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MOUNT BRYDGES MAN KILLED ON C. P. R. AT COLBORNE ST.

Alonzo Player Stepped Directly in Front of a Locomotive.

COTTON BATTING IN HIS EARS

Did Not Hear the Approach of the Train—An Inquest Ordered.

Alonzo Player, aged 25, of Mount Brydges, a laborer employed by the C. P. R. bridge and building gang, died shortly after 7 o'clock last night in St. Joseph's Hospital from injuries he received yesterday afternoon by being struck by a fast through freight at the Colborne street crossing of the C. P. R.

Player left the station shortly before 5 in the afternoon intending to walk up to the east end yards. He was walking between the north and south tracks all the way to Colborne street.

Apparently he never heard the fast freight coming along from the west, for just as he reached the planking on the roadway at Colborne street he stepped from where he had been walking between the tracks directly in front of the freight engine, and was hurled to one side.

Rushed to Hospital.

A number of people who witnessed the accident hurried over and picked Player up, and he was rushed at once to St. Joseph's Hospital.

At the time it was not known who he was, but by means of a bank book, dated Mount Brydges, and a railroad pass from Caradoc to Inwood, his identity was discovered and his relatives were notified.

Dr. Stevenson, who attended Player, found that he had a small fracture at the base of the skull, and that he had suffered severe internal injuries to the chest. Death was probably due to the hemorrhage that followed the blow and to shock.

When picked up it was found that Player had cotton batting in his ears, and it is thought that this was what prevented him from hearing the approaching train.

Engineer Richard Burr, who was at the throttle, noticed Player, and rang the bell and blew the whistle to warn him. Never dreaming that the man would step suddenly in front of the engine he made no effort to slacken speed.

A Splendid Physique.

Player was a magnificent specimen of manhood, standing about six feet two and built in proportion. His sister and other relatives arrived in the city last night.

Player had been with the C. P. R. for about nine months.

Coroner MacLaren is conducting an inquest.

Viewed the Body.

The jury viewed the body at noon today at the undertaking parlors of Smith, Son & Clarke and then adjourned until next Monday evening.

The panel is as follows: J. Loughlin, foreman; A. E. Ladell, J. Taylor, C. J. Graham, T. Blanchard, T. Patterson, F. S. Onn, Alf. Johnston, W. Burdick, J. P. Owen, W. C. Maker, C. Fysh, E. Sutton, T. Needham and S. Milligan.

The remains of Mr. Player will be taken to Ayr for interment. His mother is buried there. He leaves, besides his father, who resides at Elmvale, two brothers—Herpes, of Mount Brydges, Hiram, of Elmvale—and a sister in Elmvale. For some time he has been making his home with a cousin at Mount Brydges.

DIVORCE COMMITTEE WANT MORE EVIDENCE

Not Enough Produced in an Application Made by a Toronto Lady.

Ottawa, May 11.—The private bills committee of the Commons this morning decided that in the divorce application filed by Mrs. Arthur Gratham, of Toronto, daughter of Sir William Mac-Donald, sufficient evidence had not been produced. Chairman Ethier pointed out that all of the evidence was hearsay. It was decided to ask the parties to procure more substantial evidence.

BOY SCOUTS FOR THE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Six Patrols Were Organized at Meeting on Wednesday Night.

Some sixty boys met in St. Peter's Parish Hall Wednesday evening in connection with the movement to organize Boy Scouts in the Roman Catholic churches and schools of the city. Rev. Father Tierney was elected honorary scoutmaster, and Capt. T. J. Murphy, scoutmaster, of the new organization. After addresses had been given by Rev. Father Tierney, Scout Commissioner G. N. Weekes, and Capt. Murphy, Scoutmaster Copeland organized the boys into six patrols. Preliminary instructions to the new scouts were given by Scoutmaster Copeland, Corporal S. Porter, and other Boy Scouts who are members of corps already organized.

NOVA SCOTIA'S POLLING ABOUT MIDDLE OF JUNE

No Exact Date Decided Upon, Premier Murray States.

