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Bad Train Wreck on Grand Trunk Near Sarnia—Many Declare Themselves in Favor of Subways—Evanturel Barred from Liberal Caucus

ARE UNANIMOUS IN SUPPORT OF SUBWAY IDEA

Citizens Throughout the Entire
City Express Approval
of Scheme.

AN INCREASING DEMAND

"Best Thing for Fire Depart-
ment," Says Fire Chief
Aitken.

That agitation for the construction of subways and the elimination of the deadly level crossings in London is backed up by all classes of citizens was again emphasized today, when Advertiser reporters interviewed a number of persons to obtain their views on the subject.

There was not a dissenting voice on the question; every man seen favored the subway idea, and many new ideas and suggestions were brought out in the interviews. The menace to the safety of human life, and the holding up of traffic were the two big arguments against the levels.

Fire Department's Side.
"A Ridout subway would be the best thing that has happened yet for the fire department," said Chief John Aitken, "No. 3 company in South London would be much more efficient with a subway on Ridout street. The brigade is often delayed in going to a West London fire. Yesterday, the whole brigade was blocked by a slow freight while running to the meter-works fire. Apart from the fact that the level crossings affect the fire department, I certainly believe that there should be a subway to overcome street car delays."

Increasing Demand.
Chief Aitken's statement was representative of many others obtained. All over the city there is an increasing demand for subway construction. Every day in the year there are half-breed escapes on the several railroad crossings, and every day in the year street cars, automobiles, carriages, wagons and pedestrians are held up for many minutes by freight and passenger trains. It is a condition of affairs that must be remedied. It was pointed out, the project may be large, but it is one that must be faced, regardless of effort or expense.

A few of the brief interviews given below amply testify to the feeling of the people in this matter.

City Engineer W. N. Ashplant—There is not the slightest doubt but that it's up to the city to agitate for something along this line. Life and limb are daily in danger. I believe the Ridout street subway idea is perfectly feasible.

Assessment Commissioner Stephen Grant—We need subways, and should have at least three, the east one, say, at Burwell street.

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VILLA TO PERMIT THE EXAMINATION OF BENTON'S BODY

But Continues Refusal to Allow
Its Removal by Friends of
Executed Man.

INVESTIGATING RUMORS

Body of American, Vergara,
Hanging to Tree, Will Likely
Be Surrendered.

[Canadian Press.]
Chihuahua, Mexico, Feb. 26.—General Villa today reiterated that he would permit the examination, but not the removal of the body of William S. Benton, which, he asserts, is buried here. He said that representatives of the British and American Governments and of the widow alone would be permitted to view the body.

Michaelis' Story.
[Canadian Press.]
El Paso, Texas, Feb. 26.—Investigation of the story told last night by A. Michaelis that Gustav Bauch and thirteen other Americans were locked up in a jail in Juarez was set on foot today. Despite Michaelis' assertion that his father is a Brooklyn, N. Y., banker, his statement was received skeptically, for United States Consul Edwards at Juarez has been assured that with the execution of Wm. S. Benton and the removal of Bauch, no foreigners remained behind the bars.

Michaelis, who said he left his home at 236 Vernon street, Brooklyn, after a quarrel with his family, and was arrested at Juarez, because of a fight over a game of cards, declined to leave Juarez when newspapermen offered him asylum on the American side. He said he had telegraphed his father for money and would leave this section as soon as funds arrived. He said his father took his clothes from him, and left him only rags, in which he was turned into the streets. Charles Perceval, British consul at Galveston, Texas, is expected here today to co-operate with the American investigation of the death of Benton.

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ST. GEORGES MAN KILLED BY A TREE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON



RICHARD MORRIS

CHEST CRUSHED IN BY A FALLING TREE

Fatal Accident to Richard
Morris, of St. George, Father
of Major Morris, This City.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
St. George, Feb. 26.—Richard Morris, a well-known resident of this village, was killed yesterday afternoon by a falling tree, which crushed in his chest.

He was working with Ernest Drake, a farmer, about two miles from the village, in cutting down trees for firewood. They had cut down an old apple tree, and had taken off most of the limbs. One large limb remained, and this was too high for the axe of the men to reach. Morris gave the butt a shove, hoping thereby to tip the tree over and thus get at the bough.

But Recalled.
The shove that he gave was powerful enough to knock a prop from under the tree, but it failed to shove the butt over, and it recoiled with great force. The limb struck Morris in the chest and crushed it in, felling him to the ground. He was conscious for a time, but expired before Dr. W. H. Reid, of St. George, could get to the scene.

