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FATAL INJURIES TO MERRYMAKERS

Coney Island Scenic Railway Is Scene of Accident—Cars Jump Track and Drop to Ground

FOUR FATALLY HURT, OTHERS SERIOUSLY

Mechanism Goes Wrong When Cars Descend From Highest Point—Fall of Sixty Feet For Occupants

New York, June 22.—At least four persons were fatally injured and a dozen others seriously hurt early today when two crowded cars of a "scenic railway" on the Bowery at Coney Island jumped the track and dropped 60 feet to the ground.

Two cars of the big "switch-back" had been filled and hauled up the incline and the party, laughing and shouting, plunged down the first incline. Up the next incline the cars shot to the high level of the scenic road and began the dive down at a mile-a-minute pace.

Something went wrong with the mechanism and as the cars were dashing around the turn the rear car jumped the track, dragging the forward car with it. Ten of the occupants were hurled from the cars and went crashing down among the scenery, falling to the ground, where they lay unconscious. Six went down with the first car and were pinned fast beneath the wreckage. These last were the ones most seriously injured.

Five of them, Misses Minnie Cobalt, Tessie Ericson and Rose Wilson, all young girls, Richard Radderm[illegible] and Manuel DeColo, are residents of Brooklyn. The sixth is Harry Fletcher, 30 years old, of Los Angeles. Fletcher's injuries were reported to be an injury to the brain and the breaking of four ribs.

British Emigration to Canada

LONDON, June 22—The number of British subjects who sailed for Canada during May was 18,936, of whom 13,427 were English and 4,761 Scottish.

Postal Savings Bank Bill.

WASHINGTON, June 22.—By a vote of 44 to 52 the U. S. Senate concurred in the house postal savings bank bill, thus sending it to President Taft without a conference.

White Slavers Sentenced

NEW YORK, June 22.—Frank Grill, a "white slaver," convicted of holding two young girls captive, was sentenced to imprisonment in Sing Sing today. Frank Salvatore was sentenced to four years for a similar offense.

Claim Against Curtiss

MINNEAPOLIS, June 22.—Glenn H. Curtiss, who appears in the twin cities aviation meet tomorrow, was served with a warrant of attachment levying for $5,808 against Curtiss' share of the receipts. H. B. Thorne, a Chicago promotor, who got out the attachment, asserts that Curtiss is trying to conceal his earnings from his creditors. Curtiss is to get thirty per cent of the gross receipts of the meet here June 22-25.

Loses Her Canvas.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 22.—The French bark Marechal de Villars arrived this morning, 180 days from Glasgow, with a cargo of pig iron and coke for Meyer, Wilson & Co. She is under charter to load wheat, barley or merchandise at this port for Europe for account of Balfour, Guthrie & Co. The Villars had a hard time rounding the Horn and lost a suit of sails in the passing. She reports harpooning a swordfish weighing over 400 pounds.

STRANDED LINER IN MUCH DANGER

Prinz Oskar Which Went Ashore at Entrance to the Straits of Belleisle, Likely to Be Total Loss

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., June 22.—The Hamburg line steamer Prinz Oscar, Montreal for Rotterdam, which was reported ashore yesterday at the western entrance to the straits of Belle isle, is in a dangerous position, and it is thought she will become a total wreck, according to a message received tonight by the office.

The Prinz Oskar's passengers were taken off yesterday by the Allan liner Sicilian, which proceeded later on her way to England. A revenue cutter was despatched this morning to the Prinz Oskar's assistance.

Former M.P. Dead

ST. JOHN, N.B., June 22.—Dr. J. T. Lewis, ex-M.P., is dead, aged 80.

Lady Laurier to Summer at Banff

OTTAWA, June 22—Lady Laurier will spend the summer at Banff, returning east with Sir Wilfrid Laurier in September. Before going west Lady Laurier will spend a few days at Arthabaskaville, her old home.

B. C. E. R. Granted Privileges

LONDON, June 22—The chancery division of the high court has granted the application of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company for permission to extend its system in the direction of acquiring gas works, mining and lumbering camps.

