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ANOTHER LAYER
INTO THE DITCHFast Grand Trunk Train Runs
Into Open Switch.

FIVE PERSONS SERIOUSLY HURT.

The Atlantic Express From Chicago, for
the East, Wrecked Near Ban-
croft, Michigan.

Durand, Mich., March 16.—The Atlantic express on the Grand Trunk Railway, due here at 5:55 a.m. from Chicago, en route to Port Huron and the east, and running late, ran into an open switch at Bancroft, five miles from here today and struck a freight train. Five persons were seriously injured, two of them perhaps fatally.

Engineer A. B. Schram and Fireman Frank Cowan, both of Battle Creek, Mich., suffered broken limbs and severe scalds and may die.

F. Smith, of Dowagiac, and Mrs. D. Shook and Miss Ruth Shook, of Lansing, her daughter, were severely scalded, but are not thought to be fatally hurt.

A number of other passengers received minor injuries, but were able to proceed east on a later train.

The train which was wrecked near Durand, Mich., this morning, is due to reach this city at 11:30 a.m. Owing to the accident, it was necessary to start another train out of this city at the regular time for the convenience of London passengers for the east. The passengers on the wrecked train will come through on No. 2 express, due here at 4:20 this afternoon.

SHORT \$130,000

Run Follows Disappearance of a Ger-
man Bank Cashier.

Berlin, March 16.—Cashier Speyer, of the Muehl Industrial Bank of this city, has disappeared, leaving a shortage of \$130,000. It is considered probable that he lost the money in stock speculations.

The bank successfully met a run on it, which began when the news of the defection reached the depositors.

MISSION FOUNDER DEAD

Man Who Started Famous New York
Mission Passes Away.

New York, March 16.—John Noble Stearns, founder of the Jerry McAuley Cremona Mission, and a prominent Episcopal layman, died Thursday at his home here of apoplexy. He was 75 years old. Mr. Stearns was the pioneer silk manufacturer of America, and was president of the Stearns Silk Manufacturing Company, with mills in many cities of this country.

KIDNAPPER AT WINDSOR

New York Detective Seeks Man Who
Stole Little Marvin Boy.

Windsor, Ont., March 16.—Private Detective Sheldon, of New York City, is here to investigate the story that little Horace Marvin, kidnapped from his home in Kitts Hammock, Del., is hidden in Detroit. Sheldon is a detective in Detroit. Sheldon is a detective in Detroit. Sheldon is a detective in Detroit.

A FIRE-DAMP EXPLOSION

Forbach, Germany, March 16.—It is reported that an explosion of fire damp in the coal mine at Kleinrossen, near here, last night caused the death of 15 miners and the injury of twelve others. The explosion occurred in a small gallery in which eight miners were at work. Three of them are still missing.

CAPT. FOSTER DEAD

Word has been received in the city of the death at Port Burwell of Capt. Foster, who for several years ran the steamer Thames between this city and Springbank.

Capt. Foster was 54 years of age, having been born in Canada in 1823. When a mere boy he sailed the great lakes, eventually becoming a captain. It was in the legends that Capt. Foster came to London and built the Thames, which he sailed for several years. He also bought Wonderland, and attempted to make it a popular picnic resort, but did not meet with a great deal of success. In 1891 he went to Fenton, Mich., but later removed to Port Burwell, where he remained until his death.

Capt. Foster was a member of the Masonic order. He is survived by three sons and two daughters: Charles, of Fort William; M. D., of Marine City; Mich.; Dr. Argo Foster, formerly of Flint; Mrs. Cooper, of Millford, Mich.; and Mrs. Titus, of Detroit. Dr. Argo Foster and Mrs. Cooper are both known to Londoners, having resided here with their father.

The Light Blues Win
the Big Varsity RaceCambridge Eight Outrows the
Oxfords in the Annual
Contest.

Putney, Eng., March 16.—Cambridge University, with practically the same crew as the one which defeated the Harvard men last fall by two lengths, today beat Oxford by four and a half lengths, over the same course, from Putney to Mortlake, a distance of about four and a quarter miles, in their 64th annual boat race.

The time was somewhat slow, a gusty wind and rough water destroying all chances of beating the record over the course, 18 minutes and 47 seconds, established by Oxford in 1893, and equaled by Cambridge in 1900.

