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THE GRAND DUKE

THE GRAND DUKE VLADIMIR DEAD

Oldest Uncle of Russian Czar
Dead at St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 17. — Grand Duke Vladimir Alexandrovich, oldest uncle of the Russian Czar, died at his residence in St. Petersburg, Feb. 17, at the age of 57. He had been ill for some time.

The grand duke was the second son of the late Emperor Alexander II and brother of the present Czar's father, Alexander III. As the oldest uncle of Emperor Nicholas, Vladimir

had a large share in the direction of the ruler's government. He was 6 years old and was one of the Czar's closest advisers.

On Page Five the particulars of the pin-money premium in the Trip to Europe Contest.

A MASON AT SIGHT

President-Elect Taft Will Not Have

Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 17.—All arrangements have been completed for making President-elect William Howard Taft, a "Mason at sight," at the Scottish rite cathedral tomorrow afternoon, when a large and distinguished body of leaders of the order will crowd that building. Grand Master Charles S. Hoskinson, who alone under the constitution of the Ohio grand lodge has the authority, will confer

The formal ceremony will be held at 5 o'clock and will be followed at 7:30 by the exemplification of the master's degree by the Kilwinning Lodge, of which Judge Taft's father and brother were members, and with which he will affiliate.

given by the Hanselmann Commandery Knights Templar, at which the President-elect will be the guest of honor.

A little extra effort in The Advertiser's Free Trip Contest means cash in your purse. See Page Five for particulars.

APPLICATION REFUSED.

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—The railway commission had decided not to grant an application made some time ago

behalf of the Wallaceburg Sugar Company. The application was for averaging of demurrage on freight cars. The time allowed for the unloading of a car without payment of demurrage is forty-eight hours after arrival. The application asked that where a car was unloaded in less than forty-eight hours the time margin should be recorded to the credit of the firm, as an offset against excessive time taken in unloading other cars. The board refused the application on the grounds that it would work an inequity on the other firms.

A curious disease which has done much damage to the tea crops in Northeast India is known as the "red dust." It attacks the leaves and stems of the tea plant, forming yellow patches. It is propagated by two kinds of spores, one carried by water and the other by air.

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Room 101, Masonic Temple.

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on real estate. Macpherson
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FOR GOOD NEIGHBORHOOD

The publication of the full text of the Waterways Treaty shows that its critics have missed the main point. They have been stirring up a tempest over the distribution of Niagara power between the two countries, and ignoring the tremendous importance of the provision for the settlement of future disputes.

It would be foolish to quarrel with the United States over Niagara power. The Americans, by building a canal two or three miles above the Falls, and one of their chafed divert the whole river, and completely destroy the cataract. Another company on the American side sought permission to change the channel by blasting so as to divert the greater share of the water to the American side. If the development were not limited by the consent of both countries there would be a mad competition in which the Falls would not only disappear, but the bulk of the water be percolated by the United States. The present treaty provides for a division of the water for power purposes in the proportion of 5 to 3 in Canada's favor. As the Dominion Government has taken authority to prohibit the export of power to the United States, the whole development on the Canadian side will be available for this country when it is demanded.

The overshadowing feature of the treaty is the establishment of a permanent joint high commission. It is provided that to this body "shall" be referred for examination and report all questions of difference arising between the two countries in relation to their common frontier, and to it "may" be referred also any other matters of interest. Its decision will be binding or not, according as the United States Government and Senate, on the one hand, and the Canadian Government on the other, stipulate, before any question is referred to the commission. If the commission cannot agree the matter in dispute will be referred to an umpire chosen by the procedure prescribed in article 45 of The Hague convention.

The mere report of such a commission on a disputed international issue will in most cases suffice to settle it or prevent it from becoming an irritant. Where the commission cannot agree the subject of controversy will be transferred to the realm of impartial arbitration. Surely such a provision will contribute to good neighborhood and be a gain to civilization.

THE BIRRELL LAND BILL.

One of the most important measures of the present session of the British Parliament is the Irish land purchase bill, the author of which is Mr. Birrell, chief secretary for Ireland. The main object of the bill is to so enlarge the scope of the Wyndham act as to insure the distribution among peasant proprietors of not merely a part but virtually all the landed estates in the Emerald Isle. It also contemplates a distinct improvement in the terms of payment obtainable by prospective purchasers.

The passage of this measure would relieve the congestion from which the west of Ireland has so long suffered and bring vast tracts of soil long used as grazing lands back under the plow again.

Important in this connection is the fact that the national convention of the United Irish Party, held last week in Dublin, almost unanimously endorsed the bill. Such opposition as there was came from a small group led by Mr. Wm. O'Brien, but eventually a resolution by Mr. John E. Redmond, favoring the proposed legislation, was carried with but ten dissenting votes. Significant also was the rejection of a motion proposed by what is known as the physical force faction, that the Nationalist members of parliament be instructed to oppose and embarrass by every means in their power the government which is giving evidence of a sincere desire to carry through parliament legislation in the best interests of Ireland. Mr. Redmond and his followers in parliament feel that although they may not obtain all they want they can rely on getting more for Ireland from the Liberals than from the party now in opposition.

The Unionists oppose the bill on economic grounds, contending that it will impose an immense additional burden on the imperial exchequer which, in view of the requirements of the old age pension law and of the naval expansion programme, would become well-nigh unbearable. Mr. Lloyd-George's budget may furnish the answer to that question.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM AND SALARIES.

The Ottawa Government is evidently determined to carry out its pledges in regard to civil service reform. Of the five principal recommendations of the civil service commission,

three were covered by the bill of last session. The result has been the introduction of the system of competitive examinations for entering the service; the establishment of a non-partisan and independent commission, under whose authority such examinations will be held, and who will have other powers in connection with the administration and development of the service; and the adoption of a scheme for a reorganization of the departments on the basis of the duties of the offices rather than their personnel.

There is now before parliament a measure covering the fourth of the commission's recommendations—that is, providing for a flat increase of \$150 in the civil servants' salaries, which, in view of the increased cost of living, the commission considered absolutely necessary. As Hon. Mr. Fisher pointed out when introducing the measure, the increase in the salaries of civil servants has been very slight since the scale was arranged over half a century ago. Since that time not only has the cost of the necessities of life immeasurably risen, but the work and responsibilities imposed upon members of the service have been augmented.

The salary increases now contemplated apply only to the inside service at Ottawa only, but the Government is not unresponsive to the claims of the outside service. Sir Wilfrid Laurier pointed out during the debate, that no government has ever yet undertaken such a task as to reform at once both the outside and the inside service. In Great Britain and the United States they proceed by stages, and this is what the Dominion Government is doing. It has undertaken to reform the inside service, reserving the power to do the same with the outside. This it will begin as soon as possible after it has got through with the inside departments. When the plans of the Government have been fully carried out members of both the inside and outside service will no longer be subject to party "pull," and at the same time will be required to gain and hold positions in the service on merit alone.

The Attorney-General should wake up and get after the municipal corporations which are illegally bidding for industries. Municipal law-makers should not be law-breakers.

The Western Fair has no liabilities and a cash surplus of \$10,000. This is a comfortable provision against a rainy day during Fair week.

An extra session of Congress has been called for next month to deal with tariff revision. The President-elect is evidently sincere in his tariff reform professions.

Mr. Nicholas Wilson is a unique landmark in this community. His battle for life will excite the sympathetic interest of thousands of his pupils scattered far and wide.

A British royal commission reports alarming moral and physical deterioration among a large class in London and other industrial centres. This is less important in the opinion of an influential party in England than the building of more battleships.