[Canadian Press.]

Halifax, N. S., May 11.—A local paper states that the dissolution of the Legislature will be gazetted today, and that polling will take place on June 14. Premier Murray, on being asked for confirmation of this, indicated that the exact date had not been decided. There is no doubt, however, that the elections will be held on or near that date.

PRELATE'S BODY TO LIE IN STATE

Pontifical High Mass To Be Celebrated by Papal Delegate.

SERMON BY THE BISHOP

Arrangements for the Funeral of Archbishop McEvay at Toronto.

Toronto, May 11.—Final arrangements for the funeral of the late Archbishop McEvay were perfected last evening, and St. Michael's Cathedral is now being draped for the reception of the remains, which will be conveyed to that sacred edifice at 3 o'clock this afternoon, and the body will lie in state until 10 o'clock on Friday morning. A detachment of the Knights of St. John will guard the body, while it lies in state, and all desirous of securing a farewell view of the beloved prelate will be afforded an opportunity of doing so.

On Friday morning at 10 o'clock a procession comprising the leading dignitaries and priests of the diocese will form at the palace and march to the cathedral door. Pontifical high mass will be celebrated by His Excellency Mgr. Stagni, papal delegate to Canada. The sermon will be delivered by the late archbishop's closest and dearest friend, Bishop Fallon, of London. Following the mass, absolution will be performed by archbishops and bishops whose names have not yet been decided upon, but Bishop Dowling, of Hamilton, will be among the number.

The remains will be placed in a mausoleum in Mount Hope Cemetery, and it is understood so soon as the necessary arrangements can be made the final interment will be in St. Michael's Cathedral as obtained in the case of the late Archbishop Walsh.

Rev. Dr. Kidd, who has been appointed administrator of the archdiocese, stated last evening that out of deference to the expressed wish of Archbishop McEvay, there would be no flowers. "The flowers he wanted," said Dr. Kidd, "are the prayers of the faithful for the repose of his soul."

Many messages of condolence from all parts of the world were received at the palace yesterday, including one from His Holiness the Pope, who expressed his regret at the loss of such a faithful and worthy servant to the church.

Speaking of the death of the late Archbisop McEvay, Sir James Whitney said: "I was very much shocked to hear of his death. He was a man who had the respect of all those who knew him. It was my privilege to enjoy his acquaintance, and I respected him highly. I know his loss is a public loss in every sense of the word."

The separate schools and St. Michael's College will be closed on Friday during the funeral service, and it is understood that the city council will be officially represented at the funeral.

PUNCTUALITY SAVED HIM

Failed to Open on Time and Neighbors Find Him Overcome.

New York, May 11. — If Neezio Gentelle and his wife are saved from death, they will owe their lives to the husband's reputation for punctuality. His grocery did not open at the usual time this morning.

"That's funny," said the neighbors, "Neezio is always punctual." They broke in the doors and found the grocer and his wife stretched out in a rear room overcome by gas. Their little boy, Patsy, was dead. During the night a gas-jet turned on had blown out.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Cooler.

Toronto, May 11.—The depression mentioned yesterday is now situated over Lake Superior where it has given heavy rains. Showers have been very general in the Wesetrn Provinces, while they occurred very locally in the peninsula of Ontario to Western Quebec.

FORECASTS.

Lake and Georgian Bay—Strong southerly to westerly wind, mostly fair and warm, but some local showers or thunderstorms. Friday—Strong west to northwest winds; cooler and partly fair, with local showers.

Ottawa and St. Lawrence Valleys—Fresh to strong winds; some showers or local thunderstorms, but partly fair today and on Friday.

Gulf—Fresh to strong east to south winds; fair today, then showers.

Lake Superior—Strong winds and gales, southwest to northwest; cooler; a few showers.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

Toronto, May 10.—Showers have been of general occurrence in the Western Provinces today, and have occurred locally in the peninsula of Ontario and the Lake Superior districts. Elsewhere the weather has been fine and a little cooler.

From a flashlight photo by Geo. A. Henry, Dundas street.