The Oxonians won the toss, and chose the Surrey side of the river, which in view of the strong southwest wind blowing, experts calculated was worth two lengths. Even with this advantage, however, the Oxford crew had no chance against Cambridge, which probably was the fittest British crew that ever pulled in an "eight."

The race today was a procession. Putney, March 16.—The sixty-fourth annual boat race between crews representing the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge was rowed today over the usual course, from Putney to Mortlake, a distance of about four and a quarter miles, and was won by Cambridge.

The crews were sent off at 3:05 p.m. At the Craven Steps, about three-quarters of a mile from the start, Cambridge was a length ahead.

At Hammersmith Bridge, about one and three-quarter miles from the start, Cambridge was leading by a length and a quarter.

At Barnes Bridge, about three and a half miles from the start, Cambridge was three lengths ahead.

Cambridge won by four lengths.

The unofficial time, was 20 minutes and 26 seconds.

The record time over the course is 18 minutes and 47 seconds, established by Oxford in 1893, and equaled by Cambridge in 1900.

PLACE BLAME ON FREIGHT GREW
ALSO CONDEMN GRAND TRUNKJurors Return Verdict in Renton
Inquest—Switch System in
Local Yards Inefficient.

With the evidence of Engineer Harman and Fireman Baker, of the International Limited, and Mr. John Cloghessy, general yardmaster at London, the investigation of the wreck in the Grand Trunk yards, resulting in the death of Mr. George Renton, was concluded at the police station last night. The inquest was one of the longest which Coroner MacLaren has yet had to conduct. Four sittings were held, and a large number of witnesses were called, the coroner being determined to bring out every bit of evidence that would help in placing the responsibility for the wreck on the proper shoulders.

The jury, however, would not single out any one member of the crew of the freight train in placing the blame. They discussed the evidence for over two hours, and returned the following verdict:

The Verdict.

"That the late George Renton came to his death on the evening of Feb. 19, in a collision between the Grand Trunk International Limited, westbound, and an eastbound freight."

"The accident was caused by a misplaced switch, due to a misunderstanding of orders on the eastbound train."

"We strongly condemn the Grand Trunk Railway for the inefficient system in force in regard to operating switches in the yards in London, and also for the inordinate rate of speed at which trains are allowed to pass through the city."

Engineer Examined.

Engineer Harman told the coroner and jury that he has been employed by the Grand Trunk in the capacity of an engineer for 27 years, and that he has been running on the International Limited and the Eastern Flyer since those trains were put in the service between six and seven years ago. The running time of the Flyer from Windsor to Toronto, a distance of 229 miles, is 5 hours and 45 minutes, while the Limited makes the trip in 5 hours and 55 minutes. Seven stops are included in the journey.

"To make that distance with the seven stops, what rate do you have to go?"

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LOSS BY FLOODS IS
TWENTY MILLIONSAt Least a Score of Persons are Dead
and Many Missing.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 16.—The rivers are again back into their channels, and the greatest flood ever known here is a matter of history. For 24 hours the water has been steadily receding.

With the receding water the extent of the damage caused is laid bare, and there is no reason to change yesterday's estimate of property and business losses. The most conservative figures are \$10,000,000, running from this all the way to \$20,000,000.

The loss of life in the past three days is not yet definitely ascertained. At least a score of persons met death in the flood, and many are said to be missing.

Jungle Man
Burned Out

Englewood, N. J., March 16.—Helleon Hall, the home of Upton Sinclair's socialist colony, was burned to the ground, following an explosion about dawn today which tore the front part of the building away and sent flames to every corner of the structure.

The 55 persons who comprised the settlement, including the author of "The Jungle," and his wife, were shot in by the flames, and jumped from windows on the second and third floors. Children were tossed from the windows in their night clothes, and caught in the arms of men and women, or in blankets held by them. A number of women in the colony received sprains, bruises and cuts.

A workman named Briggs was said to be missing. The explosion seemed to have occurred in the ballroom, and was of such force as to be heard a mile away.

It was not caused by the boilers of the heating plant, suspicion was aroused that it was the deliberate work of some malicious person. The Sinclair co-operative colony was established last October and included a number of editors and women engaged in literary pursuits. The co-operative plan was adopted, the meals being served in common in a large dining-room.

