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TESTS PROVE CAR WAS GOING AT EXTREMELY HIGH SPEED

Loaded With Seven Tons of Brake Shoes, Duplicate of Ill-Fated Car is Tried Out at Fatal Switch—Is Stopped Within Few Feet.

Using every device with which to duplicate the situation of Sunday night when two lives were snuffed out and hospitals and homes crowded with the injured from an overturned King-street car at the switch at St. Lawrence and King-streets, Coroner Geo. W. Graham yesterday tried out an exactly similar car over the same piece of track to ascertain as nearly as might be what would be the action of a car under various conditions upon the track.

Under the watchful eyes of Consulting Engineer J. F. H. Wyse of the Ontario Railway Board, Engineer Jas. Bannan of the city engineer's department, and Master Mechanic Walter R. McCrae of the Toronto Street Railway Company, who ran the car, it was taken over the track under power and under momentum and the four methods at the command of a motorman for stopping the car were tried out both with the fatal switch closed and opened to the turn which threw the loaded car on Sunday night.

Under all the tests, the car was stopped within the marks set, and when tried on the open switch showed no sign of tilting from the tracks.

In the absence of County Crown Attorney Greer, Coroner Graham, who was given charge of the case immediately, placed a policeman on the ill-fated car which had been jacked up on its trucks. No one was allowed to interfere with it in any way, and after Coroner Graham had opened the inquest at the morgue at 10 o'clock yesterday morning into the death of Mrs. Crozier.

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NEW WATER CRESS, COUNTRY MADE SAUSAGE AND MRS. SIMCOE'S DIARY.

Yesterday was a fine day in the fields and woods in the country. The fall wheat was still green, the willow buds looked as if they'd break out, and it was easy to gather bunches of fresh, light green water cress in the brooks that carry so worthy a relish. The member for South York had this kind of water cress and some home-made sausage meat that Mrs. Crozier had sent him over from the Town Line, and he had a noontime snack that was as easy to gather bunches of fresh, light green water cress in the brooks that carry so worthy a relish. The member for South York had this kind of water cress and some home-made sausage meat that Mrs. Crozier had sent him over from the Town Line, and he had a noontime snack that was as easy to gather bunches of fresh, light green water cress in the brooks that carry so worthy a relish.

Mr. Robertson has selected a literary memorial to the Simcoes, but the big new bridge should be their physical monument and should be called Castle Frank Bridge. In fact, the member for South York was in such excellent fettle over the day and the gifts that he was inspired to hereby invite, as far as he was authorized to invite, the indefatigable author of the Landmarks and the Diary to lay the corner stone of the viaduct with Masonic ceremony at an early date. This bridge will complete and connect the old King's Highway—Kingston-road and Dundas-street—in a remarkably short way, as the map of these columns yesterday showed forth. Altogether, the member for South York had one of the days of his life in contemplating history, in communing with nature, and partaking of the delights of real country-made sausage-meat garnished with water cress that one of the old Taylors planted in the mill brook some four score years ago.

IS THIS THE POLICY?

Said a well-known citizen: I do not wish to speak unfairly of the Toronto Railway, but I know something of the inside control, and the situation was put to me thus by a big owner of the shares: "We propose to run the road for the balance of our franchise (ten years) so as to make the most money and to leave it junk when our time is up."

THE SIX BYLAWS ARE REALLY THREE.

Four of the questions to be submitted to the electors really concern traction: 1. The tubes. 2. Annexation of North Toronto. 3. Castle Frank viaduct. 4. Danforth avenue car lines. The other two are: 5. Hydro-electric power vote. 6. City government by commission. If you are in favor of any one of the first four, you are really bound to vote for them all. They mean better street car service.

Twice in the Same Place.

