

LIGHT ENGINE HIT TWO CARS

A Spectacular Collision on a Curve Just East of Aylmer, Ont.

IMPACT WAS TERRIFIC

Locomotive Running Fifty Miles an Hour Crashes Into a Shunting Freight—Nobody Injured.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Aylmer, Jan. 30.—A spectacular collision took place shortly after 11 o'clock on the Grand Trunk here this morning, about 400 yards east of the station at a dangerous curve. No lives were lost, although some of the men had miraculous escapes. Two freight cars were completely smashed, and a Wabash engine badly damaged.

A Wabash engine, running light, in charge of Conductor Williams, passed the station going at fifty miles an hour. The Grand Trunk freight crew was shunting on the east switch, and one car and a caboose were on the main track.

Conductor Murray was in charge of the crew and was supervising the shunting. It was impossible to get the cars out of the way of the flying locomotive, but the conductor called to his brakeman in time for him to jump and save his life.

The Wabash engine struck the two cars full tilt, scattering debris in every direction. The crew stuck to their posts and came out of the collision unharmed. The cars caught fire and were completely destroyed.

The engineer of the Wabash claimed that the semaphore was not working properly and that it was not set against him.

An investigation is being held into the smashup.



MR. GRIFFITH GRIFFITH, oldest deacon of Talbot Street Baptist Church, who died Monday night.

FIRE ON LIDER

Havana, Jan. 30.—Fire broke out on the Ward Line steamer Morro Castle from New York, which is lying in the harbor here, shortly before sunrise this morning, and caused damage to the extent of \$5,000. The fire started in the intermediate passenger's quarters, which were burned out. Some of the passengers lost their baggage, but no one was injured. The crew eventually extinguished the flames, and the Morro Castle will proceed this afternoon to Vera Cruz.

A GENERAL STRIKE

Sydney, Australia, Jan. 30.—A general strike of all unions has been ordered in Brisbane in support of the street car employees, who demand that they be allowed to wear union buttons. The demand was refused by the board of management of the railways.

DICKENS IS MAN OF THE HOUR

THOUGH DEAD FORTY YEARS

Demand for His Works at the London Library Is On the Increase.

The gentlemen of Dickens were gamblers now and then (and looked upon the ladies; No doubt like other men; And some of them were drunkards; It cannot be denied; But one washed all their sins away When Sidney Carton died.

London book-lovers, according to Public Librarian Carson, are taking a



CHARLES DICKENS.

large amount of interest in the centenary anniversary of the birth of Dickens on Feb. 7.

Normally there are more of Dickens' books in circulation at the London

CHRIST SHOULD BE STANDARD

In Amusements, Says Rev. H. H. Bingham, of Talbot St. Baptist Church.

NOT AGAINST SKATING

But the Minister Says He Is Not in Favor of Carnivals—A Matter of Conscience After All.

"I would not like to say much about it," said Rev. H. H. Bingham, of the Talbot Street Baptist Church, when asked this morning as to his views on carnivals, the matter of the trouble at Exeter, in which Rev. Richard Hobbs is figuring, having been brought to his attention.

"Generally speaking, I think Christ should be the standard in amusements, as well as the more serious affairs of life. Whatever I can do, and at the same time honor my Lord in the doing, is not incompatible with my Christianity. The whole question is largely a matter for one's own conscience.

Against Carnivals.

"Personally, I am against carnivals, although I regard skating as a proper amusement.

"I do not think, however, that people are inclined to go pleasure-mad, nowadays. They make pleasure their pleasure, not performance their pleasure.

"I believe, too, that we should make more of a study of our recreation needs. For instance, an evening in a stony theatre is rather poor recreation for a man or woman who has spent the day indoors in a factory or office.

"On the other hand, a man who works outdoors all day does not need the open-air at night. Whatever form of recreation we indulge in should leave us better fitted to take up our work the next day."

Rev. Mr. Hobbs Well Known.

Rev. Richard Hobbs, at present pastor of the James Street Methodist Church at Exeter, and the central figure in the stormy controversy that is agitating the whole town at the present time, is very well known in London. For several years he was pastor of the Askew Street Methodist Church and has long been one of the leading figures at the London Conference.

