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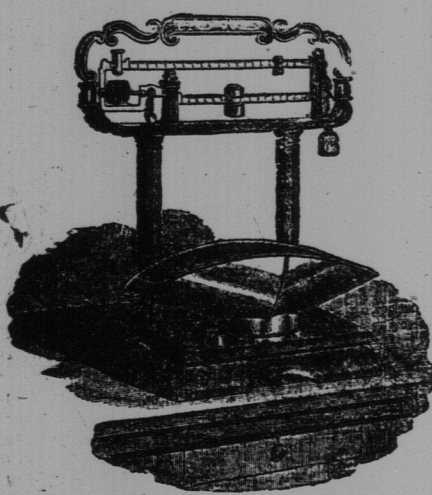
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F. G. CORMIER BLAMED FOR FATAL COLLISION.

C. P. R. Operator Arrested on Serious Charge—Preliminary Examination Begun in Police Court This Morning.

F. G. Cormier, the C. P. R. operator, who is held responsible for the collision between the two C. P. R. locomotives on the West Side on Thursday night, was arrested this morning between seven and eight o'clock by Sgt. Ross on a warrant sworn out by the C. P. R. Cormier was at once taken to the police headquarters. The preliminary examination was taken up before Police Magistrate Ritchie at eleven o'clock this morning. Mr. Cormier was charged by the C. P. R. with wilful omission to perform, and neglect of his duty on the night of the 22nd instant, thereby causing grievous bodily harm, under section 252 of the Criminal Code. H. H. McLean, K. C., for the C. P. R., stated that Mr. Cormier was the operator at Bay Shore and no engine could move there without order through him from the train dispatcher. An order was sent to him to have engine number 992 proceed to West St. John, but that yard engine 2104 should be out of the way. The order should have been signed by Worden, but the engine was west of the station and Cormier signed Worden's name and sent back a telegram to the dispatcher's office which, prima facie, would indicate that Worden had signed the order. D. Mullin, K. C., appearing for the prisoner, objected that these facts should not be categorically stated, but should be proved. J. B. Merriman, train dispatcher of the C. P. R., was the first witness. He said he governs the movements of all trains in the district in question. On Thursday night he telegraphed an order to Cormier governing the movements of engines 992, 2144 and 2104. The effect of which order was that engine 992 should have the right of way to West St. John over 2104 and 2144, both yard engines. Mr. Cormier telegraphed the order back and with it the names of Worden of engine 2104 and Griffiths, of engine 992, which indicated that these men had heard the order read to them and signed it. On receiving this telegram Despat-

cher Merriman completed the order which made it valid. Engines 2104 and 992 collided and Cormier telephoned the dispatching office that an accident had occurred and some men had been injured. Since this he had had no conversation with Mr. Cormier. Walter G. Brown, trackmaster, C. P. R., was the next witness. He knew nothing of the despatch to Cormier from the train dispatcher, except as it appears on the records. Worden was the yard foreman and had charge of engine 2104. He heard Mr. Cormier's statement of the accident. Mr. Cormier said that when he got the order for Worden on the night in question he sent Car-checker Campbell out to inform Worden. Campbell came back and said he had seen Worden and Worden had said it would be all right and he would look out for engine 992. He said 2104 had gone west of the station and the thought that as Worden knew of the order and had said he would look out for 992, it would be all right to put Worden's name to the order. The order was sent to the train dispatcher and he completed the order, which allowed 992 to proceed with right of way over 2144 and 2104. Engines 992 and 2104 collided about 150 yards east of the Bay Shore station. The negligence complained of was that Cormier neglected to get Worden to sign the order. Mr. Cormier had passed a creditable examination on the rules of the company. Cross-examined by D. Mullin—it was the operator's duty to inform the engineers of any orders he may have for them, but he is not supposed to go out of the station to look them up. Witness had Campbell acknowledge that Cormier sent him to tell Worden of the order and Worden replied it would be all right. Mr. Cormier was admitted to bail, two sureties of \$400 and himself for \$800. The case was adjourned till Monday next. (Continued on page four.)

NEW TURBINE STM. A BIG SUCCESS. Allan Liner Victorian Exceeds All Expectations.

Drives Through Northeast Gale With No Vibration and as Steadily as if at Her Wharf.

