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TWENTY-FIVE DEAD IN BIG FOUR CRASH; FAST SPECIAL COLLIDES WITH FREIGHT

**Cars Take Fire and the Im-
prisoned Passengers
Are Cremated.**

**All Occupants of Smoker
Save One Instantly
Killed.**

Indianapolis, Jan. 19.—A special from Lafayette says reports received there indicate that 25 persons were killed in the wreck near Fowler early today, twenty of whom were cremated. The dead were nearly all in the combination car. The sleepers turned over, but did not leave the track.

Chicago, Jan. 19.—A telephone message from Lafayette, Ind., early today, reports a serious wreck on the Big Four Railroad at Fowler, Ind. Passenger train No. 35, eastbound, collided with a freight train at that station, and it is reported that a number of passengers were killed.

Train No. 35 left Chicago at 11:30 o'clock last night, and was due at Fowler about 2:30 a.m. The train is known as the "Queen City Special" and carries a sleeping car and day coach to Cincinnati, and sleeper from Chicago to Indianapolis.

A later telephone message from Lafayette says. The wreckage took fire from the engine and for this reason several bodies of passengers, estimated for if they are in the burning wreckage. The crews of both engines are supposed to be under the wreckage. All the available physicians at Fowler have been summoned. Fowler is 25 miles west of Lafayette.

The private car of Vice-President C. E. Schaaf, of the Big Four, was attached to the rear of the train. It was not damaged, and the injured persons were placed on board to be taken to Kankakee, Ill.

The first car behind the baggage car was a combination coach, and it was torn to splinters. One passenger who escaped with his life, from this car, reports that there were from 12 to 15 passengers in this coach. He believes they were all killed.

Only one body has so far been recovered, that of a fireman. He was crushed to death.

Running Very Fast.
The train was running 50 miles an hour, and the force of the collision was so great that the tender of the passenger engine was driven the entire length of the combination car in which were a number of passengers, estimated from 15 to 25. All the dead and injured were taken from the wreckage of this car, none of the passengers in the sleepers having been hurt. Soon after the collision the wreck caught fire, from the engine coals, and all the coaches except the private car of Vice-President Schaaf were destroyed.

One Passenger Escapes.
Paul D. Harris, an attorney of Chicago, who was en route to Florida, was, so far as known, the only passenger to escape from the combination car. He reached Lafayette on another train, and reported that the dead and injured, as they were taken from the wreckage, were placed first in the Cincinnati sleeper. This car caught fire and the victims were hastily removed to the next car, and the Indianapolis sleeper. The fire also spread to this car, and it became necessary to again transfer the dead and injured, this time to Vice-President Schaaf's private car, in which they were taken to division headquarters at Kankakee, Ill.

One passenger was pinned under some of the wreckage and burned to death. The engineer of the passenger train was seriously injured, but will survive. The fireman of one of the engines was scalded to death. His body was recovered.

According to Mr. Harris, both trains had orders to stop at Fowler, but the passenger train ran by a block signal, which the engineer failed to see, on account of fog.

Vice-President Schaaf was not on board the train, but his wife occupied the private car. She was not injured.

KAISER ELECTIONEERING
Makes a Fervent Appeal to Militia Officers at Banquet.

Berlin, Jan. 19.—It is reported that Emperor William made an electoral speech yesterday at a dinner, at which he was entertained by 700 reservist officers. The speech is described as having been an impassioned appeal to those present to do their utmost to promote the success of the Government parties in the coming election. His majesty is represented as saying that the new Parliament would be asked to pass new naval and military legislation, and that it was vitally necessary that the House contain a patriotic majority. He urged his hearers to leave no stone unturned to achieve a magnificent victory.

It is noteworthy that the speech was not addressed to officers on the active list, who are not allowed to participate in politics, but to civilian officers of the Landwehr, who associate with the highest civilian officials.

Eating Their Children.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 19.—Reports from Shanghai tell of increasing horrors of the great famine in Central China. A correspondent of the Echo de Chine says that in two districts, Sincow and Pichow, starving people are eating their children. Plants and grass, which have furnished food for many, have disappeared, and there are not even roots to eat.

