

BOYS' JOKE COST 12 LIVES, AND
INJURY TO MORE THAN 200

Youths Pulled Whistle, and Engineer, Thinking It Come-On Signal, Put On Full Speed, Crashing Into Coach Crowded With Picnickers—Canadians All Safe.

[Canadian Press.]
Los Angeles, July 14.—To meddle with some youths, who played with the train whistle, is attributed the loss of twelve lives and the injury of some 200 persons here this last night when two Pacific electric trains collided, telescoping two cars and wrecking another, at Vineyard station near the city limits. Many of the injured will die.

Three trains loaded with excursionists to the beach at Venice, sixteen miles from Los Angeles, had stopped at a curve, where a switch is turned. The last train began moving forward while the two foremost trains remained at a standstill. Carrol Bartholmea, conductor of the last car of the centre train, jumped to the track with his light, to flag the approaching train.

Pulled the Whistle.
Some youths, passengers say, pulled the whistle in jest. This it was said by railroadmen was interpreted by the motorman of the oncoming train, as the signal to go ahead. With a crash of breaking glass, splintering timbers and the cries of passengers, the motor car of the last train drove into the rear of the centre train. The motorman of the moving train had given full speed. A curve had prevented his seeing the standing cars.

The rear of the stationary train was filled to capacity, and the aisles were crowded, and the seats were shuffed as a deck of cards by the impact. Those who stood were crushed against each other into the far end of the car. The lights went out.

LONDON ELECTRIC CO. GIVEN
SPACE AT LESS THAN HALF
PRICE ASKED FROM HYDRO

London Free Press Closed Its Columns to the People's Power When Commission Refused To Be Held Up for Twelve Cents a Line.

Though General Manager Glaubitz asserts that all mention of hydro electric power was barred from the columns of the London Free Press for a long period because the commissioners refused to pay twelve cents a line for advertising when it was demanded, that newspaper boldly maintains that it has always consistently supported hydro electric power.

The fact is that the Free Press sought to charge the hydro electric commission a price of 12 cents a line for advertising, while the London Electric Company secured access to the columns of that newspaper for the regular commercial rate, or less than one-half the price demanded of the hydro commission.

HYDRO BARRED FROM COLUMNS.
Following a failure to secure this hold-up price, absolute orders were given that nothing was to appear in the London Free Press of a nature favorable to hydro electric.

Attacks were made upon Chairman Pocock and upon Commissioner Chapman.

The Free Press would have done well to have let the charge pass. Its own files will corroborate the latter statements, and General Manager Glaubitz, somewhat reluctantly, has stated that the commission was unable to secure recognition from the paper that now assumes the role of hydro's greatest friend, for a considerable period, although the commissioners offered more than was charged the London Electric Company. Chairman Pocock will not deny it, either.

The Free Press does not use hydro electric in the operation of its plant. It has quietly, quite recently, signed up with one of the private power companies, although hydro solicitors continually sought the business.

It placed a ban upon hydro at one time—a more desperate and despicable and mercenary act than the most outspoken enemy of hydro power (if it has one), has ever attempted.

DOES NOT USE HYDRO.
The Free Press is no more sincere about electrification than it is about hydro electric power, which it stabs with one hand and strokes with the other, at its pleasure.

The people of London have wondered long why the Free Press is so desperately anxious to force this million dollar project down their throats, despite the fact that pressing needs of the city are apparent on every side.

POISON CASE
TO BE PROBED

Dead Animals and Rotten Turnips Found in Well in Dereham.

FARMER WAS TAKEN ILL

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Woodstock, July 14.—Provincial Detective Miller is investigating an alleged case of poisoning on a farm owned by Dr. J. B. Coleridge, of Ingersoll, in Dereham Township.

Some time ago Dr. Coleridge purchased the property, and it is claimed had some trouble getting possession. The house, when he did take over the property, was found, it is alleged, to have been badly mutilated inside.

Dr. Coleridge placed a man named Furtney in charge of the farm, and a short time afterwards he was taken very ill after drinking the water from a well on the place. Dr. Coleridge found that his man had been poisoned and at once made a search of the well.

It is alleged that several bags of rotten turnips, and old, old clothes weighted down with stones, and the remains of several small animals were found.

The provincial detective was at once called in, and it is expected that some action will be taken shortly.