The Dominion Government has disavowed the legislation known as the Natal act, which would have enabled the Government of British Columbia to exclude all Japanese, Chinese and Hindus from that province. Of course, the McBride Government had no desire to go to such extremes. It passed the act in order to play to the gallery, knowing that the federal authorities would be obliged by imperial considerations to over-ride it. The passage of the bill was an exhibition of cheap politics by men who are playing their own selfish game regardless of Canadian or British interests.

A QUIET AFFAIR.

A prominent lawyer of Vicksburg, Mass., who, after two months of widowhood, took unto himself another spouse, having to indignant when he read in one of the local papers the following notice of his marriage:

"The wedding was very quiet, owing to a recent bereavement in the bridegroom's family."

MISDIRECTED EFFORTS.

A St. Louis man asks divorce because his wife forced him to eat pie with a fork when he was accustomed to use a knife. Thus do efforts at culture oft come to naught even when undertaken under the happiest auspices.

MATRIMONY.

[Paris Figaro.] At forty a man may regret that he married. At sixty a bachelor regrets bitterly that he did not take a wife.

PREPARED.

[Chicago News.] He—Fifty miles an hour! Are you brave? She (swallowing another pint of dust)—Yes, dear, I'm full of grit.

THE "CLASSES" IN ENGLAND.

[New York Sun.] The following gem of an advertisement appears in the London Tablet of Jan. 9: "DEBILITY. Home for Ladies (1st and 2nd Class.)"

DON'T KNOW WHEN THEY'RE WELL OFF.

[Petersboro Examiner.] London the Less is not a slow place, by any means. It is perishing with thirst, having to struggle financially and otherwise with a water supply problem. Yet on Jan. 4 the electors voted \$5,000 towards a hospital for consumptives. This seems a trifle, but it is to be remembered that London maintains a general hospital at a large expense. We in Petersboro do not, perhaps, appreciate the extent to which we are indebted to private liberality for hospital service. The Nichols Hospital, one of the best in the Province, was erected and is maintained without a cent of expense to the general body of rate-payers. Nothing but an equally excellent hospital, St. Joseph's, make any munici-

pal levy upon the tax rate, yet we can't get a \$5,000 or \$5,000 isolation hospital built.

NAUGHTY CANADA.

England will build more Dreadnoughts. What Canada contributes to the Dreadnoughts is the naughts.

LONGBOAT'S CLAIM.

[Montreal Herald.] Just when it is conceded that Tom Longboat has a peerless pair of legs, he flares up and claims to have a head, too. These Alexanders are always signing for more worlds to conquer.

THE OPPOSITION.

[Toronto News.] The Legislature starts today. The Liberals have a sigh. When they regard the mournful few Who sit about MacKay.

HOW THE WORLD COULD BE IMPROVED.

[S. E. Kiser.] How grand a place this world would be if no man ever had to labor. If each man might from debts be free. And somewhat richer than his neighbor. How happy we could all become. If pleasure never were denied us. If scolding women all were dumb. And others never rose to chide us.

This world would be a splendid place. If we could spend our lives at pleasure. If coal men never asked for pay. To try to cheat us with short measure. What happiness we all might claim. If each man who was lured or driven To foolishness or sin might blame Some fellow-man and be forgiven.

How fair a place this world would be. If each man who is fond of speaking Had knowledge that by you and me. Might be considered well worth seeking. How glad we might become ere long. If when we spoke all men would heed us.

If we might proudly lead the throng. And no man ever tried to lead us. This world would be a splendid place. If each man might indulge his passion Without the danger of disgrace. Or punishment in any fashion. What cause could men have for complaint. If each man could surpass his neighbor. If each were free from all restraint. And laws were only made for others.

WARNING AGAINST THE GRIP.

[Chicago Record-Herald.] Health Commissioner Evans issued an appeal to the public yesterday for aid in the department in its war against pneumonia. If you would avoid that disease, avoid bronchitis and influenza, take the following advice: Keep away from spitters. Keep away from spit.

Keep out of poorly ventilated stores, cars, theatres, schools, churches, offices and homes. Do not go into hot places. Do not get overheated. Do not get too warm. Do not dress too warmly.

Get the inviting action of fresh, cold air or cold water. Keep your body clean inside and out. Do not eat to excess. Do not gorge. Do not drink. Temperance in all things.

DECEIVED.

[Chicago Record-Herald.] "Your feet are small," the shoe clerk said. As he he inatop pressed: The lady sighed and bowed her head. And gladness filled her breast.

But little time with her he spent. A busy clerk was he. He sold her sixes ere she went— But they were numbered three.

TWO OF A KIND.

[Chicago Record-Herald.] At St. Louis philologist wants the Simplified Spelling Board to tackle the word "colony." Why pass "institution" by?

BELLE MARQUISE.

[Austin Boston.] You are just a French trifle, Belle Marquise, Just a thing of puffs and patches. Made for madrigals and catches. Not for heart wounds but for scratches. O Marquise, Just a pinky, porcelain trifle, Belle Marquise, Wrought in rarest rose du Barry, Quick at verbal point and parry, Clever, doubtless, but to marry, No, Marquise!

IF YOU WORK HARD IN THE EUROPEAN TRIP, YOU MAY POCKET PART OF THE \$20 IN GOLD AS A PREMIUM.

The biggest show of the week was at the Grand Opera House last night to see the Power Stock Company in "The Heart of a Hero." As on their former appearance the company pleased their patrons with the presentation.

The specialties between the acts were excellent, and delighted the audience. This pair of colored girls sing very well, indeed.

Mr. Herbert Power was excellent, and his support lived up to their former good work.

Tonight the offering will be "Over the Hills to the Farther Shore," said to be a very interesting play.

Benefit for Ushers.

The ushers for the Grand Opera House will have a benefit under the name of Kathryn Osterman plays here. Tickets are already on sale, and the prospects are for a bumper house. The play is a good one and will draw on its merits, while the ushers' benefit will help considerably.

The contestants in The Advertiser's Free Trip contest have everything to gain and nothing to lose by joining in the pin-money contest mentioned on Page Five.

INCREASES IN BANK CLEARINGS

Denote Returning Prosperity to the Dominion. Splendid increases in bank clearings are shown by nearly all the Canadian cities. Last week's figures were as follows:

Montreal.....\$22,408,000 Inc.
Toronto.....24,342,000 37.4
Winnipeg.....10,305,000 19.9
Vancouver, B. C.....4,006,000 23.2
Ottawa.....2,945,000 36.9
Quebec.....2,284,000 28.8
Halifax.....1,685,000 4.5
Hamilton.....1,425,000 11.2
St. John, N. B.....1,167,000 8.3
Calgary.....1,418,444 58.9
London, Ont.....1,110,000 22.6
Victoria, B. C.....1,035,000 1.9

You Can't Afford To Feel "Dopey"

—to have headaches—an easily-tired body—a stuffy feeling brain—even for part of the time. There are too many keen, alert men and women, always at their best, to give much chance of success to one thus handicapped. These things are the direct results of a sluggish liver—constipated bowels—dry skin—overworked kidneys—in short, of a body whose sewers are clogged.

Nothing opens up these outlets of the waste, and clears the system of poison so gently, yet so effectively, as "Fruit-a-tives." "Fruit-a-tives" are the juices of oranges, apples, figs and prunes combined—by a process that greatly increases their medicinal value—with valuable tonics and internal antiseptics, and made into tablets.

Take one or two "Fruit-a-tives" every day, eat plenty of ripe fruit, and see how quickly your brain clears and headaches leave you. 50c a box—6 for \$2.50. Trial size 25c. Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

REV. MR. DEWEY WILL REMAIN HERE

Accepts Unanimous Invitation of Empress Avenue Methodists to Stay Another Year.

