

WABASH FREIGHTS COLLIDE FIREMAN CRUSHED TO DEATH

Head-On Smash on Air Line Division Early This Morning—
Fireman, Pinned Down by the Wreck, Dies
Before He Can Be Released.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Cayuga, Dec. 14.—A head-on collision occurred on the Air Line division of the Grand Trunk about two miles west of Nelles' Corners at 12:25 this morning between two Wabash line freight trains.

Both crews jumped, excepting fireman L. Lock, of St. Thomas, who was caught between the tender and the boiler. Lock lived for

two hours after the accident, but died before he could be released. Five others were injured through jumping, and being scalded, as some only got out as the engines came together with terrific force.

It is said that the engineer on the westbound train takes the blame for the accident, having mistaken an engine number. None of the injured will die.



MRS. HANNAH LOVE, murdered near Flesherston.

PRAISES COUNCIL FOR ITS ATTITUDE

Mr. Frank Cooper Thinks Electrification a Doubtful Venture For City to Undertake.

C. N. R. MOST IMPORTANT

Prominent Citizen Believes in Bringing Main Line Here, and Getting It.

Mr. Frank Cooper approves the action of the council in having refused to allow the electrification of the city. He believes London has a splendid opportunity to come to an understanding with the C. N. R. and secure the coming of which Mr. Cooper would regard as a great benefit to the city.

"What do you think of the electrification of the L. and P. S. R.?" was asked.

"As an old citizen, deeply interested in the welfare of our city, I have given the matter considerable thought," replied Mr. Cooper. "And I would like to say, with all due respect to Hon. Adam Beck, whom I admire for his many able and forceful qualities, and whom I have always supported, that I cannot support him in this matter, and I candidly admit that I am not in favor of electrification."

The Reasons Why.

"What are your objections?" was asked. "In the first place, I would say the existing circumstances—the coming of the C. N. R. and the possibility of losing that big concern, as we did the Canada Southern some years ago (we should not repeat that big mistake), and added to that the fact of the statement made by big railwaymen that steam and electrification could not be combined.

"And further, after spending \$1,000,000 in electrifying the road, what guarantee or approximate guarantee have we of that the revenue shall be. And still further: even if the road were electrified and put into good order, and equipped, I doubt very much whether the city could operate it with profit; in fact that has already been tried, and it has failed. It takes specialists now in every line to succeed. And that is to say nothing of increasing the city's debt to that extent."

"If it be in our province to raise \$1,000,000 to put into a doubtful venture or investment, would it not be better to raise, say half that amount at quarter of a cent, and use it to help other radial lines that have been trying to get into the city for months and months past, and have had no help or encouragement from the city whatsoever. I venture to say our city has been held back in this respect. We need radial lines from the north, the east and the west."

"We are well connected with the south already. Why incur that section to the extent of \$1,000,000, while we allow the other sections to go begging? To me it doesn't look logical. My advice is to make the best bargain possible with the C. N. R. and secure that big trunk line for our city, with all that that signifies."

"Surely if the C. N. R. guarantees to place their line of boats at the Port and give other companies running rights over the line, should that not meet all requirements?"

SERIOUS TROUBLE IN LAW'S CAMP OVER LABOR VOTE

Unionist Leader Going Down to Lancashire in Effort to Placate Laborites.

BRITISH LIBERALS FOR LAURIER NAVY

T. P. O'Connor's Cable on British Politics—Govt. Troubled Over Disestablishment.

[Special Cable to The Advertiser By T. P. O'Connor, M. P.]

London, Dec. 14.—The outstanding event in politics this week was the passage of the home rule bill through the committee stage in the House of Commons. This was the longest and largest milestone yet marked in Ireland's long struggle for freedom.

Gladstone carried his bill in 1893 through the committee, but with a majority, at the highest, of only forty, while on Thursday night, the last division showed a majority of 138. The closing division took place amid a scene which was in marked contrast with any previous scene in the history of this or any other home rule bill.

James Campbell, who, with Sir Edward Carson, leads the Irish Unionists, and who represents Trinity College, insisted some weeks ago on carrying an amendment which would cut off Trinity College from all association with the Irish Parliament. This produced a remarkable revolt among the younger generation of Trinity College men, and Campbell was repudiated. On Thursday night he had to confess his defeat and withdraw his amendment.

