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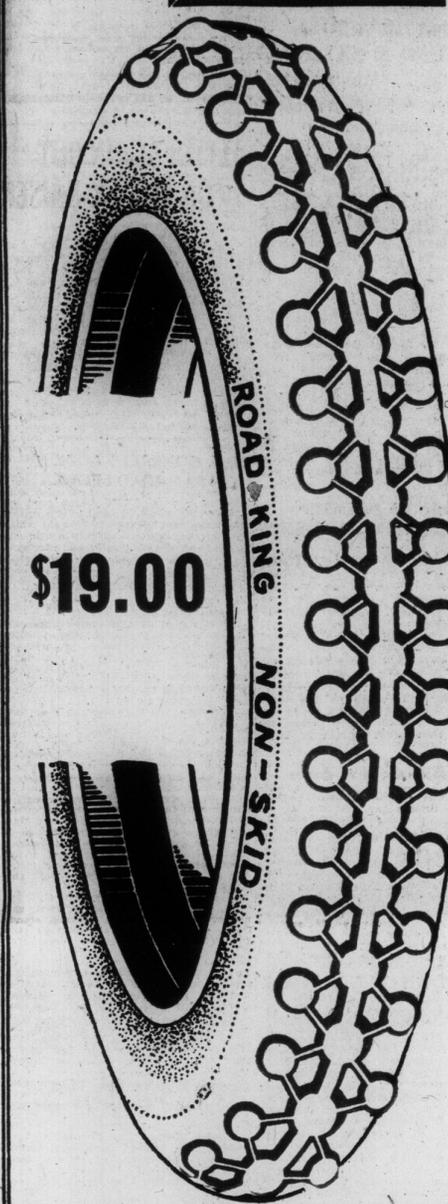
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SPECIAL CORONER ABSOLVES C. P. R.

Blame Laid on Trainmen for Wreck at North Bay.

THE HUMAN FACTOR

The finding of Special Coroner Julian D. Loudon on the recent C. P. R. wreck near North Bay, adheres to precedent. The company is absolved from any blame and the entire responsibility for the wreck is placed upon Thomas Joseph Curley, the rear trainman of section one, by reason of his failure to place torpedoes eighteen hundred yards from the rear of his train. The government investigator says he does not credit Curley's evidence to the contrary.

The text of the verdict, which was handed out for publication yesterday by Attorney-General Raney, throws some familiar but interesting sidelights on the operation of trains in mid-winter along the north shore.

This particular train, upon which Dr. J. W. Chambers and a number of others were killed, was running in two sections, and on account of the severity of the weather and the poor quality of the coal, both sections were behind schedule time. As generally happens, section No. 1 engine died upon the track while turning a sharp curve, and the government investigator finding that "the steam pressure of the engine became so low that the brakes became automatically applied," and the section came to a standstill upon the curve where the collision subsequently occurred.

No matter, by reason of the train being behind time, how much over-worked the train hands may have been, it was the duty of the rear trainman of section one, when the engine stopped, to go back along the tracks 36 telegraph poles, or a distance of 1,800 yards, and place torpedoes. Cold, snow, weariness, nothing should have prevented the performance of his duty. The evidence of Engineer

Isadore Godin and Fireman Page justified the investigator's conclusion that torpedoes were not placed according to C. P. R. regulations. If they were placed they would have exploded. Alfred Price, general manager of the C. P. R. eastern lines, testified that the possibility of a failure to explode is practically negligible.

Places No Torpedoes.

I find as a fact, therefore, that Curley placed no torpedoes, and on his own admission did not go to the rear of his train anything like the distance required by the rules of the C. P. R. I do not credit his evidence where it conflicts with the above finding.

John Elias Parker, conductor of section one, took no steps whatever to protect his train, but his carelessness did not cause the wreck.

In my opinion Alexander displayed poor judgment in not ordering his train to be moved from the hazardous situation as soon as sufficient steam was available, as he must have known that the rear of the train had cleared or almost cleared a sharp curve, and that the driver of a train approaching from the rear would be unable to see the rear end of the first section until about one and a half pole lengths' away, when it would be too late to avoid a collision.

Special Coroner Loudon finds that the rules and regulations of the C.P.R. are safe and efficient if rigidly carried out; but he recommends that "the Dominion Railway Board take into consideration the advisability of instructing the railway companies to adopt additional devices, which would minimize the dependence upon the human factor, so much in evidence in the present system."

The technical finding is that the accident was due to Curley's non-compliance with the rules for operation of trains on the C. P. R.

QUICK WORK SAVES HORSES FROM FIRE

Quick work by the employees yesterday morning saved 40 horses of the Canadian Transfer Company sheds at the Union Station sheds, from being burned to death. Fire caused by the explosion of the gasoline tank of a truck left running, the tank backfiring, occurred at half-past nine, and occasioned damage to the extent of \$1,500. Many sections of the fire department responded, and the fire, which, for a time, had a very serious aspect, was got under control. Edward Blackmore, St. Clair avenue, had his face scorched, but was otherwise uninjured. Several wagons and a motor-truck were destroyed.