WOMAN SEEKS DAMAGES FROM LOCAL PLUMBERS

Claims to Have Been Injured by a Hydrant Key On Dundas Street.

McKillop & Murphy, acting for Elizabeth Bird, of this city, have issued a writ against Benjamin F. Noble and Thomas Rich, of London, for \$500 damages for personal injuries received by the plaintiff, owing to the neglect of the defendants, forming the company of Noble & Rich, in leaving a key in a hydrant on the Dundas street sidewalk opposite Scammet's grocery store on July 22, 1911, with no person to guard it while the street was crowded with people. Meredith & Meredith are acting for the defendants, and the action has been entered for the county court.

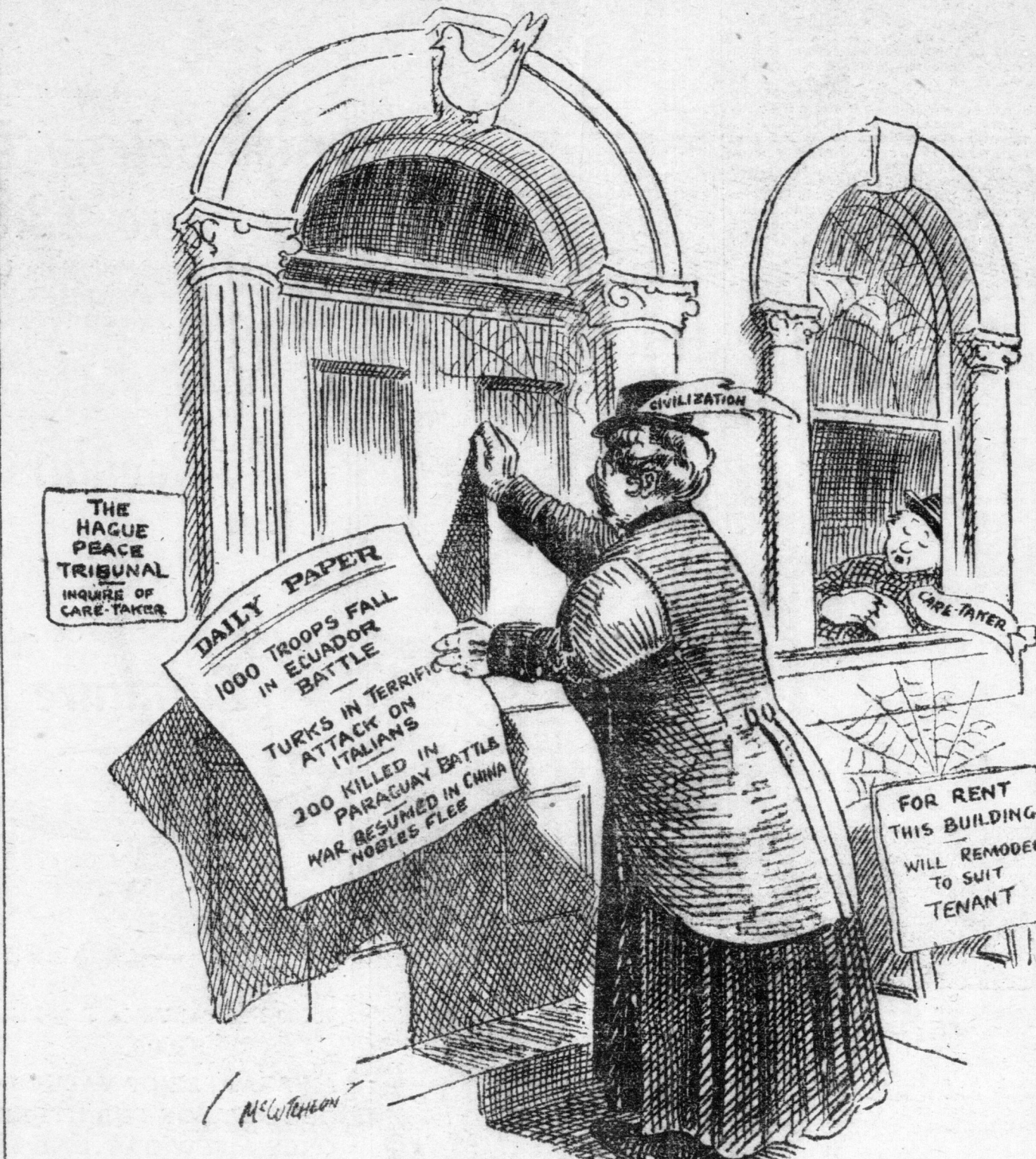
STREET RAILWAY EARNINGS.

Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 30.—The street railway earnings for 1911 amounted to \$454,010, or an increase of \$75,000 over the previous year. The city's share was \$36,320, an increase of 20 per cent over the previous year.

NOTHING DOING

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EMBRO TOBOGGANER SLIPS INTO MILL RACE

Boy Named Hamilton Carried Hundred Feet Under the Ice and Is Drowned.

[Canadian Press.]

Woodstock, Ont., Jan. 30.—Drowning was the cause of a sad death in Embro village last evening. A young son of Andrew Hamilton, a miller, was with his brothers tobogganing down a hill, when he accidentally slipped into the mill race and was carried a hundred feet under the ice.

His father being notified, found the body half an hour later, having to break through the ice to recover it.

A CIVIC LUNCHEON FOR SCOTTISH CURLERS

Reception Committee of City Council Will Tender One to Visitors.

At a special meeting of the reception committee held at noon today it was decided to give a civic luncheon to the Scottish curlers, who will be here on Thursday to meet rink from Western Ontario in the afternoon and the local curlers at night.

They will arrive at 11 o'clock over the C. P. R., and will be met by Mayor Graham and a delegation from the curling clubs. They will be escorted to the Tecumseh House, where the lunch will be served. Only the visitors, members of the council, and a committee from the local curling associations will be present at this function.

In the evening a banquet will be tendered the Scotchmen by the London and Thistle Curling Clubs.

WHITECHURCH FUNERAL.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Whitechurch, Jan. 29.—The funeral of Samuel Thompson, who died very suddenly while attending a revival service here, was held yesterday afternoon and was very largely attended.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—A LITTLE COLDER.

Forecasts.

Toronto, Jan. 30—8 a.m.

Today—Moderate to fresh northerly to westerly winds; light snowfalls today.

Wednesday—Fair, with stationary or a little lower temperature.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock this morning:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
LONDON	32.6	18.5	Snow
Victoria	50	44	Clear
Calgary	48	28	Clear
Winnipeg	40	8	Clear
Port Arthur	22	6	Cloudy
Parry Sound	20	10	Snow
Toronto	32	22	Snow
Ottawa	19	10	Cloudy
Montreal	6	6	Snow
Quebec	10	8	Snow
Father Point	2	8	Cloudy

Minus (—) means below zero.

Weather Notes.

The weather is very mild in Alberta and Southern Saskatchewan, and elsewhere in Canada moderately cold.

Moderate snowfalls are reported over Ontario and Quebec.

CHIEF WILLIAMS IS AGAINST ABOLISHING PRISONER'S DOCK

Head of London Police Not in Sympathy With Move in Hamilton.

[Canadian Press.]

While a scheme to abolish the prisoner's dock in other cities is being discussed in other cities to abandon the prisoner's dock in police courts in accordance with the assumption under British law that a man is not guilty until the crime with which he is charged has been brought home to him, has a certain number of supporters here, it is declared in other quarters that such a plan is not feasible.

Chief of Police Williams contends that the prisoner's dock is in reality merely a seat provided for the defendant, but he is also of the opinion that it is good business in certain cases to have a neat little rail about the party inside.

This prompted the chief to relate an experience of many years ago when toll-gate robberies in the district were of almost nightly occurrence. Finally burglaries were committed here, and the same band was suspected.

The police obtained information as to the identity of the men implicated, and warrants were issued for their arrest.

Wright was then committed for trial, and at the next assize court was sentenced to a term of twelve years.

So while it is admitted that no serious harm could come from allowing the average man the liberty of the courtroom, it is shown that it is well to look after men of more dangerous calibre.

ONE MONTH'S MOURNING FOR THE DUKE OF FIFE

Government House Announces That All Public Functions Are Cancelled.

[Canadian Press.]

Ottawa, Jan. 30.—The following official bulletin on the period of mourning on account of the death of the Duke of Fife was issued at Government House at noon:

"Owing to the death of the Duke of Fife, his excellency the Governor-General, and her royal highness, the Duchess of Connaught, will attend no public functions for one month. The engagement to visit Montreal is therefore cancelled."

