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**FIENDS WRECK FAST EXPRESS;  
SEVEN INJURED, ONE WILL DIE****The Montreal Express Deliberately Ditched at Walla-  
oomsac, Maine—Switches Opened—Signal Twisted.**

Hosiac Falls, N. Y., Jan. 6.—Seven persons were injured, one of them fatally, when the Montreal express, on the Boston and Maine railroad, was wrecked at Wallaoomsac, early today. Five miles north of this place. The most seriously injured was Charles Wardwell, of Bristol, Vt., the engineer. The fireman and five passengers were also hurt.

The wreck was caused by the train running into an open switch, and the railroad officials are of the opinion that the switch was opened deliberately for the purpose of wrecking the train.

The engine was badly damaged, and the baggage car and smoker were derailed and partly wrecked. Several sleeping-cars remained on the rails.

Boston, Jan. 6.—Information received

here by President Lucius Tuttle, of the Boston and Maine Railroad, indicated that the wreck of the Montreal express at Wallaoomsac station, New York, today, was the result of a deliberate act. A switch had been opened and wedged in that position, while the signal had been hoisted so as to indicate a clear track. The express took the open switch and the engine and two cars were derailed and partly wrecked. The engine struck some freight cars which were standing on a side track, and which checked its speed and prevented the sleeping-cars, which made up the bulk of the train, from leaving the rails. Several persons were injured, including five passengers, but none were killed, although Engineer Wardwell may die.

**SOUTHERN POWER  
IS INSOLVENT****Subsidiary Company of York  
Loan Collapses—The Latter  
Holds \$212,000 Bonds.**

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Jan. 6.—The Southern Power and Light Company, a subsidiary company to the York County Loan, is insolvent. This was acknowledged by a resolution of the directors this morning. The Canadian Portland Cement Company, creditors for goods supplied to the amount of \$1,700, brought their petition this morning before Judge Teetzel and it was adjourned to next Tuesday. Gegg, creditor for \$1,498, also petitioned for a winding-up order, and his petition will be heard later. Joseph Barret, president of the Southern Light and Power Company in an affidavit acknowledged the truth of Mr. Gegg's statements. The York County Loan is interested to the extent of the company's bonds for \$212,000 which it has purchased.

**MANY WANT POSITION****Two Dozen Applications for Leader-  
ship of Seventh Band.**

The band committee of the Seventh Regiment is already in receipt of two dozen applications for the position of bandmaster, to succeed Mr. W. E. Hiscott, who recently resigned to take the leadership of a band in Ottawa.

Three of the applications are from England, the others coming from musicians in Canada and the United States. The new bandmaster will not be appointed for two or three weeks yet, as the band committee advertised in several English musical publications and expects many applications yet from the old land.

In the meantime, Sergt. Fred Dawson is in charge of the band.

**Thirty-Cent Return Fare  
By Trolley to the Lake****Traction Company Fixes Rates  
for Excursion Season—Regu-  
lar Fare 2 Cents a Mile.**

This week the Southwestern Traction Company has been making trial trips with its cars as far as Lambeth, where a dead end has been established, so as to avoid having the power interfere with the gangs of men working along the line further south.

President Rumball and Manager Welch, who have worked on the project without intermission for a couple of years, stated to The Advertiser today that the trial runs have proved very satisfactory, and it is the intention to have the trolleys operating between St. Thomas and London by the 1st of April.

The important matter of fares has been decided upon by the company. The rate will be 2 cents a mile, with a 30-cent return fare to Port Stanley during the excursion season. Between 12 and 18 motors and trailers will be put on the line, each with a capacity of about 50 passengers.

Work on the subway under the G. T. R. lines at St. Thomas is being pushed. Supervising Engineer Raikes has as- signed him Engineer Pratt, formerly employed by the city on the West London breakwater. Mr. Pratt intended returning to England last fall, but having secured the position with the trac-

tion company, he decided to remain in Canada. If the mild weather continues the laying of rails will be proceeded with all winter, the grading to Port Stanley being now completed. About 200 men are employed by the company between London and the lake.

South of London the grading was very difficult, but the engineers overcame the obstacles.

