

PLANS WERE CAREFULLY LAID FOR ATTACK ON MR. PUGSLEY

Still Another Telling Exposure by St. John Telegraph of the Disgraceful Attempt To Ruin the Minister of Public Works.

St. John, N. B., Oct. 15.—As further confirmation of the plot to ruin the minister of public works if he would not buy the Mayes dredge at an enormous price, the following letter of Hon. C. J. Osmond, ex-Speaker of the New Brunswick Legislature, and one of the most prominent men in the province, is of intense interest. The Telegraph tomorrow will publish the following letter from him:

"Albert Manufacturing Co., Hillsborough, N. B., Oct. 14, 1908.

"To the Editor of the Daily Telegraph, St. John, N. B.:

"Dear Sir,—I notice in your issue of today that my name is mentioned as one to whom Mr. Mayes spoke regarding his dredging troubles. Therefore, perhaps, you will permit me to confirm the minister's statement that I had been approached by Mr. Mayes, and further to state that on Tuesday of last week I met Mr. Mayes (with

whom I have been acquainted a number of years) on King street, and after an exchange of civilities he poured into my ear the whole story of his dredging trouble, explaining his association with Mr. McAvity in the dredging contract, and producing also an agreement between Mr. McAvity and himself, under which Mr. McAvity was to have some share in the contract, and under which he stated that he had already paid to Mr. McAvity upwards of \$30,000. He also stated that he had paid certain moneys to Hon. William Pugsley (I think) mentioned the sum of \$2,500, leading me to suppose that this payment to the minister was in order to secure his influence in Mr. Mayes's favor in connection with dredging matters.

"I asked him if he could not get more dredging to do if he so desired, and he replied that he did not wish

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Labor Workers Held a Big Meeting For the Purposes of Organization

Friends of Mr. J. A. McCandless Rally to His Support Last Night

An organization meeting of the London Labor party was held in Musicians' Hall, 428 Richmond street, last night, and a number of names added to the various committees.

The meeting was attended by fully 50 workers, and the evening was given over to arranging committees and posting the new ward workers on their duties.

Mr. J. W. McCandless, the Labor candidate; Mr. Joseph Marks, and Mr. J. D. Jacobs were among those present.

In answer to a number of questions from ward workers, Mr. McCandless explained that the present campaign would be almost entirely an educational one.

Circulars issued.

The Labor party will rely chiefly on campaign circulars and cards containing the platform of the Labor party. The circulars read as follows:

"INDEPENDENT LABOR PARTY."

"Dear Sir,—Your co-operation and assistance are required in the present electoral campaign to elect J. W. McCandless, the candidate of the Independent Labor Party, to represent the wage-earners of London in the Dominion Parliament. cordially invite you to call at our headquarters, Musicians' Hall, No. 428 Richmond street, and get in touch with our committees and the campaign.

"We want volunteer workers.

"Every man can do a little for the cause. We desire to place this invitation into the hands of every wage-earner in the city. Will you kindly accept it? We really do want you with us. Come up and feel that this is your battle, and accord us your advice and support. Yours truly,

"JOS. T. MARKS.

"Secretary, Election Committee.

"N. B.—Every male, 18 years of age or over, union or non-union, no matter what his calling may be, is eligible to membership in our party, to hold office, or to run, if selected, as its candidate.

Mr. McCandless and Messrs. Marks and Jacobs made short addresses to the committee, and urged that every effort be put forth to make the campaign a successful one.

The speakers expressed themselves as most confident of the outcome, and urged unanimity in the party.

No date was set for a public meeting, and it was not decided whether or not to hold one.

Seven Killed by a Premature Blast

Fort Collins, Col., Oct. 15.—Seven men are dead, and twenty-three others injured, some fatally, as the result of a premature explosion at the Ingleside Line quarry, 18 miles from here, this afternoon.

All the injured were removed to the hospital at Fort Collins on a special train.

The blast went off in the face of 40 men. Many of them were hurled 200 feet. The explosion was heard for miles around. Ranchers and their wives for miles around rushed to the scene and gave succor to the injured.

A Mother's and Children's Close Call

What might have been a very serious accident occurred last night at the home of Mr. Mahlon D. Yorke, 63 High street, South London.

Mrs. Yorke was engaged in putting down some preserves, and her three little children were playing in the kitchen with her.

