

WILD FLIGHT OF A TROLLEY CAR
Dashes Through Streets of Toronto at Top Speed.
THE MOTORMAN LOST CONTROL
Six Passengers Were Aboard, But Only Slight Injuries Were Received—Narrow Escapes.

Toronto, Aug. 5.—Crashing along at terrific speed, its crew utterly unable to control it, street car No. 423 raced down Bathurst street last night shortly after 9 o'clock. Past College street it sped, down the main street from College to Queen, down to King, and then becoming derelict it plunged over the boulevard and stopped within six inches of the side of the Canadian National building. And in all that terrible journey no one was killed and only one person, Mrs. Jas. Argue, was injured.

The car started from Bloor street with about a half dozen passengers. As it proceeded it gained speed, and when the motorman tried to stop to pick up some passengers at Harbor street, he saw that something was wrong. He and the conductor held the car back, and the passengers began to get nervous. One at a time they jumped, until only four persons were left on board. These were the motorman, whose name cannot be ascertained; Conductor Johnston, Jas. H. Newton, of 43 Stewart street, and Mrs. Adams, of 441 College street. The car bounded across College street and sped down the long stretch to Queen street. At Arthur street the motorman lost his nerve, and forgetting all but his own safety, he jumped. The conductor left at Robinson street. Only Newton and Mrs. Adams were left. Mrs. Adams was lying between the seats and Newton was making a heroic effort to stop the car before they reached Queen street. His efforts were of no avail, and the car dashed on. At King street it struck the switch and plunged diagonally across the tracks. It was here that the only serious accident occurred.

The roaring of the approaching car attracted the attention of Mrs. J. B. Argue, who, at this time, was crossing Bathurst street on the south side of King, arm-in-arm with her son, Belmont. Unable to save herself, she screamed a warning to her son, who dropped his mother's arm and sprang out of danger. The force of the collision was such that it threw the woman among some boxes and barrels that stood along the curb on the west side of Bathurst street. The force of the woman's fall, thus saving her life.

The car continued its flight and came to a full stop alongside of the Canadian National building. Its two occupants were pulled out and taken to nearby houses. Mrs. Adams was removed to the home of T. Adam, 54 West King street, and Dr. Fletcher, of Euclid avenue, was quickly summoned. The doctor said that the woman had been badly bruised about the shoulder and left side, but when the effects of the nervous shock had subsided she would be all right.

Mrs. Argue was later removed in a cab to her home at 48 Niagara street. The motorman and conductor, neither of whom were hurt, hurried down to see what had become of their car. They commenced to explain why they had left before the car was stopped, but some of the street railway officials appeared on the scene and closed their mouths. So profound was their silence that it was impossible to gain their names. They hung around in the crowd, but absolutely refused to be interviewed.

It was the most miraculous escape from a fearful fatality that has ever been seen in Toronto. Three busy street car lines were crossed at high speed without a collision. If there had been a car crossing at either College, Queen or King the result is awful to contemplate. The cars were at night when the cars are crowded, and at the rate of speed at which the runaway was traveling it would have literally cut through a car in its path.

COUNT KELLAR'S BODY
Remains of the Russian Commander Arrive at Liao Yang.

Liao Yang, Aug. 5.—Lieut. Gen. Count Kellar's body arrived here on Aug. 2, accompanied by his son. Funeral services will be held here, and the body will then be sent north by railway.

General Kellar was mortally wounded, July 29, while repelling the preliminary attack of General Kuroki's army on Yangtze Pass.

SOO CANAL FIGURES
The Tonnage for July Breaks All Previous Records.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Aug. 5.—Sault broke all previous records for freight traffic through the Soo Canals. During July 5,609,079 tons of freight were recorded, an increase over last year which held all previous records of 2,657,271 tons. Of this vast volume of freight 4,517,203 tons passed through the American canal and 75,876 through the Canadian. Few tourists are traveling through the canals this year in comparison with former years. The record for the season thus far is 15,023 behind that of last year.

THE NEW HIGHWAYMAN
Operates on Motor Cycle and Holds Up Motor Party.

