

BLAME BALL FOR ACCIDENT.

Trainmen's Ball at Stratford on Night of Harriston Collision.

Engineer and Firemen in Court For Trial at Guelph.

Bail Refused the Men—Conductor Fleming Talks.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Guelph, Ont., Feb. 5.—That they did lay and kill Engineer John Smith, of Palmerston, and Murmur Root, fireman, of the same place, in the Grand Trunk freight head-on collision at Harriston on the 14th, is the charge upon which Conrad Kennedy, engineer, and Mathew Fleming, conductor, of engine 584 on the up train, were yesterday arrested at Stratford. The manslaughter charge was laid through Crown Attorney Peterson, Guelph, and the train men were yesterday arrested at Stratford by High Constable Merewether. They had been at Stratford since the wreck, that being their headquarters. Kennedy was the strange conductor on the line, who, it is alleged, gave the signal for the Southampton line instead of Warton at Harriston, thus causing the wreck, resulting in a double fatality. He has been on the verge of mental collapse ever since the inquest at Harriston. Fleming, the conductor, is an old and trusted employee of the G. T. R.

Strange as it may seem, it is said that the trainmen's ball at Stratford was a factor in the case of the accident. The ball was held the night of the accident, and it was the intention of the crew of 584 to change trains with a down freight, and thus get back for the evening. When the train left Harriston Kennedy and his crew went to the caboose to "bolt" their dinner, and in the storm never noticed that they were on the wrong track.

Before Magistrate Saunders the prisoners were arraigned this morning, and Crown Attorney Peterson refused bail on any conditions, although sureties were present to go good for a reasonable amount. Finally an adjournment was made until 3 o'clock this afternoon, and in the meantime Attorney-General Fay is being communicated with to make bail arrangements. At the Police Court this morning, in speaking of the affair, Conductor Fleming said: "It certainly seems hard for a trainman to have to pass the terrible ordeal of a wreck, knowing he is perhaps blamed for the death of his fellows, and then to have to face a trial."

A BAD CUP.

Colored Fortune Teller's Prediction of the Tragedy.

A reporter of the Toronto Star, who was at the VanSickle inquest at Jerseyville, tells the following story in his paper:

A story on everyone's lips in this district is that a fortune teller turned away in horror when he looked into Harry VanSickle's tea cup while telling his fortune, about a week before last Saturday's tragedy. The negro, Smith, who lives with Seth VanSickle, is the fortune teller, and owing to the accuracy of his predictions, has achieved a reputation throughout Ancaster county. He started to tell Harry's fortune, so the story goes, but when he looked into the cup he put it down and turned his head away. When asked what was the matter he said it was too dreadful to tell. Some time ago he also told Seth VanSickle's fortune and foretold that he would be wearing mourning in less than a year.

"I hope none of the children will die," said Seth.

"No," answered the seer, "it will be some one on the other side."

MONEY LENDERS.

Six Ottawa Men Summoned to Answer Charges.

(Special Despatch to the Times.) Ottawa, Feb. 5.—Six of the Ottawa money lenders were summoned this afternoon to answer charges of violating the Money Lenders Act by charging interest at the rate of more than 12 per cent. The attention of the Ontario authorities having been attracted to the extent of the usury business in Ottawa by a suicide and seizure of effects in a particularly brutal manner, a campaign against the money lenders has been instituted. A detective of the Provincial Department has been at work for some time securing the evidence on which the action is being begun to-day.

THE JOLLY ELKS.

A meeting is to be held in the hall of the Royal Arcanum, Arcade building, to-morrow evening, of all those interested in the formation of a lodge of the Elks. Mr. R. M. Buckman, one of the supreme officers, will be present to explain the advantages and benefits of the order.

ARBITRATION TREATIES.

Copenhagen, Feb. 5.—The Rigsdag approved treaties of arbitration with the United States, Norway and Switzerland to-day.

BREEDERS MEET.

Toronto, Feb. 5.—The Ontario Sheep Breeders' association held its first annual meeting here to-day. When officers were elected, and a constitution was adopted. The Dominion Sheep Breeders' Association met this afternoon, when last year's work was reviewed. The financial statement showed a balance on hand of \$1,559.

