

JURY'S VERDICT IN RAILWAY WRECK

COLLISION CAUSED BY WRONG ORDERS

Cannot Agree as to Responsibility—The Canadian Northern to Be Rushed to the Coast.

Wymong, Dec. 30.—The Wanstead inquest continued to-day, no evidence of a startling nature being given. James Smith, front brakeman on the freight, stated that the semaphore was not up against his train when it left Wymong. James Troy, operator at Kingscourt, testified that it was his first night in charge at Kingscourt. Carson's order book was placed in evidence showing that orders had always been annulled in a regular way up to the night of the accident. The jury returned the following verdict: "We find that Arthur W. Ricketts was killed in the collision at Wanstead on the evening of December 20th, 1902, that said collision was caused by wrong orders being given No. 5 at Watford. As to the responsibility for this issuance of wrong orders we are not agreed upon as between Operator Carson and Dispatcher Kerr. We conclude that the accident could have been avoided by the operator at Wymong or Kingscourt junction had the railway company had more experienced operators at these places but we cannot say of 10. At each of those places a dispatcher, having ample time to do it, could have endeavored to get the opposing trains stopped."

Prohibitionists. Toronto, Dec. 30.—Prohibitionists are to meet the Ontario government on January 25th, and demand that the act of the referendum vote the sale of intoxicating liquors in Ontario be abolished.

New Editor. It is announced that Rev. J. A. MacDonald, editor of the Westminster, will succeed J. S. Wilson as editor of the Globe. He will commence his new duties as soon as he can conveniently sever his connection with the Westminster.

Damages Against Steamer. Quebec, Dec. 30.—Damages were returned in the Vice-Admiralty court this morning by Judge Routhier of \$18,000 against the Hamburg-American line steamer Westphalia. Last fall the steamer was wrecked in the schooner Marks Ann in Quebec harbor, the captain and mate of the schooner being drowned. Of the damages \$10,000 go to their widows.

Fire. St. John, N. B., Dec. 30.—Fire this morning damaged the McLaughlin building and contents to the extent of \$40,000. Seven firms had property damaged.

Will Rush Work. Winnipeg, Dec. 30.—Wm. McKenzie, president of the Canadian Northern, who arrived here to-day, said it was the intention of his company to push construction to the coast as rapidly as possible. An Eastern connection from Port Arthur would also be pushed, as the surveys had been on the ground all last summer.

Calgary Cattle Market. The offer to Calgary of Telfer & Company, Montreal, to secure a monopoly of the cattle market in that city was considered by the council to-night. The company want 31 acres of land and the monopoly. The council propose that the company give the city \$1,000 a year after the first four years and that the council gross receipts, and if so, the deal will go through.

Will Reduce Cost. Halifax, Dec. 30.—Marconi was banqueted by the citizens of Sydney to-night. In his speech Marconi said the Atlantic cable cost four millions and the wireless system cost two hundred thousand dollars. He contracted to send messages across the Atlantic at ten cents a word, but the day might come very soon when they could be sent at one cent a word.

VICTIMS OF SNOWLAZE. Five Bodies Have Been Taken From the Molly Gibson Mine.

Nelson, B. C., Dec. 30.—The body of St. M. Campbell was brought to the morgue this morning from the Molly Gibson mine. So far no relatives of the deceased have been heard from, but a number of people who think they knew him will seek to identify the body. The body found yesterday morning, which could not be identified at the time, has proved to be that of M. S. Hall, the assayer. His father and brother-in-law arrived in the city today from Tekoa, Wash., and will take the corpse to-morrow as far as Spokane, and home the following day. Three other bodies have been found, only one of which, Louis Brooker, has been identified. No further developments have taken place at the mine. Hall's body was found near the bottom of the slide, and Brooker about a hundred yards off, just past the end of the canyon, and the other bodies about half-way down the slide.

NEW GERMAN WARSHIPS. Number Will Be Added to Navy During the Coming Year.

Berlin, Dec. 30.—Empress William has telegraphed to Max Guillaume, of the North German sea cable works of Stettin, as follows: "I have learned with special pleasure of the launching of the first cable ship built at German shipyard, and I express, in connection with the new German Atlantic cable, the hope that it will contribute towards strengthening more and more the good relations between Germany and the United States."

