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Sixteen Cars Smashed In Wreck at the Humber

Sixteen Thousand Bushels of Wheat Poured Out Like Water—Cause of Accident a Broken Track—No One Hurt at Time of Wreck, But Sectionman Cleaning Up Debris Broke His Leg.

Sixteen box cars fully loaded with wheat were smashed to matchwood in a wreck on the main line of the Grand Trunk at the Humber yesterday morning—and all traffic thru this important point—Grand Trunk and C. P. R.—was cut off for nine hours.

It was as bad a wreck as could well be imagined. Sixteen cars, and 16,000 bushels of wheat were squashed into a beautifully scrambled heap, within a space of five car lengths.

It occurred at 10.10 a.m. and, with a full auxiliary crew, with a crane, and three section gangs working like beavers, it took until 7 o'clock in the evening to get the north (west bound) track cleared so that trains east and west could be run over it between Mimico and Swansea. The other track was not cleared until early this morning.

No One Injured.

No one was injured; but a brakeman and a Humber native had close calls. The brakeman was trotting over the top of the train and just hopped from the last car that was smashed when it mounted the heap of debris.

"Lefty" Macdonald, who is to pitch for the Toronto ball team this year, and who resides close to the scene of the wreck, was on the track—just going for a pall of water—when the train began to crumple up beside him and he had to step lively over the embankment to save his skin. He was right where the cars buckled, and one of them made for him endwise across the tracks.

Engine No. 674, with Engineer W. Perry and Conductor T. Stebbard, was hauling 35 box-cars laden with wheat from the Grand Trunk elevators at Point Edward to Portland, Me., for export, and two empties.

Cause of Wreck.

The front truck of the eighth car from the engine, broke at a point 250 yards west of Billie Miles' hotel and trailed along the ties until it struck a switch from about 50 yards west of the hotel. Then it tried to take the siding and in a minute sixteen cars were piled up in the hollow behind the hotel, over the tracks and down on the outside of the narrow embankment.

Wheat, worth about 90 cents a bushel poured out of every crack in streams, filling up the mud holes and burying the underneath cars. Superintendent W. H. Farrell and the auxiliary were soon on the spot and thought at first to have one line open in time for the International Limited to get thru at 4.40 p.m. But they couldn't do it. The pile was too dense.

The C. P. R. threw open its Mimico-Bellington spur, and both companies used it, landing their trains into Toronto about 20 minutes late, and missing South Parkdale station.

Diverting the Traffic.

When the north track was cleared in time for No. 2 from London to get thru, the traffic came and went as usual, save for the fact that it was a single track service between Mimico and Swansea.

"Lefty" Macdonald, the southpaw twirler whom Mr. McCaffery has picked up from the Royal Oaks, seems to have been the only eye witness. He told The World that he could hardly remember what happened. He was on the track, heard a scuffling sound, saw fire flying up and ducked just as the cars piled up. One car plunged right at him as he went over the bank.

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Grain Disappeared.

FORT WILLIAM, Feb. 26.—Two employees of the Empire Elevator, and two other men were arrested Saturday night on a charge of stealing grain from the elevator. The men captured are Nightwatchman Alf Wake, Fireman Alf Constable, a teamster named E. E. Nevinson and J. Payne. Wake, when he obtained his position at the elevator, was recommended by a minister. Manager Jones of the elevator became suspicious, as grain was being offered to local poultry-men and a local milling concern, and he posted two men to keep watch. One of the watch saw a loaded sleigh coming from the direction of the elevator. He halted the rig and ordered the driver, Nevinson, to drive to the coal dock police. Accompanied by the manager, the party then proceeded to the elevator and there the three men were arrested. A search for the storing place of the grain was instituted and in the basement of a house at 331 Ogden-st., occupied by Payne, and owned by Nevinson, 120 bushels of wheat were discovered.

Robbed of a Fortune in Jewels

Diamonds and Pearls to Value of \$130,000 Mysteriously Disappeared.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Mrs. Baldwin Drummond, formerly Mrs. Marshall Field, Jr., of Chicago, was robbed of a fortune in jewels last night aboard a trans-Atlantic liner. Diamonds, pearls and other gems to the value of approximately \$130,000 disappeared mysteriously from her stateroom on the steamship America of the Hamburg-American Line some time between 3.30 o'clock last evening and 5.30 this morning.

