

BURGLARS ATTEMPT
TO ENTER HOUSES
IN NORTHEAST END

F. Chessman, Aroused by Noise
at Window, Finds Screen
Torn.

A. Gunderson Also Leaves Bed
After Wife Hears Man
at Window.

Residents of this city are becoming alarmed at the attempts of what is supposed to be a gang of burglars who are operating in the city.

Wednesday night a man made two ineffectual attempts to gain an entrance to the home of Mr. F. Chessman, Quebec street north, after 12 o'clock, and also tried to enter the home of Mr. O. Gunderson, two doors south.

The man was seen by Mrs. M. H. Duxstadter walking around Mr. Chessman's home earlier in the evening.

Heard Man at Window.

Mr. Chessman was asleep in a side room, and shortly after 12 o'clock he heard a scraping at a screen, which covered his bedroom window. Thinking it was a cat he did not move for a short time, but when the noise became louder and he heard the screen ripping, he jumped out of bed and pulled back the shade. He could not see anything about, so he went back to bed.

A few minutes later he heard the noise again, and this time he got up, determined to make an investigation. When he got outside, however, there was no one about, but the screen was partly torn from the window.

At Gunderson Home.

A short time before that Mrs. O. Gunderson was awakened by a similar noise at her bedroom window, and calling to her husband she told him that someone was trying to get into the house. He investigated, but could find no one. Marks showing where someone tried to "jimmy" the window were plainly visible, however, after searching all around the yard and finding no trace of the marauder, he went back to bed.

On Hamilton Road.

Tuesday night, Mrs. R. D. D. 211 Hamilton road, surprised a man who was attempting to fit a key to her front door, and although the man ran as soon as he saw Mrs. D., she claims that she would recognize him again.

Mr. Chessman reported the matter to the police this morning, and they are working on the case.

LAY PAVEMENTS
ON MAIN ROADS

Council to Pave Hamilton and
Wharnciffe Roads, Dundas
and Richmond Streets.

SOME TO BE ASPHALT

The city council will undertake the laying of new pavements on Hamilton road, Wharnciffe road, Richmond, Dundas and Ridout streets, along the lines of improving entrances to the city. Recommendations to the council will probably be made at tonight's meeting of the board of works for the construction of a concrete pavement on Hamilton road from Hyla street to the city limits, and on Wharnciffe road from Beacraft street to the city limits, and asphalt pavements on Richmond street from Oxford to Huron streets, and on Dundas street from Queen's park to the interlocking tracks.

A bylaw has already been passed for the construction of a concrete pavement on Ridout street south.

TALK OF AN ELECTION
STILL HEARD IN LOBBIES

And Despite Closure Liberals Will Continue to Criticize Naval
Bill in Interest of People—Charges Against Ministers
May Be Brought Up.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, April 24.—In spite of the fact that the Government carried closure in the Commons last night, there is still talk in the lobbies of election. The morning after the introduction of closure made the Government a little more thoughtful and the Opposition somewhat bolder. The Conservative side is wondering just what the country is going to say about the naval bill. The Liberals resented the silence of the Conservatives when the naval bill and the closure were being discussed. They resent still more the silence which closure will impose upon them in future. One member declared to lobbyists this morning "they are not able to debate themselves, so they gag us. We have already been passed for the passage of the naval bill, and now we will have two."

Continue to Criticize.

It is understood that the Liberals will go on with criticism as far as is possible to do so. Every question will be dealt with on its merits, and discussed as thoroughly as the rules will permit. The Government has intimated that the closure rule will not be made use of as it was devised only for the passage of the naval bill. However, the Liberals believe that there will be little but closure before the session has gone much further.

There are a number of matters involving the conduct of ministers which they desire to have discussed and investigated. One of these is contained in the correspondence which passed between Speaker Landry, of the Senate and Premier Borden, in which Speaker Landry made grave charges against the Postmaster-General.

ARCHITECT NUTTER SAYS \$10,000 HAS BEEN
SQUANDERED ON COURT HOUSE; BLAMES
MAYOR GRAHAM FOR NEEDLESS EXPENDITURE

Former City Official Declares London's Chief Magistrate Caused Work to Proceed Without Proper Supervision—Alleged to Have Scoffed at Architects.

