

LEVEL CROSSINGS ADD ONE MORE TO THEIR DEATH-ROLL

Waterloo Street Man Instantly
Killed by Engine at G. T. R.
and Wellington Street.

WAS ON HIS WAY HOME
Believed To Have Gone Onto
Tracks After Crossing Gates
Had Gone Down.



John Mann.

Level crossings claimed one more victim when John Mann, 54 years old, was instantly killed by Grand Trunk switch engine No. 1317, at the Wellington street crossing shortly after seven o'clock Saturday night.

Mann, who resided at 149 Waterloo, left home after eating his supper, telling his wife that he was going down town for a few minutes and would be right back. It was on his way home that the man met his death and just how the accident occurred is not known. The switch engine, in charge of Engineer Herbert Hunter, was shunting passenger cars on the north track west of the crossing and was pulling a baggage car and two coaches east when the engineer heard a shriek. The locomotive was stopped on the east side of the crossing and Mann's body was found mangled between two of the cars. It had been dragged from the west side of the crossing over to the east.

No Eye-Witnesses.

The gates were down for a number of minutes before the engine pulled onto the crossing and as there were no eye-witnesses to the accident it is believed that Mann went under the gates and as he stepped onto the tracks he was struck by the engine.

The late John Mann was an employee of the Cook, Fitzgerald Shoe Company and came to this country from Cogenhoe, Northamptonshire, England. He is survived by his wife, three sons, John, William and Horace, of this city, and one daughter, Annie. Two sons and two daughters survive him in England, Albert and Frank, Florence and Annie.

Coroner McLaren was summoned and ordered the body removed to Smith, Sons & Clarke's undertaking establishment where the coroner's jury viewed the remains this morning and adjourned to meet Thursday night at 8 o'clock, when an inquest will be held at the central police headquarters.

GREAT INTEREST IN OFFICERS "WAR GAME"

Militia Men of First Division
Enthusiastic Over Playing of
Manoeuvre Tactics.

Great interest continues throughout the first division in the war games that have been arranged among the officers of the various corps. As a result several regiments, which have already participated in them, are challenging others to meet them during the month being arranged for London to take place early in April. It will be a two-days' game, to be played in the Armories, and will be for brigadiers and brigade majors, and officers commanding units. Two more games are scheduled for February, one at Woodstock on the 24th, when Col. Hodgins, Lieut.-Col. McDonnell, Major Shannon and other officers will be present at a game between officers of the Twenty-second Regiment.

Lieut. Col. McDonnell and several officers of the First Hussars and the Sixth Field Battery will also journey to St. Thomas on the 27th, where the officers of the Twenty-fifth Regiment will indulge in a contest. The London officers will participate, several on each side, in command of artillery and cavalry forces.

A feature of the games has been that an artillery officer, cavalry officer and a medical officer has been attached to each side in order to assist the commanders, as far as possible, by having expert advisers in those arms, so that those branches of the service were well handled.

One hundred and seventy-five officers received instruction in the five games played up to the 14th inst., on which date the games were played at Windsor for the officers of the Twenty-first Regiment, when 35 officers took part.

When the winter's program has been completed staff tours will be carried out as soon as the roads are good enough for decent travel.

COURT CLERK AS MEDIATOR

John Moule Settles Family Differences of Celestial Brothers.

Police Court Clerk John Moule spent a busy half-hour this morning patrolling up the family difficulties of Lee John and his brother, Wong John. Lee and Wong run a hand laundry, and Lee, thinking his brother was beating him, became involved in an argument that resulted in the brother being taken to the police station. They both wanted some person arrested, but after a few words of explanation from the general supply association which meets in Toronto on Tuesday and Wednesday of this

SHAKEN CONFIDENCE IN VILLA RESULT OF BENTON SLAYING

Promises of Protection to For-
eigners Thought To Be of
Doubtful Value.

WHAT IS TRUE STORY?
Was Benton Armed or Not,
and Was Court Martial Held Be-
fore or After His Death?

[Canadian Press.]

Washington, D. C., Feb. 23.—The Mexican situation, especially the somewhat tense aspect which it has assumed as a result of the execution by General Villa of William S. Benton, a British subject, continued to be uppermost in the White House here today.

Detailed reports containing General Villa's personal explanation to United States Consul Edwards at Juarez were due to reach here by mail today. Judgement is to be reserved by the American Government until other details by independent investigation are received.

