

BURNED TO DEATH BEFORE THEIR EYES.

Runaway Freight Train on the Northern Pacific
Crashes Into Passenger Train.

Four Persons Killed, Others Injured and Two Pas-
sengers Missing and May be Dead.

Express Messenger Pinned Down and Burned
to Death—Unknown Also Burned.

Helena, Mont., Feb. 6.—A disastrous
railroad wreck occurred last night short-
ly before midnight, two and a half miles
west of Helena. A runaway Northern
Pacific freight train crashed into a pas-
senger train on the same line, wrecked
it completely, set fire to it and up to
3 o'clock this morning four persons,
whose identity is assured, were known
to be dead with a probability that two
more whose names it is impossible to
learn, may have been burned in the
wreck. The known dead are:

J. N. Robinson, Missouri.
Charles Brickle, conductor passenger.
J. A. Jessup, express messenger.

Foster Sengala, merchant of Elliston.
Brakeman Edward Brown was serious-
ly injured, but not fatally. None of the
passengers who escaped with their lives
was seriously injured.

The passenger train passed through
Austin about 8 miles west of Helena on
time. Following it was a long freight
train made up of box and flat cars, load-
ed with lumber and shingles. At Austin
the engine was uncoupled from the
freight to take water and the train was
left standing on the track. There is a
steep grade east of Austin and by some
means the freight train got started down
the hill.

The passenger train was standing at
the Montana Central crossing, when the

engine heard a sound behind him that
warned him of danger. He started his
train, but had gone only a few feet when
the runaway freight crashed into the rear
car. There were but two cars in the passen-
ger train and these were smashed and
thrown into the ditch. The engine did not
leave the track and Engineer Pettie man-
aged to keep ahead of the flying freight
which went about 500 feet after the col-
lision before it too went off the track.
In a few minutes fire started and for
hours the cars and the lumber burned
fiercely.

The crash of the collision was heard
by persons living in the vicinity, who
immediately started for the wreck. They
found the combination car on fire and
pinned under a mass of wreckage was
Messenger Jessup.

He was conscious and heroic. Efforts
were made to release him from his situa-
tion, but the flames finally compelled the
rescuers to withdraw. Jessup was still
conscious and struggled to release him-
self, as the fire took hold of the car
but the effort was without success and
after a few screams of agony he became
unconscious.

Exposed to full view, with blazing
shingles all about him and his bed a
mass of red hot ashes was the body of
an unknown man. It was slowly con-
sumed until all that was left was the
skull and outstretched were two stumps
that a few hours before had been arms.
There are supposed to have been eight
passengers in the train of whom two
are still unaccounted for.

GROCERS' COMBINE CASES STAND TILL NEXT THURSDAY.

In Meantime Crown Attorney Will Examine
Books and Documents.

When the case of the eight officers of
the Dominion Wholesale Grocers' Guild
charged with conspiracy, was called at
the Police Court this morning, an ad-
journment was requested by Crown At-
torney Washington on account of E. F.
B. Johnston, of Toronto, who is ap-
pearing for the defendants, being unable
to attend. J. Stanley Cooke, of Montreal,
general secretary of the Guild, is here,
with a number of books and documents
of the Guild.

"I have no objection to remand un-
til Thursday," said Mr. Washington.
"The defendants have agreed to allow
me to examine the papers brought from

Montreal by Mr. Cooke. This will give
me two days and will no doubt save
much time."

In reply to a question by Mr. Wil-
liam Lees, appearing for the defence, Mr.
Washington said the defendants would
not be asked to appear. Their being re-
presented by counsel, would be satisfac-
tory.

"As long as no objection is taken," said
the Magistrate, "I am satisfied."
"Complaints were made to the At-
torney-General's Department," replied Mr.
Washington, "about their having to come
all this distance and we specially ar-
ranged so that they would not be ob-
liged to come."

Mr. Edmund Bristol, of Toronto, will
likely appear with Mr. Johnston for the
defence.

FROM MONTREAL.

PLEASED AT BRODEUR'S APPOINT-
MENT—GOING TO LEGISLATURE.

