

FLYER PLUNGES
INTO THE RIVERThe Pennsylvania's Famous
18-Hour Train Wrecked.

DROPS DOWN 60 FOOT BANK

Three Score of Passengers Injured,
Amongst Them Several Prom-
inent Theatrical Men.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 22.—The Pennsylvania special, the Pennsylvania Railroad's fast train between New York and Chicago, was wrecked a few minutes after midnight today while rounding a sharp curve at Black Diamond, Pa., about seven miles east of Johnstown.

The train was westbound and was running 35 minutes late, when the accident occurred. At 6 o'clock this morning it was known that between 30 and 40 persons were injured, many seriously, and about 12 passengers were killed. They are believed to have been buried under the wreckage. There were many prominent persons on the train. Among them were the following, who were seriously injured:

Frederick A. Busse, postmaster of Chicago, fatally injured, taken to a hospital at Altoona, Pa.
Samuel F. Nixon, of Nixon & Zimmerman, theatrical proprietors, fractured skull, taken to Altoona, Pa.
Felix Isman, theatrical proprietor, Philadelphia, seriously injured and in Altoona hospital.
M. A. Singer, manager La Salle Theater, Chicago, seriously injured.
J. Wood Wilson, Marion, Ind., seriously injured.
George S. Wood, Chicago, manager Colonial Theater, seriously injured.
Lightner Henderson, Chicago, of the firm of Purdy & Henderson, civil engineers.
J. J. Kern, Chicago, ex-state attorney, seriously injured.
George P. Mellon, Chicago, serious.
Willard Samuel, Elgin, Ill.
F. H. Hubbard, New York.
C. W. Wigger, Chicago.
Fox Marshall, Chicago.
S. L. Brown, San Francisco.
John Kline, Chicago.
W. O'Donnell, New York.

Going at High Speed.

About 25 of the injured passengers were brought to this city on the first section of the St. Louis express, No. 21, which arrived here at 5:30 o'clock. Ambulances from the Allegheny general hospital met the train at the union station and a majority of the seriously injured were taken to that institution.

Plunged Into River.

The train was running about 50 miles an hour and was 35 minutes late. When rounding a sharp curve at Black Diamond the whole train swayed. The engine and smoking car remained on the tracks, but the Pullman coaches left the rails and plunged over a 60-foot embankment. All attempts to obtain information from the railroad officials were met with rebuffs at every hand, and at an early hour today while it was reported that 54 passengers were on the train when it left Altoona, only one was said to have been accounted for.

At an early hour this morning this city was practically besieged by newspapermen on their way to the wreck. Trains were few and to reach the scene it was necessary to take a ten-mile journey of four or more hours around via 11 stops en route, "supper on the way" being the only concession. The engineer was trying to make up lost time.

The wreck was caused by what is termed by railroaders an unbreakable accident. The brake rigging on the first Pullman following the combination coach on the train dropped down and tore up the right rail for distance of 300 yards. The engine and combination coach did not leave the rails, but the four Pullmans following plowed down over the embankment to the river bank, 60 feet below, overturning when they reached the bottom.

The "Eighteen-Hour Train" travels at a high rate of speed coming down the mountain. When the brake rigging fell it stripped the heads off the bolts holding the rails to the ties or tore up the rails themselves.

LATER.

Pittsburg, Feb. 23.—A statement issued by the Pennsylvania Railroad at 11 o'clock is to the effect that 54 passengers were injured in the wreck of the Pennsylvania Special, the fast 18-hour train on the Pennsylvania Railroad between New York and Chicago, which occurred at a sharp curve at Black Diamond, seven miles east of Johnstown, shortly after midnight. No one was killed and all the passengers have been accounted for.

The engine and combination smoking car remained on the rails, but the three Pullmans plunged over a 60-foot embankment. The combination coach was overturned. A scene of wild confusion resulted. All of the passengers were in their berths and were thrown promiscuously around the cars.

All the persons on the train were injured more or less, but with the exception of John F. Cline, of Joliet, it is said, none of the injuries are dangerous.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

Feb. 22. Reported at. From.
La Providence.....New York.....Havre
Canadian.....Boston.....Liverpool
Hibernian.....Glasgow.....Philadelphia
Cedric.....Punta Ferrera.....New York
Koenig Lute.....Naples.....New York
Corinthian.....Halifax.....Glasgow

BENNET PROPERTY IN EAST END
SOLD TO GORMAN ECKERT & CO.Down-Town Firm Secures Manu-
facturing Establishment on
Rectory Street.

The firm of Gorman, Eckert & Co., spice millers and packers of table delicacies, have purchased the plant of the Bennett Furnishing Company, and will take possession immediately.