Meantime the feeling of apprehension for the safety of Gustav Bauger, Roger Laurence and an Englishman named Curtis, as well as other missing foreigners, served to emphasize the extent to which the United States Government had become involved in securing protection for foreign residents in Mexico.

Especially difficult is the task of the American Government in undertaking to care for foreigners in Northern Mexico, where European powers have no consular representatives. A general disposition has existed among European nations for some months to leave the United States, as Mexico's "nearest neighbor," free to handle the situation alone. One direct effect of this is that, although Benton was a British subject, the United States feels called upon to render to Great Britain a full explanation of the circumstances under which he met death. Such details as have been received already have been communicated to the British ambassador, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice. It is understood, has expressed appreciation of the prompt solitude shown by the United States Government for the welfare of British subjects.

Only Villa's Story.

Thus far the State Department has learned only Villa's side of the case, which, in brief, set forth that Benton, a high tempered individual, provoked an attack on the life of Villa, the right of the Constitutionalist commander to subject Benton to a court martial and execute him if he did make an attempt on Villa's life, is not questioned by American officials, and in the absence of satisfactory proof to the contrary, it is known they will consider it difficult to reject Villa's version of the affair.

The story of Benton's friends that he was unarmed, and that the court martial was nothing but an inquest, is being carefully taken into consideration by officials, who are receptive to any evidence that would substantiate these claims.

Confidence Shaken.

If Villa's story is accepted by the State Department—and there is reason to believe Great Britain will rely upon the judgment of the American Government in the case—there is no question in the minds of close observers that the confidence hitherto felt by the Washington Government in the disposition of General Villa to extend and protection to foreigners, will be somewhat shaken. Just as Villa has given satisfactory assurances that he would protect Spaniards at Torreon, and as the United States Government was acquiring a feeling of relief that it would not be worried with perplexing problems in connection with the protection of foreigners in Northern Mexico, the incident has reawakened discussion of the entire Mexican problem.

Armed Intervention.

Talk of armed intervention, possible speeches in the Senate by those who favor a drastic policy, and a general agitation on the subject is again in the air. Administration officials realize that the situation is fraught with all sorts of possibilities, in which the unexpected often plays a vital part.

The disposition of most senators is to leave the question in the hands of President Wilson and Secretary Bryan, preferring to await word from them before considering drastic measures.

Towed From Danger.

[Canadian Press.]

Lewes, Del., Feb. 23.—The five-masted tank steamer Kineo, seven days out from Port Arthur for Providence, and for whose safety grave fears had been felt, arrived here yesterday under tow of the tugboat Atkins. The steamer is leaking badly and her sails are damaged.

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THE TOWN IN REVENUE

(The Reporter.)

They carry pencils in their vests. And travel all around. Their pad of paper's handy. And they cover lots of ground. They get the news, no matter if it be sorrow or a joke. But one thing queer about them all. It seems they're always broke.

The horsehoes are coming to London which causes Citizen Tancock to remark, "Why shed-n't they?"

Speaking about continuous performances, with the same bill running to capacity houses all the time, whadye think of this weather?

Some were called up Saturday afternoon to ask, "Are they going to stop the Sunday cars?" He was advised that they were not. Then he came again. "How are we going to get on them, then?" It sounds a joke by Bernie Smith, one of the leg men in the advt. dept.

Yes, we are coming around to Mr. Glauzitz. We say, "What he is going to do with the electric toaster he won at the hydro carnival. Healthy children like to win presents for dear mama (not).

Dr. Hill tells an inquirer he hasn't got rheumatism, for there's no such thing. Who can diagnose the epidemic among the city officials, then.

Some gentlemen who invested in a raw Western subdivision were holding a post-mortem. "Simply a case of frenzied finance," said one. "There's always a few friends in it when a bunch get stuck like we did."

Someone asked Billy Gray why he wasn't in California, the same being the state Billy owns. The ubiquitous Bill Sam Stevely says that music is intoxicating, but you don't need a clove for it.

A newspaperman is everybody's friend—so long as he keeps on with that old back-rubbing stunt.

The advertiser has discovered a local Hashimuro Togo. Anyone familiar with Wallace Irwin's character must have enjoyed a laugh over that pot-pourri on the wire at the same time. They gotta stop kickin' our hydro around!

Big Bill Stewart, electrician, says if there's anything right about the new wiring regulations he should like to hear of it.

