

TRANSPORTATION DIFFICULTIES OVERCOME

Little Baptiste Describes an Explosion of Dynamite in Early Days of Railroad Construction and What He Did When One of His Friends Was Killed.

By Edward J. Moore.

"It was shore an awful cr-rack," said Little Baptiste, rather gaily, "I must be confessed, describing the explosion."

"An," continuing, as if revelling in the mental picture he was recalling, "she blew the two 'em into—was you boys call 'em—amphermaree? We foam 'ole's pants stuck on tree 'cross da lak an' part 'Paddy's arm on da cookhouse roof. Beeg Yim, she jost wen' up da air an' come down dead."

Accidents were very frequent in the early days of work on the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific, Canada's newest transcontinental, particularly in the rocky section in the Baitry River District of Ontario. The navvies employed were either exceedingly ignorant of the properties of dynamite or else, thru familiarity, treated it with little of the respect most of us hold for such a powerful agent.

The incident, an actual one by the way, introduced above, is typical of many of these accidents and yet presented developments well worth recalling for a variety of reasons. The explosion occurred prematurely, killing three men, two Swedes and an Irishman, outright.

The government regulations in such accidents, it seems, required that the bodies of the victims be taken before the nearest coroner for purposes of examination. In this case, however, circumstances prevented the transportation of more than one of the victims. This was decided, after some consultation, that Little Baptiste Meras, the French-Canadian man-of-all-work about the camp, should be the messenger.

The accident occurred about 9 a. m., but by the time a spare horse and vehicle had been secured, it was mid-afternoon. In the meantime, a rough wooden box had been knicked together and all that remained of Big Jim's good legs and the wooden board he stood six feet four and weighed two hundred and fifty—was dumped without ceremony into the make-shift casket and placed on the snow outside the camp.

About four o'clock, when Baptiste appeared with the horse, the broken broncho hitched to one of those peculiar vehicles known in French Canada as "saugs" the box and its gruesome contents were picked up by half a dozen pairs of stalwart arms, slid into the bottom of the sleigh, and the peculiar funeral cortège started off thru the snow for Kenora and the coroner.

For the first half of the journey matters progressed uneventfully. Baptiste was not much of a driver. He had been in the lumber woods as a boy but knew more about river-driving than horses. Still the broncho behaved very fairly, and, happy and anticipating the unaccustomed pleasure of an evening in town, Baptiste was quite contented. He had to fling his arms about to keep warm, but at that season the temperature dropped with the sun. It had been well below zero all day.

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as an accomplice of Ortle E. McManigal, another confessed dynamite; Olav A. Tveitmoe, secretary of the California Building Trades Council; Eugene A. Canevy, San Francisco; and J. S. Munsey, Salt Lake City, Utah. The three last named are charged with promoting the Los Angeles explosion.

They men are not charged under the federal laws with personally causing any explosion. They are charged with conspiracy to violate federal laws and with aiding in an illegal transportation of dynamite and nitro-glycerine on passenger trains.

After stating the substance of the various offences charged and mentioning the nation-wide strike of the ironworkers' union, which the government charged, was the motive for the 100 explosions on the work of contractors who refused to recognize the union, Judge Anderson, in his instructions, said:

"It was not unlawful for the structural ironworkers to organize a union to which they belong. It is not unlawful for the defendants to be members of that or any other labor organization. It is their right to use their combined power thru such organizations to advance their interests in any lawful way, but they have no right to use this power in violation of the law. Organized labor is not on trial here, nor is the right of labor to organize, but members of labor organizations owe the same obedience to the law, and are liable to the same punishment for its violation, as persons who are not members of such organizations.

Only One Issue. "The defendants are not on trial for causing the various explosions, and the consequent loss of life and property throughout the United States, shown by the evidence. They are on trial for the crime charged in the indictment, namely, the illegal transportation of explosives. Circumstances surrounding them were permitted to be introduced before you because they tend to show the community of purpose, the concert of mind and action, which is an essential ingredient of the offences charged, and they should be considered by you upon that issue alone."

of this plan. He had no knowledge of how far back Big Jim's corpse lay. It might be a mile or one a dozen feet. Surely the spirits of the dead man had been outraged enough now without hissing backing the pump and horse over him.