A Prominent Man.
The late Richard Morris was a very prominent resident of St. George. He was a milk vendor there, an extramural and warden in the St. George Methodist Church. He leaves two daughters and one son at home, these being Marcella, Lillian and Fraser, and three other sons, Harry, of Chicago; Major Frank Morris, of the Salvation Army; London, and Stuart Captain Arthur Morris, of the headquarters "aff", Toronto.

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DETROIT MAN SAYS VILLA KILLED BENTON

Louis MacCallum Was at
Juarez When Tragedy
Occurred.

Detroit, Feb. 25.—That Villa killed Benton with his own revolver, and that Benton went to the rebel general's quarters unarmed, is asserted by Louis B. MacCallum, one of the American troops, who enlisted under Madero, and later under Huerta in the Mexican revolutions. He has come to Detroit to recuperate after being wounded.

In his statement he alleges that Benton visited Villa at his house, to demand redress for raids on his ranch. He refused to carry a revolver, saying he could thrash Villa with his fists, if necessary.

MacCallum, with other friends, saw Benton go to the house and waited around. After a while they saw some of Villa's guards running away from the house. They caught the guards, and forced them to tell what had happened. The Mexicans said Villa called Benton a vile name, and Benton replied that the rebel was "a cut-throat, murdering, outlawed brigand." Villa immediately shot the Scotsman dead.

Benton is the first Britisher Villa has killed, and MacCallum says he is now badly scared.

BECKER TO LEAVE SING SING PRISON

[Canadian Press.]
New York, Feb. 26.—The formal order of the court of appeals permitting the removal of Charles Becker, from the death house at Sing Sing Prison to the Tombs in this city, arrived here today.

FAVOR C. T. ACT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES

[Canadian Press.]
Toronto, Feb. 26.—There was a sharp discussion by the Ontario Alliance delegates this morning as to the advisability of endorsing the Canadian temperance act or encouraging temperance workers to seek to have this law passed.

After a prolonged debate, the convention went on record as favoring the Canadian temperance act, when local conditions were such that local opinion could not be put into effect through-out a county.

EVANTUREL BARRED FROM TAKING PART IN LIBERAL CAUCUS

He Wanders Round Corridors
While Rest of Party Confer
in Leader's Office.

ADMITS THE DOCUMENT

Member for Prescott Says He
Has No Thought of
Resigning.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Parliament Buildings, Toronto, Feb. 26.—Gustave Evanturel, Liberal member for Prescott, is not making an attempt to deny the authorship of the sensational letter read before the Legislature yesterday afternoon by G. H. Ferguson. Further than that, when seen today, he admitted that the document was written by himself. Next he declares that he has absolutely no thought of resigning his seat in the House. Thirdly, he recognizes the fact that, though a Liberal caucus was held today he was no longer taken into the confidence of his leader.

While the balance of the Liberal party conferred in the private office of St. W. Rowell, Gustave Evanturel was wandering about the corridors of the Parliament buildings, apparently the least worried man in the Liberal ranks. Fourthly, Mr. Evanturel declares that he is a supporter of the principles of the Liberal party and of the platform of St. W. Rowell, with the one exception of temperance. Further than that Mr. Evanturel declares that when the next general election comes about he will be a candidate for office, and will ask his old constituents for their endorsement of his conduct. That was what he told the press today in his usual off-hand manner, which did not attempt to minimize the situation or to elaborate upon it.

Wanted To Be Organizer.
[Canadian Press.]
Toronto, Feb. 26.—Gustave Evanturel, M. P. for Prescott, Liberal, is conscious of having done no wrong in offering his services to the Liberal interests for \$10,000. He says: "I have always been friendly to the hotelmen and the license victuallers, and I knew they wanted to organize the province, and I wanted the position as organizer."

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GOVIN AND LEMIEUX RETIRING FROM FIRM

Will Devote Energies to Public
Life for the Present, With-
out Legal Business.

[Canadian Press.]
Montreal, Feb. 26.—Sir Lomer Govin, prime minister of the Province of Quebec, and Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, M. P. for Rouville, have retired from the legal firm of Govin, Lemieux, Murphy, Bernard and Perreault. It is understood that neither will at present form any new legal alliance, their time being taken up with their duties in public life at Quebec and Ottawa.

GRIEVING FOR WIFE, COMMITTED SUICIDE

Aged Hamilton Man Never Re-
covered From His Loss of
Years Ago.

[Canadian Press.]
Hamilton, Feb. 26.—Brooding over the death of his wife, Aaron Peer, 86 years of age, ended his life at Burlington today. The old man never recovered from the shock of his wife's death some years ago, and grieved constantly. He resided with his son. The latter's wife heard a noise upstairs, and when her husband went up to investigate he found his father lying dead on the floor. The old man had shot himself.