Fell From Car.—While travelling east along Central Avenue between Colborne and Waterloo streets on a Ridout street car Saturday evening, a young man giving his name as Flynn fell from the back platform to the roadway while the car was in motion. He alighted on his head, and was stunned by the fall. Beyond a severe shaking up his injuries were not serious.

HOPE TO AVERT
BIG STRIKE ON
EASTERN LINES

Situation Is Very Critical, But a Delay Has Been Arranged.

A Conference With President Wilson and Officials Is In Progress.

[Canadian Press.]
New York, July 14.—Labor leaders and railroad heads looked toward Washington today hopeful of a favorable outcome of the conference with President Wilson through which officers of the National Civic Federation, railroad representatives and the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Order of Railway Conductors were to seek a solution of the wage demand crisis involving nearly 100,000 men and 45 eastern roads.

The roads having refused to arbitrate under the Erdman act in its present form, and the employees having refused to modify their demands, apparently the only way out lay in change of the law by increasing the number of arbitrators from three to six, thus eliminating the railroad's chief objection to the act.

Strike Authorized.
With a strike authorized by an overwhelming majority and ratified by general committees of both unions, Presidents Lee and Garretson of the trainmen and conductors respectively, were authorized last night to delay calling a walkout pending the outcome of the Washington conference.

Both left for Washington last night. In New York today there was to be a meeting of the managers' conference committee, at which yesterday's decision of the unions was to be submitted.

CONFERENCE TODAY.

[Canadian Press.]
Washington, D. C., July 14.—Whether a strike of trainmen and conductors of the eastern railroads may be avoided was the subject of a conference at the White House today between President Wilson and representatives of the employees and the railroads concerned. President Wilson, Chairman of the Senate Interstate Commerce Commission; Chairman Clayton, of the House Judiciary Committee, and Republican Leaders McLean, and Garretson of the Pennsylvania; Daniel Willard, of the B. and O.; Geo. W. Stevens, of the Chesapeake and Ohio; W. C. Brown, of the New York Central; and Frank Trumbull, chairman of the board of the Chesapeake and Ohio, represented the railroads. President A. B. Garretson, of the Order of Railway Conductors, and W. G. Lee, of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, represented the employees. Continued on Page Eleven.

APARTMENTS FOR
LONDON BACHELORS
OF ALL VARIETIES

The Old Gustin House To Be Remodelled to House Single Men.

Real Estate Business Throughout the City Better Than Ever.

The old Gustin House, on Dundas street, purchased by the Land Company, is to be remodelled within a short time and fitted up as an apartment house for bachelors.

This will be the first strictly single men's apartment house to be opened in London, and will be modern in every respect.

The proprietors have not yet announced the features to be developed in attracting tenants, but it is said that an electric sock mender will be one of the attractions. An alarm system for waking purposes rather than for fires will be installed, and there should be a self-collecting laundry system.

Cornets Barred.
It is understood that cornets and clarionettes will be barred as a precaution. What would happen to a man who started to perpetrate such a crime against the neighborhood as to practice for a place in the town band could only be conjectured.

Plans are already being drawn for the remodeling of the building, and it is probable that the lower floor will be made a large store, the demand for ample stores being greater than the supply in London at present.

Messrs. Metcalfe and Wood, of the Argyle Company, state that the real estate business is better in London at the present time than at any time since they came to the city from Winnipeg.

Small Houses Wanted.
"We came to London, after looking over every city in the east," they stated. "We found that it was the best place of them all, and our hopes have been more than realized. Within five years the city will have passed and absorbed every subdivision that has been staked out, and that is putting it modestly. We intend to erect workmen's cottages on some of our property, and allow them to be paid for on time. There is a great demand for small houses, and people are coming to the city every day. If ever a city should have faith in itself, London is that city."

"Your Western Fair should be made a greater talking point even than it is. It should be the show place of this section of the Province, and should have the backing of every resident of Western Ontario."

"London can afford to give three cheers for itself and not be ashamed. The city has kept its light beneath a bushel for too many years. It will double in size within the next 10 years, or we, who have watched the development of many places, are no judges of the signs."

New City of Tents
On Carling Heights;
Cadet Corps Arrive

Boy Brigades Reach City From All Sections of Western Ontario for Week's Military and Physical Training—Lads Parade Through Streets and Make a Fine Appearance.