THE VICTORIA HOSPITAL TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES GRADUATING CLASS OF 1911.

In the picture are to be seen Misses Edith H. Smallman, gold medallist; Cynthia Leith, silver medallist; Vera Keene, bronze medallist; Olive Laird, Phyllis Burdick, Emma L. Johnston, Elizabeth C. Spember, Elizabeth A. Burchiel, Edith M. Bell, Beatrice Vause, Louie T. McCann, Grace McIntosh, Pearl M. Clark, Pearl A. Noble, Elsie M. Campbell, and Mabel GJ Gill.

CEMENT CO. BILL WAS HELD UP

The Promoters Want to Issue $11,000,000 Debenture Stock.

ESSEX MEMBER OBJECTS

Says It Does Not Do Justice to Preference Stock Holders.

Ottawa, May 11.—The Cement Company bill, for the issuance of eleven million dollars' debenture stock to take the place of preferred stock, was held up in the private bills committee this morning. The promoters will have to do some explaining before it goes through. Mr. A. H. Clarke, of Essex, said that it appeared that the bill hardly did justice to the position of the preference stock holders. It was proposed to place a seven per cent preference stock by a five per cent debenture stock. The value of the preference stock would be affected, as it was proposed to give the debenture stock the first claim on the debenture of the company, which was now held by the preference stock.

A Liberal member of the committee said that the Conservatives had denounced the cement merger as a combine, and he thought they should be heard from in regard to this bill.

Mr. Knowles, of Moosejaw, declared that the officers of the company should be on hand with an explanation of the bill. It was decided to hold it over till next meeting.

BOILING COFFEE ON BOY'S HEAD

Two Year Old Son of Robert Beamish Met With Distressing Accident.

LAD VERY BADLY SCALDED

Dr. George H. Wilson Hopes for the Recovery of the Patient—A Peculiar Accident.

Robert Beamish, the 2-year-old son of Mr. Robert Beamish, chef at the Tecumseh House, who lives at 221 Richmond street, was badly scalded this morning by upsetting a pot of coffee on his head. His condition is serious, although Dr. G. H. Wilson, his physician, has hopes for his recovery.

The little lad was playing about the floor, while his mother was preparing the breakfast. She had put the meal on the table, and went to the range to get the coffee pot and put it on the table. When Mrs. Beamish turned her back to do something the baby climbed up beside the table, and pulled the pot toward him. In an instant it overturned, pouring the boiling fluid over his head and shoulders.

Dr. Wilson was at once summoned, and dressed the child's injuries. The flesh was badly cooked in several spots but fortunately the eyes were not effected. This afternoon he was much better, and while badly injured hopes are entertained for his recovery.

"The scalds are very serious on the baby's head and shoulders," said Dr. Wilson. "However, I anticipate that he will recover. His eyes are not affected."

PNEUMONIA MENACES PROVINCIAL TREASURER

Hon. Mr. Matheson Seriously Ill at His Home in Perth.

[Canadian Press.]

Perth, Ont., May 11. — Hon. Col. Matheson, provincial treasurer, lies at his home, threatened with an attack of pneumonia. He returned from Toronto on Tuesday, and on Wednesday evening was in a serious condition. This morning, however, he was reported by his physicians as resting easier.

THE SEAL CATCH.

St. Johns, Nfld., May 11.—Three hundred and five thousand seals, valued at $493,000 were secured by the eighteen vessels of the Newfoundland sealing fleet during the season which has just closed. Last year the fleet reported a catch of 333,000, with a value of $612,000.

LONDON DISTRICT VITALLY INTERESTED IN THE ORDER

Nearly All the Independent Telephone Companies Will Now Have Connection With Grand System of the Bell Company.

Western Ontario is vitally interested in the decision of the Dominion railway commission announced at Toronto yesterday, by which ten or eleven rural telephone companies in Ontario are granted long distance connection with the Bell Telephone Company.

The action of the commission compels the London Bell Company to give connection with practically every rural line in Western Ontario.