In their play the children got under the table, and one of them jumped up suddenly, with the result that the oil lamp and a number of sealers of preserves were thrown to the floor.

The lamp exploded, but fortunately several sealers of preserves were broken by falling on the floor, and the burning oil was partly quenched.

Some of the articles in the room caught fire from the blazing oil, but were speedily extinguished before any great harm was done. The children were uninjured, but received a bad scare.

Spine Injured by Fall on a Walk

Willie, the 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hallam, of 570 St. James street, is in Victoria Hospital in a very serious condition, as a result of being thrown down on a cement sidewalk a few days ago while playing with some boys.

It appears that the little fellow was

thrown heavily to the sidewalk, and fell in such a manner as to injure his spine.

He is at present suffering the most intense pain, and it is feared that complications may result which will cause his death. Dr. L. S. Holmes is attending the patient.

Run Over by Locomotive—Unhurt

Toronto, Oct. 16.—"I am tired of life, and that's why I did it." This was the explanation of William Laidlaw, a young Scotchman, 30 years of age, when he was picked up near Don on the C. T. R. tracks this morning. Laidlaw has been out of employment, and deliberately threw himself in front of a shunting engine in charge of Engineer Walter C. Farrance, as it was speeding along. Yardmen on the running-board, when they saw Laidlaw, had the engine stopped, supposing the man had been run over while asleep on the rails. The engine passed over Laidlaw, but he was not injured in any way. His clothing, however, was torn off. He was removed to Wilton avenue police station and charged with attempting suicide.

Former Mayor of Ingersoll Injured

Mr. M. Buchanan, formerly mayor of Ingersoll had his hip fractured in a serious accident which happened at Windsor last night.

Mr. Buchanan was standing waiting for a car and when it drew up he went to get on. Before he could do so, however, some person drove by at a furious rate, and the buggy struck him and knocked him down. He was picked up and it was found

that his hip had been fractured. Mr. Buchanan was brought to this city this morning and was taken to Ingersoll in the baggage car of express No. 3 this morning. He suffered very great pain, but was deeply grateful to the local railroadmen who made him as comfortable as possible in the baggage-room at the Grand Trunk station while he was waiting for the train.

MORE ROORBACKS FROM THE ENEMY

Another Bunch of Fake Stories and Misrepresentations About To Be Issued.

Ottawa, Oct. 15.—The Opposition's plan of campaign by means of affidavits, fake stories and misrepresentations of all kinds, which has developed rapidly this week, will culminate next week in the issuing of more campaign roorbacks similar to the Mayes affidavit and the charges in connection with the National Transcontinental Railway issued yesterday. These two were exploded so promptly and effectively that further Opposition "bombshells" are being held back till the last moment, in the hope that time will not be given before polling to refute the slanders. Information to this effect has leaked out of the Tory camp, and some sample roorbacks intended for exploitation next week are now known in advance by the Liberal organizers.

The attack on the National Transcontinental will be continued next week by the issuing of a poster by Charles J. Smith, of the firm of Smith & Frenible, contractors, Winnipeg. The poster is covered with photographs, cartoons, affidavits, etc., assailing the Laurier Government as a "scab government," and appealing for the support of the Labor vote on the ground that the workmen on the National Transcontinental are inadequately paid and their interests not protected by the labor department. Mr. Smith has sent out a circular letter to Conservative candidates and others, in which he warns them that he does not want the posters "distributed until Monday, 19th inst., except in lumber or railway camps, where they can be posted or distributed on Friday and Saturday, the 16th or 17th inst., as I anticipate they will cause a furore among the workmen of the country, and if made public too soon will give the Grits a chance to counteract the effect by some misrepresentation, which has always characterized their methods. We only need the Labor vote to win."

CONDUCTOR CLARKE MET TERRIBLE DEATH

Foot Caught and Car Wheels of His Train Pass Over Him.

Hanover, Oct. 15.—Chas. P. Clarke, conductor of a mail train, met a terrible death this afternoon. While switching the mail train off the main track to make way for the rebound express he slipped in between the cars to uncouple them. In some way his foot caught and the car wheels passed over him, mangle him in a fearful manner. He leaves a wife, but no children. His parents live in London. His father and brother are also railway men. He lived about ten minutes, but was unconscious.