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He stipulated, however, that there must be no taxes charged for 1907; that for a period of ten years the assessment should be fixed at \$5,000; and that the money should be paid on the following terms: \$1,000 down, and the balance in ten equal annual instalments with interest. While the fire department was allowed to remain in the building, it was to pay a rental of \$10 per month.

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New Fire Station.

Ald. Stevely stated that for about \$12,000 the city can build two new fire stations, so that only about \$4,000 will have to be provided this year out of the general funds if it is decided to put up two such buildings.

The selling of the east end hall means no debentures for fire station purposes will need to be issued. Though it was not mentioned at the committee, it is understood that there is in the hands of the city treasurer the sum of \$12,000, which was left from the debentures issued in 1903 when the new chemical engine and the steamer were purchased. The money can now be applied on new fire stations, either for buildings, land or equipment.

Mayor Judd said today that if the new fire station comes through, he is in favor of erecting one station in the northeast end of the city near William and Oxford streets.

The other station he would build further south than the present location of No. 2. His reason for so doing is the fact that new factories are constantly going to the southeast end of the city, and that quarter is practically without fire protection.

It may be the new station will be erected south of the tracks.

WAR ALMOST OVER

Nicaragua Has Won Decisive Victory
Against Honduras.

Managua, March 16.—The Nicaraguan Government today issued a decree recognizing the provisional Government of Honduras, and declaring its members to be allies of Nicaragua. The last battle fought between the Nicaraguans and Hondurans was so decisively in favor of the former that it is believed it will result in bringing the war to an end. General Melero Merino and other Honduran officers were killed.

EIGHT SYRIANS DROWNED.

Wheeler, West Virginia, March 16.—Eight persons are known to have lost their lives in the fire that occurred in the plant of the Warwick Pottery Company in the flooded district early today.

They were, with the exception of Watchman Holmes, all Syrians, and were drowned by leaping into the flood.

STRUCK BY CAR
SERIOUSLY HURTAged Lady Meets With Accident
While Crossing Dundas St.
This Morning.

Mrs. Jane Pope, widow of the late Samuel Pope, who resides on Egerton street, near Muir street, was struck by a street car at the corner of Dundas and Maitland streets this morning, and seriously injured. Dr. Becker, who was called, says that owing to Mrs. Pope's advanced age, it is impossible to tell as yet what the result of the accident will be.

Mrs. Pope was down town this morning and was attempting to cross Dundas street at Maitland on her way home, when she became confused at the approach of a number of cars and stepped in front of one westbound.

She was struck by the corner of the trolley, which was going at a fair rate of speed, and was knocked into the gutter.

The old lady was carried into Omond's drug store, and Dr. Becker was sent for. He found that Mrs. Pope had suffered a terrible shock, that her right leg was injured, and that there were evidences of internal injury.

She was removed to her home on Egerton street.

THE CITY SELLS
EAST END HALLAccepts An Offer of \$8,050—
Makes Fire Hall Debentures
Unnecessary.

The east end hall is practically sold. The finance committee of the city council held a special meeting this morning, and accepted an offer of \$8,050 made by Mr. Chris. Leatherne, of 362 Ellis street, for the building and land.

Mr. Leatherne laid down no special condition. He wants the property and is willing to pay the sum mentioned. It is understood that if he gets the hall he will at once turn it into a block of modern stores.

The committee accepts Mr. Leatherne's offer conditionally upon his allowing the fire department to remain in the building for a term of one year, or until such times as a new "Queen" No. 2 Company can be procured.

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THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND MILD.

FORECASTS.
Saturday, March 16—8 a.m.
Today—Free to strong southerly to mild.

Sunday—A few light snowfalls or showers, but mostly fair and mild.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	8	4	Clear
Winnipeg	8	4	Clear
Port Arthur	24	18	Clear
Parry Sound	18	10	Cloudy
Toronto	32	24	Cloudy
Ottawa	22	16	Fair
Montreal	24	20	Clear
Quebec	22	18	Clear

The first column in the above table records the temperature at 8 o'clock this morning, and the second column the minimum temperatures during the 24 hours.

WEATHER NOTES.

