

JURY SAYS IT WAS AN ACCIDENT

Motorman McFadden Exonerated in Matter of Death of Joseph Allaster.

EVIDENCE SUBMITTED

Stated That Car Was Going at Ten Miles an Hour—Victim Went Under the Fender When Struck.

"That Joseph Allaster came to his death by being struck and run over by an eastbound car on the Hamilton road on Monday afternoon, March 14, and we are unanimously of the opinion that Motorman McFadden did everything in his power to prevent the fatality, and we acquit him of any blame in the matter."

The above verdict was brought in by the jury, which last night, under Coroner MacLaren, investigated the death of Joseph Allaster, who met his death on the Hamilton road last Monday afternoon by being struck by a street car. Mr. George C. Gibbons, K.C., represented the family, and Mr. C. H. Key, the London Street Railway Company.

The Evidence.
William J. McFadden, motorman on car No. 50, said the accident happened at 2:55 o'clock. He first noticed Allaster when the car was about 75 feet west of the crossing. He sounded the gong continually, and when the car was about 5 yards from the crossing, Allaster was about two or three paces from the track. Witness thought then that Allaster did not know the car was coming, and reversed the motor and dropped the fender. The car went about two car lengths over the crossing. Allaster's foot seemed to go under the fender, and he fell back. As his head struck the fender he was thrown forward, and went under it. The car would be going about 10 miles an hour.

The Cross-Examination.
Cross-examined by Mr. Gibbons, witness said the car is one of the oldest in use on the railway. There was a car waiting to cross his at Mainland street. Witness said he was not hurrying more than ordinary to make the crossing. He did not apply the brakes at all. The car would not slacken much by merely slowing off the power as witness did. When the fender dropped, the car would be within two yards of Allaster. Witness swore he did not drop the fender on him. Witness said the only way he could account for the fender raising was the fact that there is a stone crossing at the place about three inches above the roadway. The fender is not firm, and would easily lift up. Witness did not consider it surprising that the car went two lengths before it stopped, considering the speed it was going. Witness could not say whether or not he used the sand in the same box, and did not know whether it was in shape for use or not. He stated that Allaster did not look towards the car at all.

Conductor's Story.
Conductor Wesley H. Rea said he saw Allaster walking towards the tracks. He was then about twelve feet in front of it. The gong was ringing at the time. The car would be going about 9 or 10 miles an hour.

Peter Sternburg, 305 Hamilton road, a passenger on the car, said the car was going 10 or 12 miles an hour. The gong was ringing.

The Post-Mortem.
Drs. F. P. Drake and H. B. Black, who conducted the post-mortem, gave

evidence of the terrible injuries sustained by Allaster. They agreed that death would result instantaneously from shock.

Dr. L. S. Holmes, who had been attending Allaster for some time, stated that he was absolutely deaf. On the afternoon in question he had just left Dr. Holmes' office, and had told the physician that he never felt better.

CORRESPONDENCE

Farmers and the London Market.
To the Editor of The Advertiser:
I was interested in reading an article in The Advertiser of Thursday, March 3, from the pen of Mr. W. G. Trethewey, of Toronto. The burden of the correspondence was high prices, caused by bad roads preventing farmers from getting in to market to supply the demand direct to the consumer. Now, this may be correct as far as Toronto goes, for I am aware they have not much gravel there, and they have fearful roads at times; but this does not apply to the case at London.

There was a time when London was our only market; and even if the roads were bad—as they were then—we had to go there, and a full market was enjoyed, and cheap stuff could be bought. Now, when we look up the report, almost every day for years, the report is a small market for everything but truck, and truck is overdone, while there may be, say, two loads of wheat and three of oats. Do bad roads or the bad weather prevent the farmers from coming in? I say no such a thing. Farmers, as such, do not care a "continental" whether London is there or not. I quote from the article: "The tendency for all things is to move along the line of least resistance." Now railroad stations and grain stores are almost at our doors all over the country. We can take two loads a day to those stations, where one to London would be a big day's drive. It makes no difference what hours we go to the station up to 9 o'clock at night, our grain is never locked out. We get good weight, and no grumbling, no matter what hour we take it. If we are not there about 12 o'clock the market is over, the buyers are gone to dinner or to some hotel. If one of the professionals should be there he comes, sticks his hand in a bag and takes a sniff and says they are a little off, then all non-professionals turn and leave and none of them offers a bid. Then the first gentleman goes the load at half price, and then, perhaps, we have to drive to London East or South and get unloaded as best we can, then hunt your man up to get your money, deliver me from driving grain to London.

