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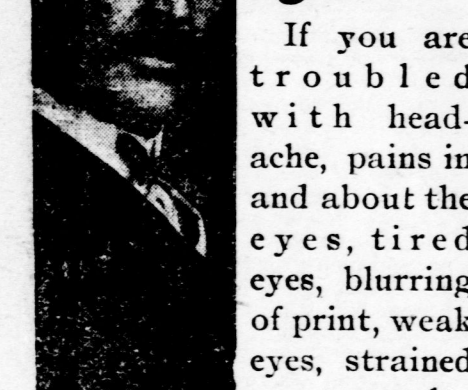
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LONDON AND DISTRICT

—Miss Pansy Collins, of Durham, is spending a few days in this city.

—Mrs. MacIart, of South London, has returned after a pleasant visit with friends in Dresden.

—Mrs. S. Wilkins, of South London, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Karl Wilder, at Owen Sound.

—At St. Andrew's Church last night Rev. Dr. Ross preached a strong sermon on "Thou shalt not steal."

—Christ Church Sunday School will hold its annual picnic at Springbank on Wednesday, leaving the city at 10:30 o'clock.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Pickard, of Peoria, Ill., who have been the guests of Mrs. Brown, of 703 Lorne avenue, have returned home.

—Mr. Robert McGregor, of the Sovereign Bank, city, left today for Durham, where he has been promoted to the position of teller.

—Capt. and Mrs. Curwell, of the Salvation Army, bid their friends at Kingsville farewell recently, and came to the city for a month's rest, before returning to the work.

—The Goderich town council has awarded a contract for about \$10,000 worth of cement sidewalks to Mr. W. J. Anthistie, of this city. The price is 8 1/2 cents per square foot.

—Mrs. F. P. Drake, of this city, accompanied by the two children of Mrs. George Carruthers, of Winnipeg, Man., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Wright, Port Huron.

—The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Brotherhood of Railway Engineers laid their memorial decorations on their late sister's graves at Mount Pleasant and Woodland Cemeteries on Saturday.

—The contract for the new organ for Christ Church, in this city, has been let. The cost, including incidentals, will run to \$2,700 or \$2,800, and the work will be completed some time this coming autumn.

—Miss Harriet Westman, of 58 Craig street, has received the good news from the registrar of Toronto University that she has been successful in passing the examination for practical piano-forte licentiate.

—Mr. Wm. Hay, collector for the Bell Telephone Company here, has been promoted to the position of resident contract agent with headquarters at Montreal. Mr. Hay will not discontinue his residence here.

—Mr. W. R. Manning is visiting relatives in this vicinity for a few days, after which he will remove with his family to Iowa. Mr. Manning is the secretary of the Iowa Sabbath School Association, with headquarters at Des Moines.

—Detroit Free Press (Sunday): Mrs. Louise Alice, of Detroit, came to Windsor yesterday and started a rough house at her former husband's fruit store on Sandwich street east. Her husband some time ago secured a divorce from the woman and since that time married his second wife in London. Wife No. 1 assaulted her rival, and then demanded her son Joseph, 6 years old. Officer Langlois arrested the woman, but she was later released.

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Midnight Fire ALARM IN LONDON

Spectacular Sight Afforded Night Owls On Saturday—A Great Race.

A midnight fire alarm offers one of the finest and most spectacular sights it is within the power of a modern city to furnish. A fire brigade dashing through the city at night makes a chariot race at a circus appear as tame as the circulation of a round robin.

Saturday night as the town clocks chimed out the hour of twelve, those who were out late were well repaid for what sleep they lost. Standing at the corner of the street and the main streets the rumbling of wheels and the chopping of iron-clad shoes on the brick pavement on King street could be heard.

A runaway, said someone in the crowd. Just then the savage warnings of the fire gongs were heard at the corner, as the first piece of apparatus swung north onto Richmond street, followed by several other wagons.