STAFF BAND COMING.

In connection with the visit of Commissioner Coombs, leader of the Salvation Army forces in Canada and Newfoundland, to this city, Saturday and Sunday next, the Canadian Territorial Staff Band, the finest musical organization in connection with the Army in Canada, will be here. Commissioner Coombs will be in Dundas on Saturday evening and will hold services in the City aded here at 11 a. m. on Sunday, in Association Hall at 3 and again at 7 p. m. Especially good musical programmes have been arranged for all the meetings.

TEA TABLE GOSSIP.

—Mrs. Caswell, of Le Roy, New York, is visiting at the home of W. A. Crockett, Main street east.

—Mrs. Jane Whitehorn, widow of Harry Whitehorn, who was killed in this city last fall, has brought action against Malcolm Webb to recover \$5,000.

—Mr. Isaac Lake was taken suddenly ill on King street, near Hughson, this morning, and was removed to his home in a cab. He quickly recovered.

—Persons desirous of attending the Mendelssohn Choir concert in Toronto may secure special railway privileges by using their names at the Conservatory of Music.

—To-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock the annual meeting of the Local Council of Women will be held in Centenary Church lecture hall. An invitation to all interested is given in this issue.

—Miss Allen, of Burlington, has been engaged by the Caledonia High School Board to fill the position held by Miss Dunlop, resigned. Miss Allen will commence her duties on March 1st.

—The annual at-home of the Collegiate Institute will be held on Friday, Feb. 12. The committee in charge are sparing no effort to make it, as usual, the event of the year, and the many friends of the students are anticipating a most enjoyable evening. Tickets are limited and are sold without invitation cards.

—An aged horse belonging to Mr. J. C. Cooper, Rebecca street, fell at the corner of James and Rebecca streets this afternoon, while driving north. The horse was nearly an hour. A large crowd gathered and traffic was obstructed for some time. The owner of the animal and some other men finally got it up on its feet.

—Fred Schelter, Ferguson avenue north, has complained to the police that while driving north, the Washington street crossing of the Grand Trunk on Sunday afternoon he came within an ace of being struck by a freight train. He says the gates were up, and there was no watchman there to warn people of approaching trains.

FIELD'S VERDICT.

Why the Times is a Valuable Advertising Medium.

There never was a keener student of advertising problems than the late Martine Field, who built his enormous fortune upon a solid foundation of publicity. He may therefore be safely quoted as an authority, and his conclusions must be accepted as finalities. Of the daily newspaper he said: "A copy in the home is worth a hundred on the highway." In the truth of that dictum lies one of the enormous advantages of the Times over its contemporaries as a trade-winning medium. From the inception of this newspaper down to the present day its publishers have ever borne in mind the necessity of first making it worthy of a place in the home and then indispensable to each member of the family circle. How well they have succeeded is amply demonstrated by the Times' reputation as a home medium among all observers of newspaper conditions in Hamilton. "A copy in the home is worth a hundred on the highway."

I. O. D. E.

Municipal Chapter Preparing For Mikado Production.

Hamilton Municipal Chapter, Daughters of the Empire, met in the reception room of the Y. W. C. A. this morning to receive reports and discuss the coming production of Mikado, which they are to present at the Grand Opera House on the 8th, 7th and 8th of May. Mrs. P. D. Crerar presided and read the reports, which were all of a very satisfactory character. St. Hilda Chapter reported that \$75 had been raised at the concert held recently, and this sum will be used to buy surgical instruments for the free dispensary on Hess street. St. Cecilia Chapter reported that the names of several young people who are willing to take part in the "Mikado" had been handed in to Mrs. Crerar and Mrs. Harry Burkholder. The cast is not yet complete, and any who wish to take part must have their names by Dr. Harris.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting on Monday, March 1, and invitations will be sent to Mrs. Nordheimer and Mrs. Van Coughnet, of the National Chapter, Toronto, to be present and address the meeting.

ANOTHER SURPRISE.

Suits and Overcoats at Lyons' To-morrow For \$12.75.

