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Last Night's Calamity

Not only in St. John's but in places far separated from each other several families are plunged in grief as a result of the tragedy which took place last night on the Topsail Road. The fact that among those who were suddenly swept into eternity were several who had but recently faced death in the World War by sea and by land and in the air, and had come through safely, brings home to everyone most forcibly how true it is that in the midst of life we are in death.

There are other lessons for all of us in the disaster which has befallen the community, but of those, later, when investigations have been made by the proper authorities. All that can be done at present is to join with the whole of the community in expressing to the sorrowing relatives both at home and abroad our heartfelt sympathy in the hour of their great bereavement. Of motor accidents with fatal consequences we have had but few, and never anything to compare with the dreadful occurrence of last night, but may it not be said with truth that the margin of safety has on many occasions been narrowly skirted, and that far greater care might be observed by many in the interests of everyone?

Arrival of Capt.

R. E. Gosse

We welcome Capt. Gosse, the millionaire salmon packer from British Columbia, to his old home in St. John's Bay, and trust his visit will be a most enjoyable one. He intended to be here early in the summer, but was delayed owing to the heavy catch of salmon put in at his Canneries, which are now situated in all the important rivers from Vancouver to Alaska. He was one of the visitors to H.M.S. Hood on her visit to Vancouver, and wrote his friends that the officers were looking forward to visit his old home in St. John's Bay before they returned to the Old Country. We hope he has the opportunity of renewing his acquaintance during this visit. Capt. Gosse will visit St. John's in a few days.

Half Holiday if Fine

At a meeting of the Importers' Association, held yesterday afternoon in the Board of Trade Rooms, it was decided to make Wednesday a half holiday provided the weather is fine enough to hold the concert by the bands of the Special Service Squadron. The arrangement is that the stores will close at 1.30 p.m., if the day is suitable.

Marystown Seaman Drowned During Storm

Word has been received of the death of Patrick Baker, native of Marytown, who was lost overboard from a Nova Scotia vessel engaged in the sword fishery during the gale of August 28th. The deceased was but a short while on the vessel and leaves a wife and family at home. The vessel was commanded by Emanuel Keppel of Marytown and is owned by Mr. John Murley, of the same place.

VISIT OF H.M.S. HOOD AND SQUADRON.

The Railway Ticket Agents are selling excursion return tickets from stations on the Branch lines to Topsail, Manuels and St. John's at one way first class fare, good going from Tuesday, Sept. 16th, and returning up to and including Monday, Sept. 22nd.—Sept. 16.

Reception Arrangements Postponed

At a meeting of the Citizens Reception Committee held this morning it was decided to cancel the following items in the official program as a result of the disaster which occurred last night. The Officers Ball to-night, the Golf Tournament to-morrow, the Massed Band Concert to-morrow afternoon, and the Dansant on Thursday at the Golf Club. The football match between the G.W.V.A. vs. Regulus on Friday has also been postponed.

The funeral of the naval officers of H.M.S. Constance who lost their lives, will take place on Thursday morning with full naval honors, and the attendance of contingents from the ships, and official representatives of the Government and Municipality. A searchlight display will be given on Saturday evening from 9 to 9.30.

Magistrates Court

Leonard Gillespie Reid was arraigned before Judge Morris in the Magistrate's Court at 10 o'clock this morning, charged with "that he did feloniously kill and slay Gerald Whitty, Edmund Giles Burrows, Clinton Duder, Lieut.-Commander O'Callaghan, George Harrison, and William King, on the 16th September."

The accused was represented by Charles O.N. Conroy, who made a motion for bail. This was consented to in the sum of \$200,000. The accused himself in \$100,000 and two securities of \$50,000 each, in the persons of Messrs. R. G. Reid and Leonard C. Outerbridge.

The preliminary enquiry will be held on Thursday afternoon.

A 40 year old seaman, of Sweden given in charge by Capt. Hardy will be examined by a doctor as to his sanity.

A non support case was postponed pending enquiry by Inspector Nesworthy.

Further Articles

Required

The Equipment Committee of the Emergency Hospital are still in need of some things for the institution, and they would greatly appreciate any help that might be rendered in this respect. The present need is for a couple of small cots, old linen, pillows, baby pillows, flannellette, old sheets, baby shirts and nightdresses. Those who can aid please do so?