SWITCH LEFT OPEN EXPRESS WAS DELAYED

Derail Was Left Open on G. T. R. at Alford Station.

Grand Trunk express No. 3, from Niagara Falls, was delayed an hour at Alford station this morning owing to a derailment.

Another line crosses at Alford and derails are in position there in the usual manner. For some unknown reason the switches on the main line were left open and before the engineer could come to a standstill the locomotive was thrown off the rails.

Another locomotive was sent out as speedily as possible, but the train was over an hour late in reaching this city.

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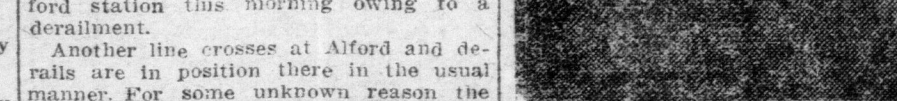


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EXETER AROUSED BY REV. MR. HOBBS

His Remarks About Skating Cause Great Agitation in Town.

TWO FACTIONS FORMED

Pastor Gives His Views on Carnivals and Skating Generally to The Advertiser.

[Staff Correspondence.]

Exeter, Jan. 29.—Because Pastor Hobbs, of James Street Methodist Church, publicly referred to a skating carnival as a "Devil's revival," and stated that attendance at such an affair was incompatible with Christian conduct, there is a threatened recrudescence of the trouble which recently threatened to wreck the peace of the congregation.

Recent Trouble.

Some time ago the church board decided to invite Rev. George Dewey, of London, to fill the pulpit now occupied by Rev. Mr. Hobbs. It is stated that this action was taken because of the belief on the part of some of the members, that Mr. Hobbs' sermons, attacking skating, dancing, tobacco, church union, and other things which he regarded as detrimental to a Christian life, were a trifle too intolerant.

Too Excessive.

Mr. Hobbs took exception to the action of the board on the ground that he had been invited for four years, and had served but three. The situation was further complicated by the understanding of some members of the board that the invitation to Mr. Dewey was conditional upon his exchanging pulpits with Mr. Hobbs for the remainder of his four-year term at Exeter. Others maintained that the invitation was extended unconditionally.

After some wrangling, Mr. Hobbs brought the situation to a head by tendering his resignation, which the president of the board refused to accept. Mr. Hobbs was prevailed upon to renew his charge, and at the last meeting of the board it was decided to leave the matter to the conference. It was thought that this ended the trouble, but it soon broke out with renewed vigor.

Trouble Starts Again.

The pastor's return to his flock was signed by an address which did (Continued on Page Three.)

"NO BEARS TODAY," SAYS THE CHAIRMAN

Head of Water Commission Has Enough Trouble at Present.

The suggestion that a zoo be established in Springbank Park in the effort to add to the attractiveness of that breathing spot has been given an impetus by the advertisement in an exchange inserted by Mr. Frank R. Reed of Coldwater, Mich., offering for sale two fine bears. A citizen of New Ontario also has a bear which he offers for sale to the city at a reasonable figure.

However, Chairman Philip Pocock of the water commission does not take kindly to the idea, declaring that at the present time the commissioners have as much as they can handle.

"I presume that a zoo at Springbank would be an added attraction," he stated. "However, we have our hands full with other problems of much importance, and so we cannot touch that until some time later. It may be a good idea, but we cannot deal with it now. Wait until we get some of the other questions answered."

OPEN THE ALEXANDRA SCHOOL AFTER HOLIDAYS

The New Structure Cannot Be Completed Before the First of March.

The Alexandra school will not be opened, it is stated, until after the Easter holidays. The building can be completed by March 1, but a number of the trustees favor delaying the official opening until after the holidays.

"We can get ready, I fancy, by March 1," said Trustee A. J. Wyckoff, chairman of No. 2 committee. "However, a number of the members are of the opinion that it would be better to delay the opening until after the holidays. The change from their present conditions could be made much more easily then, and the term would not be so much broken."

"I presume there will be some function to mark the opening. Some want Hon. Dr. Pyne to be present, while others have suggested distinguished educationists. This matter has not been gone into yet, but it will be settled in a short time. It is not probable that the building will be thrown open until Easter."

