

75 PEOPLE HURLED TO DEATH IN TRAIN WRECK AT ATLANTIC CITY

Crowded Electric Train, at High Speed, Leaped from High Trestle into Deep Water

Passengers Caught and Drowned Like Rats in a Trap—In Two Cars All Were Lost—Bravery and Coolness of One Man Saved Score in Rear Car—Twisted Rail Caused Disaster—Only Witness Went Insane.

ATLANTIC CITY, Oct. 28.—By the wrecking of a three-coach electric train on the West Jersey and Seashore railroad, this afternoon, at least fifty passengers perished and the last may reach a total of 75.

While crossing a draw bridge spanning the waterway known as "the thoroughfare," which separates Atlantic City from the mainland, the train left the track and plunged into the water.

The passengers in the first two coaches, with one or two exceptions, were drowned. Up to midnight 25 bodies had been recovered, and it is believed, at least 25, and possibly 50 more bodies, are still in the submerged coaches.

The cause of the wreck has not been established. It was probably due either to defective rails, or the breaking of some part of the superstructure of the first coach. It has already been suggested that the drawbridge, which has just been closed after a passage of a yacht, may have slipped properly tonight, however, are purely speculative as to the cause.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Oct. 28.—A railroad accident that was even worse than the Meadows wreck of July 30, 1896, sent about eighty people to a sudden death this afternoon, catching them like rats in a trap.

The cars of the 130 electric train of the West Jersey and Seashore railroad lines, due here at 2.30, jumped the track on the trestle bridge over the "thoroughfare." The trestle is about 15 feet above the water. The entire city was thrown into a state of excitement as the news reached town about half-past two o'clock, a few minutes after the tragedy occurred. Fully a thousand people crowded the Meadows and the trestle, many relatives and friends crying in despair for loved ones. Chief of Police Maxwell had a cordon of police swung around the death circle, and Chief Black of the fire department called out his men on an emergency call and put them on temporary duty.

A TWISTED RAIL

The accident was due to a rail "turning in." It appears that the rail, which was an outside one on the inbound track, must have been out of plumb about an eighth of an inch. The sharp bend in the electric wire caught the third car and dragged with the one at the head of the train, and while the third car was falling the rear portion struck a piece of the abutment, into for a short time and the rail bent into the water. But this brief stop saved several lives.

A number of men and a few women jumped out of windows and the rear door opened into the water or to a nearby post, where they clung and were rescued. It was stated that from 80 to 100 passengers were aboard, mostly all crowded into the first and second cars. The persons in the first two cars were sent into the water and engulfed. Among the passengers were twenty men of the royal artillery band, who were on their way back from Philadelphia. One or two of the bodies of the bandmen were recovered early in the afternoon.

ONE HERO SAVED 20 LIVES

When the rear car of the train caught on the abutment of the bridge, where it hung poised for a minute, there was a frantic rush of the passengers for the rear door. Probably a score or more got out and as the car plunged over the edge, others leaped into the water. This car struck the others and then slowly slid off into the water. The momentary delay, however, gave several passengers the opportunity to leap into the water before the car finally was submerged.

Motorman Scott stuck to his post and went down with his train. Conductor Curtis also perished. The third trainman, Brakeman Wood, proved himself a hero. When the train left the rails and was bumping over the ties, Wood ran to the rear door of the car, threw it wide open and held it for the passengers to escape. He held the door open until the car slid off the bridge and he went down into the water with it. He then swam to shore. His action in holding wide the door probably saved many lives.

When the third car dropped into the water Henry Roemer was in the act of crawling from a window. Finding himself with an effort and being a strong swimmer, Roemer set about to help others. Swimming along the side of the fast sinking car, he kicked out the glass in the windows and thus gave several passengers an opportunity to get out.

DIVERS AFTER BODIES

One man was caught in a window and was drowned before he could extricate himself. The accident was witnessed by many people, and rescue work was prompt. Strong swimmers endeavored to dive to the submerged cars in search of bodies, but so strong was the rushing tide that they were forced to desist. Professional divers were then secured who dived their

URGE ADOPTION OF REFORMED SPELLING

Northumberland Teachers' Institute Had Two Days Session at Chatham Last Week.

CHATHAM, N. B., Oct. 27.—The Northumberland County Teachers' Institute held a successful two-days' convention here on Thursday and Friday of last week, which was attended by seventy-five teachers of about half the number in the county.