The crowd standing in the middle of the street at once sought the protection of the sidewalks. Up Richmond street almost abreast came the hose wagon and the ladder truck. With every nerve strained, the gamey, well-bred horses brought the heavy apparatus along with first striking from the iron-shod hoofs at every bound. On each side of the seats lanterns were lighted, and the drivers could be seen leaning far over, urging their horses to do the best was in them. Across the street the hose wagon and ladder truck went like cannon shots, with the hose wagon slightly in the lead. It was a race which would have done credit to the old days in Rome. Had any Caesar seen those horses run, Fire Chief Clark would be without two teams today, because Caesar would have expropriated them on the spot. Neck and neck they raced to Kent street, and as far as the spectators could learn, it was a dead heat.

About 100 yards from the corner was the chemical engine, which is a little to heavy for very fast running, and finally came the chief. The latter always waits to see that every piece of apparatus is out before he leaves the station. But he always manages to lead the parade before he goes many blocks.

Saturday night the chief gave the people an exhibition worth a dollar, for the black horse went up Richmond street like a streak.

"I don't think there's anything in America can beat it," said an American traveler, who rushed out of a cafe to see the brigade.

When the men retire at night, their trousers are stuffed into their boots at their bedsteads, and their coats and hats are laid on the wagons.

As they sped along Richmond street some of them could be seen pulling on their coats, while the drivers, halless and careless, were urging their horses along.

It was not an exhibition run. It was pure and simple business. Two years of training under Chief Clark has made the brigade one of the best in the country.

"A minute is everything at a fire," the chief tells the men.

The blaze turned out to be a stable affair. It was in the rear of Brock's grocery, corner of Kent and Richmond streets. Loss, about \$100.

MERE MONEY GRAB SAYS COUNCILOR
Move to Have All County Body Attend Ekfrid Appeal Severely Criticised.

A special meeting of the Middlesex county council was held in the county buildings on Saturday afternoon to pass a bylaw to make Mr. Brydges a police village, and to decide what action should be taken in connection with Ekfrid's appeal against the report of the equalization committee, adopted at the June session.

A petition from the people of Mt. Brydges requesting that the place be made a police village was received, and a bylaw was given its third reading and passed. The bylaw set apart July 20 as the date for the election of the three police trustees. Mr. Charles Henry Lockwood was appointed to conduct the election and to act as returning officer. The first meeting of the trustees will be held on the first Monday after the election, at 7 o'clock in the evening.

When the matter of Ekfrid township's appeal came up, quite a lively discussion ensued, the question of paying the councilors for attending the court being the chief point of issue. Many different opinions were expressed regarding the matter. Mr. McDonald stated that he considered the paying of any of the councilors who wished to attend as simply nothing short of a money grab. He said that he did not see why it was necessary for all the councilors to be present.

Others thought that all the representatives of the different divisions should attend, for, as they put it, if Ekfrid's assessment is reduced, the assessment of the others must be increased, as the money must be got somewhere. Some advocated that a committee be appointed to attend. Some offered to come and pay all their own expenses, and wanted all to attend under compulsion and pay their own way. A few thought there would be no money for them at home in the harvest field, and did not want to be compelled to attend.

It was generally admitted that the harvest field will be a profitable place to work about the end of July. Finally by a vote of 9 to 5, the council decided to pay all the members who attended the appeal, no compulsion to be used.

CONCERT AT DERWENT.
Salem Methodist Church, Derwent, on Friday evening sustained its old-time reputation for putting up first-class entertainments. Refreshments were served on the beautiful lawn of Mr. Chas. Beattie, and the programme was given in the edifice, which was packed to overflowing with a delighted audience, the pastor, Rev. E. H. Bannister, B.D., presiding. A choice musical programme was rendered by the choir of the church under the leadership of Mrs. Thompson, assisted by Mrs. J. E. Keyes, of Galt, as contralto soloist, who received a most enthusiastic reception.

Rev. James L. Thompson, of London, captured the audience with his brilliant lecture, "The Human Voice," delivered with irresistible humor and eloquence. The affair realized a handsome sum to cover the recent fine improvements made in the church.