Montreal, Que., Feb. 6.—(Special).—
It is stated on good authority that Gus-
tave Boyer, M. P. for Val d'Aud, will
soon enter the Provincial Legislature,
and be replaced in the Commons by M.
Pilon, M. P. for the same county. It
is said that the reason for this some-
what unusual shuffle is that Mr. Boyer
has been promised a Provincial por-
tfolio in the near future.

Commenting on the announcement
that Mr. Brodeur is the new Minister of
Marine and Fisheries, Le Canada says
to-day: "With Mr. Brodeur as Minister
of Marine and Fisheries the Province of
Quebec sees one of its representatives
occupy one of the first places in the
Cabinet, and is rejoiced to see at the
same time the immense interests at-
tached to the St. Lawrence route con-
fided to the one who is most fitted to look
after them."

A COLD SWIM.

PASSENGER JUMPS OVERBOARD IN
NEW YORK HARBOR.

New York, Feb. 6.—G. A. Schmidt, a
second cabin passenger on the steamer
Bluecher, from Hamburg, jumped over-
board into New York harbor to-day.
Although the temperature was five de-
grees above zero and there was a sharp
wind throwing a choppy sea into his
face, Schmidt swam away from the
steamer, avoiding life buoys which were
cast to him and attempting to dodge the
two boats which rushed to rescue him.
Schmidt was finally captured by the crew
of a quarantine tug and put aboard the
Bluecher. Apparently he had suffered
no bad effects from his swim.

New Ministers Sworn In.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 6.—(Special).—The Cabinet changes took place this
forenoon, and the new Ministers afterwards took their seats on the Tariff
Commission. Hon. L. P. Brodeur, Minister of Inland Revenue, was sworn in
Minister of Marine and Fisheries, in place of the late Hon. Raymond Prefontaine,
and the Hon. William Templeman was sworn in Minister of Inland
Revenue in the place of Mr. Brodeur. The swearing in ceremony took place
in the Governor-General's office at 10 o'clock this forenoon, there being pre-
sent, besides Lord Grey, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Fitzpatrick. It is likely
that Mr. Templeman will throw up his senatorship and run for the city of
Victoria for the Commons, Mr. Riley, M. P., taking his place in the Senate.

Fresh Off the Wires

The Chicago Tribune says: Plans for
a consolidation of Harriman railways
have been perfected, and a public an-
nouncement is expected soon.

The five storey building occupied by
Glass, Hall & Co., wholesale dry goods
merchants, on Market street, Philadel-
phia, was burned to-day. Loss \$75,000.

The St. Petersburg Novoe Vremya de-
clared it had reason to believe that the
Radical organization in Finland was pre-
paring for open war in support of the
next outbreak of the Russian revolution-
arists.

The British barque Mobile Bay, which
arrived at Anping, Island of Formosa, on
January 16th, from New York, was to-
tally destroyed by fire to-day. Her crew
were landed. She had 7,000 cases of
kerosene on board.

Word was received in Brantford of the
murder of the wife of a former Brantford
man. Mrs. S. W. Burr was shot and
killed in a restaurant at Pawnee, Okla-
homa, on January 17th. The man who
committed the deed is now in the toils of
the law.

Gen. Grodekoff, who was Governor of
the Amur territory during the Boxer
uprising, will be appointed viceroy of the
Far East, with command of the land and
sea forces. Gen. Linvitch, commander
of the Manchurian army, will probably
retire.

The badly decomposed body of a man
with a bullet hole through his head,
which was found yesterday in a thicket
on the outskirts of Roanoke, Va., is be-
lieved to be that of Sturley C. Arm-
strong, the cashier of the Washington
National Bank, who mysteriously dis-
appeared from this city on Jan. 2.

CALEDONIA RAILWAY.

PROMOTERS WANT SPECIAL MEET-
ING OF BARTON COUNCIL.

The Barton Township Council met for
the first time in the Township Hall yester-
day. Only routine business was
transacted. Mr. Walter Anderson, re-
presenting the promoters of the Hamil-
ton & Caledonia Electric Railway, was
present, and said the promoters would
like the Council to hold a special meet-
ing on Wednesday to consider some rail-
way matters.

It is understood the railwaymen want
the time for commencing operations ex-
tended.

MILITARY NOTES.

PRINCE ARTHUR AND TORONTO
SOLDIERS MAY ATTEND.

