

BURNED TO DEATH BEFORE THEIR EYES.

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

Four Persons Killed, Others Injured and Two Passengers 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 shortly before midnight, two and a half miles west of Helena. A runaway Northern Pacific freight train crashed into a passenger 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 Sengais, merchant of Elliston. Brakeman Edward Brown was seriously 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, loaded 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

Fresh Off the Wires

The Chicago Tribune says: Plans for a consolidation of Harriman railways have been perfected, and a public announcement is expected soon. The five story building occupied by Glass, Hall & Co., wholesale dry goods merchants, on Market street, Philadelphia, was burned to-day. Loss \$75,000. The St. Petersburg Novoe Vremya declared it had reason to believe that the Radical organization in Finland was preparing for open war in support of the next outbreak of the Russian revolutionists. The British barque Mobile Bay, which arrived at Anping, Island of Formosa, on January 16th, from New York, was totally destroyed by fire to-day. Her crew were landed. She had 7,000 cases of kerosene on board. Word was received in Bradford of the murder of the wife of a former Bradford man. Mrs. S. W. Burr was shot and killed in a restaurant at Pawnee, Oklahoma, 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. Livicht, 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 believed to be that of Sturley C. Armstrong, the cashier of the Washington National Bank, who mysteriously disappeared from this city on Jan. 2.

CALEDONIA RAILWAY.

PROMOTERS WANT SPECIAL MEETING OF BARTON COUNCIL. The Barton Township Council met for the first time in the Township Hall yesterday. Only routine business was transacted. Mr. Walter Anderson, representing the promoters of the Hamilton & Caledonia Electric Railway, was present, and said the promoters would like the Council to hold a special meeting on Wednesday to consider some railway matters.

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 the Hon. J. H. Macpherson, lieutenant. Pain, who will command the new Army Service Corps, was at the Drill Hall last night receiving applications. A number of good men can be recommended. 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, Secretary Inwood is daily in receipt of urgent requests by mail and long distance telephone from prominent Liberals for tickets. As all the seats at the banquet tables have been, in accordance with the previously announced programme, already allotted, all that Mr. Inwood can do is to follow out the arrangements 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 across the hall in seven rows for four each.

SALVER AND PURSE.

WHAT THE BANDMASTER ROBINSON TESTIMONIAL WILL BE. The committee in charge of the Bandmaster Robinson testimonial has procured 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 movement. The hall is comfortably heated for the event.

WANT A GRANT.

Toronto, Feb. 6.—(Special).—From Welland town and Humberston township a deputation waited on the Premier this morning, headed by Evan Fraser, M. P., asking for a \$100,000 grant towards defraying the cost of a drainage system there. Shoe Sale. J. D. Glimp'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 before taking stock. Several of the lines will be arranged on tables in centre of his store. You had better get in one and secure a bargain. Read his advertisement 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 76 below zero. In other parts of the city 20 below zero, and at the State fair grounds, on the shore of Onondaga Lake, 28 below zero was reported. At Robertville 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 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 Moucham Lake. At Balston, N. Y., Feb. 6.—The thermometer 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.

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 likelihood take place on April 1. The anthracite 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 customers. We have a great deal of anthracite on hand. As to a strike every-thing will depend on what President Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, puts up with. I am 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 the demand requires, and that a general strike of both the soft and hard coal miners would fall by its own weight.

AWFUL HOLocaust

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 escaped.

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 poisoning. He was brought to the station last night at 11:30 in a stupefied condition. He lived with his widowed mother at 55 St. Vincent street, and was a clerk in Wheatons' gent's furnishing store.

K. OF L. INJUNCTION.

Washington, Feb. 6.—Justice Anderson in Equity Court yesterday signed an injunction against the Hayes faction of the Knights of Labor, restraining them as individuals and as alleged officers, de-stroying or in anywise disposing of the records of the order; or from calling or holding any meeting of the general assembly of the order, pending the determination of quo warranto proceedings on the law side of the court.