The session opened Thursday morning with President B. P. Steeves, in the chair. The first business was enrollment, and after this was concluded, President Steeves delivered an appropriate opening address, followed by Inspector Dixon on the Health Readers, and Dr. Phillip Cox on the Question Box.

Mr. Steeves then followed with an excellent paper on Reformed Spelling, dealing with the advantages and showing the progress and utility of this work. So marked an impression did this make on the institute, that on the resumption of the session it was moved by Dr. Cox and seconded by Inspector Dixon, that the institute urge teachers to use, and the Board of Education to employ the simplified spelling in its publications.

The first paper at the afternoon session which began at 2 o'clock, was an excellent one by Wm. T. Denham, B. A., on Composition in Grades VII and VIII. This paper was discussed by James McIntosh and Dr. Cox.

A public evening session was to have been held, but owing to the short notice it was found impossible to secure the speakers, and the institute adjourned for a time and a meeting of the teachers' association was held.

FRIDAY'S SESSION.

Miss Laura A. Mills opened the morning session with a paper on Patriotism. The essay was ornate and Dr. Inch, who arrived at that session, said the essayist a graceful compliment. The discussion had been opened by Inspector Dixon.

An excellent paper by Dr. Cox was the next on the program. He dealt with the Progressive Teacher, and his advice may be succinctly stated as keep in form by constant reading.

The afternoon session began at two o'clock with an object lesson on the Trade Winds, conducted by W. J. Young, who had a class of Grade VIII pupils for the demonstration. Dr. Cox opened the discussion on this subject, and Mr. Denham, B. A., presided.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, James McIntosh, Blackville; vice-president, Miss Katherine McLean, Chatham; secretary, treasurer, W. Young, Newcastle; executive committee, Mr. McIntosh, Miss McLean, Mr. Young, Mr. Denham, Miss Muriel Ellis.

The usual votes of thanks were tendered.

The list of teachers who attended the institute is as follows: Constance Anderson, Agnes M. Alward, Chatham; Mary C. Campbell, Hardwicke; M. L. Carmall, Nelson; Mary Carter, Chatham; Annie M. Carroll, Hardwicke; S. Estella Carruthers, Newcastle; Vida I. Caruthers, Ludlow; Mary Casey, Nelson; Clara Cassidy, Chatham; Mabel E. Clouston, Derby; Jennie D. Cranmond, Newcastle; Phillip Cox, Chatham; W. M. Crawford, Derby; A. M. Curran, Chatham; Annie Craig, Newcastle; Augusta Kelly, Alway; Maud K. Clouston, Chatham; Laura D. Mills, Hardwicke; Annie E. Morrison, Newcastle; Lillie Murdoch, Blackville; Margaret H. Murphy, Ellersfield; Mary A. McCarthy, Nelson; Gladys Chatham, South Esk; Berta McDonald, Blackville; May M. McDonald, Chatham; M. H. McDonald, Nelson; Rachel McEwen, North Esk; Jan. McIntosh, Blackville; M. Mabel McCreag, South Esk; Kathleen J. H. McLean, Chatham; Grace D. MacMaster, H. C. McNeill, Blackville; Robina Noble, Hardwicke; Hattie A. O'Brien, North Esk; Minnie A. F. Fedolin, M. J. Fedolin, Newcastle; Mary Russell, Newcastle; Mary A. Ryan, Lulu S. Smith, Chatham; N. Adelaide Staples, B. P. Steeves, M. C. Sutherland, Newcastle; Ethel Swanson, North Esk; May L. Thompson, Newcastle; Josie M. Uloch, Glenelg; Sadie E. Urquhart, Newcastle; L. Clara Walls, Newcastle; Katie S. Wathing, Glenelg; Daisy Weldon, Derby; V. C. Wright, Chatham; W. J. Young, Newcastle.

DEATH OF CASHIER OF ST. STEPHENS BANK

John F. Grant, Aged and Prominent Citizen of Border Town Passed Away Saturday Night.

ST. STEPHENS, N. B., Oct. 28.—In the death of John F. Grant, which occurred at his residence on Marks street on Saturday evening, this town has lost one of its "oldest" and most respected citizens.

Mr. Grant was born here in 1825 and excepting for a few years, spent in California, about 1850, had passed his entire life in St. Stephens.

He entered the service of the St. Stephens bank on November 4, 1855, as a clerk under David Upton, who was then cashier. He served in like capacity under the late Robert Watson and at his death was appointed cashier on October 12, 1880. Faithfully and well he served this institution until about ten days ago, when he was stricken with pneumonia, which terminated fatally.