Finlay Marshall says that just because he can't sew on a button, is no reason why a man shouldn't mend his ways.

Why not leave the matter of old boys' entertainment to a committee composed of "Squarer Chittick, who has developed a wonderful literary style, John Cowper Powys, Mrs. Anna K. D. Daniels, and a selection from the ladies' intruding societies.

Inspector Edwards tells of a young hopeful in a local school, who being asked "What's the difference between duty and pleasure," replied "Just as much as there is between a wheelbarrow and an automobile."

A story is going the rounds among the men of the cloth concerning a young Anglican rector who while he was making his first calls explained to one of his parishioners as follows: "In these visits I shall, of course, embrace the servants."

What became of "Spot" Fulton's dogs? Someone told us a story about "Queenie," the oldest one, pinning away and dying after her master's death.

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CITY BREVITIES

School Inspector C. B. Edwards and Principal George F. Rogers of the Collegiate Institute, left yesterday for Richmond, Va., where they will attend the annual convention of school superintendents, teachers' banquet, next Friday.

The officers and members of the Hermitage Club have sent out invitations for their eighth anniversary banquet to be held in the Tecumseh, on Friday evening, Feb. 27. W. L. Price is the secretary.

Dr. Thompson Better.—Dr. Walter Thompson, of 753 Richmond street, who has been confined at St. Joseph's Hospital for the past month, with appendicitis, has recovered sufficiently to be removed to his home yesterday afternoon.

Query Answered.—Editor Advertiser: Dear Sir.—To settle an argument, will you kindly say through your columns whether there was a day in December on which the mercury dropped below zero?

Subscriber Answer.—The lowest temperature recorded in London during December was 14 degrees above, on December 8.

To Consider Collegiate Heating.—The Collegiate Institute, committee of the board of education, will have a meeting at 4 o'clock this afternoon to consider certain matters in connection with the Collegiate, the principal being the proposal to install a central heating plant in the building at a probable cost of \$50,000. The board of education will meet at 4:30 to consider the report of the committee.

Cannot Go.—Owing to serious illness in the family, Miss Patti MacLaren will be unable to keep her engagement to appear at the theatre on Tuesday evening, March 2. Miss MacLaren, who is one of the most prominent amateur actresses of London, was going on for a week's engagement with the Terrence company. It was her preliminary debut in professional ranks.

Sues for Back Wages.—Charles W. Gowan of London Township, is named as defendant in a writ issued in the supreme court, in which Caroline Knight claims \$1,098.50, part of which she claims is due her for wages as housekeeper from November 10, 1913, up to the present, a period of three years and one month. She claims \$226.50 on this account, and \$750 and \$122 interest on a promissory note.

Scotch Banquet.—The Hamilton Road Presbyterians will hold a banquet and lecture on Tuesday evening, A Scotch supper will be served in the lecture hall from 6 to 8. The meeting in the church will begin at 8 o'clock. May his people invite their friends to enjoy the evening with them.

MAY EASTER HOLIDAY BE FIXED BY LAW?

Associated Boards of Trade to
Consider Motion To Have
Such Action Taken.

The local delegates to the annual meeting of the Ontario Associated Boards of Trade, in Toronto, Tuesday and Wednesday, will leave here tomorrow morning. The deputations is as follows: Acting President E. C. Mitchell, Ald. T. G. Mitchell, ex-Mayor, J. E. Staveley, B. G. Greer, U. Buchner, J. F. Hickey, E. M. McLean, Arthur W. White, and Dr. H. T. Reason.

The London delegates had a conference in the board of trade rooms Saturday afternoon, when the 42 motions to be considered by the associated boards were discussed. Some of the older members of the local contingent were able to point out several resolutions of ancient vintage which have been brought forth in a new form. There is likely to be considerable discussion on the motion to have an international fixed date for Easter, as it is pointed out that Easter is a religious holiday, rather than a legal one.

FIVE CLERGYMEN DEAD RESULT BOMB OUTRAGE

Bishop of Greek Church in
Hungary Has Narrow
Escape.

[Canadian Press.]

Debreczin, Hungary, Feb. 23.—Five clergymen were killed by a bomb explosion today in the office of Bishop Miklosy, a prelate of the Greek Catholic Church. The bishop himself, who was supposed to have been the object of the outrage, had a narrow escape.

The victims include the bishop's vicar, whose daughter, on hearing of her father's death, became insane.

