

STAFF OFFICER IS KILLED WHEN C.T.R. ENGINE HITS CROWD

Lieut.-Col. W. C. MacDonald Victim of Accident.

ENGINEER IS ARRESTED

With Fireman, He Is Charged With Manslaughter After Toronto Tragedy.

AWAIT INQUEST VERDICT.
Toronto, Jan. 22.—Grand Trunk Engineer John Ross, Fireman Chas. Farmer, and Signaller Patrick Healey were arraigned this morning in police court in connection with the death of Lieut.-Col. MacDonald, and the serious injury of four others, at the Union Station last night, and were remanded to await the result of the inquest.

Toronto, Jan. 21.—One of the worst accidents in the history of the Union station occurred tonight as a troop train bearing five hundred soldiers was pulling out for the east. Lieut.-Col. William Campbell MacDonald, brigadier attached to the headquarters staff at the exhibition camp, was instantly killed by a light engine backing through the train shed. Four other persons sustained injuries and a score or more narrowly escaped a similar fate.

The injured were: Frank Lewarn, 37 Perth avenue, injuries to the back; Earl Jenkins, 1073 Bathurst street, arm fractured; Isaac B. Lewis, 273 Russell (hill road), and Benjamin Cameron, head injured.

The body of Col. MacDonald was extricated from beneath the rear axle of the tender, under which Lewarn was also pinned.

Sarnia Trainmen Arrested.

Engineer John Ross and Fireman Charles Farmer, both of Sarnia, were placed under arrest on a charge of manslaughter.

Patrick J. Hickey, signal operator in Cabin A, was later arrested.

Several hundred persons had been standing on the platform opposite track No. 8, in the outside train shed, waiting for the troop train as it pulled out. The train was moving slowly towards the east when a light engine, No. 251, enroute in steam, in charge of Engineer Ross, loomed up unexpectedly on track No. 6, backing through the shed after delivering the Stratford passenger train in the main shed.

The spectators, who had been starting forward to the soldiers, had bided to cross the tracks.

Wedged Under Brake Beams.
Col. MacDonald, preceded by Capt. McPherson of the headquarters staff, had just alighted from the platform of the rear Pullman and was about midway between the tracks when the engine struck him. Lewarn was immediately behind him, and was struck, and the other two were drawn under the tender, being wedged between the axles of the rear trucks and the brake beam.

It was thirty minutes before the two could be extricated, when Col. MacDonald was found to be dead. Lewarn, who was conscious, directed his own rescue. The other three injured were found lying in a semi-conscious condition alongside the track, the engine having grazed them and knocked them aside.

Col. MacDonald, formerly colonel of the 48th Highlanders, had been at the camp since last summer.

A Military Career.
Col. MacDonald was born May 21, 1856, and was connected with the Confederation Life Assurance Company ever since 1878. He entered the Queen's Own Rifles in Toronto in 1876 and rose to be captain and adjutant. He became major in the 48th Highlanders when that battalion was organized in 1892, commanding the same regiment from 1900 till 1908, afterwards commanding the 16th Infantry Brigade, at the Quebec tercentenary in 1908. Col. MacDonald commanded the 2nd Infantry Brigade, 1st Division.

He served in the Northwest rebellion in 1885, and was present at the relief of Fort Battleford and the operations against Chief Big Bear's band of Indians. He was the possessor of long service decorations.

ALLIES' BLOCKADE OF GREECE TO BE RAISED

Measure Which Forced Greeks to Time Being Withdrawn.

ATHENS, via London, Jan. 21.—The removal of Greek troops and war materials to the Peloponnese continues. It is believed the transportation of the artillery will be completed next week, when the blockade can be lifted. The entire transfer will be finished in a fortnight, according to present indications.

The cabinet today discussed at length a British proposal to lease the Greek merchant marine. It was decided to take measures to assure the retention of the number of ships necessary to provide the foodstuffs which Greece requires.