To give an idea of what it is costing to build the road, it is only necessary to refer to the fact that this week the company paid out about \$5,000.

Cars will be running for the 24th of May to the Port. As soon as this work is completed, the men will be put to work on the line to Ingersoll, and a line to Delaware. All arrangements for the latter line have been completed, but in the case of the former, Manager Welch states that it has not been decided whether the line will be run by the company or the Thamesford. As the company is seeking a right of way over private property it will all depend on the treatment accorded the company by the land-owners and others which route will be selected.

Manager Welch states, however, that nearly all the municipalities are offering the company every help, as all realize that it will be a good thing for everybody to have the trolley lines running through a town, village or township every hour. The company intends to operate its cars at a slow rate of speed this year so that the horses of the farmers may become accustomed to them.

**LAYMAN READ THE SERVICE****Blenheim Clergymen Refuse to Offi-  
ciate at Sunday Funerals.**

Blenheim, Jan. 6.—In Blenheim ministers have decided to put a stop to Sunday funerals, and have entered into an agreement with each other not to officiate at funerals on Sunday except in case of extreme urgency. Last Sunday was the first since the rule was adopted. The relatives of a young man who insisted upon burial on Sunday were unable to obtain the services of a minister, and called in a layman, who officiated at the grave.

**SCOTS FOR THE WEST****Big Company Organized to Settle  
Scotch Plowmen.**

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 6.—A company has been organized among British capitalists, with W. Grassie, of this city, as president, to colonize 200,000 acres of land in Western Canada with Scotch plowmen. The company will provide most advantageous terms of settlement.

Premier Roblin stated positively tonight that there would be no dissolution of the Legislature this year, thus setting at rest the rumor of early election.

A convention of Liberals for the Province of Manitoba will be held here some time next month to discuss a platform for the party and to select leaders.

**WILL GET TEN  
CENTS, MAYBE MORE****Shareholders of the Elgin Loan  
Company Will Not Suffer  
Total Loss.**

The shareholders of the Elgin Loan Company have been furnished with a preliminary statement of its affairs by the London and Western Trusts Company, liquidators of the defunct concern.

The statement shows that the total value of the assets received was about \$370,000. Of this amount some \$305,000 has been realized and paid over to depositors. The present value of the remaining assets is about \$65,000, and the liabilities to depositors about \$27,500 (shareholders' deposits), so that something will remain for the shareholders.

At the outset it was not expected that after all creditors were paid anything would remain for the shareholders, but it is now practically certain that the latter will receive at least 10 cents on the dollar. As the assets yet to be disposed of comprise largely Dominion Coal and Dominion Iron and Steel stock, both of which are expected to rise, this sum may be doubled.

**TROUBLE AT GUADALOUPE****French Naval Squadron Transport-  
ing Troops to the Scene.**

New York, Jan. 6.—A dispatch from Fort de France, Martinique, to the Herald, dated Friday, says: The French naval squadron has left for the Isles des Saintes. The cruiser Jurien De La Graviere is transporting troops to Guadeloupe. The vessels will arrive here on Friday.

Some time ago a dispatch from Guadeloupe announced the destruction of a government building by an incendiary fire. It is possible that there has been some outbreak in Guadeloupe.

**ROTHCHILD'S STAND****Is a Free Trader, But Would Nego-  
tiate With Others Re Tariff.**

London, Jan. 6.—Lord Rothschild in a speech at Watford today in support of the protectionist candidate, Thomas Frederick Halsey, the sitting member, announced himself as a free trader in favor of the negotiation of tariff treaties with other countries. His lordship said he had never hidden the fact that he was a free trader. He objected strongly to the taxation of the food of the people and could not understand how in the peculiar situation of this island protective tariffs could be built up. At the same time he must also say he was in favor of negotiation, not to use the word retaliation. They all remembered the advantages of Cobden's treaty with France, and under the two recent treaties which Lord Lansdowne had negotiated with Roumania and Bulgaria, Lancashire goods would now be admitted to those countries at much lower tariffs than hitherto.

