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MISPLACED SWITCH CAUSES AN ACCIDENT AT KOMOKA

PASSENGER RUNS INTO FREIGHT

Passengers Shaken Up, But All Are Able to Continue Their Journey-Property Damage Not Heavy.

An accident which from the standpoint of property lass was not very ing, when a passenger train ran into a freight standing on a siding. Both engines were damaged, and a baggage car first car on the freight were also made fit subjects for the repair slight. The coaches on the passenger train, which was the regular accommodation leaving London for Sarnia at 7:40 a,m., were pretty well filled, and the wonder is that, considering the speed of the train at the time of the

WAS CLOSE TO SWITCH.

Patrick Carney, of London, as brakeman. The freight reached Komoka at 7:42, and having orders to meet the accommodation there, it pulled down to the west switch and backed into the The latter was not long enough to hold the entire train, and the engine and half a dozen cars were run into the siding next to the main line, and stood half a dozen rods from the switch. The scene of the accident is about a mile east of the station, with a semaphore to the east of that again, and with all signals favorable the local generally passes the point at a rate of 20 miles an hour. The semaphore was down this morning, but before Engineer Coote was aware that the switch was set for the siding it was too late for him to stop. A few seconds and the trains were together.

THE ENGINEER JUMPED.

about to happen Coote shut off his engine and, calling to his fireman to do likewise, he jumped. He did so none too soon. The conditions are the same about to happen cook with the same and the same are the same ar The engines came together. There was a rush of escap-ing steam. The passengers had no warning whatever of what was about place, and before they were aware of it they were thrown forward in their seats and into the aisles, many of them being bruised. Coote was the most seriously hurt. With the engine going 20 miles an hour, he was rolled over time and agan. Before he stopped he is supposed to have struck the rails. His fireman was more fortunate, escaping with a few bruises.

The engineer and the fireman of the freight engine were at their posts when they saw the accommodation approaching, being unable to do any-

thing to avert the wreck. THE DAMAGE.

The damage done was largely to the locomotives. That of the passenger train fared the worse of the two. The front end of the boiler was completely stove in, and the front trucks were also

Three London Trainmen In-jured, But Not Seriously. burying the cab of the engine, and also wrecking it. The works of the engine were ruined. The car immediately be-hind the engine was a baggage, and it escaped with a slight stoving-in at one end. The freight engine suffered damage, but not to the same extent as the passenger. The end of the boiler was crushed in, but the cab and the works escaped, while the only damage to the tender was the wrecking of one of the

A peculiar thing was noticed in con-nection with the collision. After the engines came together they rebounded a distance of 25 feet, instead of being locked, as is generally the rule. Only one of the freight cars was damaged. It was next to the engine and was loadpoint of property lass was not very ed with baled hay. The rear half of serious, occurred on the Grand Trunk the freight was composed of new Leat Komoka about 8 o'clock this morn- high Valley passenger cars, just out of the shops and en route to the Falls, where they are to be turned over to

THE SWITCH WAS MISPLACED.

The cause of the accident was a misshop, although the damage to them was placed switch. It was at first under-slight. The coaches on the passenger stood that the collision was due to the failure of the brakeman on the freight to set the switch for the main line after the train had taken the siding, but this was not the case. speed of the train at the time of the accident, many of the occupants were ductor and brakemen say, the switch not injured. The engineer and fireman jumped. Had they not done so they a number of the sectionmen had occawould have been buried beneath the sion to come along a moment later and use it. The switch was set for the siding by them, and left that way. The brakeman of the freight who had The freight train, which figured in the set it for the main line was lying on the collision, was an extra east from Sarnia tunnel to the bridge, in charge of Conductor Tippett and Engineer Holmes (engine 709), of Sarnia tunnel. The conductor on the local was Adam Douglas of London, with Engineer Douglas, of London, with Engineer switch was not properly set. The local coote, also of London, in the cab, and was then but a very short distance was then but a very short distance away, yet the brakeman made an effor to save the train from running into the siding. With only a few seconds to spare, he succeeded in crossing the tracks, but when he reached the switch he found that it had been locked. Had it not been he would have had time to turn it and save the a commodation from going into the