The lines affected in close proximity to London are:

The Ingersoll Telephone Company

The Harrietsville Telephone Association.

People's Telephone Company, Forest.

The South Lambton Association.

The Blenheim and South Kent line.

Wheatley Telephone Company.

Brussels, Norris and Grey system.

The other companies are in Eastern Ontario and the Niagara Peninsula.

What It Means.

The decision of the board means now that practically every rural line in Elgin, Middlesex, Oxford, Lambton, Kent and Essex Counties are connected up with the Bell system, and as a result have long-distance connection with every city, town and hamlet entered by the Bell Company.

There are one or two independent systems in Elgin County, but they are purely local, and have made no application for connection with the bell.

No Notice as Yet.

"We have not been notified of any action whatever being taken regarding rural lines," said an official of the company to The Advertiser. "This business is transacted through the head office, and we have nothing whatever to do with it. We are constantly connecting with independent lines. There are now something over four hundred of them in Western Ontario, all doing business through our company. We make reciprocal arrangements, satisfactory to all parties concerned, and the scheme is working out very satisfactorily. I do not know what arrangement has been made by the Dominion railway commission, as I have not read the order."

May Affect London.

At the city hall it is thought that the order may affect the city of London in the future. The Bell Telephone Company pay the city $4,000 a year for an exclusive franchise here. This bargain was made through the independents asking for a franchise.

With all the independents connected up with the Bell, there would be no chance, it is thought, of any of them entering the city of London.

The franchise has but another year to run, and then it is rumored that the Bell Company will refuse to pay anything for the exclusive privilege.

7TH REGIMENT WILL TAKE PART IN CORONATION DAY PARADE

London's Crack Corps Will Troop Colors and Give Exhibition of Physical Drills—Arrangements Have Been Completed With Foresters.

A committee from the Seventh Regiment, composed of Major McCrimmon, Captain Little and Captain Cole, met a committee of the Canadian Order of Foresters Wednesday night, and arrangements were completed for the big celebration to be held here on Coronation Day.

It has been decided for the Seventh Regiment to take part in the parade, troop the colors and give an exhibition of physical drills, in addition to going through a number of manoeuvres, and the pitching of tents.

May Be Airship.

The committee are now in touch with some aviators, and arrangements will probably be completed shortly by which a number of sensational flying machine events will be put on. In addition to this big feature there is a fine programme of races and sports of all sorts. Every day indicates that the crowd coming to the city will be one of the biggest ever. Hundreds of inquiries are being received from all over the country, and many large parties are coming.

WINNIPEG TIED UP TODAY BY DOWNPOUR AND SNOW

The Street Railway Is Out of Business and All Electric Power Is Cut Off, Power Plant Being Struck by Lightning.

Winnipeg, May 11.—As a result of the most extraordinary summer snow and rain in the history of Manitoba, Winnipeg today is completely tied up, the street railway company being out of business and all electric power in Winnipeg cut off. The transformer transmitting tower from the company's hydro-electric plant at Lac Du Bonnet was struck by lightning at four o'clock this morning in the midst of a tremendous electric storm. In spite of Winnipeg's discomforts the storm means many millions to the entire west. A huge volume of water fell during the night. At 9 o'clock this morning the mercury stood at 35, and the coldest of the night was 33, so no damage can result from the cold. At five o'clock the rain turned to soft snow, which lasted all morning.

SCHOOL GARDEN IDEA GROWS IN SCHOOLS

Chesley Avenue Has a Model Plantation, Says the Inspector.

The school garden idea is growing rapidly in the city, and Inspector Edwards is highly pleased with the results.

Chesley avenue school has taken the matter up more thoroughly than any of the other schools, and the success of the movement there is acknowledged.

There are in the yard 43 miniature gardens, in which are planted 26 varieties of grain, flowers and vegetables. These varieties cover practically everything grown in Western Ontario in the grain line, and a large number of the flowers and vegetables.