MR. NUTTER ASSERTS THAT CONDITION
BROUGHT ABOUT SICKENED HIM

Has Mayor C. R. Graham been at the bottom of all the recent complications, delays and alleged needless expenditures in connection with alterations and improvements to the court house? A. E. Nutter, formerly city architect, who planned and estimated the cost of the originally contemplated improvements, stated to The Advertiser today that he believes this to be the case. The bill will now run to \$66,000, where it was originally estimated by Mr. Nutter at \$25,000.

"If they had put me, or any other qualified architect, back on the job when they decided to go on with the work after the city and county had failed to agree upon a joint building, there would have been no muddle, and the work would have been completed at a cost within the original estimate made by me, which was \$25,000," declared Mr. Nutter.

Should Have Had Architect.

"They have had to get an architect (Mr. McBride) this year, but they should have had one right along. County Engineer Talbot, who was in charge of the work for the county, realized the need of a competent architect, and would have had one but for Mayor Graham, who expressed the opinion that plans and specifications being already prepared, anyone, even without much technical knowledge, could supervise the completion of the work."

Be Your Own Architect.

According to Mr. Nutter, Mayor Graham has a supreme contempt for architects. "When I went to talk to Mayor Graham once, he told me that anyone could be an architect," he said. "Why, my father had a set of books that when he wanted to figure out anything in the line of building or architecture, he just took one down from the shelf and looked it up, and there were the figures, everything worked out, ready for use."

Mr. Nutter asked The Advertiser to correct an unfavorable impression that might have been created in the public mind by recent statements of Mayor Graham. Says Mayor Graham Misrepresented Things.

"Mayor Graham said recently that the tenders accepted for work at the court house had exceeded my estimates. This is not so. And I want to say more; my record with the city limits, between \$200,000 and \$400,000 worth of work and that 99 cent of it was completed at a cost well within the estimated price, while some of it was done for actually less."

Original Estimate \$25,000.

"The original estimate which I furnished was for a total expenditure of \$25,000. This included improvements necessitated on account of the grand jury having condemned the heating and ventilation system, the legal fraternity having demanded a new and more commodious law library, and the board of health having found fault with the

sanitary conditions as affected by the plumbing.

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ALFRED GRAY, young
Irishman who committed
suicide in waters of the Cove
while in fit of dejection.



Former Merchant Dies.—Mr. George Searl, for many years a merchant in this city, died yesterday. The funeral was held today from George E. Logan's undertaking parlors for interment in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

CITY'S BAD ROADS
SEEN BY ENGINEER
FROM AUTOMOBILE

Will Prepare Report For Meeting of Board of Works
Tonight.

Members of Board Accompany
Official and Investigate
Complaints.

The members of the board of works, the city engineer and the assistant engineer, made an automobile tour of inspection of the city this morning, looking into complaints which have been made by residents of various parts of the city, and investigating the condition of the pavements, sidewalks and storm sewers. As a result of their investigations various recommendations to the board will be considered at the meeting of the board of works tonight.

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GREAT WAR LOOMS
OVER SCUTARI'S FALL

Austria Has Sent Ultimatum to the Powers, Saying
Montenegrins Must Be Made Surrender Scutari
or Austria Will Herself Act—King Nicholas
Defies Europe.

[Canadian Press.]

London, April 24.—"Take immediate combined action to turn the Montenegrins out of Scutari, or we shall do it alone," is the effect of a circular note sent by the Austro-Hungarian Government to the powers composing the concert of Europe. The note is virtually an ultimatum. The note is Austria-Hungary declares she cannot permit the Montenegrins to flout the decision of the great powers. The prestige of the European nations has been violated, says the note, and Austria-Hungary demands that the powers decide promptly on the steps to be taken to restore that prestige, adding that if the powers should be unable to reach a speedy decision, she will see to it herself that the will of Europe is respected and that the Montenegrins vacate Scutari.

Must Act at Once.

The king made this statement in the course of a speech delivered from the balcony of the royal palace, among his audience being the ministers of the Balkan states, who came to congratulate him. He added:

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Kaiser Cancels Trip.

