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Sunday's Gale Reached a Velocity of Between 90 and 100 Miles an Hour

LORD MINTO IS DEAD—ACCIDENTS IN TORONTO—EASTERN STATES STORM-BOUND—EVIDENCE OF BENTON'S MURDER

LORD MINTO IS DEAD AT HOME IN SCOTLAND

Former Governor-General of Canada and Viceroy of India Passed Away Early Sunday Morning—Had Noted Career as Soldier and Diplomat.

LONDON, March 1.—Lord Minto, former governor-general of Canada and viceroy of India, who had been seriously ill at his country home, Minto House, Hawick, Roxburghshire, Scotland, for several weeks, passed away at 4 a.m. today. He was 69 years of age.

His Career.—Gilbert John Murray Kynynmond Elliot, fourth Earl of Minto, was born in 1845 and received his schooling at Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge. While at college he was ardent in following and participating in sports, and through his entire life sport of the right sort gave him pleasure, and he gave it his support. It is said of him that he wrote his graduation examinations dressed in a riding costume, covered with his academic gown, and that as soon as his paper was completed he leaped into the saddle and arrived at a race track just in time to enter and win the university steeplechase. The Minto Lacrosse Cup, now held by New Westminster, B.C., was donated by him during his term of office in Canada.

But the Earl of Minto's mind turned toward more than sport and constant pleasure. His painstaking and unselfish public service in almost every part of the British Empire proves that. In 1870 he served with the Scots Guards, after being three years ensign there.

He followed the Carlist uprising in Spain as a war correspondent, and in 1877 served with the Turkish army, and was present at the famous crossing of the Danube. His penitence and unselfishness in the Afghan campaign, and in 1881 served as his private secretary in South Africa. In 1884 he was appointed in the Egyptian campaign.

Became Governor-General.

Even in Canada he had to do with fighting, for when he came as military secretary to the then governor-general, Lord Lansdowne, he was made chief of the staff under General Middleton in the Northwest Rebellion in 1885. The expedition gained during this stay in the Dominion was put to use when, in 1898, at the age of 53, he became Governor-General of Canada. He remained in such position until 1904. His interest in and efforts to aid Canada and bring her to a high place among the nations never flagged, and his confidence in her future never wavered. Like the late Lord Strathcona, he strove constantly to bring people in other lands to a realization of Canadian possibilities. At one time he said: "I predict a great future for the western continent. It is a land of incalculable riches. Northwest Canada offers some of the greatest opportunities in the world." And this was said at a time when the Dominion's future was by no means as rosy as at

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Smith of the Smiths



DR. RALPH KENDRICK SMITH of Boston, president of the Smith Family Organization of America, who is now in Toronto. See page 7.

