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TRAFFIC HEAVY ON RAILWAYS

G. T. R. Carried 6,000 People Locally Yesterday.

ALL TRAINS WERE CROWDED

C. P. R. and Other Lines Also Report a Tremendous Traffic for Christmas.

Yesterday's traffic on the local railroads has, according to all official reports, never been surpassed in any previous year.

All day long the depots presented a busy scene. Early in the morning crowds of shoppers began to arrive, and every succeeding train brought in its loads. Hundreds of former Londoners are in the city spending the holiday with friends and relatives.

The Grand Trunk reports that traffic on the branch lines has been exceptionally heavy.

An official stated to The Advertiser last night that fully 6,000 persons had been carried locally during the day. In addition to this there was a very heavy through traffic.

At 7 o'clock last evening the Grand Trunk depot presented a scene similar to that on a busy day of the Western Fair, and for a time it was difficult to force one's way through the crowds.

Trains Heavily Loaded.

Traffic on the Huron and Bruce was very heavy, and when the evening train pulled out, it drew ten big cars crowded with people.

The International Limited, No. 15, and the Pacific Express, No. 5, were run through in two sections, the number of cars required to handle the traffic being so great that one engine could not draw the train.

Eight extra coaches were placed on the evening train for Stratford, and on all the other branch lines extra coaches were required.

The conductors had a busy time collecting all the tickets, as the cars were so crowded that they had to force their way through them in many instances. The evening trains were particularly inconvenient, as nearly all those returning had more or less bulky parcels, which they placed in different parts of the cars.

The Canadian Pacific.

The C. P. R. carried probably 2,500 extra passengers yesterday and reports that business on all trains was good, and many extra coaches were required.

The Pere Marquette, the Michigan Central, and the Southwestern Traction Company brought in large crowds during the day. Many of these people returned on the evening trains laden with purchases.

Altogether, the railroads did a big day's business, and are well satisfied. The holiday today will come as a welcome rest to a small army of tired railroad men throughout the country.

SLIPPED ON WALK BROKE HIS ANKLE

Accident to Mr. Samuel Heron, York Street.

While Mr. Sam Heron, of York street, was going home about 7 o'clock last evening, he slipped and fell at the corner of Wellington and Dundas streets, breaking his right ankle.

He was carried into a drug store and Dr. Belton summoned. He set the fracture and had the man removed to Victoria Hospital.

A LETTER TO SANTA

A Small Boy of Crediton Writes Him Through The Advertiser.

The following note to Santa Claus from a little 7-year-old Crediton boy has been received by The Advertiser:

"Crediton, Dec. 22.

"Dear Santa Claus,—I thought I would write to you and tell you what I want for Christmas. I want candies, nuts and oranges and rubbers for to keep my feet warm. Also a horn to blow. Hoping that you will send one of them. Yours truly,

"WILLIE APPLETON."

ACROSS BLAZING BRIDGE.

Gallopis, Ohio, Dec. 24. — Passengers on a southbound Hocking Valley passenger train had a narrow escape from death last night when the train going at full speed, ran into a burning trestle near Creto. When the engineer saw the danger he pulled the throttle wide open and dashed safely over the 80-foot trestle, which was a blazing mass of timbers. The fireman jumped and was injured, but not fatally.

GETS A FINE JOB.

Port Hope, Dec. 24. — Mrs. W. S. Howell, son of Mrs. R. S. Howell, of this town, has been appointed general freight agent of the Chicago Milwaukee and St. Paul Railway, at a salary, it is stated, of $12,000 a year. Mr. Howell began his successful business career in this town.

Royal Bank Branch To Open Here New Building for Dominion Bank

Interesting Rumors Going Are Rounds Concerning Financial Life of London.

A number of changes of considerable interest to banks will take place in London in the course of a short time.

Early in January the Royal Bank will open a branch in London in the building at the corner of Richmond and Carling streets. Owing to an agreement among the banks, it is said, it will not be opened before Jan. 15.

The Dominion Bank has taken over the lease of the corner, where McCallum's drug store now is, and will, it is understood, tear the building down and erect a handsome new bank building.

It is understood that when the Dominion Bank moves into their new quarters the market branch of the Bank of British North America will be moved to the premises at the corner of Ridout and Dundas streets.

MAN FOUND DEAD IN STREET THOUGHT TO BE R. DALTON

A Cattle Buyer of Crumlin, Ten Miles From London---No Marks of Violence on the Body---Remains Discovered by a Policeman at 1:30 This Morning.

The body of a man believed to be Richard Dalton, a cattle buyer, of Crumlin, was found lying on the sidewalk on Kent stret, just east of Talbot street, at 1:30 this morning by P. C. Fowler.