The famine-stricken people are being driven back to the cities in the famine district, the officials refusing to allow refugees to take the roads.

The correspondent says the cases of cannibalism are many. He investigated a number, and many of them absolutely are correct. In the absence of ordinary food he found human flesh actually being sold.

DUNDEE SHIP LOST IN CHANNEL; RAMMED BY LINER DURING FOG

**The SS. Naworth Castle With
Four of Crew Goes Down
Near the Goodwins.**

Dover, Jan. 19.—The Red Star liner Vaderland collided with and sank the Dundee steamer Naworth Castle, four miles east of the South Goodwin lightship during the night.

So far as is known only three members of the Naworth Castle's crew of 30 are missing.

The Vaderland's bow is damaged below the water line, and her forepeak is full of water, but the bulkhead remained tight so that there was no danger of the ship sinking.

The news of the accident reached here in a wireless message from South Goodwin. A dense fog prevailed in the channel all night long, but it cleared away when daylight came.

TRACES LINEAGE TO JOSEPHUS

**A Family Tree Covering Many
Generations Reaches the
City of Smoke.**

Pittsburg, Jan. 19.—Isaac L. Goorin, living descendant of Josephus!

Incredible as it may seem there are, in this modern, bustling city of Pittsburg, two men who can trace their ancestry in black and white back to the distant, hazy centuries of the Roman Empire, when Christianity first appeared on the earth and the mighty Julius Caesar was lord of the world. The proof of this ancestry extending through almost 2,000 years is in the shape of a family tree giving the lineage from Josephus to the present day, the name of every generation being written in Hebrew characters.

Mr. Goorin is the father of Cassell B. Goorin, of Fifth avenue, not far from the court house. He states that there is only one family in the field by the name of Goorin and that it is a genuine descendant of the great Josephus. Naturally he is proud of his lineage, for Josephus was one of the most famous and able men of the Hebrew race. He is regarded as a reliable historian and his accounts of many events of the Roman era, in which he lived, are accepted as authority, for unlike so many of the ancient historians, he is not given to fables and exaggerations.

Josephus lived in the first century of the Christian era and was present at the frightful siege and sack of Jerusalem by Titus, the Roman Emperor.

ANOTHER CANDIDATE

County Councilor D. D. Graham to Try for the Wardenship.

County Councilor-elect D. D. Graham, of Mosa, announces that he will be a candidate for the warden's chair in the county council, which opens in this city on Tuesday. Mr. Graham is the senior member of the present council, he having served for six years under the old act. He has been a member of all the prominent committees of the board of road commissioners. Mr. Graham is at present the reeve of Mosa Township, and feels very confident that he will be elected to the wardenship.

There will probably be two other candidates for the office—Councilor Thomas Turnbull, of Komoka, and Councilor James H. Hodgins, reeve of London Township, having signified their intention of running.

STRATHCONA'S GUESTS

The Root Party Guests of High Commissioner While at Montreal.

Montreal, Que., Jan. 19.—United States Secretary Elihu Root and family, who were the guests of Lord Strathcona over night, left for Ottawa this morning at 9:40 by the Canadian Pacific, to pay a visit of several days' duration to his Excellency the Governor-General, at Rideau Hall. Mr. Root was accompanied by Capt. Newton, A. D. C., who was delegated by Earl Grey to come to Montreal to meet the distinguished visitor. The party traveled to Ottawa in the Governor-General's private car, and were accompanied to the station by Lord Strathcona.

CITY IS ENTITLED TO MORE TRACKAGE

**Claim Is Made at the City Hall
That a Census Will
Show This.**

Much interest centers in the move the city is making to have an official census of the city taken.

According to bylaw 916, which covers the charter granted the London street railway by the city, the city is entitled to a mile of street railway for each 2,000 of increase in population.

When the Ridout street belt was built the city's population was fixed by the city and company at 42,000. That is, the city and company agreed that the required amount of mileage up to the population had been put down by the company.

In city hall circles it is said the city has now a population of not less than 45,000, so that the city is entitled to another mile of street railway, if these population figures are correct.