Newfoundlander

Chosen to Pick American Beauty

Murray Anderson Selects Blue Eyed Venus For Pageant.

The second girl chosen from among the thousands of contestants in the \$5,000 Daily Mirror Atlantic City Beauty Pageant, and who will go to the famous resort as one of the eight girls representing Greater New York, Hoboken and Jersey City in competition for the title of Miss America, is Miss Beatrice Roberts, of Manhattan.

Miss Roberts was selected after many hours of careful deliberation at the Shubert Riviera Theatre by John Murray Anderson, well known in the theatrical field and producer of the "Greenwich Folies," and son of Hon. John Anderson, of this city.

She is a recognized beauty, having been portrayed by several prominent artists who have declared her to be one of the most perfect girls. Miss Roberts is a blue-eyed, bobbed-haired brunette, 18 years old, 5 feet 8 inches tall and weighs 126 pounds.

R. A. Y.

Government Boats

Argyle, no report since leaving Argentea.

Clyde left Lewisporte 7.55 a.m. yesterday.

Kyle left Port aux Basques 10.20 p.m. yesterday.

Malakoff left Port Blandford 8.05 a.m. yesterday.

Melgie leaving St. John's 10 a.m. Wednesday.

Portia at Argentea.

Prospero left Nipper's Hr. 3 a.m. yesterday, going north.

Sagana, no report leaving Humbermouth.

Sebastopol left Pass Island 2 p.m. yesterday, outward.

Personal

Hon. M. S. Sullivan, M.H.A., left by express to-day, for Grand Falls, accompanied by two officers of the Regulus, Lieut. Commander Lilly, and Lieut. Anderson, a friend of Mr. Beaton.

Mr. W. W. Horwood, of Montreal, formerly of St. John's, is visiting the city, the guest of his sister, Mrs. Charles Cross.

Miss B. J. Gibson and Miss Marie Ray are at present in St. John's from Moncton, N.B. on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Webster.

MINARD'S LINIMENT RELIEVES RHEUMATISM.

Midnight Tragedy on Topsail Road

Six Persons Killed Instantly by Motor Car

A motor accident in which six persons were instantly killed occurred last night on the Topsail Road, and as a result Leonard Reid, who was in charge of the car, was to-day charged with murder.

The dead are: LIEUT.-COMMANDER J. D. O'CALLAGHAN, H.M.S. Constance. LIEUT. BURROWS, H.M.S. Constance. GEORGE HARRISON, of Chatham, N.B., of the staff of the Bank of Montreal. CAPTAIN G. J. WHITTY, Secretary G. W. V. A. LIEUT. W. KING, late of the Royal Air Force, and employed at Knowling's Hardware. CLINTON DUDER, employee at Croble & Company.

The scene of the tragedy was just a short distance east of Donovan's hotel, and so quickly did it occur that none of the eye witnesses can tell exactly what happened. Those who were nearest were some members of a party who were about to return to town, following a farewell party given to Mr. J. L. Murphy, Secretary to Col. Nangle. There were fourteen members in the party, some of whom were seated in Marshall's motor bus, waiting for the rest to join them. Three of the men, Captain Gerald Whitty, Chief Petty Officer Lovett, of the Constance, and Lieut. King, were standing nearby on the road. Apparently the three saw a motor car approaching and endeavored to get out of the way. Only Chief Petty Officer Lovett escaped. Captain Whitty was hurled in the bushes on the south side of the road and Lieut. King was pitched to the other side. As the car hit the men it swerved, hit a stump of a telephone pole, went on another 60 feet or so and then turned into a ditch where it hit a tree and turned completely over.

The car, a powerful Stutz, driven by Leonard Reid, contained eight occupants, three were sitting in front, and the other four were in the rear seat. They were Lieut.-Commander O'Callaghan, Lieut. Burrows, Lieut. Slatter, Midshipman Mellors, all of the Constance; Cliff Paterson, George Harrison, Clinton Duder.

Midshipman Mellors and the driver, Mr. Reid, were thrown from the car, the others were caught beneath and all were killed with the exception of Lieut. Slatter and Cliff Paterson. The radiator of the car was smashed, as was also the windshield and hood, and the steering wheel had the wooden rim smashed.

EFFORTS AT RESCUE.