Coroner MacLaren was notified and identified the man.

Mr. Dalton was well dressed and had on a very handsome fur coat, which was wet through as a result of his having laid in the slush for some time.

No Marks of Violence.

The body bore no marks of violence as far as could be ascertained. Dr. Waugh was summoned, but could do nothing, as the man had apparently died instantly.

The body was lying close to a tree when found, and the head had apparently come in contact with it in falling.

Mr. Dalton was apparently about 70 years of age.

The remains were removed to Ferguson's undertaking rooms.

Coroner MacLaren decided to hold an inquest.

AMHERSTBURG COLORED MAN FATALLY SHOT BY HIS SON

Elijah Thompson, Well-Known Citizen, Dies From Wounds From Rifle in Hands of His Seventeen-Year-Old Boy, Whom He Was About To Flog.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Amherstburg, Dec. 24. — William Thompson, 17 years old son of Elijah Thompson, a colored man, who has been for many years a familiar figure in this section of Essex County, this morning shot his father, who died at 2 p.m. Thompson is the father of ten children, of whom William is the oldest one at home. Thompson was displeased with the way in which the boy and two younger brothers had done some work he had instructed them to attend to, and flogged the two other boys. Then, armed with a whip, he started to look up William, whom he blamed more particularly for the failure to do the work set out for the three boys. William saw him coming and ran upstairs to secrete himself. He found a Winchester rifle in the room and stood at the head of the stairs, and fired at his father as the latter started up. The bullet passed through Thompson's liver and intestines, tearing a gaping wound in his body. Neighbors guarded the boy until Constable Laporte drove out to the Thompson home, five miles from here, and placed him under arrest. He was this afternoon remanded for one week by Magistrate McGee. The boy is in a half-dazed condition and insists that he did not intend to even hurt his father in any way.

Noble Redman Despised Filthy Lucre Flatly Refused To Pay for Meal

Walter Seeth, an Indian, Finally Winds Up in the Cells.

Walter Seeth, an Indian, yesterday succeeded in bringing a little excitement into the lives of those who earn their daily bread in the busy haunts of trade about the market square. And because of this, in itself commendable action, he will spend a sober Christmas behind the bars.

Seeth had imbibed "not wisely, but too well," of the cup that both cheers and inebriates, and had reached that stage where he felt a yearning love for all mankind, and expected the same in return.

In this spirit he entered the restaurant of Mr. Joseph McLeod, on the market square, to do Mr. McLeod the favor of taking a meal at his expense. He took the meal, and all went merrily till Mr. McLeod requested him to provide the coin. Seeth treated this as a merry jest. Still Mr. McLeod insisted, whereupon Seeth drew out some money, but went on to explain that at this happy season of the year it was far from his thoughts to encourage that lowly, sordid spirit which Mr. McLeod had evinced, by paying for the meal.

A Rough Customer.

Further importunities on Mr. McLeod's part exasperated Mr. Seeth, and he started in to dust Mr. McLeod's doorsteps with Mr. McLeod. Just at this critical moment a policeman arrived on the spot. The noble Redman, feeling that every man is entitled to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," decided not to wait upon the order of his going, but left immediately in the most approved Longboatesque style. The spirit was willing, but the legs were wayward, however, and Seeth plunged wildly into the arms of an innocent-looking citizen.

The citizen wasn't as innocent as he looked, however, as he turned out to be Constable J. Taylor in civilian's clothes.

The Indian struggled valiantly, and in the melee was somewhat roughly used, and when last seen, his reluctant feet were travelling slowly prisonward, under the persuasive eagerness of two stalwart policemen.

Pittsburg Aldermen's Bank Graft Ran Into Hundreds of Thousands

Arrest of More Bankers Expecdte To Fill Sensational Exposure.

Pittsburg, Dec. 24.—It would appear that $176,000 was paid aldermen for the selection of certain banks as depositories for the city's funds. Whether all of the banks selected as depositories contributed to this fund has not been established. Officers of but one bank have so far been arrested, and they are charged with the payment of only $17,500 of the alleged bribery fund. That other bankers are to be arrested is almost positively stated by those back of the investigation. Mayor Guthrie, who refused to make contracts with the banks as authorized by councils, on the grounds that they were illegal, said tonight that the selection of the depository banks is void because obtained by bribery and fraud, and that councils can set them aside without the formality of court proceedings.

Detectives are still at work, and if developments make it necessary officers will close on the suspects before the time now fixed by the league. The Voters' League has been assured of all the financial backing necessary for the prosecution of the cases.

