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ENGINE TELESCOPED G.T.R. COACHES WOMAN KILLED, OTHERS BADLY HURT

Double-header Freight Train Demolished the Rear Cars of Passenger Train at Grace Hill, Cobcoconk Line, in Darkness—Mrs. Babcock of Lindsay Killed and Mrs. Plank, Lorneville, May Die.

KILLED. Mrs. Garfield Babcock, Lindsay. INJURED. Mrs. C. A. Plank, Lorneville, leg and arm broken and hurt internally; will probably die. James Black, Bexley, leg broken and badly injured. Joseph Lottie, Victoria-road, back injured. Several other passengers were severely shaken up.

LINDSAY, June 9.—(Special.)—Creeching into the rear of Grand Trunk passenger train standing at the Grace Hill station, on the Cobcoconk line of the G. T. R., early last evening, a double-header freight train completely telescoped two end coaches, bringing instant death to Mrs. Garfield Babcock of Lindsay, and severely injuring several other passengers, one of whom, Mrs. C. A. Plank of Lorneville, is not expected to live. The body of Mrs. Babcock was badly mutilated.

Dead When Taken Out. Mrs. Babcock was sitting alone in the back of the coach, with Mrs. Plank immediately in front. They were buried under a mass of debris, and were taken out by unskilled men and women. It was found that Mrs. Babcock had received injuries which must have caused instant death, her body being terribly crushed. Mrs. Plank, who was taken to her home at Lorneville, is in a critical condition. The other injured ones will recover.

Mrs. Babcock was on her way to Orillia, where her husband was em-Anderson's factory. Her husband played as moulder in Tudhope and rented a house and the dead woman was on her way to spend Sunday with her husband and look over the house premises to moving to Orillia.

Mrs. Plank is the wife of a general merchant at Lorneville, and sister of Mr. C. F. Weeks, manager of the Victoria Loan and Savings Co., Lindsay, Warden Steele's Escape.

Among the sixteen passengers who narrowly escaped death were Warden Steele of Victoria County and Ben Stacey, clerk of Eldon.

For the fortunate circumstance that the last car on the passenger train was empty and locked up to be taken to Lorneville to accommodate Niagara troops to-morrow, the loss of life would have undoubtedly been very great. As it was, the end coach, after being completely telescoped, was thrust forward upon the coach in front, telescoping the latter for half its length.

Dominions Soon to Be Self-protecting

LONDON, June 9.—(C. A. P.)—Hon. Mr. Haldane, speaking at a banquet after Saturday's review of troops, said the dominions were organizing for war on the same lines as adopted here. Our forces had been so disposed as to protect the overseas dominions, but the time would come very soon when the dominions would have to organize their own naval and military defenses, and that meant we should become by far the most powerful military and naval station combined the world has ever seen.

HUGHES DENIES NO LIQUOR NOW USE OF LIQUOR AT CAMP SINCE WORLD STORIES

Minister of Militia Gives Statement in Reply to Critics, But Says It May Be True That City Corps Had Intoxicants at the Officers' Messes.

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WHERE A LEGISLATION GUN IS NEEDED



TAFT TO RETIRE IN FAVOR OF 'DARK HORSE'

President, in Return for Endorsement of Administration, Would Consent to Compromise Candidate, it is Understood—Roosevelt's Threatened Bolt No Idle Talk

CHICAGO, June 8.—(Special.)—There is a question on the Taft supporters for an acceptable candidate who will command the support of the administration and also attract some votes from the considerable number of delegates in the convention who are sincerely anxious to get rid of the Taft-Roosevelt feud by the nomination of a dark horse.

Mr. Justice Hughes is not considered the man. If possible, the Taft strength will be transferred to a man from the west sufficiently in touch with the progressives to prevent any landslide west of the Mississippi.

"Beware the Awful Avalanche." Enough Roosevelt delegates may be stirred to make the nomination of Theodore Roosevelt impossible, but it is a candidate for re-election. To renounce the president would be a challenge, almost to invite the everlasting contest. Mr. Taft, definitely classified in the popular mind as a reactionary, would prove as weak at the polls as he was at the primaries.

Prospects of Compromise. But suppose the Taft forces in control of the convention preach the doctrine of sacrifice for the party's sake? Many timid Republicans would rejoice at any solution of the troubles which would recall that Garfield was elected in 1880 when the Grant and Blaine men sunk their differences and made common cause against the Democrats which had anticipated a walkover because of the furious feud between the "stalwart" and the "halfbreed" Republicans of that day and generation.

WEST CHURCH CAMPAIGN Before the new West Presbyterian Church opens next Sunday, the site, building and organ will be provided. In a week the congregation has raised \$3,800, and the campaign will be continued this week.