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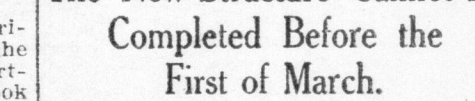


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TRACK ELEVATION IS ONLY METHOD

Subways at G. T. R. Crossings Would Be Too Costly for London.

A. O. GRAYDON'S OPINION

Mayor Graham's Opinion Does Not Meet With Favor in Engineering Circles in This City.

The opinion of Mayor Graham, that subways under the present G. T. R. tracks would solve the question of level crossings more advantageously for the city than track elevation, is not meeting with the approval of engineers in the city, who declare that the price would be absolutely prohibitive, and the results would not be any more beneficial than if the tracks were elevated, as the company desire.

Mr. A. O. Graydon, former city engineer, who has given the problem much attention, declared that the suggestion of the mayor is not feasible, particularly down-town.

In the first instance, the cost of such an undertaking would be very great," he stated to The Advertiser. "This includes not only the actual money expended on the work, but on land damages, which, under the circumstances, would be unusually heavy."

The cost of the subway, with an 18-foot headway in the subway, with a 5 per cent grade. Any person knowing anything about engineering would see at a glance that would bring the approaches on the north side half-way to King street. It would almost be necessary to construct a cross subway at York street to provide for the traffic there. The same would hold good on the south side of the crossing.

"The cost of this subway would be enormous. Then look at the matter of land damages. It would be more than I could estimate offhand, but any layman looking at the question quietly and calmly would see that they would be extremely high."

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AGAINST IDEA OF IMMIGRATION OFFICE

Major McGillivray Gives His Views of Proposal of the Real Estate.

Many Men Are Wanted

Three Hundred Will Reach Canada for the Salvation Army the Last of February.

Major McGillivray, of the Salvation Army immigration department does not favor making London a distributing centre for immigrants from England and other countries of Europe, as advocated by the Real Estate Owners' Association. The advantage to the agricultural community he regards as doubtful. He admires the enterprise and public spirit of the Real Estate men in asking for an immigration office here, he is of the opinion that there would be disadvantages as well as advantages resulting from making a city of London's size and importance a distributing centre for sundry and all immigrants.

Formerly the Salvation Army made a practice of distributing men from various island points, but as an example, all the men would be sent here on their arrival in Canada, and their baggage would be checked to this city.

The disadvantage.

When they arrived they would be sent out from here to their prospective destinations, and their baggage and belongings would be rechecked as they forwarded. Here is where the disadvantage came in. The majority of these immigrants would have very little money. In any case, somebody had to pay their board and lodging in the city before they were sent again to their employers. But many of them while stopping over in the city would persuade them to remain in the city.

With their luggage waiting here it was quite convenient for them to accept positions at what appeared to them satisfactory wages. As a result the farmers were disappointed in getting men in winter when work was slack the immigrant came around and asked the Salvation Army for a new job.

Now all the men brought over by the Army have their luggage checked by the Immigration Department at the railway station nearest to their destination, and they themselves are sent on as far as possible without stopping over either in Montreal, Toronto, or London.

Already 250 applications for farm help have been received at the local Salvation Army immigration office. It was the intention of Major McGillivray to have visited England in February and personally bring out 300 men. Now he has learned that he cannot avoid a trip to the British Isles in March, and will meet the 300 men at Portland, Me., on their arrival the 30th of February. He will sail for England in March, and will bring out a second lot of men.

THE MACFARLAND TRIAL.

Newark, N. J., Jan. 30.—Court officers turned away a curious crowd which sought admission to the court room where Allison M. MacFarland was again on trial today for the murder of his wife. The state charges that MacFarland placed a canister of poison in a bottle from which Mrs. MacFarland had been in the habit of taking a headache remedy. The announcement by Prosecutor Mott that he expected to show that MacFarland and his alleged affinity, Florence E. Bradfield, Philadelphia, were guilty of immoral acts, and that the defendant took his wife's life that he might marry his former stenographer, served to develop much interest in the case, but under orders of Chief Justice Gunmore, only a few persons were admitted to the trial room.

MacFarland came into court today and chatted animatedly with his counsel during the more unimportant moments in the taking of testimony.