The plant is situated on the east side of Rectory street, immediately north of the Grand Trunk Railway, and is admirably suited for the requirements of the Gorman-Eckert people, who are branching out into new lines.

The Gorman-Eckert Company will sell the property on Clarence street now occupied by the firm, and will remove entirely to the east end.

In addition to the business now carried on, the firm will go in for canning and will can all sorts of fruits, vegetables, etc.

At present about 100 hands are employed. When the new factory is in full swing about 250 will be on the payroll.

For some time past the business on Clarence street has been growing so rapidly that it has been with difficulty transacted in the present quarters, and it was absolutely necessary that the firm should secure more room.

It is understood that all the wood-working machinery now in the Bennett plant will be removed to Toronto. Only the engine and boiler will be allowed to remain.

An effort was made to form a company to carry on the furniture business, but it apparently failed, and the Gorman-Eckert people are now in possession of the property.

GENERAL BOOTH SAILS
TO BE GREY'S GUESTGrand Old Man of the Salvation Army
Starts on All-World Tour.

London, Feb. 23.—Wrinkled with age, but with enthusiasm undiminished, General Booth of the Salvation Army left London this morning to board the Atlantic Transport Line steamer Minicopa, Southampton, bound for New York, whence the general will proceed to Canada and the Far East. He will spend two weeks in New York before proceeding to Canada to take the steamer Minnesota April 1 for Japan.

While in Ottawa, General Booth will be the guest of the Governor-General, Earl Grey. After traveling through Japan the general will go to Peking, and expects to be back in London by July.

He will commence another "Automobile Campaign" through the British Isles. He will celebrate his 75th birthday on Sept. 10, in the middle of the Pacific, while on his way to Japan, and hopes to be received in audience by the Japanese Emperor.

FRANCE AND CHURCH

Latter Refuses to Accept Certain Con-
ditions and Blocks Settlement.

Paris, Feb. 22.—In an authoritative statement today The Croix, organ of the church, defines the attitude of the episcopacy with reference to the negotiations between the coadjutor Archbishop of Paris, Mgr. Amette, and the prefect of the Seine, M. de Selves, as follows:

The bishops did not accept the contracts which make parish priests responsible for the important structural repairs of the churches or the contracts containing a clause excluding secularized members of the dissolved orders from acting as parish priests, claiming that to do so would be a recognition of the law of associations.

Further, the bishops took upon the inclusion of a similar embargo on foreign priests as being an insult to the former's patriotism.

"Mgr. Amette will not take the initiative to resume the interrupted negotiations, which, therefore, may be said to have terminated until further orders."

STAGE OVERTURNED

Passengers En Route to London Re-
ceived a Bad Shaking Up.

While en route to the city this morning, the stage which runs between London and Fernhill was upset and a large quantity of dairy produce destroyed.

The stage was about half way between Fernhill and this city when it met a sleigh going in the opposite direction, and in turning out to pass the stage turned upside down in the ditch. The passengers were badly shaken up, the accident occurring so quickly that before they fully realized it the stage was completely overturned and eggs, butter and all kinds of dairy produce were scattered about. Fortunately no one was seriously injured, although the daughter of the "stage driver," Miss Anderson, was badly shaken up. She is expected to recover from the effects of the accident within a few days.

GALLANT DUTCH LIFE-SAVERS
RESCUE ALL WRECK SURVIVORS

Hook of Holland, Holland, Feb. 23.—In the early hours of the morning the three remaining survivors were taken off the wreck of the British steamer Berlin by the same lifeboat crew which has done such splendid work during the past 48 hours. The rescued persons are all women. Frau Weinberger, her 16-year-old nurse girl, Mina Ripper, and Fraulein Theile. This brings the total number of saved up to 15, out of the 143 who were on board the vessel.

BOER GENERAL BOTHA
TRANSVAAL PREMIERThree of Kruger's Assistants in the New
South African Cabinet.

Pretoria, Transvaal Colony, Feb. 23.—The first Transvaal colony ministry will comprise:

General Botha, premier and minister of native affairs.
T. Cullinan, minister of lands and public works.
H. C. Hall, treasurer.
Advocate De Villiers, minister of justice.

J. Rissik, minister of mines.
Colonial Secretary Smuts was a general during the war and formerly was states attorney in the government.

It is understood that all the wood-working machinery now in the Bennett plant will be removed to Toronto. Only the engine and boiler will be allowed to remain.

THOROUGH INQUIRY
SAY REAL ESTATEWould Have Careful Investigation
With a View to Municipal
Phone System.