Those who were in the bus quickly ran to the scene and made an effort to upturn the car, but were unsuccessful. In the meantime Lieut. Jack McGrath telephoned Inspector General Hutchings who, in a very short time reached the scene, accompanied by Superintendent O'Neil. The sight which met their gaze was horrifying. A hurried examination showed that life was extinct. This was confirmed a few minutes afterwards by Drs. Parsons, Anderson, Cowperthwaite and Fox, who had been called by the Inspector General as soon as he had heard of the accident. The dead were laid on the side of the road until the arrival of Undertaken Carnell, who took charge of the bodies and conveyed them to the Morgue. Leonard Reid, the driver of the car, was placed under arrest and conveyed to the lock-up, where he remained until this morning, when he was released on bail.

POST-MORTEM HELD.

The post-mortem at the Morgue was held this forenoon by Drs. Anderson, Fox and Parsons. Sergt. Lieut. Dwyer of the Wisteria was also present to identify the bodies of the men from the Constance. Apparently all the occupants of the car who

were killed had their necks broken. Their bodies showed very few bruises marks. Captain Whitty received the worst smashing up. Both his legs were broken below the knees and his skull was fractured. From the appearance of the wounds on his legs the cars appears to have hit him whilst he was face on. The body of George Harrison is being sent to his former home, St. John, N.B., by to-day's express. His parents reside at Chatham, N.B., his father being the principal of the school there. He is an only child. Mrs. (Rev.) Hammond Johnson of the Dover Street Parsonage is an aunt. He had been resident here for two or three years and was on the staff of the Bank of Montreal.

Captain Gerald Whitty, as he was best known, was the popular Secretary of the G. W. V. A., a man with a splendid war record and a friend to all ex-servicemen. He rendered excellent service in the G. W. V. A., and was a most capable official. Mr. W. King was a veteran of the Great War. He served in the Flying Corps as Lieutenant, and since demobilization has worked in the hardware establishment of G. Knowling, Ltd. He was a married man and is survived by his widow and two children.

Mr. Clinton Duder was the son of Mrs. Edith and the late Charles R. Duder, whose tragic death by drowning is still fresh in memory. He had not attained his majority and was a clerk with Croble & Co. His mother is abroad and the news of the tragedy, the second to visit the family in such a short while, will terribly shock her.

The naval officers, Edmund Giles Burrows and Denis Patrick O'Callaghan, were commissioned to H. M. S. Constance a year and a half ago. Lieut. Com. O'Callaghan was married last year. His widow resides in England. Lieut. Burrows is a native of Chichester, Eng., and was unmarried.

VISITED SCENE OF TRAGEDY.

This forenoon the Minister of Justice, Hon. W. J. Higgins, Deputy Minister of Justice Summers, K.C., Judge Morris, Mr. C. E. Hunt, Head Const. Byrne, Land Surveyor Noel and a photographer visited the scene. Photographs were taken by Mr. Parsons and a survey of the road and surroundings made by Mr. Noel. The car, about 16 feet from the road, lies in a reverse position in a ditch on the south (right hand side of road coming to town). It is being moved to town by Messrs. Silverlock and Smeaton.

PARTY WERE AT TOPSAIL.

The party in the Reid motor car had been at Hollands Hotel, Topsail, where the city rugby team were dining the rugby team and a number of officers of H.M.S. Constance. The party broke up before midnight and returned to town. Mr. George Croble's car, with a number of guests, followed by Mr. Arthur Monroe with other members, left in advance of the Reid car and reached town safely. Mr. H. Pedigrew, with his wife and Mr. Claude Hall, who had been to Topsail and were proceeding to town, were passed at Topsail Hill by the Reid car and when they arrived at Donovan's they learned that the accident had taken place.

Both Messrs. Hunt and Pedigrew engaged in the search for the body of Capt. Whitty, which up to this time had not been located. They found him in the bushes about fifty feet from the road side. Mr. Pedigrew finding that the body was warm resorted to artificial respiration, but without avail. From the place where the car struck the telephone stump to where it turned into the ditch, a distance of about 30 feet, no marks of the wheels could be traced. The road at this point is straight, with only a slight turn several hundred yards inside Donovan's. A preliminary enquiry begins on Tuesday at 3.30 p.m.

