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## Shocking Accident on I.C.R. at McPhee's Crossing

Oliver and Dosithe Bourque, of Rogersville,  
Struck by Ocean Limited--Inquest on  
Tuesday Morning at Rogersville.

A shocking accident occurred on the I. C. R. at 16.25 o'clock on Monday afternoon, at a place called McPhee's Crossing, about a quarter of a mile north of Rogersville, when two brothers, Oliver and Dosithe Bourque, of Rogersville, were struck by the Ocean Limited going north, while they were attempting to pass over the crossing.

Thomas C. Ayer, conductor in charge of the train, Judson Black, baggagemaster, and L. Melanson and D. Armstrong, brakemen, were also examined but none had actually seen the accident.

Frank Savoy testified much along the lines of the conductor and brakemen. All the witnesses agreed that the crossing was particularly dangerous, being at the end of a deep cutting and with a twelve foot snow fence completely obstructing the view until within ten or fifteen feet of the rails. In addition to this, lumber and sleepers were piled up on both sides, so close to the track that trains were not visible until one was almost onto the rails.

### THE INQUEST

The inquest was held at Rogersville on Tuesday, Nov. 10th, to inquire into the death of Oliver Bourque and Dosithe Bourque. Coroner Michael O'Brien, of Rogersville, and T. H. Whalen, Clerk of the Peace, Newcastle, appeared on behalf of the Crown, and Messrs. E. Price and W. R. Fitzmaurice, Truckmaster Giles and Detective Harry Culligan were present on behalf of the management of the I. C. R.

The following jury were empanelled: F. T. Lavoie, P. Maloney, Andrew Arseneau, Allain Cameron, Michael Hoche, Nicholas Breaux, Joseph Dumont.

F. T. Lavoie was elected foreman, and after the jury was sworn they viewed the remains of the deceased and then adjourned to the residence of M. O'Brien where the evidence was heard.

Dr. (Miss Mary) D'Olloqui was the first witness examined and testified as to the cause of death. Her evidence was to the effect that when she arrived at the station at Rogersville in response to summons, she found Dosithe Bourque apparently dead. After giving him a hasty examination she administered a restorative. She directed her attention to Oliver Bourque, whom she caused to be removed to a house, and did what her medical skill directed. He soon regained consciousness and remained conscious until the last. About an hour later she examined Dosithe Bourque and ascertained the cause of death, which proved to be chiefly internal injuries. The death of Oliver Bourque, which took place about one and a half hours after the accident, was also due to internal injuries, there being very little abrasion of the skin anywhere.

Wm. F. Hicks, engineer on No. 199 at the time of the accident, was the next witness. He testified that when about eighty rods from McPhee's Crossing on the afternoon of the 9th, he blew the whistle as was his duty. When within about one hundred feet of the crossing he saw the train dashing up from behind the snow fence which at this point is not more than ten or fifteen feet from the rail. He applied the emergency brake and shut off the steam. At the same instant they struck the vehicle. The train was stopped within a train length, they had been running at about forty miles an hour down the grade. He got off and went to the front of the engine where he found two men lying senseless on the pilot. After a hasty examination they decided to run the train back to Rogersville station without removing the men. This was done, and the train backed to the station.

Moody D. Trites was the next witness and was nearly a repetition of the evidence of the engineer.

The only eye witness to the accident, besides the engineer, was Milline McGrath, who was standing at a window in Mr. Dumont's house, directly in line with the crossing. She saw the men drive up on the track and at the same instant the train came. She shut her eyes to keep out the sight.

The jury brought in the following verdict:

We, the jurors, empanelled to investigate the cause of Oliver Bourque and Dosithe Bourque's death, hereby unanimously decide as follows: That the above mentioned came to their death by being hit by train No. 199, north bound, at McPhee's Crossing, Nov. 9. We, the jurors, exonerate crew of said train, being no fault on their part. We, however, put fault on the I. C. R. as not having necessary precaution at this dangerous blind crossing in the way of bells or some signal of approaching danger. We decide unanimously that this crossing be condemned and suggest a subway or overhead bridge, and in the meantime part of snow fence be removed on the north east end to enable pedestrians and teams to see approaching trains.

