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DEAD MAN AT THROTTLE

C. P. R. Hamilton Express
Tears Through Parkdale Station

KILLED AT BRANTFORD

Toronto, Dec. 24.—With the engineer dead at his post and the fireman unaware of what had befallen him, the 2.40 C.P.R. Hamilton Express tore through South Parkdale station Saturday to the amazement of the station agent and many waiting passengers.

After Parkdale was left behind the train increased speed at an alarming rate. James Bertrand, the fireman, then decided to ask the engineer what was wrong. He made his way up into the little box in which the engineer sat and found a dead man's hand clasp the throttle. Promptly he removed the stiff fingers from the throttle and shut her down. The emergency brakes were applied, and the express came to a stop. The conductor found a dead man in the cab and a fireman with his nerves unstrung sitting on the footplate with a dazed look on his face.

John Paul, the engineer, was one of the most trustworthy men in the C. P. R. service, and has a good record. He was probably struck and instantly killed by a home semaphore at the end of the Union Station sheds, whilst looking out to see if the distance semaphore was against him. He belonged to Toronto Junction, was 47 years of age, and leaves a widow and family of four children. He had been railroading for over fifteen years.

Dr. Godfrey of Mimico will hold an inquest at Nurse's Hotel on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

James Bertrand, the fireman of the train, was a new hand. He had only been in the company's service three days, but he displayed nerve and presence of mind on an occasion when an old hand might have failed.

MOOSEJAW TRAIN WRECKED.

Ten Persons Known Dead—Scores In Danger From Flames.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 24.—Ten persons are known to be dead, six others are fatally injured and at least 25 others were hurt in the wreck yesterday of an east-bound accommodation train on the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault Ste. Marie Railroad, at Enderlin, N.D.

The train from Moosejaw, Canada, is due at Enderlin at 11:45 p.m., but Saturday night it was about two hours late. The engine was running at high speed in an endeavor to make up the last time. As his train rounded a curve just before reaching the yards at Enderlin, a switch engine was shifting a string of box cars to a side track. The cars did not clear the main track and the passenger train collided head on with the switch engine.

In Danger of Flames.

Both engines were wrecked and the passenger cars were thrown in confusion down a small embankment at the side of the track. Several of the day coaches were turned bottomside up, and the passengers pinned beneath the wreckage, which took fire from the car stoves.

Many persons were in imminent danger from the flames, which were fast spreading through the cars. Axes were wielded by willing hands, and the roofs of the overturned cars were broken open and the dead and injured taken out as quickly as possible.

Ten bodies were taken out and laid beside the track, while the injured were taken in hastily improvised ambulances to hospitals and hotels.

The Dead.

Charles Backus, Berger, N.D.
H. J. Valking, Anamoose, N.D.
John Statterberg, Anamoose, N.D.
Tony Glenn, Velva, N.D.
D. J. Beresford, Medicine Hat, Can.
H. Rosenbaum, Velva, N.D.
W. J. Danielson, Sheldon, N.D.
A. O. Anderson, Starbuck, Minn.
One unidentified man.

Fatal Wreck at Brantford.

Brantford, Dec. 24.—Fireman J. N. Dymond of Stratford was killed in a bad collision in the Grand Trunk yards about 3 o'clock Saturday morning. Train 422 for Toronto was unable to ascend the grade just outside the city and backed into the yards to get another start. In doing so it ran into the switch, crashing into the caboose attached to the engine. Will Knight, one of the occupants of the caboose, had one leg severed above the knee, and little hope is held out for his recovery.

Bond and MacKay, the others, miraculously escaped injury.

Robt. Hay, engineer, and Fireman Dymond, were on the attached engine at the time of the crash. Dymond attempted to jump, when his head was horribly mangled between the tender and boiler. Death was instantaneous.

Engineer Hay, who remained in the cab, escaped with slight bruises.

Five cars were piled up in the yard, and two engines damaged beyond repairs. Coroner Fissette has ordered an inquest.

Narrow Escape of 47.

Shelburne, Vermont, Dec. 24.—A defective rail threw two sleeping cars attached to the rear of the Montreal Express, bound for New York over the Rutland Railroad, off the track near here Friday night. The two cars, which contained 47 passengers, ten of whom were women, were dragged on their side for over 100 yards. The most painfully injured was a woman who sprained her leg, but she was able to walk without assistance. Minor cuts and bruises were sustained by some of the other passengers.

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For Breach of Alien Labor Law—Eleven Fines Imposed.

Belleville, Dec. 24.—The Corby Distillery Co. was Saturday morning found guilty by Magistrate Flint in the alien labor case.

It was charged that they brought United States citizens to work at the distillery at Corbyville, and 11 fines of \$50 each and costs were imposed in the cases of J. Cohen of Omaha, superintendent; O. Hiett of Peoria, Ill., millwright; J. Matthews of Philadelphia, bottler, and eight copper-smiths from Cincinnati, Ohio.

Burglarized Pawnshop.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—About 9.05 Saturday night a cutter pulled up at David Ward's pawn shop, 104 East Adelaide street, and two men alighted. Suddenly there was a crash of broken glass, an arm thrust through a broken window and hastily withdrawn, and a scamp of the two men back to the rig, which immediately was driven off at a furious pace. A customer in the shop jumped into a passing sleigh and pursued the cutter, gathering policemen on the way, and finally capturing John Mulligan, the chief culprit. The were \$6,000 worth of diamonds in the window but they got only \$50 worth.

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This will not change passenger rates now based on charge of less than 2-1-2c per mile.
Interchangeable mileage books, which are now sold at \$30.00, will be sold at \$25.00 with a rebate of \$5.00 on each 1,000 mile book instead of \$10.00, as at present.