

TWO CHILDREN KILLED, RESULT OF MOTOR CRASH

Ruth Collins, Aged 2, and Edwin, Aged 3, Victims of Accident at Delaware When Windsor Car Skids Into Town Hall.

Ruth Marie Collins, aged two, and her brother Edwin, aged three, are dead, their mother, Mrs. Charles Alfred Collins, is in Victoria hospital with a compound fracture of the right thigh, their father, Charles Alfred Collins, suffering from cuts about the head, and a large coupe is a complete wreck as the result of a motor accident at Delaware about 7:15 o'clock last night.

Ruth Marie was killed instantly, while her brother died at 1:30 o'clock this morning in Victoria hospital.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Collins were reported resting comfortably today.

The Collins family, with Lewis Boughner, brother of Mrs. Collins, was returning to Windsor from a visit to Brantford. Boughner was driving, and as the car came to the curve just east of the town hall in Delaware, it skidded on the icy pavement.

Despite all that the driver could do, the car left the pavement and crashed against the corner of the town hall. A hydro pole, just at the corner of the building was broken into several pieces, and the right side of the car, from the front fender, back, was torn to bits.

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Edwin was seated on his father's knee, and Ruth Marie on the knee of her mother. When the car struck the building, the children and the mother were thrown clear of the wreckage, and the father fell on the front fender. Boughner was partly thrown from the car, but hung to the steering wheel.

The children sustained fractured skulls when they struck against the building. Mrs. Collins sustained a compound fracture of the right thigh and several gashes in the thigh, as well as other cuts and bruises about the body.

Mr. Collins was seriously cut about the head, several stitches being necessary to close the wounds. Ruth Marie was instantly killed, while Edwin sustained a fracture of the skull, and part of the skull was pressed against the brain.

Townfolk Rush to Aid.

The crash attracted townfolk, who rushed to assist the injured people, who were carried into a nearby house, and Dr. J. G. Rice, of Delaware, was summoned. He rendered first aid, and an ambulance was called from London.

COMMUNIST CLASS STOUTLY DEFENDED

President of City Society Declares Home Work in Public Schools Is Wrong.

Communist Sunday schools, as institutions for the development of material conception and for the defence of socialism, were stoutly lauded at St. George's hall last evening, when J. Phillips, president of the local Communist party, addressed a meeting. The gathering was open to the public and efforts were made to justify the organization of a Communist Sunday school class for children.

Mr. Phillips, as superintendent of the Sunday school in an Ottawa avenue building, explained the teachings in the school as being to inculcate in children the spirit of revolt against profit-making from child labor, of loyalty to the working class, and instruction in science and evolution.

The meeting opened with the singing of The Red Flag. L. R. Menzies, secretary, was chairman, and he stated that he expected a crowd with much opposition after the various attacks by organizations in the city.

Women's organizations have made fierce attacks on our Sunday schools in an effort to destroy them," he said. "However, we are not afraid of the capitalist attack, but we are determined to hold this meeting to give our opponents a chance to come out in the open."

Home-work for public school pupils was flayed by the speaker and as a result a resolution was unanimously passed protesting such methods and urging that children be educated in school hours and not at night. A copy of the resolution will be forwarded to the board of education.

Mr. Phillips stated that Lord Beaconsfield in his book, Disraeli, pointed out that there were two nations against each other and these were the rich and the poor. "At the beginning of history the world struggle was against external nature, but now it has changed to a social struggle with two classes, the wage-earner and the employer," emphasized the speaker. "This has been brought about by industrial conditions which brought men to such a degraded condition that they have become slaves to their employers more so than in the days of old."

"We are attacked for not teaching religion," he said. "Illustrations by leading men that religion and capitalism were intact. 'You cannot separate religious ideas from capitalism.'"

