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Corning, N. Y., July 4.—Westbound Lackawanna passenger train No. 9, from New York, due to arrive at Corning at 4:47 a. m., composed of two engines, a baggage car, three Pullman and two day coaches, in the order named, was demolished at Gibson, three miles east of Corning, at 5:25 o'clock this morning by express No. 11, due at Corning at 5:10 a. m.

Forty-one persons were killed and between fifty and sixty injured. Many of the victims were holding excursionists bound to Niagara Falls, who had boarded the train at points along the Lackawanna from Hoboken to Buffalo.

The wreck was the worst in the history of the road. It came, according to Engineer Schroeder of the express, was his failure to see the signals set against his train. The morning was a foggy one and he said he could not make them out.

The wrecked train stood on the main track blocked by a stopped extra freight train. There was no fire out, according to Engineer Schroeder. All the signals which he declared it was too foggy to see were just around the curve.

The flying express plunged past the wrecked train and the rear of No. 9, bringing death to more than two score of its passengers. Twenty have so far been identified. They are:

- The Known Dead.**
- William M. Armstrong, Hoboken, N. J.
 - Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brandt, New York City, (married yesterday and on wedding trip).
 - Herman Dyak, Newark, N. J.
 - Mrs. C. E. Erwin, Chicago.
 - Mrs. Edith A. Hess, Scranton, Pa.
 - Dr. E. Y. Ivey, of Bellevue Hospital, New York; home, Suffolk, Va.
 - Mrs. Anna Hill Jones, Scranton, Pa.
 - George Laird, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 - Evelyn Lovary, colored, Newark, N. J.
 - Antonio Novaka, Scranton, Pa.
 - Antonio Nelson, Jersey City, N. J.
 - F. C. Pratt, Buffalo, N. Y., travelling salesman.
 - M. Patonak, immigrant, ticketed to Buffalo, N. Y.
 - Regina P. Pravelowski, Russia.
 - Mrs. Lillian Reynolds, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 - Mrs. Lucy Setteducati, New York.
 - James Smith, colored, Pullman porter, Newark, N. J.
 - Ernest Schultz, Buffalo, N. Y.
 - John Zelman, Scranton, Pa.

Running at high speed, Schroeder had taken train No. 11 at Elmira 15 minutes before it was a few minutes late the stretch of track from Elmira to Corning is fitted for fast running and he was sending his train along at the rate of 45 miles an hour. No. 9 was supposed to be half an hour ahead of him. He never had any warning until he met out the outline of the rear coach of No. 9 through the fog that was crawling up the mountain from the river below. He saw the lights of the rear coach of No. 9 through the fog that was crawling up the mountain from the river below. The shock threw the train off the track and the locomotive splintered on a few rods further to splinter the two day coaches filled with excursionists and tear through the last of the Pullmans. Schroeder said that the impact was so great that it threw him from the cab and threw him on his shoulder on the roadbed practically instant.

The one hundred ton monster continued its plunge through the middle of the train, grinding everything in its path. It seemed as if it would cut through every car. Then when it was finally blocked by a mountain of debris piled in front of it, it remained on the road bed in the midst of the devastation it plumed had created while thousands of persons rushed in every kind of vehicle to the scene to lift and pry the dead and injured from the tangled mass of wreckage.

Rescuers were quickly on the scene. There was plenty to do, and their work was difficult. In what seemed an incredibly short time hundreds of automobiles had lined the highway which led to the wreck, and the work of getting the injured to the hospitals and the dead to the morgues was impeded by the blocking of the road.

A detail of police from Corning did their best to keep the rescuers' path clear, and by 8 o'clock physicians, who had been rushed to the scene in motor cars, had started all of the wounded on their way to the hospitals or were giving emergency attention to victims on the scene.

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REGINA NOT ALONE THE STORM BELT

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Special to The Standard. Ottawa, July 4.—The Saskatchewan government has at last replied to the message sent two days ago by Acting Premier Perley asking for information as to the Regina catastrophe. A telegram was received by Mr. Perley today from Hon. Walter Scott, premier of Saskatchewan as follows:

"Reply your kind message, second, may state a few localities in Saskatchewan experienced heavy wind storms Sunday, but we have no report of any fatalities or extraordinary damage elsewhere than in Regina. I will request Mayor Macrae to fire you official list of killed here."

