

KILLED RETURNING
FROM VISIT HOMEYoung Farmer Meets Almost
Instantaneous Death On
Level Crossing.

GIRL COMPANION INJURED

Now in St. Joseph's Hospital
Here in Serious Condition
That May Prove Fatal.

Oliver Phillips, a young farmer, of Dorchester, met almost instantaneous death, and a companion with whom he was riding, Miss Nettie Smith, also of Dorchester, sustained a broken arm and serious injuries, when the buggy in which they were returning to Dorchester after a visit to the home of their parents in London, Township, was struck by a light engine at a crossing of the C. P. R. two miles west of the Nisour town line at 10:30 last evening.

The buggy was struck squarely in the middle, and Phillips, who was sitting on the right hand side, received the full force of the impact. The horse was killed instantly, and the occupants of the vehicle were hurled about sixteen feet. The crash of the collision was heard by the crew of a locomotive, and as soon as possible the engine was brought to a standstill and backed up to the scene of the tragedy. Both victims were found lying beside the track, unconscious, and were rushed to Thamesford, the nearest station, where Dr. McGowan rendered what aid was possible. Phillips, however, had a broken back, and expired within a few minutes.

Miss Smith and Phillips' body were brought into the city on the mixed freight, which passed through Thamesford late in the evening, and the former was rushed at once to St. Joseph's Hospital in the ambulance of Smith, Son & Clarke, where Dr. H. A. Stevenson attended her. The body of the young man was removed to Smith, Son & Clarke's undertaking parlors, where an inquest was opened today by Coroner B. A. MacLaren. The jury, after viewing the remains, adjourned to meet again on December 21 at police headquarters.

The engine which killed Phillips was a standard gauge No. 314, and was running light to Galt in charge of Engineer Miller and Conductor J. Kelly. Phillips, who worked for Herbert MacLaren, at Dorchester, is survived by his mother and father, six brothers and the elder, all of whom live at home on lot 8, concession 1, of London Township. The funeral arrangements have not been completed up to the press.

Inquiry at the hospital this afternoon indicated the information that Phillips' condition was slightly improved. She was reported to be still in a very serious condition, that may prove fatal.

FOUND DEAD IN BED

Harry Merton, a Laborer, Discovered
Dead When Called for Work Today.

Harry Merton, a cement laborer, boarding at 54 Napier street, was found dead in bed this morning by Robert MacLaren, with whom he lived. Mr. Merton came to this city from London, Eng., and had been a resident of this city for many years.

This morning when Mr. Donaldson went to call him for work he found the man dead. Coroner B. A. MacLaren was called, but decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

The body is now at Smith, Son & Clarke's undertaking parlors. The funeral will be held from there tomorrow afternoon to Woodland Cemetery.

Mr. Merton was a widower.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

Died Unexpectedly.

James Steele, owner of the Crystal Lake Ice Company, 581 Dundas street, died at 9:15 Sunday night. Mr. Steele, who was in his 58th year, had been a resident of London for the past 15 years. He was born in England, and came as a shock to many friends in this city, as he had been ill only since last Wednesday. He was a member of the W. O. M. T. lodge.

The funeral will be held on Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Mount Pleasant Cemetery. The services will be conducted by Rev. W. J. Knox, of the First Presbyterian Church.

Big Orange Funeral.

The funeral of John McLeod, 581 Grosvenor street, held Sunday night, was the largest ever seen in London. Over 200 Orangemen walked from the residence to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

The body was taken to Mr. McLeod's home, who only a few days ago was elected to the post of deputy master of Ahoghill Orange Lodge, No. 250.

The services at the house were conducted by Rev. H. B. Ashby, of the church of the Redeemer, the Orange services at the grave being conducted by Worshipful Master James Fleming, of Ahoghill.

The pallbearers were James Fleming, Joseph McLeod, John McLeod, and three others. The funeral was held at 12 o'clock.

The remains will be taken to the funeral home, where they will be kept until the funeral service.

The funeral service will be conducted by Rev. Dr. McCrae and Rev. Mr. Millard.

COUNTY COUNCIL OPENS

December Session Starts This After-

noon—Patriotic Grant Up.

The December session of the county council began this afternoon shortly after 2 o'clock, in the county chambers, with Warden L. M. McGarratt, of Appleton, presiding.

Mayor Graham and Lieut.-Col. Galt, who attended the meeting to ask for a grant towards the London and Middlesex patriotic fund.

PRESIDENT IS OPPOSED TO
INQUIRY INTO PREPAREDNESS

(Canadian Press.)
Washington, Dec. 7.—President Wilson announced today he was opposed to Representative Gardner's plan for investigating the preparedness of the United States for national defence.

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cause he thought it was an unwise way of handling "a question which might create very unfavorable international impressions."

HEAVY LOSS THROUGH
FIRE AT KINGARDINEBridge and Boiler Company's
Plant Injured—Water
Pressure Failed.

(Special to The Advertiser.)
Kingardine, Dec. 6.—The inhabitants were aroused Friday morning about 2 o'clock by the ringing of the fire bell. By this time the fire had made its appearance through the roof of a large brick building of the Hunter Bridge and Boiler Company, used mostly as a storage room and containing many patterns and much valuable machinery. The fire was completely out of the brick walls remaining, only the iron skeleton of the building was left. The adjoining shop adjoining was slightly damaged.

Happy the morning was calm or many more buildings would have gone. On Thursday it was estimated that the electric light would be shut off at 1 o'clock the following morning, and the fire had not been completely out.

The firemen responded promptly to the call, but for some time the water pressure was inadequate, and some very severe structures were passed upon the town government. It was found later that the water pressure would have been all right, as the standpipe was full, and the fire was not so great.

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GERMAN REPORT.

Berlin, by Wireless to London, Dec. 7.

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