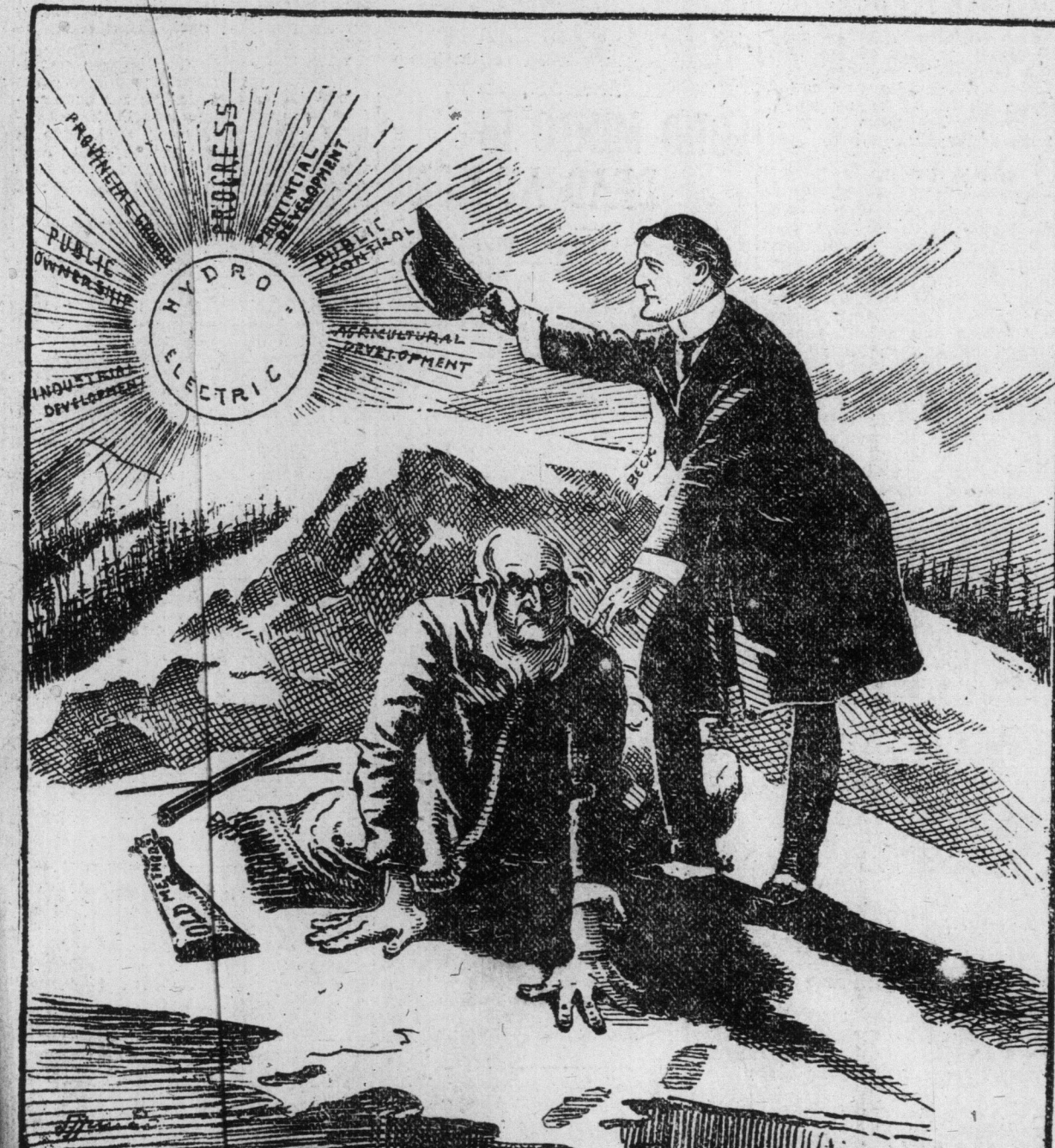
CANAL BOARD IS TO BE ENLARGED

Two Members Will Probably Represent Ontario on the Georgian Waterway Commission.

OTTAWA, March 1.—(Special.)—A good deal of dissatisfaction has been expressed by Ontario members over the composition of the Montreal and Georgian Bay canal commission. A few days ago it was announced that the commissioners would be Senator Evans of Winnipeg and Geo. Gobler and F. S. Meighen of Montreal. The canal will for the most part run thru Ontario, and Ontario members consider that there should be at least one Ontario representative on the commission. It is probable, therefore, that the commission will be increased from three to five.

Representatives of western municipalities which are opposed to the canal on the ground that it will divert traffic from Western Ontario ports will be here early this week to lay their case before the government. Until they have heard it is unlikely that the commission will be formally appointed by the cabinet.

THE AWAKENING



EASTERN STATES ARE CUT OFF BY STORM

Three People Killed in New York. Where Wires Are Down and All Trains Delayed—Conditions the Worst in Years, and Tie-Up Will Last a Week.

NEW YORK, March 1.—A northeast storm sweeping to the northwest which brought first rain, then snow, raged over New York and vicinity today, cutting the city almost completely off from telegraph and telephone communication. Reports showed its effects to be widespread. Three deaths due to the storm occurred here, two of them occurring together when a roof over a sidewalk collapsed under the weight of wet snow, crushing a man and a boy. Another man, blinded by snow, was killed by a train. Several persons were overcome by exposure and a number were injured in street accidents.

Trains for the most part left their terminals on time, but with wires down they were lost track of quickly. Concerning incoming trains, nothing could be learned except as they arrived late on all lines. Wet snow snapped telegraph and telephone wires, and with a gale blowing seventy-two miles an hour at times many poles toppled over. On some lines the poles fell across railroad tracks, blocking traffic.

