

FANNY GILMORE MURDERED IN CHICAGO IS SAID TO BE FORMER LONDON WOMAN

Strangled in Her Room in an Apartment House—
Police On the Hunt and Nets Spread, But No
Clew To the Slayer—Efforts Are Being Made
To Locate Relatives Here.

A dispatch from the Chicago Examiner to The Advertiser states that Fanny Gilmore, formerly of this city, was murdered there last Thursday. Up to this time the dispatches stated that Miss Gilmore, or rather Mrs. Thompson, as she had been married in New York to a school teacher of that place, was a Toronto girl.

The Advertiser made a canvas of all people of the name of Gilmore in this city, but no relationship with the murdered woman could be established. The police here were also interviewed, but they stated that they knew nothing of the case, other than that they had been informed that the Gilmore woman had lived in London at one time.

They had been unable to establish her identity.

The Murder. Mrs. Mary Thompson, wife of a St. Paul school

teacher, and formerly Miss Fanny Gilmore, of London, Ont., was found strangled to death, gagged and bound hand and foot with a clothesline, in her apartment in a rooming-house at 1242 Michigan avenue, Thursday afternoon, July 2.

Mystery, which the police as yet have been unable to solve, surrounds the murder, which is almost without parallel in the annals of Chicago crime. It was not until late at night that the identity of the woman was established. Persons with whom she is said to have associated during the last few weeks have disappeared. The police believe the woman was killed Sunday afternoon, but it was not until yesterday that Mrs. Mary Verbrugge, the owner of the building, found the bruised and mangled body lying upon the floor of the woman's bedroom.

Made a Fight. That the woman made a terrific struggle for her life when attacked by the strangler was shown by the condition of the room where the body was found. Chairs had been overturned and the floor was strewn with

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Is It Better To Have Loved and Lost Than Never To Have Loved at All?

Wilfred Johnson, of the Town
Line, Lost Money Through
Pair of Bright Eyes.

Mr. Wilfred Johnson, of the Town Line, between Westminster and Dorchester, doesn't like city life.

Previous to Saturday he thought there was nothing quite like it, but that was before fair Lilah Knott, late of Toronto, met him in this city Saturday and relieved him of something like \$40.

Johnson, who is a farmer of about 25 years of age, came into London to pay off a note which was due, and carried with him about \$45.

Feeling elated over the prospect of paying off the note in question Johnson stopped in a wayside wet goods' emporium, and thereby lies a tale.

While passing the ladies' refreshment room Johnson spotted the fair Lilah, and before he knew it her coquettish eyes had caught his own and held him captive.

Just where the couple spent the day is not known, but eventually Johnson awoke to the fact that the fair Lilah had departed, taking with her what was left of his money, \$40 odd.

An investigation by the county constabulary revealed the fact that Lilah had squandered \$24 of the money on a Merry Widow hat, a new dress and other articles of feminine apparel, in a local store.

Lilah herself was located in the Abbott Block, where she has been making her home for some time since arriving here from Toronto last fall. She will be given a hearing some time today or tomorrow.

End of the Hamilton Vaudeville War

The Hamilton Times says: The vaudeville war in Hamilton is over. A working arrangement between the rival interests has been completed, and with the opening of next season the Bennett Theatre will have the variety field to itself, while the Savoy, which played Morris attractions for two seasons, will be devoted to high-class stock. The announcement will probably come as a surprise to theatre-goers generally, but to those familiar with the vaudeville situation here it was recognized that this was one of alternatives if both houses were to continue doing business. It is said that neither of the theatres found vaudeville a profitable game with the sort of competition the theatre-going public experienced last season.

Negotiations towards a settlement have been in progress for several weeks. The agreement, which patched up a truce, was signed here on June 30 by the head of the Bennett Theatre Enterprises, and the proprietors of the Savoy Theatre. It practically provides for a pooling and equal division of the profits of both houses. A report was circulated yesterday that the Bennett people controlled

the situation. That there is no truth in this is shown by the fact that Mr. J. C. Appleton, the popular manager of the Savoy Theatre, is to manage both theatres. He will have the employing and control of the staff of both houses.