Signed F. T. Lavoie, Foreman  
Patrick Maloney,  
Andre P. Arseneau,  
Allain Cameron,  
Michael Hoche,  
Nicholas Breaux,  
Joseph Dumont.

Both men were married and had large families. Oliver Bourque leaves a widow and several small children, the youngest being only one month old. The funeral, we understand, takes place at Rogersville this afternoon.

A telegram was received on the 4th inst. announcing the death of Beatrice, wife of Dr. O. W. Staclair, of Eureka, California.

## Germany Suing For Peace With Russia?

London, Nov. 11  
--A Rome despatch to the Post, says:

"Germany alarmed at the Russian successes, has made preliminary offers of peace to the Russian government, which have been rejected"

## SUCCUMBS AFTER SHORT ILLNESS

William Whalen Passed Away  
After Few Days Illness of  
Pneumonia

The sad death occurred at his home, McCole street, at six o'clock on Saturday morning, of William Whalen, of pneumonia.

The deceased was at work in one of the Ritchie lumber camps, and was ill eight days before being brought home, on Thursday, Nov. 3rd. His condition was so serious that death came as a relief on the following Saturday morning. He was 49 years of age, and leaves a wife and three children to mourn. The children are Allan, Beatrice and Charlotte. Three brothers and two sisters also survive. The brothers are Maurice and John of Newcastle, and Michael of Bathurst. The sisters are Mrs. Albert DeWolf of Douglastown, and Mrs. John Boudreau in the west.

The remains were taken to St. Mary's church yesterday morning where High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Dixon at 9 o'clock, and were followed to the grave by a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives.

## HIGH SCHOOL VS. YOUNG STOCK CO.

In a Scorching Football Game on  
Friday Afternoon--Mayor  
Morrissey Stared

On Friday afternoon the High School team lined up against the H. Wilmot Young Co., backed up by some of Newcastle's old football stars. The game certainly was a scorcher from start to finish. The High School has a bunch of boys which give promise of being great football players. They tackled well, especially the Half Line and worked well together, but in the scrim, they were weak until in the second half, Barry went in a centre scrim and proved to be the making up of the weakness.

For the H. Wilmot Young Co., Mayor Morrissey proved to be a whirlwind, making a long run for sixty yards before he was downed. Murray also made two fine runs, one of which resulted in a touchdown; Ed. Morris was very sure and swift in tackling and got away with some good runs; Hawkes and Graves also showed up well while Jack Kingston was the backbone of the scrim, and at one time almost ran to the station for a touchdown. Al White proved to be the star of the concert crowd, his great strength helping him very much.

For the High School, McLean, Thompson, Barry, Bate, Morris and Mann played the star games, their tackling and rushing saved the game for the High School. McInerney and Morris secured the touchdowns for the High School, while Murray and Morrissey were responsible for the visitors scores.

Coughlan	Forwards	Cole
Barry		Kingston
Johnstone		Hawkes
Sargeant		Loker
Gorman		White
Williams		Morell
Macarthur	McInerney	J. Morris
Carrigan		Lyon
McEvoy	Quarters	Graves
Bate		Richards
Thompson	Halves	Murray
Morris		Ed. Morris
Mann		Morrissey
McLean		Hayhey
	Fullback	
Dickison		H. Wilmot Young

John A. Creaghan refereed in a very satisfactory manner.

## FOX COMPANY HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

Miramichi Black Fox Co. Elect  
Directors for Ensuing Year--  
Stock Dividend Declared

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Miramichi Black Fox Company, Limited, was held at the head office, Douglastown, on November 4, 1914.

The president reported that from three pairs of foxes kept in the ranch last season, there had been raised three male and three female pups, making three even pairs, which have been added to the company stock, making now seven pairs enclosed in the ranch near Douglastown.

A Stock Dividend of twenty-five per cent. (25 p. c.) was declared, and a further fifteen per cent (15 p. c.) cash dividend to be paid later.