As reports began to come in later tonight, it was learned the blockade of train traffic on some of the railroad lines were even more serious than had been thought earlier. The westbound Twentieth Century Limited for Chicago was reported halted by fallen poles across the New York Central tracks north of Ossining. Other trains on the line were stalled at various points along the Hudson River from the same cause.

Worst in Years.—At local offices of telegraph companies it was said that conditions were the worst in years. The Western Union's fifty wires to Chicago and most of the 151 wires to Philadelphia were down. Communication in the early evening hours was possible only as far as Syracuse to the north and Chicago to the south. The case of the wires was working normally thru Boston, but in other directions the

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WORST WIND STORM IN MANY YEARS CAUSED HEAVY DAMAGE IN TORONTO BY WRECKING SIGNS, WINDOWS, ROOFS

Thousands of Dollars' Damage Done, Especially in Downtown District, Where Plate Glass Windows and Expensive Signs Were Wrecked.

A gale exceeding in its velocity that which caused such great disaster on the upper lakes last November, swept Toronto and the surrounding district last night. The wind, which at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, was blowing at the rate of 41 miles per hour, had attained a velocity of 60 miles by 8 o'clock. Reports from the weather bureau stated that at 9 o'clock it had reached a velocity of between 80 and 90 miles, while at 10 o'clock, the maximum speed of practically 100 miles per hour was registered. According to the weather bureau, the gale was the worst experienced in Toronto in many years. Thousands of dollars' damage has been done.

Windows were broken, signs blown down, large pieces of tin, slate and other kinds of roofing were torn from their fastenings and hurled forcibly to the streets, menacing the lives of pedestrians at every turn. On every street in the city, especially in the business section, to be seen signs of the havoc caused by the heavy wind. Tree branches of all sizes were scattered about the streets of the residential part of the city.

Signs Blown Down.—An overturned chimney on the Brunswick Apartments crashed thru the roof of an adjoining house at 800 Brunswick avenue, narrowly missing a sleeping child in the bedroom below. The fire department was called out to reinforce the Empire Hotel electric sign, which the wind had partially torn from its fastenings, and left dangling dangerously over the street.

The plate glass window in the Y.M.C.A. Cafeteria, on Yonge street, was smashed by the electric sign belonging to D. G. Davidson, ladies' wear merchant. The sign is a very large one, and was erected about 20 feet above the ground. At 3 o'clock it was found to have been partly torn from its fastenings, and was reinforced, but an hour later the whole structure was again swung loose and crashed thru the window. Late last night it was still swaying about in the gale. The police had instructed the sidewalk in the immediate vicinity be boarded off as a protection to pedestrians.

Narrow Escape.—A man on Yonge street had a narrow escape from serious injury at 11 o'clock last evening, when a large piece of tin, blown from the roof of the Canadian office of a Commerce building, struck the sidewalk less than two feet away from him. Pedestrians on the street were startled by the crash of a large pane of glass blown from one of the top stories of the Confederation Life building, Richmond and Yonge streets. The sheet of glass struck Richmond street and the middle of the roadway and splintered glass struck pedestrians on each side of the street.

A large sign on Griffin's theatre, Yonge and Spadina streets, was blown to shreds. A steamship sign, under course of construction opposite William street, was torn from its supports, and late last evening swayed dangerously out across the sidewalk with every gust of wind. Lipton's huge electric tea sign, 250 feet tall, was blown loose at 11 o'clock, and it will cost hundreds of dollars to repair its damage. The Dominion Bowling Company's sign was blown loose at 9 o'clock, smashing the glass and damaging the metal cornice on the building.

Plate Glass Smashed.—Dozens of plate glass windows were blown in by the terrific pressure of the wind. Some of those noticed were: Wm. Davies Co., corner College and Spadina; Carlick's Cafe, Richmond and Bay streets; William Bryce's of 100 Queen; MacDougal's, and Queen; T. Edon Co.; C. W. Sheridan Queen and St. James; Summers' See's Co., 97 East King street; Pease Furnace, 113 East King; and Stoffany Tire Co., 124 East King.

In the ward shingles from old houses were blown all over the streets. A World reporter walking along Agnes street was startled by a green shanty, carrying across the street. The shanty brought up with a crash against a brick wall on the sign of a Perches on top of a Jewish haberdashery sign on Teraraul street, rested a black derby hat, blown from the head of some passing pedestrian.