According to a high official two considerations already have put Greek shipowners in the hands of the Entente, namely, coal and insurance. The latter, it was pointed out, has been secured in the United States, but the former, according to this authority, was sufficient to induce owners to accede to the proposals of Great Britain.

Pay Well for Ships.

A dispatch to the Times from Athens says: "The British Government's intention to lease Greek ships has caused a great stir. It is understood England will pay thirty shillings per ton per month for the ships, which they will insure at from thirty to forty pounds per ton. The ships are to be chartered for the duration of the war and the subsequent six months. The owners must deposit about one-fourth of their ships' value in London as security for the duration of the charter. If they are unwilling to do this the ships will be commandeered at the rate of seven shillings per ton."

AN ECHO IN BOSTON.

BOSTON, Jan. 21.—A mass meeting of Greeks today adopted resolutions calling upon President Wilson to recognize the provisional government of Greece now situated at Saloniki. Some Royalist sympathizers endeavored to interrupt the proceedings and the police were called upon to quell many outbreaks.

DISTRICT CASUALTIES

KILLED IN ACTION
BLENHHEIM.
Lieut. J. E. Muckie.

DANGEROUSLY ILL
SIMCOE.
Pte. F. J. Dorey.

HAD INDIGESTION

Could Keep Nothing on Stomach.

Indigestion is one of the worst forms of stomach trouble. The stomach becomes upset and you have a raw, debilitated feeling in it.

After a meal you feel that you must get rid of that nasty, bilious, burning sensation. That souring and rising of the food which is so unpleasant and in many cases very painful.

It is not necessary for you to be troubled with indigestion when Burdock Blood Bitters may be so easily obtained. This old and well-known remedy, which is a combination of nature's best roots, herbs, barks and berries will cure indigestion and all stomach troubles.

Mr. Lazare Savoy, Pokemouche, N. B., writes: "About two years ago I was troubled with indigestion that had I could keep nothing on my stomach. I was sorely disappointed in everything I tried to relieve me. At last a friend advised me to try Burdock Blood Bitters. I took four bottles and can now eat anything that is set in front of me."

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"STOP AT NOTHING" WILL BE SLOGAN OF GERMANY NOW

All Kinds of Frightfulness Is Being Planned by Foe.

TRY TO SAVE PRESTIGE

Three Hundred Submarines To Be Let Loose Very Shortly.

New York, Jan. 22.—The New York Times publishes the following:

London, Jan. 22.—The Daily Chronicle's Amsterdam correspondent sends the following, dated Saturday: "I have just received news from Germany that the moment when all hope of success for the peace intrigues must be abandoned, and when naval and military preparations are complete, there will be a sudden, general and widespread return to the most violent warfare, in which every shred of restraint will be thrown to the winds in an endeavor to restore Germany's seriously decreasing military prestige at home and abroad. Large new armies and a numerous new fleet of submarines will soon be ready to begin operations."

"The information reaches me through a prominent businessman, who in the course of his work spends much time in the western German towns and fortresses, and who happened to be on the spot during the Kaiser's recent tour in Alsace. Speaking of the Kaiser, he said he was greatly changed in appearance. He walks like a worn-out man. His greyish hair is not quite white, his face has lost that proud, defiant look, giving place to an almost melancholy expression, tired and worried with the burden of war and fears for the future."

"Political conditions have grown very strained lately, owing solely to the conflict of views between the Kaiser and Hindenburg, the latter being rather a man after the crown prince's heart, and desiring to wage war in a manner in which it is alleged that the peace officer, now of Hindenburg's doing, and now it has failed, popular feeling has again swung over to Hindenburg, who has been the subject of a march on the Kaiser."

"Probably within a month now frightfulness will break out in its fiercest form. The Kaiser's army, consisting of men between the ages of 40 and 45, who are now equipped and have been sent chiefly to the west in Western Germany. The last bodies of these new corps, which are said to number 120, will be enrolled by tomorrow."