To the police Mrs. Drummond described the missing jewels as follows: Two strings of pearls of 73 pearls each; one string of 321 pearls; one large black pearl ring set with diamonds; one large white pearl ring set with diamonds; one pair large pearl earrings set with diamonds; one black pearl brooch set with diamonds; with a black pearl, pea-shaped pendant.

A wireless message sent from the America as she neared port summoned detectives down the bay in a tug. They learned from Mrs. Drummond details of the theft and began a combing of the ship and a search of the crew. But not a trace of the jewels was found.

At night she had worn the jewels almost constantly on her person, but had kept them under her waist and has not displayed them at any time, even while dining. Last night on retiring she placed them in a cabinet drawer of the stateroom, as she had done each night during the voyage.

The captain was quickly notified, and a quiet investigation begun. Stewards and stewardesses were questioned closely and their clothes and belongings searched, and when the detectives arrived there were quiet enquiries among the 138 first cabin passengers aboard.

As not a clue was developed, however, the customs authorities were appealed to, and under guise of baggage inspection every one's luggage was sifted thoroughly, both in first and second cabins, but so far as could be learned not even a suspicion was unearthed.

TAFT HAS FIXED DATE OF EXTRA SESSION

No Change in Senate Situation on Reciprocity—Insurgent Republicans Still Hold Out Strongly Against the Bill—A Flood of Rumors.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—So probable is it that an extra session of congress will be necessary in order to get action on the Canadian reciprocity agreement that President Taft has fixed April 4 as the date on which such a session may be called.

The April date was selected after consultation with Champ Clark, who will be speaker of the next house, and Representative Underwood of Alabama, who will be chairman of the ways and means committee, which will have charge of and report the reciprocity bill in the house.

The president had intended to convene the extra session at an earlier date, but Representative Clark and Underwood told him that they would like to have a month's time after the present congress adjourns in which to map out the Democratic plan for the next session.

No Hope This Session.

There was no change in the situation in the senate to-day regarding the Canadian reciprocity agreement, and the leaders see no hope of bringing to a vote at this session the McCall bill to carry the agreement into effect. Many rumors were circulated of moves to remedy the situation, but apparently they were all without foundation. The most persistent of all was one that Senator Aldrich, famed for winning legislative battles, which his colleagues thought lost, was speeding to Washington at the urgent solicitation of President Taft to take charge of the situation in the senate.

The Aldrich rumor, apparently, was a distortion of a telegram which the senator sent from Jekyll Island, Ga., asking that a pair be arranged for him in favor of the McCall bill if it comes to a vote this session.

Wouldn't Help Matters.

As a matter of fact, no one believes that the coming of Senator Aldrich would alter the situation in respect to the McCall bill. The measure is opposed by Senators Cummings, Bristol, Clapp and many other insurgent Republicans. The arrival of Mr. Aldrich and any attempt by him to force the consideration of the bill upon the senate would be like shaking a red flag in the face of a bull. It would serve, according to the consensus of opinion in the senate, only to intensify the insurgents' fight against the measure.

Not only that, but his friendship for the bill unquestionably would alienate some of his best friends, like Senators Hale, McCumber, Simons, and others who sided him in framing the Payne-Aldrich tariff law, but who are opposed to the Canadian agreement.

Senator McCumber spoke against the bill to-day, basing his argument upon the disastrous effect which he said its enactment would have upon the farming industry.

Taxation of Church Property.

LONDON, Ont., Feb. 26.—Presiding to-night at Empress-avenue Church, Rev. Geo. W. Dewey, the pastor, advised for taxation of church property as proposed in the Ontario Legislature by Mr. McKeown.



CHARGED WITH WORKING SLICK FLIM-FLAM GAME

It Operated Six Times, But Seventh Prospective Victim Was Too Careful.

Six charges of theft of the "flim-flam" variety, are chalked up against Alfred Walmesley, of no particular address, who was arrested on a street-car Saturday night by Detective Sackett. The sleuth had nothing to go on except a description of the man gleaned from the victimized persons; but some of them have since identified Walmesley as the right party.