Manitoba Elections Interfere

OTTAWA, June 22—In view of the fact that the Manitoba elections will be held on Monday, July 11, the meeting in Winnipeg to be addressed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier on that day has been postponed till the following day. This will not, however, change the Premier's itinerary.

Young Girl Murdered

CUMBERLAND, Md., June 22—The body of Alice Brown, aged 18, was found with her throat cut in a clump of bushes here this morning. Buck Nolan, 18 years old, with bloodstained hands and clothes, and the imprint of teeth on his arm, is charged with the murder, and Earl Mudge and Lorin Barringer, both young men, are held as witnesses.

United States Claim

THE HAGUE, June 22.—In the Newfoundland fisheries arbitration, ex-Senator George H. Turner resumed his speech today on behalf of the United States. Referring to the treaty between Great Britain and the United States he claimed for his government that it conferred an unlimited right to take fish on all coasts, bays and harbors of the British dominions in North America, and furthermore, the right to take fish without limitation of any kind, character or description whatever.

GENERAL FRENCH PRAISES TROOPS

Work of Artillery and Cavalry at Petewawa Camp Commends Itself to Distinguished Inspecting Officer

MILITARY CAMP, PETEWAWA, Ont., June 20.—The 2nd and 8th artillery brigades came in for a great deal of praise from General French today.

As a rule the general has very little to say while he is inspecting, but takes a lot of notes. However, the splendid performance of the five batteries of these brigades broke his usual silence, and at a meeting of the officers after the inspection he said that while he did not wish them to think that their corps could not learn any more, yet he was delighted with the work of the day. The driving was splendid, but could have been better. He was much pleased with the gunners and drivers for the efficiency shown in gunnery. A number of times he referred to the excellent horses.

In the afternoon the general inspected the cavalry. Owing to the long inspection of the artillery, which lasted until long after noon, the cavalry was confined to squadron and regimental drill. The work was done exceptionally well.

MUCH CASH COMES WITH IMMIGRANTS

Arrivals From United States During Past Six Months Well Provided With Specie—Many Still Come

WINNIPEG, June 20.—While the number of immigrants to the west have numbered many thousands this year, inquiries have elicited the fact that the introduction of specie to this country has eclipsed any previous six months in the history of the Dominion.

Hundreds of farmers from the western states have taken up their homes to the west of Winnipeg, and it is computed that they have brought with them about ten million dollars. This healthy state of affairs shows no diminution, and on Thursday morning another couple of hundred homeseekers and investors will pass through Winnipeg to explore the golden area towards the Pacific.

Northampton Wins

LONDON, June 22.—In the cricket match today between Northamptonshire and Yorkshire the former won by five wickets.

National Transcontinental

QUEBEC, June 22.—In an interview here this morning Hon. S. N. Parent, chairman of the National Transcontinental Railway Commission, who is here on an inspection tour, announced that by the end of 1913 the Transcontinental will be completed from Winnipeg to Moncton, and that while waiting for the completion of the Quebec bridge a car ferry will be employed "I have the greatest confidence in the future of Quebec," said Mr. Parent, and referring to the construction of terminals and the erection of a union station, he said that plans would be drawn up as soon as the contract with the city relative to the purchase of the Champlain market site is signed.

GREECE MEETS MORE TROUBLE

Roumania Demands Satisfaction for Indignity Recently Offered to Mail Steamer Carrying Her Flag

MOB INCIDENT AT THE PIRAEUS

In Case Satisfaction Is Refused Roumania Threatens Steps Necessary to Uphold National Dignity

BUCHAREST, Roumania, June 22.—The Roumanian foreign office has made premptory demand upon the Grecian government for satisfaction for the injuries suffered when a mob at the Piraeus recently attacked a Roumanian mail steamer.

Greece is given eight days in which to comply with the demand, after which "Roumania will take the steps necessary to uphold the national dignity."

The satisfaction is to include official apologies, material compensation for damage done and the dismissal of the prefect of the port of Piraeus.

Australian Honored

LONDON, June 22.—Bertram McKennal, an Australian, will design a coronation medal for the new coinage, and will be the first overseas Briton to do so.