The Real Estate Owners' Association held a largely-attended meeting last night and discussed at length the telephone situation. Finally the following resolution was passed:

"That in view of the experience of Port William and Port Arthur on telephone operation under municipal ownership, wherein after a four years' experience they have demonstrated that a better 'phone service can be obtained under municipal regulation for about half the rates being charged by what cannot be better termed than a private monopoly, in the shape of a company, that we believe it will be in the interests of the citizens that our council should make a thorough inquiry upon the subject with a view of this city adopting a municipal telephone system."

A letter from the assessment commissioner of Port William was read, stating that business 'phones, unlimited service, cost there only \$24 a year; residence 'phones unlimited, \$12 a year, and in Port William and Port Arthur there are 1,500 subscribers. It has been suggested that when the Independent Long Distance Telephone Company of Ontario takes the department from London to see the two systems in operation, all the delegates should not go to the one place. Some should go to Buffalo, and some to other cities. The Independents are now considering this matter.

It is also understood that the Independents have invited a deputation from the Trades and Labor Council to take in the trip, and investigate the two 'phone systems for the benefit of the labor men of London.

Chairman Beattie still says there is nothing doing in the 'phone situation. It is quite likely nothing will be done until No. 1 committee meets next Friday night.

WHITLAW REID VERY ILL

American Ambassador to Great Britain
Suffering From Debility.

New York, Feb. 23.—A dispatch from London says: Ambassador Whitlaw Reid's condition was so alarming last week that two specialists were summoned to Dorchester House.

Mr. Reid's illness is chiefly sheer debility, following an attack of influenza. While at home he was advised to go direct from New York to the Riviera, but he insisted on coming to London, particularly to preside at the Pilgrims' dinner to Mr. Bryce, and to take up the threads of his diplomatic duties. Now he is ordered abroad for rest and change as soon as he shall be well enough to travel.

DISPUTES THE CLAIM

John Garvey Defendant in a Suit In
Essex County Court.

The case of Girardot vs. Garvey is being tried before Judge McHugh in the Essex County court at Sandwich. The plaintiffs, the Girardot Wine Company, of Sandwich, allege they saw a consignment of goods worth \$289 to John Garvey, of this city, and that Garvey afterwards refused to pay the specified price. Garvey maintains the sale was by sample and that the goods were not up to the standard of the sample.

RENTS SOARING
ON DUNDAS ST.Quite a Number of Changes in
Locations To Be Made in
the Spring.

Rents are still said to be going up on Dundas street, and as a result there will be quite a number of changes of locations in the spring.

Assessment Commissioner Grant stated today that quite a number of merchants have already made arrangements to either secure better locations or else remove to a locality where the rental will be cheaper.

Restaurant men are blamed by certain merchants for what they believe to be extravagant increases in rentals. "Some of these men will go to a landlord and ask him how much rent per month he is getting," said a merchant today. "If the merchant says he is getting \$75 a month, the restaurant man will bid \$100, and the occupant of the store is compelled to pay the extra \$25 a month or get out."

Local real estate men report that already business is brisk, and that all during the winter business has kept up better than ever before in winter time. There is plenty of money and plenty of work and real estate offers many inducements now to speculators.

It is prophesied that building operations will be brisk this year in all parts of the city.

There were rumors today of certain changes in the locations of certain big industries, but none of them could be verified, with the exception of that affecting the Gorman, Eckert Company, which is going to leave Clarence street to go east, and which, it is understood, has arranged to sell its present site to a new war goods business which is about to begin business.

HARDSHIPS OF ALBERTA

Winter in West Much Worse Than Re-
ports Indicated.

Mr. Rowland Hill, of Dundas street, has received a letter from a relative in Ponoka, Alberta, in which the writer states that for several weeks the thermometer registered from 25 to 65 degrees below zero. The reports sent out of the severity of the winter have not been accurate, the letter declares, the weather being worse than alleged. "Can you imagine 65 below for days at a stretch with a gale blowing the snow into drifts from ten to fifteen feet deep?" asks the writer.

The settlers suffered severely. An aged negro, his wife and child living nine miles from Ponoka, lived altogether on potatoes for two or three weeks, when the head of the household undertook to walk to Ponoka for provisions. After securing a supply he started on the return journey, and was later found frozen to death within a mile of his home. Another family of seven were found after being without food for over two days. The father and five children were sick and it was only by the mother keeping the fires burning that the entire family escaped being frozen to death.

The old-time settlers, the writer says, have learned to lay in enough food in the fall to meet their needs until spring. The tenderfoot does not as a rule, do this, and consequently he suffers.

PASSED AGAIN.