The approach to the switch from the east is on a straight piece of track, with the view uninterrupted, and it is supposed that the engineer of the local took it for granted that with the semaphore down the switch was sure to be right, and came on without looking to satisfy himself. Even then the target on a switch post is so small that it cannot be seen a very great distance. Are Apparently Far From and had Coote noticed it it is doubtful if he could have avoided the collision, Immediately on realizing what was although he may have reduced the

'As there was no spill of cars, the squarely wreck did not interfere in any way traffic. The damage would have been much greater and possibly loss of life would have occurred, had the freight been moving at the time of the accident. Another thing which tended to reduce the extent of the damage was that the freight engine had only half a dozen cars coupled to it. As it was, the first car of the freight was the only one to leave the tracks, none of which were torn up. Both engines left the

auxiliary was sent to the scene from this city, and before the afternoon it had the wreck pretty well cleared up. Dr. Drake was on it, and attended to the ear to be brought to London. Conductor stove in, and the front trucks were also twisted out of place. The tender, which had been newly charged with coal, was are seriously injured. Conductor Coote are innocent child. Detective Green left forced upward and forward, completely was taken to Victoria Hospital.

FEW TENDERS EARLY ELECTION IN B. C. PROVINCE FOR FAST LINE

Competition Narrows Down to Dissolution Expected as Re- much or nothing has been related to to, and the King's printer told the em-Two Companies. sult of Exposures.

THE C. P. R. AND THE ALLANS LEADERSHIP OF THE LIBERALS furtively approach a small stream near by and proceed to wash his hands. He

Thomson and Lord Lines Are

Montreal, June 1.-The time for sending in tenders to the Dominion Government for a fast Atlantic steamship service closes today, and, from what can be learned, the mail bag of the Privy Council will not overflow with The G. T. R., Mr. Robert Reford, of the Donaldson, Thomson and Lord Lines, and Mr. Torrance, of the Dominion Line, all say that they are not tendering. So far as Canadian shippers are concerned, that seems to practically leave the field to the C. P. R. and the Allan Line. It is generally believed here that these two companies have sent in their tenders, but Mr. Hugh A. Allan will say neither yes nor no to the questions, while Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the C. P. R., is quite reserved. From Mr. Allan's to what the Allan Line has done would be premature, and he therefore wishes Shaughnessy says that, while he does has tendered this time, an offer from them made some time ago is still in the Government's hands and open for acceptance, as the mind of the company has not changed. The acquisilief in some quarters that the C. P. R. and the Allan Line have made an agreement, the Allan Line to withdraw form the competition. Sir T. Shaughness denies it. It is said also that nessy denies it. It is said also that no tender has gone in under the name of the C. P. R. the company having secured for the purpose the services of an agent.

Which he might claim the country my which he might claim the country mould indorse had saved her innocent body from defilement, while her purpose the dead mould indorse him, but the defeat has sold from the dead mould indorse him, but the defeat has sold from the country on Saturday, May 33. The body from defilement, while her purpose the services of the observatory on Saturday, May 33. The body from defilement, while her purpose the service of the observatory on Saturday, May 33. The body from defilement, while her purpose the services of the observatory on Saturday, May 33. The body from defilement, while her purpose were: Highest, 61 above; lowest, 39. The body from defilement, while her purpose were: Highest, 61 above; lowest, 39. The body from defilement, while her purpose of the observatory on Saturday, May 33. The body from defilement, while her purpose of the observatory on Saturday, May 33. The body from defilement, while her purpose were: Highest, 61 above; lowest, 39. The body from defilement, while her purpose were: Highest, 61 above; lowest, 39. The body from defilement, while her purpose were: Highest, 61 above; lowest, 39. The body from defilement, while her purpose were: Highest, 61 above; lowest, 39. The body from defilement, while her purpose were: Highest and some from the observatory on Saturday, May 31. The body from defilement, while her purpose of the dead may be seen in the threm the dead may be seen in the dead may

The G. T. R., Refords, Donaldson, Some Doubt as to Whether Mr. Martin or Mr. McInnes Will Be Chosen.