Carrying Much Coal

SAN FRANCISCO, June 22.—It was learned today that the British steamer Manhattan will make two trips on the coast with coal and the Norwegian steamer Jethou one trip. As the Manhattan carries 11,500 tons and the Jethou 6,000 tons, this will mean practically 30,000 tons of British Columbia coal to be sent to this port during the next few weeks, in addition to the regular cargoes of the collier Thor.

RAILROAD BILL MUCH DEBATED

Stock Speculators Encouraged By Feeling of Finality—Agitation for Increase of Rates Likely to Follow

NEW YORK, June 20—The speculators in stock chose for the central object of consideration today the signing by President Taft of the railroad bill and the consequent completion of contemplated legislation on that subject for the present.

The favorable effect on the tone of the market from the disposition of the railroad legislation may be due simply to a feeling of relief that it is out of the way. Some of its clauses are avowedly distasteful to the railways and shippers. The more immediate influence of the bill in the stock market comes from the fact that its passage will be made the signal for renewed notices of the intended increase in freight rates. In the financial district the conviction is general that increases will be granted which will conserve the prosperous condition of the railways, whether the increases are equal to those asked or not.

This conviction underlies the apprehension that tactics of professed discontent and alarm will be used by the railroads in the conduct of their campaign for the increase, tactics which may operate to discredit railroad securities as well as to recommend compliance with demands for increased rates. Stocks of companies whose executives are most openly dissatisfied with the situation did not diverge noticeably from the upward course of prices today. The active efforts of banks towards reconciling great shippers to the desired rate increases and the necessary consultation with the government authorities enjoined by the railroad bill carries a broad suggestion that future railroad rates are likely to be a subject of agreement which the anti-trust law will hardly be invoked to prevent.

Alberta Bye-Elections

LETHBRIDGE, Alb., June 22.—A. J. McLean, Provincial Secretary, was re-elected by acclamation today. Mr. McLean was appointed minister in the new Alberta Government. In Medicine Hat, C. R. Mitchell, the new Minister of Education, is opposed by C. R. Huckvale, Conservative.

Vickers Will Tender

OTTAWA, June 22—Albert Vickers, head of the eminent English shipbuilding firm of Vickers Sons & Maxim, was in consultation yesterday with the minister of marine upon matters connected with the firm's project of a drydock and shipyard at Montreal. Vickers Sons & Maxim will tender for the construction of cruisers for the new Canadian navy.

NEW PRINCE OF WALES

LONDON, June 22—The King today created the Duke of Cornwall Prince of Wales and Earl of Chester. Tomorrow will be the Duke's sixteenth birthday.

Closing Unauthorized Schools

MADRID, June 22 — The government today closed seven schools conducted by the order of Christian Brothers. The action was taken in fulfilment of the imperial decree of May 31st, which directed that unauthorized religious orders seek immediate authorization under the law of 1887 under pain of dissolution and the closing of their establishments in the event of non-compliance.

Many Cattle Will Perish

EL PASO, Tex., June 22—After destroying everything in its pathway for ninety miles or more, causing a loss of millions to mining and cattlemen and costing six lives, the great fire, which swept the Ajo Mountains in Northern Sonora, Mex., is dying out. The cattlemen are in despair, for, deprived of the great ranges, thousands of cattle will perish before the rains begin.

Canadians Wed in London

LONDON, June 22—A fashionable Canadian wedding took place today at All Saints', St. Margaret street, between Miss Eva Constance, daughter of the late Julius Miles, of Toronto, and David K. Edgar, R.E., son of the late Sir James Edgar, of Toronto, former speaker of the Canadian Commons. Mrs. Harry Peterson gave a reception at the Savoy Hotel, which was largely attended by Canadians. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar sail in October for Quetta, India, where Mr. Edgar is stationed.

BODY OF VICTIM PACKED IN TRUNK

Jesse Webb Confesses to Murder of W. A. Johnson at Portland—His Statement Exonerates Wom[illegible]

PORTLAND, June 21.—Jesse Webb tonight confessed to the killing of W. A. Johnson, whose body was found in a trunk at Union Station last night. Webb says he killed Johnson in self-defence after a brawl in Johnson's room at a hotel.