It is seldom that merchant tailors make such phenomenal offers as those announced recently and in this issue by the Lyons Tailoring Company, 116 James street north, and especially by a firm like the Lyons people. For years they have been giving Hamiltonians the best values in the fact is known that they took in sixty-five orders for \$15 suits a week ago last Saturday, it is not difficult to see that the men appreciate their business-like methods. To-morrow the customer will get still another surprise and will have the choice of a suit or overcoat for \$12.75. This is not for a ready-made article, but a hang-up, union made, artistically cut garment, and one that gets a try-on or two or three, if necessary. The Lyons policy claims to give the best values obtainable. This is certainly a splendid chance for a fine suit or overcoat.

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BAD LANGUAGE

Caused Suspension For Sixty Days From N. Y. Exchange.

Isidor Wormser, Jun., the Broker Who Offended.

New York, Feb. 3.—Isidor Wormser, jun., a member of the Stock Exchange since 1892 (as announced yesterday), has been suspended by the governors under the rule forbidding "indecorous language" on the floor of the exchange. The suspension is for sixty days, which is the maximum.

Winthrop Burr, of Parkinson & Burr, preferred the charges against Wormser, but it was not to Mr. Burr that the indecorous language was directed, nor had he any personal altercation with Wormser. As Mr. Burr explained it yesterday, he simply laid the charges before the governors in the interest of common decency and to relieve an intolerable situation.

"Indecorous language" brokers well informed regarding all the circumstances said, was a mild term by which to characterize Mr. Wormser's talk on the particular occasion and on other occasions.

The official announcement of the case was made by Secretary Ely in the following statement: "The governing committee at a meeting held yesterday considered a complaint of Winthrop Burr against Isidor Wormser, jun., under section 1, Article XXXVI of the constitution, which reads as follows:—

"Indecorous language or an act subversive of good order and decorum or serious interference with the personal comfort or safety of another person is forbidden. Any member who shall violate this rule within the limits of any department of the exchange may be fined by the chairman or by the committee of arrangements in a sum not exceeding \$50, or upon complaint may be summoned before the governing committee and suspended for a period not exceeding sixty days."

Mr. Wormser and witnesses in the matter appeared, and after their retirement the following resolutions were adopted, viz:—

That the governing committee determine under section 1, Article XXXVI of the constitution of the exchange that Isidor Wormser, jun., is guilty of indecorous language and an act subversive of good order and decorum.

The particular remark on which Mr. Wormser was tried by the governors was an unprintable epithet addressed to one of the older members, Mr. Wormser was formerly a member of the firm of Wormser Bros. The firm was dissolved about two years ago, and latterly Mr. Wormser has been a floor trader and special partner in the firm of William E. Lauer & Co.

DEPUTIES FIGHT.

Violent Scene in the Austrian Parliament To-day.

One Member Thrashed and Another Bitten on the Cheek.

Vienna, Feb. 5.—The present session of the Austrian Parliament came to an end to-day after a scene of turbulence extraordinary even for an assembly where violent outbreaks are comparatively common. The trouble, which arose from the old racial feeling between the Germans and the Czechs, broke out during the debate on a Government bill, the object of which was to reconcile these differences. The radical Czechs obstructionists, who have been hindering the debate on this measure for several days past with a continuous din from drums and tin whistles, so exasperated the Germans to-day that the opposing deputies came to close quarters, and a fierce scuffle ensued. One of the radical Czechs deputies, a man named Speckel, who has been most violent in his obstruction, was captured and whipped until he howled for mercy.

Another Czech was bitten on the cheek by a German, and sustained an ugly wound, and black eyes and sore heads were numerous. The Premier, Baron Von Bienenrath, seeing the uselessness of attempting to pass legislation, closed the session and sent the Deputies home.

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Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths which are inserted in the Daily Times also appear in the Semi-weekly Times. 50c first insertion; 25c for each subsequent insertion.

BIRTHS

KERR.—On Feb. 4th, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Kerr, 151 Jackson street east, a son.

DEATHS

STEVENS.—At her late residence, 301 John street north, on Thursday, 4th Feb., 1909, Frank A. Stevens, in her 76th year. Funeral Tuesday, 9th inst., at 3.30 p. m. Interment at Hamilton cemetery.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LOCAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN

Will be held in the lecture hall of the Centenary Church on Saturday, Feb. 6th, at 3 p. m. All are cordially invited.