Besides the Ninety-first Highlanders,
who have already accepted an invitation
to attend the military celebration at
Windsor on Victoria Day, Col. Bartlett,
has invited Col. Lessard, of Toronto and
25 picked men, from the R. C. D. to be
present.

Invitations are also being sent to
Prince Arthur of Connaught, brother
of King Edward, Sir Frederick Borden
and others. Lieut. Pain, who will command
the new Army Service Corps, was at the
Drill Hall last night receiving applica-
tions. A number of good men can be ac-
commodated. The Service Corps will, it
is expected, be well organized and ready
to begin its drill in March. Nothing will
be done about the appointment of other
officers until the corps is organized.

LAURIER BANQUET.

THREE APPLICANTS FOR EVERY
SEAT—NO MORE CONSIDERED.

Notwithstanding the wide publicity
given to the fact that all applications
for tickets to the Laurier banquet were
to be sent in before February 1, Sec-
retary Inwood is daily in receipt of
urgent requests by mail and long-dis-
tance telephone from prominent Liberals
for tickets. As all the seats at the
banquet tables have been, in accordance
with the previously announced pro-
gramme, already allotted, all that Mr.
Inwood can do is to follow out the ar-
rangements decided upon.

Yesterday afternoon the Toronto
members of the committee met to allot
the seats reserved for Toronto. There
were three applications for every seat
available.

The seating plan for the ground floor
has been completed. There will be
twenty-eight large tables arranged
around the hall in seven rows for four
each.

SALVER AND PURSE.

WHAT THE BANDMASTER ROBINSON
TESTIMONIAL WILL BE.

The committee in charge of the Band-
master Robinson testimonial has pro-
cured a very valuable silver salver for
presentation to the veteran bandmaster
at the concert in the Drill Hall this evening.
This present will be accompanied
by an address and a substantial purse of
gold. In all probability the presentation
will be made by Mr. R. T. Steele, who
was one of the originators of the move-
ment. The hall is comfortably heated
for the event.

WANT A GRANT.

Toronto, Feb. 6.—(Special).—From Wel-
land town and Humberston township a
deputation waited on the Premier this
morning, headed by Evan Fraser, M. P.
P., asking for a \$10,000 grant towards
defraying the cost of a drainage system
there.

Shoe Sale.

J. D. Gilmie's annual house clearing
and stock taking sale is now on. He has
some broken lots of good shoes which he
wishes to dispose of at bargain prices be-
fore taking stock. Several of the lines
will be arranged on tables in centre of
his store. You had better go at once
and secure a bargain. Read his adver-
tisement in this paper.



SIR ROBERT REID,
British Lord Chancellor.

THE COLD DIP ON THE OTHER SIDE.

Thirty-Five Below Zero in New York State—
People Shiver and Ice Thickens.

Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 6.—At the United
States Weather Bureau, located in one
of the buildings of Syracuse University,
in this city, the thermometer at 8 a. m.
to-day registered 36 below zero. In
other parts of the city 20 below was re-
corded, and at the State fair grounds, on
the shore of Onondaga Lake, 28 below
was reported.

Amsterdam, N. Y., Feb. 6.—The ther-
mometer registered 10 degrees below
zero in this city this morning. John-
stown reports 26 and Northville 35 below.

New York, Feb. 6.—To-day was the
coldest of the present winter in New
York city, the mercury touching five be-
low zero. This was one degree colder
than the previous low record for the win-
ter.

Malone, N. Y., Feb. 6.—The coldest
weather of the winter thus far in this
vicinity was experienced to-day. The
temperature was 22 degrees below zero
here, 29 at Lake Titus, 38 at Mountain
View and 31 below at Moosham Lake.
Balston, N. Y., Feb. 6.—The thermom-
eter dropped to 26 degrees below zero
here to-day.

Superior, Wis., Feb. 6.—At 8 a. m.
the mercury here stood at 23 1/2 below
zero. At Hibbing, Minn., it registered
31 below.

Saratoga, N. Y., Feb. 6.—Thirty de-
grees below zero was the temperature re-
corded here at sunrise, this being the
coldest weather of the present winter.
Boston, Feb. 6.—The lowest point re-
corded by any Government observatory
in New England was at Northfield, Vt.,
where at 8 a. m. the thermometer read-
ing was 22 below zero.