Mrs. D. W. Kersch, who was arrested with Webb, is exonerated from complicity in the crime by the confession of the slayer, who charges, however, that she conspired with him in placing the body in the trunk and sending it to the station. Mrs. Kersch was supposed to be the wife of Johnson, but she admitted tonight that she was the wife of Bert Kersch, a city employee of Seattle, and that she ran away with Webb a year ago.

In his statement Webb declared that he lived with Mrs. Kersch in Spokane, and followed her to Portland on the same train on which she left with Johnson. He says he accompanied the pair, concealing from Johnson the fact of his acquaintance with the woman, and that he occupied rooms at the same hotel with them. Webb declares that he killed Johnson with a blackjack when the two were alone in Johnson's room yesterday afternoon as the result of an altercation begun by Johnson, who, according to Webb, had been drinking.

FINDS PREVENTIVE OF TYPHOID FEVER

French Physician Announces Discovery of Vaccine—Medical Men Attack Much Importance to Event

PARIS, June 22.—Dr. Vincent has informed the French academy that he has discovered an anti-typhoid vaccine and has given proof of its results.

NEW YORK, June 22.—The announcement from Paris of the discovery of a new anti-typhoid vaccine is likely to prove of considerable interest to medical men in the United States.

According to an announcement by Commissioner Eugene H. Potter, of the New York state department of health there are more cases of typhoid in the United States than in any other country. Thirteen hundred deaths from typhoid were reported in this state in 1909.

Mr. Bryan Entertained.

LONDON, June 22.—John Redmond and other Nationalists gave a dinner tonight in honor of Wm. J. Bryan at the house of commons.

Actress' Debts

NEW YORK, June 22.—Adele Richie, the actress, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy here today, enumerating liabilities of $15,249 and giving her only assets as $250 worth of wearing apparel. Exemption is claimed for this. Dry goods firms, jewelers and outfitters are the heaviest creditors. Some of the debts date back to 1908. One is $519.57 on a judgment for photographs. Another is $181.60 for restaurant charges covering a period of three months.

PRAIRIE CROPS ARE DOING WELL

Weekly Reports Sent in By Canadian Pacific Agents Show That Conditions Are Generally Satisfactory

WEATHER FAVORS RAPID GROWTH

Wheat Reported From Ten to Twenty Inches in Height—Little Damage So Far Done by Drought

WINNIPEG, June 22.—That the weather generally has been beneficial to the crops in the western Canadian country is the pith of the information contained in the C. P. R. weekly report issued today.

At Emerson the wheat is ten inches high and the weather is warm and favorable. No damage is reported on account of heat.

At La Riviere the weather has been very warm and rain is needed.

Broadview says that the growth is good, while Rapid City is forging ahead in fine style, the wheat being sixteen inches high in this district. At Medicine Hat and Moose Jaw the crops are reported to be in excellent condition, while at Calgary, where there has been no rain for the past week or so, no damage is reported.

Arcola writes: "Three or four hours' good rain. Weather hot, with local showers. Grain growing fast." Antler and Redvers report light hail, but no damage. Wheat in Arcola is fifteen to twenty-two inches high, while oats and barley are seven to ten inches high."

Lost Mountain says: "About six hours' good rain. Weather warm, and some light showers. Wheat ten inches to a foot high."

Nokomjsh reports wheat fifteen inches high. Conditions favorable.

Saskatoon says: "About three hours' medium rain. Weather very warm. Wheat is in spot blade in Asquith. Good growth."

Edmonton also reports satisfactorily, a similar remark applying to Lacombe, Macleod and Crow's Nest.

PRINCE RUPERT IS END OF TOUR

Members of University Site Commission Go to New Terminus—Speak of Their Visits to Interior Cities

VANCOUVER, June 20.—After a ten days' tour of the Kootenay and Okanagan portions of southwestern British Columbia, the members of the University site commission returned to the city today. They will leave tonight for Prince Rupert, their last visit on their nearly completed schedule.

"We have had a most delightful tour, and have been cordially received and entertained not only in Kootenay and Okanagan, but in every portion of this vast province we have so far visited," said one member of the commission.

The bronzed appearance of his colleagues amply supported this statement, as they were received by a party of leading local educationists on their arrival here this morning.

