

CENTER WALL FIRST TO GIVE WAY, SAY CONTRACTORS AT REID WRECK INQUEST

Inquiry Into Collapse of the Crystal Hall Continued at the Courthouse Last Night—Many Witnesses Called, and Important Evidence Brought Out.

The inquest into the death of Willie Tambling, one of the victims of the Reid disaster, was continued last night at the court house before Coroner MacLaren. A large number of citizens were present to listen to proceedings.

All those with claims were represented by their lawyers, and a large array of legal talent was on hand. Conspicuous among them was Mr. Jos. Kerwin, the Grand Rapids lawyer, who looked after the interests of Mr. Peter Smierles. Several witnesses were examined, by Crown Attorney McKillop.

The evidence given was most important. The first witness was Architect Murray, who showed the plans of the improvements to be made in the building, and explained them. His plans were followed out by the contractors with one exception. The windows on the ground floor were not directly under the windows on the first floor as the plans called for. The ground floor windows were five feet across, while the upper windows were six feet. The plans called for them to be directly above the ground floor windows, giving a six-inch wall on each side.

Mr. Hammett, at the solicitation of the late Mr. Hamilton, who desired more light for the back of the store, did not follow the plans, but placed the ground floor windows, flush with the upper ones on the south side, leaving a strip of wall twelve inches wide on the north side instead of six inches on each side. This left the proper space between the windows, as it merely shifted the distances. Mr. Hammett said that it did not weaken the east wall in the least.

Swore Center Wall Gave Away First. The crown endeavored to find which part of the building gave way first, the east wall or the center wall. Mr. Hammett and his men all swore that the center gave way first, and that the east wall fell last. Other witnesses also swore to that fact. Testimony was also adduced to establish the fact, if possible, that W. J. Reid overloaded the building while the repairs were being made.

Both Architect Murray and Contractor Hammett were of the opinion that the alterations made did not affect the strength of the building in any way. The iron posts were imbedded in cement, and the building was just as secure as formerly. All swore that the center wall was in bad condition, and the wall was easily taken down. Those in the building at the time of the wreck did not see the pillars settle at all.

The inquest was adjourned until this evening. Contrary to expectation there is a probability that the inquiry will be concluded tonight, and that a verdict will be rendered.

Architect Murray. Mr. William Murray, the architect, who prepared the plans, was the first witness. The plans were prepared by the instructions of Mr. Peter Smierles. His first plans were somewhat altered, but the amended plans were accepted.

No Labor Day Parade in London

There will be no Labor Day parade of the trades unionists of London this year.

This has been decided upon by the laborers, who feel that in the past too much energy has been wasted on the parade—something which did not amount to a great deal in the long run.

Instead of having a parade, the labor people will bend their energies toward the putting on of a first-class programme before the stands in Queen's Park.

Arrangements will be made to have plenty of good music. There will also be a number of fine vaudeville acts and perhaps one or two circus thrillers.

Next Wednesday night the trades council will meet, when arrangements will be furthered for the big celebration, which will take place the first Monday in September.

UNION MEN ARE FIRM, BUT SAY, THEY'RE READY TO MEET BOSSES

Barbers' Strike Continues—Men Brought Here and Put to Work.

The barbers' strike is still on, with no immediate settlement in sight. The men had several meetings yesterday, and discussed the situation. Plans of campaign were made, and as the bosses refused to come to the union meeting to talk the matter over, the men are now prepared for a long campaign. Organizer Halford, Hamilton, who has been with the union since the trouble started, is still in the city and will remain here until the matter is settled.

Will Meet Bosses. The men resent the imputation that they are not willing to meet the bosses. They have a committee appointed that will meet the bosses at any time. The men claim that they are on the best of terms with the employers and will continue to be friendly. They claim they are merely asking what is their due, and will insist on securing it. There has not been a man quit the ranks yet.