Once again Carling's Heights has assumed a military aspect. With the arrival of the London Collegiate Cadet Corps early this morning, the broad field began to be dotted with bell tents, and before nightfall about twelve hundred youths will be under canvas. The London boys were first on the scene. They were closely followed by the Goderich company, and shortly afterward the Clinton corps arrived. All proceeded at once to erect tents and make all necessary arrangements for their stay of five days.

Boys March Well.
All through the day the various corps from all parts of Western Ontario were arriving on both Grand Trunk and C. P. R. They showed considerable efficiency in military drill in the manner in which they marched to the camp grounds. The Chatham contingent, about 100 strong, arrived shortly before noon and detrained from the C. P. R. train at the Adelaide street crossing, from whence they marched to the camp grounds. They were headed by a band, made up of half a dozen youthful pipers, all of whom appeared to be still in their teens. They played splendid music, and to the tune of "The Bonnets of Bonnie Dundee," the whole contingent swung along in splendid style, eliciting much favorable comment from the onlookers.

Make Fine Appearance.

A number of other corps arrived at the Grand Trunk station and paraded the downtown streets accompanied by their bugle bands. The uniforms present a good appearance. The greatest latitude is allowed in the choice of uniforms, so long as they are of military pattern, and they range from the sombre black and red of the London corps to the light gray with broad sombrero hats, worn by the Clinton brigade. Many present a neat appearance in khaki.

Very little in the way of military Continued on Page Eleven.

No Traffic Report
On Electrification?

Rumor Says That Mayor Graham Blundered in Arranging For It, Mr. Marshall Not Being Permitted by Employers To Act.

Rumor hath it that there will be no traffic report on the proposed electrification of the London and Port Stanley Railway. The long-looked-for, long-expected report on the traffic side of the question that was to have been compiled by Thomas Marshall, traffic expert of the Toronto board of trade, has failed to materialize. Now it is being whispered that "somebody blundered," and there won't be any report.

When the expert was first chosen to

make this report, the Toronto board of trade declined to let him act. This information was sent on to the committee, but Charles Milton Richardson, Graham, mayor of London, decided that he would fix things and after a junket to Toronto, announced to the committee that he had spoken harshly to the Toronto board of trade and all would be well.

It might have been well and maybe not, but late this afternoon there were no signs of the report and little prospect of its arrival.

KING FERINAND
DENIES OUTRAGES
ARE COMMITTED

Blames Servians and Greeks for Circulation of False Reports.

Says Prisons Are Overflowing With His Own Ill-treated Countrymen.

[Canadian Press.]

London, July 14.—King Ferdinand patched from Sofia, on July 12, informs the Evening:

"The stories and reports which the Greeks and Servians have been circulating in Europe concerning so-called outrages committed by my troops upon the Greek and Servian populations in Macedonia are absolutely unfounded, and are published with the object of creating a false impression."

King Ferdinand proceeds to tell of the liberties enjoyed by the people of Adrianople without regard to their nationality, and closes with the allegation:

"Prisons Overflowing."

"Systematic attacks and persecutions have been directed against the Bulgarian element in Macedonia by the Servians and the Greeks. The districts of Kastoria, Florina and Vodena have been cleared of all well-educated men and the prisons of Saloniki are overflowing with innocent Bulgarians."

Thousands of refugees, King Ferdinand concludes, are arriving in Sofia, "gave terrifying accounts of the horrible deeds committed by the Servians and Greeks."

The Bulgarian Government is ready to consent to an international inquiry, which will enlighten the world concerning the stories of this kind.

THE WEATHER.

The temperature by The Advertiser's thermometer at noon today was 76.

TOMORROW—FINE AND WARM.

Forecasts.

Today—Variable winds, fine and warm.

Tuesday—Fresh easterly winds, with showers.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations. High. Low. Weather.

London. 72. 48. Clear.

Victoria. 62. 40. Clear.

Calgary. 62. 40. Cloudy.

Winnipeg. 72. 52. Clear.

Port Arthur. 68. 48. Cloudy.

Perry Sound. 64. 50. Cloudy.

Toronto. 62. 50. Clear.

Ottawa. 68. 58. Cloudy.

Montreal. 74. 56. Cloudy.

Father Point. 68. 48. Rain.

Weather Notes.