The naval budget for 1903 provides for laying down immediately two battleships, one armor-plated cruiser, two small cruisers and five torpedo boats. Their construction is within the permanent naval programme. Two battleships now building will be completed in the summer of 1903, and three small cruisers will be finished early in 1904. This will have a steaming radius of 5,000 knots.

During 1904 four battleships, one armor-plated cruiser, and one gunboat were commenced.

CASTRO AT CAPITAL. Reply of Venezuela to Allies Proposal is Expected Shortly.

Caracas, Dec. 30.—President Castro arrived here this morning. At 3 o'clock United States Minister Bowen called upon the President and communicated to him the recommendation that charges between Venezuela and the allies be taken to the international peace court at The Hague. Venezuela's answer will be received to-morrow.

Requiem of the state of Lara, and the towns of Sancerlos and Tinaquilla, which for some time past have been in the possession of Venezuelan revolutionists, have been recaptured by government forces. The revolutionists at Barquisimeto evacuated the town after losing 112 men killed and 325 wounded. There was hard fighting in the streets and suburbs of Barquisimeto. It transpired that President Castro's recent visit to La Victoria was for the purpose of conducting personally by telegraph the operations of his forces at Barquisimeto.

United States Minister Bowen has received information that the Dutch steamer Prinz Maurita has entered certain Venezuelan ports blockaded by the British fleet. The revolutionists have been ordered to allow the Dutch steamer to do this was obtained from Commodore Montgomery, of the British cruiser Charlydis. The Italian cruiser Giovanni Giolitti ordered to sail from Mauritania away from the port, but Commodore Montgomery directed that she continue to discharge her cargo. In Caracas this is held to be a discrimination against the revolutionists, and the British commodore's action has been criticized.

May Be Bombaraded. London, Dec. 30.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Willemsstad, Curacao, dated yesterday, says: "The postmaster at Willemsstad, Curacao, has received correspondence belonging to German merchants, the German cruiser Elke threatened in consequence to bombard the town."

STILL INVESTED. Sultana's Troops Continue to Hold Fez Against the Rebels.

London, Dec. 31.—The Tangier correspondent of the Times telegraphs that the Sultan has told a deputation at Fez that he is prepared to die in defence of the town. The Moorish army continues the correspondent, after what passed between Menebbi, who visited London last year, as Moorish ambassador, and Foreign Secretary Lansdowne, that in case of necessity Great Britain cannot refuse to give the Sultan assistance. It is impossible to disabuse them of this idea, as they lay the onus of responsibility for the present rebellion of Great Britain's door for fostering European ideas and introducing Christians into the Moorish country.

Madrid, Dec. 30.—Telegrams from Tangier say the Sultan's troops have abandoned the fortress of Rasmeim, close to Fez, and the pretender is negotiating with the tribes in the immediate vicinity of Fez to assist his advance.

The Spanish minister at Tangier reports the situation to be serious, but not desperate. After a cabinet meeting here to-night, Foreign Minister Abaster expressed a more hopeful view of the Moroccan situation. He said he thought it not likely that the rebels would capture Fez.

THE COAL COMMISSION. Counsel For Non-Union Men Will Submit More Evidence.

Philadelphia, Dec. 30.—A conference of anthracite coal operators and their attorneys was held here to-day to arrange for the presentation of the mine owners' side of the strike controversy to the commission which is to be set up here next Tuesday. Those represented were the Delaware & Hudson Company, the Philadelphia & Reading, N. Y., Ontario & W. Va., John Markle, the Independent coal operator of Hazleton, the Enterprise Coal Company, the Lehigh Valley, the Erie, Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, and the non-union mine workers. After the conference a statement was given out which stated that on Tuesday when the commission sits the non-union counsel would submit further testimony which will possibly consume a day or two, then the operators will open and proceed with evidence which will be presented by the coal companies. The presentation of the operators' side will consume ten or twelve days or two weeks, perhaps more.