Manager Appleton returned this morning from a flying trip to New York. He explained that the settlement was a victory for neither side, as the agreement provides for an equal division of profits. Mr. Appleton announced that the Bennett house would open with vaudeville on Aug. 31 and the Savoy with stock about a week later.

The stock company which will play at the Savoy will be organized in New York and will be one of the best seen here yet. While in New York, Manager Appleton arranged for about 150 big feature attractions, which will be seen here early in the season. One of these will be the Boston Ladies' Follies Orchestra, which made such a big hit here last season.

Although it has not been settled yet, it is said that George F. Driscoll, who managed the Bennett house here last season, may have charge of the Bennett Theatre in Montreal next season.

What's the Matter With the Fire Hall

The people of the south end are wondering when work will commence on the fire hall on Adelaide street.

They can see no reason why there should be any trouble about the title of the property, inasmuch as Mr. Bernard Fitzmaurice occupied it without a dispute of any kind for over 30 years, which would give him a clear title.

It is realized, too, that what other properties have been mentioned for a site, none of them have been in the running, from the fact that they are not properly situated. The Fitzmaurice property is undoubtedly the place for the fire hall, and that is where the chief wants it built.

Fund Being Raised for a Widow

The terrible ordeals to which Mrs. Harry Baker has been subjected within a few months in the death of her boy and her husband by violent means, has resulted in very much sympathy amongst the people of London, and efforts are being made to raise a fund for the widow, who is in anything but fair circumstances.

Today The Advertiser received two subscriptions of \$5 each from Mr. Walter Jones and a friend.

The Advertiser will be pleased to accept subscriptions toward this fund. One of the letters read as follows:

"I would like to see a subscription for Mrs. H. Baker started in The Advertiser, and enclose \$5, which may be used for that purpose. Hoping you may

get a lot of money for the poor woman and her little children. I am,

"WALTER JONES."

The other letter read:

"I think something ought to be done for Mrs. Baker, and her little ones, and will give what I can spare if you will look after it."

"A FRIEND."

HELIE ANNOUNCES IT.

London, July 6.—Prince Helie de Sagan, cousin of Count Boni de Castellane, the divorced husband of Mme. Anna Gould, has given notice at the registry office in this city of his intention to marry Mme. Gould. The date upon which the marriage is to occur is not given in the notice, but it probably will be celebrated on July 7.

Electing Queen of the Mardi Gras Voting Begins Tuesday Morning

A Square Deal for Every One,
But Money Will Be a Factor
in the Fight.

The contest for the greatest gift in the choice of the citizens—that is, the "Queen of the Mardi Gras"—will start tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. There will be no voters' lists or anything to annoy the citizens. All they will have to do is to go to their nearest drug store, pay 10 cents for a ballot, or \$10 for 100 ballots, write the name of the lady for whom they wish to vote, and drop the same in the ballot box.

The drugists have very kindly consented to assist the Old Boys' committee by allowing their stores to be turned into polling booths for the time being.

On Saturday night, the election committee, consisting of Messrs. (Col.) Little, (Col.) A. M. Smith, and President E. J. MacRobert, will count all the ballots that have been cast, and will then announce the three candidates who have obtained the greatest number of vote.

On Monday the election will then be continued, to decide between the three leading candidates, and will continue on until Saturday evening, the 13th of July at 7 o'clock, when the contest will close, and the committee will then count the votes and announce the final decision of the citizens as to whom shall be queen of the Mardi Gras.

This arrangement has been made because a large number of ladies have been nominated by clubs and societies, and while they wish to enter into the spirit of the affair, and assist the Old Boys, in every way in making the affair a success, they do not like to have their names published as defeated candidates.

GLORIOUS AND GORY FOURTH BREAKS DEATH LIST RECORD

Seventy-one Persons Dead and Over Two Thousand Injured as a
Result of Independence Day Celebrations Throughout
The United States.

New York, July 6.—A Chicago special to the Tribune says: Seventy-one dead and 2,624 injured, are the figures in the Chicago Tribune's Fourth of July casualty list up to 1 p.m. last night. An analysis of the figures shows the following details: Of the deaths there were by fireworks and resulting fires, 37; by cannon, 3; by firearms, 16; by gunpowder, 6; by toy pistols, 2; by runaways, 5; by heart-failures due to explosion of cannon crackers, 2.