Having been shown evidences of the vast resources in other portions of British Columbia, the citizens of Nelson, Trail and Revelstoke and other points visited showed the commissioners the riches of the surrounding districts. They visited the smelter at Trail and also the Coldstream ranch owned by Lord Aberdeen.

Expulsion of Jews.

KIEV, June 22.—Sixty Jews were expelled today from Kiev, 12 from Solenka and eight from Demiekifka.

Cheap Niagara Fruit

ST. CATHARINES, Ont., June 22—The present heat wave promises to be a boon to the general public who will get fruit from the Niagara district. Strawberries are ripening so fast that the market will soon be glutted and the lowest prices on record will prevail.

Harshly Treated

TORONTO, June 22.—Wm. McIntosh, 37 Seaton street, sorter in the general post office, has been dismissed by the Dominion Government because he insisted on taking leave of absence to attend Niagara Camp. There is considerable indignation, and a complaint has been lodged with the police, as it is contended that his dismissal for such a reason is illegal.

Government Elevators.

WINNIPEG, June 22.—It is announced here that it is the Canadian government's intention in September to commence negotiations for securing all terminal elevators at Fort Arthur and Fort Williams and make them a government monopoly. The greater number are owned by United States grain firms and Canadian railways. The present capacity is 35,000,000 bushels.

Director of G. T. P.

MONTREAL, June 22—Hon. R. Dandurand has been appointed a director of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway.

Artisans for Canada

LONDON, June 22.—One hundred fitters and engineers emigrate to Canada this week from Liverpool. They all have situations to go to.

Injured in Fire

HAILEYBURY, Ont., June 22—Dave Clay, an Englishman about 40 years old, was probably fatally burned, and Tom Bailey and John Irish were injured by jumping as the result of a fire which destroyed the King Edward boarding house on Browning street early this morning.

Lord Strathcona Goes North

LONDON, June 22.—Lord Strathcona, who keeps in good health, despite the heavy pressure of business caused by the Hudson's Bay Co. and other affairs, left London for the north after attending the metropolitan hospitals dinner. He received yesterday an honorary degree at Durham University.

Canada Stands Aloof

LONDON, June 22.—It is stated that in consequence of Canada's refusal to participate in the conference in the ground that the different parts of the Empire vary too widely, it is probable that no steps will be taken for the present in conection with the proposed uniformity of trade marks and patents.

Charge Against Doctor

TORONTO, June 22—Dr. B. E. Hawke, who was arrested last night, appeared in the police court this morning on the charge of performing a criminal operation on Florence Watson, who is now in a serious condition in the hospital. Dr. Hawkes is well known, and has been a member of the board of education. He denies the charges. The case was fixed for June 29th, and Dr. Hawke released on a bond for $2,000.

TOURS PLANNED BY MR. BORDEN

Two Meetings Yet to Be held at Ontario Points — Maritime Provinces and Quebec to Be Visited

TORONTO, June 22.—Two meetings, one at Port Perry and one at Finchon on Saturday will bring Mr. Borden's Ontario tour to a close.

Mr. Borden plans to make an extended tour over the Maritime Provinces, and will, it is also expected, hold a series of meetings in Quebec.

An autumn tour of Ontario, particularly the newer portions, is arranged. Mr. Doherty has consented to accompany Mr. Borden.

Two New States

WASHINGTON, June 21.—President Taft yesterday afternoon signed the statehood bill admitting New Mexico and Arizona to the union.

Lord Kitchener

LONDON, June 22.—It is probable that the pending War Office changes will make provision for the appointment of Field Marshal Lord Kitchener as chief of the Imperial general staff. This post is now held by General Sir Wm. A. Nicholson.

GERMANS TO BUILD MONSTER STEAMER

New Vessel for Hamburg-American Line Will Be Largest in World—Kaiser Visits Herr Ballin

HAMBURG, June 22.—Arriving here from Potsdam today, Emperor William launched with Albert Ballin, director general of the Hamburg-American steamship line and the Marine construction company, who explained to the emperor the plans of the new steamer which the company has decided to build immediately. This will be the largest steamer in the world, having a length between perpendiculars of 876 feet and a breadth of 85½ feet. From keel to upper deck the vessel will measure 67 feet. She will have a speed of 22 knots and will be twice the tonnage of the Kaiserin Auguste Victoria. The emperor presented to Herr Ballin a bronze bust of himself.