The weather has been generally fair in all portions of the Dominion, except that a few light snowfalls or furies have been locally experienced.

NO OTHER PLACE OPEN TO HIM
A CONSUMPTIVE GOES TO JAILCase of Thomas Clark, in an
Advanced Stage of the
Disease.

A case which the advocates of a tubercular hospital for London and Middlesex consider a strong argument for the movement, came to light at the county jail today.

Thomas Clark, a victim of the disease, is now a prisoner at the jail, and his condition is pitiable in the extreme. He had been refused admission to the local hospitals, and it was impossible for him to obtain a boarding house because of his condition.

Magistrate Love was in a quandary as to how to dispose of the case when Clark was in the police court, but finally decided to remand Clark to the jail for one week until some better method of procedure could be decided upon.

Yesterday County Constable Corsant was accosted by a poorly-dressed man in London Township, who asked that he be arrested, as he had no home or means of obtaining a livelihood. It later transpired that the man, Thomas McDowell, was suffering from a cancer on the neck.

Squire Glass remanded McDowell for one week, on a charge of vagrancy. Sheriff Cameron is agitated over the jail situation. He says that not only is there a great danger of the other prisoners contracting consumption, but also to Clark's presence, but the jail conditions are very bad for a man in Clark's state. The cells are set low, the sunlight cannot be had, and there is a constant influx of moisture through the pores of the cement flooring.

As for McDowell, the jail affords poor facilities for treatment.

The jail physician, Dr. MacArthur, said he does not think Clark has reached the incurable stage, and that he might possibly be admitted to a hospital in a short time.

As for McDowell, the physician thinks that jail fare helped his condition, but there was no danger of infection from that source.

There have been several similar incidents in the past at the jail, and the authorities there think that it is high time some action was taken in the matter of handling cases of the kind.

Real Estaters Discuss Admission
of Independents—Oppose
North End Fire Hall.

At the regular weekly meeting of the Real Estate Owners' Association last night, the greater portion of the time was taken up in hearing and discussing the report of the telephone committee given by Messrs. Wm. Scarrow and John M. Parsons, who, in company with representatives from the Grocers' Association and the Trades and Labor Council, went to Buffalo and East Aurora to inspect the system of the Frontier Telephone Company (independent). There was a very representative gathering present.

It was shown that competition in Buffalo had made a wonderful change for the benefit of the subscriber, not only the quality of the service, but the quantity, with a tremendous reduction in cost to the subscriber, not only on the local circuit but on the long distance as well. For 25 years, more or less, the Bell people had enjoyed a complete monopoly, and during all those years only acquired a business approximately 6,000 phones for the city proper. About four years ago the new company were ready for business. Today there are said to be nearly six times as many instruments in Buffalo, and of which the independent claim about three times the number the Bell people had taken 25 years to obtain.

Reduction in Rates.

One of the most striking features was the finding by the committee of three firms whose vouchers were found to show that they were now getting the same price each in their places of business for \$2 less than one had cost five years ago; that five years ago they could only reach about 6,000 persons. Now for less money they could call up nearly six times that number. Another feature was the general feeling of relief from oppression, and subscribers were not slow in pointing out the preference given the flat rate system over the limited or meter plan. Another score appeared for the new plan in the rural population. Under the old way, farmers and villagers were not able to get a place in the race because of the price. Now the independent has grabbed them up, as shown at East Aurora. When the independents started in the game the Bell people had about 20. The independents introduced a \$2 business and \$1 residence phone per month. Now there are over three times as many phones working as in the closing period of monopoly, with the new and up-to-date concern far in the lead.

Equal to Manufacturing Concern.

Another picture was presented. Nearly every city, town or village is seeking new business, particularly new industries. The admission to London, from the manufacturers' committee standpoint, of any concern that must spend an initial capital of \$200,000 more or less, and on which it must pay a regular city tax on at least a portion of this outlay, in addition to its constant wage column for a considerable

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20 DROP TO DEATH
CAGE CABLE BREAKSMiners in Russian Colliery Hurlled Down
Shaft to Instant Death.

Saarlois, Rhenish Prussia, March 16.—Twenty-two miners were killed this morning at the Gerhard coal mine. They were descending one of the shafts in a car when a cable broke near the top and the miners fell down several hundred feet. They all met with instant death. The mine belongs to the Prussian Government which has already begun an official inquiry into the accident.