SCHALKBURGER'S LETTER. Appeal to the Government to Remove Grievances.

Capetown, Dec. 30.—General Schalkburger, former acting president of the Orange Free State, in an open letter, published in the Onsland, appeals to the government to be merciful to those who suffered as a result of their devotion to the Orange cause, and to remove the grievances which now make it impossible to live up to the motto, "Forgive and forget!" In conclusion General Schalkburger expresses the hope that the people will show that the power of law in South Africa lies in the African ruler, "who will remain loyal while righteousness reigns and while his rightful portion is allotted him."

Vancouver, Dec. 31.—The Conservatives have finally decided not to run a candidate in the riding of G. G. Macdonald, and it is probable Charles Foley will not take the bid for the Liberals who opposed the result of the Conservative indications are that the fight will be narrowed down between Messrs. Macdonald and McInnes.

D. G. Macdonald has filed notice of appeal in the case with Dr. McInnes.

CUSTOMS REVENUE OF THE DOMINION

MORE EVIDENCE OF COUNTRY'S PROSPERITY

An Increase of Over \$2,000,000 Compared With the Same Time Last Year.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Canada's custom revenue for the six months ending to-day was over \$18,000,000, an increase of over \$2,000,000, compared with the same time last year. The revenue for the past six months was greater than it was for the whole year of 1895, notwithstanding that taxation is now lower. This is evidence of the great prosperity of the country.

From the Yukon. Fred. Condon, of the Yukon, is here to-day on business with the interior department.

Will Bring Action. Toronto, Dec. 31.—Notice has been served on the Grand Trunk railway by Robinette & Godfrey, that they intend suing the company for \$20,000 damages in behalf of Mrs. Amy Florence Morton, widow of Wilson Morton, one of the victims of the Wanstead disaster.

New Editor in Charge. Rev. C. J. Boyd, the new editor of the Christian Guardian, the organ of the Methodist church of Canada, assumed charge yesterday. With the new year the paper will come out in another form, the pages being half the present size and thirty-two instead of sixteen in number.

Fire Victim. Quebec, Dec. 30.—A body, supposed to be that of Clara Jackson, one of the victims of the Hotel Victoria fire, was discovered this morning by men who were clearing away the debris. The body is imbedded in debris, which encases it as if it were in cement plaster.

M. P. III. Napanee, Ont., Dec. 31.—Uriah Wilson, M. P., Lennox, Conservative, is in a peculiar condition suffering from atarric of the stomach. His friends are alarmed.

Winnipeg Clearings. Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—The clearing house returns for the week ending December 31st are: Clearings, \$4,451,040; balance, \$834,423. For the corresponding week in 1901 the figures were: Clearings, \$4,313,885; balance, \$706,094, and for the same period in 1900, clearings, \$1,889,236; balance, \$229,179.

LOOKS LIKE MURDER. J. Prothero Found in Neighbor's Shanty—His Head and Face Battered.

West Selkirk, Man., Dec. 28.—Word was brought in last night about a murder which took place at Snake Island, near Black Bear Lake. A number of men are there, including Bostick and J. Prothero living together in a shanty. Prothero went out in the morning to visit a neighboring shanty in which J. Putvin, a Frenchman, lives. Prothero returned that night, next morning Bostick went to find him, and on opening the door of the shanty found Prothero lying on the floor dead. His head and face were badly battered.

Putvin saw Prothero's hands and face covered with blood and himself bruised. He says he cannot account for or remember how the deed was done, as both were intoxicated.

Raymond, the magistrate there, was informed, and arrested Putvin and sent in word to the attorney-general's department. Dr. Ross, coroner, and R. Gardner, policeman, left last night for Snake Island, which is over one hundred miles from here. Prothero comes from Windsor, Ontario. He leaves a widow and daughter.

"WILFUL WASTE" MAKES WOEFUL WANT.

That old copybook maxim finds its most forceful application in the waste of vitality, which is called "burning the candle at both ends." A woman is often tempted beyond her strength by domestic or social demands. Some day she awakens from this waste of strength to the woeful want of it. She has become weak, nervous and miserable.