The quarterly board of the Empress Avenue Methodist Church met last evening and extended to the pastor, Rev. George W. Dewey, a hearty and unanimous invitation to remain in that capacity for another year.

Address to Pastor. The following address was presented to the pastor:

Rev. George W. Dewey, Dear Beloved Pastor:

We, the quarterly board, upon this, the close of the third quarter of the year, wish to express to you, from the desire to express to you, from the fullness of our hearts, the deep, abiding love and respect we, each and all, hold for you, our pastor and teacher, God's ambassador, we believe, sent to minister unto us by the guidance of His Divine Providence.

From the wisdom of your first appearance among us at the Sabbath morning class, when you talked and sang of the forgiving Savior, our hearts warmed to you, and we then have learned to know you more intimately, to love you deeply and to serve you implicitly. Each successive service, whether upon week-day or Sabbath, has marked a progressively-increased drawing together of the people, young and old, in the fold of Christ. The truths of his word have been, and are being, at every service, set before us so plainly, so clearly, and with the fearless zeal befitting of the confidence of Christ, of love and Holy Ghost power—that it has been a constant delight to all of us to listen to him anew. To many of us the Old Story has been revealed as never before in your unflinching, loving, unflinching to us of God's Word.

We may be pardoned when we sincerely say that the spiritual profit and benefit received under your guidance, by the care of the congregation, of every age, rank and condition, have been estimated nor measured. Because of this we all with gladness and joyfulness, praise and thanksgiving.

We hope and believe that the earnest prayer of every member of this congregation, by the care of the committee for the coming year: Finance, George McCormick; grounds and buildings, Col. Little; printing, Col. Garthshore; and two, John Pringle; attractions, W. McNeil.

The above gentlemen, together with Presiding Elder, will constitute the executive committee.

Closing of Year.

Mr. George McCormick moved, seconded by Mr. Wm. Gammage, that at the first board meeting a recommendation be made that the year be closed Dec. 31, and the annual meeting be held on or about Jan. 25, or as soon as possible.

This was carried by a large vote.

The whole object in doing this is to facilitate the work, and it was pointed out that the meeting of the board and annual meetings several weeks ago, and had therefore gained that much time on London.

Mr. John Farrell, of Forest, made a fine speech, in which he urged the fair board to give the out-of-town representatives more power. This, he contended, would be beneficial in every way to the fair.

At the board meeting Mr. McCormick's motion that the books be closed Dec. 31 and the annual meeting be held as soon as possible afterwards, was unanimously carried.

To Allow Members to Exhibit. Director W. W. Gammage gave notice that at the meeting of the horticultural committee he will move that section 79 of the rules be amended so that members of the committee could, if they wished, exhibit.

In order to carry this amendment, President Reid informed Mr. Gammage that a two-thirds vote of the members would be necessary.

Mr. W. Rogers told the board that the Canadian Jersey Association had decided to grant \$50 to the Western Fair for prizes.

The Dairy Building. Mr. Steinhoff, on behalf of the dairymen, asked that the committee make some different arrangements in the dairy building for the cheese exhibit. On hot days, he said, exhibitors had the greatest trouble to keep their cheese from heating. The matter will be investigated.

The Westminster Agricultural Society wrote, asking that they be granted representation on the fair board and Messrs. E. S. Hunt and A. Blake be appointed representatives.

The Officers. The officers re-elected were: President—Mr. W. J. Reid. First Vice-President, Lieut.-Col. J. W. Little. Second Vice-President—Ald. J. H. Saunders.

The Board of directors is composed as follows: Elected at Annual Meeting—Lieut.-Col. W. M. Gammage, Lieut.-Col. J. W. Little, Mr. W. J. Reid, Mr. George G. McCormick, Mr. Wm. Gammage, Mr. John Pringle, Dr. G. A. Routledge, Col. R. McEwen, Mr. R. A. Carrothers, Mr. W. M. Spencer, Mr. Wm. McNeil, Mr. J. W. Jones.

Elected by the City Council—Mayor S. Stevely, Ald. D. Stewart, Ald. C. G. Moorhead, Ald. H. Saunders, ex-Ald. G. W. Armstrong, Ald. Robert Parsons.

Elected by the East Middlesex Society—Mr. James Murray, Mr. George Scatcherd, Mr. Wm. Moore, Mr. C. E.

Rev. Mr. Dewey, in reply, stated that he appreciated very much the resolution, and that he was never the invitation to remain another year just as heartily as it was given.

SOUTH LONDON LIBERAL WHIST

Regular Match Will Be Held on Friday Night.

The South London Liberal Club will hold its weekly whist tourney on Friday evening.

The attendance at these meetings has been increasing considerably of late, and the largest crowd of the season is expected on Friday night. All Liberals are invited to be present and spend an evening.

Keep Friday evening for the South London Club.

C. E. BERNARD SELLS THE "HOTEL SAVOY"

Mr. John O'Flaherty, Well-Known Hotelman, Is New Proprietor.

The Hotel Savoy, owned by Mr. C. E. Bernard, has been disposed of to Mr. J. O'Flaherty of this city.

The deal was consummated yesterday, and Mr. O'Flaherty will take charge as soon as the transfer can be arranged.

Mr. O'Flaherty is a well-known hotelman, having formerly owned the Wellington House, and later the hotel that he has now purchased, when it was known as the Oriental.

The consideration is said to be about \$20,000.

The advertisement on Page Five will tell you all about the pin-money project in connection with the European trip. Don't fail to read it.

Chapman's

Ladies' Tailor from New York

Our Ladies' Tailoring Department is ready for spring orders. We have a first-class ladies' tailor, Mr. Diamond, who has had twelve years' experience in New York, and is second to none in the country. Many ladies have been waiting for this re-opening, and we ask them to call and see the work we are turning out in this department.

NEW TAILORING CLOTHS

Preliminary spring showing of the new imported fabrics, including satin-cloths, plain and striped broadcloths and peerless English suitings. If you wish to give your order for cloth gowns or tailored suits to your dressmaker and tailor early, you can find a fairly representative range of materials, as high as \$2 a yard.

HALF-BLEACHED COTTON

Fine Half-Bleached Cotton, absolutely pure, nice soft quality: Piece of 28 yards at\$1.96 Piece of 30 yards at\$2.10 Or what you want at a yard8c

J. H. CHAPMAN & CO., 126, 128, 128½ Dundas St.

GAS ONLY ON FAIR GROUNDS

Will Be Allowed for Lighting and Cooking Purposes.

THE FAIR BOARD PROTECTS PATRONS

Grave Danger to the Public From Use of Gasoline Torches Is Pointed Out.

The forty-first annual meeting of the Western Fair board was held in the city hall yesterday afternoon, and the attendance was the largest in the history of the organization. Fifty members answered to their names when the roll was called.

All of last year's officers were re-elected, and at a directors' meeting held subsequently the following were appointed to the various committees for the coming year: Finance, George McCormick; grounds and buildings, Col. Little; printing, Col. Garthshore; and two, John Pringle; attractions, W. McNeil.

The above gentlemen, together with Presiding Elder, will constitute the executive committee.

On motion of George McCormick, seconded by Mr. W. M. Spencer, it was unanimously decided that in future no fuel but gas is to be used in the booths under the grand stands.

The opinion was freely expressed that the greatest danger was likely to result from the coal oil stoves and gasoline torches used by proprietors of booths, notwithstanding that cement blocks were under the stands. It was pointed out that should any fire result and loss of life ensue, the board, collectively and individually, would be responsible.