Globes Broken.—The hydro-electric globes, especially on the clusters, suffered greatly in the storm, and several times during the

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THEATRE PARTIES PLANNED FOR TONIGHT BY REV. JOHN COBURN AND ASSOCIATES

Rev. John Coburn and the Committee of Forty are figuring on spending a very busy evening tonight. It is their intention to visit every theatre in Toronto, and a large number of it, moving picture houses, in order to see if all the shows produced for the amusement of the theatrical public are fit for others to see. It is understood that two members of the committee will be in every theatre in Toronto when the curtains go up shortly after 8 o'clock tonight.

BENTON, 'UNARMED,' WAS SHOT IN OFFICE OF GENERAL VILLA

Washington Has Received Conclusive Information That Rancher Was Not Formally Executed—Gen. Carranza Refuses to Supply Information as to Nature of Tragedy.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 1.—William S. Benton, the British subject slain at Juarez, was unarmed and was shot to death in Villa's office, pistol bullets to the stomach ending his life, according to conclusive information which has reached Washington officials. While no statement to this effect was forthcoming today, slackening of official interest in the proposed post mortem on Benton's body was evident the belief being that the examination would be useful only in that it might serve to supplement the evidence of timid witnesses, who possibly would withdraw otherwise their oral statements.

Benton carried no arms when he approached Villa's office in Juarez, according to information; he spent two hours waiting for his interview that ended in his death, walking back and forth in front of the office building; he was shot thru the stomach after he entered the office and received other wounds afterward, although the first was mortal.

CARRANZA WAS OBSTINATE.—NOGALES, Sonora, Mex., Feb. 29.—Gen. Carranza declined today to furnish information to the state department at Washington regarding the killing at Juarez of the British subject William S. Benton. At the same time

he gave assurances to Secretary Bryan that he would investigate the disappearance near Juarez of Gustav Baugh, an American citizen. This strongly defined stand came after three days of negotiations between the American secretary of state and the constitutionalist commander-in-chief, thru Frederick Simpich, American consul at Nogales, and Ysidro Fabiel, acting secretary of foreign relations in Carranza's provisional cabinet.

Broke Long Silence.—Until this afternoon Gen. Carranza had remained silent, regarding his stand on the request of Secretary Bryan, made three days ago, for information on the death of Benton. Another message arrived today from Secretary Bryan in which he requested immediate information about the disappearance of Baugh. Carranza's replies were made to both queries at the same time and in the form of documents translated into English.

The stand was taken by the revolutionary leader that the death of Benton, a British subject, should be taken up thru diplomatic channels of his country. The fact that England has recognized the Huerta central government was mentioned in the document, but occasioned much speculation among those familiar with the situation. Carranza, in his reference to the Benton case, pointedly remarked that Secretary Bryan's original message has been the first official mention of the matter brought to his attention as directing head of the revolution.

Could Not Get His Wife's Body.—Thomas Hamilton and Undertaker Refused Information at General Hospital After Mrs. Hamilton's Death.

Taken to the Toronto General Hospital on Friday, suffering from blood poisoning, Mrs. Theresa Hamilton, wife of Thomas Hamilton of 5 Stetler street, died on Saturday morning. Her husband tried all day Saturday and yesterday to get the body, as did also T. E. Washington, undertaker, but neither could get any satisfaction from the hospital. The body was removed to the morgue, where an autopsy will be conducted this morning.

Mrs. Hamilton was a patient of Dr. Rowan, who was unable to attend her when she became seriously ill on Thursday, and Dr. East was sent in. He at once ordered her removal to the General Hospital. She became worse after her arrival there and gradually sank until she died on Saturday morning. Mr. Hamilton was notified, and was nearly prostrated last night as a result of the unsuccessful efforts of both the undertaker and himself to either get possession of his wife's body or to find what was being done with it.

Information concerning Mrs. Hamilton's case or what caused her death could be obtained from the hospital by the World yesterday. Repeated enquiries were given the same answer, that no one knew anything about her. When the police drivers arrived at the hospital to take the body to the morgue no one seemed to know that anyone had died, and it was not until the caretaker was found that the body was located. The authorities at the morgue did not know anything about the case.

It is probable that Mr. Hamilton will bring the case to the attention of the authorities.