dence they took. There is a good deal of unfavorable comment because of the "He is as little qualified to give advice is quite reserved. From Mr. Allan's in such a grave emergency as one of standpoint, any statement just now as the Chinamen whom he employs." The Times adds that the country is all but rid of the corrupt gang who have made to let the matter stand until the tend-ers have been opened. Sir Thomas proach, and calls upon the Lieutenant-Governor to do his share in the work of not wish to say whether the C. P. R. regeneration. The arguments against Col. Prior receiving the privilege of an appeal to the country are based on several grounds. Primarily, he has lost the confidence of the house, because he has been distinctly refused tion of the Elder-Dempster steamers has not altered the position of the C. P. R. in the matter, because these vestigners to the committee of the House, of which sels were never intended for a fast his own followers are in the majority, mail service. In any event, the two has cited the facts in connection with years allowed by the Government for the Chimney Creek tender scandal, preparation would have to be taken which assists in discrediting him. More-advantage of, and a new fleet got together for the purpose. There is a be-lief in some quarters that the C. P. R. which he might claim the country

Victoria, B. C., June 1.-The political situation has changed very little but with a very narrow brim, a brown since Saturday, when Col. Prior, ac- coat and blue derry overalls. This decompanied by Mr. Dunsmuir, went at scription tallies exactly with that of the foreigner who flourished a revolver 2 o'clock to Government House to on the main street last week and for lay before the Lieutenant-Governor the whom the police at Thornbury and finding of the committee and the evi- Meaford were on the outlook. repeated visits of Mr. Dunsmur to place yesterday morning, at Government House, and the Times, vate funeral ever seen in Collingwood, temperatures: Victoria, 50-56; Calin commenting on the rumor that it and the only one which has surpassed gary, 44-84; Qu'Appelle, 50-74; was on Mr. Dunsmuir's advice that the it in point of size was the public funer- nipeg, 42-76; Port Arthur, Lieutenant-Governor has decided to al of the late Mayor Callary, five years Parry Sound, 38-70; Toronto, 42-58; grant Col. Prior dissolution, says: Kendall, the young farmer who found bec, 40-58.

during Rev. Father Keenan's absence terious wisdom had not seen fit



MANAGER CARR'S VERSION:

Sticks and stones may break my bones, but letters never hurt me.

POLICE BALKED IN WHALEN CASE

Solving the Mystery.

A SYRIAN'S PECULIAR ACTIONS

He Was Seen to Wash His Hands and Clothing in the Vicinity of the Tragedy.

Collingwood, Ont., June 1. - The Provincial Detective Greer and the NO INCREASE local police with reference to the manner in which little Glory Whalen met her death on Wednesday last has not or. Drake was on it, and attended to the injured train hands. None of the passengers were so badly shaken up or bruised that they could not continue their journey. The injured trainmen were brought to the city at 11 o'clock.. Coote's chief injuries are to the head. With the assistance of two other trainmen he was yet been solved, and from present init will be for some little time yet. So Employes of Government Printable to walk from the wreck to the station, where he was placed in the baggage which promises to lead them to a knowledge of the identity of the man an innocent child. Detective Greer left line, and that he expected to drive

midnight, however. A SIGNIFICANT ACT.

the police by a young man living on his coat sleeve, evidently in the endeavor to clean it of stains. The man kept looking around, as if fearful of being perceived. The man is described as being swarthy, clean shaven, short and stout, with bow legs. He wore a cheap straw hat, just as farmers wear,

MURDERED GIRL'S FUNERAL. Glory Whalen's funeral, which took the body; John Conn and Lawrence Allen, two young neighbors, and Herbert Smith, James Conroy and Thomthree cousins of the murdered child. Over one hundred vehicles were in the cortege, which was over a mile and a half long. The funeral service was conducted at the Roman Catholic Church, of which the Whalen family are members, by Rev. Father Cleary, who is in charge of the parish

Father O'Leary preached a brief but eloquent sermon, referring in feeling terms to the untimely taking off of the child, who had been a general favorite. The death angel had sumnoned her, not from the soothing embrace of a mother, but from the bloody hands of an assassin. God in his mysstay the murderer's hand, but his lov-

A FIENDISH PLOT

Plan to Blow Up Sanltarium at Battle

Detroit, June 1.—A Journal dispatch from Battle Creek says: It is common talk in this city that a plan to blow up the Adventist Sanitarium with dynamite during the Sunday dedi-catory exercises at the time when Governor Bliss, his staff and twenty-five thousand people would be present, nas been discovered. Everybody concerned with the institution denies the truth of the rumors. It is said that, after the receipt of an an nymous letter of warning by a sanitarium official, a thorough search was reade of the building, with the result that oil saturated cotton was found in large quantities in the dormitory and east hall, and that two sticks of dynamite were found in the pipe that supplies the building with