Mr. James Brown said there was not the slightest need now of having any other fuel than gas, as all the pipes were laid in last year, and it was available at all points.

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SAM LOYD'S PUZZLES.

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Frank and Sammy bought a watermelon for 48 cents, Frank contributing 30 cents and Sammy 18 cents, which they were going to divide in proportion to their relative investments, when spying Billy passing on the road, they conspired to unload a third of the melon upon him for the cost of the whole. After Billy had gone the boys proceeded to divide the money as they thought right, and then each of them ate half of the remainder. How should the money be divided between Frank and Sammy?

ANSWER TO COUNTING-OUT PUZZLE PRINTED WEDNESDAY.
Frank Jones' clever puzzle game of counting out all the girls and leaving the boys is successfully worked by commencing to count from May. Counted round and round to the right it would be found that the thirteenth is invariably a girl, and the boys all "get left" which is really the proper thing for gallant boys under the circumstances.

A ROYAL WARD

By Percy J. Brebner, author of "Princess Maritza," "Vayenne," etc.

"They failed!" he murmured in a low voice, although he may have thought that he cried it aloud in his joy, and believed that the little smile upon his face was a shouting laugh of triumph. "They failed. They did not find them!"

The intense satisfaction seemed to overpower him, and he sank back, his head resting upon his arm. There were no troubled dreams now, only deep sleep. The wagon wheels, turning slowly, rolled further away, the mass of sound broke up into detached units; short periods of silence came, then longer, and the gloom about the sleeper turned to darkness. So for a long time there was silence.

Presently the door of the room opened slowly, stealthily; there was the glimmer of a lantern, and a man, wrapped in a long cloak, with a hat down over his face, came in silently. He stood for a moment listening, then on tiptoe he approached the sleeper. The door remained open, and behind him, even more stealthily, came another cloaked figure, but it did not follow him towards the sleeper. It turned quickly, and was absorbed in the darkness and made no sound.

The man bent over the sleeper and let the light of the lantern fall upon his face. There was no quivering of the eyelids.

"He's asleep right enough," muttered the man, "and will be little the worse, either. I've a mind to finish it now, and say he died. He's roused and drunk the wine, too. We're all going

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with a noose round our necks, and we're fools. Why not do it?"

The sleeper stirred a little, and the man stepped back, holding the lantern behind him.

"I'll do tomorrow, Jake's throat'll be better tomorrow, though not so well that he'll be likely to forgive. I'll let Jake in. He's savage enough, and won't stand for trifles. That'll loosen the noose a bit, and if anything happens to Jake—well, he doesn't count for much."

Perhaps the man was hardly conscious that he gave utterance to his thoughts; and his fears for his own safety were real enough, for the idea of a noose was sufficient to make him slip his fingers round inside the cloak at his neck as though to loosen a sudden tightening there.

"We'll make an end of it somehow tomorrow," he said.

With a last look into Dubuison's face to make quite certain that he was not feigning sleep, he turned and went slowly to the door; but no figure rose out of the shadows to follow him. He went out, closing the door gently behind him, then the key turned in the lock, and a glimmer of light came withdrawn. Silence was in the room again, save for the sleeper's deep and regular breathing; a long silence—ten minutes, fifteen, perhaps, for the man who had gone out might have forgotten something and return. Then in a corner there was a slight rustle, and a figure, that even the keenest eyes would have failed to discover in that darkness, groped its way to the door and listened for a minute or more, near to the keyhole. Satisfied, it felt its way again to the corner and soon a glimmer of light shone there. The woman, for her form was no longer enveloped in a cloak, placed the lantern on the floor, behind the upright box which stood almost within the sleeper's reach and where it was screened from shedding any tell-tale beam towards the keyhole of the door. Going to the corner again, she brought a coil of stout rope, and laid it beside the lamp. This accomplished, she took a clasp knife from her pocket and severed the cords which bound the sleeper's ankles. She stirred a little, and she bent down to look into his face.

"It seems a sin to wake him," she whispered, "but I must. It means life or death for us both, perhaps."

She smoothed the tangled hair back from his forehead gently, yet with sufficient pressure to rouse him.

"Wake! Wake!" she said, speaking close to his ear.

He opened his eyes, and they looked into her face.

"Lady Betty," he murmured. "The name was a keynote to his dreams. The woman heard, and understood. She had had dreams, waking dreams of loved ones, faint visions, though the dreamer was clad in coarse homespun. She had awoke long ago, and she had come to tonight. She did not know who Lady Betty might be, but the man she bent over looked a worthy lover."

"Wake!" she said.

"What is it?" said Dubuison, rising himself on his elbow, quite unconscious that he had spoken a moment before. "Who are you?"

"Hush! There is danger. Speak low."

"Where am I? I remember last night, but—"

Dubuison struggled slowly to his feet, and the woman held up her finger to warn him to make no noise.

"The night before," he murmured. "Is it so long?"

"Yes, and you must go at once. The door is fast, but there is another way, which I have come to show you."

She pushed away the heap of sackcloth, took up an empty case and set it noiselessly against the wall; then, stooping down, she pulled up an iron ring from the floor.

"Help me," she said; "it is heavy." Barely conscious of what was happening, Dubuison felt whether this was real or still part of his dream. Dubuison helped her to lift the heavy trap door.

"This is the road," she said, "and there is no time to waste."

CHAPTER XI.

"Today, at 3 o'clock, Deborah, a

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gentleman is coming to see me." Lady Betty announced, turning to a mirror, perhaps to conceal her face rather than to see that her hair was in order, as she pretended.

"Somewhat an unusual proceeding, isn't it?"

"That is why I take the trouble to specially announce the fact."

"Does the duchess know?" asked Deborah.

"The duchess does not, and even if I should see her this morning, which is most unlikely, I have no intention of taking her into my confidence."

"Then why tell me?"

"My dear Deborah, I have told you a great many things that I have never mentioned to another soul. You must know that."

"I certainly am not so ancient that I cannot enjoy confidences. Indeed, Betty, I must make a confession. I find London vastly more amusing than I ever supposed it to be."

"Don't imagine that I have not noticed it," said Betty, laughing.

"Noticed what? And there was quite an air of alarm about Deborah as she asked the question."

"So conscience is a little restless, is it? Truly, you have become quite gay, and I never expected to find you patronizing the ribbon shops so persistently."

"A woman may grow old in the country before her time," Deborah remarked sentimentally. "In London some of the women who must have been girls with my mother seem quite young still."

"All bought and put on like the rest of their dress," Deborah said. Betty. "There were several like that at Peterham House last night, and I spent half my time in trying to picture them in the cold, early light of morning."

"And the other half of your time?"

"What else but in admiring my own sweet self in the mirror I could find," laughed Betty.

"I thought you might have spent it in captivizing this gentleman who is to call upon you today."

"You know little of me, Deborah. If you can fancy that would occupy more than five minutes."

"Come, what is he like?"

Betty looked serious and thoughtful for a moment.

Indeed, he is a very excellent gentleman; a little over my own head, but not sufficiently so to let him look down on me; and his arms and legs, and his head, too, are all placed just as other men's are."

"Betty, be serious. I am waiting to enjoy confidences."

"Oh, but you are too early for them. There are no confidences as yet. I have told you that he was coming because I thought you might consider it necessary to chaperone me."

"Certainly. I am hardly old enough to do it, but—"

"My dear Deborah, you are perfect in the part on ordinary occasions, but this is an extraordinary one. For once in my life I shall not want you so you will hide yourself somewhere at 3 o'clock, won't you?"

"What would the duchess say?"