The Cement and Other Trusts

MONTREAL, June 10.—The Canadian cement merger, so some of its friends claim, has nothing more to fear from competition with the American cement trust in case the Canadian Government takes on the duty so as to make cement cheaper and more plentiful in the Canadian west. Reports from Winnipeg show that cement is both scarce and dear in all the western country, and building held back. But the two trusts have a working arrangement, based on non-invasion of one another's territory. The action of the Ottawa Government is eagerly awaited.

SURVEY PARTY WORKING EAST

C. P. R. Has Seventeen Men Stationed at Leaside, and the Line There Will Be Overhauled.

The Canadian Pacific are not evidently going to leave the field entirely to the Canadian Northern in the matter of new lines east of Leaside. A survey party of seventeen, under charge of A. C. Blanchard, with five or six tents, including one specially for drafting tables for the engineers, was set up on Saturday on Donlands station and the men go to work this morning, overhauling the existing lines from Leaside to Agincourt, with the view, it is believed, of double-tracking and rebuilding the viaducts over the Don and improving wherever possible the grade. It may also be possible that they will run a new line south of the present run from Leaside in the direction of the new line to Whitby.

The Canadian Northern has also a big staff of surveyors pretty much in the same direction as the Canadian Pacific on a cut-off to its Montreal line to some place in Scarborough, so as to bring its Montreal trains via Leaside into North Toronto at the new union station to be erected there. There is also talk of both companies having a new joint line not only from West Toronto to Leaside across the north part of the city but as far east as Scarborough, in the neighborhood of the crossing of the Rouge River, where the two lines would separate and each go to its own way to Whitby.

MONTREAL'S TELEPHONE FIGHT. MONTREAL, June 9.—(Special.)—The Dominion Railway Commission, which opens its sitting here on Tuesday next, will deal with the live question of telephone rates in Montreal. The city seeks an order requiring the Bell Telephone Company to abolish its present charges of \$35 per annum for business telephones, and \$25 per annum for residence telephones, and to substitute therefor the following tariff, viz.: \$50 per annum for business telephones, and \$27 per annum for residence telephones.

FULL PEACH CROP WITH BERRIES DEARER

Fruit Growers Are Satisfied That Prices for Good Small Fruits Will Be Slightly in Advance of Last Year—Peach Growing is a Profitable Business.

Farmers are agreed that Ontario's fruit crop this year will, with few exceptions, be at least up to the average in size and quality; also, that there will be few changes in last year's price list.

Reports to this effect, already published in The World from the fruit growers around Clarkson's, Hamilton and St. Catharines, were confirmed by the statements of farmers in the Niagara Peninsula district on Saturday and Sunday. Such well-known names as W. Armstrong and Charles Lowry of Queenston, G. Foster of Stamford and others all predicted a least an average crop.

Peaches, from present indications, will be a little more plentiful as in some parts—Mr. Armstrong's farm, for instance—a full crop is looked for. On the other hand, berries of all kinds—strawberries, raspberries and blackberries—will be scarcer, and dearer. As proof of this, the Niagara Fruit Canning Co. of Stamford is offering \$1.50 for a 24-box crate of strawberries, as compared with \$1.15 last year. For raspberries they are offering \$2.25, as against \$1.92 last season. And, what is more, there's an active demand from the canners for berries, which will result, according to Mr. Foster of Stamford, in raising the price at St. Lawrence Market from one to two cents a box over last year.

Large Peach Acreage. The peach acreage is larger than ever. Niagara Peninsula is pre-eminently the peach orchard of Canada, soil and climate being specially adapted to the production of rich, flavored peaches in large quantity. It is the staple crop of the district. "Nothing pays better," said Mr. W.

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REV. C. M'COMBE FOR QUEEN ST. METHODIST

Brilliant Young Evangelist Who Graduated From Victoria College Two Years Ago is Favored by Trustees—Will Probably Be Appointed Successor to Rev. C. O. Johnston

If his health permits it, the Rev. C. Jeff McCombe can be the successor of Rev. C. O. Johnston, who will be transferred to Hamilton Conference, unless something unforeseen happens at the annual assembly of the Toronto Methodist Conference, which commences its sessions to-day.

Mr. McCombe and his brother, J. H. McCombe, have been very successful in the evangelistic field, and it was while they were conducting special services at Queen-st. church, some eighteen months ago, that the question of Mr. McCombe becoming the succeeding pastor was first mooted, but was not treated very seriously by him.

His exceptional personality and ability as a preacher have attracted crowded churches wherever he has preached through the province, and while he was at Ottawa last year, Earl Grey personally attended the service, afterwards inviting him to Rideau Hall. The late governor-general, when in conversation with this clever young Irishman, suggested the idea of publishing a book of sermons, to which he wrote a letter of introduction over his own autograph, but Mr. McCombe's plans have unfortunately been checked.

Owing to the constant strain of delivering on an average of twelve weeks for months at a stretch, Mr. McCombe's health broke down at Barrie last fall. His doctors ordered him to cancel his program and take a complete rest.