At Robertsville and Colbrook River,
Conn., the thermometers registered 16
degrees below zero at sunrise; Norfolk,
Conn., 14 below; at Concord, N. H., it
was 4 below.

In this city at 8 a. m. the Government
thermometer registered 16 degrees below
zero. Washington, Feb. 6.—Eastern States
and northern New York: Fair, cold to-
night, though not quite so cold in west-
ern portion. Wednesday fair, not quite
so cold, with fresh to brisk north to north-
east winds.

Western New York: Snow flurries in
western, not quite so cold in eastern
portion to-night. Wednesday generally
fair, with rising temperature; light to
fresh eastern winds.

Plattsburg, N. Y., Feb. 6.—A tempera-
ture of 40 below zero was reported to-
day from Leon Lake. Other tempera-
tures reported from Adirondack points
were 32 below at Lake Placid, 28 below
at Saranac Lake, and 26 below at Rossia.
Here the mercury registered 18 below.

THE THREATENED COAL STRIKE.

Railroad Men Say the Strike Won't Last Long as
Railways are Better Prepared.

New York, Feb. 6.—According to the
Tribune an officer of one of the largest
of anthracite coal carrying companies
said yesterday, regarding the expected
strike: "The strike will in all likeli-
hood take place on April 1. The anthra-
citic miners have had three years of
unexampled prosperity since their strike
was settled. They think that this was
brought about by the methods that were
used in the strike of 1902. The same
methods, they think, are equally good
to-day. Demands will be made which
we cannot grant, and the strike will take
place. It will not last long, as we are
better prepared to handle it than when
the last strike started."

President W. H. Trustadale, of the
Lackawanna railroad, said: "It is
true that we are mining a good deal of
coal, more than the demand requires at
present, but we are selling to all cus-
tomers on hand. As to a strike every-
thing will depend on what President Mit-
chell, of the United Mine Workers, puts
up to the miners. We are not prepared to
say anything until then. We are about as
near and as far from a strike as we
were six weeks ago and nothing doing
can be known until the conference takes
place, with Mr. Mitchell."

President Fowler, of the New York,
Ontario & Western Railroad, also said
that the company had been mining more
coal than they need. Until the opera-
tors knew what President Mitchell wanted
he would make no predictions.

The belief among both hard and soft
coal operators and their agents, was
that a general strike of both the soft
and hard coal miners would fall by its
own weight.

AWFUL HOLACAUST

Eight Colored Persons Burned to
Death in a House.

Baltimore, Feb. 6.—Early to-day, at
Curtis Bay, in Anne Arundel county, a
frame house was consumed by fire, in
which eight persons, all colored, were
burned to death. Only one inmate es-
caped.

A SAD DEATH.

YOUNG MAN DIES OF ALCOHOLIC
POISONING IN POLICE STATION.

Toronto, Feb. 6.—(Special).—James F.
Fox, 24 years of age, expired at Agnes
Street Police Station from alcoholic poi-
soning. He was brought to the station
last night at 11:30 in a stupefied con-
dition. He lived with his widowed mother
at 55 St. Vincent street, and was a clerk
in Wheatons' genteel furniture store.

Fine English Briar Pipes.

The Glok pipe is made of the best
quality of briar, with sterling silver fer-
ules, and the new patent hand-made
mouthpieces. They are sold in this city
at peace's pipe store, 107 King street east.
Some pipes are girlish and some girls
are boisterous.

The Man In Overalls

Don't spit on the sidewalk.

If the City Council had trusted the
people the last time it would not be trou-
bled with temperance people a second
time.

I see Frank Quinn owns up to an over-
draft in the Board of Health funds.
Those Tories don't seem to know how to
live within their income.

True to her name, Mrs. Waters be-
lieves in water.

The Mayor is always willing to do it
in the dark. The Cataract Power Com-
pany didn't need to do much coaxing.
The Mayor would rather the reporters
stayed out of the City Hall.

Perhaps this extra appropriation the
School Board wants may be needed to
pay the salary of a writing master.

It looks funny to see a man wearing
a big fur overcoat and a Christy stiff
hat, and rubbing his ears to keep them
from freezing. If he can't afford a hat
that will come down over them, why
doesn't he invest in a pair of ear-muffs?
Haven't his ears some rights that should
be respected? He that hath an ear to
hear let him hear.