"A great deal more than I should have the patience to listen to. I do not doubt," said Betty. "That is why I did not tell her; she would be too tired after the ball last night to listen to explanations."

Deborah Cower was not angry or irritated. Somehow the idea that she was to be chaperoned by a little girl, not much older than herself, was Betty's chaperone had become slightly distasteful to her. London had impressed upon her the fact that she was far too young to imagine herself old. She certainly was not ill-looking, and in half an hour a dozen women figures might be met with, she argued. Her opportunities were a little late, perhaps, but not too late to be taken advantage of. She had had proof of this, and it was rather impudent of Betty to laugh at her. By which term she had evidently indicated a good many changes which had occurred in her dress lately.

The changes were indeed wonderfully full; she had been told so by no mean critic, and he had expressed his opinion in terms which made the fair Deborah blush to remember them. She was not the only person who could deal in confidences. Under the circumstances it was perhaps only natural that Deborah should expect a certain pleasure that 3 o'clock came, and 4, and 5, bringing no gentleman to the house in Pall Mall.

It would not be true to say that Lady Betty bore this fact patiently. She had given this Mr. Victor Dubuison an appointment; she had not done so much to her credit; and she felt assured that there was no other man of her acquaintance who would not have presented himself punctually at the appointed hour. The immense favor, had been lighted, and there was nothing in the world that could excuse the failure to keep such an appointment. She was angry; she even declared to herself that she was outraged by such conduct, but she would not admit there was any disappointment. She had merely been gracious to a friendless individual, and her graciousness had been thrown away.

It did occur to her that Victor Dubuison might be deceiving her, that she ought to have delivered him to the soldiers when they came to Abbot's Chase, but she dismissed the idea immediately. He was a gentleman, and for she had looked into his eyes and been certain of that. So it was evident that Lady Betty was rather inconsistent in her reflections concerning this man.

"You were disappointed, after all, Betty," Deborah said, very softly and very kindly. "I am so sorry."

"Perhaps Betty detected the faint glimmer of a smile upon Deborah's face, or heard the ghost of a laugh underneath the condolence."

"I almost fancy I must have been mistaken. The affair was settled so hastily. Naturally, he would imagine that I should welcome no visitor on the day after the ball. He meant tomorrow, and I have wasted an afternoon to no purpose. We might have gone to Bond street, Deborah, and searched the shops for ribbons and laces."

Deborah was not deceived by this explanation, and laughed to herself at Betty's determination to waste the following afternoon for pride's sake. She was considerably surprised, therefore, when a visitor did make her appearance, and enough to make her precisely 3 o'clock. Being engaged in somewhat elaborate toilet operations at the time—an occupation she had acquired since coming to London—the visitor had been ushered into the room, and Deborah was able to hurry down and see who he might be.

When a servant informed her that a Mr. Walter Everston was waiting for her, Deborah's figure stiffened as though she had received a shock, and she entered a room which the visitor must pass on leaving, and which she not to vacate her post until she had seen him.

I believe Betty sent for him on purpose to deceive me, she said to herself; and there was no doubt that Deborah Cower was very angry.

Lady Betty, however, had done nothing of the kind. She did not expect that Victor Dubuison would have the effrontery to come a day behind his

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SALEM CHURCH, DERWENT

Conclusion of the Opening Services—Cost of Buildings Provided For.

Derwent, Feb. 17.—The opening services of the Salem Methodist Church, which have been in progress since the 7th inst., were concluded on Monday night. The services morning and evening were conducted by Rev. Wm. Quance, of Lambeth, an expatriate. His expositions of truth were enjoyed greatly by the large audiences.

At the Sunday school rally in the afternoon Rev. A. K. Birks, LL.B., and Rev. G. N. Hazen, of London, addressed a fair-sized gathering, that had braved the storm.

The tea-meeting and concert Monday evening was a great success, every available inch of space being occupied. Musical selections were given by Miss McBride, Mr. H. E. St. George and Mr. Bluetner, of London. The choir of the church, assisted by local talent, rendered a choice selection.

Mr. A. Venning reviewed the history of the appointment, and spoke of the hardships endured by the pioneer preachers in placing the banner of the cross in the early days. Addresses were also given by Rev. John Currie, of Belmont; G. I. Burns, Gladstone; Wm. Quance, Lambeth; H. D. Moyer, St. Mary's.

The entire cost of the building and furnishings is fully provided for, and a nice sum is available to help in purchasing a new organ in the near future.

Who will win the \$30 pin-money in The Advertiser European Trip Contest.

DIRECTORATE CHANGES.

Montreal, Feb. 17.—At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Mexican Light and Power Company today a change in the directorate was made as expected. Dr. F. S. Pearson being elected president, and Sir Wm. Van Home elected vice-president. The other directors are George Platt, R. C. Brown, S. A. Lash, J. M. Limantour, E. R. Wood. Remarks complimentary to the old board were made by H. D. Patterson, of Woodstock, Ont. The annual report was presented and adopted.

Thirty dollars in gold for the contestants in The Advertiser European Trip Contest.

POISONED IN BEANERY.
Montreal, Que., Feb. 17.—Five men were poisoned today in a mysterious manner in a Cathedral street beanery run by C. F. Hill, an American. One man, Thomas Green, is dead, and the Hill, the proprietor, Ed. O'Connell, E. Dallow, and an unknown man are unconscious in the General Hospital. All drank coffee which evidently contained poison, but how this came there is a mystery.

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ALL MISERY IN THE STOMACH AND INDIGESTION, VANISH BEFORE YOU REALIZE IT.

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The correct name for your trouble is food fermentation—food souring; the digestive organs become weak; there is lack of gastric juice; your food is only half digested, and you become affected with loss of appetite, pressure and fullness after eating, vomiting, nausea, heartburn, griping

in bowels, tenderness in the pit of stomach, bad taste in mouth, constipation, pain in limbs, sleeplessness, belching of gas, biliousness, sick headache, nervousness, dizziness and many other similar symptoms.

If your appetite is rickety, and nothing tempts you, or you belch gas or if you feel bloated after eating, or your food lies like a lump of lead on your stomach, you can make up your mind that at the bottom of all this there is but one cause—fermentation of undigested food.

Prove to yourself, after your next meal, that your stomach is as good as any; that there is nothing really wrong with it. Stop this fermentation and begin eating what you want without fear of discomfort or misery.

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ROSS CONFIRMS THE COAL OFFER

President Says Will Continue
Old Contract or Make a
New One.

Montreal, Feb. 17.—Mr. James Ross, president of the Dominion Coal, issued a statement tonight confirming the reports that the Coal Company had made an offer to the Steel Company to continue the old contract or make a new contract at the old rate. Mr. Ross expresses the hope that a final settlement of the whole dispute will soon be reached. The statement is as follows:

"The Coal Company has written to the Steel Company stating its desire to bring the whole dispute to an speedy conclusion as possible. Today's board meeting afforded the first opportunity since the judgment for the Coal Company to take any step, and a resolution was passed offering to continue the contract of Oct. 20, 1903, or to re-instate the Steel Company on a contract identical with that which has been in dispute and to give it the right to terminate at any future time, and if it does not desire to take its whole supply from this company to allow it to take such part as it may intimate in its notices of requirements."

"A copy of this resolution has been forwarded to the Steel Company. The Coal Company has made this offer on the occasion to express its wish to facilitate the adjustment of past damages and has suggested that accountants on each side might take up the matter of past damages, so as to adjust them without further recourse to the courts. "Now that the final court has pronounced upon the dispute it is important in the interests both of the directly interested and of the indirectly interested in the two industries that speedy and final adjustment should be arrived at."