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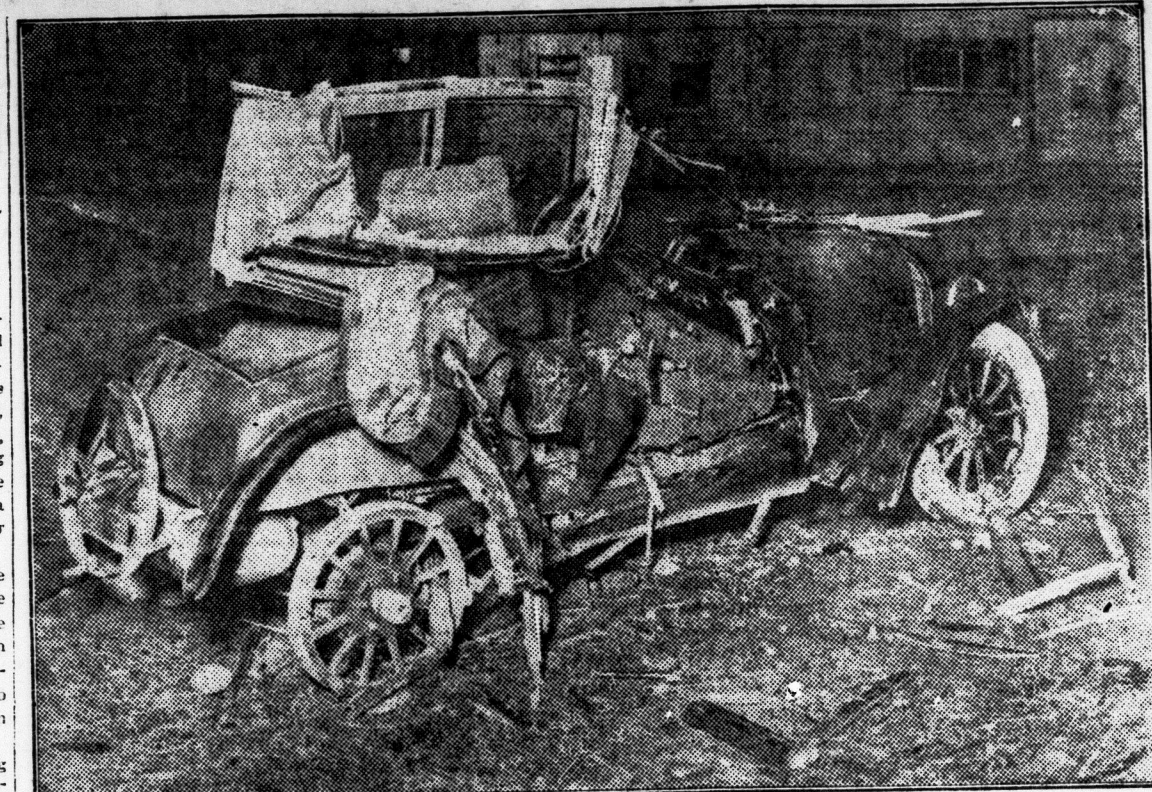
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AUTO IN WHICH TWO WERE KILLED.

Wreck of the Boughner car, which last night crashed into the corner of the town hall at Delaware, causing the death of Ruth Marie and Edwin Collins, children of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Alfred Collins of Windsor. Ruth, aged two, was instantly killed, and Edwin, aged three, died in Victoria hospital, London, about six hours after the accident.

Mrs. Collins, mother of the children, is in Victoria hospital with a compound fracture of the right thigh, bad cuts and bruises about the body, and possible internal injuries. The father sustained serious cuts about the head, and it is feared also has a slight fracture of the skull.

The auto skidded when making the curve on the highway in Delaware and crashed into the corner of the town hall. A hydro pole at the corner of the building was broken into several pieces.

Lewis Boughner of Windsor, driver of the car, escaped without injury.

Car Attempts Street Railway Tracks Across River, With Dire Results.

In an apparent endeavor to deprive South Londoners of their already inadequate street car service, an auto bearing license plate No. 96-965, ran aboard the street railway bridge on York street, and was the means of tying up the service for more than twenty minutes. This all occurred during the rush hour around 7:30 o'clock on Saturday night.

The car was going west, and apparently the driver decided to follow the street car tracks. On striking the large iron girder the front left fender was practically torn to pieces, but the car kept bravely on its way until it stuck firmly in the ties midway across the bridge.

The front axle of the car was broken and the left wheel removed, which caused a hurry call to be sent to Terry's garage for assistance before the car could be removed and the street car traffic continued. Whether the driver deemed the York street bridge unsafe for street cars could not be ascertained.

SCENE OF DELAWARE AUTO FATALITY.

Edwin and Ruth Marie Collins, of Windsor, died as the result of an auto crashing into the corner of the town hall at Delaware. The highway pavement to the left of the building. The auto was travelling west, and when brakes were applied, skidded on the icy pavement and crashed into the stone foundation of the building.

The black line shows the direction of the car from the pavement to the point of crash.

British Monarchy Works With Admirable Effect

"The throne of King George V is the firmest great throne in the world," says the New Statesman, of London, after paying a fine tribute to the late Queen Alexandra.

"Most of us are convinced supporters of the system of constitutional monarchy, because we have seen the advantage of having a hereditary monarch, the whole of the British Empire," adds the New Statesman. "British political philosophy, even when it is republican, can find no room for the head of the state having such powers as are granted, for example, to an American president."

