



THE COLLISION ON GRAND TRUNK

STATION AGENT AND DISPATCHER EXAMINED

All the Victims of Friday Night's Disaster Have Now Been Identified.

London, Ont., Dec. 29.—An inquest was opened at Wyoming this morning on the cause of the wreck on the Grand Trunk at Wanstead on Friday night.

James Kerr, dispatcher at London, who had the train which collided on his board, was the first important witness.

Not Dismayed. The operator is not on duty at night, but he thought he might be in the office.

The evidence shows a dispute between Carson and Kerr. Carson says Kerr told him to "bust" the train.

The identity of the last body was established to-day. It is that of Miss Thelma Bonnaman, bound from Toronto to Detroit.

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MAY MAKE CONCESSIONS.

Dispatch From Caracas Indicates That Venezuela Desires Speedy Settlement.

Caracas, Dec. 28.—United States Minister Bowen and Lopez Baralt, Venezuelan minister of foreign affairs, held a long conference last night.

Mr. Bowen said also that Germany would not press for an immediate payment, and that she had agreed to accept a guarantee based on a percentage of the custom receipts.

Senator Baralt has prepared the following statement for the Associated Press: "Venezuela agrees to pay all her debts, the payments to be guaranteed by a certain percentage of the custom receipts, or by the flotation of a special loan, also to be guaranteed."

REBELS NEAR FEZ.

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Tangier, Morocco, Dec. 28.—On December 22nd ten thousand rebels, equipped with modern arms, were seen in the Sultana's minister of war, received orders to concentrate and take the offensive against the pretender at Taza.

London, Dec. 29.—A dispatch received here by the Times, dated December 29th, from Tangier, says a courier from Fez reports the Christians there to be safe.

Madrid, Dec. 29.—King Alfonso today discussed the Moroccan crisis with General Weyler, minister of war, and the Duke of Veragua, minister of marine.

Berlin, Dec. 29.—Albert Heyde, sub-manager of the Potsdam branch of the National Bank Fuer Deutschland, has disappeared.

WHY THE CROWN PRINCESS RAN AWAY

AFRAID SHE WOULD BE PUT IN ASYLUM

Says Life is Impossible Without M. Girou—Official Statement to Be Made.

New York, Dec. 30.—The Herald correspondent at Zurich, Switzerland, cables the report of an interview with the Crown Princess of Saxony, in which she is quoted as saying that M. Girou is the only man she ever met whom she felt she could love, and that it was a question of mutual love and affinity which made her life impossible without him.

"Between my husband and myself," said the Princess, "there was no bond of sympathy. He was a typical rough officer. I, myself, was full of ideals. How miserable that life was. I tried so hard to bear it for the sake of my darling children, whom I adore. I also hesitated for the sake of the Saxon people, whom I love deeply, as they love me. But all that could not alter my resolution. The life of my life at the court was too great to bear."

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To the Public.

In October last the price of the "Twice-a-week Times" was reduced from \$1.50 to \$1.00, and the cash-in-advance system was adopted.

All subscribers in arrears were notified that their obligations must be met before the close of the year, or the papers would be discontinued, and the amount due the "Times" was to be collected.

The manner in which this announcement has been received has been an agreeable surprise. Numerous letters, commending the step taken, have been received, accompanied by appreciative words and more tangible evidences in the form of remittances.

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SALMON RETURNS FOR PAST SEASON

STATEMENT OF THE PACKERS' ASSOCIATION

Results Per Cannery Show a Big Decrease Over Those of a Year Ago.

The pack of the British Columbia salmon season of 1902, as compiled by the Fraser River Cannery Association, is appended. The statement gives a complete return of the year's cannery operations, and as told in the Times heretofore shows a big shortage in the totals as compared with those of last year.

A year ago there were 1,236,156 cases packed in British Columbia, while this year it will be seen that the aggregate amounts only to 327,095 cases for the Fraser and 293,887 cases for the North, or a total of 620,982 cases. Of this production over half has been forwarded to the United Kingdom, the total shipments showing that 380,624 cases have this been disposed of. The packs by canneries are as follows:

Table listing salmon packers and their results, including B. C. Packers' Association, Albion, Anglo-American, Alliance, etc.

THE COMPETITION IN ORIENTAL TRADE

Representative of Manchester Manufacturing Firm Makes Personal Investigation.

To investigate trade relations as they exist in the Orient at present has been the principal object of a tour of the world made by a passenger representing the big manufacturing firm of C. E. Samuels & Company, who arrived here on the steamer Glenlogie on Tuesday.

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VIOLENT DEATHS.

New York, Dec. 29.—Nine persons met violent deaths in Greater New York to-day. Four were clear cases of suicide, and the others resulted from a variety of causes.

UNIDENTIFIED.

Remains of Another Victim Found at the Molly Gibson Mine.

Nelson, B. C., Dec. 29.—But little further word has been received from the Molly Gibson mine since Saturday.

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