In 1860 he was united in marriage with Georgiana Marks, a grand daughter of one of the loyalist founders of this town. Her death occurred on February 13, 1902. Two sons, Herbert C. in New York, and Walker L., at home, and one daughter, Helen M., now critically ill at home, survive. Mr. Grant was a regular attendant at the services of the Methodist church and was held in universal respect and esteem. The funeral will be held on Monday afternoon at 2.30.

ALEX. N. BURCHILL OF FREDERICTON DEAD

FREDERICTON, Oct. 28.—The death occurred at five-thirty this evening, at his residence on Queen street, after a illness extending over some time, of Alex. N. Burchill, one of Fredericton's most highly esteemed and respected citizens. Death was not unexpected, as Mr. Burchill had been gradually sinking for a number of days past. The deceased was in his 75th year. He was born in Cork, Ireland, from which country he emigrated when thirteen years of age to St. John. There he worked at the masonry business and afterwards removed to Fredericton, where he followed that trade under his own name, the late Alex. N. Block. He afterwards moved to Woodstock, where he formed a co-partnership in mercantile business with Edward Williams. A year or two later he again moved to this city, where he carried on a mercantile business up to the year 1878. In 1879 he was elected a member of the city council for Queens ward, and this he continued to fill until 1884, when he was appointed superintendent of the water works, a position which he filled up to the time of his death. When the water works were completed here in 1883 Mr. Burchill, Judge Wilson and John MacPherson, then all aldermen, were appointed the committee by the city council to carry out the undertaking, and it was under the supervision of this committee the works were constructed.

LOAD OF RIFLES FOR BUCKINGHAM STRIKERS

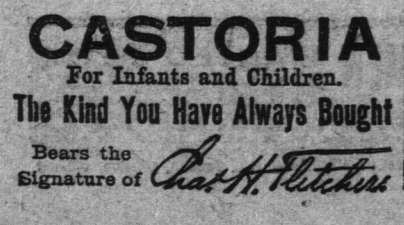
The Day of the Riot a Wagon Full of Weapons Was Driven Into the Village

BUCKINGHAM, Que., Oct. 28.—Direct evidence leading up to and bearing on the movements of a vehicle from which the strikers are alleged to have received weapons on the day of the riot was one of the features of the testimony at Saturday's sitting of the inquest on the bodies of Belanger and Theriault.

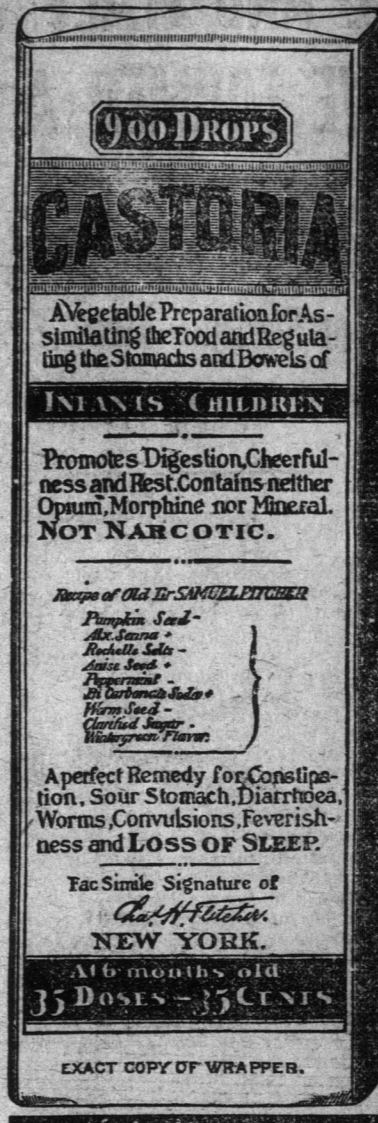
One witness swore that in Masson, three miles from Buckingham, at 10 o'clock Monday morning, he saw Charrette and another man sitting in a vehicle which contained some eight or ten rifles. About thirty-five minutes previous to this he had seen the same men driving from Buckingham in the direction of Masson. A second witness testified to being in the strikers' hall the morning of the riot and to hearing talk among the members about arms with them. Later he saw some firearms being placed in a vehicle in a yard directly behind the hall. A third swore that after the party between the striker leaders and the police he saw two or three men come out of the ranks of the strikers, take rifles from the vehicle and distribute them among those in the rear of the crowd.