Baptiste was in a quandary. For a minute or two he thought while his teeth began to chatter. Then he seized a leaded tin of dynamite. He had the broncho, in spite of violent protestations from the animal, "thirty five feet further to a point where a big jack-pine jutted out close to the road, and there tied the beast securely. Then, with many misgivings but with a creditable spirit of do-it-or-leave-it, he walked around in the deep snow to the back of the pump and started off down the back trail with his eyes glued intently on the road.

At ordinary times Baptiste would go thru the bush at midnight, singing. This time, however, he hadn't the spirit for any such cheer-producing procedure. Once a rabbit jumped across suddenly in front of him, and with a gulp of fear he jumped back and crossed himself. A little further on a tree branch at the roadside snapped, and Baptiste put his hand to his forehead for his abashed look. Once he stopped to call for help. In an instant his shout rebounded from his hand and came back in an ungodly, earthy echo, which scared him even worse.

It was a little lighter when he came to the edge of the woods, and he was able to make better progress. Still, so far as he could see, there was no sign of the lost cargo. A couple of hundred yards further on, however, he found the box. He went back a quarter of a mile further, then retraced his steps, the semi-darkness making it impossible to be sure of anything. Suddenly he jumped back with his heart in his mouth. There on one side, Big Jim's body lay in his own tracks, his hands above his head. The body itself had sunk out of sight.

It was no small task for the little Frenchman, try as was, to get the body back on the road. And once there, what was he to do with it? Well, let him tell a little of the story himself, as he told it that night to the engineers.

"He lie dere in da road wit' hees eyes look' up in me. I couldn't leave him 'trest ce me. I would member hees eyes all me life. Try to put hem on ma back to draw hem, but da snow too sof, hees head sink in. What I do? Vite, I think shee's froze stiff, I can turn hem over, an'—with descriptive gestures—"me I got hem to be puny. Was ever a more peculiar method of human transportation invented? Over an ever time after time, Baptiste turned the body over. Each time he up-ended him, and with the perspiration running from his forehead in the frigid atmosphere of the winter night.

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ROWELL IN FIGHT FOR LOCAL OPTION

Speaking at Ayr, He Says He Favors Measure as Step Toward Province-Wide Bar Abolition.

Ayr, Dec. 26.—(Special).—"Some may believe in the abolition of the bar by means of local option who do not believe in a province-wide measure. Others may believe in the latter and not in the former. I respect the opinions of both these classes of men, but personally I believe in curtailing the evils of the liquor traffic both by a province-wide measure and by local option, and therefore I am glad to assist in promoting the passage of the local option bylaw."

Task of Social Reform.

This was one of the statements made here tonight by N. W. Rowell, K.C., M.L.A., during the course of a speech delivered at the unanimous request of the local option committee.

"The time has come," continued Mr. Rowell, "when the people of this province, with intelligent conviction and full heartfelt enthusiasm, should devote themselves to the great task of social reform, and towards improving the social and industrial conditions under which the mass of men live and labor. By almost unanimous consent the licensed bar is one of the greatest barriers in the way of genuine social reform. It is a social and economic waste, it impairs the industrial efficiency of the worker. It increases the cost of production to the manufacturer, owing to the irregularity of work. It diminishes the business of the legitimate merchant. It is one of the sources of our slum conditions and

one of the most prolific causes of social deterioration. It is the enemy of the home, the wife and the family, and a handicap to thousands of young men just starting in life; to many it is their utter undoing."

Hot Campaign in Gait.

GALT, Dec. 26.—(Special).—The local option campaign is becoming hotter and hotter. One of the most interesting features is a newspaper campaign-at-arms between H. K. Cockin, conducting a repeal assault, and Jas. C. Cavers, secretary of the defence forces. Feeling is being stirred up more and more. It is said the repealers admit that they can't possibly poll more than a 50 per cent. vote when three-fifths is required, but yet they mean a fight to the last.

Inventor's Terrible Death.

GALT, Dec. 26.—(Special).—Charles, small village five miles from Freetown, and about 18 miles from Galt, was the scene of a fatality yesterday afternoon. Frank Riley was instantly killed in a barn by the bursting of a home-made explosive he had patented.

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TARRYTOWN, N.Y., Dec. 26.—(Can. Press).—"Save your pennies," was the advice given by John D. Rockefeller today to a number of school teachers to whom he gave a sleigh ride about his estate. The young school teachers were so impressed with what they saw that one of them said as they alighted from the sleigh:

"Just think, Mr. Rockefeller, you have this large estate with three houses to live in, while we must content ourselves with a small room in a flat."

"To which the oil magnate's laconic response was: "Save your pennies."