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 troubled with temperance people a second time. I see Frank Quinn owns up to an overdraft 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 believes in water. The Mayor is always willing to do it in the dark. The Cataract Power Company 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 Beattie 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 Canadian consumptives and Lady Strathcona's assistance to the British unemployed must endear the couple to the hearts of the British and Canadian people. As nothing can be too good for them, would it be too much to expect Premier Bannerman to make him Canada's next Governor-General? The Gore Park free seats are now comfortably quartered in the Public Library building, next to the Main street radiator. 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 Gamey could get 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 flim flam the aldermen? Perhaps Mr. Greene will offer to wipe out the overdraft for favors to be received. If the Snee, old fogey knew how generally vertical writing had displaced the Italian fad he might drape his pencil in craze.

AFTER H., G. & B.

JOCELYN COTTERILL STARTS SUIT FOR \$10,000 DAMAGES. Toronto, Feb. 6.—(Special).—Joceelyn Cotterill issued a writ against the Hamilton, 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.

TIN PLATE CO. CASE.

APPEAL OF MRS. FARQUHARSON WAS ALLOWED BY THE JUDGE. Toronto, Feb. 6.—Re Canadian Tin Plate Decorating Co., J. C. Makins, of Stratford, for Agnes J. Jones, and J. J. Coughlin, of Stratford, for Margaret J. Farquharson, appealed from report of a local judge setting the applicants on the list of contributors of the company in winding-up proceedings, to the amounts of \$500 and \$200 respectively. J. M. McEvoy, London, for the liquidator, contra. Appeal of Margaret J. Farquharson allowed, with her costs of the appeal to be paid by the liquidator out of the estate. No costs of the contestation of the referee. Appeal of Agnes Douglas dismissed without costs except as to \$800 paid by her which is to be deducted from the \$500. There is no reason why the liquidator should not have his costs out of the estate.

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 instant. There will be no registration as the Premier and the leader of the Opposition have agreed to this, a privilege provided 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 punishable offence.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES.

To rent at \$2 upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, silver and other valuables, at the TRADERS BANK OF CANADA. —Mrs. (Rev.) F. A. Robinson, of Lindsay, and her two children are visiting at Mr. J. H. Robinson's John street north. Mr. Fred. C. McGonigle has given up his position in St. Catharines, with Peising & Co., and has come to this city to a job.

HAMILTONIANS BEFORE TARIFF COMMISSION.

International Harvester Co. Opposed to Any Increase 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 Tariff Commission met in the Railway Committee room of the House of Commons this forenoon, there being present Messrs. Fielding, Paterson, Broder, Templeman and Sir Richard Cartwright. There were very few people present. Edwin D. Metcalf, representing the International Harvester Company, was first heard. He said that the Canadian factory was independent of the United States works, although 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 implements. Any changes in the iron or steel schedule should be in the way of bounties. He favored uniform duties on all classes of implements, and articles entering 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 and Steel Company, was the next witness. 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 continued to a permanent basis. This increase was necessary because of the preferential 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 added employment to shipping, benefit transportation by furnishing return cargoes, and placing the industry in a flourishing condition. The Hamilton Company 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 experiments in electric smelting. Mr. Hobson did not want the preferential tariff disturbed. 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 Canadian iron and steel producers would have been put out of business. S. W. Booth, representing George Borgfeldt, Toronto, opposed the German surtax as being against the interests of the consumers. T. O. Hurst, representing Charles Goodall and Sons, of London, England, wanted 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 complained of Indian competition. James Livingston, ex-M. P., appeared in connection with the linned oil industry. 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 bischad 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. Awakened 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 proprietor, 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 83 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 Die" was put in at the request of Mr. Stanton's solicitor, although defendant did not allege that the plays were improper. The latter book was the one the most stress was laid on, and he was willing to leave that in the hands of the Crown Attorney till the trial. Mr. Morison, for the defendant, objected to the books being given up. The Judge decided that if Mr. Summers filed an affidavit that the books were required by him in his business, the court would give them up, Mr. Counsell to agree to produce them at the trial. The books will not be taken till Friday, Mr. Counsell said, so if Mr. Morison wishes to make a copy of them he can do so.