The following shareholders were elected as directors for the ensuing year:

Dr. B. A. Marven, Chatham,  
T. W. Crocker, Newcastle,  
Robert Murray, Chatham,  
Joseph McKnight, Douglastown,  
W. H. Belyea, Newcastle,  
C. C. Hayward, Newcastle,  
Dr. Coffyn, Bathurst,

This company has had remarkable success ever since organization, and furnishes a good investment. There are yet a few shares available, and a purchase now would participate in next year's dividend. Application may be made to any of the directors.

## UNION OF N. B. MUNICIPALITIES

Annual Convention to be Held  
in St. John on November  
25th and 26th

The annual convention of the Union of New Brunswick Municipalities will be held in St. John on Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 25 and 26. The meetings will take place in the Court House and subjects of peculiar interest to the municipalities will be discussed by specialists in the different lines. Roads, taxation, immigration, and municipal ownership will be among the subjects.

The county of St. John has made a special grant for the entertainment of the delegates and arrangements have been made for visiting the different factories and public institutions in and about St. John. It is hoped that every municipality in the province will send delegates and help to carry out the aims of all men to have business carried on as usual.

## GERMANS RECEIVE 150,000 REINFORCEMENTS

London, Nov. 7—(1.55 a. m.)—The Exchange Telegraph's correspondent at Amsterdam says that the Germans have concentrated in Munster, 78 miles northeast of Cologne, 150,000 fresh troops which will be sent into Belgium Sunday, when all railway traffic will stop for the purpose.

## German Spy Paid The Death Penalty

Carl Hans Lody, Convicted by British Court  
Martial, Shot in the Tower of London--  
First Execution for Similar Offense  
Since 1700.

## German Cruiser Emden Destroyed

Driven Ashore on Island of Cocos Group by Australian Cruiser  
Sydney and Burned to Water's Edge.

London, Nov. 10—It is officially announced that Carl Hans Lody, alias Charles A. Inglis, who was found guilty by a court martial of espionage November 2, has been shot as a spy.

Lody, when arrested, claimed to be an American, but later confessed that he was a German. He had lived in New York and Omaha. In the latter city he married the daughter of Gottlieb Storz, a brewer, who later divorced him.

Carl Hans Lody, the first man to be shot as spy in England in generations, once was employed as a guide by a touring agency in New York, and also worked for the Union Pacific Railway in Omaha. He was arrested late in September in London charged with espionage, and at his trial it transpired that he was a former lieutenant in the German navy, but that he had been transferred to the movements of the British fleet, but was warned not to do any spying. He was told to travel as an American citizen and "in consequence of that he received an American passport."

Lody met his death in the tower of London, after having been found guilty by court martial on charges of having communicated with the enemy. The statement concerning the execution is brief, saying: "Sentence was duly confirmed."

This was the first execution in the tower of London since 1700. The scene of the execution was the tower barracks not far from the spot where Anne Boleyn and other persons famous in English history were put to death.

Lody was about 28 years old. London, Nov. 10—It was officially announced in London today, that the German cruiser Emden has been driven ashore and burned. The losses among the officers and crew are reported to have been heavy.

The Emden was destroyed by the Australian cruiser Sydney. She was driven ashore on an island of the Cocos or Keeling group southwest of Java, in the Indian Ocean.

The Sydney sighted the Emden yesterday morning. With superior speed she at once closed in and gave battle. The German boat could not escape. There was a running fight, at the end of which the Emden, burning from the shells of the Australian boat, was beached.

The casualties on the Sydney are said to have been three men killed and fifteen wounded.

"With the exception of the German squadron, now off the coast of Chile, the whole of the Pacific and Indian Ocean are now clear of the enemy's warships.

## Airships Hovered Over Yarmouth, Nova Scotia

Yarmouth, N. S., Nov. 9—For some time there have been rumors of airships having been seen over the town, but not much credence was placed in them. Last night, however, an airship was seen in the northern sky. It was a dirigible, and it hung around for upwards of an hour, fairly well up. Its lights were very distinct, and one of them was evidently used for signalling purposes, as several letters of the Morse code

were plainly read. But whether it was signalling to another ship or to a point on land only, could not be ascertained.