"If we were ever to choose a president, we should choose him as a figurehead, not as a ruler, and should probably grant him even smaller powers than are accorded to the presidents of France and Germany. Our traditional and deep-rooted conception of a government responsible only to parliament, and primarily to the House of Commons, excludes the possibility of any active power being conceded either to a president or to a king."

This being so, no one in this country desires in practice any change in the direction of republicanism. There would be no advantage in substituting election for hereditary rule of a monarch whose duty is to represent the dignity rather than the power of the state; and there would be plain disadvantages.

"It would, to say the least, be difficult to discover by means of a popular vote any great figurehead who would understand the obligations and limitations of his office so well as they have been understood, in precept and practice alike, by Queen Victoria and her descendants. Our hereditary monarchs are trained from childhood to appreciate not only the broad duties but the subtleties of the great office which in due course they are to fill."

"There is no danger of any of them attempting to usurp functions which in a democratic country cannot belong to the head of the state. They are able, moreover, to win the personal respect and affection of their subjects, wholly irrespective of party sentiment, as no president, ever could unless he had no 'past' and if he had no 'past' he would never be elected."

"All hereditary offices, of course, involve certain drawbacks. We cannot be perfectly sure that all the future descendants of King George V. will recognize the essential conditions of their constitutional tenure as clearly as he and his immediate predecessors have understood them. But we can see no present ground for alarm on that score."

"Certain misgivings have been rather freely expressed lately, even in the most conservative quarters, about the character and activities of the present heir to the throne. But these misgivings seem to us to be exaggerated. They are nothing beside the things that we have seen in the past, and about the prince who subsequently became those excellent constitutional monarchs, William IV. and Edward VII."

"The fact that the Prince of Wales falls over a fence from time to time, or plays the part of a girl in short sorts in a charade, affords no ground for supposing that he will not listen to the advice of his prime ministers, or that he will fall when he is older to behave with that dignity which kings, if not princes, must maintain."

"He has earned, at any rate, even by his tumblers, a popularity which he can turn one day to excellent account if he knows how to do it; and the knowledge of how to do it appears to be a traditional knack among most of the descendants of 'Albert the Good.'"

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Belleville Harbor's Waters Close Over Lads At Play

Belleville, Ont., Dec. 20.—Bernard Brown, aged 9 years, and Eugene Ellsworth, aged 10 years, were drowned here late this afternoon while playing on the ice at the mouth of the harbor. Lloyd Ellsworth, the 8-year-old brother of Eugene, saw the boys disappear through the thin ice and gave the alarm, but the bodies have not yet been recovered.

Several police officers and a number of citizens are engaged in grappling operations. The two boys were skating on the ice in the harbor, and slipped into the current and were swept away. The only witness of the accident was Eugene Ellsworth, the younger brother, who saw them skate too near the edge and fall in. Their bodies have not yet been recovered, and it is thought that they were swept out into the bay.

Eugene Ellsworth was the son of Commandant Harry Ellsworth of Belleville, one of the most prominent men in Salvation Army circles of Canada. He is a great friend of Commandant H. A. Hurd of No. 1 Citadel of this city. Both Commandants Hurd and Ellsworth saw service in Newfoundland.

Commandant Hurd was notified of the tragedy by wire, but was unable to go to Belleville due to the stress of his duties during the Christmas celebrations and services.

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The regular train goes to Stratford on Monday morning, leaving London at 4:05 a.m. The special leaves at 7:10. On Friday night the regular train arrives at 8:25, and the special arrives at 7:10. One train runs filled full of passengers while the other runs empty.

It is an economical move on the part of the railway. In the summer the travellers use motor cars to go to and from Stratford, and in the winter the number of passengers does not warrant the running of two trains, according to statements of railway officials here.

BUTLER SAYS DRY LAW IS COLOSSAL FAILURE

Head of Columbia University Holds Up Quebec System As Example.

Associated Press Despatch. New York, Dec. 21.—"The attempt to establish nationwide prohibition by constitutional amendment has proved to be the most colossal failure in the history of government, and judged by its consequences, the most immoral undertaking on which any government ever embarked," Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia university, asserted yesterday in replying to a New Jersey woman who had criticized his position on the question.

"To drive prohibition out of the country has become a moral issue," Mr. Butler said in his letter to Mrs. Victor A. Seggerman, of Atlantic Highlands, N.J.

The province of Quebec, where a rational, sensible and moral attempt had been made to deal with the liquor problem, presented it to the United States had signally failed.

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