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PROBS.— Fresh westerly and northwesterly—fair, milder to-day; colder to-night.

## G. T. R. AND 4 MEN DEAD IN TRAIN WRECK

### Coroner's Jury at Harriston Says Company is Responsible for Sending Out Uninformed Engineer.

HARRISTON, Feb. 1.—(Special.)—At a quarter past midnight the coroner's jury investigating last week's fatal railway wreck in which Murrain Root and John Smith were killed, returned the following verdict:

"We find that the primary cause was the failure on the part of Engineer Conrad Kennedy of the northbound train to give the proper signal for the switch.

"We also find that Matthew Kennedy, conductor, was also at fault and failed to have a proper lookout on the train and failed to have a brakeman properly placed when the train was crossing the switch diamond at the Owen Sound switch.

"Notwithstanding the neglect of the conductor, we find that the brakemen on the train are not free from responsibility.

"The G. T. R. was at fault in putting the train in charge of Conrad Kennedy, who was not sufficiently familiar with the run and signals, as shown in this evidence."

The inquest was held in the town hall, which was crowded, a large crowd waiting from 8.45, when the jury retired, until the finding was announced.

"I made a mistake in thinking that the straight track, the one to Southampton, was the right track. If I had not taken the wrong road there would have been no accident," was the admission of Conrad Kennedy, the engineer of the northbound freight train, in giving his evidence in the afternoon.

"I thought that the straight track was the way to Owen Sound. I went on thinking that everything was all right. It was storming heavily, the front of the engine, I had not been up that road for over a year. I am a spare man."

"After I had been on the road for some time and was looking for the station at Owen Sound, I saw something loom up and thought it was a signal. I reached for the throttle to shut off steam to stop. Then I saw smoke. I grabbed the brake valve and threw on the emergency brake and yelled to my fireman to jump. I jumped when the brakes were set and had hardly touched the ground when they struck. I was pinned down and could not get out. I looked for my mate, but could not see him. I saw No. 311 tender in the ditch, and my first thought was that somebody had made a mistake and had forgotten to give me an order to meet 311.

"Then I saw my fireman and he said that there were men up on the roof and I did not feel as if I could go and look at them. I walked around and saw the other engineer dragging himself out of the wreck with his eyes covered with blood. He said the fireman was underneath. I went around and saw the lower part of a man. I turned sick and went along my train and met the conductor."

On being questioned by Coroner McCullough re said he was not sure if he had made a mistake when he had arrived at Fulton's.

"How did you find out you were on the wrong track?" he was asked.

"I said to my brakeman, 'Billy, what has happened?' He said 'Did you come out beside the pork factory?' I said, 'No.'"

"His story is very straightforward and I am satisfied he feels it deeply," remarked Dr. A. M. Henry, who was called to the scene. His evidence was that death in both cases was instantaneous. Dr. Alex. Stewart corroborated him.

Mathew Fleming, conductor of the northbound train, thought the engineer was responsible. He did not hear the engineer give the four short whistle blasts to tell the engine to open the switch to Owen Sound, perhaps owing to the storm. A rule says that engineer and conductor are equally responsible.

Thomas Scott, the switchman, was proved to be entirely in the right in closing the switch.

Coroner McCullough, in summing up, said that the Grand Trunk was responsible for sending out a man who did not know the route.

J. C. Makins of Stratford represented Conductor Fleming and Engineer Kennedy of the northbound train; A. G. Campbell, L.L.B., of Stratford, represented Smith's family; Anson Spotton, B.A., of Harriston, was counsel for James Scott, the switchman; Crown Attorney Peterson of Guelph represented the crown. James McMurchie was foreman of the jury. W. E. Gillen, Toronto, superintendent; W. W. Pope, Montreal, solicitor; and C. G. Bowker, manager, of Stratford, represented the G. T. R. Trainmaster Bowker said the crew of the train were a first-class crew.

### JOHN SMALL STRICKEN.

John Small, one of the oldest and best known customs officials in the city, was stricken with paralysis in his home, 355 East King-street, yesterday morning at 7 o'clock, and is in a critical condition.

The stroke paralyzed his left side, but his mind is still clear.