With the memory of Sunday night's tragedy still fresh in their minds, thirty-five passengers in King-street car No. 1508, westbound at the King-street bridge, close to the scene of the accident, were given a severe fright at 10:45 last night when that car, to allow the car behind to run ahead, switched into the shed, and in so doing bumped the side of the brick entry, partially demolishing the rear vestibule and severely shaking the car and its occupants. There was a scene of confusion and it was a fortunate thing that a panic did not develop.

MONEY LOST IN BARS RETURNED IN MEALS

Downtown Hotels Thronged and More Meals Served Than Ever Before.

Just how much money the 110 bar rooms lost by being closed yesterday can hardly be estimated, as hundreds of people had Christmas dinner at the hotels who would most likely have stayed at home had the bars been open.

The downtown hotels served more meals yesterday than at any other time in their history, and they claim that such would not have been the case had liquor been purchasable.

The smaller hotels suffered severely. Christmas Day has always been looked upon as the harvest day of the year.

The liquor stores on Saturday benefited by the new law and were kept busy until the last minute.

REYES HAS BEEN CAPTURED.

LAREDO, Tex., Dec. 25.—According to a private telegram received here bearing the signature of Gen. Gerónimo Trevino, Mexican military commander, Gen. Reyes has been taken prisoner. Reyes, according to the telegram, surrendered after his forces had been defeated by federal troops near Linares to-day.

FATHER VAUGHAN DEPARTS.

Father Vaughan, the militant Jesuit, who has made all the Protestant churches of Toronto pay marked attention to his discourses on the Ne Temere decree and Protestantism, and who by reason of his strong utterances has occasioned many strong denunciations of the Catholic faith, left Toronto for New York yesterday at 7 p.m.

How the Candidates Stand—or Fall

The World jumped into the civic grab-bag, from which the electorate of the City of Toronto will draw on Jan. 1, and examined the color and flavor of some of the candidates and lemons therein last night.

Candidate.	Tubes.	Electric.	Viaduct.	N. Toronto.	Car Lines.	Comm'n.
WARD 1—						
Z. Hilton	For.	For.	For.	Against.	For.	Neutral.
E. Cooke	For.	For.	For.	For.	For.	Neutral.
W. D. Robbins	For.	For.	For.	For.	For.	Neutral.
WARD 2—						
C. A. Risk	For.	For.	For.	For.	For.	Against.
H. A. Rowland	Neutral.	For.	For.	For.	For.	Neutral.
John O'Neill	Neutral.	For.	For.	For.	For.	Against.
WARD 3—						
J. W. Commeford	For.	For.	For.	For.	For.	Neutral.
George McMurrich	For.	For.	For.	For.	For.	Neutral.
John Wanless, Jr.	Neutral.	For.	For.	For.	For.	For.
John Shyne	For.	For.	For.	For.	For.	Against.
George Weston	Neutral.	For.	For.	For.	For.	Against.
WARD 4—						
John Dunn	Against.	For.	Against.	Against.	Against.	Against.
J. T. V. May	For.	For.	For.	For.	For.	Neutral.
R. H. Graham	Neutral.	For.	For.	For.	For.	Neutral.
R. P. Powell	Against.	For.	Against.	Against.	Against.	Neutral.
WARD 5—						
J. H. McChie	For.	For.	For.	For.	For.	Against.
H. M. Mulholland	Neutral.	For.	For.	For.	For.	For.
H. H. Holmes	For.	For.	For.	For.	For.	Neutral.
David Spence	Neutral.	For.	For.	For.	For.	Against.
WARD 7—						
Noble Scott	For.	For.	For.	For.	For.	Neutral.

The World will complete this list as it obtains reliable information from the candidates.

POWERS CONCEDE VICTORY TO REBELS

Decision of Japanese Cabinet Coincides With That of Most of European Nations Who Realize Inevitable End—No Further Outbreak of Hostilities.