A GREAT FIRE
IN OLD LONDONConflagration in Heart of Business District Does \$1,000,000
Damage.

London, March 16.—Three big warehouses in the Finsbury district, London's busiest industrial center, were destroyed by fire this morning causing damage to the amount of about \$1,000,000.

Starting in Featherstone street, in the premises of Cox & Co., hat manufacturers, the flames, fanned by a strong wind, jumped the street and enveloped the establishment of the Maxime Company, wood turners, and spread to the adjoining warehouse of Green & Co., shoe manufacturers. Owing to the strength of the wind it appeared for a time as though the whole block of adjoining property would be devastated, but after three hours' hard work, firemen gained control of the situation.

There were many reports regarding the source and backing of yesterday's rally. Some credited it to E. H. Harriman, others to the Rockefellers and so on. It is known pretty definitely, however, that Thomas F. Ryan and the Morton Trust Company put very close to \$4,000,000 in the purchase of securities. Mr. Ryan, it was said, had not previously been in the market for three years.

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THE LATE DR. STOCKTON

Sympathetic References Made by Party
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MORE RAILWAY REBATING

But This Time Passengers Benefit and
There's No "Kick."

Chicago, March 16.—Thirty-four passengers on the Pennsylvania's 18-hour train reached Chicago nine hours late yesterday after varied experiences, including a rebate of \$5 each from the railroad company for its inability to make its schedule.

The train came over the Pan Handle route from Pittsburgh. Its troubles began 60 miles east of Pittsburgh, where a freight wreck was encountered. It reached Pittsburgh in the midst of the rising waters. Ten miles west of Pittsburgh it ran through water 18 inches deep. Ahead was a stretch of five miles of deeper water which was rising rapidly. A second engine was called for and the train was pulled back to Pittsburgh through 25 inches of water.

At 4:30 in the morning, instead of 11:40 the night before, the train started west over the Pan Handle route.

TRAGEDY IN LABRADOR WILDS
THREE SHOT OVER A DEAD BIRDIn Dispute One Shot the Other,
and Two Follow
Suit.

Sydney, N. S., March 15.—Advice received at Briggs, Nfld., from Batteau, Northern Labrador, last week, conveyed intelligence of a terrible crime which occurred in that remote country some time last fall. It is stated that as yet no effort has been or could be made to punish the criminals.

It appears that four men, all named Dyson, were out shooting in two boats. A man from each boat fired simultaneously at a bird, and the nearest One of the Dysons took the bird into his punt, but no sooner had he done so of the affair.

than he was shot dead by the man who fired at the bird from the other boat. This enraged the chum of the Dyson who was shot, and, taking aim, he killed the murderer. The boatmate of the second Dyson retaliated by shooting Dyson No. 3, and then rowed to land.

The awful tragedy must have happened in November last, as the place was frozen up later, and it would be impossible for the men to be shooting in boats, and in December they would be gone trapping.

Batteau is about 70 miles from Batteau Harbor, and it is evident the news came from there.

The only justice of the peace on the Labrador coast is Mr. Fraser, at Rigolet, about 138 miles from the scene, who, no doubt, has since heard of the affair.

RYAN BACKED
WALL ST. RALLYPut \$4,000,000 Into the Pur-
chasing of Securities.

SOME LAME DUCKS—HARRIMAN.

But Both the Big Exchange and Curb
Get Through Without a
Failure.

New York, March 16.—Mme in the financial district were still marveling today over the way the "Street" had stood the shock of two days of the severest liquidation the stock exchange has known in several years, together with the accompany severe slumps in prices. Not a firm is reported in difficulties. This is attributed largely to the long period of prosperity which the country has enjoyed.

The cheer that was heard at the close of the session on the stock exchange yesterday afternoon following a day of substantial rally, was echoed across New street, as the "Little Board" too, had weathered the storm. The consolidated could not claim the proud record of the "Big Exchange."

Since there was one failure on Thursday, but as in the case of the stock exchange, every broker met his obligations yesterday at the clearing house. President Ogden C. Rudd insisted that the smaller exchange, like the larger, had displayed an endurance and resistance unprecedented in Wall street history.

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