MR. MANN RETURNING

Will Remain in City Until Construction is Well Under Way.

It is expected that Mr. D. D. Mann, Vice-President of the Canadian Northern, will again return to Victoria within a week or ten days, his intention being to remain until construction is actually under way both on the Island and on the Mainland. Mr. Garrett Hughes, the engineer-in-chief for the Canadian Northern's Vancouver Island Division, has been in the city for several days past working over reports and information as to suggested alternative routes for the line to connect Victoria with Barkley Sound. Yesterday still another reconnaissance party was sent out, which is also expected to report in advance of Mr. Mann's return to the Capital.

PREFERENCE FOR COLONIAL WHEAT

Explanation of Unionist Policy Set Forth by Mr. Bonar Law Now in Circulation Among Unionists

LOSS OF REVENUE COUNTERBALANCED

Advantage of Free Wheat Supply From Empire Fields—Prospective Increase in Sale of British Goods

LONDON, June 21—An important pronouncement on the Unionist policy, signed by Bonar Law, is in circulation among the Unionists.

It seeks to explain Mr. Balfour's recent declaration in favor of the free entry of colonial wheat under tariff reform.

Mr. Law says the proposed two shillings' duty would not be enough to increase British wheat production, and the advantage of colonial free wheat would much more than counterbalance the loss of revenue.

In a very short time the increase of the supply within the empire would be so great as to cause the price to be regulated entirely by the free supply and be quite independent of the duty on foreign wheat.

"Moreover," he continues, "the increased prosperity of Canada and of the other Dominions means their larger purchase of British goods, but wheat is the only foodstuff to be imported free of duty from the colonies.

"The exemption applies only to wheat. It is made precisely on the same principle as that on which the colonies now give us a preference. They have a free list for us, with duties on foreign products. Where they give us the advantage of a free list, it applies to articles of which, in their opinion, it is not advantageous to attempt to encourage production at home."

LISTED FOR TRIAL

Involved Assault Case and "Feloniously Wounding" Added to List.

The Attorney-General's Department has been advised of the listing of two new cases for trial at the next court of competent jurisdiction in Vancouver City. The first is an assault matter, in which George Simons is the complaining witness and Morris, E. and J. Goldberg are jointly committed as defendants. The complainant, it appears, had been charged with an assault upon the defendant's sister, the charge being dismissed. The defendant thereupon "laid for Simons" and administered a comprehensive beating, in which brickbats and a knife are said to have played their parts. As a side feature of the case in chief there is an allegation upon oath of an endeavor to purchase perjured evidence.

The other fresh case for the assizes comes from one of the northern railway camps, George Holmes being committed for trial for the felonious wounding of Gus Anstag. The two appear to have been drinking together, and a fight resulted. In this Holman was worsted, whereupon he nursed his vengeful feelings until his late adversary had retired to bed, and then cut his throat with a knife. Anstag narrowly escaped being gathered to his fathers.

Stock Exchange Holidays.

NEW YORK, June 22.—The governors of the stock exchange voted today to close the exchange on July 2 as July 3 will be Sunday and July 4 a holiday, the exchange will be closed from the afternoon of July 1 to Tuesday, July 5.

The people of the United States have worked themselves up into quite an excitement over the statement of Congressman MacLaghlan that Japan can take and hold the Pacific states. For ourselves we decline to believe anything of the sort.

TEMPORARY STOP TO NOTABLE TRIAL

Case of Frewen vs. G. T. Pacific Town and Development Company Adjourned for Production of Papers

VANCOUVER, June 22.—The trial of Frewen vs. the Grand Trunk Pacific Town and Development company, with which is associated in the defence, C. H. Hays, president of the G. T. P., came to an abrupt temporary stop this morning when the defence failed to produce the list of upset prices on Prince Rupert properties at the public auction last May. These, together with certain affidavits ordered to be forthcoming, must be on hand on Monday, when the trial will be resumed before Chief Justice Hunter.

Following the cross-examination of the plaintiff, Mr. Frewen, the defence applied for an adjournment till the production of the papers in question, which was granted.