WALL STREET IN GENEROUS MOOD

Larger Distribution of Gifts to Employees Than for a Number of Years.

New York, Dec. 24.—Wall street was marked this year by a larger distribution of gifts to employees than for a number of years.

The members of the New York Stock Exchange subscribed $13,000 for distribution among the exchange's 450 employees. On the Consolidated Stock Exchange the amount subscribed was $3,000, which was divided among 200 employees. The curb brokers collected $1,000, which they distributed to 25 employees, street cleaners and policemen.

The American Exchange National Bank divided a bonus of $10,000. The First National Bank raised salaries all around, and the National City Bank did likewise. The Chemical National Bank gave employees 10 per cent of their year's salary, the Gallatin National Bank and the Importers' and Traders' Bank 30 per cent.

J. P. Morgan & Co., it was reported, will give a bonus of 50 per cent of their salaries to old employees only. The others will receive from 15 to 25 per cent.

WHIPPED BY WHITECAPS FOR SELLING GOOBERS

Another Southern Nightriding Gang Is Rounded Up.

Nashville Tenn., Dec. 24. — Six men were brought to this city today and are charged with whitecapping.

Besides these six, fourteen more men were arrested yesterday in Humphrey County, charged with the same offences. These fourteen are held in the jail at Waverly. Little is known of the alleged crimes of the men and their arrest is surrounded in mystery. It has been known for some time that a band of men were operating in this section, where the arrests were made. The first trouble leading up to the arrest of the men was when a farmer living up the river from Waverly was whipped because he sold his small crop of peanuts for a smaller sum than it was thought he should have demanded. Since then several occurrences of similar nature have taken place. The names of those confined here are Walter and John Morrow, Bob Wright, J. H. Cuff, Charles Hite and Andrew Baker.

DRIVEN FROM THEIR HOMES

Jews in Russian Finland Persecuted on a Large Scale.

New York, Dec. 24.—The American Jewish committee today announced the receipt of a cablegram from the German Jewish committee of Berlin, saying there have been persecutions of Jews in Russian Finland this winter, on a large scale.

It was added that many families have been driven from their homes.

HIS HEART MELTED

Remitted Father's Fine, so Santa Claus Might Visit Children.

Hamilton, Dec. 24.—Magistrate Jelfs' heart was touched by the spirit of Christmas yesterday morning, when he heard of the difficulty Frank Lewis had in collecting $10 to pay a fine for speeding an automobile of which he was the chauffeur, and he revoked it.

The constable who was sent to collect it said the last cent in the house was given to him in payment, and as he turned away he heard the mother tell the little ones that Santa Claus would not come to them this Christmas.

This settled the matter with his worship, and he ordered the constable to take the money back.

STEAMERS ARRIVED.

Dec. 24.—At New York—Adriatic, from Southampton; Madonna, from Marseilles; Alice, from Trieste; Gneisenua, from Bremen; Barbarossa, from Genoa.

At Boston—Ivernia, from Liverpool; Iberian, from Manchester.

At London—Mesaba, from New York.

At Genoa—Indiana, from New York.

THE WEATHER.

TODAY—NOT MUCH CHANGE.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—A depression is centred tonight over the upper lakes and the pressure is high toward the Pacific coast states. With the exception of a few light local falls of snow, the weather today has been fair throughout Canada, quite mild over the greater part of Ontario and in Alberta, and elsewhere moderately cold.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 6 below—zero; Victoria, 38—46; Vancouver, 33—42; Kamloops, 22—28; Battleford, zero—14; Moosejaw, 8—20; Qu'Appelle, 14—20; Parry Sound, 20—36; Toronto, 20—40; Montreal, zero—10; Quebec, 4—14; St. John, zero—34; Halifax, 6—26.

FORECASTS.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fresh westerly to northwesterly winds; a few light local falls of snow or sleet; turning a little colder by night.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Fresh southwesterly to northwesterly winds; a few light snowfalls, but mostly fair and comparatively mild.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Fresh to strong southerly to westerly winds; a few light snowfalls, but mostly fair and milder.

Maritime Provinces—Fresh southwesterly winds; a few light local falls of snow or sleet, but mostly fair and milder.

Lake Superior—Fresh northwesterly winds; fair; a little lower temperature and a few light local snowfalls or flurries.

Saskatchewan and Manitoba—Fair and moderately cold.

Alberta—Fair; no decided change in temperature.

The Sentenced Labor Leaders Receive Many Offers of Help

Messages Pour in From All the Sections of the Country.