### WHITE'S BLOOD FOR NEGROES.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—To save the life of Julia Herring, a negro, aged 27, suffering from internal hemorrhage, Gustav Labrink, white, aged 25, messenger for Bellevue Hospital, gave a pint of his blood for transfusion.

The patient rallied at once.

# The World to World

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## Bre'r B'ar Will See a Shadow This Morning

### And Winter Will Continue for Some Time Longer, According to Last Night's Predictions.

The bear and the groundhog will see their shadows to-day and will promptly retire for a further seclusion of six weeks from the wintry blasts.

The weatherman says the weather will be for the most part fair, with milder temperature. The thermometer will probably stand at around freezing turning somewhat cooler at night.

The church festival of Candelmas to-day is the celebration of the purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the presentation of Christ in the Temple. It gets its name from the custom first instituted in the east, and probably dating from the 5th century of carrying in procession in commemoration of the words of Simeon, "A light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of Thy people Israel." (Luke II, 32). On that day also are consecrated all the candles to be used throughout the year in the Roman Catholic Churches.

The day is also kept in the Anglican and Lutheran Churches under the title of the "Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary" and in the Greek Church it is styled the "Hypapante." In Scotland it is one of the quarter-days for paying rents, school fees, etc.

## BAD FIRE AT MCKENDRY'S WELL STOPPED BY DEPT

### Loss May Exceed \$60,000, With Principal Damage Done to a Stock of Boots and Shoes.

Fire in the J. N. McKendry departmental store on Yonge-street, opposite Shuter-street, shortly after 6 o'clock last evening, caused a loss estimated at over \$60,000. Lieut. Duncan McLean of Hose 5 received a bad gash in the face from falling glass and had to go to St. Michael's Hospital, where six stitches were required to close the wound.

The blaze started probably from the furnace, and was going good when the lady bookkeeper noticed it thru a register. One of the store managers, W. J. Carson ran across the street and pulled box 34. When the firemen arrived there was a good deal of flame in the cellar, and the place was full of a very pungent smoke.

Carson was told by the bookkeeper that \$500 in cash was in the office. Twice he tried to get in, but the flames overcame him. Then a fireman crawled in and rescued it.

"I don't know how some of our fellow citizens," confessed Chief Thompson afterwards. "But they did, and headed off a dangerous possibility, without too free a use of water. The first door was flooded and the fire below, except in two or three places, where it was soon smothered, the counters and shelves concealed the outbreak and also made it difficult to get at the fire. In half an hour the worst was over. The loss to the building is put at less than \$1000. It is owned by Robert McKay, 406 Jarvis-street, and is valued at \$20,000.

A. Levy, who owns the shoe department in the store, claims a loss of about \$5,000 on stock valued at \$60,000. He has \$40,000 insurance. A good deal of the stock in the basement is little if any damaged.

The loss of J. N. McKendry's stock may exceed \$25,000, due principally to the smoke and water. He is not well, and the he came down from his residence, he was so satisfied with the firemen's efforts that he left in a few minutes. In 1896 his three-story building in the Eaton block was totally burned out.

## LAIRD TELLS HIS STORY

### Says He Was Collecting for P. R. Campaign Fund.

REGINA, Sask., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The Laird-Scott libel case went to the jury at 9 o'clock this evening. Counsel Hugel, for the defence, held that justification for the statements had been proven.

Chief Justice Nolan on the other hand maintained his client had completely refuted the charge of grafting having shown that the money obtained from Dobsan, Jackson and Fry was obtained for a specific purpose and so devoted.

Laird was on the stand all morning and told a clear story of his transactions with Fry and Dobsan. During the first week of December, he was in Winnipeg, Regina and Moose Jaw collecting for the Provincial Rights campaign fund. He secured altogether \$2500. This was all turned over to the organizer. He said Fry lied when he claimed there was an arrangement.

## NO CROW'S NEST DIVIDEND.

Secretary Young of the Crow's Nest Coal Company has announced that no dividend will be paid to shareholders the last half of 1908, in view of the heavy losses of the company in the Fernie fire, as well as the general depression.

## WARRANT FOR PERJURY.

PORT ARTHUR, Feb. 1.—(Special.)—Crown's officer George Hodder has sworn out a warrant for the arrest of H. Noyce a witness, who in the divorce investigation alleged the commissioner participated in a commission in the purchase of a motor generator. The charge is perjury. Noyce is said to be in Toronto.