The game he worked, according to the detective, was bold to say the least. His method was to enter a store and ask if he could get a 40-cent bar for mailing. He would put the "ten spot" in an envelope and tender a wad of "ones." When his benefactors counted the "ones" there would be only 19. When Walmesley's attention would be called to the mistake, he would: "It is alleged, apparently surprised, saying he must have left the other 'one' on the dresser. Then he would hand back a sealed envelope, take up 8 ones and say in would be "right back."

The sealed envelope would be empty. It is charged that he pulled off this game on W. R. Jones, 107 Benson-avenue, on Feb. 18, and four others fell to it on the 18th, namely: Max Pedlar, 506 East Queen-street; J. N. Fowler, 372 East Queen-street; Mrs. Brown, 306 Jones-avenue and Arthur Pickles, Condon-street.

It was thru trying it on James McMurray, De Grand street, that led to apprehension. This gentleman opened the sealed envelope before he let the flim-flammer get away, and his ten-spot was returned promptly. McMurray notified the police. Walmesley is charged with thefts totaling \$60.

FORMER PREMIER OF HUNGARY IS DEAD

Baron Banffy Strove to Maintain Good Relations Between Austria and Hungary.

BUDAPEST, Feb. 26.—Baron Deak-Banffy, former premier of Hungary, and a leader of the new party, died to-day.

Baron Banffy was born Oct. 28, 1842, at Klausenburg. Since 1878 he had been, with more or less regularity, a member of the Hungarian chad. He was a follower of Koloman Tizza. He inherited a seat in the Hungarian house of magnates and was elected to a post of honor in that body in 1875. He served as administrative chief of several counties in the Province of Siebenburgen, and as such he protected with energy the interests of the Magyar nation against the encroachments of the other nationalities of Hungary.

In 1892, when Count Szapary was premier of Hungary, Baron Banffy was made president of the chamber and after the fall of the Weckerle Cabinet, in 1895, he became premier. During the four years he served in this latter capacity, Banffy strove continually to maintain good relations between Vienna and the Hungarian people.

WILL FORTIFY PANAMA CANAL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—After nearly five hours of debate the house, shortly before 10 o'clock to-night, voted overwhelmingly in favor of the policy of fortifying the Panama Canal, and appropriated \$3,000,000 to begin the work, the total cost of which has been estimated at \$12,000,000.

This action of the house practically settles the question of fortification for the sentiment in the senate is said to be more than two to one in favor of protecting the isthmian waterway by sea-coast batteries.

The real test in the house came on an amendment proposed by Representative Towney of Minnesota, chairman of the committee on appropriations. It provided that no part of the money set aside for fortifications should be used until the neutrality and international protection of the canal. This was defeated by a vote of 189 to 82, after a slashing speech against the amendment by Representative Shirley of Kentucky, a Democrat. The appropriation was finally carried by a vote of 123 to 81.

CUT HER THROAT WITH HER HUSBAND'S RAZOR

Woman, Sixty-Six Years of Age, Had Been Chronic Sufferer From Asthma.

Mrs. Annie Weeks, a woman of 66 years, ended her life in her bedroom, 4 Wynona-avenue, yesterday morning by cutting her throat with her husband's razor. Obviously ill-health was the prompter. She had been a chronic sufferer with asthma for several years, and her nerves were badly affected as a consequence.

E. O. Weeks, her husband, heard her utter a cry at a quarter past six in the morning, and found her writhing with a gash in her throat. Immediately he summoned Dr. G. G. Rowe, and the latter put in a call for an ambulance, but the woman died before the conveyance arrived.

She had written a note, saying: "I cannot live, so forgive me, I can't live." Chief Coroner Johnson has decided not to hold an inquest.

Rich Comedy and Charming Music. The libretto of "Three Twins," the big musical play, that opens at the Princess to-night, is full of rich comedy and the music has a luring charm. The clever comedian, Clifton Gray, finds dry humor has won him fame in this comedy.