OTHER PERSON'S HEELS.

In a spirit of patriotic lamentation The New York Herald-Tribune deplors the fact that the people of the United States borrow their fashions from foreign countries. "It is," says the paper, "galling to our national pride to have to admit that we tread on the heels of England." The Herald-Tribune ought to cheer up. After all, most of the heels of England are made in America. London Tribune.



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WIFE MURDERED IN MONTREAL

Tragedy on Esplanade in Broad Daylight

George Lecoteur Shot Wife on Public Street Yesterday—Drink Was the Cause

MONTREAL, Oct. 28.—Sending a revolver bullet tearing through her head, George Lecoteur, aged 46 years, killed his wife on the Esplanade this morning about ten o'clock. The murder was committed directly opposite the Garrison Club. The victim was sitting on a bench directly opposite St. Louis gate. Death was almost instantaneous and she never spoke after the fatal shot was fired.

Looking coolly for a moment on the prostrate form of his wife, before the eyes of his daughter, who was a witness to the murder, Lecoteur said, in answer to people who had hurried to the scene on hearing the report of the revolver shot:

"Yes, I shot her and do not deny it; she played with me long enough; I am not sorry. I am prepared to surrender."

Turning he walked leisurely down the street and into the St. Louis Hotel, where he secured a drink. He was arrested on Garden street shortly after leaving the hotel.

Husband and wife had not been getting along well for some time owing to the drinking habits of Lecoteur. Friday morning he struck his wife while she was preparing breakfast, knocking her to the floor. Screams brought assistance. Last night Mrs. Lecoteur slept at the home of her married daughter. Lecoteur, who had been drinking heavily, returned during the night and destroyed most of his wife's belongings. This morning he apparently started in search of her with the intention of killing her.

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VICTORY SURE FOR FIELDING

Dr. Weldon's Charge That Minister Was "Arch Corruptor" Broke Up Meeting

LIVERPOOL, N. S., Oct. 28.—The campaign in this county enters upon its final stage tomorrow. Everywhere there are indications of a great victory for Mr. Fielding. The Liberal meetings throughout the riding are being well attended. At Cabotville Saturday night one of the largest and best attended meetings of the campaign was held. The hall was packed and many were unable to gain admission.

Profiting by his experience at former meetings, Dr. Weldon did not refer to the identity question. Every assertion made by Dr. Weldon was met by A. K. McLean, M. P., and Alex. Johnson, M. P., who had the meeting with them from the start.

Dr. Weldon in his closing speech, mentioned having received letters from colleagues expressing pleasure that he was opposing Mr. Fielding and adding that the latter was "the arch corruptor of Canada." This statement brought the meeting to a sudden termination. The whole audience hissed the speaker, refused to hear him further and walked out of the hall. After the meeting strong Conservatives expressed disapproval of Weldon's conduct.

Dr. Bell, ex-M. P., and H. A. Powell, ex-M. P., of New Brunswick, addressed a meeting at Shelburne in the interest of Mr. Weldon. Mr. Bell's speech was tame, and Mr. Powell's denouncing. He dealt with various ballot box episodes and assured the audience that from "tips" he had received he could with a silk hat for a ballot box cause the result of a vote to come out in any way desired. He accused Mr. Fielding of having in the House of Commons voted to suppress an inquiry into alleged election irregularities. With regard to the spending of money at elections, Mr. Powell said that he would press too strongly on the point, as he admitted that he had done that thing himself. He was thankful, however, that he had always spent his own money.

He said: "I will spend our own money, that is our own business, even if it perhaps does lower the moral tone of the country." He laid special stress upon the danger to pure elections from trifling with ballot boxes.

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Inspired by Bitter Attacks and Anarchic Demagogues

NEW YORK, N. Y., of the day the state action in this case from the up-state New York and from both Charles E. and R. Hearst, Republic

Independent League, will make voters of the masses. The programmes call for many speedy vigorous and well planned campaigns will contain a wealth of election facts. The comments of former leader of the gubernatorial race, the most interesting of the political day's political events. Mr. Croker in an hour, Ireland, today criticises severely the programme of Mr. Fielding. He characterized Mr. Fielding's action as "a conspiracy" and "a plot" and asked if Mr. Croker, president of the telegraph union yesterday, was not a "greatly desired" man.

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UTICA, N. Y., nunciation of Wm. the speaker said, complete endorsement yet, was delivered here tonight by Ellihu Root. At Root paid an eloquent speech and a great deal of money greatly desired the

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