**MASQUERADE CARNIVAL****Roller Polo Undertaking a Great  
Success—The Prize Winners.**

The masquerade carnival at the Jubilee Rink last evening was held under the auspices of the Roller Polo League, and was a splendid success. Several hundred skaters were on the floor, and fully 25 per cent of them were in costume.

A number of prizes were awarded the judges being Messrs. H. J. Childs, J. W. Metherall and James Ferguson. The winners were:

Best Dressed Lady—Miss E. Finch.  
Best Dressed Gentleman—Mr. J. Charlton.

Prize for Ladies' Comic Costume—Miss E. Crippin and Miss Powell.  
Prize for Gentlemen's Comic Costume—Mr. W. Charlton.  
Best Character Costume—Mr. H. Pace.

**PERILOUS TIMES  
FOR THE MARINERS****A Typhoon and Hurricane  
Sweep Atlantic and Pacific****THIRTY-FIVE VESSELS WRECKED****The Big Liners Days Behind Time  
In Many Cases—One Ship Fights  
Gale Forty Days.**

New York, Jan. 6.—The Journal of Commerce says: While this season is notable for climatic moderation throughout the country, being particularly free from pronounced disturbances, it has been one of the most rigorous winters on record at sea. Every-thing from hurricanes, high seas and blizzards on the Atlantic, to 40 days of typhoons on the Pacific, is reported by surviving mariners. Steamers arriving both here and abroad report boisterous weather. Not one of Saturday's liners last week arrived on time. The Cunarder Campania, which left Liverpool on Dec. 23, and was due here on the 30th, came in late Sunday afternoon, the 31st. The American liner, St. Louis, arrived from Southampton on Monday, about two days late, and the French liner La Touraine from Havre, reached her dock Tuesday morning, 72 hours behind scheduled time. The Holland-American liner Statendam from Rotterdam, was 11 days making the passage, whereas under normal conditions she would take 9 to 10 days.

La Touraine had the most varied experience of the fleet. Twice she was forced off her course by furious gales, and the height of the waves, her officers estimated at 80 to 100 feet. She encountered halibut, and, at one time her decks were heaped with snow.

The Warren liner Sagamore arrived at Boston, Wednesday, damaged by the seas. The British steamer Manxman ended a 10-day voyage from Liverpool at Portland, Me., Wednesday. Her officers said it was the roughest passage in their experience.

The Carmanlia held up.

The new Cunard line turbine steamer Carmanlia, which left Liverpool last Saturday for New York was held up by a gale off Queenstown Sunday night, and could not get away until Monday forenoon. During the month of December including the last week of November, 35 vessels have been reported wrecked. Nineteen of these were steamers; one ship was lost and three barkers, the balance being schooners. One blow over the lakes during the last week of November demolished 19 vessels, 8 of which were steamers. Several trans-Atlantic liners have had their cabins flooded, lost lifeboats and sustained minor damages during the month, while scores of sailing craft have been stripped of their canvas and towed to port in waterlogged condition. Among the Pacific Coast disasters, the most fatal was the wreck of the British bark Pass of Motowah, from Port Townsend, Wash., which was blown ashore on Vancouver Island on Dec. 26, when the 25 members of her crew were drowned. The following day the Pacific Coast steamer Portland was wrecked on Spire Island.

The ship Heckla, a series of encounters with hurricanes, making for San Francisco badly crippled, however, The Heckla was bound from Manila for Port Townsend. She experienced a succession of typhoons lasting 40 days. She put into San Francisco to make repairs.

**Gale at Winnipeg.**

Winnipeg, Jan. 6.—An unusually high wind prevailed for a time yesterday morning, and the Manitoba Skating Rink and several other small buildings in course of erection were wrecked.

**Death of F. J. Lynch.**

Ottawa, Jan. 6.—Francis J. Lynch, head of construction in the department of railways, under Collingwood Schreiber, died last evening. He was a prominent railway engineer, and had worked for construction lines for the Belgian, Russian and Canadian Governments.

**THE WEATHER.****Tomorrow—Fine and Mild.**

Sun rises, 7:51 a.m. Moon sets, 2:14 p.m. Sun sets, 4:56 p.m. Moon rises, 3:51 a.m.