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FRENCH CABINET TO RESIGN TO-DAY

A Number of Names Mentioned for Premiership—Conservative Papers Talk of "Intrigue," and Fear That Forces of Extreme Radicalism Are Triumphant.

PARIS, Feb. 25.—Premier Briand and the members of his cabinet will resign on Monday. They reached this decision this afternoon at a conference in the premier's office, when the political situation was thoroughly canvassed from beginning to end. The bare majority of sixteen, which the government received last night in a vote of confidence in the chamber of deputies following the premier's arraignment by the radical socialists, Louis Mally and Paul Meunier, was a sore blow to the premier and his associates, who had been sustained many times in previous crises by much larger votes. In the end, M. Briand declared that he was "sick of it all."

The only reason for waiting until Monday to present their resignations to the president is that the ministers wish to show their respect for the memory of their late colleague, Gen. Brun, whose funeral will take place Monday morning.

Much Uncertainty. There is much uncertainty to-night as to what will happen, whether President Fallieres, after taking counsel with the leaders of the parliamentary groups, will ask M. Briand to stay in power, or whom he will invite to form a new ministry. Leon N. Bourgeois, former premier and ex-minister of foreign affairs; Redmond Poincare, ex-minister of finance; Theophile Delcasse, ex-foreign minister, and former premier Emile Combes are among the names mentioned, although it is understood that M. Delcasse is personally not liked by the president of the republic.

The decision of the ministry to withdraw has created an enormous political sensation. The conservative newspapers are sounding a note of alarm. They declare that the forces of extreme radicalism are triumphing over sane and progressive reform, regarding the political issue, which was raised yesterday, as a mere pretext to attain Briand's downfall. They point out that it is ridiculous to accuse the man who constructed the separation law of clericalism, and now that the church and state are completely divorced, M. Briand has been merely following out a general program of "appeasement."

Result of Intrigue. The vote in the chamber of deputies last night, therefore, is interpreted as the result of an intrigue among Briand's adversaries in his own party, who have been plotting his overthrow since the great crisis in 1905, when strike and blocking the premier's program of arbitration in labor disputes in connection with the public service corporations.

Physically and mentally exhausted by several years of uninterrupted labor in official life, M. Briand is sincerely anxious to retire. Even now he is discussing with his friends the details of a proposed trip to the Mediterranean. It is understood that M. Pichon, minister of foreign affairs, is equally determined to withdraw, and will not accept a place in the new cabinet if it were offered him.

The Temps in summing up the situation, blames parliament for taking too much interest in the internal affairs, who imperiled the security of the country, and not enough in the measures designed to protect the nation from civil war.

"M. Briand," says The Temps, "has the support of public opinion. His departure gives all Frenchmen food for grave reflection, for France is menaced by moral disorder and a senseless parliament."

"THROW UP YOUR HANDS" Playful Demand May Result in a Fatality.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—"Throw up your hands," shouted twelve-year old Earl Solman, as he pointed an air rifle at his fourteen-year old cousin, Sidney Solman, yesterday afternoon.

Sidney entered into the spirit of the game, but instead of doing as ordered, he grabbed a 22 rifle from the wall and fired at Earl. The bullet entered his playmate's stomach, inflicting a wound which may result fatally. The injured lad now lies in St. Joseph's Hospital, where he was taken immediately after the accident.

Former Toronto Man Dead. LETHBRIDGE, Ala., Feb. 25.—Andrew Lally, 54-year-old, and one of Lethbridge's most prominent and popular citizens, died to-day of blood poisoning. He was prominent in business, social and Masonic circles, and was formerly of Toronto and Stratford, Ont.

More Spring Hats. Two days more and we will be dating our letters "March 1." Spring is here as far as your next hat is concerned, and considering that the Dimesa stock is more than complete with the new goods, do buy now to get a wide choice and the newest designs. The Dimesa Company is a Canadian agent for Henry Heath of London and Dunlap of New York.



A PART OF THE WRECKAGE, WHERE SIXTEEN WHEAT-LADEN BOX CARS WERE CRUMPLED UP NEAR THE HUMBER. THIS PICTURE WAS TAKEN FIFTEEN MINUTES AFTER THE ACCIDENT.