COMMISSIONER'S SON APPOINTED ASSESSOR

Edmund D. Grant Added to the
Permanent Staff of Assess-
ment Department.

Edmund D. Grant, son of Assessment Commissioner Stephen Grant, has been appointed to the permanent staff of the city assessment department, and will commence his new duties the first of March. The appointment has been ratified by the mayor and board of control.

The new assessor has had considerable financial experience, being a former branch manager of the Crown Bank and of late district manager for the Northern Life Assurance Company.

London will have six assessors this year instead of three as formerly. The permanent officials are: Martin O'Sullivan, Alfred McCoubrey and the new appointee, Mr. Grant, and three temporary men, W. T. Peel, Arnold Black and Alfred E. Burwell.

A MAN AS WELL AS A JUSTICE

[St. Thomas Journal.]
Some folks have an exaggerated idea of justice. A London man out of work, was arrested for stealing coal from a railway storage pile to keep his wife and child at home warm. Instead of sending him to jail the magistrate not only allowed him to go free, but saw to it that he was given assistance by a local organization. This was doubtless a source of disappointment to the man who caused his arrest. Had he not been arrested, however, the needful assistance might never have reached him; so that in one sense his prosecutor became his benefactor. Such is the strange working of the law of compensation.

Irish Sweethearts Wedded Here



Photo by Sanders.

Rev. and Mrs. William Thompson, of Huron, South Dakota. Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Thompson, formerly Miss Jennie Pollock, were married in this city yesterday at the residence of Rev. W. J. Knox, 387 Hyman street, by Rev. John Pollock. They had arranged to meet each other at Montreal, but Mr. Thompson only came as far as London. Neither Mr. Thompson or Miss Pollock were aware that Rev. Mr. Pollock was in London until Sunday night when Rev. Mr. Thompson attended service in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, where Rev. Mr. Pollock preached.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PENITENTIARY ON FIRE

Hospital and Chapel Destroyed
—No Lives Lost and Main
Building Safe.

[Canadian Press.]
Montreal, Feb. 26.—A fire, which broke out in the St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary this morning, destroyed the hospital annex, and did extensive damage to the surgical department. The patients in the hospital were all moved safely to the main building, and no lives were lost, though at one time it looked as if some of the prisoners had been cut off. There are 399 prisoners in the institution, which is a state penitentiary. The fire was first discovered at 8:15 this morning by J. B. Jardi, a watchman in the store department. The flames spread with tremendous rapidity to the hospital, and all hope of saving it was soon abandoned. The work of transferring the patients, of whom there were about a score, to the main building, was proceeded with without incident. An urgent message for help was then dispatched to Montreal, about fifteen miles away, as it was obvious that the prison fire department could not cope with the blaze.

After consuming the hospital annex, the flames travelled to the little chapel, which was soon consumed.

Fearing that the main body of the penitentiary would be fired, and that it might be necessary to move the prisoners there, the guards were notified to be ready to march the convicts out. The arrival of steamers from Montreal, however, and the enormous amount of water they were able to throw on the flames, soon checked them, and at 10:30 the fire was reported as under control.

The first estimate of the damage done was under \$50,000.

Nocturnal Visitor Frightens Family

Walks Into Dundas Street Home and
Lights It Up—He Was "Tight."

Returning home Wednesday evening after spending the evening out, a prominent Dundas street family were surprised to find their home brilliantly lighted and to hear in one room a voice uttering something about "Just one drink more."

"Burglars" were their first thought, but on investigating they found instead a man in a drunken stupor. The police patrol was called and at the station the nocturnal intruder managed to give his name as John J. White.

Today in police court he explained that he had thought he was in his own home, but evidence was given to show that he had made the same mistake in the same house one night last week. Unable to pay a \$5 fine he went to jail for fifteen days.

FIREMAN SCALDED TO DEATH IN WRECK NEAR SARNIA

With Foot Wedged Between Tender and Engine, Sarnia Tunnel Man Meets Awful Fate When West-Bound Freight Crashed Into Slowly-Moving East-Bound Train at Mandaumin Crossover.

[By Staff Reporter.]
Mandaumin Station, Feb. 26.—Pinned between the engine and the tender, Fireman Charles Symes, of Sarnia Tunnel, was scalded to death in a wreck at the Mandaumin "cross-over" early this morning, while Engineer Fraser and brakeman Harold Cheshire, all of the Tunnel, had a miraculous escape from sharing the same fate.

Both east and west bound main lines of the Grand Trunk were blocked by the wreck, which occurred when a westbound freight crashed into the side of an eastbound one, backing onto the westbound track to allow an east-bound passenger train to pass.