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MEET WITH PAINFUL ACCIDENT

On Sunday last Dr. Arthur H. Anderson, of Heart's Content, met with a painful accident, whilst walking, in some manner he slipped and fractured his leg. He has been obliged to come to the city to have the injured member X-rayed.

Prince's Orchestra

Dance

The Prince's Orchestra Dance takes place in the C.C. Hall to-morrow Wednesday night as advertised. The committee in charge have made all the necessary preparations, and an enjoyable evening is assured all patrons. The decorations alone are well worth the admission fee.

SOUTH COAST STEAMSHIP SERVICE—S. S. GLENCOE.

S. S. Glencoe will leave Dry Dock wharf 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20th, calling at St. Mary's, St. Joseph's and regular ports on South Coast. Passengers leaving St. John's on 8.45 a.m. train Monday, Sept. 22nd, will connect at Argentea. —Sept. 16.

MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR HEAD-ACHE.

Obituary

WILLIAM G. KING, R.A.F.

Lieut. W. G. King, R.A.F., one of the victims of last night's motor accident, was a prominent member of the G.W.V.A. Executive. In the year 1916 he joined the Royal Nfld. Regiment, and went overseas as a Corporal. On reaching the other side he trained for the Air Service, and engaged in flying in France. Upon the termination of the war he returned home with his wife, and was employed in the Hardware Dept. of Geo. Knowling, Ltd., up to the time of his demise. The late Mr. King was a very prominent figure in our midst; he was of a quiet and unassuming manner, and endeared and beloved by all with whom he came in contact. His death under such tragic circumstances comes as a terrible blow to his family. He leaves to mourn father, mother, wife and two little children, besides two brothers and three sisters, to whom the Telegram offers sincere sympathy. The funeral takes place from the deceased's residence, Waterford Bridge Road, to-morrow Thursday, at 2.30.

New Locomotive Succeeds on Trial

Severe 100 Miles Test for Hydraulic Transmission Idea—Low Fuel Cost—Gears Obtained by Regulating Oil in Circulation.

A novel type of locomotive, embodying an important British invention, has had a highly successful 100-mile trial trip on the London and North-Eastern Railway.

The engine, which underwent this test was a 60 h.p. Diesel, fitted with the Lenz hydraulic transmission, named after the inventor, H. Lenz, a British-born subject.

Primarily this locomotive was designed for shunting and yard work, but in order to give it a thorough trial and to judge its value in passenger service, particularly branch line running, it had to take a train of three corridor coaches and a brake van on a return journey between Tottenham and Cambridge. The weight of the train, including the engine, was 113 tons.

The test was made as exacting as possible, but schedule times were more than maintained, the average speed being 13.55 miles an hour.

Success on the Continent.

The engine is of the 0-4-0 type, and the power is transmitted through the new Lenz hydraulic (oil) transmission mechanism. Speeds forward and reverse are provided. The three gears are obtained by regulating the quantity of oil circulating in the gear.

On the down trip the maximum temperature of the oil was 108 deg. F., well within safe working limits. The engine required no attention, except occasional oiling.

The trial showed that hydraulic transmission as applied to locomotives is a practical proposition. Indeed, the trial marked a notable advance in railway traction, and triumph for the Lenz hydraulic transmission.

This mechanism, given such satisfaction on the trial, that engines up to 1,000 h.p. have been equipped, and orders are being placed for large numbers.

Charing Cross to Cape Town

Charing en route is one of the bugbears of travel, even on short railway journeys. Hence the popularity of "through carriages," which are steadily growing more numerous.

The day, indeed, is not far distant when there may be a through carriage marked "Cape Town" standing at the platform at Charing Cross. Then the traveller who is a "bad sailor" will be able, not only to escape the sea voyage, but to climb into a coach in London and stay in it till he reaches the capital of the Cape.

Though the Channel tunnel is still only a dream, the Channel ferry is already working, and a ferry across the Bosphorus will soon be in operation. Thus, the through carriage is a possibility of the immediate future as far as Damascus, and once ferries across the great African lakes link up the Rhodesian lines with the European and Asiatic systems the rest will be easy.

Moved Wrong Lot

AND HAS TO PAY FINE. Williamport, Pa., Aug. 30.—A Williamport resident, who owns a vacant lot in an undeveloped plot, was haled into Police Court to answer a charge of failing to cut weeds on the lot after being directed by the police to do so, in conformity with a sanitary ordinance.