NEW YORK, March 25.—A London despatch, dated Saturday, to the Herald, upon the new turbine steamer Victorian begins: "The fine weather, turbulence working smoothly, no vibration, now 50 miles out at sea." This message, sent by wireless telegraph from the new Alien liner Victorian, was received at Main Head, on the Irish coast. The champions of the turbine found their expectations exceeded by the maiden voyage of the vessel which is the first ocean going passenger ship to be driven by turbines. "When the ship arrived at Moville yesterday, en route for Canada," telegraphs a Derry correspondent, "it was stated that though on the previous night she had encountered a strong northeast gale and choppy sea, the passengers slumbered peacefully in their berths. So quiet was the Victorian that she might have been at her dock." "The absence of vibration both fore and aft so astonished the old Atlantic travellers on board that many gazed persistently over the side to see if she was really moving through the water with a speed of either 7 or 7 knots. There was scarcely a perceptible tremor through the ship. "Looking down from the upper gratings, the engine room presented an unfamiliar appearance. The boilerhouse, the old fashioned noisy cranks and throbbing piston rods were missing. All the engineer had to do was to watch their indicators to see how much pressure there was on the high and low turbines. At each end of these is an instrument like a stethoscope which the engineer puts to his ear to occasionally. The proper sound is a continuous roar. If it is intermittent there is something wrong somewhere. Men accustomed to the old reciprocating engines looked around them in a hopeless way. "They will have to put aside all theories and prejudices and adapt themselves to the new turbines," said Charles Allen, superintendent engineer of the Belfast firm, who built the Victorian. Mr. Allen added: "I expect that in less than ten years, we shall have our ocean steamships driven by gas generated on board. An experiment will shortly be made on a steamship fitted in this manner."

RUSSIANS HAVE LOST HALF A MILLION MEN

Of Nearly 800,000 Sent to Manchuria, Less Than 300,000 Are Left—Report That Oyama Has Given Up the Pursuit

ST. PETERSBURG, March 25.—148 p. m.—Stung by the wholesale criticism lately heaped upon the war office for its unpreparedness and incapacity in providing the Manchurian army with men, guns and munitions the army organ today lays bare what has been done since the opening of hostilities giving the exact figures. From these it appears that up to March 12, the war office had dispatched 12,087 officers, 761,467 men, 146,408 horses, 1,221 guns and 316,321 tons of munitions and supplies to the front declaring the transportation strained the army in the Far East when the war opened was hardly worth the name (no figures being given out, but it is known that the troops did not exceed 60,000 men) defending this on the ground that Emperor Nicholas desired to avoid war and therefore refrained from sending reinforcements which surely would have provoked it. "The criticism of war office's failure adequately to supply Port Arthur is met with the statement that it was provisioned for a garrison of twelve battalions, the decision to put thirty battalions there being taken so late that the original calculations could not be remedied. While affirming that the quick-firing guns and field guns of the Russians are superior to those of the Japanese, the war office explains that the misfortune in the insufficiency of mountain guns was due to the fact that when the war

broke out Russia was just adopting a new pattern. It is denied that the war office was deceived in regard to the available strength of the Japanese army or the organization of the Japanese reserves, but the army organ frankly admits that the talents of the officers and the wonderful spirit of the soldiers were miscalculated. The publication of this article has created a sensation among military men, and in public circles many of the former censuring the general staff for disclosing valuable military secrets and the latter finding from the figures a practical admission that the war cost almost half a million men in killed, wounded, prisoners and sick, as the whole effective force in the Far East is now believed not to exceed 300,000 men. ST. PETERSBURG, March 25.—1:50 p. m.—General Levenchik continues the retirement, moving the bulk of his army northward. The general staff now declares it is certain that Field Marshal Oyama has been compelled to relinquish the idea of pursuit in force for the present. Japanese forces on the Russian flanks are too light to constitute a serious danger and a lull in heavy fighting for several weeks, if not months, is predicted by some of the correspondents. A Russian correspondent warns the St. Petersburg authorities of the dangers of the Japanese activity in Mongolia, where he says their emissaries are enlisting the Lamas and arousing their warlike spirit.

LIVELY ELECTION IS IN PROSPECT.

Labor Men Won't Support the League Ticket. The Aldermen Who Were Turned Down Are Fighting Together and Perfecting Their Organization

The prospects for a lively civic election grow brighter each hour. The present aldermen have no intention of letting the Citizens' League have things all their own way and there is some talk of a conference early in the week when organization will be perfected. As several of the men approved of by the Citizens' League are not members of the league, have not paid the membership fee or signed the agreement the aldermen that intend to run and who were not approved of by the League think that those who were favored should declare themselves, that is join the League or run independent of it. The latest turn in affairs is the action of the Trades and Labor Council. At a meeting last night they freely discussed the Citizens' League ticket and will without doubt oppose some of the candidates. While nothing definite was decided upon, the matter standing over till the next meeting, the general feeling was that they should support Messrs. Holder and Carleton, who were elected last year as labor candidates.

At the conference that is to be held next week it is expected that there will be a lively row. None of the present aldermen will admit point blank that they are taking any part in the affair, but all admit that some of the aldermen will meet and conduct an organized campaign. City Hall and the post office corner were the scenes of many lively discussions this morning. Aldermen and proposed aldermen were in evidence, and many were the subjects discussed, but the attack seemed to be the proposed purchase of the Carleton Electric Light plant.

THIS EVENING. Harkins Company at the Opera House. Meeting of the executive of the Citizens' League.

The complaint against Messrs. Howard and Carpenter for violation of the fisheries act by obstructing navigation, was up for a time in court today, and adjourned till Monday next.