The depression which was over the lake region on Saturday morning now covers the Maritime provinces. Showers have occurred in many parts of the western provinces and also very generally from the Georgian Bay region to the Maritime provinces.

Did Lessees Lose
Million On Line?

Mr. Warfield Figures It That Way, Though Pere Marquette Is Willing to Re-Lease L. & P. S. R.

WITH INTEREST CHARGES MET, CITY
WOULD FACE ENORMOUS DEFICIT

City Pays Interest On More Than \$2,000,000, While Latest Expert Charges On Only \$765,000, Or Just the Cost of Road in 1854.

The report of Mr. A. M. Warfield proves itself upon examination to be almost wholly a product of Mr. Warfield's imagination. He says that under steam operation the London and Port Stanley road would show a deficit of \$33,444.05.

This is the same as to say that for twenty years the Pere Marquette and previous lessees must have lost in the neighborhood of this amount, and to have paid the city \$20,000 in rental as well.

HAVE THEY LOST A MILLION?

In other words, Mr. Warfield would have the citizens of London believe that for twenty years the Pere Marquette has lost approximately \$50,000 a year or ONE MILLION DOLLARS for a period of twenty years.

The fact is that the Pere Marquette has paid the rental, usually about \$18,000 a year, and that it is ready again to undertake the running of the road at a much larger rental.

It is willing to lease RUNNING RIGHTS ALONE, and pay the city the sum of \$15,000 a year.

OTHER LINES READY TO LEASE.

At least two or three other lines would be willing to pay the city the same amount for running rights, and more than \$15,000 in excess of what Mr. Warfield says electrification could earn could be secured by the city with a small outlay.

One railroad has offered the sum of \$35,000 a year for the lease of the line. This would mean that the city would pay IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS IN ORDER TO EARN \$3,000!

WOULD SPEND MILLION TO
EARN \$8,000 AT BEST

Mr. Warfield's report claims:

1. Operation by steam will produce deficit of\$33,444.05
2. Combination of steam and storage battery will produce a profit of\$17,667.86
3. Electric operation will produce a profit of\$38,034.64

These are at the best estimates. Who would spend a million dollars to make \$38,034.64 when he could rent the same property, and be sure of a rental of \$30,000 at the least?

In other words, who for a chance to make \$8,000 would risk ONE MILLION DOLLARS?

CITY PAYS ON TWO MILLIONS

MR. W. PUTS IT AT \$765,311

According to the year book issued by City Clerk Baker, the liability incurred by the city of London in connection with the London and Port Stanley Railway, and upon which annual interest of at least 5 per cent must be paid is as follows:

Bond issue of 1903.....	\$1,332,854.00
City interest account.....	234,992.61
Capital stock.....	442,340.00

Total\$2,010,186.61

The Warfield report figures the amount on which interest is to be paid at \$765,311. This was the first cost of the railway in 1854. Mr. Warfield pays no attention to the additional expenditures or accumulated interest.

If the proper charges were made by Mr. Warfield, the electrification scheme would have shown a deficit of more than

\$60,000 ANNUALLY

The city is required to pay interest on more than two million dollars. Any businessman could figure enormous profits by Mr. Warfield's system of reasoning.

His report is full of many more absurdities which will be dealt with later.

ENTRANCE RESULTS WILL
BE ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK

Public School Pupils To Have Suspense Ended in Few Days.

Public school pupils who tried the Collegiate entrance this year will likely have their suspense ended in a few days, for the results will be released for publication this week.

Public School Inspector C. B. Edwards was in communication with Deputy Minister of Education Dr. Colquhoun this morning. The minister promised that he would give the London results his personal attention, and would take the proposition up with the board of revision.

Toronto results have already been published, and Dr. Colquhoun was called over the long distance telephone this morning to ascertain why the Queen City results could be published and those here still held up.

EIGHTY DROWN
IN BIG FLOOD

Fifteen Villages in Transylvania, Hungary, Reported To Have Been Destroyed.

RAILWAYS ALL TIED UP

[Canadian Press.]

London, July 14.—Floods in the Maros Loda district of Transylvania, Hungary, have caused the loss of 80 lives, according to a Central News dispatch from Budapest.

Fifteen villages have been destroyed, and in many places the water is five feet deep.

The railroads are interrupted owing to the collapse of bridges and embankments.