An idea of the stuff grown may be gleaned from the varieties listed in Mr. Edwards' office. Among them are: Alfalfa, lettuce, onion zinnia, calliopsis, phlox, nasturtium, wheat, peas, radish, carrot, mignonette, petunia, timothy, poppy, white clover, turnip, alysium, barley, verbena, beet, marigold, flax, buckwheat, oats and candytuft.

A Model School.

"This is a splendid variety," said Inspector Edwards. "This school more nearly approaches the idea of school gardens than any other in the city, and the pupils are to be highly commended for their excellent work. It would be an object lesson to the majority of the citizens of London should they visit this school and see what is being done. They have 43 beds there, each 4 by 5½ feet. In many cases one pupil looks after each bed, while in other cases one or two, perhaps more, scholars look after a bed.

"Rectory street has the best-kept school-yard. It is in excellent condition. The flowers never looked prettier than they do this year. Every school has a fine display. I was more than pleased with them."

DOWN-TOWN MERCHANTS OBJECT TO THE SALE OF THE CITY HALL

A Petition Is Being Circulated and Largely Signed Calling Upon the City Council To Not Close the Deal With the Royal Bank.

A petition is being circulated in the down-town districts among the businessmen asking the city council not to sell the city hall site.

It is being largely signed, very many of the merchants appending their signatures.

The document will be presented to the council on Monday night, when the question of the city hall sale will come up for discussion.

It is expected that the petition will be circulated elsewhere, as many prominent men have expressed a desire to sign it.

No further word has been received from the Royal Bank as to its attitude towards the request of Smallman & Ingram's, that the piece of property lying at the rear of their store be not built upon, but be retained by the city for market purposes, as was the original intention.

Mr. T. H. Smallman wrote to the head office, saying that they were willing to consider a fair offer for the property, but the bank has not sent word as to what it intends doing. It is not now expected that any information will be received prior to the meeting of Monday night.

Some of the aldermen will make a determined effort to have the council agree to sell the property to the Royal Bank.

Ald. Wilson and others are of the opinion that the sale should be made, and a motion will be introduced into the council to that effect.

Majority Opposed.

However, there are many aldermen, in fact, a majority of them, who are opposed to the sale under the present conditions, and will not agree to transfer the property if it includes a portion of the market.

"I thought the sale was foolish in the first place," said Ald. Stevenson. "I opposed it, and still oppose it. The council should not allow any person to be held up, and I do not think they will allow that to be done. I certainly will oppose it."

Mayor Beattie stated that so far as he was concerned, the matter was entirely in the hands of the council.

"I have done my part," he declared. "The matter is now in the hands of the aldermen, and they will have to take the responsibility for the outcome. I have heard nothing new whatever regarding it."

A FATAL DUEL.

Berlin, May 11.—A fatal duel between officers occurred at dawn in a forest near Berlin, Baron Oswald Von Richthoff, son of the late secretary of foreign affairs, and an officer in one of the Guards' regiments, killed Wilhelm Von Gaffron, a retired officer. A quarrel over money led to the duel.

GREAT SEND-OFF FOR PREMIER

All Capital Will Bid Him God Speed When He Leaves Tonight.

A LOVABLE PERSONALITY

Sir Wilfrid, Looking Picture of Health, on Departure for Coronation.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, May 11.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier leaves the capital of Canada this evening at 6:20 to represent the Dominion for the fourth time at the Imperial Conference, and for the second time to represent Canada at the crowning of a British monarch. There is great interest in his departure. Though he has become a great figure in the affairs of the world, he has not drawn aloof from the interest of Parliament or from the people of Ottawa. He is on friendly and even cordial terms with practically all the members and senators without regard to politics, and he has for the most of them the warmest personal affection. He is on nodding terms with countless people of humble position in Ottawa, and as a steady patron of the democratic street car, takes great enjoyment in chatting with his neighbor, whoever he may be.

A Great Send-Off.

There will be a gathering at the depot to see him depart, and men of all classes will be there. There will be "God speed" wished him by his fellow townsmen and brother friends and opponents in parliament. It is safe to say that on this mission he will carry the love and best wishes of everyone who knows him.