Confirmation of the impression that the cyclone did considerable damage elsewhere is contained in a telegram from Commissioner A. B. Perry, of the Mounted Police. Commissioner Perry wired: "Reports are being received of damage by storm north and south of Regina. Patrols are out following track of storm and collecting full information. Only one death outside of city recorded."

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WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY MEETS AT CHATHAM

Annual Session of Branches of Miramichi Presbytery Opened Last Evening -- Usual Addresses to be Delivered.

Special to The Standard. Chatham, July 4.—The annual meeting of the Women's Foreign and Home Mission Societies of the Miramichi Presbytery takes place in Chatham this evening and Friday. The first meeting commences at 7:30 this evening in St. Andrew's church hall and at 8 p. m. Miss Mabel, of Bathurst, and Rev. Gordon Pirih, missionary agent for Trinidad, will give their customary addresses, while there will also be an address of welcome and several musical selections.

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The statement which comes from an authoritative source points out that the reduction is a temporary measure designed to meet the cement shortage in eastern and western Canada. The reduction is in no way in conflict with the well established policy of the conservative party and of the Borden government of grants and adequate protection to Canadian industries.

With regard to the adequacy of the protection, it is pointed out that the duty under the Fielding tariff of 1907 is about 52 cents a barrel. Cement sold freely in the United States at 70 cents a barrel. There is a duty of about 75 per cent on Canadian cement. Thus when the duty is cut in two for four months the cement manufacturers have a protection of 37 per cent. In May the average protection enjoyed by Canadian manufacturers is 25 per cent, therefore under the reduction the cement manufacturers have over 10 per cent more protection than the average of manufacturer.

Freight Rates a Factor. In addition there are the freight rates to be reckoned. Here the position as regards eastern Canada is that the through freight rates given by Western Ontario have been increased twice since last year—in March and again in May. The total increase is equivalent to 22 cents a barrel, thus the increase of freight rates nearly equals the remission of duty.

Thus in the Ontario market the Canadian cement manufacturer enjoys the following protection against the American: Freight rate 60 cents per barrel and duty 26 cents per barrel. Total 86 cents per barrel.

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TWO UNIDENTIFIED FISHERMEN FOUND DEAD IN SMALL BOAT

Craft Nearly Filled and Ex- hausted Dog Was Only Liv- ing Creature Aboard—One Probably Englishman.

Vancouver, B. C., July 4.—Dead, apparently from exhaustion and exposure, bodies of two fishermen were found yesterday in a fishing boat off Pender Harbor, 70 miles up the northern coast. The boat was nearly filled with water but floating sturdily and a dog, very thirsty but still living, had strength enough left to bark loudly and attract attention to the boat.

The identity of the two men aboard there is hardly a clue. The elder man was lying in the bottom of the boat, he looked to have been an Englishman of about 45. The other was a lad of 18 or 20, and his body had evidently been lashed by his companion to the mast. The men had not been dead more than a day or two. On the collar of the dog were initials on a brass plate: "G. S. V., D.T.P., 1912, 66."

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MONCTON OFFICIAL REDUCED TO RANKS FOR IRREGULARITY

Special to The Standard. Moncton, July 4.—This evening the court arrested a girl named Mildred Toulser wanted for running away from her home Chatham, N. B. She will be returned to her parents.

Assistant Street Commissioner Leaman was reduced by the city board of works tonight to the position of steamer on account of an irregularity in putting in the time of men working on the streets. Alex. Johnston's time was put in for 25 days last August when this amount was reduced by the city board of works to 10 days. He was authorized to hire a horse, but for some reason put in the amount as time worked by Johnston.

Ministers Leave For Provinces

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, July 4.—The ministerial exodus took two more members of the government away from the capital today. Hon. W. T. White and Hon. J. D. Reid left for Summerside, P. E. I., where they will begin their contemplated tour of the Maritime Provinces. Hon. George H. Parley and Hon. W. B. Nantel are remaining in Ottawa. There will be no more council meetings for the present.

THOUSANDS WATCH MAN DARE DEATH

Maniac Sets Fire to New York Building, Escapes and Dan- ces on Roof Ledge—All a Bluff.