Tom Terriss in Dickens' Plays.—Another noted English actor, Mr. Tom Terriss, begins a week's engagement tonight at the Princess Theatre, when he will present "A Christmas Carol" and "A Cricket on the Hearth," two delightful short plays.

ENTIRE FAMILY OVERCOME BY GAS FUMES

Break in Furnace Pipe Nearly Caused Fatality—Motor Car Burned—H. A. Smith Struck by Car—Pedestrian Fell Unconscious—Foreigner Charged With Wounding.

Coal gas fumes almost asphyxiated a family of six at 45 Macdonnell avenue Sunday morning. A child of eight years arose at 2.30 to get a drink of water, and passing thru the dining room, the house found her mother, Mary Guise-Bagley, lying unconscious on the floor. An alarm was raised, and it was found that four persons, in the house were affected by the fumes. George McFarland, a visitor, was also unconscious in his room.

The police at No. 6 were telephoned, but when the constable arrived, Dr. Hart, 179 Dowling avenue, had resuscitated both the victims and attended the other inmates affected. Investigation of the furnace showed that the gas had made its escape from a break in the pipe.

Fire caused by the overheating of the radiator completely destroyed a motor car belonging to Joseph Waller, 417 Roncesvalles avenue, in his garage at 4.35 Sunday afternoon. Mr. Waller was filling the car with gasoline when a mass of flame broke out all over the car. He was barely able to escape from the garage with his life. The damage is about \$1500.

Struck by Car.—While crossing Queen street, near the corner of Jameson avenue, at 8.45 last evening, H. A. Smith, 603 Markham street, was struck by a west-bound King car and knocked to the pavement. He was conveyed to the Western Hospital in Bates & Dodds' ambulance, where it was found that he had received a bad scalp wound, a cut over the right eye and severe injuries to his left leg.

Smith was holding his hat on while walking in the face of the terrific windstorm, and this prevented him seeing or feeling the car's approach.

Found Unconscious.—William Carke, a middle-aged man, 60 Gwynne avenue, was found unconscious with a deep cut on the back of his head, at the corner of Gwynne avenue and Queen street at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon. He was taken into No. 8 police station, where he received medical attention. He was able to go home later.

Charged With Wounding.—Charged with wounding Mike Moyle, of 13 Drummond place, Dmytry Hysko, of 7 Drummond place, was arrested last evening on an indictment from St. Michael's Hospital with half a dozen wounds in his head, inflicted, it is said, by a stove lighter in the hands of Hysko.

The wounding was the culmination of a christening held at 7 Drummond place last evening, which was attended by about a score of Austrians. Moyle, at St. Michael's, stated last evening that after the dancing Hysko called him names, which he resented; Hysko then seized a stove lighter and struck him several times on the head. Several others of the inmates were arrested on charges of being disorderly.

Inquest Today.—An inquest will be held in the Central Prison Monday, on the body of Lynd, a prisoner, who died in that institution on Saturday afternoon.

Swallowed Iodine.—Annie Andrite, a domestic, 71 Huron street, was found unconscious on Agnes street Saturday evening, suffering from iodine poisoning. She was conveyed to the General Hospital in the police ambulance. The theory is that the girl, suffering from toothache, had swallowed some of the iodine which she used to dull the pain.

Woman Was Injured.—An unknown elderly woman, who resides at 88 Bathurst street, was struck by a street car at the corner of Agnes and Teraraul streets at 5.30 Saturday afternoon, and carried into No. 2 station very badly shaken up. There, after receiving first aid attention from the ambulance drivers, she rapidly recovered and was soon able to leave for her home.

Horse Ran Away.—Commencing opposite 34 Defoe street, one of the delivery horses belonging to Haines Grocery, 592 West Queen street, made a wild dash extending over half a dozen blocks Saturday evening. In its route it knocked over a cyclist, badly damaging the bicycle, and in a collision with a Campbell Dairy motor truck smashed the delivery rig and stove in the radiator of the large truck.

According to the police, the horse was first frightened by a piece of paper blowing along the roadway. Along Defoe to Shaw, the horse dashed, and from Shaw to Queen street. On Queen street it turned east, and a short distance collided with the motor truck. Before it was finally brought to a halt by Officer 222, it had knocked the road, but he arose, apparently uninjured. Beyond a slight cut on the leg, the animal was unharmed.

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