G/S'RO RUN A.D.K.

PARIS, March 25, 1:05 p. m.—An official despatch from Caracas, Venezuela, says President Castro, who was absent from the capital during the recent supposed amelioration of the situation, has returned to Caracas and has manifested strong hostility against American and French interests. His attitude, it is added, is peculiarly menacing in effect by open acts against the United States. He is premature to say what steps France will take as the information has just been received and the officials have not yet had an opportunity to consider it. However, it is likely that their motion will depend upon President Castro putting menace into effect by open acts against the United States. No orders for warships to be held in readiness have yet been issued or are contemplated at this present but there seems to be a growing impression in official quarters that the presence of a warship in Venezuelan waters might exercise a salutary influence.

WAR IN MYERS ALLEY.

Lively Fracas Brought Five Men into Police Court Today.

There was a lively row in Myers' alley, off Charlotte street, last night, and the result is that five persons have been arrested, one charged with being the proprietor of a disorderly house, the others with being inmates of the house. Last night John H. McCann, John Melanson, Fred Melanson, Ernest Osborn and Miss McCann were in John McCann's house in the alley, which is about opposite the Y. M. C. A. building and were drinking, when a free for all fight started. McCann got hit with something, he does not know whether it was a shovel or a poker, but he presented a sorry sight in court this morning, and judging from appearances one would think he had been hit by a locomotive. All pleaded not guilty, and were remanded.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

WANTED—A brass finisher. Apply to W. H. STRILING, Britain street. BOY WANTED—Apply at once, WHITE'S RESTAURANT, King street. LOST—A grey lamb collar, on Friday, 24th, between Adelaide street and Indiantown ferry. Finder please leave with Captain Leonard, of E. Ross, Indiantown. 25.31

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LUNATIC AND KEEPER ELOPE.

How a Patient on His Way to the Asylum Ran Away With the Man in Charge of Him.

A constable from Kings county arrived in the city this morning in charge of a man whom he was taking to the Provincial Lunatic Asylum. He was accompanied by the man's step-brother, who seemed to be the brain of the party.

The constable and patient took seats in the gentlemen's waiting room while the third member of the party returned to secure a cab, when he went outside the office and his charge were missing. He searched the depot and train shed and then went outside. On Mill street he met Officer Totten to whom he told his troubles and together they continued the search. After some time the missing pair were found in the I. C. R. yard. The constable explained that his charge had fled, and that he had humored him and did not think their absence would cause any inconvenience.

Officer Totten did not lose sight of the trio till they were safely on a street car with details instructions as to how to reach the asylum.

4,000 MEN WERE SHELTERED.

Salvation Army Travellers' Home Did Good Work—Will Close May 1st.

Adjutant Thompson reports that, with the coming of spring, the attendance at the Salvation Army Travellers' Home on Water street is thinning out. Last night only fifteen took advantage of this shelter. At the 1st of May it is the intention of the Army to close the Home for the summer, re-opening at the first of October.

The Home has done a splendid work this winter and has fully justified its opening. Over 4,000 men have been accommodated, and with the small payments exacted from these, the running expenses of the institution have been paid.

The Metropole on Prince William street will be kept open during the summer and in consideration of requests from many lodgers there arrangements will be made to have meals provided also.

No. 2 Company, 3rd Regt. C. A., will meet at their drill shed in plain clothes at 2 o'clock Sunday for the purpose of attending the funeral of the late William Rogers.

One must advertise to make business, to hold it, and to increase it.—Chas. H. Black, Grocer, Chicago.

TELEPHONES IN CHURCH.

Centenary Church May Have Electrical Connection Between Pulpit and the Pews of Deaf People.

A plan is under consideration for the installation in Centenary church of a telephone system between the pulpit and pews occupied by those who are hard of hearing. While the proposition has not yet been officially considered by the church authorities, there are several of the congregation who are strongly in favor of it and who are making enquiries as to the cost, etc., of such a system as would be required, and it is understood that if satisfactory financial arrangements can be made Centenary will before long be the most popular place of worship in the city for those whose ears are not so sharp as they once were.

Systems of this kind have been installed in one or two of the larger New York churches recently and have proved a wonderful success. A large telephone transmitter is fixed to the preacher's desk and is connected by wires with the pews of those afflicted with deafness. The wires there connect with receivers of large power which, being held to the ear by the pew occupant, deliver the sound of the preacher's voice so clearly and distinctly that none but the almost totally deaf need miss a word of the sermon.

If Centenary adopts this boon to the deaf it will be the first church in Canada to do so.

DOUBLE MURDER AND SUICIDE.

DRAIN, Ore., March 25.—Herman Shooks has shot and killed E. V. Cooper and Paul Howe. Shooks then shot himself, dying almost instantly. Cooper suspected Shooks of having sought his life previously and accused him of the attempt. Shooks became enraged and, seizing a shotgun, killed both men and himself.

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