FOR PRINTERS

ing Bureau Report at the Old Scale of Wages.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, June 1. - All the employes his destination, but he stated to sev- ported for work this morning at the eral people that he was going down the old scale of wages. The Ottawa Typographical Union notified the Govern- go further and predict that the tariff had not put in an appearance up to ment that on and after June 1 a new systems of the two countries will scale of wages would go into effect. The secretary of state, who controls the A circumstance which may mean printing bureau, refused to be dictated ployes that those who did not report the murder, while he was looking out employes backed down this morning. of his barn, he saw a Syrian peddler The Government will pay the current rate of wages prevailing in private ofthen took a soiled cloth from his pocket, wet it and rubbed it vigorously on ciple that the wage of civil servants who are employes of the public shall be fixed by an outside organization.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Sun rises. 4:39 a.m. Monday, June 1. Sun sets...7:51 p.m. Moon rises...12:00 mid. Tomorrow: Warmer.

Toronto, May 31, 8 p.m.—The weather has been fine and comparatively cool from the lakes to the Maritime Provinces, and fine and warm in the Territories and Manitoba. Rain is still falling along the Mississippi valley and 9 to the south of the lower lake region o'clock, was probably the largest pri- generally. Minimum and maximum The pall-bearers were Russell Ottawa, 38-68; Montreal, 42-62; Que-

Monday, June 1, 8 a.m. Forecasts-Easterly winds, fine, Tuesday-Fresh to strong easterly winds, fair, stationary or a little

higher temperature. Temperatures. Stations. Calgary Montreal Fahter Point 48 WEATHER NOTES.

The weather is fine throughout the Dominion, with a tendency towards higher temperature in all districts. Heavy rain is falling in Ohio and the Mississippi valley, and extends nearly to as far as Lake Erie. Local temperatures-The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at

CHAMBERLAIN MAY VISIT DOMINION

Moral Effects Urged by Canadians in London.

HOW BRITAIN VIEWS POLICY

Free Trade-Long Campaign Is Looked For.

Americans and Canadians now in Lon-Canadians are most eager to induce him to visit Montreal and Toronto during the autumn for the moral effect at home and in the other colonies. The that Mr. Chamberlain has insured the re-election of President Rosevelt and effectually dished Mr. Cleveland and tial features as necessary to the bonds of the British Empire. Some Americans models of racing yachts have .done. LIBERALS JUBILANT.

The Liberals are united at last in opand jubilant in anticipation of a return that just before dusk on the day of for work would lose their position. The to power on the single issue of defense plexed and confused, but is settling down to the conviction that the fiscal system to which all business interests and individual enterprises have been adapted for a half-century must be 1econsidered by the general electorate. Mr. Chamberlain has been reconsidering for the last eight years his own views respecting British free trade and has gradually convinced himself that the unity of the empire and the defense of the colonies cannot be brought about as long as home markets are raided by foreigners and the United Kingdom remains without weapons or armor for protecting her own industries, and he has carried Mr. Balfour with him.

The apparent point of divergence between the speeches of the two statestry is asked for the mandate. Events rains were reported from preme issue of fiscal revision. Devoted tist Church nearly 100 people per House and leave Mr. Chamberlain supreme command of the shattered Government forces before the general erally anticipated.

Sheep Loss Exaggerated.

Helena, Mont., June 1.-In reply to letters of sympathy from S. D. North, secretary of the Woolen Manufacturers' Association, former U. S. Senator

are floating through the streets and setting fire to others. It is reported that the Union Pacific depot and hotel have been burned. There is no possible were started to them. Policeman L. way of quenching the flames. The loss Capron, just returned from a fruitless of life will be appalling, and the prop- attempt to rescue some personal erty loss in the millions. Nobedy can triends, said he could make no head-tell just what has been destroyed. The way against the current, though he water extends around shore and other and his companions put forth the most suburbs. Every foot of North Topeka, inhabited by 10,000 people, is under water. The current is so swift that no boat can live in it. Seven thousand people have escaped to the south side, and are being cared for as well as and are being cared for as well as