TOKIO, Dec. 25.—(Can. Press).—A conference of members of the Japanese cabinet at which many of the elder statesmen, including Prince Katsura, the ex-premier, were invited to assist, was held here Sunday. The strictest secrecy has been maintained regarding the discussions at the conference, but it is generally believed that the latest developments of the situation in China were taken into serious consideration. It is understood that the conference reached the conclusion that the adoption of a republican form of government by China was apparently inevitable.

Information from a reliable source has reached here that the revolutionaries in China continue to insist firmly on a republic, and that the peace negotiations now proceeding at Shanghai will result in a rupture unless the imperial authorities in Peking should yield to their demands in this respect.

Will Not Interfere.

Most of the powers are apparently reconciled to the inevitable tendency of the prevailing situation. Neither Japan nor Great Britain has any intention whatever of intervening in any way in China, much less of imposing any form of government on that country.

The general feeling here is that the only alternative for the present situation is for the representatives of the imperial government in Peking to yield.

Major-Gen. Shiba, who was in command of the Japanese troops in Peking at the time of the Boxer uprising in 1900, left Shimonoseki, the fortified naval city in the southwest of Honko, Japan, for Tokio, in response to an official summons received by him from headquarters.

Rebel Leaders Confer.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 25.—Dr. Sun Yat Sen, one of the leading promoters of the revolution, who may be named as president of the proposed republic, boarded a launch soon after his arrival here this morning and was escorted

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THE SAME OLD "COO"



AND THE SAME OLD UNEQUAL CONTEST

Many Stayed Indoors on Mild, Snowless Christmas

No Winter Sports or White-Covered Ground to Entice People Outdoors, But Many Attend Special Church Services.

Outwardly Toronto was yesterday spending a quiet Christmas, judging by the downtown appearances. But wherever a Christmas celebration of any kind was in progress the festivity seemed to rise higher than the Yuletide high mark of any past year in the city's history.

With holly decked, chancels, and white-robed choirs, the Anglican churches of the city carried those worshippers who hailed from Merrie England back once more to their old-time parish churches. Forgotten for the time was the thought of the ocean rolling between them and the home of their childhood. "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" they sang. They were at home once more in their own Church of England.

As to the Canadian-born worshippers the Christmas spirit was in their blood, and their carols were the answering echo to the Christmas hymns and Christmas chimes of Old England, which began to peal from the belltowers of Old London Town with the midnight chimes, and went circling round the world, accompanying the roll of the British drum.

His Lordship the Bishop of Toronto preached an appropriate sermon at St. Alban's Cathedral at the 11 o'clock service. Almost all the Anglican churches held services at that hour.

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Remembered Hoosier Poet

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 25. Twelve hundred letters of Christmas greeting and sympathy came to-day to James Whitcomb Riley, the Hoosier poet, who has been ill for several months. "I can't answer them," said Mr. Riley, with a rueful glance at his right arm, of which he has lost the use. "I can't hold a pencil. I wish I could. But I am not so downcast as many of my friends seem to think. How could I be when I have so many well-wishers, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, whom I have never even seen. This is a merry Christmas for me, and I hope for all my unknown friends." Some of the letters are in verse. One admirer advised that the poet learn to write with his left hand. "It is possible; I shall try this," said Mr. Riley, "but I fear it will be a tedious task."

RUSSIA AND JAPAN FRIENDLY

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 25.—(Can. Press).—The first dinner of the new Russo-Japanese Society recently formed here, was held last night at the Japanese embassy. Baron Ichiro Motono, Japanese ambassador at St. Petersburg, and M. Kokovtsov, the Russian premier, exchanged toasts, both referring to the value of Russo-Japanese friendship.

Sardinian's Rough Trip. ST. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 25.—The Alcan liner Sardinian reached port to-day with 163 passengers. Capt. Hamilton said he encountered a continuous series of gales, and added that he had never seen the Atlantic so rough as it has been so far this week.