Toronto, Jan. 5-8 p.m. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 32-40; Edmonton, 20-34; Calgary, 10-24; Qu'Appelle, 16-22; Winnipeg, 16-30; Port Arthur, 4-30; Parry Sound, 20-32; Toronto, 28-34; Ottawa, 20-26; Montreal, 22-34; Quebec, 20-32; St. John, 36-50; Halifax, 36-48.

**FORECASTS.**

Saturday, Jan. 6-8 a.m. Today—Strong southwest to northwest winds; local snowfalls, but mostly fair.

**Sunday—Fine and mild.**

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather. Calgary ..... 14 32 Fair. Winnipeg ..... 10 32 Fair. Parry Sound ..... 20 26 Snow. Toronto ..... 30 28 Rain. Ottawa ..... 30 24 Snow. Montreal ..... 22 18 Snow. Quebec ..... 20 18 Rain. St. John ..... 36 50 Snow. Father ..... 36 48 Snow.

**WEATHER NOTES.**

Snowfalls are reported over Ontario and Quebec, and colder weather in the Northwest; strong winds and gales prevail over the lakes, and conditions are generally favorable for lower temperatures.

**LOCAL TEMPERATURES.**

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Friday were: Highest, 29.5°; lowest, 24.5° above.

**CONVERT TELLS  
OF GOOD DONE****Torry - Alexander Meetings  
Doing a Great Work.****BIBLE IS PLAIN MAN'S BOOK****Celebrated Evangelists' Discourse  
to Another Great Gathering  
on Word of God.**

Toronto, Jan. 6.—Yesterday afternoon's meeting of the Torrey-Alexander series was well attended, and began with the "Glory" song, without which a Torrey and Alexander meeting would not be complete. The women would sing a verse, alone, and then the people in the upper gallery were asked by Mr. Alexander to sing alone.

Many letters and personal requests for prayers were read. Some of the entreaties were deeply pathetic. Prayers were asked for a young man who had forsaken the Christian path, for a young woman showing an addiction to drink, for a woman who was tormented by evil spirits, and for a mother away in England. One writer stated that her husband had been led to Christ the night before, and had been in prayer for the first time in the house. Another writer had spent the night before in prayer for another woman.

A Family Reconciled.

Mr. Alexander asked for reports encouraging or discouraging. One lady arose and said that the influence of the revival had reached a family in the west end. There had been bad feeling between the members of that family for some time, but they had begun to pray at 2 o'clock and had not left off until dark. They were reconciled.

A girl rose and expressed her joy that a girl friend of hers had been led to accept Christ the night before.

"Now how many of you have been helped by reading the newspapers?" asked C. M. Alexander.

One declared that he had read a report in Brantford and had been very much encouraged; another remarked that he had traveled 100 miles through reading a newspaper report. One in Guelph had read the news of the meeting.

Other testimonies of a like character were given, and C. M. Alexander said that he would like to shake the hands of the reporters who had exercised such influence. "Count Your Blessings!" was a beautiful melody was sung soon after this.

Pastor Hyde thought it would be well to pray for the press of Toronto, and to ask God that they might exercise an even mightier power.

**The Plain Man's Book.**

In the course of his address Dr. Torrey described the Bible as the plain man's book, a book for honest teaching people. While we had no claim on God, there was nothing too great to be asked of God.

"Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." These familiar words were discussed upon by Dr. Torrey to last night's vast assemblage. How many hundreds, how many broken hearts were there?

Jesus spoke these beautiful, soothing words to a concourse which included the lame, the blind, the man possessed of devils and the abandoned woman. God spoke to all who were overburdened and will sorrow, and he has spoken all through the centuries up to tonight.

Dr. Torrey incidentally told of how a drunkard had been reclaimed. Were any of his hearers tired of the drink? Is there some lady here tonight who, although her friends may never suspect it, has this evil appetite for strong drink?

"Stories have been told me during the last two or three years by women in the highest social positions about their slavery to strong drink. Is there some woman here who has become a victim to the evil appetite for strong drink, or it may be an appetite for morphine, cocaine or some other deadly drug? Jesus says 'Come unto me and I will give you rest.'"