The injured. Those injured were: By fireworks, 1,109; by cannon, 212; by firearms, 156; by gunpowder, 651; by torpedoes, 60; by toy pistols, 211; by bomb canes, 60; by runaways, 35.

All Records Broken. The fire loss was \$525,935. This breaks all records for deaths since 1889. The number of deaths this year reported up to midnight last night is thirteen more than at the same time last year. In 1905, 59 were dead at the same hour. The number of injured, however, is 1,183 less than in 1907, and is the smallest since 1901, when 1,503 persons were hurt. This is regarded as an indication that the agitation for a sane Fourth is having its effect.

City Council and Ottawa Avenue. The city council meets tonight. The chief item of business will be the receiving of the petitions for a two-way service on Ottawa avenue.

Ald. Booth, at the instance of a large number of people residing in the south end, has had a resolution framed which he thinks will cover the case, and will leave no loop holes, and he will put this resolution to a vote at tonight's meeting.

All of the petitions have been called in, so that the demand for a two-way service will be backed up by somewhere in the neighborhood of 1,000 names. There are several petitions still out, and it is the intention to present these at a later date.

A Little Girl Drowned in a Cistern

[Special to The Advertiser.] Woodstock, Ont., July 6.—A sad drowning accident occurred here this morning. Mrs. Alfred Edwards was washing at the home of J. D. McKenzie, accompanied by her only daughter, Lucy Florence, aged 4 years. The

cistern from which water was being drawn was left open, and the child in playing around fell in. She was not missed for some time, and when search was instituted the dead body was recovered. The child was exceptionally bright, and the tragedy has cast a gloom over the entire city.

RAIN OF BALLOONS IN THE PROVINCE

One Fell in Bay of Quinte and Several Came Down in the Northern Counties.

Nine balloons started from Chicago late on Saturday afternoon on a race from that city to the ocean, and of the nine, five came into Canada. The winner was the Fielding-San Antonio, which landed at West Sheppard, Quebec, at 5 o'clock Sunday evening, 625 miles from the starting point. It won both the distance and the time prize. Among the contestants was a balloon called the King Edward, entered by the Aero Club of Canada, which, however, did not seek its native air, but landed three miles north of Port Huron after a thrilling experience over Lake Huron. One balloon, the Illinois, dropped into the Bay of Quinte, a few miles from Pictou, and the occupants were rescued by two Pictou men.

The Columbia dropped on the Bayfield road, about a mile from Clinton, at 8:15 a.m. yesterday. In landing the basket struck a wire fence, and the occupants, Capt. Peters and Mr. Leichter, were severely cut about the hands, but not otherwise injured.

The balloon Chicago, after being sighted at Seaford, landed in safety at Atwood, Perth County.

The United States landed in Bruce county near Pinkerton village. At Bervie three cards from the airship were picked up, bearing messages for Chicago, one of them containing the startling information that the Canadian balloon, the King Edward, was floating in the water between Chicago and St. Joe, and asking that help be dispatched.

Fred Preston of Niagara Falls tied himself to a rope to swim into the whirpool to rescue a body, but the rope broke, and only by a powerful effort did he save himself.



MRS. MARY THOMPSON, Found Brutally Murdered at Chicago Last Week. Her Maiden Name Was Fanny Gilmore, and It Is Said She Was a Former Resident of London.

COMMONS ADOPTS EXTRA SITTINGS

First Saturday Session Held To
Help Hurry Through Re-
maining Business.

Ottawa, July 4.—The House today held its first Saturday sittings of the session. The western land bill stands for third reading, which, but for an oversight, would have been given this afternoon. During a discussion on an amendment it developed that the resolution essential to a measure appropriating lands or money had not been introduced, hence the delay.

Some measures of minor importance were cleared off the order paper.

Tonight's sitting was devoted to passing the estimates for river and harbor works in New Brunswick and Quebec, the sum of \$1,100,000 being voted therefor.

Hon. Mr. Graham, replying to Mr. Lennox, said that, owing to the indisposition of Mr. Butler, he had been unable to look into the question of making a cut between the Devil's Elbow and Bradford, on the Holland River. He did not think they would be able to include the project in the supplementary estimates.