This business of leaving Ottawa to play a part in the big political game of empire and of the world is getting to be a habit with Sir Wilfrid, though he tried to break off this time. It is more than likely that this is not the last departure he will make. Certainly he looks stronger and more vigorous than he did when he left in 1897. The development of his once delicate health into acondition of absolute robustness is one of the remarkable things of his life. Today Sir Wilfrid enjoys perfect health and looks its picture. The same thing can be said for his party. The Prime Minister declares that with reciprocity an issue things never looked better for the Liberals, and he has no doubt as to the issue of the next election.

Sir Wilfrid will be accompanied by Sir Frederick Borden and by Hon. Mr. Brodeur. They will sail from Quebec on the Virginian Friday. They expect to return in July.

DUFFERIN AVENUE PROPERTY OWNERS

A Meeting to Consider Improvements Will Be Held Friday Night.

There will be a meeting of the property-owners living on Dufferin avenue, between Richmond and Adelaide streets, in the board of trade rooms on Friday evening at 8 o'clock, to consider the question of improvements to the street.

It is proposed to put down a cement curb and gutter, a new macadam road, and oil it.

City Engineer Wright has prepared a statement for the meeting as to cost, etc., and that will be submitted to those present.

A STATE BALL AT THE CAPITAL

Brilliant Social Event at Rideau Hall.

EARL GREY LEADS DANCE

Prominent Government Officials and Wives in the Quadrille of Honor.

[Canadian Press.]

Ottawa, May 11.—The last and probably the most brilliant event of the kind in the reign of Earl and Countess Grey, was the state ball given by their excellencies last night. The great ballroom at Rideau Hall was thronged with a gay and distinguished company, several hundred guests being present. Their excellencies entered the ballroom at 10 o'clock. They were preceded up the room by Col. Carleton Jones, Col. Sherwood and Col. Henry Smith, honorary aides-de-camp, and by Mr. Arthur Sladen, private secretary to his excellency, and the aides-de-camp, Earl Percy, Viscount Lascelles, Capt. Bingham and Capt. Freemantle, followed by the Ladies Sybil and Evelyn Grey, and by the military secretary, Mr. oDugald Malcolm. Immediately after the entrance of the vice-regal party, the the State Lancers were formed. His excellency danced with Madame Brodeur, and her excellency had Hon. L. P. Brodeur for her partner. Others who danced in the quadrille d'honour were Lady Sybil Grey and Hon. Wm. Pugsley, Madame Lemieux and the Speaker of the Senate, Mrs. Pugsley and Hon. Wm. McKenzie, Mrs. White (New York) and Hon. Rudolph Lemieux, Mrs. J. K. Kerr and Mr. White (New York), Mrs. Charles Kingsmill and Senator Kirchoffer.

HOTELMEN WILL FIGHT PERCENTAGE

Executive at Toronto Decided To Test Validity of Bar Revenue Tax.

NO NOTICE IN LONDON

But It Is Said That the Local Hotelmen Will Contribute Toward a Fund To Fight the Matter.

At a meeting of the executive of the Ontario License and Allied Trades' Association, held on Wednesday, it was decided to contest the validity of the legislation imposing a tax of five per cent. on all bars over $60 a day.

So far local hotelmen have not taken any definite action in regard to this matter.

"The new law will affect every hotel in London," said License Inspector Galpin to The Advertiser. "The terms of the law do not mean that only hotels which do a business of $60 or more every day will be affected, but that hotels which on any day in the month take in $60 or more must pay the tax. Some of them may only take in $20, say today, and $100 tomorrow. That means that they must pay 5 per cent. on $40 tomorrow.

A very strong fight will be put up to test the act, and it is stated that if necessary the hotelmen throughout the province will contribute liberally toward any fund necessary to pay the expenses of the case.

ESCAPED FROM ASYLUM

A London man who was committed by the police magistrate to the Hospital for Epileptics at Woodstock some months ago, escaped from that institution this morning at four o'clock, and has not since been located. The local police have been asked to watch for him, as it is thought that he will come this way.