A Notable Victory. This action is a remarkable proof that all creeds and classes in Ireland are beginning to prepare for cordial co-operation with each other, and also that home rule is considered now to be inevitable even by its most ferocious opponents. This victory was hailed with enthusiasm by the Liberals and Irish.

The situation was further accentuated by a series of friendly speeches all around Mr. Birrell, secretary for Ireland, Mr. Campbell and John Redmond, the home rule leader, all agreeing for once.

When immediately after this remarkable and unprecedented beginning of the burying of the hatchet by the majority of 138 the enthusiasm could no longer be restrained and Premier Asquith left the House of Commons with all the Liberals and Irish standing and waving their hats and handkerchiefs.

The conviction is growing daily that the battle for home rule is virtually over, and that the ministry will continue on Page Nine.

DEATH OF JAS. HULBERT

East London Resident Passed Away on Friday.

Mr. James Hulbert, who resided at the corner of Ashland avenue and Toronto street, East London, died at his home yesterday. Mr. Hulbert, who had been ill since April, was 54 years of age. He was born in England, but had been a resident of London for a great many years. He is survived by his wife, four sons, William, of Chicago; Alfred, Hugh, and Harry, at home, and seven daughters, Mrs. M. White, Mrs. Wilfred Brown, and Mrs. Bert Miller, of Detroit, at home. G. W. Mandeville, of Detroit, at home. The funeral will be held Monday afternoon at Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Rev. Mr. Hart, of Hill Street Methodist Church, will officiate.



MR. CHARLES A. HARRIS, Who Presided at the Banquet of the London Medical Students.

WILL BULGARIA JOIN THE TRIPLE ALLIANCE?

Is Said To Be on the Point of Concluding an Agreement With Austria.

[Canadian Press.]

Paris, Dec. 14.—Bulgaria is declared to be about to enter the triple alliance thus joining forces with Austria-Hungary, Germany and Italy, according to information given from a diplomatic source to the Figaro. King Ferdinand of Bulgaria, who was in Vienna on Thursday, is said the diplomat, on the point of concluding an agreement with Austria.

DUTCH EXTREMISTS DRIVE OUT BOTH

Premier of the Union of South Africa Has Resigned His Position.

[Canadian Press.]

Cape Town, Dec. 14.—General Louis Botha today resigned the premiership of the Union of South Africa, which he has held since May 31, 1910. He thought the country outside the city limits. We were to get rural mail delivery. We got the rural mail delivery. The rule was made when the cabinet led by General J. B. M. Hertzog, whose attitude on naval and other imperial questions caused a revival of the old racial feud.

MR. BECK MAY DROP ELECTRIFICATION IDEA

Newspaper Hints That He Would Now Be Justified in Doing So.

According to a hint passed out in the Free Press of last evening it is likely that the proposal to electrify the London and Port Stanley Railway will be dropped.

Mr. Beck expected that the scheme would be rushed through on the strength of his command, and since the majority of the businessmen of London and the majority of the aldermen were against forcing the people to vote without ample and expert information, he has been soberly reconsidering the matter.

Now that the C. N. R. proposal is looming so large in the matter it is possible that Mr. Beck sees that it is in the best interests of the citizens and himself to drop the project. Otherwise a network of complications would be met, and if the bylaw carried the city might find itself faced with the necessity of paying off a couple of millions of dollars at present is charged against the road before any more money could be invested in it.

The item appearing in the Free Press, which would lead to the view that Mr. Beck means to drop the whole matter is as follows:

"The vote on electrification of the London and Port Stanley Railway in the city council, led by Ald. Richter, would have been ample justification for Mr. Beck washing his hands of the whole matter. We are not sure that he will not yet take this step."

Ald. B. W. Bennett, who has been viciously and repeatedly attacked by the Free Press, and practically told that he or no other working railwayman in the city of London has a right to hold municipal office, has the solid support of the union men of London, according to the Industrial Banner of today's date.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND MILD.

Forecasts.
Toronto, Dec. 14—3 a.m.
Moderate south and southwest winds; fair and mild today and on Sunday.

Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
Stations. High. Low. Weather.
London..... 29.5 12 Clear
Victoria..... 48 23 Clear
Calgary..... 48 23 Clear
Winnipeg..... 20 14 Clear
Port Arthur..... 20 8 Clear
Perry Sound..... 30 22 Cloudy
Toronto..... 30 20 Cloudy
Ottawa..... 22 12 Cloudy
Montreal..... 24 22 Cloudy
Quebec..... 8 4 Snow
Father Point..... 2 10 Cloudy
Minus (—) means below zero.

Weather Notes.
The barometer is high all along the Atlantic coast and lower towards the Great Lakes and in the West.
The weather continues mild in the Western Provinces, and the becoming much colder in Ontario and Quebec, with no present indications of a return to cold.

Industrial Banner Calls Union Men to Support of Ald. Bennett

Labor Journal of Today's Issue Says He Has Stood Out Solidly on Every Occasion for the Best Interests of Ratepayers and Citizens.

The Banner, which is the official organ of the labor men of Ontario, and which is edited by Mr. Joseph Marks, places Mr. Bennett's name at the top of its list of nominees for the coming election, and says that he has proved a capable alderman, and that he has stood out solidly on every occasion for the best interests of the ratepayers and citizens at large. He has won his spurs and can be depended on when the interests of the citizens are at stake, and "made good on every occasion."

LOVE DENIES STORY TOLD THE POLICE BY HIS SON

Prisoner Appears Anxious to Talk About the Murder of His Wife, But Is Not Encouraged by the Authorities—
Funeral of Victim To Be Held Sunday.

[Canadian Press.]

Flesherton, Ont., Dec. 14.—"He's a liar!" was the reply of Henry Love, held on a charge of killing his wife when told by Inspector Henry Reburn that Arnold Love said the prisoner told him his mother had gone to the home of Rev. Mr. McLaren early on Tuesday morning. The prisoner seemed anxious to talk about the case, but mystery of the death of Mrs. Love was not encouraged to do so. Officials who have been working to unravel the case are marking time today. Inspector Reburn returned to Toronto for over Sunday. He will be back for the inquest on Monday.

The autopsy was held this afternoon, and while the result will not be officially known until the inquest, it is understood that there were three wounds, one behind the right ear and one on each side of the neck, caused by a blunt instrument, in all probability the hook on the shipbuilder's axe found by the constables.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon, Henry Love attending, under police guard.

OXFORD PARK PEOPLE WANT THEIR MAIL DELIVERED

Are Now Denied the Privilege Extended to Those on the Farm.

London, Dec. 12, 1912.

Editor of The Advertiser: Would you permit me to ask a question through the columns of your valuable paper in reference to the rural mail? First, what is the definition of rural? I thought the country outside the city limits. We were to get rural mail delivery. We got the rural mail delivery. The rule was made when the cabinet led by General J. B. M. Hertzog, whose attitude on naval and other imperial questions caused a revival of the old racial feud.

MAIL CART DRIVER STRUCK BY ENGINE

James Snowden Injured at Hill Street Crossing of the Pere Marquette Railway.

VEHICLE WAS SMASHED

Snowden Rushed to Victoria Hospital, Where His Injuries Were Attended To.

James Snowden, aged 18, son of W. H. Snowden, of 21 Thornton avenue, driver of a mail collecting cart, was thrown from his wagon and rendered unconscious when struck by a Pere Marquette switch engine at the Hill Street crossing of the London and Port Stanley Railway, last evening.

He was removed to Victoria Hospital in the police ambulance, and soon recovered, but was absolutely unaware of what had occurred after he started off the truck. Snowden sustained a severe scalp wound, but was not otherwise seriously hurt.

The vehicle was smashed to splinters, and the driver of the truck, who was not injured, was taken to the hospital. The vehicle was destroyed by the engine.

BURNED TO DEATH IN CRASH AT FALLS

Syracuse Men Meet Terrible Death in the New York Central Yards.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Dec. 14.—Following a rear-end collision between an incoming freight train, and a standing freight train in the yards of the New York Central Railroad in this city this morning, Henry A. Grover and Patrick H. Thornton, both of Syracuse, were burned to death. The men were imprisoned in the debris and were slowly roasted to death, despite the efforts of the train crew to rescue them. A locomotive and eight cars were demolished.