Strike-Breakers Here. The situation was complicated somewhat this morning, when three or four strike-breakers started to work in a

Falling Off in Birth Rate in London

The vital statistics for the month of July show 90 births, 47 marriages, and 60 deaths. For the same month last year there were 98 births, 59 marriages and 44 deaths. The total for the seven months of the year shows 490 births, 289 marriages and 368 deaths.

A remarkable feature in connection with the deaths in July is the large number of old people who have passed away. Out of 70 to 90 years of age, 20 were over 70 years old, five were over 80 and under 90. Only one passed 90.

Contagious diseases were the cause of 26 deaths during the seven months of this year. Consumption still con-

tinues to be Canada's worst foe, no less than 29 falling prey to the white plague during that time. There were only three cases of typhoid fever, and all three proved fatal. Two died from whooping cough. Twenty-nine cases of diphtheria were reported, with one death. There were twenty cases of scarlet fever, with one death, during the seven months.

The birth rate for July was high, but was hardly as high as during the same month last year. Statistics show that about one child in twenty born in London is illegitimate.

The July brides were not so numerous as the June brides. Forty-seven couples were united in the bonds of wedlock, a falling off of twelve, compared with July of last year.



WM. J. KENNEDY, Horton Street Man Who Was Badly Injured by Street Car Today.

CARLING WELL IS NOW CUT OFF

Tasted Too Much Like River Water for People of East End.

East end citizens are not favorably impressed with the water from the Carling well, in fact they have registered strong complaints about it. The water is sulphurous in taste, and owing to the presence of air in it, it turns milky, like river water filtered. It is much softer than the Springbank water, and many do not like it on that account.

There are no complaints from any other quarter of the city. The water is pumped into the mains at the east end in Dundas street, and does not make its way through the pipes to any other part of the city. They are getting the Springbank water and are, therefore, well satisfied.

"There have been complaints," said Engineer Moore, when questioned about it this morning. "The water is much softer than what they have been accustomed to, and many do not like it on that account. It tastes of sulphur when drawn from the taps, although it cannot be detected at the spring. The water is very good, nevertheless. However, in view of the complaints and also of the fact that there is plenty of water at Springbank just now, the water commissioners will cut off the Carling well. The reservoirs are full, and there seems to be plenty of water in sight."

THROUGH FREIGHT HITS WAY TRAIN

Grand Trunk Fireman Injured in Disastrous Crash Near Milverton.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Stratford, Ont., July 31.—A serious freight collision occurred at Milverton this morning on the Grand Trunk, in which Fireman Fisher, of Fergus, was seriously injured and eight cars badly smashed. A through freight crashed into a way train, which was standing at the station, throwing the cars from the track and demolishing the engine of the former. The crew jumped when the smash came, and in doing so Fireman Fisher was injured.

EXPLOSION OF ENGINE WRECKS TWO TRAINS

Four Persons Killed in Accident on the Illinois Central.

Memphis, Tenn., July 31.—A dispatch from Milan, Tenn., says:

Four persons were killed outright, another was fatally injured, and ten others seriously hurt at a late hour last night, when the boiler of an engine attached to a fast Illinois Central freight train, northbound, exploded, near here, wrecking the train, as well as another freight train standing on an adjacent siding.

The dead: Engineer Maloney, Chicago; Robert Henderson, fireman, Jackson, Tenn.; two tramps.

Fatally injured—A. B. Lynch, trainman, Jackson, Tenn.

The train was running at a high rate of speed, when the explosion occurred. Both trains caught fire and were destroyed.

ATCHISON SELLS BONDS. New York, July 31.—The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company has sold to J. P. Morgan & Co. the portion of the \$25,000,000 5 per cent bonds, recently issued, which were not taken by the stockholders.

Action for \$15,000 Against Mr. Reid

Matters in connection with the wreck of Reid's Crystal Hall on the afternoon of Tuesday, July 16, are beginning to grow very interesting, the second action for damages having been instituted today.