For weak, nervous, run-down women, there is no better tonic and nerve tonic than Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. It restores the appetite, quiets the nerves and gives refreshing sleep. It cures local diseases peculiarly womanly which undermine the general health. It makes weak women strong, sick women well.

"No doubt you have forgotten me, but after you read my letter you will remember me, and you will give me a prescription of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I wrote to you for advice, which you gave me free of charge. When I wrote to you I was a wreck; I could not walk straight for pains in my abdomen, and I had to get up every second case at all. I had what was called the best doctor through a course of 'Favorite Prescription' and 'Golden Medical Dietetic' and I took eight of the 'Pleasant Pellets.' I tell you the medicine made me strong and healthy."

Weak and sick women are invited to consult Dr. Williams, by letter, free. All correspondence is held as strictly private. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., Dr. Pierce's Female Cure Billings, Mass.

CHIEF OFFICER KILLED. Struck by Wave During Storm and Died From Injuries.

New York, Dec. 28.—La Champagne, of the French steamship line, arrived to-day from Havre. On December 20th La Champagne sighted a ship about six miles off being distress signals. She proved to be the barque Nile, of Glasgow, bound from Barbadoes to Boston. Her compass was out of order. La Champagne gave the required aid to the Nile, which then proceeded.

On December 26th, during a strong westerly gale, which lasted about six hours, Pierre Bardeles, the first officer of the barque Nile, was killed by a sea. Bardeles was standing on the bridge, when a tremendous sea struck the vessel on the starboard side, throwing him down with great force. He was picked up unconscious about an hour later. His body was buried at sea.

NORTHERN AFFAIRS. Engaging the Attention of Hon. Clifford Sifton—Hon. J. H. Ross at Ottawa.

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—P. C. Wade is here to-day seeing Hon. Clifford Sifton on Yukon matters. Hon. J. H. Ross, representative of the Yukon, is also here. Hon. Mr. Ross, who goes south in a few days, will meet Hon. Mr. Sifton to-morrow at the residence of the governor of the Yukon. It will likely be discussed. So far nothing has been done about it.

At a meeting of Liberals at Montreal, at which Hon. Clifford Sifton was present, it was decided to start a French Liberal morning newspaper.

COMMITTED SUICIDE. Former Member of Stratton's Horse Shot Himself at Vancouver.

Vancouver, Dec. 30.—Charles Powell, bartender and a former member of Stratton's Horse, committed suicide at midnight in the Balmoral saloon. Powell had been drinking heavily and started out on the evening with the avowed intention of killing Jack Leedham, a prize fighter, of whom he was jealous. Failing to find Leedham, Powell turned the gun on himself in a crowded barroom. Everyone dodged out of the room when the gun play started, except the bartender, who tried to interfere, and Powell threatened to shoot him. Twice the trigger snapped without discharging, but the third time it went off and the man died instantly. He was an Englishman, and had no relatives here.

BROKE PROMISE. Millionaire Failed to Pay Ransom to Brigands, Who Killed Him While Entering Church.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 29.—A dispatch from Moscow announced that an Armenian millionaire, named Jamborov, had been murdered while entering a church there. Jamborov was captured by brigands in the Caucasus several months ago and obtained his freedom by paying a ransom of \$100,000. He failed to pay them his ransom. This he failed to do and his captors killed him in revenge.

DWARF DEAD. Fatma Sing Hpo Died After a Few Minutes' Illness.

Beaumont, Tex., Dec. 30.—Fatma Sing Hpo, reputed to be the smallest adult person in the world, died suddenly here yesterday. She and her brother, Smaun Sing Hpo, were on exhibition and after the afternoon performance Fatma became ill and died before a doctor could reach her. She was 22 years of age, weighed 15 pounds, and stood 28 inches high.

FAST TRAVELLING. Express Train Went One Mile in Thirty-Eight Seconds.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 30.—Train No. 1, the west-bound continental line of the Wabash, has made a run of 112 miles from Montpelier, Ohio, to Logansport, Ind., in 11 minutes. Between Logansport and Logansport, one mile in thirty-eight seconds, and one mile in thirty-eight seconds, the latter being at the rate of nearly ninety-five miles an hour.