Dr. Roberts would be delighted if some
kind philanthropist would present the
city with an Isolation Hospital.

This muddle in the Grimsby Council
is enough to drive Jim Livingston to drink.

You remember the howls the Tory
press used to make when a Grit M. P.
happened to get a Government job. But
there's not a cheep from them now that
Beatrice Nesbitt has found a berth.

This cold snap suits the ice man and
the coal man, but it's hard on the old
and the weak, as the obituary columns
of the newspapers show.

Lord Strathcona's offer to assist in
a princely way any movement to provide
a national hospital or hospitals for Cana-
dian consumptives and Lady Strath-
cona's assistance to the British unem-
ployed must endear the couple to the
hearts of the British and Canadian peo-
ple. As nothing can be too good for
them, would it be too much to expect
Premier Bannerman to make him Cana-
da's next Governor-General?

The Gore Park free seaters are now
comfortably quartered in the Public
Library building, next to the Main street
radiators. Some of the wiser guys think
that before turning out the lights and
turning them out on the streets Mr.
Hunter should hand them out a cup of
coffee and a ham sandwich. Mr. Hunter
has not yet been heard from.

Let us be thankful the coal miners do
not propose to strike this month.

Now would be a good time for the city
aldermen to talk railway extension. A
cross line is needed somewhere east of
Wellington. The north end and the
southeast end of the city are also poorly
served.

I rather like the way the Ancestor
Liberals are improving the time. All
aspiring young men and old ones too
should try to keep posted and learn to
talk a little in public, while at the same
time spending a pleasant evening.

If there is anything wrong with the
multiplication table, I am sure Trustee
James Robinson will willingly fix it. He
is a carpenter.

Now if Gamely could be got rid of, Mr.
Whitney would feel much relieved.

If I had some snow now we should
have a regular old-fashioned winter after
all.

Now will the Cataract Power Company
manage to film the aldermen?

Perhaps Mr. Greene will offer to wipe
out the overdraft for favors to be re-
ceived.

If the Snee, old fogey knew how gen-
erally vertical writing had displaced the
Italian fad he might drape his pencil in
craps.

AFTER H., G. & B.

JOCELYN COTTERILL STARTS SUIT
FOR \$10,000 DAMAGES.

Toronto, Feb. 6.—(Special).—Joce-
lyn Cotterill issued a writ against the Ham-
ilton, Grimsby & Beausville Railway this
morning for \$10,000 damages for injuries
caused to Edwin Gordon Cotterill on Nov.
20, while riding in a passenger coach,
which was telescoped by a freight car, on
defendant's system.

TORONTO ELECTIONS.

INSURANCE MEN WANT LAW
PASSED AGAINST REBATES.

Toronto, Feb. 6.—(Special).—North
Toronto nominations will be held on the
15th and the election on the 22nd inst-
ant. There will be no registration as the
Premier and the leader of the Opposition
have agreed to this, a privilege pro-
vided by statute.
A deputation of insurance men, headed
by Senator Cox, waited on the Premier
this morning to ask that a law be passed
to stop rebates and making it a pun-
ishable offence.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

To rent at \$2 a week, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills,
silver and other valuables, at the
TRADERS BANK OF CANADA.

—Mrs. (Rev.) F. A. Robinson, of Lind-
say, and her two children are visiting
Mr. J. H. Robinson's John street north.
Mr. Fred. C. McGonigle has given up
his position in St. Catharines, with Pe-
ting & Co., and has come to this city to
a job.

HAMILTONIANS BEFORE TARIFF COMMISSION.

International Harvester Co. Opposed to Any In-
crease in Tariff on Agricultural Implements.

Hamilton Iron and Steel Co. Wants Bounty on
Pig Iron and Steel Billets and Ingots.

Asks for a Duty of 4 Cents on English Playing
Cards and 8 Cents on U. S. Cards.