LIBERAL POOL GAMES.

GOOD CROWD AND CLOSE CONTESTS AT THE OPENING. For the opening games of the Liberal Club pool tournament last evening there was a large attendance of players and a crowd of spectators. Some very fine contests were seen, and between James Poag and D. Pronix and Test and Poag being particularly good. In all about 25 games were played last night. The handicaps appeared to have been well arranged, as the star players had no advantage over those less expert. There will be games every night this week and Secretary Woolcott expects to have some special ones for Friday evening. The card tournament among the wards of the city will begin to-morrow evening when No. 5 and 6 will play.

ON A PILGRIMAGE.

JOHN MCCULLOUGH AND C. TURNER START FOR HOLY LAND. Two pilgrims to the Holy Land, Messrs John McCullough and C. Turner, set forth last evening via the T. H. & B. railway en route for New York. A large deputation of prominent citizens gathered at the station to wish them bon voyages. They sail by s. s. Arabia, of the White Star Line. Their itinerary is a comprehensive one, for they have arranged to sojourn in Egypt, Turkey, Palestine, and Italy. They will honor France with their distinguished presence and will tour through the British Isles.

The Original

Aunt Jimma will be at our store all of this week. This interesting old colored lady is only too willing to converse with you regarding the merits of new pancake flour also of her past life. We would be pleased to have you call and sample the pancakes made by this interesting person. Bain & Adams.

Believe Minister Suicided.

Peoria, Ill., Feb. 6.—Rev. George H. Simmons, pastor of the First Baptist Church, President of the Inter-State Savings Bank and the Peoples' Savings Bank, and recently appointed manager of the Yates senatorial campaign in Peoria county, was found dead in bed to-day. He had been the object of investigation at the hands of the State's Attorney, the two banks and his congregation on the gravest charges, and it is presumed to be a case of suicide.

GROCCERS' 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 adjournment was requested by Crown Attorney Washington on account of E. F. B. Johnston, of Toronto, who is appearing 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 until Thursday," said Mr. Washington. "The defendants have agreed to allow me to examine the papers brought from

FROM MONTREAL.

PLEASED AT BRODEUR'S APPOINTMENT—GOING TO LEGISLATURE. Montreal, Que., Feb. 6.—(Special).—It is stated on good authority that Gustave Boyer, M. P. for Val d'Audouville, will soon enter the Provincial Legislature, and be replaced in the Commons by M. Pilon, M. P. P. for the same county. It is said that the reason for this somewhat unusual shuffle is that Mr. Boyer has been promised a Provincial portfolio in the near future.

ICE HARVEST.

WORK OF CUTTING WILL BE BEGUN TO-MORROW MORNING. Ice harvesting operations will begin in Hamilton to-morrow. Dewey & O'Heir have their men ready to start in the morning. Last night's zero weather helped in the formation of good ice, which can now be had at a thickness of eight inches, and the ice men have hopes of being able to get it a foot thick, which they like, as it is then most convenient to handle. Others will begin operations as soon as the Health officers mark off the cutting limits. On account of the shortness of the season and the possibility of an early break up, the ice men hope the Board of Health will grant their request to be allowed to cut further south than heretofore.

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 overboard into New York harbor to-day. Although the temperature was five degrees 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 tug 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.

A PLEASANT EVENING

SPENT BY FRIENDS AT HOME OF MISSES YORRELL. About fifty young friends of the Misses Yorrell, 307 John street north, assembled at a private party given by them at their home. Progressive euchre was played, and prizes distributed to the winners. Miss K. Butler won first ladies' prize and Roy Bradley carried off the gentlemen's honors. The booby prizes were won by Miss B. Gibson and Mr. J. Percy. After the distribution of the prizes the guests sat down to a sumptuous repast, prepared by the hostesses. The party dispersed at an early hour, after indulging in dancing and singing. It was certainly a merry crowd and that all enjoyed themselves was evinced by the cheers given for the Misses Yorrell after the conclusion of the festivities.

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 present, 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.