Quite indignantly he explained that he had spent four hours in a boiling hot sun with a scythe cutting the unsightly weeds, and demanded that a policeman accompany him to the lot to prove his assertion.

When the lot owner and officer reached the scene they discovered he had mowed the weeds on an adjoining lot. His property was untouched. He was compelled to pay the costs in the case.

Secretary Thomas' Stirring Appeal

Segregation of Indians in Natal Not Political Question, He Says.

Pietermaritzburg, S.A., Sept. 8.—(Canadian Press via Reuters).—In a speech delivered at a civic reception tendered to the Empire Parliamentary delegation after their tour of Zululand, J. H. Thomas, British Colonial Secretary said the delegation had been greatly impressed by the future possibilities and potentialities of Natal.

He urged Natal not to make the Indian question a political one. It should be solved outside of party politics. The leaders of all parties ought, he said, to be brought together to consider the matter. He would suggest leaders not only representing South Africa, but representatives from India and the Imperial Government.

"I plead for tolerance in this great difficulty," he said. "It is so important that it should be looked upon as something that the whole citizenship should ultimately determine. We are going back convinced that we are determined to do the right thing."

ARGUMENT BONUS.

A resolution was moved in the Union House of Assembly, August 19, last advocating the segregation of Asiatics in the urban areas of Natal and the Transvaal and the passing of legislation to enforce a cessation of the issuance of trading licenses to Asiatics.

Dr. D. F. Malan, Minister of the Interior, in accepting the motion in principle, forecast legislation at the next session. He indicated that South Africa, with a complicated native problem, had an Asiatic population far outnumbering the combined Asiatic population of the other Dominions. It was the Government's intention, he said, to double the present bonus of £5 payable to Indians who voluntarily return to India.

From Cape Race

CAPE RACE, to-day. Wind S.S. light, weather fine. Several steamers were sighted bound east and west. Bar. 30.15; Ther. 58.

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BORN.

At Grace Maternity Hospital, Sunday, Sept. 14th, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. W. Anson Brown.

At the Grace Maternity Hospital, on Sept. 16th, to Capt. and Mrs. Cecil Burke, 37 Monkstown Road, a daughter.

MARRIED.

On Sept. 14th at St. Teresa's Church, Brooklyn, New York, by the Rev. Father Dunn, Margaret Whelan to Alfred J. Mosker both of this city.

DIED.

On Sept. 15th, Leo Edward, aged 2 months, infant son of Thomas and Linda Lawlor.

Killed accidentally, Monday night, Capt. G. J. Whitty, O.B.E., M.C., leaving father, mother, two sisters and three brothers.

Killed accidentally, Monday night, Lieut. W. S. King, R.A.F., leaving wife and two children, father, mother, two brothers and three sisters.

Passed peacefully away, at 9.30, last evening, Sept. 15th, after a brief illness, Emma Snow, aged 80 years, beloved wife of Lemuel J. Simmons (Shipwright), 63 Lime Street. Funeral to the Railway Station this afternoon at 5 o'clock. Interment at Harbor Grace Wednesday afternoon.

FUNERAL NOTICES.

The funeral of our late comrade Lieut. W. S. King, R.A.F., will take place on Thursday at 2.30 p.m. from his late residence, 7 Tor Cottage, Waterford Bridge Road.

The funeral of our late comrade, Capt. G. J. Whitty, O.B.E., M.C., will take place Thursday at 3.15 p.m. from his late residence, Waterford Bridge Road.

It is the earnest appeal of the Executive that all ex-servicemen will attend in uniform if possible.

NOTE OF THANKS.—The family of the late Samuel C. Thompson, of 116 Barnes Road, St. John's, very gratefully acknowledge the sympathy of kind friends, expressed to them by the many wreaths, telegrams, letters, deeds and kind words, in their recent bereavement, and to each and every one they are thankful.—Adv.

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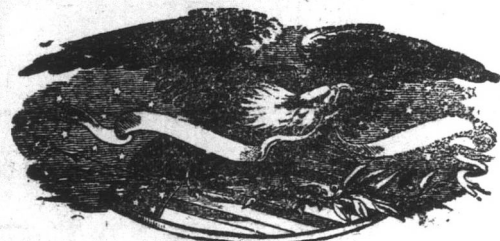
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