation, will be in London on Sunday to address a meeting of the Brotherhood Federation of Western Ontario, and will conduct the Sunday evening services at Ridout Street Methodist Church.

LONDON DOCTORS PROTEST ACTIONS OF GALT OFFICIAL

Chiropractors Declare Order Against J. Marshall Anderson Is Unjust and Unfair.

WANT STEPS TAKEN

Believe Government Should Form Plans To Elevate Standards of Work.

Medical doctors and chiropractors, asked for an expression of their attitude toward the episode in Galt, where the health officer quarantined J. Marshall Anderson, president of the Druggists' Physicians' Association, lined up solidly with the point of view of their respective professions.

The incident in Galt caused a big stir in chiropractic circles here. No interview expressed no little indignation at the action of Dr. Radford, the officer of health, who confined Dr. Anderson for treating a patient stricken with infectious disease.

A. W. Macfie, secretary of the Druggists' Physicians' Association, stated the whole affair was the outcome of an unjust edict of Dr. McCullough of Toronto, who decreed a year or so ago that health officers must quarantine all chiropractors who come in contact with communicable diseases.

Dr. Macfie points to the alleged unfairness of this provision. He asserted it was merely a reflection of professional spite and jealousy.

"The custom is," he said, "to allow the attending doctor, nurse, medical officer, and pharmacist to have a say in going in and out of a house containing infection. Furthermore, all who are immune from disease are allowed every liberty. Yet the law provides for a chiropractor being incarcerated despite his immunity. Some time ago there was a case of a man with measles in my house, yet I was allowed to continue my practice here."

Dr. R. C. Barkie, another local chiropractor, agreed with Dr. Macfie. Dr. Barkie, who is a member of the Ontario Association of Chiropractors, said that the solution of the problem lies in recognition of the fact that the legislature of chiropractic.

"We have been agitating for a higher standard of drugless practice for years," Dr. Barkie stated, "but the Ontario Government has to date failed to accede to our wishes."

Dr. Macfie explained that the reason for the government's discrimination against drugless physicians was that many so-called chiropractors are given no diploma, and are therefore tending disreputable schools. These are a menace to the profession. The law is not distinguishing between the reputable and disreputable or inexperienced osteopaths and chiropractors, with the result that the entire profession is being discredited. Although medical doctors declare they would like to see chiropractic standardized, they do not want to be bothered with the task of procuring legislation for that purpose, the orthodox profession promptly "kicked" them.

"The sooner the Legislature will standardize drugless practice, the sooner will such episodes as occurred in Galt be eliminated," Dr. Macfie said. "Druggists, physicians, and other members of the medical profession are clamoring, not do they wish to treat communicable diseases. But as they are ignorant of the principles of medicine, they are liable at any time to go into a home with a communicable disease unknowingly. Persons should such a thing happen to me, and I find that I have a communicable disease on my hands, I will immediately report it to the medical officer, as I have done in the past and take a chance on the consequences."

Unfair to Both.

"I think the order of Dr. McCullough is unfair to both sides," Dr. Macfie said. "It is not a question of health and their patients, when they are willing at all times to live within the law, and to follow every precautionary measure in the spread of communicable disease."

Asked today what he would do if a similar situation should occur in Galt, Dr. Macfie said that he would not have occasion to enforce the law. He thought the action of Dr. Radford of Galt justified.

Dr. H. W. Hill of the Institute of Public Health, expressed keen interest in the Galt affair and said that a chiropractor is recognized by law. In fact, whenever one lurches a suit in his bill (the chiropractor) never lays claim to being a recognized physician. Dr. Hill said, but rather a question of public health, and without difficulty, he can be legalized, and it is high time the government took the necessary action.

Representations had been made for the legislation, but each time medical doctors formed an impassable barrier.

NOT A LIFE LOST AS FIVE VESSELS FOUNDER IN GALE

Ship Damage in Pacific Largest Ever Reported in Single Day.

HEROIC RESCUE MADE

Believe Passenger Ship Is Afire Off Vancouver Island.

Special to The Advertiser.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 16.—Every life of those imperiled, when five ships were lost in the storm that swept the North Pacific coast yesterday, was saved.

Heroic rescues that will go down in sea history marked the rescue of several score persons, after the radio had called aid to the sinking or stranded vessels.

Years that, as of life might have been played when the "Voice in the Storm," the crackling wireless waves that played such an important part in the rescue, announced that the cutter Algonquin had saved the lives of the crew of the Tuscan Prince, the last distressed ship to be heard from. Heroic rescue of the part of the Algonquin was in a deadly peril. Small boats were launched in a boiling surf which was whipped by the icy gale that was thundering down the coast.

The boats' crews manœuvred among treacherous hidden rocks, drawing nearer and nearer to the sinking freighter. The crew of the latter clung to her decks, believing she would break up any minute. The Tuscan Prince was in the end a total loss.

The steamer Santa Rita, which crashed on the rocks while going to the assistance of the burning steamer Nika, was in a deadly peril herself. Her crew faced death until Victor Huxford volunteered to swim ashore with a life line, saving the entire crew.

The crew of the Nika was rescued in heroic fashion by the cutter Seneca, after which the vessel, a wooden one, burned to the water's edge, a total loss.

The motor ship Columbia also was a total loss in the storm, her crew being saved by the steamer Algonquin.

A three-master, the cutter Seneca, was ashore on Victoria Island, but its falls are lacking, and it is still unidentified.

The storm men declared the storm was the worst since 1888, and that the loss of ships was the largest ever reported in a single day. It is believed that the wreckage of five vessels would amount to a single loss of life is unparalleled.

TO AID OF ITALIAN SHIP.