The census taken by the assessment commissioner of his own hat, and without the order of the city council, is not binding on the company, however.

It is understood that if the company is to be compelled to put down more track in London, the council will have to order a special census and that it will have to be taken in one day.

In case the census is taken this year, it will cost about \$800 or \$1,000, according to city hall estimates.

If it is found that the city is entitled to more trackage, the city is entitled to the council, because a year or more ago the people of that district asked the council to have a street railway line run west from Richmond street on Victoria.

City Engineer Graydon is of the opinion that before the city asks for any additional mileage, it should have the company double track parts of its system, and allow it as mileage in order that the service, now very bad on certain single tracks might be improved.

Mr. Graydon instances Horton street, between Richmond and Wellington, as being one section which should be double tracked at once.

SAFE JUST VANISHED

Was Stolen From Room in Which Two Persons Slept.

New York, Jan. 19.—Capt. Corcoran, of the East One Hundred and First street station, reported today a burglary which is alleged to have occurred Sunday night at the flat occupied by Samuel Elkan on the second floor of No. 47 East One Hundred and Fourth street, in which it is claimed that a safe was carried out of a bedroom by two men and taken away without alarming the family. The Elkans have burglary insurance, so that their only worry is caused by the loss of some papers which were in the safe.

The story that was told the police is that on Sunday evening the Elkan family company at their home, and that the family retired at 11 o'clock. The safe was in the daughter's room, three feet from the bed, and within reach of her hand. When they got up Monday morning at 8:30 the safe was gone. The safe was iron, two feet square, weighed about 200 pounds, and would have required two men to move it. There was no window open, the front and back doors were all tight, and nothing could be found indicating the means by which thieves entered the flat or how the safe went out.

Municipal Figures—No. 15



SCHOOL TRUSTEE WEEKS.

STORM HITS JAP FLEET

Mikados Training Squadron Damaged and Returns to Port.

Tokio, Jan. 19.—The training squadron which sailed for Honolulu, Jan. 15, is now returning to Yokohama. The squadron encountered a severe storm lasting three days. The masts of the vessels were broken, and other damage was sustained. No details have been received here.

LOCAL OPTION RETURNS

Fifty Victories Scored in the Recent Vote or the Bylaw.

Full returns received at the local temperance headquarters show that in the recent municipal elections local option scored 50 victories, and 58 defeats. In 45 of the places where local option was defeated, the people recorded a majority in favor of the bylaw, but the 60 per cent. clause in the act killed the votes of the people.

CHANCES LOOK BRIGHT

The Customs Clerks Expect Increased Salaries Will Be Granted.

Messrs. B. C. McCann and O. H. Talbot have returned from Ottawa, where, with delegates from all over the Dominion, they presented the petition of the customs clerks of Canada for an increase in salary.

Mr. McCann stated today that he was very much pleased with the reception accorded the deputation by the Minister of Customs, who stated that he had already placed a large sum in the estimates for the salaries of the customs officials, but he was quite sure this sum will be increased.

Fifty members of Parliament of both shades of politics accompanied the deputation to the minister.

In the evening the inside clerks tendered a banquet to the visitors, at which over 200 persons were present.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—COLDER.

The cold has moderated considerably in all localities except in Northern Saskatchewan and Alberta, where the temperature still remains below zero. Light snowfalls have occurred today in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. A depression now centered in the Western States is moving quickly toward the lake region.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Atlin, 25 below—19 below; Victoria, 30—38; Vancouver, 24—35; Calgary, 4 below—16; Battleford, 32 below—16 below; Qu'Appelle, 18 below—5; Winnipeg, 28 below—8; Port Arthur, 4 below—14; Parry Sound, 8 below—30; Toronto, 14—28; Ottawa, 2 below—8; Montreal, 10 below—3; Quebec, 10 below—16; St. John, 6 below—20; Halifax, 8 below—22.

FORECASTS.

Saturday, Jan. 19—8 a.m. Mild with rain, follow on Sunday by strong westerly to northwesterly winds; turning colder and mostly fair, with local snow flurries.