London, Feb. 22.—The House of Commons today by 263 to 34 votes adopted the second reading of the bill legalizing marriage with a deceased wife's sister. This is the eighteenth time the measure has passed its second reading, but there seems to be better prospects than heretofore that it may become a law during the present session of Parliament.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW SLEET AND RAIN.

Toronto, Feb. 22.—8 a.m. The weather today has been fine throughout the Dominion. The cold continues in Ontario and Quebec and has spread over the Maritime Provinces, while in the west the temperature has become more moderate, the freezing point in Southern Alberta.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 24 below; Edmonton, 10 below; Port Arthur, 38-40; Victoria, 40-46; Vancouver, 35-43; Calgary, 20-44; Edmonton, 6-22; Winnipeg, 26 below-12; Port Arthur, 22 below-2; Parry Sound, 20 below-zero; Toronto, 5 below-9; Ottawa, 14 below-2 below; Montreal, 10 below-2 below; Quebec, 10 below-4 below; St. John, 4-10; Halifax, 12-34.

FORECASTS.

Saturday, Feb. 23.—8 a.m. Today: Fine; weather moderating. Sunday: High easterly winds; snow at first, followed by sleet or rain.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather.
Calgary.....34 34 Fair
Winnipeg.....36 12 Cloudy
Port Arthur.....6 2 Cloudy
Dorchester.....6 2 Cloudy
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Toronto.....-30 -30 Clear
Ottawa.....-16 -16 Fair
Montreal.....-10 -10 Clear
Quebec.....-10 -10 Clear
Halifax.....-12 -14 Fair

The sign - indicates below zero. The first column in the above table records the temperature at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Friday were: Highest, 11° above; lowest, 1° below.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Friday were: Highest, 11° above; lowest, 1° below.

Detroit, Feb. 22.—Lower Michigan: Saturday and Sunday—Fair and not so cold; light variable winds.

Building Trades Will Ask
for an Increase in WagesPARLIAMENT CLOSES
FIRST WEEK OF APRILPremier to Leave for Colonial Confer-
ence Immediately After Prorogation.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Feb. 23.—The general opinion here is that the Dominion Parliament will prorogue on April 7. Two days later Premier Laurier and the ministers will leave for the Colonial Conference at London.

WEST DESIRES
ROUTE TO HUDSONThe Government Will Shortly
Announce Plan to Build Rail-
way to James Bay.

Ottawa, Feb. 22.—Hudson's Bay as an export door for Manitoba and the Northwest was the principal topic under discussion in the Commons today.

Messrs. Knowles, Laka, Greenway, Cash and McCraney, all representing western constituencies, spoke in favor of the early construction to James Bay of a railroad to relieve the pressure.

Mr. Knowles, who represents West Assiniboia, introduced the subject, by commenting on the lack of transportation. He criticized the C. P. R. adversely, claiming that the company was sacrificing the west in the interest of the east, especially as regards cars. He asked for a railroad to James Bay and said that ships could enter and leave a port there from June to December.

Mr. Greenway believed the plan quite feasible and Mr. Cash said the entire west desired it.

Premier Laurier said the Hudson Bay Railroad had been discussed for many years. A statute was passed years ago, appropriating a subsidy of 12,000 acres of land per mile, but no company had ever applied for it. At this very moment the matter had the attention of the Government. He could not promise any announcement next week, but he hoped to make an important announcement, foreshadowing the building of this important system, before the close of the session.

The Premier and Mr. Greenway pointed out that the C. P. R. had done its utmost, but had been handicapped by lack of motive power.

A BACKBONELESS OPPOSITION
SAYS CONSERVATIVE ORGANThe Montreal Star Accuses It of
Dilly-Dallying and Black-
guardism.

Ottawa, Feb. 22.—There seems to be a serious split in the ranks of the Federal Conservatives, judging by the way the Montreal Star following up its onslaught of yesterday on the incapacity of the Opposition, again whacks the tactics of the party in the Commons, under Mr. Borden's leadership, in an editorial today, under the caption, "A Drawing-Room Opposition." The editorial is especially significant in view of the fact that Mr. Hugh Graham, who controls the paper, is generally credited with being business manager of the Conservative party in federal politics. Today's editorial, after severely commenting on the mild manner in which "this polite Opposition" bowed to Sir Wilfrid's desire that the old age pensions bill introduced yesterday by Mr. Preston (Cornwall) be withdrawn, goes on to say: "This is an admirable way to conduct an Opposition if the Oppositionists covet their position as a permanent job. They would go to war with fans and umbrellas so as to be ready for all kinds of weather. They utterly fail to take themselves or their proposals seriously, and they will find that the country will be quite as unable to do so. An Opposition which merely introduces carefully selected topics for academic debates, and then withdraws them the moment the leader of the Government makes a suggestion to that effect, can hardly hope that the electorate will become very much in earnest in supporting so fragile a programme. As being of powder and the timid politeness of Pringle, there is precious little to choose."