The House went into committee this morning on the western lands bill. Hon. Mr. Oliver's amendment of some days ago, adding between sixteen and twenty-four townships to the pre-emption area, was first taken up. Mr. Burrows moved that a portion of Northern Manitoba be included, and Mr. Schaffner put forward a motion to take in all the lands in Manitoba not otherwise disposed of. Mr. McCraney stated that his only reason for supporting the measure was that it was a move toward the building of the Hudson's Bay Railway.

Mr. Borden criticised this view, saying that the Minister of the Interior had in reply to a question from him stated that over a single acre of pre-emption area was not sold within the next ten years it would not mean that the Hudson's Bay Railway would not be built.

The clause as amended by Hon. Mr. Oliver was carried.

LAY DEAD BESIDE TRACK

Body of Unknown Man Found Near Chatham.

Chatham, Ont., July 5.—The body of an unknown man was found shortly after noon today on the Pere Marquette Railway near the Maple Leaf Cemetery, just south of the city. It is thought that he was struck by a train while on his way home last evening. His skull was fractured, but there were very few marks on his body.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—WARM; SHOWERY. FORECASTS.

Tonroto, July 6—8 a.m. Today—Moderate to fresh southwest and south winds; fair and very warm; thunderstorms in some localities tonight. Tuesday—Warm and showery; cooler on Tuesday night.

Local Temperatures. The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Saturday were: Highest, 85°; lowest, 62°. Sunday: Highest, 84°; lowest, 63°.

TEMPERATURES. Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather. Calgary 47-62 40 Clear. Winnipeg 56-66 26 Clear. Port Arthur 56-62 32 Cloudy. Clear. Toronto 74-84 64 Clear. Ottawa 74-82 62 Fair. Quebec 70-84 64 Fair. Father Point 58-62 52 Cloudy.

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

WEATHER NOTES. The weather is fine throughout the week with indications of higher temperature.

The temperature yesterday ranged between 80° and 86° over the larger portion of Ontario and Quebec, while further east it was somewhat lower, and the weather was showery.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES. Minimum and maximum temperatures. Vancouver, 47-62; Calgary, 44-62; Edmonton, 48-64; Battleford, 48-64; Winnipeg, 54-66; Port Arthur, 46-64; Parry Sound, 60-80; Toronto, 62-84; Ottawa, 60-80; Montreal, 70-84; Quebec, 68-82; Sydney, 66-84.

GREAT FIRE AT PORT-AU-PRINCE ALMOST ENTIRE CITY IS GONE

Four Hundred Buildings Reduced To Ashes Before Cable Communications Were Cut Off—The City Prison, Filled With Political Prisoners, Completely Destroyed.

Port-au-Prince, July 5.—A fire that started near the Senate building and the palace about 1 o'clock this afternoon destroyed nearly 400 buildings in three hours.

Among the buildings burned was the prison, containing many people under arrest for political offences. All the prisoners were removed to other buildings under the guard of troops.

The arsenal was destroyed, with all the power and ammunition of war. Heavy explosions occurred when the arsenal was in flames, the detonations causing a panic among the residents.

A number of men were landed from a French cruiser lying in the harbor and they joined with the police, troops and residents in trying to stay the progress of the flames.

Late in the afternoon the fire had surrounded the cable office and there was every indication that communication would be destroyed. The cause of the fire is not known.

Breaks Out Afresh. Port-au-Prince, July 6.—The disastrous fire which started in the vicinity of the palace and senate buildings here yesterday, and was believed to

have been controlled after four hundred buildings were burned, broke out again during the night, and caused further extensive damage. The renewal of the conflagration was caused by an explosion in the arsenal which shook the whole town, damaged many buildings, and scattered blazing embers over a wide area. The roof of the National Bank was thrown down by the violence of the concussion when the explosion occurred.

Forty Buildings Gone. The second fire was believed to have been checked at midnight, but the flames got a good start this morning, and before they were subdued forty more buildings had been destroyed. The city was almost in a state of panic. The flames surged along with what appeared an irresistible sweep, and terrific explosions which occurred at intervals added to the frenzy of the populace. It was not until the intensity of the fire had diminished that anything like quiet was restored.