Detroit, Jan. 18—Lower Michigan: Occasional rain or snow on Saturday and probably on Sunday; cold to south winds Saturday. Upper Michigan: Snow on Saturday and probably on Sunday.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather. Calgary 12 14 Clear Winnipeg 10 6 Snow Parry Sound 25 28 Cloudy Rain Toronto 14 28 Cloudy Rain Ottawa 8 26 Cloudy Montreal 4 0 Snow Quebec 10 16 Cloudy Father Point 2 4 Cloudy Clear

The sign indicates below zero.

WEATHER NOTES.
An energetic disturbance now moving into the lake region, attended by mild weather and rain, promises milder, stormy conditions to our Atlantic coast. Another marked cold wave is spreading into the Western Provinces.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Friday were: Highest, 33°; lowest, 21° above.

City Must First Show It Wants Hygienic Institute

BIG VOTE POLLED AT LIBERAL CLUB

Contest for the Various Offices Brings Out Large Number of Members.

The Liberal Club elections last night brought a large number of the Young Liberals of London to Hyman Hall, where the voting took place.

Friends of the candidates for the presidency—Messrs. Arthur Shipp and Arthur Beal—are working very hard.

Tonight voting will commence at 7 o'clock. This is half an hour earlier than was at first intended. However, many members of the club are also members of the Seventh Regiment, and in order to give them an opportunity of witnessing the performance at the Grand Opera House tonight, voting will commence at 7 o'clock instead of 7:30.

WOLF HUNT NOT OFF

Drive in Ontario Wilds Will Leave Des Barats February 9.

Montreal, Jan. 19.—The wolf hunt for Ontario is not postponed, as erroneously published in Toronto papers, but will leave Des Barats on Feb. 9, as advertised.

TILL-TAPPERS CAUGHT

Police Arrest Youthful Sneak Thieves. One of Whom Has Before Offenses.

In the juvenile court this morning two youths pleaded guilty to entering the store of Mrs. Hobbins, corner of William and York streets, and rifling the till of several dollars in bills and change. The theft was committed the other evening, the boys entering the store unnoticed and getting away with the cash before making a noise that attracted the attention of the owner. The police, however, got to work on the case, and succeeded in rounding up the culprits.

One of the juveniles admitted to the police that this is not his first offense. He had made a practice for some time past of tapping tills in stores, securing various amounts. He was also arrested not long since for stealing whips from vehicles left in church driveways. Both were remanded for a week for sentence.

CAN'T BE BUILT NOW

Marketable Houses at \$10 or \$12 a Month an Impossibility.

The Real Estate Owners' Association had a prolonged session last evening, discussing the insurance, waterworks and other questions of importance, and passing a number of resolutions, none of which, however, are given out for publication.

"The association has matters under consideration which will keep it busy for two or three months," a member said to The Advertiser today.

The attention of the same member was drawn to the statement of Assessment Commissioner Grant that very few houses, to rent at \$10 or \$12 a month, are now being erected in London.

"The assessment commissioner knows whereof he speaks," he said. "Houses that are tenanted can't be built now to rent at that sum. Of course, you can build a shack and throw mud around it, but to make anything on your investment in a marketable house you have to get at least \$14 or \$15 a month. The increase in land values and material is the cause."

WILL HE OUST FOSTER?

Toronto's Former Conservative Boss, Nesbitt, May Break Into Game.

Toronto, Jan. 19.—There is a rumor that Dr. Beattie Nesbitt intends emerging from the privacy of the registry office, and seeking to secure the Conservative nomination for North Toronto at the next Dominion elections, which the Conservative party expect to be held early in 1908, thus ousting Hon. George E. Foster. Ever since the new voters' list was published Dr. Nesbitt, it is said, has had one or two men actively engaged in a careful scrutiny of the North Toronto voters' list, and is preparing for the nominating convention already.

Friends of Hon. Mr. Foster remember that Dr. Nesbitt has more than once before captured a hostile meeting. He has informed his friends more than once that he is ready to carry the standard at any moment they desire, and he has many supporters among the rank and file of Toronto Conservatives who would like to see him again enter the political arena.