Social reformers say that what the world needs is more money. Some say that what the world needs is free land. There is lots of it in Canada. Others say that the world needs more culture and education, and others that it needs more opportunity for recreation and pleasure.

The world needs rest. You rich men need rest. You need it just as much as the laboring men. You fashionable women, who go from theater to theater, from ballroom to ballroom, from one watering place to another, and from one reception to another, need rest because your hearts are not at rest. You men who are trying to find satisfaction in science, philosophy and study, need rest. Thank God you can have it.

He was a great believer in creeds—a man who did not believe anything, and had not a creed, was an idiot. But a creed itself would not give one rest. Going to Jesus would give them rest.

Dr. Torrey gave invitations to men, women or children to find rest in Jesus. About 35 responded, and the usual comprehensive survey was made of all parts of the building.

"I Surrender" was sung by Mr. Alexander. Then there was a silent interval, during which Dr. Torrey visited several points of the hall and expressed his satisfaction with the efforts of the workers. When the hands of the clock pointed to ten minutes to 10 three more converts were declared.

When every Christian in Toronto witnessed for Jesus then Dr. Torrey declared there would be a revival. He exhorted the Christian women to talk to others, if they were getting up a haze they would talk enough.

**PRAYS IN THE RING****New York, Jan. 6.—The World  
today says:**

"Robert Stonewall Allen, a colored evangelist, now 62 years old, who in his younger days was a pugilist of note, again entered the ring last night, and fought a three-round draw with 'Black Griffo, at the Sharkey Athletic Club. Just before the bell rang to start the bout, Allen knelt in the middle of the ring and offered up an earnest prayer for the souls of the members present. He also prayed for his opponent.

When the prayer was finished, Allen bestowed a benediction upon Griffo and the spectators. But when the fight started he did not let his feelings interfere. He used his choicest hooks, jabs and uppercuts.

The old man, notwithstanding his age, made such a good showing that Thomas Sharkey, the referee, would have been forced to call the bout a draw had a decision been rendered.

**STRANGE PAIR  
OF FIREBUGS****Naked and Insane Woman  
Caught Firing Tenement.****WARMLY-CLAD MAN WITH HER****Woman Appeared To Be Greatly In  
Fear of Her Companion—Was  
Sent to the Asylum.**

New York, Jan. 6.—A naked and insane woman, directed by a man warmly clad and wearing an overcoat, was detected applying a torch to the hallway of a five-story tenement house in Eldredge street about daybreak today. The strange pair fled when discovered, but the woman was captured. She said her name is Helen Brauer and that she is housekeeper of the building she was trying to set fire to, but no one there knew her.

One of the tenants of the building was awakened by a noise the pair made, and discovered them in the hall. The woman wore nothing but one stocking. She was shivering in the cold. The man stood over her, and she shrank from him as though afraid. In the woman's hand was a torch made of rags and inflammable stuff, and saturated with kerosene. The woman stuck the torch into the gas blaze, and as it caught fire she fell to her knees and began feeling her way about the hall, rubbing the blazing torch against the wall and wainscoting, which were saturated with oil.

All the time the woman mumbled like a crazy person. She was directed by the mysterious man.

Seeing that there was danger of burning the building, the watching tenant called for help, and when the other tenants came rushing from their apartments the man and woman started to run. The man got away, but one of the tenants tripped the woman. When the woman was questioned she returned a blank stare, but finally gave the name of Helen Brauer, and said she is 33 years old. She was taken to Bellevue Hospital. She did not disclose the name of the man, but it is suspected that they have been connected with other incendiary fires.

**TWO DEAD IN ALLEY****Woman and Friend Found Shot and  
Husband Is Arrested.**

Chicago, Jan. 6.—Mrs. Carl O. Almborg, 1517 Aldine avenue, Lakeview, and J. E. Moller, a traveling salesman, long a friend of the Almborg family, were found dead in an alley near Aldine avenue and Buckingham place, early today. Each had been killed by a revolver shot in the temple, the weapon which had caused their death being found between Moller's legs when the bodies were examined by the police before they were removed to an undertaking room.