Conductor Clarke is a son of Engineer Charles Clarke, of 588 Oxford street, and had lived in West Toronto for some time. During the summer he was employed on construction work near Walkerton and had temporary headquarters in Hanover.

AFFECTING SCENE AT G. T. R. DEPOT

Mr. A. Mascari, Ill With Consumption Leaves for Italy.

An affecting scene took place at the Grand Trunk station this morning when Mr. A. Mascari, who has been in business in this city for some time, left for his home in Calabria, Southern Italy.

Mr. Mascari while in Canada contracted tuberculosis, and had not enough money with which to return. The Italians of London took up a subscription for him and obtained \$240, and this was further augmented by aid from a concert given in his honor from which he received \$150 more.

This morning a large number of his friends gathered at the station to bid Mr. and Mrs. Mascari farewell, and wish them a successful journey.

Mr. and Mrs. Mascari sail from New York on Saturday on the steamer Abruzzi.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FINE AND WARM.

FORECASTS.

Toronto, Oct. 16—8 a.m. Fresh to strong south winds; fine and warm today and on Saturday.

TEMPERATURES.

Today. Yesterday.

5 a.m. Min. Max. 5 a.m. Min. Max.

London	47	51	81		
Calgary	34	36	42		
Winnipeg	46	48	58		
Port Arthur	46	48	54		
Perry Sound	56	48	70		
Toronto	52	46	76		
Ottawa	48	42	72		
Montreal	48	42	72		
Quebec	48	44	72		
Father Point	50	44	74		
Dawson	22	36	62		
Atlin	47	51	81		
Vancouver	44	52	64		
Kamloops	34	36	42		
Battleford	36	38	44		
Qu'Appelle	34	36	42		
St. John	48	56	64		
Halifax	40	44	64		

WEATHER NOTES.

The pressure is lowest this morning in the Western States, and highest over the Middle and Atlantic States.

The weather has been cool in the Western Provinces, attended by rain or sleet.

Elsewhere in Canada the weather continues fine and warm.

APPIN THIEVES LEFT IN HURRY AFTER BLOWING OPEN SAFE

Left the Village in a Rig and Have Not Since Been Heard Of—Several People Heard Them Driving Madly Out of the Place.

High Constable Hughes has returned from Appin, where he went yesterday to investigate the robbery of Rosser's general store there on Thursday night.

Mr. Hughes found in the store near where the safe was blown open a coil of fuse ten feet long, indicating that the thieves left in a hurry after completing their work.

In order to deaden the sound of the explosion which occurred at midnight they covered the ruined safe with valuable rugs and a bear skin coat. The coat had a history, for several months ago it was stolen and later recovered by the high constable. When the nitroglycerin used to open the safe was exploded the coat was almost destroyed, a large hole being blown through one side of it.

Robbers Drove Away.

It has been learned that the cracksmen drove into Appin late on the night of the robbery, and that they drove rapidly away in a northerly direction after committing the robbery.

A number of Appin residents heard the explosion, but did not investigate the matter, although they heard the robbers driving madly out of town immediately afterward.

A peculiar feature about the explosion was that while the door of the safe was blown to atoms the papers contained in the safe were not injured in the least.

The constables are working on the case, but they have little or no ground upon which to work.

BENNETTS ARE BRANCHING OUT WILL ADD TWO NEW THEATRES

New York Theatre Builder in the City Conferring in Regard to Houses in Saginaw and Bay City—Others in Contemplation.

The Bennett Theatrical Enterprises Company will probably add several new theatres to their present large circuit.

This afternoon a conference was held in the company's headquarters between the directors and Mr. S. S. Horn, representing the firm of E. C. Horn, theatre builder, of New York City. It is the intention of the company to build new theatres in Saginaw and Bay City, Mich.

The company has also the franchise in Toledo, Ohio, and in Grand Rapids, Mich.

With these four theatres added to the present circuit, composed of London, Hamilton, Montreal, Ottawa, and Quebec, the Bennett Theatrical Enterprises will be one of the largest of its kind in America.

Those present at the conference were Major Beattie, T. H. Smallman, J. C. Duffield, John Pringle and C. W. Bennett, the general manager.

As Usual a Woman Was in Case Young Man Fined \$10 for Assault

Committed Upon Another Young Fellow, Who Said Things About Him.

George Mordin, a young man from East London, was fined \$10 and \$20 costs by Magistrate Love this morning for assaulting and wounding Albert H. Craig, another young man.