ASKS \$20,000 DAMAGES

Widow of Level Crossing Victim Sues the Railway Company.

Kingston, Feb. 17.—Agnes Spooner, widow of William Spooner, who with his son, was killed at the Montreal street crossing of the Grand Trunk Railway a few weeks ago, has entered action against the railway company for \$20,000 damages for the loss of her husband and son, and for \$1,000 additional for her own injuries. The company is charged with neglect, both as regards the running of its trains and in failing to build a subway as ordered by the railway commission.

PRIVY COUNCIL DECIDES AGAINST GRAND TRUNK

Says Third-Class Fares at Two Cents are Still in Force.

London, Feb. 17.—Lord Loreburn handed out judgment in G. T. R. vs. Robertson today. The case was brought by the Grand Trunk Railway Company against the Privy Council, who had decided that the railway company's third-class fares at two cents a mile were still in force. The whole question was whether the section was inconsistent with the railway act of 1906. They held that it was not. They also held that the railway company could not decide whether or not the section was left on the statutes by desire or because it was overlooked.

The appeal was dismissed with costs. It is understood that the judgment affects the old Grand Junction Railway to the extent that it may also be liable to carry at two cents.

SMUGGLING CHINESE.

New York, Feb. 17.—The attention of the federal immigration officials in this city was called today to the case of seven Chinese, detained in a freight car at the Lackawanna Railroad station which arrived at Port Morris, from Canada. The car had brought a load of lead ore, and was said to have passed through Black Rock, an international transfer point near Buffalo. The Chinese would give no account of their journey and were suffering from hunger. It is believed that the agents of this city who were to free the men must have lost the car on route and failed to perform their portion of the smuggling compact.

The presence of the Chinese was discovered by the immigration inspector, who found the seals on the car doors broken.

DEMURRAGE DECISION.

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—The railway commission has given judgment in the average demurrage case, as it is called. The case was brought up by the Wallaceburg Sugar Company in the shipper's interest. The commission refused to allow credit for unloading in less than the present 45 hours allowed for demurrage. It considered allowance for quick unloading would be to the disadvantage of the small shippers.

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BETTER FIRE PROTECTION.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

The writer, along with many others, was an interested spectator of the fire at the Globe Casket Company's works, a short time ago, and I have also read the letters of different parties re better fire protection, and all to my mind seem to be wandering away from the point at issue—how best to protect our business and residential districts from the ravages of fire.

One correspondent suggests high pressure. Well, let us analyze that. In the first place, we will take the approximate cost of installation, which this correspondent said would be about \$135,000, and this to protect only the down-town business section from fire. It could not be used for any other purpose. Then let us look at the utility side of the question from a practical standpoint. You must first install a complete pumping plant—down at the river or source of supply—to be driven by steam or electricity; then you must lay main waterpipes of sufficient diameter to stand the extra pressure, with their branches and hydrants all through the districts to be protected. You must also keep men at the pump-house night and day for any emergency.

Now you have this plant installed. If driven by electricity, you, of course, have your power always ready, provided some accident does not happen to it, your only source of power. With this arrangement, your trouble is only to get the water to the pump-house. You have one main water-pipe into the city, which has to stand a heavy pressure. This pipe is underground, out of sight, very liable to be attacked by electrical current, and weakened to such an extent that it will not stand the pressure. It is likely that the city, the water mains of which are needed, and we all know how long it would take to repair this pipe, valve or hydrant. Note a recent issue of the "Water Works Engineering," a journal devoted to the interests of fire department appliances, when it says this is the second, within a short space of time, that the supposedly perfect system of high pressure has fallen down. The latest case, a few weeks ago at a fire, which, with an ordinary fire engine, the loss would not reasonably amount to over \$200 damages. The fire assumed the proportions of a \$100,000 blaze, all because the high pressure failed, and crippled the water supply. Helpless, the firemen stood by and watched the building burn, until the break was repaired. These accidents are liable to happen any time, and when you have only one string to your bow, and that breaks, you are simply out of business until repairs are made. But suppose your pumps were driven by electricity from Niagara Falls, does it not often happen that the current is cut off for some reason or other, either by accident to wire or machinery, rendering the system useless, and over these accidents you have no control? The height of the high pressure system, which is very good as an auxiliary, but don't place all your dependence on it. You cannot afford to waste any time when a fire is going.

Another writer proposes to make portable electric fire pumps with high pressure. These are to be drawn up to a hydrant and attached to same. This, of course, would necessitate electrical power wiring to every hydrant in the city, and the very expensive price of business, and then you have only one string. If an thing happens to that, of course, you have only one string. And that it, wait till the power is turned on again. A large manufacturer in Hamilton runs his plant by electricity, and the power being generated by a company, and with this arrangement his work has frequently been stopped for two and three hours at a time. He also stated that if he had it to do over again he would put in a steam engine.

While these stops are had for a manufacturer it is out of the question for fire protection. There is a chance that power will be off just when needed most, or it is not possible that falling water will carry all the wires with it, or that the firemen may have to cut the wires in order to put up extension cables to rescue some lives? These things all want to be taken into consideration when establishing a fire-fighting system.

In looking over our distribution of mains in the main part of the city, I find it pretty well served with distributing mains. On York street east to Waterloo is an 18-inch main; from Waterloo to Adelaide, a 12-inch main; from Adelaide to Rectory, a 10-inch main; then from Rectory to the south, a 10-inch main; Talbot street, a 6-inch main; Richmond street, an 8-inch main; Clarence street, a 10-inch main; Wellington street, a 6-inch main; Waterloo street, a 10-inch main; Colborne street, a 6-inch main; Maitland street, a 10-inch main. This pressure of course, is lowered by friction of water in pipes, and also by the large number of connections drawing off the water, leaving a pressure of 20 per cent. less, say, 10 per cent. of 75 pounds pressure, at the city hall floor level.

At the corner of St. James and Richmond streets, in the vicinity of 50 many public institutions, homes, hospitals, etc., we have 63 feet of head, or about 28 pounds. Take 10 per cent off for friction and private connections, and we have about 25 pounds pressure. At the East London station of the G. T. R. station, which is 173 feet lower than the surface of the water in the reservoir, this would equal a pressure of about 70 pounds, and the loss from friction and private connections in this section would probably be 20 per cent, leaving a pressure of 56 pounds. From 80 to 100 pounds is a standard pressure for an effective fire stream, throwing 250 gallons of water per minute. You will readily see that no matter how many nor how large the pipes are, nor the quantity of water we have, it will not materially to the pressure. We certainly need more water for domestic supply, and for fire-fighting as well, but what we most need is a portable, independent, moderately high-pressure apparatus. This we have in the modern steam fire engine, which can be brought into service as soon as it is possible to lay the hose, and carries its own power with it; it is not depending on any system of electricity or high pressure mains; it is adopted by every city in the world. Even where high pressure is installed, they are calling for more steam fire engines.

Are we in London in a position to enter on an experimental electrical pumping engine, or depend entirely on high pressure? I think not, and from accounts published I think the high pressure cities do not care to take the risk on high pressure alone. As for electrical fire engines, they may come some day, but we don't want to spend our money experimenting on the utility of them for fire-fighting. Let us plainly talk plainly, my leg is all right, and I can do all my own housework. I am grateful to be cured by so wonderful a remedy."