Our apples are packed by our association's own packers. The cream wagons call twice a week, and we make more of it at the butter factory than London buyers will give. Eggs sometimes are gathered from house to house. Our hay and straw is packed here at the barn and delivered at the station. The local loaders buy up all our cattle or shippers by the carload. Our surplus horses are all picked up on the farm. We can live like fighting cocks on the farm and never see London.

There is one thing London can beat us in—they have a good strong lockup. Well, they are welcome to it. Perhaps they need it worse than we do. Our constables and justices of the peace here have nothing to do. Yours truly,
A. C. ATTWOOD,
One of the J. P.'s.

A bottle of milk containing a two-inch minnow was recently delivered by a Pittsfield (Mass.) milkman to one of his customers.
A subway for Vienna is projected, according to the Zeitschrift des Oesterreichischen Ingenieur Vereines. This new system, which, if built, will be the first subway in the city, is designed to run in two lines, crossing each other at right angles in the centre of the city.

GREAT WOE FOR LORD BALFOUR'S COUSIN

Sheriff at Flint Seizes His Silk Hose and Things.

Flint, Mich., March 17.—Sheriff Parkhurst's office shortly before noon today resembled a cabin on an ocean liner. Fancy goods, such as silk hosiery, lace, neckties, patent leather shoes, bric-a-brac and fine lace goods made up the assortment.

Several months ago Harry D. Balfour, 23, dropped into Flint and represented himself to be a cousin of Lord Balfour, of England. He was at the head of the Fleetwood engineering works, he told them, and he succeeded in inducing a number of shrewd businessmen to invest. The proposition was all right, and he learned. The company makes patterns for auto parts. About a month ago, Balfour resigned his position with the company and went to Detroit.

During his sojourn in Flint, Balfour was much petted. When he departed several merchants complained that he had left his bills unpaid. Early this morning Balfour and his valet came to the city and went to the apartments on East Court street, where Balfour had rooms, and began packing trunks, etc. Sheriff Parkhurst received application from Buckingham & Co., clothiers, and R. L. Sellers, druggist, to attach the belongings of Balfour. The goods were brought to the jail. Since then a number of other bills have been pouring in, but Buckingham's bill calls for \$2, the articles named being silk hose, and that of Sellers' amounts to \$18 for perfume.

After the goods were taken to the jail, Balfour sought to satisfy Buckingham and Sellers by giving them checks on a Detroit bank. He also settled a bill with Mrs. Van Worman, owner of the "Tea Cup Inn," in the same manner. Buckingham has a local banker telephone to Detroit, where it was discovered that his deposit was not enough to meet the checks. He then told his creditors that he would send the money to the bank Monday night.

Just before Balfour severed his connection with the engineering company he stated in disgust that he was done with Flint society, because they had neglected to invite him to a social function.

SURVIVED THE LOSS OF THE BIRKENHEAD

Old Sailor's Vivid Story of How the Troopship Went Down.

London, March 17.—Fifty-eight years ago on Saturday the troopship Birkenhead foundered in St. Simon's Bay, and 454 British soldiers and sailors went to their death with unflinching courage and magnificent discipline. Of the few living survivors one is William Tuck, an octogenarian pensioner, of the Royal Marine Light Infantry, who is still fairly hale and hearty, and lives at Brockhurst, near Portsmouth. He is now 84 years of age. He is not quite clear as to the date of his birth. Tuck, yarning about the disaster, tells that at the time when the vessel, a fine iron paddle-wheel steamer, struck on a hidden rock, two miles from the shore, at 2 o'clock in the morning, he was doing deck duty. As a member of the crew he well remembers how as he stood on the starboard paddle-box he saw the troops drawn up on the poop, awaiting orders as though on parade, while the ship slowly sank; no one stirred. Not until all the women and children had left—and there were 56 in all—did any of the troops move from their place, and then only when the order was given for each man to do the best he could for himself.