Ottawa, Feb. 6.—(Special).—The Tar-
iff Commission met in the Railway Com-
mittee room of the House of Commons
this forenoon, there being present
Messrs. Fielding, Paterson, Brodeur, Tem-
pleman and Sir Richard Cartwright. There
were very few people present. Edwin D.
Metcalfe, representing the International
Harvester Company, was first heard. He
said that the Canadian factory was in-
dependent of the United States works, al-
though affiliated with them. He said that
the tax on agricultural implements was a
direct burden on the farmers, and he
was therefore opposed to any increase in
the protection on agricultural imple-
ments. Any changes in the iron or steel
schedule should be in the way of boun-
ties. He favored uniform duties on all
classes of implements, and articles en-
tering into the manufacture and not
made in Canada should be admitted free
or not more than 5 per cent. He said
that there was no necessity for a duty
on binder twine. The firm paid their
employees from \$1.50 to \$5 per day. There
should be a duty on cream separators,
carrying out the idea that the duties
should be uniform. His firm did not
make cream separators.

Robert Hobson, of the Hamilton Iron
& Steel Company, was the next wit-
ness.
The capital of the company was \$1,
517,000. He advocated a slight increase
in the iron and steel duties, and that
the sliding scale of bounties be contin-
ued to a permanent basis. This increase

was necessary because of the preferen-
tial tariff. If a bounty of \$3 a ton were
put on pig iron, \$4 on steel billets and
\$2.50 on still ingots, it would give ad-
vantage to shipping, benefit
transportation by furnishing return car-
goes, and placing the industry in a
flourishing condition. The Hamilton Com-
pany paid \$600,000 yearly in wages, and
in addition to this the existence of iron
and steel plants in Canada cheapened the
material to consumers in this country.
His company did not make any experi-
ments in electric smelting. Mr. Hobson
did not want the preferential tariff dis-
turbed. Most of the English iron was of
low grade. His company paid 55 cents
per ton on an annual consumption of 70,
000 tons of coal a year. This was about
2 per cent. on the capital. But for the
adoption of the dumping clause the Cana-
dian iron and steel producers would have
been put out of business.

S. W. Booth, representing George
Borgefelt, Toronto, opposed the German
surtax as being against the interests of
the consumers.

T. O. Hurst, representing Charles Good-
all and Sons, of London, England, want-
ed a duty of 4 cents a pack on English
playing cards and 8 cents on American
cards.

Mr. John G. Hayden, manufacturer of
ososa matting, Cobourg, asked for a level
rate on carpets of 35 per cent. Some
were now 25, 30 and 35 per cent. He com-
plained of Indian competition.

James Livingston, ex-M. P., appeared
in connection with the linseed oil indus-
try. He asked for increased protection of
a specific duty of 1 1/2 cents per lb. on
crude oil and 1 3/4 on boiled or bleached
oil.

DARING BURGLARS MADE TWO MIDNIGHT VISITS

And Secured Valuables at Arlington Hotel and
Baby & Ecclestone's Hardware.

The police are investigating two daring
burglaries committed last night, the
thieves in each case making a haul that
repaid them for their visit.

Shortly before 11:30 P. C. Steward,
while trying the doors on John street
north of King, discovered the John street
door of the Arlington Hotel at the corner
of King William, unlocked. Awakening
the occupants, a search was made, and it
was discovered that thieves had been
there. They exhibited astonishing nerve,
for they visited two rooms and got away
without being seen.

Albert Midwinter, a son of the proprie-
tor, is mourning the loss of a valuable
gold watch, chain and locket, and a gold
band ring. In the other room \$2 was
stolen from Miss Midwinter.

The other burglary may have been
committed by the same parties. Baby &
Ecclestone, hardware dealers, at 88 King
street west, were the victims. This
morning they reported to the detective
department that a side window in their
store had been forced and the thieves
helped themselves liberally to pocket
knives, razors, skates and other cutlery,
to the value of about \$50.

MR. SUMMERS' PLAYS.

JUDGE MADE ORDER FOR RETURN
OF SOME OF THE BOOKS.

Before Judge Snider this morning, Mr.
J. L. Counsell, for the Summers Stock
Co., made application for the book of the
plays "The Gambler's Wife," "Leah the
Forsaken," and "The Fugitive," which
were put in at preliminary examination
in the case of Mark Stanton, charged
with criminal libel. He said these books,
as well as the work of "Why Women Dis-
obey" was put in at the request of Mr.
St