Acting on behalf of Mrs. Lillian M. Smith, of 31 Askin street, widow of the late Clarence Franklin Smith, better known as Frank Smith, manager of Brewster's store, who was killed in the accident, Mr. J. F. Faulds, barrister, of this city, today issued a writ for \$15,000 against W. J. Reid & Co., proprietors of the Crystal Hall, which it is alleged collapsed and caused the wreck of the Brewster store, killing Mr. Smith.

Mrs. Smith, who is left with one child, seeks compensation for the death of her husband, who was her only support.

More Writs Coming. It was stated today that several more writs will be served before the week is ended, but it was not stated against whom the writs would be issued.

The first notice of action served was on the city of London, by Miss Boyd, of Wortley road, South London, who claims damages for injuries sustained through the wall of the Crystal Hall falling upon her as she was walking along the south side of Dundas street.

It is said that many important witnesses will be examined tonight, and it is hoped to close the inquest with these witnesses.

However, it will create no surprise if there is another adjournment.

William J. Kennedy Struck by Street Car While Going to Work

Injuries May Be Fatal—Was Unconscious in Victoria Hospital for Hours.

Mr. William Kennedy, a laborer, of 502 Horton street, was struck by a trolley car at the crossing of Waterloo and Dundas streets about 8 o'clock this morning, and received injuries which may prove to be of a very serious nature.

Mr. Kennedy was riding on an east-bound Dundas street car and when it reached the west side of the Waterloo street crossing, he jumped off.

Without waiting for the car to stop he ran straight across the north track in front of a rapidly-moving west-bound belt line car, with Motorman Gould holding the controller.

When about half way between the rails of the north track Mr. Kennedy evidently saw the car coming and jumped forward to get clear of it.

Moved Too Late. He moved too late, however, and before he could get clear the car struck him and threw him forward onto the pavement.

Kennedy struck the road head first and was rendered unconscious by the blow which he received.

Dr. Piper, whose office is opposite the point where the accident occurred, was summoned and had the man removed to Victoria Hospital in the ambulance.

Badly Injured. There it was found that he had sustained several severe cuts, bruises and

scratches about the head and face, his nose being almost cut off, also a badly smashed ankle.

Mr. Kennedy remained in a comatose condition from the time of the accident until this afternoon, when he regained consciousness. His condition is very serious.

Six Months in London. Six months ago Mr. Kennedy came to Canada from Belfast to make his fortune in the new world. He came to this city, took up his residence along with his brother, at 502 Horton street, and commenced work as a bricklayers' laborer. By hard saving he put away enough money to pay for bringing his wife out from the old country, and a short time ago sent a ticket to bring her over. She may be on the ocean now.

Many Misfortunes. William Kennedy has experienced many misfortunes. He served in South Africa with the Sixty-second Battery from Woolwich, England, and while at the front he was wounded several times.

On one occasion he was shot through the temples, and the bullet penetrated his brain, yet he survived, without suffering any bad effects.

His recovery from such an injury was remarkable. At the battle of Bloemfontein he was severely wounded by being shot in several parts of the body, but he pulled through these injuries with no evil effects.

On account of having been wounded in the brain during the war Mr. Kennedy's condition is now looked upon as very serious.

ANOTHER U. S. TRAINING SHIP TO BE UTILIZED ON GREAT LAKES

Ottawa, July 31.—The United States Government has made another application for a training ship on the great lakes. Some time ago an application was made and granted for a United States cruiser to go through the Canadian canals, to be utilized as a training ship on Lake Erie. This time the application is made for one on Lake Ontario. While the United States has formally made the application to the Dominion, it is really from the State of New York, and made on behalf of the naval militia, with headquarters at Rochester. It is understood that the application will be granted. There are no guns on these training ships. Whatever guns are required for the naval officers and cadets will be kept ashore. The granting of the application is regarded as a neighborly act, and in no way interferes with the arrangement as to cruisers on the great lakes which exists.