MINE ON FIRE. It is Feared Eighty Men Have Perished in Russian Colliery.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—A fire occurred in a coal mine at Bachmut. A hundred miners were underground when the fire started; twenty of these have been rescued, but it is feared that the others have succumbed.

SMALLPOX ON STEAMER. New York, Dec. 29.—The steamer Belgravia, which arrived to-day from Hamburg and Boulogne with 1,344 steerage passengers, was detained at quarantine because of one case of smallpox. The steamer will be disinfected and released this afternoon.

ANOTHER LONE ROBBER. Attempted to Hold Up Train and is Believed to Have Been Shot.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 30.—A bold attempt was made by a lone robber to hold up the New Orleans-Cincinnati northbound express of the Louisville & Nashville railway, as the train was entering South Louisville early to-day. The highwayman secured but a little booty, and was believed to have been shot by Conductor Keene.

THE OURLERS. The Scotch Visitors Had First Practice at Halifax.

Halifax, Dec. 30.—The Scotch curlers had their first practice on Canadian ice here yesterday. The goods were sent by Walter Lorimer, by whom witness was paid. The charge for drayage usually went down on the bill and was settled at the end of the month. He saw Mr. Thompson as he was delivering the goods at the rear of Kircheimer's store.

Cross-examined by Mr. Powell, Mr. Heaney stated that Walter Lorimer paid him for holding the witness (witness) got the goods. The dray was ordered by Lorimer over the telephone, the message being that it was wanted at Turner, Beaton & Co.'s at once.

When Mr. Thompson was recalled, he stated that the boxes of goods had never been sold to Kircheimer. He then described the method of carrying on sale transactions, and swore that to his knowledge Kircheimer had never received an invoice nor bought any kind of denim. The only regular stock the latter had ever purchased from the firm was curtains for his house. On Tuesday morning last, when in Kircheimer's place he found nineteen pieces of denim, the same kind of goods that were in the two bales he had seen the previous morning. This would be the contents of those bales less one piece. He also found some heavy Alaska blankets, which he identified as Turner, Beaton & Co.'s. They had never been sold by the firm to the accused.

Detective Perdue was also examined as to the goods recovered at Kircheimer's on a search warrant on Tuesday last, and of the goods found in Chinese stores. Before an adjournment was taken evidence was given by Messrs. John Piery and Messrs. Lewis, after which the proceedings were discontinued until this afternoon. The prosecution is in the hands of Mr. Belyea.

To the habits of the police court the proceedings now in progress in connection with the Kircheimer hearing appear to possess all the elements of a "cause celebre," to use a Dreyfusard term. Several cases in this branch of the machinery of justice are every day, and even when they are before the court they lack many of the characteristics which stamp the present affair as "peculiarly noteworthy." In the first place probably never before has there been such an array of alleged booty on exhibition in the police court. In the second place several different charges have arisen out of one discovery resulting in the arrest of two people—one charged with stealing land, attended by their counsel, George J. For the former and Messrs. Powell and Walls for the latter. The hearing of evidence in the Kircheimer case was at once proceeded with and occurred in the morning of the morning shortly before 1 o'clock, when an adjournment was taken for lunch. During the examination of the witnesses Kircheimer sat a little behind his counsel, taking copious notes. Once when he was unable to catch all that was being said he asked the witness to speak louder.

The first witness was H. B. Thompson, manager for Turner, Beaton & Co. After being sworn he stated that he knew the accused, who has bought goods from them from time to time beginning with a reduced price. He was in the store in 1901. He had purchased a pair of trousers and a great deal of odds and ends which had been in the place for a number of years, and which were disposed of at a reduced price. When he made these purchases Kircheimer always paid for them in the office. Out of ten transactions he paid for eight by cheques, two by cash payments. Kircheimer's last cheque was for \$170, and in September, 1901, he had bought a pair of trousers and a great deal of odds and ends which had been in the place for a number of years, and which were disposed of at a reduced price. When he made these purchases Kircheimer always paid for them in the office. Out of ten transactions he paid for eight by cheques, two by cash payments. 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