Wilson Leaves Bermuda. Hamilton, Bermuda, Dec. 14.—President-Elect Woodrow Wilson sailed today for New York on board the steamer Bermudian. A large crowd gathered on the quay and cheered Mr. Wilson as the steamer left at eleven o'clock. Before going on board the President-elect declared that he was delighted with his vacation. The Bermudian was escorted down the harbor by a number of British officials in steam launches.

DUBLIN MAN MAY BE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

Mr. James Creede Meredith, a Relative of the London Family of the Same Name, Would, It Is Understood, Come to the Western of This City.

The governors of the Western University will be called together within a short time for the purpose of choosing a president, and it is stated on good authority that the name of Mr. James Creede Meredith, of Dublin, Ireland, will be among those to be mentioned in connection with the position.

Mr. Meredith is a relative of the Meredith family of London, and it is said that there is every probability that his name will receive consideration by the board. His qualifications for the position are said to be regarded highly in academic circles in the British Isles. His philosophical work has been of the highest order, his work on Kant being regarded as the best of its kind. He holds many degrees from the universities of the old land.

Is Anxious To Come. Mr. Meredith is also a member of the bar in Ireland. He is said to be anxious to identify himself with university work in Canada, and that he is ready to accept the presidency of the Western University. He has every hope, it is stated, that the Western could be made one of the dominant educational influences of the Dominion.

HUSBAND OF STARVED WOMAN WAS BORN NEAR THIS CITY

Inquest To Be Held on Bodies of Mrs. H. A. Irvine and Child.

Calgary, Dec. 14.—The bodies of Mrs. Alfred H. Irvine and her infant son, martyrs to the apostolic faith, were brought into Calgary this morning.

Both Irvine and his wife are Canadians. He was born near London, Ont., and she was a native of Haldimand County, Ontario, being 36 years of age.

The Mounted Police are investigating the case. The inquest will be held last night. An inquest will be held. Both Irvine and his wife are Canadians. He was born near London, Ont., and she was a native of Haldimand County, Ontario, being 36 years of age.

LONDON MAN RECEIVES WORD OF BROTHER'S UNTIMELY DEATH

Mr. John Dunkin, 219 Worley road, received a telegram last night, stating that the William Duncan who was found dead in his shack a few miles south of Kerrobert, Sask., was his brother. Con-

body to his old home here for interment.

TEMPERANCE MEN HOPE TO WIN IN LOCAL OPTION FIGHT

Organization of Workers Is Said To Be Better Than in the Past.

The local option forces in London Township are ready for the election battle in January, which will decide whether the township is to become "dry" or remain "wet." Three years ago local option was defeated in the township by a very small margin, but with a better organization the temperance people hope to win in this contest against the liquor traffic.

A feeling of optimism permeated a gathering of the temperance forces in the Y. M. C. A. this afternoon. The members of their organization who are conducting the campaign throughout the township expressed the greatest confidence in the result of the battle, and stated that every part of the township is better organized today than it was three years ago.

Last Sunday was temperance day in the various churches, when the ministers exchanged pulpits. The delegates stated that much good was accomplished by the exchange, and their chances of winning were consequently enhanced.

MORE ACCOMMODATION IS REQUIRED AT SANATORIUM

Board of London Health Association Held Meeting Friday.

A meeting of the board of the London Health Association was held Friday afternoon, at which Dr. Craig, superintendent of the Queen Alexandra Sanatorium, reported that the number of patients at that institution was such that the buildings were filled to capacity, and that two of them lacked only a couple of months of the required age.

The report of the superintendent emphasized the need for increased accommodation, and it was felt that if progress was to be made in the elimination of the tubercular disease in this vicinity it would be necessary to increase the accommodation at Byron.

A large number of the patients are from the city of London, although several are from St. Thomas and Middlesex and Elgin counties.

GLENCOE MAN WAS WORKING FAKE GAME

Exhibited a Bandaged Wrist and Was Soliciting Help From Public.

Frank Watson, who is supposed to have first seen London when brought here from Glencoe to serve a month's term for vagrancy, was arrested here yesterday charged with being drunk and disorderly, and when searched at Carling street police station was found to be working a fake cripple game for a living.

Watson, according to the police, has been going about the city of late begging and exhibiting a distorted hand and a bandaged wrist. He carried

8 MORE DAYS TO SHOP



ONLY ONE MORE PAY DAY