Philadelphia, Aug. 5.—A party of four in an automobile were held up late last night on Old York road, near Willow Grove, a resort about fourteen miles from this city. The highwaymen secured about \$1,000 in money and jewelry. The victims of the robbery were A. C. Hall, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Arthur L. Jackson and Mrs. Thomas C. Walton, all of New York. They were en route to the Delaware water resort. The highwayman rode a motor cycle. He disabled Mr. Hall's automobile, and after having been relieved of their valuables the victims were compelled to walk two miles to a toll gate. There they secured a conveyance and drove to Doylestown, Pa., where the robbery was reported to the police.

PACKERS' STRIKE
HITS BANKERS

Millions of Dollars Fling Up in Chicago Institutions—May Depress Rates.

Chicago, Aug. 5.—Chicago bankers complain that the packing house strike is having a most serious effect on the money market. Millions of dollars that under normal conditions would be used by the packers are now piling up in Chicago banks and threatening to depress interest rates.

The packers are heavy borrowers under normal conditions, not alone in Chicago, but all over the country. They carry loans and notes amounting in the aggregate to nearly \$100,000,000. Of this sum about \$40,000,000 is carried by Chicago banks, and since the beginning of the strike business has contracted so much that paying off loans and taking up notes.

A prominent local banker estimates that the packing companies had paid off \$10,000,000 of their loans in Chicago since the beginning of the strike, and that they were beginning to meet their obligations at the rate of \$5,000,000 a week.

HOUSE DISCUSSED
THE OIL BOUNTIES

Mr. Clancy Opposes Reduction on Refined.

MR. FIELDING ON STANDARD OIL
Minister of Finance Says Big Trust Will Not Be Permitted to Dictate Government's Policy.

Ottawa, Aug. 4.—The House went into committee today on Mr. Fielding's resolution providing for a reduction in the duty on refined oil. The resolution provided for a reduction in the duty on refined oil from 10 cents per gallon to 5 cents per gallon. Mr. Clancy said there was no demand in the country for a reduction in the duty on refined oil, and in reply to a question, said he favored a duty of two or two and one-half cents a gallon on crude oil and no duty on refined oil.

This evening Mr. Clancy continued the debate, insisting that there had been no general demand for a reduction in the duty on refined oil, or that the duty on refined oil should be reduced. He appealed to the Finance Minister to send the duty on refined oil to the national poorhouse entirely, but to give it a decent living by increasing the duty on crude oil.

Mr. Armstrong (East Lambton) criticized Dr. Johnston (West Lambton) for having declined to accede to the request of prominent reformers and the president of the Oil Producers' Association to wait upon the Finance Minister and protest against the proposed changes.

Dr. Johnston denied that he had been requested by anyone to wait upon the Finance Minister, and challenged the proof. Mr. Armstrong read a telegram from Wm. Gleason, president of the Oil Producers' Association, stating that the delegation they proposed sending on the subject was very weak-kneed, and asking him to secure the reduction of the duty on refined oil.

Mr. Johnston pointed out that the telegram was addressed to Mr. Armstrong, and beyond that he had never received any request from anyone. Mr. Armstrong quoted a statement from Wm. Gleason, president of the Oil Producers' Association, stating that the delegation they proposed sending on the subject was very weak-kneed, and asking him to secure the reduction of the duty on refined oil.

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MURDER FOLLOWS THEFT
Plan K's Sister and Brother-in-Law and Shoots Self.

Philadelphia, Aug. 5.—Joseph Schrean and his wife Elsie Abbot were shot and killed by Harry Fisher, aged 30 years, the woman's brother, in their home early today. Fisher also shot himself and is in a critical condition. The motive for the crime is said to have been robbery. Mr. and Mrs. Schrean had \$1,000 in the house, with which they had intended to purchase a home. The money was stolen, Fisher admitted his guilt.

DROWNED AT MEAFORD
Night Watchman on Steamer Drawn Down by Wheel.

Meaford, Ont., Aug. 5.—A young man, night watchman on the steamer City of Collingwood, was drowned here this morning about 2 o'clock. He is supposed to be a son of Robert Miller, of Bognor, who was the first trip on the boat, and it is supposed that not knowing the wharf, he misjudged the distance to the dock, and falling over the water was drawn down by the wheel. The body was brought to the surface this morning.