A number of deputies and the large establishment of the congregation of St. Louis were menaced for a time by the flames, but they were saved without damage.

New Pastors Warmly Welcomed By Their Flocks in This City

Large Audiences Listen To the
Inaugural Discourses of
the Newcomers.

Large congregations greeted the five new Methodist ministers who yesterday morning preached their first sermons in London.

All the ministers expressed themselves as greatly pleased with the reception given them, and are looking forward with pleasure to their terms in this city.

The evening services were also very well attended. A large number were present at Wellington Street Methodist Church yesterday morning to welcome Rev. Humphrey A. Graham, B. A.

Mr. Graham did not preach a regular sermon. His remarks were more in the nature of an introductory address. He (Continued on Page Eight.)

Vicious Fights Near Local Hostelry Outshone the Gans-Nelson Battle

Alfred Prodder and Christy Moriarity Principals in
One Row.

People residing in the vicinity of the Grand Central Hotel, corner of Ridout and King streets, didn't lack for diversion—such as it was—on Saturday.

No less than three or four fist fights took place in the immediate vicinity of the hotel on the "glorious" 4th of July, and in one of the battles the notorious "Moriarity," like Joe Gans, in far away Colma, was treated to a severe beating.

Moriarity, from what can be learned, early in the day engaged in a dispute with a fellow-citizen named Alf Prodder, as to whether Chicago was or was not bigger than the United States.

Coming to no decision in an oratorical way, they decided to settle the question with their fists, and, later, according to the friends of the line of fire, teeth were also brought into play.

As a result of the argument Moriarity was minus a goodly portion of one of his hands, while his opponent is mourning the status of a section of his ribs.

The result of the other battles could not be learned, but it has been stated that Moriarity, like Joe Gans, was treated to plenty of action while they lasted.

Good News From the Grand Trunk Fifty Men Added To Carshops Force

The Number of Working Hours
Are Also To Be
Increased.

The staff at the Grand Trunk carshops will be increased by fifty men in the next week or two, and the number of working hours will be increased from forty-five to fifty. Owing to the increasing quantity of work this course has been decided on as it is found that under present conditions the work can not be turned out fast

enough to meet the requirements. A Grand Trunk official stated that traffic conditions are fully up to those of last year this time. The week ending June 30 was one of the heaviest weeks for traffic that the G. T. R. have ever had, and the net earnings show an increase of more than \$15,000 over those of the same period last year, when traffic was considered unusually heavy.

Railroadmen are looking forward to one of the busiest seasons they have ever had and it was stated this morning at the station that the company is almost certain to undertake the improvements in London next year.

Automobile Garage Has a Grievance

Mr. Fred Mitchell, who has charge of the automobile garage on Dundas street between Wellington and Waterloo, notified Manager King of the London Street Railway Company, on Saturday, that if the roadway in front of the garage is not put in proper shape he will take action against the company to make them put it in a fit condition for traffic.

Mr. King promised to have the work commenced on Tuesday morning and on that condition Mr. Mitchell is withholding any action.

"It is simply a disgrace," Mr. Mitchell told The Advertiser, this afternoon. "No other city in the country

would allow the street railway to hold up a street as they are doing here. In front of our place the crossing over the tracks on the north is considerably higher than the others, and only a night or two ago the running gear on the handsome new \$5,000 automobile of Dr. McCalfe of Detroit, was damaged to the extent of about \$500. The motor and clutch caught on the high part, and were torn right out and badly damaged. What do the street railway company care? Not a cent, and they want to keep the street in that condition just to suit their own purposes all summer. They don't care a snap how much they inconvenience anybody."

SOON SETTLED

Business Was Light in Police Court
Circles Today.

There was very little doing in the police court this morning. Tim Sullivan, who was remanded the other day for smashing his pal, Reddy Coyne, on the head with an ale bottle, was allowed to go. Tim promised to be

good and take the pledge, and never take another drink. On these conditions he was let off, but if he fails to keep them it is a long sentence for Tim next time he comes up before Magistrate Love.

The friends of Mr. Pondullon and Mr. Mariniella, who got into a difference over a concertina, last week arranged the affair amicably, and Mr. Mariniella agreed to bury the hatchet.