The cancellation by Emperor William of his proposed trip to the Emperor of Montenegro, and his determination to return to Berlin from Homburg on April 24, are attributed in well-informed circles to the crisis brought about by the fall of Scutari.

The stock market was demoralized by the fears of grave political complications.

Montenegrin King
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CANON WADE DEAD
CARRIES TO GRAVE
BIRCHALL'S SECRET

Murderer of Benwell Made
Statement to Priest Just
Before Execution.

Was Ordained by Bishop of
Huron in This City, After-
wards Going to Hamilton.

[Canadian Press.]

Hamilton, April 24.—Rev. Canon Wade, formerly rector of the Church of the Ascension, died here today and took with him to the grave the secret confided to him by Birchall, who was hanged at Woodstock for the murder of Benwell. Canon Wade was one of the chief figures in that noted case. He was the chaplain who walked to the scaffold with the murderer. Just before Birchall paid for his crime with his life he made a private statement to Canon Wade. What passed between the two Canon Wade would never disclose.

Canon Wade had been in failing health for some months past, having suffered from a stroke of apoplexy, while he was attending the recent Pan-American conference in England. At the time of his first illness he was compelled to remain at the home of his son in England for several months, but improved sufficiently to return to his home here.

Ordained at London.

William Henry Wade was born in England in 1851, and came to this country when a young man. After receiving his education he prepared himself for the ministry of the Anglican Church, and was ordained a deacon by the Bishop of Huron in Christ Church, London, on Nov. 29, 1885, and a priest of the church on Nov. 29, of the year following. His first charge was at Burford, where he was located from 1883 to 1887. He then went to Woodstock, remaining there until 1892. On Nov. 14, 1892, he was in the ministry of the Church of the Ascension of this city, which office he retained until failing health compelled his retirement at the Easter vestry meeting of 1912. Since coming to Hamilton, he was made a canon of Christ Church Cathedral of this city.

Besides his wife, he is survived by one son, who is in the ministry of the Church of England, in England, and three daughters, one of whom is a missionary in China.

THIEF LEAVES
HIS OLD SUIT

Enters House and Attires Himself in Brand New
Apparel.

DOOR WAS LEFT OPEN

One of the nerviest thefts perpetrated in this city for some time occurred Wednesday evening about eight o'clock, when a new suit of clothes and an overcoat were stolen from a boarding-house at 231 King street.

The boarding-house is kept by two sisters, the Misses Milburn, and they went out for a short time, leaving the front door unlocked. Some time between 8 and 10 o'clock a man entered the front door, ascended to the bedroom of one of the boarders and there attired himself in a fine new suit of clothes. He also appropriated an overcoat which was hanging in the room. Leaving his old suit on the floor, the nervous thief sailed forth by the way he had come, and disappeared, without anyone seeing the wisest. The police were notified, but so far have secured no clue to the perpetrator of the daring theft.

The police wish to warn citizens against the practice of absenting themselves from home, leaving the doors unlocked.

Action to Set Aside
Geo. Tuckett's Will

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, April 24.—Action has been entered at Osgoode Hall by George Joseph Tuckett, of Hamilton, and Mrs. Blanche Pan-Ham last night. The action is to set aside the will of George T. Tuckett, and to have it declared that he died intestate.

Snowstorm Raging
in the Panhandle

[Canadian Press.]

Amarillo, April 24.—Driven by a high north wind, a snowstorm which promises to wind any of the past winter, was sweeping over the Texas-Oklahoma Pan-Handle last night. The flakes piled up to a depth of two inches at Amarillo, Texas. Damage to fruit trees and crops is feared.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—THUNDERSTORMS.

Forecast.

Toronto, April 24.—8 a.m.

Today—Fine and warm.

Friday—Fresh southerly to southwesterly winds; showers and thunderstorms.

Temperatures.

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

Stations. High. Low. Weather.

LONDON. 66. 44. Clear.

Calgary. 64. 32. Cloudy.

Winnipeg. 58. 34. Cloudy.

Port Arthur. 54. 40. Cloudy.

Perry Sound. 70. 50. Clear.

Toronto. 70. 46. Clear.

Ottawa. 72. 46. Cloudy.

Montreal. 72. 46. Clear.

Quebec. 49. 40. Cloudy.

Father Point. 50. 30. Clear.