KILLED BY DYNAMITE.

Kenora, Jan. 19.—Intelligence was received today of another terrible dynamite explosion in Dutton & McArthur's construction camp on the G. T. P., about twenty miles down the Winnipeg River. Three men were killed and three injured seriously. The names of the victims cannot be learned, nor the details of the tragedy. Coroner Chapman has gone to the scene to investigate.

THE U. S. MARINES POLICE KINGSTON

**Men From Evans' Ships Put
Down Convict Uprising.**

HORRORS DRIVE LODER INSANE

Seven Hundred Bodies Have Been Burned—Refugees Tell Thrilling Story—Revised List of Dead.

New York, Jan. 19.—A Kingston dispatch to the Herald states that the battleship Missouri, lying off the penitentiary, overawed the unruly convicts by firing two rounds of blank cartridges, and landing an armed party. The help was thankfully received by the governor. The correspondent reports that the inmates of the insane asylum are at large, but he says that in the present state of mind nearly all of Kingston is crazed.

Many persons were rendered insane by the shocks, the most notable being Gerald Loder, well known in London.

A dispatch from Holland Bay says great suffering exists among the poor of Jamaica. A delegation of 50 sufferers appealed to the governor for the systematic distribution of relief. The spokesman said many were dying of neglect. He charged that those with money had been supplied with medicines.

Port Royal has again sunk, and geyers are springing up in the streets. The land has now subsided eight feet. The American consulate was wrecked. The acting consul tried yesterday to get a cable dispatch to the state department asking for help.

Dead List Now 700.

New York, Jan. 19.—News from Kingston, Jamaica, is still filtering in slowly, and is 24 hours late, but the worst is now apparently known. The town is a wreck, few houses remaining being habitable, and the populace is living in the open.

Food and medical supplies continue scarce, but relief ships are hurrying to the stricken city from many quarters, so that there will be soon an alleviation from any suffering in this respect. The dead list is probably about 700, and the seriously injured, in hospitals, number in the neighborhood of 500.

Many others who were injured, are being cared for at their temporary homes.

Progress is being made in clearing away the debris. Dynamite is resorted to in clearing away menacing ruins.

U. S. Marines Police City.

Good order prevails in the city. Admiral Davis, who is in the harbor, with the battleships Missouri and Indiana, was called on for help in the work of policing the city, and he promptly responded by landing marines. These sea soldiers are now picking the streets, and assisting the British authorities in the maintenance of order.

Kingston, Jan. 19.—The United States warships Indiana and Missouri arrived this morning from Guantanamo, bringing large quantities of medical supplies and food. The torpedo-destroyer Whipple arrived during the night with a boatload of medicine, which was sent ashore in charge of Surgeon McDonald. The cruiser Yankton is expected to arrive here soon.

Many of the Americans who were in Kingston at the time of the disaster have been taken aboard the warship. They intended to take passage for the United States, aboard the Hamburg-American steamer Prinz Elitz Friedrich, but that vessel ran ashore near the wreck of the steamer Princess in Luise last night.

The Plum Point lighthouse was smashed by the earthquake, and vessels arriving at night have no lights to steer by. The steamer Prinz Waldemar is also hard ashore. The wrecker Premier has gone to the aid of the steamer. Several slight shocks of earthquake were felt last night.

Four Hundred Buried

Four hundred and twenty dead were buried up to last night. The remaining bodies are being cremated. The death list is now believed will be about 700. The work of clearing the streets of debris is being pushed. Dynamite is being used to blow down some of the ruins. The water supply has been improved, but food is very scarce.

OTTAWA'S ASSESSMENT

Property Value Is \$60,408,750 and Population 67,545.

Ottawa, Jan. 18.—The total assessment of Ottawa for taxable and exempt property is \$60,408,750. The taxable assessment is \$41,318,450, and the exemptions \$19,090,300. The commissioner reports a great increase in real estate. There were 1,512 property transfers in 1906. In one ward values of property have increased 63 per cent in five years. The city's population is officially given as 67,545.