Stop at Nothing.
"Either from the moral or military point of view, there seems, indeed, every probability that the next few weeks will see the beginning of the desperate assault on the western front. To help in this move, all possible methods of frightfulness are being piled up in readiness. These include still more horrible gases and other barbarities than have hitherto been used."

"The onslaught will be waged simultaneously with utmost destructiveness at sea, where the submarines, which official guesses say number nearly three hundred, will sink at sight. It is said these new submarines are now able to withstand a shell of considerable weight. They also carry six torpedoes (each, and quick-firing guns. The Kaiser's fleet, indeed, is said to be the best in the world, and that during the last eight months particularly the losses of submarines have been very heavy. The new submarines are said to be capable of four weeks' work without touching any shore, and for any renewal of stores, and their speed is much faster than any hitherto built."

GERMANY ANNOUNCES REPRISALS ON FRANCE

LONDON, Jan. 21.—A Reuter dispatch from Berlin via Amsterdam dated January 16, and delayed, says that the German Government has announced its intention to make reprisals against France in the matter of prisoners.

It is explained that France, having failed to reply within the specified time to the German demands for the removal of German prisoners from the fire zone in the area of French operations, Germany will now enforce her threatened counter-measures, and releasing French prisoners in the German fire zone until France fulfills the German demand.

New Leader for Nova Scotia.

Charles E. Tanner of Nova Scotia has been for a number years the leader of the Conservative Opposition in the Nova Scotia Legislature. His elevation to the Senate clears the way for the selection of a new leader who may be able to reunite the party and bring the quarrelling factions together.

A. B. Crosby was Sir Robert Borden's running mate in the last two general elections. He was a member of the House from 1903 till 1911, but was defeated by A. K. MacLean in 1911.

Dr. J. J. Bourque of Richibucto, who replaces the late Hon. John Costigan, has prominent business interests in New Brunswick and is a French-Canadian.

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YEAR'S CANADIAN HARVEST RECORDED BY GOVERNMENT

OTTAWA, Jan. 21.—The total harvested areas and the total production of the principal grain crops of Canada in 1915 and 1916, as corrected by the census returns of 1916, are now estimated as follows:

Crops.	1915.	1916.
Wheat	14,675,300	12,879,500
Oats	11,424,600	9,835,100
Barley	1,707,650	1,651,100
Rye	145,120	145,120
Flaxseed	605,700	605,700

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Wheat	426,744,500	220,387,000
Oats	529,634,400	351,174,000
Barley	60,659,100	41,318,900
Rye	2,896,400	2,896,400
Flaxseed	7,122,300	7,122,300

For other crops the estimated total production in 1916 is as follows: Peas, 2,172,400 bushels from 150,280 acres; beans, 12,600 bushels from 32,500 acres; buckwheat, 5,976 bushels from 341,600 acres; mixed grains, 10,977,000 bushels from 497,700 acres; and corn for husking, 6,282,000 bushels from 173,000 acres.

The quality of the grain crops of 1916, as determined by the U.S. Bureau of Agriculture, is as follows: Fall wheat, 55.53 lb. per bushel; spring wheat, 56.31 lb. per bushel; rye, 42.36 lb. per bushel; barley, 45.56 lb. per bushel.

FOUR NEW SENATORS FROM ONTARIO PICKED

Seven Vacancies Filled in Upper Canadian House.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
OTTAWA, Jan. 21.—The Senate is being rapidly "reformed" to the complexion of the party in power.

Seven out of the fourteen Senate vacancies were filled by the Government on Saturday. Four of the appointments went to Ontario, two to Nova Scotia, and one to New Brunswick. No members of Parliament were included in the present list of preference. Hopes are being held out to a number of them, however, that they may be taken into the safe harbor of the Upper House when the remaining vacancies are filled, which will probably not be for two or three weeks yet.