## NEW MACHINE AT HAPPY HOUR

is One on the Latest and  
Most Improved Models,  
Mounted on Aluminum  
Base.

## PERSONAL

Mrs. Howard Williston went to Amherst last Friday, where she will visit friends.

Mrs. Fred E. Locke left on Monday for New York to visit her sister, Mrs. Fred E. Williston.

The Misses Parker and Mrs. Osborne Nicholson spent Sunday with Mrs. L. J. Tweedie, at Chatham.

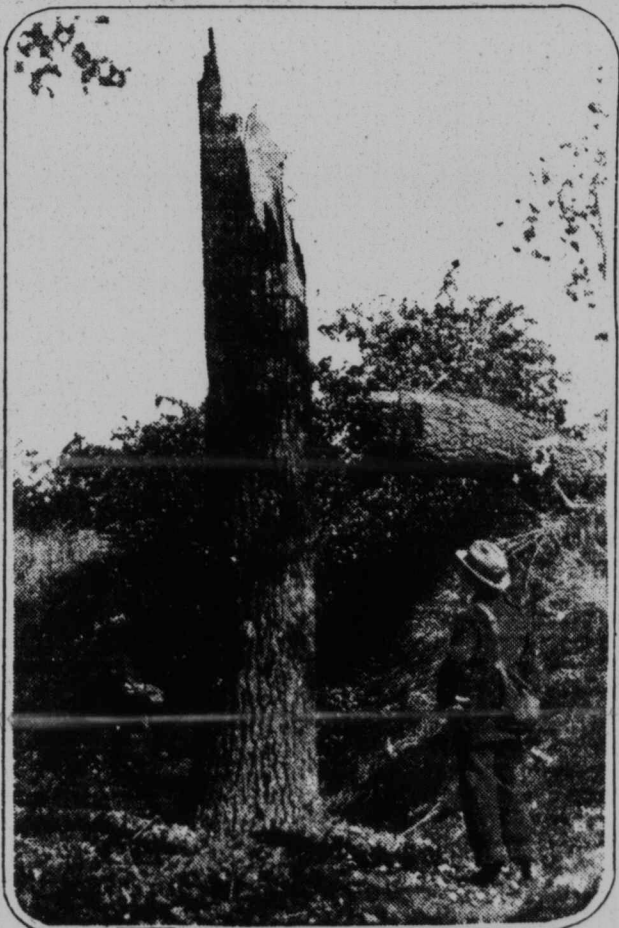
Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Wood, of Douglastown, have a new son, and Mr. and Mrs. Blackmore, a daughter.

## Important Meeting

A meeting of the "Lost Chapter Co." will be held in the Town Hall Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock for the purpose of authorizing the manager to pay the proceeds of that concert to the Patriotic fund. All those who took part in the performance are requested to be present.

that at certain positions they are pressing forward. The situation along the Yser is described as comparatively calm. The French, it is announced, have occupied Harcourt and Hogeville.

## WHAT A GIANT SHELL CAN DO



A Tree—One of Thousands on the Battlefield of the Marne—Mown down by the fire of the British Artillery in a Forest where German troops sought shelter

## British Lines Hurl Back Germans With Ease

Paris, Nov. 7—Advices from the front today say that the Allies are pushing north between the flooded area of Belgium and the ocean, apparently with the intention of occupying Ostend. The Germans are reported to have heavily entrenched to the north east of Ostend and to be preparing for an expected attack.

There is also severe fighting today on the French right, where the Germans are desperately endeavoring to break up the advance toward Metz.

Violent night and day attacks by the Germans on the Anglo-French front southeast of Ypres and on the British line to Nieuw-Chappelle, between the canal of La Bassée and Arras, and against the British positions on the Oise, have been repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy.

Today's official statement declares not only are the Allies holding their own at every point but