Benefit Concert in the Victoria Park

Another big band concert in aid of the sufferers of the Crystal Hall disaster will be held in Victoria Park on Thursday evening.

Bandmaster Dawson, of the Citizens' Band, has kindly volunteered to have his musicians play free of charge, and all who have had the pleasure of hearing the band play in the past will realize that a treat

is in store for those who attend the park on Thursday evening.

More funds are urgently needed. A meeting of the relief committee was held yesterday afternoon, at which it was reported that personal investigation had shown that many of the sufferers are in dire need, and it is hoped that the citizens will turn out tomorrow night and place bumper subscriptions on the plates.

Up to date about \$900 has been realized. In order to meet the pressing needs of the sufferers, the sum should be increased to not less than \$1,500.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—MOSTLY FAIR. FORECASTS. Toronto, July 31—3 a.m. Today and Thursday—Moderate south-west and west winds; a few scattered thunder showers, but mostly fair and moderately warm.

TEMPERATURES. Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather. Calgary..... 52 50 Clear. Winnipeg..... 60 52 Fair. Port Arthur..... 58 52 Clear. Parry Sound..... 54 54 Fair. Toronto..... 66 64 Fair. Ottawa..... 70 60 Fair. Montreal..... 66 60 Fair. Quebec..... 70 56 Cloudy. Father Point..... 53 48 Cloudy.

The first column records the temperature at 3 o'clock this morning, and the second column records the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours previous.

WEATHER NOTES. The weather is cool and showery in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, and fine in other parts of the Dominion. Great heat continues in British Columbia.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES. Toronto, July 30—8 a.m.—The weather today has been cool and unsettled, with local showers from the Ottawa Valley to the Maritime Provinces, and fine in other parts of the Dominion. The temperature continues very high in British Columbia and moderately high in the Western Provinces.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: London, 55-73; Dawson, 50-78; Atlin, 42-74; Port Simpson, 46-72; Vancouver, 56-85; Kamloops, 64-88; Calgary, 48-80; Edmonton, 50-78; Regina, 46-73; Winnipeg, 54-76; Parry Sound, 40-74; Toronto, 54-76; Ottawa, 58-76; Montreal, 48-72; Quebec, 68-82; St. John, 54-72; Halifax, 54-66.

FIVE PEOPLE INJURED IN BAD RUNAWAY AT FUNERAL

Team Attached to Cab Frightened by a Dog—Vehicle Was Completely Smashed—Occupants Had Wild Ride.

A serious accident occurred at 3:30 yesterday afternoon when the team of horses attached to a hack belonging to a local liveryman, ran away while returning from Mount Pleasant Cemetery, at the conclusion of a funeral service at the grave.

Just after leaving the grounds a dog caused the horses to become frightened. They dashed off down the road at a wild gallop, but no harm probably would have resulted had not the tongue of the cab come out of the neckyoke.

This happened at the bottom of the second hill from the cemetery, when one of the wheels went into a deep hole, jerking the cab and causing the tongue to drop.

Crashed Into Pole. The team then became unmanageable and the cab swung to one side crashing into a telegraph pole.

The horses broke away from the vehicle unhurt, dragging Driver Chas. McLeod with them, a considerable distance, when he was thrown about fifteen feet to one side, receiving serious injuries to his face and legs; but no bones were broken.

Had McLeod not been dragged from his seat he would, in all likelihood, have been killed, as the driver's seat was completely smashed by the impact when the collision with the telegraph pole occurred.

Five People in the Cab. Five people were in the cab at the time of the runaway, all being badly shaken up, and some seriously hurt.

Badly Injured. Mr. Wm. Jones, of Dawn, had two ribs in his left side fractured, and his left collarbone is broken. He is also badly shaken up, but the doctors believe he will recover.