The police at first believed that Mrs. Almborg had been killed by Moller and that the latter had then been killed, but early this morning, while not abandoning this theory, they began an investigation to learn whether the two had been killed by a third person. The woman's husband, Carl O. Almborg, was arrested and taken to a police station.

**NO FRICTION WITH STRATHCONA**

Ottawa, Jan. 6.—Results of a serious character for some of the immigration officials in England are likely to follow the visit of Mr. W. T. H. Preston to Ottawa and his conference with the ministers. It is said that he has submitted documents showing that certain officials on the other side have been collecting traveling expenses improperly, and that the practice has been going on for some time. If the charges are sustained, the offenders cannot be allowed to remain in the Government service. Mr. Preston's friends say that any discord and lack

**HOOTS AND HOWLS  
FOR MR. BALFOUR****Ex-Premier Rudely Treated  
Addressing Constituents.****MORLEY ON IRISH REFORM****Says Only Effective Method Would  
Be an Elective Representative  
Body—Liberals and Morocco.**

London, Jan. 5.—John Morley, secretary for India, speaking at Arbroath, Scotland, tonight, said that personally he believed the only effective method of reform for Ireland would be an elective representative body which would have control of Irish affairs under the direction of the Imperial Parliament.

However, he stood ready to co-operate in any scheme involving a less radical departure if it could be shown that such a scheme would assure the reforms desired.

Former Premier Balfour addressed his constituents at Manchester tonight, but had some difficulty in securing a hearing. His speech was frequently and noisily interrupted.

David Lloyd-George, president of the board of trade, speaking at Croydon tonight, quoted from the board of "trade returns, which have not yet been published.

He said these returns would show that the exports of manufactured goods by the United Kingdom had increased enormously.

Since 1903, when Joseph Chamberlain said the country was going to the dogs, the increase in manufactured goods exported had amounted to \$175,000,000.

Mr. Lloyd-George said the returns would show that the United Kingdom exported more manufactured goods than Germany and the United States together.

Ireland's fate in the present election fight raises an interesting problem. While the Conservatives are doing their utmost to foment feeling in the country against the Liberals on the ground of their home rule tendencies, a tacit agreement, it would seem, has been arrived at between the Liberal and Irish leaders to defeat the tactics of the Conservatives, Ireland itself remains quiescent.

Michael Davitt, speaking at St. Helens tonight, said: Ireland is in a state of anarchy, politics being no less than 78 out of her 102 constituents not a Chamberlainite nor any form of labor dare intrude his political nose.

While the Irishmen are thus avoiding any excitement of public feeling the Liberal leaders are speaking also in one voice to the effect that home rule is impossible in the next Parliament; in fact, that it is impossible altogether until the country has had the opportunity of giving a special mandate, on the question, Mr. Birrell, president of the board of education, expressed this view.

Winston Spencer Churchill spoke at making this interesting pronouncement on the questions: "Time has largely vindicated the views held by Mr. Gladstone in 1886. While there never was a time like the present, when the greater mass of opinion is arrayed against anything in the nature of a startling plunge in the Irish policy, there never was a time when a greater number of sensible, patriotic people were prepared to give fair and unprejudiced consideration to Irish affairs, to admit that a wrong system of government prevails in Ireland, and to approach without passion one of the most difficult, but the most attractive of the riddles of British statecraft."

T. P. O'Connor, speaking at Liverpool, said that the attempt of the Conservatives to say that the issue before the country was home rule, and not the fiscal question, was contemptible and dishonest.

**BLOWS RAINED UPON HIM****The Uncanny Experience of a Doctor  
While Driving Past Cemetery.**

Manchester, Mich., Jan. 6.—While driving on the road which leads by the cemetery, Dr. L. Knapp, who is not superstitious, heard a noise at the side of his carriage, and discovered that his lantern had been extinguished.

In leaning out to see what caused it, he was struck over the head with a stick and two or three blows were rained upon his arms, but fortunately he was not much injured.

It was dark and there was woods on one side of the roadway, so he drove on without further investigation. He says that in his many years of professional work he has never before had such an experience.