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## Three Drown at Walkerton When Small Boat in Dark Drifts Over the Milldam

**Fred Clark and the Misses Obrecht Are Victims of an Unusual Catastrophe—Fourth Member of Party Saved—Had Taken a Desperate Chance.**

**WALKERTON, May 24.**—(Special.)—Three lives were lost last night under exceptionally pathetic circumstances. The victims were:  
**MISS BERTHA OBRECHT,** aged 20.  
**MISS GERTRUDE OBRECHT,** aged 19.  
**FRED CLARK,** aged 21.

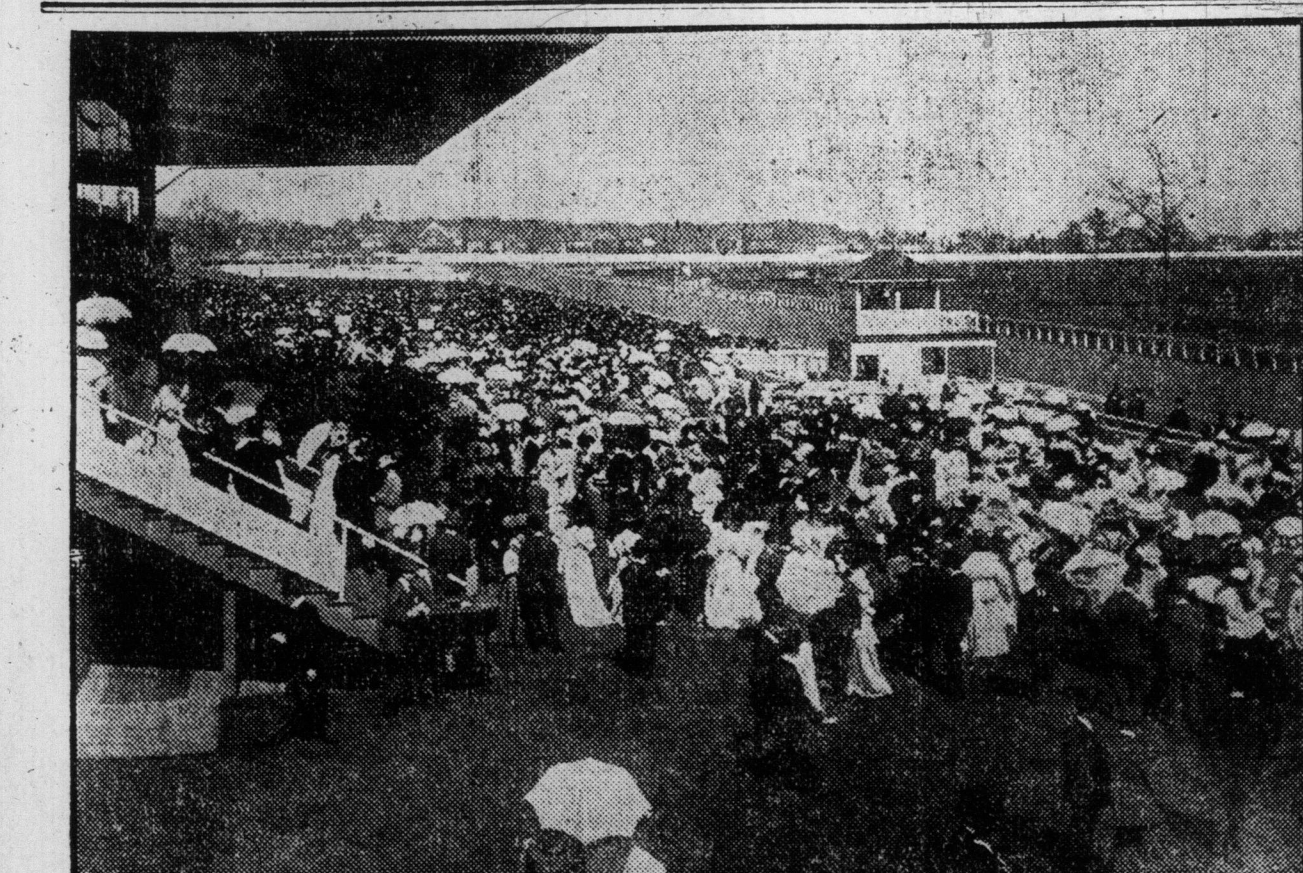
The girls were sisters, and Fred Clark was a brother of "Bun" Clark, the well-known lacrosse player. Simeon Smith was almost a fourth victim of the accident, which occurred at the milldam on the Saugeen River. The quartet had gone out Saturday evening intending to row across the mill pond. It was an ideal evening and the boat was allowed to drift down the river, none thinking that the dam was so close until the boat struck a log, about five feet from the dam itself.