Considering Election.
Meanwhile the Government wants to wait until it sees which way the political situation is going. If an election were brought on in the near future it will then be safe to open up a few more seats, and possibly replace some of the present elected Conservatives.

The New Senators.
The Ontario senators are Col. Frederick Nichols of Toronto, George Linton-Stanton, K. C., of Hamilton, Glen D. Robertson of Welland, and Harry W. Richardson of Kingston.

The Nova Scotia senators are Charles E. Tanner and Adam B. Crosby, ex-M. P. of Halifax.

The New Brunswick appointee is Dr. J. J. Bourque of Richibucto. Col. Nichols of Toronto is the head of the Canadian General Electric Company, with its affiliated interests, and is one of the best-known financiers in Toronto. Since the outbreak of the war he has been an honorary colonel, associated with Red Cross work, and other forms of voluntary patriotic endeavor.

Reward for Scandal Hunt.
George Linton-Stanton, K. C., is one of the leaders of the new party. He is counsel for several corporations. He is perhaps best known to Canada generally for his work in association with F. P. Guelphus, in preparing the report in connection with the National Transcontinental Railway, which caused such a heated debate in the Commons three sessions ago.

Glen D. Robertson of Welland is a well-known businessman from the Niagara Peninsula. He has recently been on boards of arbitration in connection with the dispute between the Railway and the Order of Railway Telegraphers, and was instrumental in assisting to settle the recent Canadian Pacific labor dispute.

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\$60,000 FIRE LOSS CAUSED STRATHROY SATURDAY NIGHT

Whole Southern Business Section Threatened for Time.

ASK HELP FROM LONDON

Two Big Stores Gutted and Four Others Badly Damaged.

LOSS IS WELL COVERED

Splendid Water Pressure and the Brigade's Good Work Praised by Citizens.

[By Our Own Reporter.]

STRATHROY, Jan. 21.—Fire which broke out a few minutes after 9 o'clock last evening in the basement of the store of the Canadian Smallwares Company on Front street, completely gutted the premises, and spreading east and west, caused a loss of between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

The whole southern business section was threatened for a time, and shortly before midnight when the blaze was at its height, Chief of Police Wilson sent a telephone call to London for help. A fire-train from the Queen's Hotel on the west and another fire-train from the Standard Bank on the east, saved the situation, and the fire-fighters stopped the flames.

It was one of the most difficult fires that the local fire brigade has ever had to handle, and had there been a high wind, the general belief is that nothing but the good work of the whole of the southern business district.

Well Insured.
The buildings destroyed are all owned by Edward Rowlands, private banker, and it is understood that the losses are fully covered by insurance.

The usual Saturday evening crowd was in the five, ten and fifteen cent store of the Canadian Smallwares Company, when Miss Brown, at the candy counter, suddenly felt the floor growling hot under her feet and touching the wall behind her found it hot. She at once notified Manager Dean.

Before he could start down cellar to investigate, smoke started pouring up a stairway. He at once asked everyone in the store to go out as quickly as possible, and after making sure that six girls who were all out safely gathered up the money and hurried to lock it in the safe. The fire spread so rapidly that he almost had his escape cut off before he got the cash disposed of safely.

A Quick Response.
An alarm was sent in and the fire department made a quick run. When they arrived flames were shooting up through the iron grates in front of the store into the street, and the whole interior was filled with dense smoke.

The basement was filled with parcels of merchandise of all kinds, much of it inflammable, and in a few minutes the flames cracked up through the floors, and into the store, where inflammable goods of all kinds were thickly packed, and in a few minutes more were making their way into the upper part of the building.

The cellar of the Standard Bank store next door east were connected by doors and the flames soon made their way through and were eating up through the floors of the Standard Bank store.

Mass of Flames.
Both places of business are about 100 feet long, and the whole interior of both was soon a mass of flame, which defied the six heavy streams of water turned on them.