## To Be Deported.

Frederick Clark, 20 years, was brought to the city last night from St. Thomas by Immigration Officer Robert Thomas. He will be deported to England as a pauper and of weak mind.

## TO INVESTIGATE MILK SUPPLY.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 1.—A thorough investigation of the state's milk supply, under the direction of Commissioner R. A. Pearson of the state department of agriculture, is promised during the coming year.

## JIMMIE AND BILL



CONDUCTOR PUBLIC OPINION: It won't do, Jimmie. "Sport" there has got to go to the Provincial Rights baggage car.

## BRUSH WITH FISH PIRATES SHOTS FIRED ON NIAGARA

### Three Provincial Officers Have an Exciting Time While Patrolling the River Saturday Night.

A brush between government officers and fishing poachers on the Niagara River in which rifles and shot guns were brought into play, has been reported to Superintendent Tinsley of the Ontario Department of Fish and Game.

Chief Officer T. J. Briggs of Black Rock advises that on Saturday night three provincial officers, while patrolling the Niagara River in a boat, some white brick building, the lower portion being occupied by Fleming & Co., seedmen, on the corner, and by the Hotel Hamilton and the upper portion was a hall, and many of the old-time Torontoians will remember going there to see "the wild men from the States."

The stores immediately north were then being built and were occupied by Wm. Bolton and Robert Merrifield. This was a brick building, the lower portion being occupied by the Eaton departmental store. At the time of the Simpson fire in 1893 the building was occupied by the Philip Jamieson, was burned, and S. G. Curry erected the present handsome structure which was first occupied at Christmas, 1897.

For the above particulars The World is indebted to Robertson's Landmarks.

## ROOSEVELT THE GENTLEMAN

### Suffers in Silence the Slurs of an Unfounded Accusation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—For the first time making public a disclaimer of published reports that President Roosevelt, while riding in Rock Creek Park, near this city, struck the horse ridden by a young woman who happened to ride near his party, the White House to-day gave out a letter received from this young woman's mother.

"My daughter, Miss Mary Rhodes, whose horse it was, and the trouble reported had been the result of allowing unauthorized persons into the room, who afterwards took advantage of the privilege. As to putting the place under police surveillance, that was only done to prevent these parties getting in, and of course was unnecessary. He also found that the piano had been fully paid for with the exception of three dollars, which payment fell due on February 1. The colonel further states that Mr. Casey, the landlord, never telephoned him to make any complaint, but that he himself was the first to get into communication with Mr. Casey.

## NO GAS, AND THEY FREEZE.

### Uncomfortable Position of Residents of Several Ohio Towns.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 1.—With the thermometer ten degrees below zero to-day, Lancaster, 25 miles from here, is practically without fire. The natural gas main from the West Virginia field has broken across the Ohio River and the city is without a supply. Lines of people are going to the coal yards with buckets, baskets and wheelbarrows, or anything else they can get, but the coal supply will soon be exhausted. All the factories and schools have closed. At Upper Sandusky the natural gas has been reduced to the lowest pressure and the water pipes have frozen. Chillicothe, Ohio, is also minus gas, and few houses are equipped for coal.

## MONCTON HOTEL BURNED.

MONCTON, N.B., Feb. 1.—(Special.)—Fire to-night gutted the Hotel Brunswick, the leading hotel in this city.

## Foot of Water in Cellar.

The cellar of Courian, Bobayan & Co., at 40 East King-street, was flooded by water from a bursting service pipe at 12.40 this morning. About a foot of water was gathered before the waterworks department men arrived to shut off the main. The damage was slight, as none of the valuable stock of rugs was stored on that floor. The leak was noticed by Policeman O'Leary, who was notified by Policeman O'Leary.

## Lantern Causes \$9000 Fire.

WINDSOR, Feb. 1.—(Special.)—Capt. George Brook's yacht, "Goings," was burned to the water's edge at Sandusky late this afternoon, after an explosion of a lantern used by carpenters in making repairs preparatory to the sale of the yacht to the Dominion Government. Loss \$9000; insurance \$2000.