BECOME A JOLLY ELK

There will be a meeting of young men interested in forming an Elk's Lodge and Club, Saturday evening, 5 o'clock, Arcanum Hall, Arcade Building, James street north. The principles, benefits and pleasures explained by R. M. Buckman.

THE CANADA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY

The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders and Policyholders of the Company for the election of directors and the transaction of other business, will be held at the Head Office of the Company, in the City of Toronto on Wednesday, the 24th day of February, 1909, at noon.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

WANTED—SMALL TWO STOREY BRICK or cottage by April 1st. In east or south-west corner. Reasonable rent. Lease if desired. Apply Box 21, Times office.

THE WEATHER.

FORECASTS—South and southwest winds, cloudy and mild to-day; Saturday rain or sleet at first, becoming much colder at night.

The following is issued by the Department of Marine and Fisheries:—

Table with 2 columns: Location and Weather. Locations include Victoria, Calgary, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Parry Sound, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, and Father Point. Weather conditions range from Rain to Cloudy.

WEATHER NOTES.

A pronounced disturbance now centered in Wisconsin is likely to move slowly eastward across the Great Lakes. The weather has turned somewhat colder again in the Western Provinces, while from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces it is cloudy and milder.

Washington, Feb. 5.—Eastern States and Northern New York—Rain to-night and Saturday; warmer to-night in south portion; colder Saturday in the north and west portions; brisk south-west winds.

Western New York—Rain to-night; Saturday rain, possibly turning to snow and colder.

The following is the temperature registered at Parke & Parke's drug store: 9 a. m., 49; 11 a. m., 48; 1 p. m., 49; lowest in 24 hours, 41; highest in 24 hours, 49.

SOME LATE SPORTING ITEMS

There will be a meeting of the Y. M. C. A. Junior Harriers to-night in the boys' parlors at 8 o'clock sharp. Every member is requested to attend and discuss important matters. Mr. John Bainbridge will, as usual, be there with his famous paper, the "Shorter."

Two games of basketball were played last night in the junior Y. M. C. A. League. The first game was between the Central school and St. John's, resulting in a victory for Central school, score 32-16. The second game, between the sixth team of the Central Y. M. C. A. and First Boys' Club team. Although East End Y. M. C. A. played several of their senior men, the sixth team held the score down to 22-19 in favor of East End.

New York, Feb. 5.—Tom Longboat, the Canadian runner, and Albert Shrubbs, the champion long distance runner of England, will compete to-night in a Marathon race over the full distance of 26 miles and 385 yards in Madison Square Garden. It is expected that this will be the best Marathon indoor race run this winter, as both men outclass any other long distance men in this country.

Steamship Arrivals. Feb. 4.—Majestic—At Cape Race, from Southampton. Columbia—At Cape Race, from Mexico. Empress—At Liverpool, from New York. Genoa—At Liverpool, from New York. Iberia—At Liverpool, from New York. La Lorraine—At Havre, from New York. Carmania—At Naples, from New York. Laura—At Trieste, from New York. La Bretagne—At Cape Race, from Havre. Montreal, Feb. 5.—The Empress of Ireland entered Halifax harbor 10.25 p. m. last night, making the passage from Liverpool in 5 days 18 hours, which is the record winter voyage, being one hour faster than the trip her sister, the Empress of Britain, made in 1907.

Montreal, Feb. 5.—Empress of Ireland docked 10.45 this morning at St. John. Feb. 6.—Graf Waldersee—At New York, from Hamburg. Montreal, Feb. 5.—Empress of Britain passed 115 miles west of Inhabitsrahul 10 p. m. on Thursday.

Cheever's Case. (Brantford Expositor.) The story told at an Expositor representative by William Cheever, a Brantford boy, who, at the early age of 12 years, fell into criminal ways, gives much food for thought. Truancy was evidently the beginning of the downward career, but this might have been averted at a comparatively early age, and before the sad's habits were irrevocably fixed, had there been some agency to extend a helping hand and provide him with employment. Manifestly, our "prison gate" methods still fall short of being what they ought.

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