One of the young men got out on the log to steady the boat, and the girls, in their fright, commenced to scream. Their cries were not responded to, and finally the boat got to the dam. There the young men attempted to hold it, while the girls continued to scream, becoming hysterical. At last it was decided to attempt a desperate chance, nothing less than to allow the boat to go over the dam, trusting that it would remain upright when it struck the water a few feet below. Just as the bow got nicely over the brink, the current swung the stern around and the boat upset. The young men made a desperate attempt to rescue their companions, but in the darkness and with the falling water around them all became weakened. Smith is an expert swimmer, but he was so exhausted when he reached shore that he lay for an hour before he could gain strength to summon aid. Then he staggered to a farm house and raised the alarm, fainting almost at once. Parties were organized and the bodies recovered at 3 o'clock this morning 200 feet below the dam. The tragedy has cast a gloom over the whole town to-day. Feeling references to it were made in all the churches.

### EMPIRE DAY IN BRITAIN.

**Strathcona Speaks at Hampton—Concert a Great Success.**

**LONDON, May 24.**—(C.A.P.)—Speaking at Hampton Lord Strathcona, who is suffering from a severe cold, expressed his appreciation of the spread of the celebration of Empire Day in Britain. It emphasized the value of true patriotism, which made all ready to share the sorrows as well as the pride of the empire. The empire concert at Albert Hall directed by Dr. Harris Saturday afternoon was an enormous success. The talent represented all portions of the British Empire. Ten thousand were present. Reciprocity in music, fostered in Canada, voices the public sentiment of London. The Queen sent regrets that she was unable to be present.



**SATURDAY'S CROWD AT WOODBINE:** The fine weather brought out a splendid attendance, estimated at from 14,000 to 15,000.

## 10 ARE INJURED IN TROLLEY CRASH

**Cars Collide Near Ottawa—Two Brothers Must Suffer Amputation of Limbs—Other Injuries.**

**OTTAWA, May 24.**—(Special.)—A bad smash-up occurred this afternoon on the line of the Ottawa Electric Railway Company at Westboro, a few miles from the city, as a result of which eight people injured are in the General (Protestant) Hospital and two in the Water Street Hospital.

The front part of the car being Victoria Day, and the weather being unusually fine, were crowded. Coming into the city two cars crowded with passengers, with one following the other. In the second car, it is said that the head one stopped suddenly and that before the motorman running the rear one could check his car, it banged into the other. The failure of the trolley had caused the car to stop.

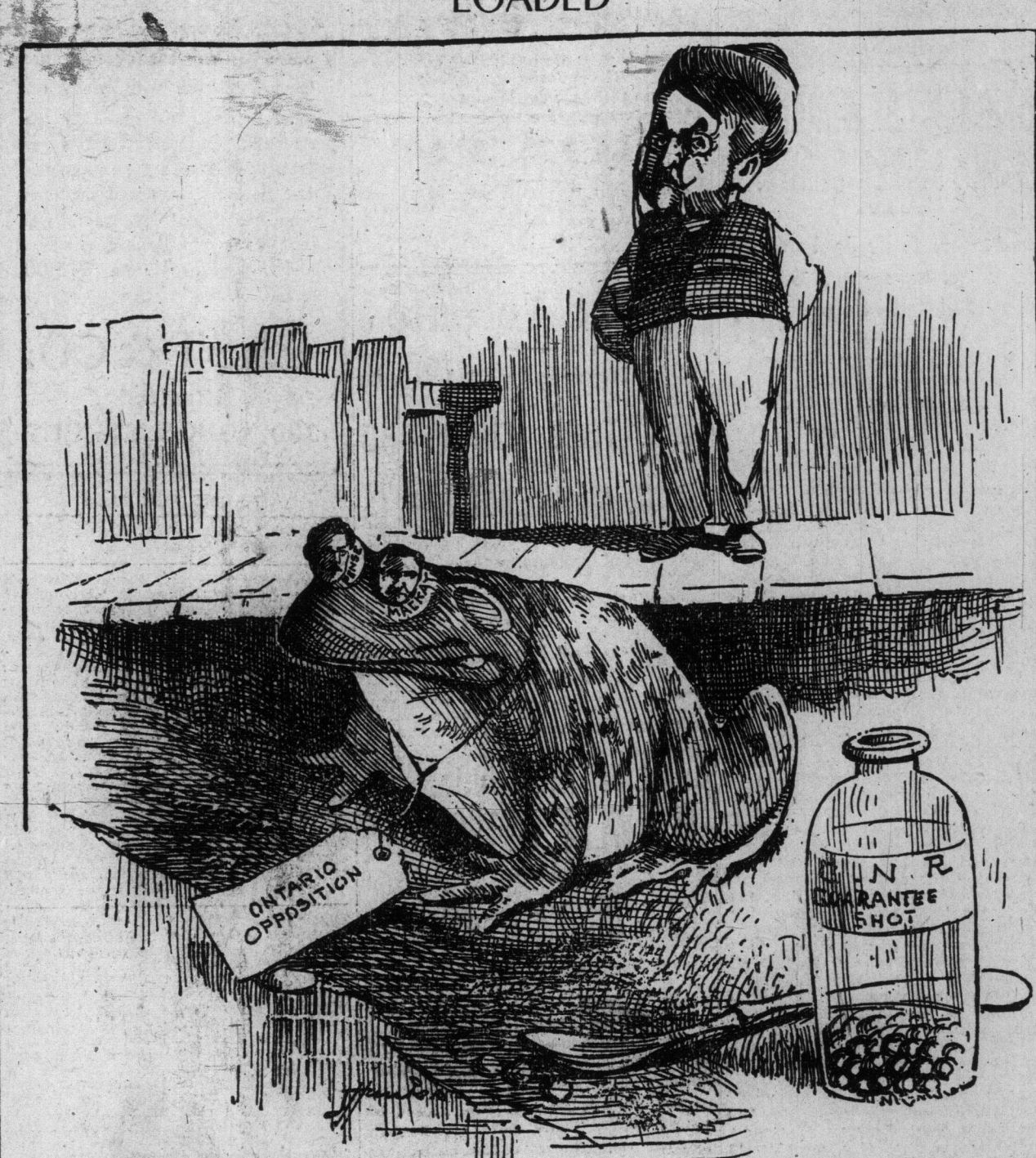
The front part of the rear car, especially, was badly wrecked, the motors and entire vestibule being thrown down and the top framework of the car forced back several inches. Of course, with cars going at a high rate of speed and running into each other, especially when crowded, there was much excitement.