Special to The Advertiser.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 16.—The coast-guard cutter Tampa was steaming under forced draught today to the assistance of the Italian steamer Moncalisto, reported in radio messages yesterday to be sinking 500 miles east of Cape Henry.

While the Tampa from Boston and the coast-guard cutter Seneca, from New York were racing toward the stricken vessel, the Moncalisto's S. O. S. signals, the navy yard here was anxiously awaiting further word of the ill-fated vessel's plight.

Whether the steamer Carpiaga, which yesterday reported herself only 77 miles from the sinking vessel, ever reached, the Moncalisto was not known at an early hour today.

SHIP AFIRE NEAR VANCOUVER?

Canadian Press Despatch.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 16.—What appeared to be a large passenger steamer, after off Pachuca Point, west coast of Vancouver Island, was reported in a wireless despatch received here late last night from the salvage steamer Algonquin. The Algonquin, while lying overnight at Port San Juan, was boarded by customs officers at 9:30 p. m., who reported that an unknown passenger vessel was afire, and sending out distress signals off Pachuca. The Algonquin set out at once for the burning ship.

RESUME DISCUSSIONS ON DEBT FUNDING BILL

Associated Press Despatch.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The Senate resumed discussion of the British debt-funding bill today under an agreement to limit debate after 2 o'clock and vote before adjournment, even though a night session should be required. Leaders, however, expected a vote before night, since passage of the measure had been conceded by opponents and the discussion was described yesterday as nearly exhausted.

The agreement confines each speaker after 2 o'clock to ten minutes.

Unknown to themselves, the family was in grave danger of asphyxiation from escaping natural gas until the gas, which filled their home, came into contact with the kitchen fire and exploded.

The walls and ceiling of the home were shattered, and the occupants of the house were buried in debris, which immediately caught fire. With difficulty they freed themselves and sought refuge from the cold in a neighbor's house.

The gas, which escaped from a street main and worked its way into the house through the kitchen sink, exploded with such force that windows in houses for some distance around were broken.

The fire was soon extinguished by firemen, but nevertheless property loss will be heavy.

PREDICTS UNIONS WILL WIN BATTLE WITH RAIL CHIEFS

Mosher Expresses Confidence Benefits Will Be Derived From Toronto Parley.

VISITS CITY LODGES

Pleased With Employees Cooperation With Officials of National Railroads.

That the wage conference now in session at Toronto between representatives of the Canadian National Railway and the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees would result in a satisfactory adjustment in favor of the men was the confident statement made to The Advertiser this morning by A. R. Mosher, grand president of the C. B. R. E., who spent a few hours in the city en route to Toronto.

Mr. Mosher explained that the present conference, in concluding last year's controversy between the company and the union, and the discussion at the present time is entered around the new wage scale, which, it is expected, will be drawn up before the termination of the session.

During 1922 a conciliation board was appointed to settle the wage differences, but there was some dissatisfaction as regards the findings brought in, and a new conciliatory board was appointed. Mr. Mosher fully believes that an amicable understanding will be reached.

The grand president, who is returning from a short tour of the cities about the province, was very enthusiastic about the progress shown in all the stages of the conference, and he said that he seemed to be in a contented state of mind and anxious to be taking a far greater interest in the present economic situation and in ways and means for its improvement than ever before.

He praised especially the two locals in London for the work they have been doing lately, and for their efforts to increase the membership. The grand president stated that the will was very gratifying to see the willingness with which the employees are co-operating with the Canadian National and Grand Trunk railway heads.

While in the city, Mr. Mosher held short conferences with local officials of the C. B. R. E., and this afternoon is meeting a committee of railwaymen to discuss informally the local situation.

During the last two months of 1922 splendid organization work was accomplished, Mr. Mosher said. A number of new members were added to the union, and many members were added to others. Six local of the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks and the Grand Trunk Railway, including officers of their respective boards, were transferred to the C. B. R. E. in a body.

JAPANESE TO SETTLE IN BRAZIL, IS REPORT

Half Million Orientals To Migrate South, Paper in Brooklyn Claims.

New York, Feb. 16.—Agreement has been reached between Brazil and Japan for the migration to Brazil of 500,000 Japanese for purposes of colonization. The Brooklyn Daily Eagle said yesterday it had learned on good authority that the agreement was signed.

Under the terms of the pact, it is understood the Japanese government is to pay the cost of emigration—about \$8 per head—and the Brazilian government is to take care of the Japanese when they arrive, a little longer than in industrial sections where they are needed.

DENIES KNOWLEDGE.

Washington, Feb. 16.—At both the Brazilian and Japanese embassies denial was made of any knowledge of an agreement between the two countries for the emigration of 500,000 Japanese for colonization purposes, as reported by the Brooklyn Daily Eagle.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.

Westerly winds; mostly fair and continued cold today and Saturday; snow flurries.

The western high pressure has remained almost stationary, while the low area which was south of Nova Scotia yesterday has moved east to the Atlantic. The weather has moderated a little in the Western Provinces and become somewhat colder from Ontario eastward.

Temperatures.

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

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	42	38	Rain.
Calgary	40	34	Cloudy.
Winnipeg	34	24	Cloudy.
S. S. Marie	19	10	Cloudy.
Toronto	17	9	Clear.
Kingston	14	8	Clear.
Ottawa	14	8	Cloudy.
Quebec	14	8	Fair.
Montreal	14	8	Fair.
St. John	14	8	Clear.
Halifax	14	8	Clear.

Minus (—) means below zero.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 15; lowest, 1. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 5; lowest, 2.

Barometric Readings.

Thursday—8 p.m., 29.55.
Today—8 a.m., 29.32.