Further on the editorial says: "Votes of want of confidence in the government are not infrequent, and they are likely to become even more frequent if this policy of alternating 'dilly-dally' and blackguardism is to go on."

Ottawa's Coldest.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 23.—Last night was the coldest recorded here this winter. The Government thermometer registering 23 degrees below zero. The weather, however, is delightfully clear, and little inconvenience is felt in the dry atmosphere today.

Surveyor Lowe Ill.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 23.—A. P. Lowe, head of the Dominion Geological Survey, is rather seriously ill, though hopes are entertained for his recovery. He is threatened with brain trouble.

CENTRAL AMERICA
RUSHING TO ARMSWar Is Actually On Between
Honduras and Nicaragua.

OTHER STATES TO BE INVOLVED

Upheaval Is Likely to Spread to the
Governments of Honduras
and Guatemala.

City of Mexico, Feb. 23.—"War is an actual condition in Central America," said Under Secretary of State Alcala last night.

"We have received a message from the Mexican consul-general at Tegucigalpa, Honduras, which says: 'Minister of Foreign Affairs Cullen declared that active war has been declared against Nicaragua. President Bonilla is now at the head of the Honduran troops, and marching to the frontier to meet the forces of President Zeledona.'"

In response to question as to the attitude of Salvador in the struggle, Secretary Alcala was reticent, but when assured that the Associated Press has received information that this republic had become involved as an ally of Honduras, he admitted that the Government had received telegram corroborating this.

A high state official who asked that his name be not used at this time said: "This upheaval will perhaps be the most formidable that has ever occurred in Central America. At first it will be Honduras and Salvador against Nicaragua, but from information which we have obtained we know that Guatemala will be the ally of Nicaragua. Whether the aid of President Cabrera will be open or secret, we don't yet know, but we do know that the country will be drawn into the controversy."

A BRILLIANT ASSEMBLY

First Court of the Season Held at
Buckingham Palace.

London, Feb. 22.—King Edward and Queen Alexandra held the first court of the year at the Buckingham Palace tonight.

The beautiful floral decorations were most noticeable, there being tons of cut flowers from Windsor and Sandringham.

The function was attended by a brilliant assemblage of diplomats.

MILNER REMANDED

Alleged Fare-Box and Boarding-House
Thief To Be Tried on Monday.

This morning at the police court, Harry Milner, the young man who was arrested by Detective Nickle, appeared before Magistrate Love to answer to two charges—stealing a fare box from a Hamilton road street car on the night of Sept. 6, and stealing a sum of money from a lady at whose boarding-house he had been staying. He was not asked to plead, but was remanded until Monday next.

Richard Harris, arrested on a charge of stealing a pair of rubber boots, was remanded until Monday.

Kenneth Gilmore was fined \$2 or five days for being drunk, while one first-timer was allowed to go.

BUY STREET FLUSHERS

City May Get Three at a Cost of About
\$5,000 Each.

Ald. Gillean, chairman of No. 3 committee, and City Engineer Graydon are figuring on purchasing a number of street flushers for London.

With these machines the paved streets can be watered and cleaned at the same time, the cost being very small.

The flushers are worth about \$1,000 each, and two or three of them would be required for London. They are used in nearly all large cities.

By means of a compressed air tank carried on the flusher, the water is forced on to the pavement at about 60 pounds pressure, with the result that all dirt and dust is removed.

DYNAMITE OUTRAGE.

Terre Haute, Ind., Feb. 22.—Following a raid on an alleged "blind tiger" liquor shop at Sandford, Ind., by a sheriff's posse yesterday, two stores and the Methodist Church at Sandford were dynamited early today. The act is said to have been perpetrated out of revenge.

Sheriff Horseley went to the home of Henry McDonald, owner of the liquor store, and found him in bed with his clothing on. A witness has been found who asserts he saw McDonald running from the buildings before the explosion. McDonald was formerly a miner.

BOTH FEET FROZEN

Brant Reserve Woman Must Have Her
Legs Amputated.

St. Thomas, Feb. 22.—Mrs. John Hill, a white woman married to an Indian, on the reserve near Brantford, was found on the road in the snow, Thursday morning, with both hands and feet frozen. Her legs will have to be amputated at the knees. She is 69 years old and was on a visit to Windham Center and started to walk home in the snowstorm.