The assault occurred on Dundas street last night and was caused by some remark Craig is alleged to have made to a young lady about Mordin. According to Craig's story he was set upon by a gang of young fellows and badly beaten. Magistrate Love denounced the assault by the gang as a most cowardly one and said such rudeness must be stopped at once.

Too Much Fire Water.

Ernest Orr, a young man who had never been in court before, was arrested last night at his wife's request as he came home drunk and started in to smash all the furniture. Mrs. Orr was granted a separation order at her request and agrees to support herself as long as she does not have to live with her husband.

Fined \$5.

F. C. Harding, the young man who was found guilty last week of exceeding the speed limit, with his motor bicycle, was fined \$5.

One bicycle rider paid \$1 for riding on the sidewalk. Several first-timers were allowed to go.

London Nurse Gave Up Her Life In Effort To Save New York Doctor

Pathetic Story in Connection With Death of Miss R. J. Evans, of King Street.

A dispatch from New York says: "While Dr. Wm. T. Bull, the eminent cancer specialist, lay ill and growing weaker in his home at 35 West Thirty-fifth street, last night, from the same dread disease, word was received that Miss Rebecca Evans, who had suffered nervous breakdown, as the result of nursing him during his present illness, was dead in London, Ont. The melancholy coincidence deeply affected members of the eminent surgeon's household.

"For the last thirteen years Miss Evans had been secretary and office nurse for Dr. Bull. She was taken ill several weeks ago, and went to her home in London, where she was prosecuted by the news that Dr. Bull had grown worse.

A Loyal Nurse.

"Dr. Bull was operated on five months ago for a growth in his throat, which proved to be a cancer. Both his wife and Miss Evans were indefatigable in their attentions to him, and it was in a very large measure due to hard work that Miss Evans' health broke down.

"Miss Evans was born in Ontario 40 years ago. She entered St. Luke's Hospital Training School for Nurses in 1893, and was graduated two years later.

"Since that time she had been with Dr. Bull, and when he became ill she took care of him until her strength failed.

A Londoner.

The Miss Evans referred to above was a daughter of Mr. John Evans, of 487 King street, and died on Wednesday last at her father's home. She was a sister of Mr. Thomas Evans, passenger and freight agent for the Michigan Central in this city.

New Station and Siding at Hyde Park Grand Trunk To Make Improvements

Officials Left Today To Make Necessary Arrangements.

Superintendent Gillen, accompanied by Roadmaster Ferguson, and Mr. George Mitchell, arrived in the city last night and left this morning for Hyde Park, where they selected a site for a new station and made arrangements for the building of a new siding.

Traffic on the Huron and Bruce has been very heavy of late and the need of more room to accommodate the cars has been felt for some time. The new station, it is understood, will be built at once, and will be a

neat building of the type that the Grand Trunk have been putting up at a number of places.

Superintendent Gillen was present at the inquest into the death of Fred Ryan last night.

To The Advertiser he stated that although Mr. Brownlee's appointment to a position on the Grand Trunk Pacific had been officially denied from Montreal he (Mr. Gillen) would not deny it. He could not state just when Mr. Brownlee would leave for the West.

In regard to local conditions Mr. Gillen stated that traffic has never been better than at the present time on all the branch lines running into London. The company have had a very busy month so far and the prospects are for a continued rush of traffic for some time.

FOREST FIRES IN MICHIGAN TAKE TERRIBLE TOLL OF LIFE

A Relief Train, Crowded With Refugees From the Town of Metz, Derailed in Midst of Flames and at Least a Score Have Perished.

Detroit, Oct. 16.—A dispatch to the Journal from Millersburg, about 20 miles north of Metz, states that seventeen people were burned to death with the Metz relief train, and that fifteen skeletons have been found in the burned wreck of the gondola car, which made up part of the relief train. The dispatch says that the train ran into a burned-out culvert, which was the cause of its derailment.

Among those who perished are Mrs. Cicero and her three children; Engineer John Kinville, of Alpena, and another member of the train crew escaped with their lives by creeping along the track on their hands and knees. They were terribly burned, however. It is reported from there that Kinville is blind from his burns, and will die. The other man will live.

Caught By the Fires.