Mrs. Geo. E. Carruthers, of 311 Horton street, is in a more serious condition. Her right hand is badly smashed, while her back is injured, though it is not known how seriously. She also sustained a bad sprain of her right shoulder, and is suffering a great deal of pain today.

Mr. Carruthers sustained injuries to his left hand. It is feared that at least one finger will have to be amputated.

The two other occupants were not so seriously hurt. Mr. Jones, from near Chatham, is badly bruised about the arms, while Mrs. G. Kelly, of Lambeth, escaped with a bad shaking up and a few bruises.

RUN OVER BY WAGON PLAYING IN STREET

While playing in the street in front of his home about noon today, Frank Hopper, the little 5-year-old son of Mr. William Hopper of the corner of Talbot street and Queen's avenue, was run down by a dray wagon and sustained painful injuries. The little lad was playing with some other children in the roadway, and ran in front of a dray, which threw him to the pavement and one of the wheels, of which passed over his head and neck. He was badly bruised. Dr. J. D. Wilson was called and had the child removed to his home where he is progressing favorably.

A RUNAWAY FREIGHT

Four Men Killed in an Accident on the Missouri Pacific.

Atchison, Kas., July 31.—Missouri Pacific freight train No. 164 ran away down Shannon Hill here this morning, and struck the rear end of No. 154, also a freight, standing on the track. Four persons were killed, and two injured. F. D. Scott, fireman on No. 164; Fred Butzirus, Hastings, Neb.; Ralph Moody, Omaha, and an unknown man were killed.

A BOY HERO. Portland, Ore., July 31.—Eleven-year-old Richard Conley made his way into a burning house last night, and rescued a babe of a few months, after Mrs. Thomas Ryan, the mother of the infant, was fatally burned and her 3-year-old boy burned to death.

Young Woman Goes Suddenly Insane While Riding on a G. T. R. Train

Was Coming From Toronto to Visit Her Sister in Maitland Street North.

Miss Alderson, of Toronto, sister of Mrs. Davis, of Maitland street north, suddenly went insane Monday night, while riding on a Grand Trunk train from Toronto to London.

She is now a patient at the home of her sister, and her condition gives her physicians and relatives the greatest cause for alarm, for she shows no sign of improvement.

Miss Alderson left her home in Toronto on Monday without informing her relatives here of what she was doing, and apparently intended to surprise her sister by dropping in upon her unexpectedly.

On the train she is said to have manifested peculiar symptoms, but her fellow-passengers took no notice of her.

She was later removed to the home of her sister on Maitland street north, where she is now kept under close surveillance.

Dr. Cowan stated this morning that the case is a baffling one to physicians. Up till the time she took the ride on the train to London, Miss Alderson's mind was in a sound condition. Her relatives and acquaintances declare that she never saw her act peculiarly, and she was of a very quiet, self-contained disposition.

"We are unable to say what caused her to go suddenly insane," Dr. Cowan said. "It's a most peculiar case."

One explanation is that the heat of the coaches and the excitement of the ride played so much on the young lady's nerves that her mind became unbalanced.

C. P. R. President Uncommunicative

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, accompanied by General Manager Leonard, Superintendent Osborne, Division Superintendent Smith, and a party of friends, passed through the city yesterday afternoon on a tour of inspection. A special train of four coaches with Sir Thomas's private car "Killarney" was used for the party.

The president was interviewed by an Advertiser reporter when he reached the city, but he had little to say.

"What about the new roundhouse?" was asked.

"I don't know anything about that," he replied. "It's all news to me. I have not considered the matter at all."

"Have you no new lines of road under contemplation through Western Ontario?"

No New Lines. "Not that I have heard of. I am on a tour of inspection over the system and really have nothing to say that would be of interest to your readers."

The party have been over the entire Canadian Pacific system. They went through the west where the road is making heroic efforts to keep abreast with the tremendous development out there. He found everything in first-class condition, and the road itself highly satisfactory. Conditions locally were satisfactory.

The party were in the city a few minutes and went to Detroit and Chicago.