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Senator Morgan, of Alabama, though three years the junior of Mr. Pettus, his colleague, is not nearly so vigorous as the latter. He can scarcely walk, but every day he goes to the senate chamber to announce for his fight to drive William Nelson Cromwell out of his position as adviser of the administration in canal matters. The octogenarian's mind is clear, but he has not the physical force to carry on his warfare.

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A communication was received from the Ontario Department of Public Works, stating that an order in council had been passed, approving of the plans submitted by the Middlesex council for the improvement of county roads.

The Ontario Municipal Association notified the council that the annual meeting would be held at Toronto on Tuesday and Wednesday, 29 and 30, and requested the council to appoint delegates. No action was taken in the matter.

ORANGEMEN AT DIVINE SERVICE
Brethren of Local Lodges Hear Sermon by Rev. Wm. Lowe at St. Matthew's.

The Orangemen of this vicinity attended divine worship at St. Matthew's Church yesterday afternoon. The different lodges, including Dorchester, No. 248; Ahoghill, No. 230; Boyne, No. 281; Forest City, No. 762; E. H. H. No. 587; Duke of York, No. 33; the Orange Young Britons, Covenant Precinctory, Royal Black Knights of Ireland, and the Ladies' Benevolent Orange Society gathered at Duffield block, and, headed by the fire band, they marched out to St. Matthew's church, where a special service was held.

Rev. William Lowe preached to the brethren. He took his text from Exodus xiv, 14, and went on to point out that God had by Moses delivered his children from the bondage of the Egyptians, and therefore the Jews were to keep the feast of the Passover in remembrance of their deliverance.

So it is with the Orangemen. Mr. Lowe said they should always celebrate July 12, the day on which William of Orange won the battle of the Boyne. He referred to the conditions existing prior to that time, and said that both Protestants and Catholics had reason to be thankful for the change brought about.

RECORD STUNT BY HIGHWAYMAN
Holds Up Five Stage Coaches Using Girl as Collector —Is Caught.

Fresno, Cal., July 9. —A dispatch to the Republican from Berenda announces that the highwayman who held up five stages in Awahnee Saturday night has been captured. The name of the bandit or particulars of the capture could not be ascertained.

The arrest was made at Wawona. The first authentic information was received here last night, when J. F. Tibbett, of Riverside, who, with his wife and Miss Amy Micholbacher, came out of the robbery.

The robbery occurred six miles from the stopping place at Wawona on the other side. At that place the road winds around the side of a hill, and comes to a sudden point. At this point the robber stepped out and ordered A. Palmer, the driver of the first stage, to stop. The latter quickly complied.

The highwayman wore a black mask and had sacks tied about his feet to prevent the leaving of any tell-tale tracks, as a clue for a pursuing posse. He held in his right hand a rifle, and when he ordered passengers to alight all quickly got out of the stage and lined up on the road, with their hands above their heads. H. W. Elliott, from Hornitos, was ordered to take the express box from the stage. While he was waiting for the other stage to come up, the robber shot the lock off the Wells-Fargo box and rifled its contents.

The bandit stopped the other stages in the same way, lining the passengers up and keeping them covered with his gun.

When all the passengers, 45 in number, were lined up, the bandit, with a show of galeity, selected a young and pretty girl as his first assistant, and told her she was appointed collector. She hesitated a moment, then went about the work. The girl did not come up to the robber's requirements, and he told her that she was a poor highwayman, ordering her to get into line, and appointing a man to take her place, requiring him to search the passengers.

An English woman and her daughter were in the party, and when the robber approached her she dropped in the road in a dead faint. He only laughed as he searched her.

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Winston Churchill Says Liberals Will Carry Out That Promise.

London, July 9.—Winston Churchill, under secretary for the colonies, speaking at Altrincham, Chester, said the Government had determined to carry out its pledges regarding the reduction of land armaments, and that he believed the announcement made by War Secretary Haldane in June on this subject would satisfy completely all sections of the Liberal party.

The speaker urged the necessity of the Liberals continuing their confidence in the Government in view of the possibility of a collision with "an unreasoning and irresponsible assembly that had ceased to fulfill its normal functions in the state and had become the partisan weapon of a particular faction."