Thousands of revolver shots and screems have been heard on the north side, signals for assistance. Women and children in the west part of North Topeka are standing on the highest points in reach and yet in water to

burned to death.

his life, crossed in a boat to the north with the ment heard at every turn in hotels of Mayor Bergundthal was rescued by Dr. To all this discomfort in condition L. L. Powell.

have been provided for. 150 DROWNED.

reports of drowning began to come in. A boat laden with men was swept

FIRE AND FLOOD DEVASTATES THE CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

The Latest Reports From the Scene Say the Deaths From Drowning Will Not Exceed Twenty.

FIERCE FIRES ADD TO HORRORS OF THE SITUATION

Many Buildings Are Destroyed, But It Is Not Thought Anybody Perished in the Flames-Nearly Ten Thousand Are Homeless-Great Distress in Kansas City.

the great danger of losing their lives. As far as can be estimated at this time over 500 are beyond reach of rescue. The Kansas River rising at the rate of three inches an hour. Thirty are known to be dead, and the list will be larger. Hundreds are missing. If any portion of North Topeka shall escape destruction by the flood it seems tonight as though fire would finish the work. The large lumber finish the work. The large lumber sible to hold on a little longer in the hope that rescue would soon be effecthouses are burned. Burning houses

vet been accounted for. They have been forced to the top floors or the roofs of buildings, and are waiting for the water to subside or carry them down Liberals Look for Victory on Lines of as the buildings remain standing. There is ground that the worst of

their necks. London, June 1 .- The large body of Four hundred houses have been burned in North Topeka, and that don are taking the warmest interest in whole section of the town will go. As Mr. Chamberlain's great fight. The near as can be learned about 150 persons are dead. Most of these were

CITY IS DOOMED.

city are there attending the refugees' and provisions have been sent, and the immediate needs of the unfortunates

Topeka, Kan., May 31.-At 1 o'clock today the number of persons drowned in the flood which has submerged the city for 24 hours was known to be at least 150, and a larger number were yet missing. Several were reported burned to death, but this could not be substantiated. From all over Eastern Kansas boats were rushed here for the rescue of the sufferers. The north end of the Melan bridge, the only way of escaping both Topekas, went and a wire cable was stretched across the bridge. All of the pontoon bridges in the north side were washed out early this morning, and the only possible channel of reaching the survivors then was by boat. After daylight nine bodies were

taken out of the water. Soon after

away in the swift current about POINT OF DIVERGENCE SLIGHT. o'clock this morning; all were drowned. A boat taking two men was capsized. The boats were too frail to live in the men on Friday night respecting the swirling water. More boats arrived taxation of imported food is minimized from Emporia at 10 o'clock, and meswhen the full text is critically exam- sages have been sent to other towns ined. He stipulated for a prolonged for more. The river remained stationcampaign of education before the coun- ary after having fallen 7 inches. Heavy are likely to march more rapidly than stream, and it is feared that another The cabinet will inevitably rise will set in. Eighty-five people are be reorganized at the close of the high and dry in the Page elevator. If present session and converted into a the building holds together they will be homogeneous body respecting the su-rescued. In the B street colored Bapfriends as Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. been standing since yesterday. Many are, there can be only one of them have doubtless fallen from exleader. When the reorganized ministry haustion before this and drowned. The appears before the country for the building stands intact, and those who sanction of the reversal of fiscal pol- are left alive may be rescued. As seen icies prevailing for two generations Mr. from a high place on North street near Balfour will probably retire to the Up- the Rock Island bridge, the stream appeared to be widening. The bridge has not gone out, as was reported last night, but it was getting very shaky. elections come on. The elections are The current was running with an inlikely to occur more speedily than gen- creased swiftness. Small boats had no chance at all, and many were swamped. Even if they could successfully traverse the whirling, eddying stream for a mile, they would almost sure to be overturned by striking against houses and other wreck-

Kansas City, Mo., May 30.-A fire at | Shocky, Oakland and region about North Topeka this afternoon threat- the reform school north of the Topeka ened heavy damage. At 4 o'clock com-are all under the rushing water, but munication with that part of the town was cut off. Newspaper men with what North Topeka is undergohave gone to the scene in boats.