The creation of a Greek Catholic bishopric here a year ago provoked much hostility.

AUTO APPARATUS BEATS HORSES, THROUGH SNOW

The motor fire truck proved its ability and worth when it ran through the deep snow and beat the horse-drawn apparatus by blocks when the brigade was summoned to the corner of Chester and High streets at noon today.

The lamp in an incubator exploded from some unknown cause, and set the barn on fire. The apparatus arrived in time to confine the loss to about \$50.

Fire Chief John Aitken was highly elated over the speed with which the motor vehicle travelled to the blaze through the snow.

KILLS CASHIER, BUT FAILS IN BURGLARY

Youth Tries For \$10,000 in
New York State Express
Office—Is Captured.

[Canadian Press.]

Cornhingham, N.Y., Feb. 23.—Harry Edwards, night cashier of an express company here, was shot and instantly killed today by David Dunn, a burglar.

Dunn, who is only 19 years of age, was captured and confessed the crime. He is a former employee of the company and had been given permission to sleep in the office last night. He was armed with a revolver and a knife. He then made two unsuccessful attempts to open the safe and get shipment of \$10,000 in currency.

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KARLUK AND CREW BELIEVED TO BE SAFE

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—Further details of the Stokan, the Arctic explorer, and the Karluk were received by George J. Desbarats, deputy minister of naval affairs today, and serve to reassure the world that the Karluk and all aboard are north of Beechy Point and may not get out to Herschel Island or Prince Patrick Island until next summer.

Stefansson is well in winter quarters at Collinson's Point, with Dr. Anderson and the other scientists and members of the crews of the Mary Sachs and Alaska.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

Funeral of Rev. George Johnston. The funeral of Rev. George L. Johnston, formerly of London, and a Presbyterian minister at Pickering, who died suddenly at Brougham on Wednesday, will be held at the residence of his brother, J. R. Johnston, 23 Railway street, at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Services were conducted at the house by Rev. J. G. Staveley, pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church, assisted by Rev. Thomas Mitchell, of New St. James' Church, and Rev. W. R. McIntosh, of King Street Presbyterian Church. Interment was made at Woodland Cemetery.

Funeral of William McLeod. The funeral of John William McLeod, who died at his home, 105 Grosvenor street, Friday afternoon, was held this morning from St. Mary's Church, where requiem high mass was said. A large body of the cigar-makers of the city attended the funeral, the pallbearers were members of the St. Peter's Cemetery. They were: T. H. O'Hagan, H. Maul, R. Maul, C. Milligan, A. Grant and J. Magee.

Mrs. Miller Buried. The funeral of Mrs. Suse L. Miller, who died at her home, 105 Grosvenor street, on Friday, was held from the house Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. The funeral was largely attended by friends and relatives, and there were many floral tributes. Services were conducted by Rev. J. E. Harvey, of the Maitland Street Baptist Church at 2:30. The pallbearers were the six cousins of Mrs. Miller.

Accident Victim Buried. David L. Watkins, of lot 28, con. 2, Westminster Township, who died Thursday afternoon, was buried in the woods of James Howes' farm, on Friday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. The funeral was largely attended by friends and relatives, and there were many floral tributes. Services were conducted by Rev. J. E. Harvey, of the Maitland Street Baptist Church at 2:30. The pallbearers were the six cousins of Mrs. Miller.

Prominent Church Worker Dies. David Lawrence Hardey, of 422 English street, died at his residence on Saturday afternoon, after a long illness. He had been confined to his bed for only three weeks. Mr. Hardey had been a trustee of the Centennial Methodist Church since its foundation in 1875, and was a Sunday school teacher, a member of the choir. Mr. Hardey was also a charter member of Chorazin Lodge, No. 190, I. O. O. F., and was widely known. Mrs. Emma Hardey, and two sons: Frederick W., of Calgary, and David L., of Fort Worth, Texas, and one daughter Lily, at home.

The funeral was held from the family residence this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Services were conducted at the house by Rev. H. A. Graham, pastor of the Centennial Methodist Church, assisted by Rev. Geo. N. Farnham, of the Wellington Street Methodist.

Buried at Woodland. The funeral of Mrs. Blanche Chivas, who died at her home, 82 Bruce street, on Friday morning, was held from the house this afternoon at 2 o'clock to Woodland Cemetery. Rev. H. H. Bling-Edwards, of St. Andrew's, assisted the church, conducted the services at the house at 2:30.

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