RUSSIA'S LATEST
Will Send Ships Through Dardanelles Laden With Coal.

Constantinople, Aug. 5.—It is announced here that Russia has decided to send the Russian fleet through the Dardanelles to the Black Sea. The Russian fleet is said to have given assurances that the vessels will preserve the character of merchantmen throughout the voyage.

310 HOUSES DESTROYED
Section of a Wurtemberg Town Wiped Out by Flames.

Heilbronn, Wurtemberg, Aug. 5.—Three hundred and ten houses, out of a total of 310 in the town of Heilbronn, were destroyed by fire. There were few fatalities, but many persons were injured by falling walls while engaged in the work of rescue.

SEVEN DROWNED
AT HALIFAX, N. S.

Partly Leaving a Stranded Yacht Capsized—Only One Being Saved.

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 4.—In trying to reach the stricken ship in a small tender, seven of the eight persons in the boat were drowned through the capsizing of the little craft. Mr. Vedio, of Bear River, was the only one saved. He was found floating in the water, and was taken to the hospital.

Mr. Vedio, who commanded the Russians at Wolf's Hill, is reported in a Port Arthur newspaper to have related an incident illustrating the conditions prevailing at the fortress. A Russian soldier was being assisted in the rear. He was struggling and expostulating. "What's the matter, brother?"

CLOSING IN ON LAST DEFENSES
Russ Civilian From Pt. Arthur Tells of Terrific Fighting.

DECLARES JAPS LOST 17,000 MEN
In Battles From July 26 to 28—Estimated 180,000 Men Are Engaged in the Investment.

Chefoo, Aug. 5.—S. A. S. Serebrenik, who was a passenger on the British steamer Hipsang, which was sunk by a Russian torpedo boat in the Pigeon Bay, July 16, and who was among the refugees who arrived here yesterday on the German steamer Sulbery, was interviewed today. According to his version of the fighting, Port Arthur from July 26 to July 28, inclusive, was directed against the walls of the outer defenses, namely Wolf's Hill, the Chinese hills, situated north and east of the city. The Japanese captured Wolf's Hill and Green Hill, but failed to take Christ Hill, which was the only outpost held by the Russians when Mr. Serebrenik left Port Arthur. A Port Arthur newspaper estimated the Russian loss at 200 killed and 800 wounded, the Japanese loss at 17,000 killed and wounded.

It was also estimated that the Japanese fired 125,000 rounds of shrapnel. The ground was covered with broken shells. The Japanese attacking force was estimated at 180,000 men. On the night of July 28 a truce was declared for the purpose of burying the dead, which stretched the hills. A Japanese submarine struck a mine and was damaged, but not sufficiently to sink her. She was towed away. The Russian warships then retired, one squadron going to the inner basin, the others behind the Tiger's Tail. None of them was injured.

The main force of the Russian army defending Port Arthur is now inside the numerous permanent forts which constitute the fortress. The Japanese are now mounting heavy guns on the positions captured July 28. It is alleged that the Russian battleship Retvizan, which was captured July 28, hit a Japanese gun, which was being mounted on Wolf's Hill, killing many.

Mr. Serebrenik, who is a Russian, held contracts to supply artillery, but he was suspected of being a spy, and was confined separately. His information regarding conditions at Port Arthur was derived chiefly from a newspaper, which was allowed him.

The accounts of the Chinese refugees differ from that of Mr. Serebrenik. They say that the Japanese were only two miles from the fortress when they left. Mail, including newspapers, was still arriving at Port Arthur.

The Hipsang was offered by Englehardt, as follows: Capt. Bradley, Engineers Collier Watson and Bishop, and Mates Smith and Carver. They are now at Chefoo. They were marched into Port Arthur, some in pajamas, and some in even less. They did not receive any clothes until the June on which they left.

Port Arthur was stopped by the Japanese, who gave them every attention. The reason assigned by the Russians for sinking the Hipsang, as given to the Hipsang's officers, was that they thought she was a Japanese ship. They say that the Japanese had been flying the British flag.

ASSASSIN A RUSSIAN
Chief of Association to Which He Belonged Was a Jew.