Trustees Want Him. It is learned on good authority that the trustees of Queen-st. Church are desirous of securing Mr. McCombe, and it is quite possible that the question will be brought up to-day at the conference.

Mr. McCombe's career at Victoria College, from which he graduated two years ago, was a marked one. His average for the whole course was in the neighborhood of 80.

TYRIN' HARD TO PULL JOHN OVER. JEFF: Is that ye John? JOHN: Yes, Sir. JEFF: Maister Flemmin' proud o' th' way ye're fightin' th' Association o' North Toronto. He hasn't got th' moon sewn up yet. He's makin' a two track an' a two fare franchise on Yonge-st. He says ye're a freen o' us. An' he has a lot o' mair o' things to get in th' matter o' cheap electric light for the poor residents o' that town. JOHN: I'm altho Billy Maclean's firm nothin' I am for Robert John. It gives me the eternal shivers to think of the city 'touchin' our mair' an' makin' it worth \$500 an acre, an' makin' 'em a land butcher. JOHN: Ye're too high, John. In yer figures, we made it up in a Globe editorial on Saturday. We got th' thousand acres was a north more's a million dollars—twice at the most. It's an awful big job ye've an' me that he has that lan' but we can make it appear that he lifted it when was yin was lookin'.

JOHN: But he's got it. As for the perpetual North Toronto, what right have they to move out in the suburbs an' buyin' lots. Let them live in the city as yer rest. A wate finish 'il get 'em out there then they'll see how 'em 'em 'em the grin. 'We're givin' th' grin to th' 'Earlickers come back! JEFF: But come back John, to th' work in 'em. Maister Flemmin' has Altho Maguire busy up in North Toronto wi' th' simple bodies what call themselves councilmen. He's made a freen of Councilor Baker, an' 'Baker says he's got Councilor Howe an' they're an' been doon th' th' Albany Club th' meet. Maister Flemmin's deputy, an' they're been makin' big gains on th' company an' they're an' freen th' moon. See if ye'll keep on after th' land butchers an' see how a word about th' perpetual franchise on Yonge Street will see a good day. Pit out yer chest an' wallop Th' War! as a public enemy. Bring in Cavithra Mulock, an' see th' Mulock's, that haum scarns Robins, an' Dickson an' th' butchers o' lan'. St. Henry Pellatt's a butcher, too. Ye're yin o' our freens, John. JOHN: Yes, but I want to be for public rights. That's my big bolt. JEFF: Yes, but Maister Flemmin' says ye're a freen o' his aft' that he's a freen o' most o' yer staff. JOHN: But I can't desert public rights an' let Joe 'il Miget browie in Th' Tely's vine yard. JEFF: But ye'll beat Th' War! That'll mak' ye pit out yer chest! JOHN: It's hard to go agens public rights, Th' Tely's big bolt. JEFF: But ye're sure a freen, John, an' it's th' freens that Maister Flemmin's countin' on. He has five o' th' council o' North Toronto, Beyin o' th' freens, John. JOHN: I can't see how I can. JEFF: Then can ye no gang on a pilgrimage to the Holy Lan' to see yer freen Hiram Abiff? Or gang th' eye th' Pyramids o' Egypt. If ye'll gang awa' I'll sin Th' Tely an' man-gin th' ye come back an' th' votes o'er. Gang till see Hiram, John, an' swim till th' waters o' Jordan. JOHN: But how can I go back on public rights? Even if I have to swallow Donlands I must stand by public rights. JEFF: Be a freen, John, an' pit out yer chest for th' two tracks an' th' two fares. JOHN: No, Senator, I'm goin' to switch on your time!

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WOMAN THROWN FROM MACHINE FATALITY WHILE AT WORK

Mrs. May Davis Found on the Roadway in Serious Condition at 2 o'Clock Sunday Morning.

Lying in a semi-conscious condition in the roadway at the corner of Peter and Richmond-streets, Mrs. May Davis, 13 Nelson-street, was found by P. C. Rennie about 2 o'clock yesterday morning. The constable had her taken to St. Michael's Hospital.

FATALITY WHILE AT WORK

John Hart, G.T.R. Switchman, Fell Under Car Wheels and Died Later of Injuries.

John Hart, a G.T.R. switchman, who was jolted off a box car while working in the Bathurst-street yards about 1 o'clock Sunday morning, died at St. Michael's Hospital at 8:40 last night. Hart was thirty years old and resided with his parents at 7 Rebecca-street. He had been employed on the G.T.R. for some time and was considered a very careful man.

Falling from an upstairs window, Barbara Kubilus, an little Russian tot aged three years, was instantly killed at her home, 16 Alsip-street, at nine o'clock last night. A neighbor heard the child scream but when she arrived life was extinct. The father of the girl is a nightwatchman. The child was in bed when her mother left her and went downstairs. It is supposed that she either walked out of the window in her sleep or got up to look out on the street and fell out.