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ing Sundays nor holidays. A pretty fair record, is it not? And of other fire engines, which have done duty in supplying towns with water, while repairs were being made to pumping plants. What we really need in this city is more water and another storage reservoir of equal capacity of the present reservoir at Springbank, collecting all the available spring water between Springbank and Kilworth (which our waterworks engineer, Mr. Moore, along with Mr. Jennings, recommended in 1905), with another supply main from the reservoir to the centre of the city. We would then have plenty of water for fire-fighting and domestic use. I am informed that at the Casket Company fire the water in the reservoir was lowered only eighteen inches. This shows we have a fairly good supply, and only lack apparatus to handle it. And as we required we could add to the main distributing pipes gradually, and these, with a first size engine in the Central fire hall, one second size in the East London hall, and one second size in the north end fire hall, would place us in a position to cope with any fire, with a very good chance of success. As it is now, the firemen are practically helpless in many cases, and the wonder is that we have escaped as we have so long.

Don't let us waste any more time but put this matter in hand. The first move should be to get fire engines, so that the water we have could be used to advantage on a fire. The three engines of the sizes named would put, say, 2,500 gallons of water per minute, or ten good fire engines, 50 feet higher than any building in this city. Are you going to experiment, as I said before, on some new scheme, while other large cities with long experience and expert service, stick to the old and reliable steam fire engines? In Philadelphia, at every fire, the firemen use high pressure mains are laid, engines attend promptly, whether it is a small fire or large; the same number of fire engines is not abandoned. The high pressure system was installed, as the firemen say no one can be sure that something will not go wrong with the high pressure system, and you must have engines on hand to take its place.

As my letter is already too long, I will, with your permission, take this matter up again some time in the near future.

SHOT THROUGH SEWER

Laborer Has Thrilling Experience Under Streets of New York.

New York, Feb. 17.—Falling into a rapidly-flowing sewer, after a tumble down an open manhole, and later shooting through a narrow pipe for a distance of 250 feet, the body of Rocco Tonsoni, an Italian laborer, engaged in repairing a bulkhead at Eleventh street and the East River, was found this morning. The flow of the sewer at the point where Tonsoni fell is strong, and he was finally shot through the narrow aperture into the river. There Richard F. Ryan, a dock employee, was waiting for him with an improvised lasso, and when Tonsoni's body, face downward, came to the surface, he was quickly hauled to the pier above.

The Italian was unconscious when rescued, but artificial respiration soon brought him back to life, and he was removed to a hospital.

IN FAVOR OF PLAINTIFFS.

Quebec, Feb. 17.—In the case of Geo. Amyott and others against the Dominion Cotton Company and the Dominion Textile Company, judgment was rendered in favor of the plaintiffs on all points. The resolution passed at the meeting of the Dominion Cotton Company on Oct. 2, 1905, is declared illegal and the resulting lease to the textile company is annulled.

JARVIS-GIBSON.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Miss Grace Jarvis, whose marriage to Mr. Preston Gibson will take place Feb. 23 at a check in her home of her mother, Mrs. James McMillan, in this city, returned Saturday from New York, where she spent the week. She has completed her bride's maid, but there are two others yet to be heard from, and the wedding party will be a large one. The maids are Miss Constantine, Miss Katherine Atkins, Miss Carrie L. Munn and Miss Martha Cameron, of this city; Miss Gladys Cromwell, of New York; and Miss Fanny Chalmers, of New York. There will be no maid of honor. Mr. Richardson Gibson will be his brother-in-law, and the ushers already announced are Mr. Roland Vanderbilt of New York; Mr. Larz Anderson, Mr. Clarence M. Moore, Mr. Wilfrid M. Smith, Mr. Charles R. Parr of Baltimore; Mr. Wally W. Keith, of Chicago, and Mr. Paul Rainey of New York.

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JUDGMENT FOR CHEW.

Toronto, Feb. 17.—Judgment was given this morning for Mr. Manly Chew, M. P. for East Simcoe, against Caswell & Co., lumbermen, in the suit on sawn lumber, which was burned in the yard at Sturgeon Bay. The amount of the judgment was \$5,962.90 and a declaration was also given against the Traders' Bank, that Mr. Chew has a lien on the amount of insurance money mentioned. The lumber, with the knowledge of the bank, was sawn in Chew's yards under contract for the defendant, who were financed by the bank, and while still in his yards the lumber was burned. Mr. Chew sued for payment for the sawing.

By working hard in The Advertiser's Free Trip Contest for the next two weeks, you can win a valuable prize as money as well as adding to your vote.

HOTELKEEPER FINED.

Hamilton, Feb. 17.—At the police court this morning, A. A. Goetz, proprietor of the Franklin House, was fined \$100 on a charge of selling liquor after hours. The most the evidence showed was that Goetz ordered his bar after hours to get an overcoat belonging to another man. An appeal has been taken.

MOTION DISMISSED.

Toronto, Feb. 17.—Mr. Justice Teetzel, this morning dismissed the motion to quash the conviction of John Butterfield, of the Victoria Hotel, Orillia, for illegal sale of liquor.

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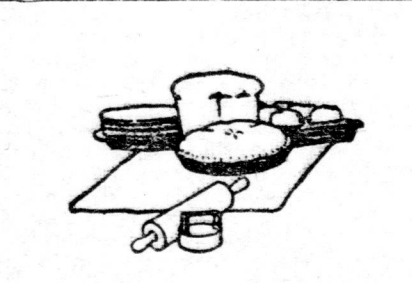
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*4:10 p.m., 6:25 p.m.

Depart for the east—12:14 a.m.

*3:40 a.m., 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., *11:35 a.m.

*2:05 p.m., *4:25 p.m., *6:53 p.m.

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PHONES FOR LITTLEWOOD

Meeting Held Regarding Connection of Line With London.

The officials of the Byron Telephone Company paid a visit to Littlewood on Monday evening of the 15th inst. A meeting had been called at the schoolhouse for the purpose of seeing what could be done towards extending a telephone line from Byron to Littlewood.

When the officials of the company arrived at the schoolhouse, although a stormy night, they found a very large crowd of farmers had gathered to hear rural telephone discussed. The meeting was called to order at 8 p.m., and Mr. Jas. Cook, of the Gore road, was called to the chair. Mr. W. Baker acted as secretary.

Col. R. McEwen, president of the company; U. A. Buchner, solicitor; W. Meriam, manager, and H. Wickerson, vice-president, addressed the meeting. Col. R. McEwen pointed out the advantages of having a telephone in every farmhouse, and the comparatively low cost to each farmer; also, the great advantage of having connection with the Bell system.

Mr. W. Meriam, manager, spoke of the necessity of building lines with a view to the future development, also how the lines are extending in all directions from Byron, and that the best long-distance telephones are used, the very best material used in building the lines; also gave figures about the cost per mile.

Mr. Buchner, solicitor, stated that last year a dividend of 10 per cent was paid, and that the shares have increased in value from \$20 to \$25.

The vice-president, Mr. Harry Wickerson spoke on the advantages of the telephone to the neighborhood. As this is a very rich farming section of the county of Middlesex, there is no doubt that the company's lines will extend farther south and east.

At the close of the meeting eighteen came forward and signed for telephones and shares.

The following committee was appointed to make a public canvass: Messrs. James Dale, J. W. Cook, Chas. Baker, A. McFarland, Thos. Baker and D. G. Dorris.

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Were Brought Out in Many Speeches—The Guests Congratulate Committee.

The second annual banquet of the Retail Grocers' Association of London took place last evening in the City Hotel, and from every standpoint was one of the most successful gatherings ever held in this city. Nearly 100 prominent wholesalers and grocers, all were unanimous in congratulating the members of the association for the excellent arrangements they had made.

The committee had worked long and hard, but they were fully satisfied with the success which crowned their efforts. It was a decided surprise to them to find that they had such excellent singers among their members, and they showed their appreciation by doubling and trebling the encores.