London, Friday, Aug. 5.—The Russian correspondents of the Times have fairly established that the assassin of M. de Plehve, Minister of the Interior, is a Russian. He is said to have been connected with a revolutionary association that was unearthed by M. de Plehve. Three of the leaders of the association were captured. The chief was a Jew, while the other two were pure Russians, one of them being an ex-officer.

DIDN'T REACH AMERICA
The Polar Relief Ship Frithjof Returns Unsuccessful.

Copenhagen, Denmark, Aug. 5.—The Ziegler relief expedition arrived at Vardo, Norway, on board the Frithjof, July 3, on its return from the north. Owing to ice and fog the Frithjof did not succeed in reaching the American coast. The Frithjof will sail north again as soon as possible with coal for the German ship. Their American sailors from Tromsø for Franz Josef Land, June 23, 1903.

HERREROS REPULSED
Fifty Killed in Attempt to Pierce the German Lines.

Berlin, Aug. 5.—Lieut. General Von Trotha, commander-in-chief of the forces in German Southwest Africa, wires that the second company of the Second Field Regiment (infantry) was repulsed by 150 Hereros. The Hereros were repulsed, leaving 50 dead. The Germans lost three wounded. Besides two natives killed and one wounded. General Von Trotha had carefully encircled the Hereros in the Waterberg Hills, and it is probable that the attack was an effort to break through the German lines.

OFFER THOUSAND APIECE
Reward for Capture of Holders Up of "Diamond Special."

Chicago, Aug. 5.—Four thousand dollars reward has been offered by the Illinois Central Railroad Company for the arrest and conviction of the four men who successfully held up the "Diamond Special" on Monday night, or \$1,000 for the apprehension of any one of them. From stories going around and remarks dropped by the robbers themselves, it is believed that they are in Chicago, and are experienced railway men.

They spoke of the "black list" which referred to the strike ten years ago, after which the company refused to take on certain of the men. The robbers are supposed to be some of these, and the company means to get square with the company.

CZAR'S CREDIT
IS TOTTERING

No Ready Money to Pay for Military Stores and Much Paper Issued.

London, Aug. 5.—A correspondent of the Times in Russia says: The first effects of the war are beginning to be felt on Russian credit at home, which was already considerably shaken. Many important orders for military stores are not being paid for in ready money, but by bills payable in years from date. Moreover, although the amount of paper money issued is stated officially to be no more than £12,000,000, it is believed the sum is three or four times as large. Russian credit both at home and abroad is based entirely upon the presence of a large gold reserve, and the Government is sparing no effort to keep the gold in the country. The moment it begins to flow out the gold credit will collapse. It is already declared doubtful if the Imperial Bank will discount bills on the Nijni Novgorod Fair this year, as it has always done for everything in the business world is now very uncertain, and the bank wishes to run no risks.

RIVAL ARMIES
NEED A REST

Three Days' Fighting in the Terrible Heat Wears Out Jap and Russ Alike.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 5.—Gen. Zaslavitch's misfortune at the Yalu River was duplicated owing to the superiority of the Japanese artillery. He was making a splendid fight until he suddenly discovered that the Japanese gunners were enfilading his batteries. It appears that Zaslavitch in this case was not to blame. The blame was laid on Gen. Zarobachoff, who received orders to retire had not yet reached him, with his own orders for withdrawing the Russian support of the right, and consequently he allowed the Japanese to take up a new position suddenly, unmask batteries and overwhelm the Russian gunners, who made desperate efforts to remove their pieces, but were compelled to leave six of them behind.

ORDERED OUT
OF PT. ARTHUR

All Non-Fighters Must Leave Beleaguered Fortress.

PREPARING FOR FINAL STAND
Large Body of Fresh Japanese Troops Landed at New Chwang—Russian Right is Now Menaced.

Chefoo, Aug. 5.—10 p.m.—Thirty more refugees arrived today on junks from Port Arthur, which place they left Aug. 1. The departure of all civilians from Port Arthur is said to be owing to the exhaustive preparation for a final stand against the Japanese. The food is being taxed to provide for the unusual inflow of travelers. The good hotel in the city is assigned three-fourths to a room, and the overflow is compelled to accept squalid quarters elsewhere.