"I was still standing on the paddle-box," says Tuck, "at the time the ship's foremast went over the side with a crash into the waters. When the ship went down, and the sea came in aboard, I jumped overboard. For a time I swam about, and then, seeing the foremast just out of water, I held on to it for a time and rested. Then I saw a plank, swam to it, fetched another plank alongside it, and made a raft. By this time a sailor had joined me, and together we made for the shore two miles away, using pieces of timbering as paddles and swimming a good deal as well. We had a lot of trouble to reach land because of great weeds which clung round our raft. We had to cut them away. It took us about fifteen hours to reach land, working against currents. Once ashore we made for the woods."

"Meeting some KYPSE people, they gave us firing, by which we dried ourselves. On the following day a wagon picked us up, and took us, with other survivors, to an inland farm, where they looked after us splendidly. Tuck left the service on a pension in 1867."

MOTTER—BEEKE

Pretty Wedding at the Home of Mr. and Mrs. Beeke, in Hensall.

The residence of Mrs. J. R. Beeke, of Hensall, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Wednesday afternoon, March 16, when her daughter, Mildred G., became the bride of Ervin J. Motter, of Melville, Sask. Promptly at 1 o'clock the bride, who was given away by Mr. E. Rennie, took her place under a handsome floral arch. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. E. Milyard. The bride was attired in a becoming gown of cream satin, and carried a shower bouquet of bridal roses. After congratulations the company sat down to a sumptuous repast.

The groom's gift to the bride was a handsome fur-lined coat; to Miss Pearl, sister of the bride, who played the wedding march, an opal ring; to Oia Cook, the pretty little ring-bearer, a gold-beaded bracelet.

The bride's going-away gown was of dove-gray chiffon cloth with black hat. The happy couple left on the evening train to visit among friends until the latter part of the month, when they will leave for their future home in Melville, where Mr. Motter is a hardware merchant.

UPROAR IN REICHSTAG

Berlin, March 18.—For the first time in the history of the Reichstag a challenge to fight a duel has been issued from the tribune of the House. The challenger was Herr Von Oldenburg, a prominent Conservative, former cavalry officer, who made himself notorious last January by advocating in the Reichstag, the Kaiser's right to send

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DOWNTOWN

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This provoked an outburst of derisive laughter from the members of the left, which did not improve Oldenburg's temper. Herr Bebel, the Socialist leader, added to his annoyance by stating with mock gravity that the challenges would not be accepted.

The Reichstag then adjourned until April 12, amid much excitement.

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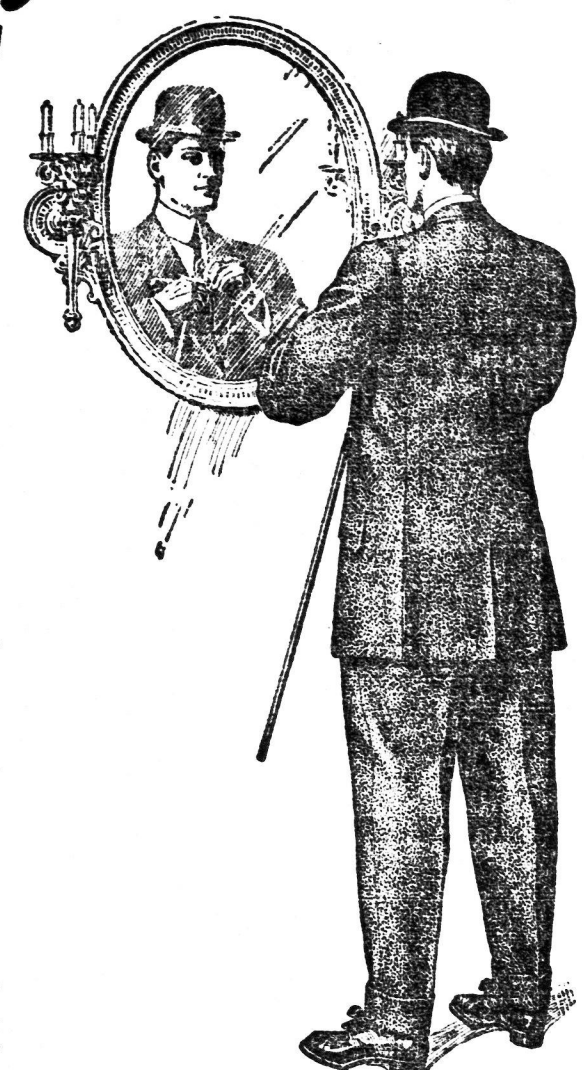
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