Washington, Dec. 24. — Prominent among nearly forty men, most of whom are leaders in the labor movement of the country, who today sent messages expressing their cordial sympathy to President Gompers, Vice-President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison, of the Federation of Labor, was William Jennings Bryan, late candidate for the presidency. These messages came from every section of the country, and voiced the sentiments of persons in almost every avenue of labor, conveying feelings of regret over the court's decision, extending moral and financial support, and in some instances expressing indignation.

Mr. Bryan, in a telegram dated at Pittsburg, Pa., addressed to Messrs. Mitchell Gompers and Morrison, says: "Sorry to read decision. You did your duty in testing the law. Glad you are taking appeal."

Perhaps one of the most unique among the messages is that from J. S. Parry, of Oklahoma City, who, after expressing regret over the decision, declares: "Stay with the baggage, right must prevail."

W. D. Mahon, president of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees, says from Detroit: "You are clearly the victims of a

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WOMAN WITH BABY ON TRAIN LADY PASSENGER TELLS OF IT

Possible Clues to the Identity of the Mother of the Infant Thrown From the G. T. R. Express Near Komoka---Police Are Following Another Clue.

The mystery of the dead baby lying on the tracks west of Komoka is exciting a great deal of interest. High Constable Hughes has taken the matter in hand and is working up the different clues, and it is expected that interesting developments will be forthcoming shortly.

There are two different lines of clues. One was established late last evening and is now being followed closely by the police.

It is that the person who threw the child out of the car window was a man from London. From what can be learned he boarded the train here, and when some distance the other side of Komoka he threw the youngster to its death out of the car window.

The theory is that he is trying to hide his and another's shame in this manner.

Another Story.

A sensational story was told The Advertiser last evening by a lady passenger on the train.

If the story told is correct, it furnishes a clue, albeit somewhat different from the ones now pursued by the police.

"I was on the train going to Sarnia," said the lady. "Shortly after we passed Komoka I heard a child, an infant, crying very hard in a seat a short distance behind me. It was held by a woman of perhaps twenty-five or thirty years of age, plainly dressed and seemingly in trouble. I hardly think the woman got on the train at London. The piteous cries of the baby impressed the incident on my mind. I looked at her several times. Her eyes touched me particularly. They were very dark, and there was a startled look in them. The baby cried continually. It seemed to be a very young child, much

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Alleged Grain Thief Neatly Captured Worked the Game in a Clever Way

Joe Davis of London Taken Into Custody by the County Police.

A very clever alleged thief of the "Raffles" variety was apprehended today by the county constabulary, when Joe Davis, of this city, was arrested on the charge of stealing 30 bushels of oats from the barn of Thomas Corsaut, of lot 15, concession 9, London Township.

Corsaut's house stands near the road with the barn a considerable distance to the rear. Sometime during the night, it is alleged, Davis made his appearance. He was afraid to drive past the house lest he should awaken the inmates, and coming in the back way he knew that his sleighs would leave tracks that would be easily identified. So about three miles down the road he unhitched his horses and drove in the back way and hitched on to Corsaut's own sleigh, which was standing in the open between the house and the barn, loaded the grain upon Corsaut's rig and drove back to his own sleigh, where he transferred the grain, and, driving back to within a quarter of a mile of Corsaut's place, and there left it by the roadside.

Grain is naturally a very difficult thing to trace, and it was only the prompt notification of the authorities by Mr. Corsaut that made the apprehension of the thief a possibility.

High Constable on Trail.

High Constable Hughes received word of the robbery at 8 a.m., and immediately got on the trail, but being called away to another case, he set Constable Shaver and Corsaut, the latter being a cousin of the complainant, upon the case, and by 4 o'clock the thief had been run to earth.

It was a very difficult case, made much more so by the cleverness of the thief, and the men who conducted it deserve great credit. The result only goes to show what good results can be obtained if the police are notified immediately.

Davis, it is said, sold the grain in the city, getting about $22 for it. When arrested he had on his person $30, which he acknowledged was part of the spoils.

The prisoner admits, it is alleged, that he has been involved is several other important thefts which have occurred lately, the details of which will be discovered later.

Gotham Closes Moving Picture Shows

New York, Dec. 24.—Urged by ministers of every denomination, who claim that the 550 moving picture show establishments of Greater New York were exhibiting pictures detrimental to the morals of the youth of the city, Mayor McClellan issued a drastic order today revoking every picture show license.

The order says that this revocation is only temporary.

The mayor also had a report from the fire department showing that almost without exception the halls where such shows are given are only partially equipped with safeguards against fire. In making public his order, Mayor McClellan declares that his action is taken "with the firm conviction that I am averting a public calamity."