In spite of the efforts of the firemen they spread west to Freck's shoe store, Buntin's clothing store, and east to Woods' restaurant. At this point it looked as if nothing could save the big Queen's Hotel at the corner of Front street, and a hurry call was sent to London for help. Everything movable was also taken out of the hotel.

A party of fire-fighters made their way up onto the roof of the Queen's Hotel, and another bunch of men got to the top of the Standard Bank. From these vantage points they played the streams so effectively that the spread of the blaze was checked. Little by little the men gained on the fire, and not only stopped it, but succeeded in saving most of the buildings west of where the fire started. The stocks, however, are terribly damaged by smoke and water.

Under Control.
As soon as it was seen that the flames were checked work was telephoned to London, and the party coming from there stopped just as the train was about to pass the station.

It was 5 o'clock this morning before the blaze had burned itself out to such an extent that the firemen could cut off part of the streams. The line was kept washing down the smoking ruins all day, and notwithstanding the brigade was called out again tonight as flames shot up from a pile of debris and threatened to spread.

"I have no idea as to how the fire started," said Manager Dean of the Smallwares Company, to The Advertiser today. "I had been down in the basement about an hour before and attended to the furnace. We were burning soft coal as it has been impossible to buy any more here. No one had been in the store since I left, and I am sure that all the merchandise was well out of reach of the furnace and could not have caught in that way."

"Our stock is a complete loss, as the whole of it is a pile of ashes and wreckage."

The Wright Piano Company's fine stock was also completely destroyed.

The proprietors of the other places are unable at present to give details as to their losses as the basements have about six feet of water in them and many of the floors above were so drenched with water that nothing could be done.

The merchants and citizens were loud in their praise of Mayor Stevenson's prompt action in sending help.

"He certainly deserves our best thanks," said Chief of Police Wilson. "As soon as he knew what was doing here he never waited a second and I am told that in less than twenty minutes from the time I telephoned the London fire department he was on his way ready to pull out to our help. That was splendid work and we appreciate it."

Strathroy people are also proud of the way the town water system stood the test. Six fire streams with lots of pressure behind them were poured on the blaze, and there wasn't a hitch of any kind.

Fire Chief McQuinn and Captain Harry Glover, who were in charge of the brigade, did great work also, and were assisted by scores of volunteers from the crowd which quickly collected.

These helpers saved large quantities of goods from places partly burned and lent prompt help in moving things out of places threatened.

STOP WORK ON LINER TO BUILD SMALL SHIPS
LONDON, Jan. 22.—The Times today says it understands instructions have been given to several shipyards to cease work now in progress on high-class liners and divert the labor to the building of plain cargo ships.

"If the daily toll of losses teaches one lesson," says the Times in approving the decision, "clearly it is that the need of new cargo ships is very great. When the ship-building of the country is properly mobilized it is now being organized, the new production within a few months should be absolutely irresistible. But this result will not be achieved without immense effort and some interference with private plans."

INGERSOLL PREPARING FOR RECORD EXHIBITS

Good Reports of Fair Presented at Annual Meeting.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
INGERSOLL, Jan. 21.—Unprecedented progress was made by the Ingersoll North and West Oxford Agricultural Society, according to reports presented at the annual meeting here yesterday afternoon. There was an encouraging gain in members and a substantial surplus. Under the circumstances the directors are looking forward with confidence to greater development in the immediate future and plans are being laid to make the fair one of the best in Western Ontario.

After two years of very efficient service, R. H. Mayberry retired as president. Mr. Mayberry gave unstinted energy to the work of the society and was instrumental in increasing interest in the cattle department. Largely through his efforts a splendid cattle building was erected two years ago. A vote of thanks was tendered to him.

The directors expressed appreciation of Secretary-Treasurer George P. James, whose salary they increased, and voted him a bonus for his work in 1916. The first Monday and Tuesday of October were selected as fair dates. The president or secretary will attend the annual convention of the Fairs Association at Toronto in February.

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