Occurred at 2:10 a.m.
At 2:10 this morning extra east-bound freight 673, in charge of Engineer Duffield and Conductor Curran, of Sarnia Tunnel, stopped at Mandaumin, the first station east of Sarnia, to allow a passenger train to pass.

There is no siding there, and the freight was being switched to the westbound track, when 560 plowed its way into the middle of the train, wrecking eighteen cars and piling them with its own engine and tender across both tracks.

Engineer Fraser, who, with Conductor Mellick, both of Sarnia Tunnel, was in charge of the train, escaped serious injury. With Front End Brakeman Cheshire, he was in the cab with Symes, but both managed to crawl from the wreckage after the big engine had been thrown across the east-bound track. Once clear of the debris they looked for Symes, but he was missing.

Search revealed his scalded body, wedged in the cab. One leg was broken, and he had sustained internal injuries, besides the terrible scalds.

Bad Traffic Wreck.
While the loss of life was slight the wreck, from a traffic standpoint, was one of the worst of the division in some time. The twisted pile of debris completely blocked both east and westbound tracks, and it will be hours before through service can be re-established. Three auxiliaries—the Hamilton Steam Derrick and the wrecking crews from Sarnia Tunnel and London are at work clearing the line.

According to information handed out by the railway men it will be this afternoon before even the first of the tracks is cleared and repaired, while it will be late tonight, or possibly early tomorrow morning before the two are ready.

Says He Protected Train.
Conductor Curran, of No. 673, in a statement to The Advertiser, declares that he sent Flagman Greenless, one of the members of his crew, down the west bound track to protect his train. Greenless, who is now with his train at Wyoming, declares that he went fifteen and a half car lengths beyond the Mandaumin semaphores, half a mile east of the station, and flagged 560 with red and white lights.

Saw No Lights.
In answer to these statements Engineer Fraser declares that he never saw Greenless' lights; that no torpedoes were Continued on Page Eleven.

HON. FRANK COCHRANE LEAVING FOR EUROPE

Minister of Railways to Travel
For Sake of His
Health.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Feb. 26.—Hon. Frank Cochrane left Ottawa today for Halifax, where he takes passage to Europe. The Minister of Railways is hunting for better health, and has planned to give the next two months to this task. He has been advised by physicians to restore the tone of his nervous system by travel and rest.

Therefore, Mr. Cochrane is going to England, where he will spend a few weeks, and thereafter will journey about the continent. In spite of his trouble, Mr. Cochrane has none of the appearance of an invalid, and the healthy looking member of the Government.

STREET CAR DELAYS

Yesterday's Records of "Hold-
ups" at Level Crossings.

Crossing Time Lost
G. T. R.-Rich. 6:15-6:15 a.m. 4 min.
G. T. R.-Rich. 8:54-8:58 a.m. 4 min.
G. T. R.-Rectory 8:04-8:10 a.m. 6 min.
G. T. R.-Rectory 11:27-11:31 a.m. 4 min.
G. T. R.-Rich. 6:10-6:13 p.m. 3 min.
G. T. R.-Rich. 8:39-9:44 p.m. 5 min.

BELFAST DIVINE DECLARES LONDON SHOULD HAVE MORE STREET SIGNS

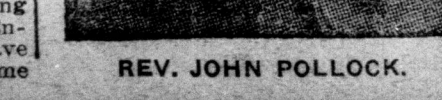
Is Impressed by Their Absence From City Corners—Tells
of His Impressions of Canada in Interesting
Chat With Reporter.

"In Canada there is not so much talk about hustle as in the United States, but there is more of it. In Toronto they do a New Yorker's day's work before dinner," said Rev. Mr. Pollock, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Belfast, Ireland, at the Grange House yesterday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Pollock, who is on his fourth visit to Canada, preached Sunday in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and next Sunday will preach in Windsor and Detroit.

"The Sunday before last I preached in Paris, Ont.," said Mr. Pollock, "and then last Sunday in London. It reminded me of preaching on succeeding Sundays in Paris and London, in the old world, several years ago.

No Street Signs.
"One thing that impresses me in your city is the scarcity of street signs and numbers. This is a principal street corner (referring to Richmond and York streets). There is not a single street name there. In Glasgow, Scotland, there would have been eight street signs, two on each corner. There never was such a town, with such an absence of street names and numbers as this city. It strikes me as showing a want of enterprise, and an unbusinesslike facility in the municipality. It is very awkward and inconvenient for strangers.

"I like your city immensely. I have never met more agreeable people anywhere. You have a lot of Scotch here; perhaps that is the reason," added Rev. Mr. Pollock, with a smile. "My previous visits to Canada were only flying visits, mainly attending Christian Endeavor conventions. I suppose I have encouraged more young men to come



REV. JOHN POLLOCK.