North Topeka this afternoon requestriver near what remains of Kansas ed the Kansas City fire department avenue bridge, were finally abandoned. to send aid to fight the fire raging Boats were sent in wagons to a point there, and arrangements were immediately made to do so. As train service between the two cities is badly demoralized, however, it is doubtful if a train could cover the distance inside of ten hours. Traffic out of Topeka in of ten hours. Traffic out of Topeka in all directions is blocked, and it seems was lost sight of in the desire to help unlikely that immediate aid can be the unfortunate ones. It was impos-Topeka, Kan., May 30.—People who did not leave North Topeka last night when they had a chance are now in when they had a chance are now in all night.

Boats arrived here on a special train by the Missouri Pacific and Santa Fe over circuitous routes, but the current in the river grew more powerful every minute, and they were pow less to cope with it.

Meanwhile the beleaguered on

were being encouraged as far as pos tor, in North Topeka, were in desperate straits for food, having had nothing to eat since last Friday. At 10 o'clock two boat loads of provisions from drowning alone, he said, will possible. The remaining ones have not hardly be covered by 150, without including the large number of missing.

THE WATERS RECEDE. Topeka, Kan., May 31.-Midnight.treacherous Kansas River, during the day, is tonight receding, Women and the five-mile stream is settling back into its right channel. The official gauge has fluctuated up and Tonight, nowever, down all day. City Engineer McCable issued a bulletin giving out the cheering intelligence that the waters have subsided to the extent of 71/2 inches. it may be some hours before another drop is notice. With 175 or 200 lives lost and a million of dollars of property destroyed; with hundreds of pistol A. P. Baldwin, who at great risk of shots as signals of discress blended agonizing cries of unwillgeneral comment among Americans is side, returned late tonight and reports ing inhabitants of treetops and roofs that nothing can possibly be done to of houses, and the waters creeping upsave the city from burning. Chief of ward and slowly subsiding, and ad Police Doff, Thomas Page and A. C. changing hope to despair, the capi-Hollman, all of prominent families of tal city has passed the most memorthe tariff reform issue. American com- the north side, are among the victims. able Sabbath day of its existence. of affairs was added in the tariff policy of the United charge of the work of rescue, and work of the heroic rescuers was not States as long as Mr. Chamberlain and owing to their efforts several hundred abandoned in the least by conditions. south-bound train. He did not divulge of the Government printing bureau rehis destination, but he stated to sevof the Government printing bureau reaiming to reproduce some of the essenwould have perished. In the audiwater, and sometimes up to their torium tonight 2,000 homeless people are necks they worked with might and quartered. The society women of the main. Tonight they can point to 300 or more rescued persons Great wagon loads of clothing otherwise might have been swept away in the current.

Briefly stated the present condition of the flood is this: One hundred and seventy to two hundred people drowned. Eight thousands reople without

Four million dollars loss of pro-Identified dead, 5. Floating bodies seen, 20.

People missing, 200. Houses burned, probably 200. Banks collapsed, 2. Wholesale grocery stores flood-Big business blocks almost ready

o crumble, 50. Wholesale commission houses destroyed, 6. Rock Island trains containing 150 passengers held here by high water.

City gas works plant useless. KANSAS CITY SUFFERS. Kansas City, Mo., May 31. - The

greatest flood in the history of Kansas City, Kan., and the bottoms of Kansas City, Mo., prevails here today, and millions of dollars' loss will result. A great body of water coming from the west swelled the Kansas River at Kansas City, Kan., this morning, causing a most alarming rise. Waters rushed with terrific [Continued on page 4.]

The Gauss Is Safe.

Berlin, June 1 .- A dispatch received here from Durban, Natal, today, an nounced that the German Antarctic steamer Gauss, concerning whose safety considerable apprehension was felt, passed Durban yesterday on her way to Capetown.

Syndicate Swindlers.

New York, June 1.-William F. Miller, of Franklin syndicate notoriety was brought to the Tombs prison here today from Sing Sing. It is said he will appear as a witness against his former counsel, Colonel Robert Ammon, who he is alleged to have implicated in a confession of the syndicate swindles. Murderer's Ruse Failed.

Chicage, June 1.—After killing Giueppe Ralleie last night the murder-