New York, July 4.—Three thousand persons stood in the street in front of the Astor Hotel and other buildings on the west side of Broadway yesterday, shouting to a man who was recklessly stumbling along on the ledge of a building at the northeast corner of Broadway and Forty-fifth street, and who was expected momentarily to fall to the sidewalk, four stories below. Many men turned their heads and women hurried into the side streets to avoid the sight.

Three men rushed out of the crowd and implored policemen to arrest the man. While the policemen were seeking a hallway to the roof, the fellow on the ledge, with the antics of a crazy man, was disporting himself, slipping at every few steps and almost falling to the pavement. Soon a policeman, with a faded blue suit and upturned night-stick, bounded across the roof, took the man by the nape of the neck and sent him sprawling upon the tin surface. He was heartily cheered by those who had gathered to the roof. His foehardly expedition into the center proceedings.

All a Bluff. It was learned afterward that the man walking on the ledge was a maniac. He had set fire to a building in the lower section of the city and escaped from the police there after a running fight. On the way he upset fruit stands and peanut roasters. A crowd pursued him, taking a Broadway car he escaped until he reached 45th street. There policemen who had been apprised by telephone were waiting for him. When he observed the trio he jumped off the car and darted into a hallway. He made his way to the roof. His foehardly expedition along the ledge followed.

The entire account of the near tragedy in detail, together with the anxious countenances of those who witnessed the last scene, will be shown in a moving picture at the usual places soon for was a moving picture setting that so wrought up Broadway. Two machines, one from the sidewalk and another from the roof of a building, made the film.

PREMIER BORDEN AND COLLEAGUES ARRIVE IN LONDON

London, July 4.—Robert L. Borden, Canadian premier with his colleagues J. D. Hazen, minister of marine; C. J. Deberry, minister of justice and I. P. Pelletier, postmaster general, arrived here this afternoon after having received a civic welcome at Avonmouth from the lord mayor of Bristol. At the London terminus waiting to greet the Canadian statesmen were Lord Strathcona and many Canadians who gave the visitors a hearty welcome. Mr. Borden is the most heralded colonial visitor to come to London for years.

The press and the public are making much of his pronouncement: "I stand for a great navy," which is interpreted that Canada is prepared to make a handsome contribution to the British navy in the shape of two more dreadnaughts. Mr. Borden, however, is reticent as to the form in which Canadian assistance to the mother country is to be offered.

England Defeats Danes in Football. Stockholm, July 4.—England defeated Denmark this evening at football four goals to two. The King presented medals to the winners. The Danes were handicapped by one of their players dislocating an arm and playing ten men throughout the greater part of the game.

reduction is clear. It may be added that the government has received urgent requests from Boards of Trade and others that it investigate the alleged cement combine and the conditions prevailing in the industry in Canada.

CLASH OF ARMS IN KINGS CO. TODAY

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CHIEF NEAR TOO FOND OF WHITE MAN'S TIPPLE

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Chief Logan became addicted to the intemperate use of the white man's fire water. Under the Indian act an Indian chief can be deposed for intemperance, incompetency or immorality. Chief Logan imbibed so freely that it has been decided to depose him. The tribe will elect a temporary chief.

Truro Man Had His Neck Broken. Truro, July 4.—The death occurred suddenly this afternoon of Charles Wynn, aged about fifty-five years. He had been employed in coal trucking, and was sitting behind his horse after delivering a load to a customer on Victoria street. An automobile had been brought to a standstill a short time before at the entrance to a neighboring house and Wynn's horse on coming out from the rear took fright at the machine, taking control from the driver. After a brief run along the street, in which the cart and driver were overturned in a heap, the unfortunate man was found underneath, quite dead, having had his neck broken by the fall. No blame is said to be attached to the owner of the machine.

Wynn is married, and leaves a small family. He was the youngest son of the late John Wynn, who was noted as one of the "powder boys" in the history of the engagement of "Shannon" and the "Chesapeake." Wynn came to Truro after the Shannon was paid off and died here in 1862, aged ninety-two years.

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NOMINATION IN SASKATCHEWAN FOR EVERY SEAT

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In Regina the election may be deferred, but no definite decision has been reached. The suggestion to have no contest in the city, and to seat the member according to the victorious party throughout the province has not been adopted.

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