BOLD HEARST FIAT PUTS FAT IN FIRE
Declaration of His Non-Candidacy a Surprise.

Williams Now Mentioned as Democrats Second Choice—New Party Next Move.

Washington, D. C., July 8.—An immense amount of interest has been manifested here by the remarkable interview with William R. Hearst at San Francisco, in which he withdrew himself absolutely from the race for the Democratic nomination for the presidency, and in which, at the same time, he relieved himself of a series of clever "side wipes" at three or four extremely prominent Democratic leaders.

There was a feeling here not long ago that Hearst and Bryan would tie together in some way so that the ticket might become Bryan and Hearst, which everyone admits would be a strong combination. Mr. Hearst has a large following in New York City and in the manufacturing towns in New Jersey, Connecticut, and Massachusetts, while Bryan is stronger probably in the west today than he ever was before.

The politicians generally have felt that Mr. Hearst would bring more individual strength to the ticket, if he would consent to take second place, than any other man in the party.

The congressional committee was organized after a hard fight by the selection of Hearst as man for chairman, and this was supposed to mean the beginning of a campaign for the presidency on his part which would culminate in the natural compromise of his acceptance of second place by Bryan, a combination which, as everyone knows, would result in giving the Republicans a most interesting run for their money.

But yesterday's interview, which has been discussed with the utmost eagerness today by both Republicans and Democrats, has changed all that, and the political fat is in the fire more than ever it could have been before. The politicians see in this remarkable interview a definite determination on the part of Mr. Hearst to cut loose from the Democratic party. They think he proposes to head an independent movement, probably of the labor variety, and intended to cut in between the Republicans and Democrats.

In any event, it is said that the San Francisco interview, which is as savage as it is brilliant, has antagonized so many of the Democratic leaders that it would now be impossible to select anything like a majority for Hearst in a national convention for second place.

Joe Bailey's Fate Sealed.
The politicians look at the interview as having been written intentionally and made public for the express purpose of anticipating the return of Mr. Bryan.

In any event, Mr. Hearst has, in the opinion of the leaders here, completely settled the hash of Joe Bailey, of Texas, as a presidential or vice-presidential possibility. He has not hesitated in so many words to charge the Texas senator with being the representative of Standard Oil and the intimidation coming from such a source, that Bailey's

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nomination would result in a substantial check from John D. Rockefeller has tickled the Democratic managers here more than anything else could do, because Bailey never has been a favorite with any of his political associates.

So far as the southern Democrats are concerned, they take the ground that Hearst's interview openly charging Bailey with affiliation with the Standard Oil crowd in Texas removes the senator from consideration on a national ticket. In any event, he would have no weight in any doubtful state, and with the odium of the Hearst interview clinging to him the Texas senator would simply be a dead weight on any ticket to which he might be attached.

Chance for J. Sharp Williams.
The friends of John Sharp Williams have delighted. They say that Mr. Hearst has cleared the atmosphere so unexpectedly and so bravely that, if any southern man is to go on the ticket, which they much doubt, it would be the Democratic leader of the House of Representatives, who "personally is clean, and who undoubtedly is brilliant, although he did make a bad mess of it in his speech before the Democratic convention at St. Louis, when Parker was nominated."

There are lots of Democrats here who have been amused and delighted at Mr. Hearst's attack on Tom Taggart, of Indiana, and Jim Guffey, of Pennsylvania. Both of these men incurred the political animosity of Hearst's friends in the last Democratic national campaign. Guffey, who held the Pennsylvania delegation in the hollow of his hand until after the convention had been organized. He refused to make any pledges, and it was felt by the anti-Parker men at the time that Guffey was a "side wipe" at the convention.

The belief here is that Mr. Bryan, having acquired age and wealth, is extremely more conservative than he was ten years ago. The politicians look for Mr. Hearst to head a party which will be distinctly anti-corporation and anti-boss, which come out for pronounced government ownership and operation of railroads, telegraphs, telephones, and similar public utilities, which will advocate the election of senators by the people, an income tax, an inheritance tax, and every possible legislative device and panacea for distributing the wealth of the few among the many.

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