The splendid musical numbers, and a fine array of speeches made a programme of rare excellence.

President Shaw's Address.
"It gives me pleasure, indeed," said President Thomas Shaw, in opening his speech, to see that the grocery business is in such splendid shape, and I am glad to be able to tell you that practically every retail grocer in the city is represented here. I am pleased to be able to tell you also that the association is growing steadily."

A telegram of congratulation to the grocers was read from Messrs. Holbrook, and letters of congratulation from Messrs. Moors, Musgrave, London, and T. J. Nichols, of Owen Sound.

Mr. T. B. Escott.
President Shaw then called upon Mr. T. B. Escott.

"The travellers and retail grocers are the best company one can get among," said Mr. Escott, in replying to the toast to "Canada," "and I am glad, indeed, to be with you. Canada is a very large subject and cannot be done justice to in any short time. We have in Canada a continent of our own. We have the most natural advantages that no other country has. We have the finest waterways in the world, also the longest."

"Our natural resources are unlimited, especially in minerals. Nine-tenths of our mineral lands are as yet unexplored. Our forests are the greatest in the world, and their wealth is inexhaustible. The nations of the earth must in the future come to Canada for many of their needs. It is the duty of our Government to take every care of our natural resources. (Applause). What are we doing with our great resources? Out of 17,000,000 acres fit for wheat, only 6,000,000 are under cultivation. There is no doubt we will always be loyal to our Mother Country, but we should not be afraid to supply her with wheat. Forty-five per cent of our population are engaged in farming. This is a good sign. Our manufacturers are increasing enormously. This is another good sign. Altogether, we have a country that any one might be proud to claim as his native land." (Cheers.)

Col. A. M. Smith.
"Our Manufacturers," was responded to by Col. A. M. Smith, who stated that the mercantile interests are the most important in any country. Governments should realize that mercantile interests are not to be neglected. Commerce has always been the enricher of nations. No Canadian should move to put any clog on the wheels of trade progress with Britain."

Mr. Gilbert Nobbs.
"Our Manufacturers," was responded to by Mr. Gilbert Nobbs, who spoke briefly of the benefits to be derived by the grocers in gathering together. Canadian grocers, he thought, worked more in harmony with their manufacturers than those in other countries. This, he said, was due to their splendid organizations in the country. The Grocers' Association in the United States has become a national association and has 350,000 members all over the country. There are many grocers in this country who believe the division of labor is not correct. If the grocers got together and presented their case at Ottawa they could have it amended. Mr. Hueston read a motion passed by Toronto grocers favoring a provincial organization, and asking the London grocers to aid in forming it. He was pleased to see that the formation of an association had resulted in such a close union of wholesale and retail grocers."

Our Travellers.
"Our Travellers," was responded to by Messrs. Wm. Turnbull, F. E. Tobias and Jos. Boyd.

"Travelling," said Mr. Turnbull, "is an evolution of our own time. All sorts of schemes have been tried to sell goods, but it has always been found that the traveller wins out. London's grocers do not realize the importance of the grocery trade. More than a million and a half dollars' worth of trade is done in London every year. This merchandise is brought from every known land. The formation of associations cannot help being fraught with good results."

Mr. F. E. Tobias spoke in a humorous vein and recited Ella Wheeler Wilcox's poem, "The Commercial Traveller."

Mr. Jos. Boyd spoke briefly.

Mayor Stevely.
"The City of London," to which I have the honor to respond," said Mayor Stevely, "is one which is dear to all of us. The grocers' association is apparently a great success, and I am pleased to tell you that the hard-ware dealers have an association and it is most successful. London's travellers make her known from coast to coast, and her products are to be found in every city in Canada."

In concluding the mayor gave many interesting figures relative to London's growth.

A Popular Member.
"I am pleased to say," said Mr. Ed. Ryan, "that we have practically every retail grocer in the city in our association. It has done much for them. They can talk over business matters with friends, and not as bitter opponents. Before we had the association we used to be constantly at war with each other. This is all changed now. There is little sense in grocers trying to undersell each other. It is no use a merchant giving away all his profits. There is room for all to do a nice business. As a rule, the man who is always giving bargains gets no one in his store but bargain-hunters."

Mr. Ryan paid many compliments to President Shaw and the members of the executive for the work they have done for the association.

Growing Rapidly.
R. J. Donaghy, speaking to the same toast, said he was glad to find that the grocers' association had outgrown its present rooms and had secured larger ones. He believed in knocking down boosting. The association had secured the Wednesday evening closing of stores in the summer and early closing at nights. The association has directed the trade into its proper channels, and done away with much trouble. The London Grocers' Association had been directly responsible for getting Sir William Macdonald to reduce the price of tobacco. Mr. Donaghy strongly favored the formation of a provincial association.

Other Toasts.
"The Ladies" was done ample justice by Mr. Stanley Millman.

"Our Guests" was replied to briefly by Messrs. C. W. McGuire, W. McDougall and Clem Garvey.

During the evening musical selections were rendered by Messrs. Selby and Mullins, Webster, M. McKeough, Percy Spencer, Charles Earle, T. Ranshaw, Clyde Noppe, and others.

The Officers.
The officers in charge of the banquet were:
President—Thomas Shaw.
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Secretary—Cyril Hayes.
Executive—E. S. Linnell, Wm. T. Mullins, James Wilkey, R. A. Ross, H. S. Marshall, P. H. Ranshaw, and R. J. Donaghy.

Those Present.
Those present were: George Armstrong, Ed. C. Powell, Frank A. McCormick, James S. McDougall, Robert Wallace, T. B. Escott, Thomas Shaw, Wm. Turnbull, H. Silbert Nobbs, John Mar, Wm. Goodman, Harry Ranshaw, A. McPherson, J. A. McFarlane, C. W. Summers, C. W. McGuire, A. M. Massey, W. H. McK. Millman, W. C. Falls, Clem Mullins, J. H. Earle, N. R. Howden, F. E. Tobias, C. H. Lee, H. Lewis, A. S. Gormally, J. H. Boyd, W. M. Ripley, Edward Webster, Percy R. Spence, John Diprose, R. H. Cullis, Fitzgibbon, T. McKay, F. W. Paul, J. A. Beechie, Ernest Charlton, Jack Walton, James McKenzie, A. R. Boug, R. Marr, M. A. Young, R. H. Wilkey, E. Linnell, Wm. O'Loughlin, J. M. Duncan, E. M. Insley, H. English, H. Fountain, E. S. English, J. H. Hargreaves, W. T. Mullins, E. J. Ryan, James Dean, C. Maker, J. A. Wilson, D. J. Patterson, T. J. Cohoon.

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with grief, dashed himself to pieces on the jagged cliffs below the castle.

In the long hall of the castle, the ancient parlaments of Scotland used to sit. Here they discussed the affairs of the brave and troubled kingdom, and in this great hall the doom has been passed on many an innocent man.

It was in this long hall that Alexander Leslie, the covenanting general, gave a banquet to Cromwell and his covenanting lords, while about them waved the blue banner of the covenant.

In the courtyard of the castle is "Moun Meg," one of the first cannon built by James IV. in 1497. "The great iron murderer muckle Meg" is the way Cromwell described it in his list. The old cannon is a prominent figure in Scotch history, and it is always spoken of as "her." Cromwell took it with him to England, but it was brought back through the intervention of Sir Walter Scott, escorted with a guard of cavalry, and all the pipers playing her in. Now, with her huge stone cannon balls beside her, she stands on the old grey ramparts, looking out across the new city to the North.

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