G. T. R. SECURES BIG COAL AREA

\$3,000,000 Paid for 31,000 Acres in Ohio, Which Railway Will Mine for Own Use.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 25.—(Special).—The Grand Trunk Railway Co. of Canada has just closed a deal whereby it obtains the holdings of the Rail and River Coal Co., with main offices here. The mines are located in Belmont County, Ohio. The deal includes 31,000 acres of coal lands and six producing mines, which have an output of 750,000 tons annually. The Grand Trunk Railroad contemplates operating the mines and using the output on its lines. The price approximates \$3,000,000.

Hurried by Merger.

Many obstacles had to be overcome before the transaction could be completed. The closing of the deal was hastened by the proposed merger of 48 rival mining companies in Belmont and Jefferson Counties, Ohio. M. Liseman & Co. of New York have underwritten the stock for the merger, which represents \$30,000,000 in capital, to be subscribed by London and Amsterdam capitalists. All the stock will be controlled by European interests.

It is said that Dan R. Hanna of Cleveland, Ohio, has agreed to dispose of his large holdings to the new syndicate.

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RUSSIANS SLAY DEFENCELESS PERSIANS

Reign of Blood Not Over Despite Surrender to Demands of Invaders and Passive Attitude of People—Shuster's Dismissal Highly Unpopular at Teheran.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—A massacre has been going on in Reest since Saturday, according to official Persian telegrams received in London to-day. These state that on Sunday five hundred Persians were killed by the Russians, many of them being women and children. The people, it is said, have been exhorted not to fight, and not to give the slightest provocation, but the massacre still continues.

Reest is the capital of the Province of Ghilan, and has 40,000 inhabitants. The government house has been bombarded, and many government officials and police have been killed. Private houses have been demolished.

Slew Unarmed Mohammedans.

According to other despatches the Russians killed four unarmed Mohammedans on the Armenian quarter of Tabriz, during the fighting in that city.

"The people of Persia," says the despatch, "are stupefied at the attitude of the Russians, especially as these outrages have followed immediately on the acceptance by Persia of the second Russian ultimatum, and when Persia has shown every desire and disposition to conciliate Russia and establish friendly relations."

Resented Shuster's Dismissal.

TEHERAN, Dec. 25.—(Can. Press).—The cabinet to-day notified W. Morgan Shuster, treasurer-general of Persia, of his dismissal from that office. This follows the decision of the national council and the ministry to submit to the demands contained in the Russian ultimatum. The cabinet intimated to Mr. Shuster that they would communicate to him later their plans concerning the turning over of his accounts to his successor.

An indignation meeting was held after the announcement of Mr. Shuster's dismissal was made, to protest against the so-called coup d'etat, but the crowds were dispersed by the police without disorder. Further demonstrations are expected. All the opposition newspapers have been suppressed, and martial law has been proclaimed.

The Russian consul, who has assumed the government of Reest, reports the town quiet at the present time, but looks for further outbreaks.

It is reported from Shiraz, capital of the province of Fars, that Persians fired on a body of Indian troops who were proceeding to meet the British consul, one of the Indian soldiers being killed. There has been considerable trouble at Shiraz, on account of the boycott instituted against the Indian troops by the Mollahs.

Fighting Not Over.

JULFA, Persia, Dec. 25.—According to information received here fighting continues in the streets of Tabriz between the Russian guard and the Persian constitutionalists. The Russian reinforcements consisting of a regiment of rifles and a section of Cosaks with a mountain battery, which left here on Dec. 23 for that city, arrived there to-day, having encountered very little opposition from the Persians.

Russians Abandon Bank.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 25.—Advices received here to-day from Tabriz, in Persia, say that the Russian troops have been forced to abandon the Russo-Persian Bank, which is situated in the principal bazaar, and which they have hitherto been protecting. There is a sum of about \$150,000 in specie lying in the bank, which is now entirely without a guard.

Furs for Men.