## A RAILWAY SIDING

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29TH YEAR

## WOULD CONSERVE THE NATURAL RESOURCES

### Mr. Borden Suggests a Special Parliamentary Committee, and Sir Wilfrid Promises Three.

OTTAWA, Feb. 1.—(Special.)—In seven minutes the house this afternoon disposed of Mr. Lancaster's level crossings bill by putting it thru all the stages in the same form as it was last year, and it now goes back to the senate, perhaps to be inhumanly slaughtered again.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier readily accepted R. L. Borden's suggestion that a select standing committee on natural resources be appointed. Mr. Borden asserted that development and conservation might well be the watchwords of the representatives of the people in parliament, yet any stimulus to public interest had come almost altogether from the outside. Mr. Borden suggested that a sub-committee might be appointed to deal with the fisheries, resources and interests. Germany had greatly increased its forest wealth by turning the rough hill districts into timber lands, and he quoted a statement that the spruce forests of Nova Scotia are reproducing more rapidly than any other timber in the world.

The water-powers should be held for the general benefit of the people, not handed over to private control. The natural wealth of the country should also be carefully guarded. The committee could also investigate the advisability of preventing the export of pulpwood.

A. K. McLean (Lunenburg) thought the fisheries should be referred to a special committee.

Dr. Sproule said something ought to be done to settle the question of jurisdiction affecting natural resources. Sir Wilfrid Laurier was in favor of the principle of the resolution, but thought that as the subjects involved were various it would be better to have more than one committee, say one for fisheries, one for minerals and one for forests and waterways. It would be better to have a special parliamentary committee and more of them.

Mr. Borden agreed. He had only ventured to ask for one more committee, but would cheerfully accept three. The government took no action whatever," said Mr. Graham, replying to Mr. Armstrong. "To bring about the resignation of F. W. Morse as vice-president and general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific."

Answering a question of the minister of militia said 18,000 Ross rifles were accepted by the department in 1908, making 51,000 in all, with a total cost of \$1,457,322.

Haughton Lennox was told by Mr. Peterson that 25 newspapers are contributing to the expense of the Canadian Associated Press, the amount contributed between July 1, 1908, and March 1, 1909, being \$732,500, which the amount of 15,712 tons, but has no other contracts under consideration.

Mr. Graham told Mr. Boyce that the government let contracts for steel rails to the Soo Corporation to the amount of 15,712 tons, but has no other contracts under consideration.

Mr. Lemieux informed Dr. Barr that 31 rural mail boxes were delivered in the County of Dufferin on the Monro-Centre route, but the contractor refused to collect mail therefrom, and the department has been obliged to cancel his contract.

Sir Frederick Borden said it was expected that the annual training of the active militia will take place this year in the usual places.

## Make Commissions Illegal.

Mr. Aylesworth introduced a bill to prevent the payment or acceptance of illicit or secret commissions, explaining that there was already an act directed against persons receiving commissions from transactions while acting for governments or municipal bodies. The proposal goes further and makes it illegal for any person to receive or accept commissions in consideration of favors to be given at the expense of the employe.

Dr. Barr introduced his bill to facilitate the crossing of railway tracks by telephone, telegraph or electric wires or water mains. It provides that the person or company requiring to cross the track may proceed with the work if no action is taken by the railway company within 15 days.

## MEXICO LEADS IN THIS.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 1.—The physical merger of the Mexican Central and the national railways, became effective to-day, and the Mexican Government has taken over 7012 miles of line.

## RECOGNIZE THE KINGDOM.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 1.—The settlement of the Turko-Bulgarian difficulties, it is stated in well informed circles, involves the recognition of the Kingdom of Bulgaria, whose proclamation of independence precipitated the crisis.

## CHASE CASGRAIN'S NEW POST.

MONTREAL, Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The Conservative organization which did the work at the last general election has been re-organized by the retirement of Sir Alex. Lacoste, who is replaced by Thomas Chase Casgrain, ex-M.P.

Mr. Casgrain, who leaves for Europe to-morrow, promises upon his return, four weeks hence, to take the matter up and make things hum generally.

## Government First Wants Instances of Abuse of Workmen.

PORT ARTHUR, Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The Trades and Labor Council has received a reply from the labor department at Ottawa in response to a request for an enquiry into the alleged abuses of men on the G. T. P. construction.

The department promises an enquiry by the railway commission provided definite charges and evidence are given. Barrister A. E. Cole has agreed to prepare these for submission to the department.