The reissuance of licenses will only be made to those shows which agree in writing to comply with all fire and Sunday closing regulations, and to omit from their programme all pictures detrimental to public morals.

The order has caused consternation among the moving picture show people, and preparations are being made by them to contest its validity in the courts.

No Delay in the Pittsburg Probe

Pittsburg, Dec. 24.—Mayor Guthrie today declared with emphasis that the fact that several members of the finance committee of councils are involved in the bribery scandal should in no way delay consideration and passage of the appropriations ordinance before the beginning of the next fiscal year, Feb. 1, 1909.

This statement was forthcoming in reply to a rumor that the funds of the city would be tied up on account of the arrest of the seven councilmen, some of whom are important members of the finance committee.

ACCEPTS THE CALL.

Brantford, Dec. 24. — It is announced today that Rev. C. W. Rose, of Yarmouth, N. S., has accepted the call recently extended to him to become pastor of Park Street Baptist Church, this city, at a salary of $1,800 a year. He will assume charge on the 1st of March next.

CAUGHT RAFFLING.

Toronto Dec. 24. — George W. Latta, of 540 King stret west, was arrested last night on a charge of operating a raffle in his house. The names of fifteen men were taken on charges of participating in the raffle, and those of three others for being onlookers.

LONDONERS NOW IN YUKON

Mr. John Carson Speaks of the North.

COUNTRY IS FULL OF GOLD

Election Is About to Take Place and Government by Council Installed.

Mr. John M. Carson, formerly a well-known London boy and until recently a member of the firm of Pattullo & Tobin, of Dawson City, in the Yukon, arrived home a few days ago, after an absence of seven years.

Mr. Carson is greatly pleased with the Yukon and gave a most interesting account of his stay there.

"Seven years ago when I went to the Yukon," he told The Advertiser last evening, "practically everything was in the hands of the Americans. American products were everywhere apparent and Americans had control of the most important commercial enterprises. Now, however, all this is changed and Canadians are everywhere in the majority. They have pushed their trade with great energy, and now the greater part of the business of the Yukon is done by Canadian firms. The Klondike district is only twelve years old and without any doubt is going to be one of the richest gold producing places in the world.

A Land of Gold.

"Mining experts who have examined the gravels of the Yukon, have given it as their opinion that there is gold enough there to last fully a century. The Yukon is even now recognized as the greatest placer gold mining district in America and there is every evidence of gold quartz being very abundant. The Yukon Gold Company, of which Solomon and Daniel Guggenheim are in control, is one of the largest and most progressive companies operating in the Yukon. They have so far spent $15,000,000 in buying property and developing it. One of the greatest difficulties of placer mining in the Yukon is the insufficient supply of water in many of the districts where it is carried on. To overcome this difficulty the Guggenheims have recently spent $2,000,000 in building a large ditch 35 miles long which will convey water to their property. The ditch will be completed next year. The railroads have proved of immense benefit to the country.

Election is Due.

"Until recently the Yukon Local Government was made up of a council, half the members being elected and the other half being appointed. There will, however, be an election there shortly, and for the first time the Yukon will be locally governed by an entirely elective council. Hon. Alex. Henderson, the present commissioner, has been in office for two years and as the exective head of the territory is very popular with Yukoners.

"Dawson City contains the government buildings. Regular courts are held and there are regular courts of appeal. Criminal assize courts are held every month. Dawson is far from being the immoral place that some persons have tried to represent it. It is as moral as any other city in the Dominion. The whole district is splendidly policed by the Royal Northwest Mounted Police and the best of order prevails.

London Old Boys.

"In Dawson at the present time, there are about twenty-five London Old Boys. They have not yet formed an Old Boys' Association, but are very loyal and always take a keen interest in the doings of London. In Dawson City there is a splendid curling association of 132 members, second in America in membership only to the curling club of St. Paul.

"The climate is most pleasing. Of course it gets cold in the winter, but people are used to it. We have five months of fine summer weather, when all flowers and vegetables grow. No fruit is raised in the country. From the tenth of December until January third the sun will be invisible. Then for a week it will be seen in the south for a few minutes and after that the light will last six minutes longer each day until by June 21 it will be light day and night. Splendid pictures can be taken at midnight.

The Dawson Papers.

Mr. Carson showed The Advertiser a copy of the Dawson Daily News, one of the Dawson City newspapers. It is a well-printed four-page paper, particular conspicuous because of its heavy headings. The price is 25 cents per copy. A quarter is the smallest coin in circulation in the Yukon."

Mr. Carson will be in the city until after New Years. He leaves early in January for Calgary where he will enter the law firm of Walsh and McCarthy.