The Dineen Company, starting to-day, is having a special display of furs for men, including superb lines of fur lined coats of muskrat or mink, and with outer or Persian lamb collars and lapels. The cold weather is about due and to purchase now is to be prepared.

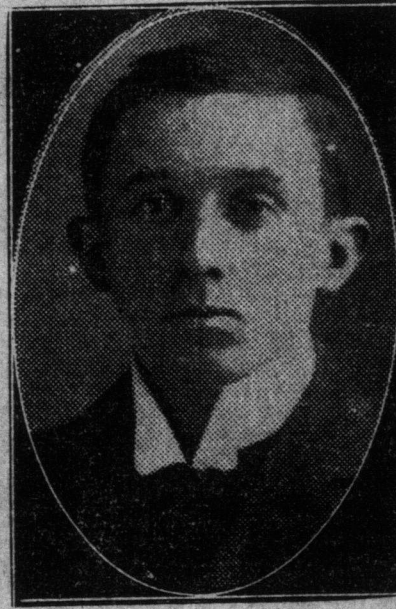
"Seven Days" in One Night.

Of the many amusing plays that have been seen in this city none has surpassed "Seven Days," the most interesting and laughable farce-comedy that opened a brief engagement in packed houses at the Princess yesterday afternoon and evening. The possibility of living thru seven days in one afternoon or evening is one that should be taken advantage of by all who seek to be delightfully entertained.



ROBERT HALL

226 East Gerrard St., who lies at the point of death, with a fractured skull, at the General Hospital. He was with William Casson on the rear platform, when the car turned over.



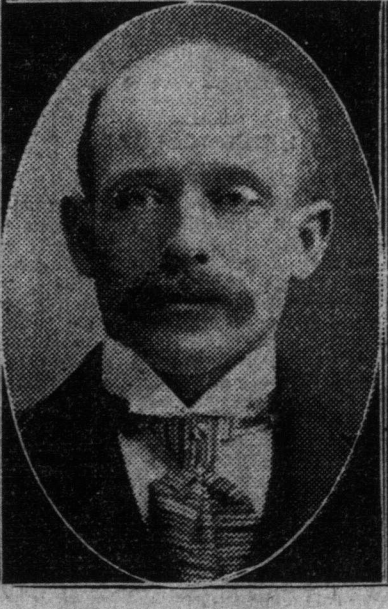
WILLIAM CASSON

321 West King St., who was with Robt. Hall on the back platform of the car and is still in the General Hospital, severely injured. The two were to have Christmas dinner together.



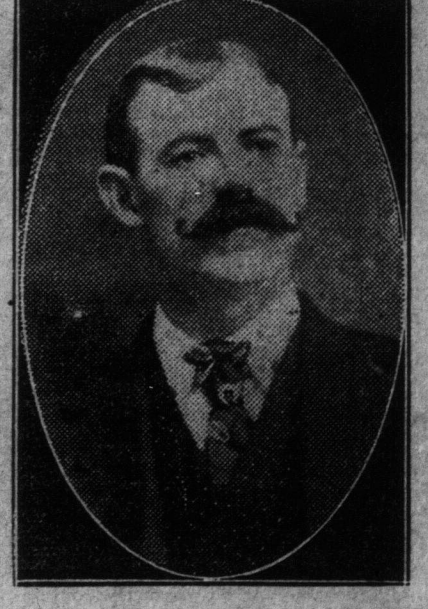
MRS. JAMES ROCHFORD

23 New St., who with her brother, Matthew Graham, was pinned beneath the stove in the overturned car. Her shoulder was fractured, but she escaped internal injury.



THOS. THOMPSON

45 Kenilworth Ave., in St. Michael's Hospital, with broken ribs. He was injured at same switch three years ago last July. His condition is not serious.



MATTHEW J. GRAHAM

33 Davenport Rd., who with his sister, Mrs. James Rochford, was pinned beneath the stove, when the car was overturned. His shoulder was hurt, but he considers himself lucky.