Closing In
Tokio, Aug. 5.—The Japanese are hourly awaiting tidings of a victory of Port Arthur with more or less eagerness. They have before them a political, strategic and a sentimental standpoint. The position of the Russian fortress is a point of paramount importance. The Japanese are pouring fire into the diminishing forts, and it is felt here that the critical hour is fast approaching. The small force here is ignorant of the hour when the final assault will be made, and also of the details of what has already been done around Port Arthur.

It is believed that the fire from the Japanese batteries will compel the Russian force to leave the harbor and accept battle from Admiral Togo. It is becoming proverbial that the Japanese infantry will go anywhere and the Russian troops will not. The Russian force is retreating no matter how great their losses may be.

It is believed that Port Arthur could hold out for a few more days with a heavy loss of life, but it is evident that military leaders are working to effect the reduction and capture of the fortress. The Russian loss of life. There will be no charges of great masses of infantry until the artillery has finished the task of silencing the Russian guns.

A story is current to the effect that the Emperor has expressed the wish that the capture of Port Arthur be the smallest possible sacrifice of life, hence the care and precision taken by the Japanese in approaching the Russian defenses, and the extensive use of the large engines of war with which they clear the way.

Fresh Jap Troops
St. Petersburg, Aug. 5.—A special dispatch to the Bourse Gazette from Liao Yang says: "According to Chinese reports the Japanese landed 5,000 men at the port of New Chwang, July 31, and the further disembarkation of troops is proceeding."

Encircled by Enemy
Hail Cheng, Tuesday, Aug. 2.—The Russians have been obliged to retire from here as the Japanese were working round them from the north and east to cut them off from Liao Yang. The fresh Japanese troops coming from the port of New Chwang are also advancing on the other flank. The main column of the Russian troops is now about 10 miles from Liao Yang. The Japanese form a semi-circle of about fifty miles around the Russian position. As this dispatch is filed the order for the Russian troops to retreat has been given.

Beer For the Crew
Vladivostok, Aug. 5.—Vice-Admiral Skrydloff yesterday informed the Russian cruisers which recently returned from the raid in the Pacific, that the crew and men, and especially warmly praising the engineers, going down into the stokehold to learn the details of the work. Skrydloff presented 25 cases of beer to the crew.

Wounded by Trainload
Irkutsk, Siberia, Aug. 5.—Trains filled with wounded men are arriving here daily from the front, many of them proceeding to European Russia, and others making their way to hospitals here. Two Red Cross hospitals have been opened here and one private hospital has been established by the wife of Governor Molterius. The prices of food have doubled recently.

Casualties at Simoucheng.
Tokio, Aug. 5.—11 a.m.—The Russians left seven hundred dead on the battlefield at Simoucheng. The Japanese casualties during the same battle aggregated 800. The Japanese captured six guns at Simoucheng and two other guns. The Japanese captured place at the Yangtze and Yushinzi Passes.

Don't Like Retreating.
St. Petersburg, Aug. 5.—The temper of the Russian troops, in view of the continued retreats, is perhaps accurately reflected by the following brief message by one of the Associated Press Russian correspondents from Liao Yang: "The orders many, it is heart-breaking to receive, constantly falling back, but there must be an end to these retrograde movements. A little more patience. To advance only requires manliness."

WANTED TO BE A "BOBBY"
Immigrants Giving Police at Toronto Union Station Lots of Trouble.

Toronto, Aug. 5.—The 150 immigrants that arrived in Toronto last night from England were engaged by farmers almost before they touched the station platform. While waiting to leave again for their future homes on Ontario farms they gave the police on duty at the Union station some trouble because of their desire to smoke and spit when and where they pleased.

Constable Spiller furnished each of them with a copy of the spitting by-law and warned them that if they persisted in violating they would be given a chance to learn the law the hard way. One of the party came out here with the intention of joining the police force, but when he made application he found out that he was over age and a little short. To a companion he said: "Here's a rum run, mate. I can't go on the pogram, when the weapon discharged, and I'm goin' on a farm. It's one again for me."