The reports received here say that after the relief train had been loaded with people and goods at Metz it started north, but was unable to get farther than Hawkes. Then the train was headed south for Alpena. At Nowia Station the fire had burned through a number of railroad ties, weakening the track, and it is reported that the rails spread, derailing the relief train, which was then destroyed by fire. It is not positively known what became of the people reported to be on the train, but what information has filtered in here says that they are believed to have

Women and Children Burned.

Detroit, Oct. 16.—Reports to both the Detroit News and the Detroit Journal from Alpena state that it is definitely known that fourteen persons were burned to death in the relief train from Metz. These were principally women and children, who were cooped up in box cars, the only ones available when the train was hurried out of Metz. It is reported from Alpena that sixteen coffins were sent north on the train which left early this morning. Reports of greater loss of life than fourteen are current at Alpena, but it is impossible as yet definitely to confirm them.

Detroit, Oct. 16.—A report which reached this city at 9:15 says it is reported at East Tawas that the loss of life by the burning of the Metz relief train may reach 200.

LAWYERS ARE WELL BEHAVED AT LEAST IT LOOKS THAT WAY

Interesting Report Issued of City and County Police Cases—Some Facts and Figures Gleaned From the Records of the Past Year.

the most frequent minor offenders with which the local and county police have to deal is evidenced by the annual report of the county jail just issued. Gardeners, grocers, millwrights and lawyers were the best behaved people during the year ending Sept. 30, each occupation having but one offender each.

The Figures.

The report contains many interesting items, some of which are given below:

Number of prisoners committed during the year ending Sept. 30, 1908, 704; 667 males, 37 females.

Number committed under 16 years of age, 6.

First time offenders, 354 males, 17 females.

Second time offenders, 84 males, 3 females.

Third time offenders, 56 males, 3 females.

More than three time offenders, 169 males, 15 females.

Insane prisoners, 11.

Debtors, 1.

Acquitted on trial, 169 males, 14 females.

Discharged without trial, 92 males, 6 females.

Number sentenced, 384 males, 17 females.

Central Prison prisoners, 77.

Mercer Reformatory prisoners, 7 females.

Short Term Offenders.

Under 30 days, 239 males, 5 females.

Thirty days and over up to 60 days, 28 males, 1 female.

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Inquest Failed to Fix the Blame For the Death of Fireman F. Ryan

Verdict Brought in That Evidence Was So Contradictory Nothing Was Established.

The inquest into the cause of the death of the late Fireman Fred C. Ryan was concluded before Coroner MacLaren last night, the jury returning the following verdict:

"That Frederick Ryan came to his death at Victoria Hospital, London, on Oct. 9, from injuries received on the Grand Trunk on Oct. 8, by two engines colliding.

"Owing to the evidence being of a contradictory character, we are unable to fix the blame for the fatality."

The Evidence.

Switchman Morley Blackwell was first called, and stated the duties of a switchman in the yards. He had not seen the accident, and could throw no light on how it occurred.

Yard Foreman Boucher testified that the engineer on the freight engine should have been able to see the yard.

engine. To a jurymen witness said the yard engine should have stopped to let the freight pass, if the switch were turned against it. No one saw the switch turned.

The Switch.

Frank Casson, a yardman, stated that when he saw the switch after the accident, it was set for Walker's main line. The freight engine passed the yard engine between Colborne and Burwell streets.

Locomotive Foreman Hay stated that a yard engineer's duty was to observe carefully all switches, and see that they were properly set before he goes over them. To Mr. Gordon witness stated that there was no need of Fireman Ryan going out on the running board to light the front lamp. Had Fireman Ryan been in his place, he could have seen the freight engine coming up the main line, and it was his duty to inform the engineer, who, if he were in his place in the cab, could not see it.

The evidence of Engineer McCabe of the yard engine, Engineer Burrell of the freight engine and Dr. F. P. Drake was taken at the first session.

A Million Dollar Fire at Chicago

Chicago, Oct. 16.—The International Salt Docks, the Calumet elevator, the offices of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway, and two steamships were destroyed early today in one of the most spectacular fires Chicago has had in many a year.

The loss, it is estimated, will reach \$1,250,000.

Starting in one of the salt docks the fire spread rapidly until it covered an area of nearly five acres and sent up a volume of fire that could be seen all over South Chicago.

TO KEEP BUILDINGS.

London, Oct. 16.—It is announced that the buildings of the Franco-British Exhibition will be utilized in 1909 for a great international and colonial exhibition.