Widowers Left With Children Complain of Lack of Tax

Complaints reached The World yesterday that the organizations at work in the interests of those left with children under difficult circumstances, were not using all the tact due to the bereaved. One case was reported in which a bereaved parent advertised thru one of these organizations for a room for himself and his little one, care of the little one to be included. Applicants were to report to headquarters and be sent on to the individuals needing them. One applicant resided the home of the parent. She was a stout, heavy and decidedly large party from Rumania or Bulgaria, and stated she would be delighted to care for the little one for a financial consideration, but could not be bothered with the parent.

CONUNDRUM SAVES THE DAY.

James Johnson, charged yesterday before Magistrate Denison with being intoxicated, admitted thru his counsel, Austin Ross, that he had had a few drinks, and that he had blocked traffic with his car for a few moments, but stated as soon as he found himself "coming on" he got out of the car, and was about to his home when arrested. Following an interesting dispute as to when a drunk is and is not the magistrate merely fined him \$10 and.

TOO MANY BOTTLES.

Abraham Apfelkompelbaum was yesterday fined \$800 and costs by Magistrate Denison for having in his possession 19 dozen bottles of pure Scotch and 12 dozen bottles of beer. He had been arrested on Saturday by Inspector Pogus and Plainclothesmen Donaldson, Black and Goodwin.

WILLIAM LENNIE ACQUITTED.

William Lennie, who was arrested on Sunday afternoon on the charge of the theft of a watch and chain from Alexander Wade at their rooming house on Richmond street, was yesterday acquitted by Magistrate Denison, evidence being of an uncertain nature.

BRITAIN FAR FROM BEING DECADENT

Ex-Controller McCarthy Shows Her Power at Y.M.C.C. Meeting.

In his address before the members of the Young Men's Canadian Club of Toronto at the Central Y.M.C.A. building last night, ex-Controller McCarthy enumerated the success of the British people in peace and in war, refuting the campaign which had been abroad prior to the struggle with Germany, which attempted to show Great Britain as a decadent nation.

Starting with the statement that "some size, liberty and right are nowhere better guarded than beneath the old Union Jack," the speaker quoted Lord Mansfield, who in 1872 said that the human slave became a free man when he set foot on British territory. The work of Wilberforce in the same connection was touched upon, and the action of the British government, who paid the slave owners in British gold that the slaves might be free.

British Scientists.

Mr. McCarthy gave a list, including the names of Newton, Harvey, Jenner and Lister, to show what had been done by British scientists. Coming down to the present, the speaker told of 6,000,000 men who enlisted without compulsion, of the 800,000 women who went into munition plants in 1915, and by their action saved civilization. Britain had loaned to the allies more than she borrowed from the United States. She had too, according to Harold Begbie, who went to India to see for himself, given that country an enlightened government and bestowed freedom on those who previously had been slaves.

If he could, he would not stop the unrest of today, said Mr. McCarthy, because out of it he hoped to see emerge a new and spiritualized world, which would be for men's blessing and for God's glory. The speaker concluded by telling his audience that no better epitaph could be theirs than that "he was a good and true Briton."

F. C. Watson, chairman, tendered

Joint Waterways Commission Prepares Report on St. Lawrence

According to Sir William Hearst, who has returned from New York, where the initial session of the international joint commission on waterways was held, the commission will make two reports, one dealing with development of the St. Lawrence for navigation, and the other dealing with development both for power and navigation.

It is the intention to hold open sessions in various cities of Canada and the United States, at which evidence will be taken touching all aspects of the question. The first meeting will be in Buffalo, March 1.

The old dispute, touching international rights on the St. Mary's River, which crosses and recrosses the boundaries of Alberta and Montana, will also come under the investigation of the commission.

ROSDALE HOMES SUFFER.

Charged with the theft of jewelry from various residences in Rosedale and other districts, Mary Flint was yesterday arrested by Detectives Taylor, Young and Wickert. She lives at 830 West Richmond street and works out by the day.

\$500 FOR FIREMEN.

A cheque for \$500 has been sent to the firemen's benefit fund by the William Davies Company, Limited, for the fine work done by the brigade at the recent fire on their premises.

HUSBAND WAS DROWNED.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 16.—Definite word was received on Saturday by Mrs. J. L. Currie, 139 Fentiman avenue, that her husband had been drowned in the accident at the Abitibi Pulp and Paper Company, Iroquois Falls, when a big coiler dam gave way on Thursday and swept five men to their death.

ONE EVERY MINUTE - - By Billy Scott



A KNOCKUPATION WHAT'S PROFITING

I NEVER go into a chop joint without thinkin' about them days, when Mabel, the blonde biscuit shooter, used to stack 'em with a smash down to Smilkee.

But she don't wait no more, bu'lieve me. I bumped into her today when I was larumpin' along with the five o'clock swarm. She was pigged fit to kill with a sweepin' plume on her chapeau and a near mink coat. She shore looked like she hooked up with a wad of berries. But she ain't even contemplatin' marriage, she told me, since she got took on as a cigar-counter girl at the Beex Yip. She says they treat her beautiful. She gets ten bucks per besides a bunch of tips, and an odd manicure throwed in, gets took out to feed by all the birds. And she's a regular gate-crusher—you know, beats it in to all the rinky shows 'n everything.

She's certainly on velvet and it looks good to me, but nothin' like that ripplin' towards me, I guess, cause them hotel manager guys never give a dame room to park her car.