Cars on the city streets were sidetracked and one big one was specially supplied with doctors and run into the city with the injured at a high rate of speed. Every car was paid to the injured by the company's officials and doctors. At the Protestant General Hospital there were 10 injured, including Max Wolfe, aged 16, son of Max Wolfe, an Ottawa furrier, leg slightly crushed. He was sitting right behind the motorman on the rear car and had a marvelous escape. Miss Minnie Herbert, 133 Cumberland-st., not seriously hurt. Mrs. Isabella Valliquette, 457 Cumberland, badly shaken up. Miss Louise Liberty, 67 Victoria-st. Miss Rena Moran, Mechanicville, compound fracture of the left leg, some cuts on the head and wrist sprained. Mrs. Finlay, 283 Friel-st., injury to eye. Frederick Byrnes, aged 16, 485 Lisgar-st., crushed about the legs. Both are so badly hurt that the doctors say amputation will be necessary in both cases. Edward Broadenburg, Miss Nellie Dracott, 104 Cathcart-st. In Water-street Hospital: Miss Yvonne Rene, aged 16, St. Andrew-st., injured about the hip; Mrs. Rene, her mother, was also injured, but is not in the hospital. The most striking feature connected with the accident was the anxiety throughout the city among people, as hundreds were at Britannia and people were naturally anxious to ascertain the names of the injured.

### 10 KILLED, 50 HURT.

**Collision of Trolleys Near Philadelphia Has Terrible Results.**

**PHILADELPHIA, May 24.**—Ten persons are reported killed and more than fifty hurt, many of them dangerously, in a collision between two large trolley cars on the Chestnut Hill branch of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co. lines in the extreme northern section of the city to-night. A trolley going north jumped the track on a heavy grade and was struck by an inbound car on the adjoining track. Both cars were jammed with passengers.



**THE JUMPING FROG:** It's queer, but I don't seem to have half the spring in me I had before I swallowed that shot.

## 16,000 NEW VOTES FOR COMING ELECTION

**Registration in Toronto Last Week an Increase of 4000 Over That of Three Years Ago.**

A total of 16,087 names was added to the lists during the four days registration. In 1905 there were 12,978 names added, the difference being 4061. Saturday being a half holiday for so many people, no doubt had a great deal to do with the substantial total that was run up, also even the biggest optimist did not look for such a total. The following are the figures with comparisons:

North.		South.	
No. 1.....470	No. 1.....491	No. 1.....470	No. 1.....491
No. 2.....244	No. 2.....258	No. 2.....244	No. 2.....258
No. 3.....571	No. 3.....585	No. 3.....571	No. 3.....585
No. 4.....578	No. 4.....592	No. 4.....578	No. 4.....592
No. 5.....241	No. 5.....255	No. 5.....241	No. 5.....255
No. 6.....385	No. 6.....399	No. 6.....385	No. 6.....399
No. 7.....387	No. 7.....401	No. 7.....387	No. 7.....401
No. 8.....82	No. 8.....96	No. 8.....82	No. 8.....96
No. 9.....190	No. 9.....204	No. 9.....190	No. 9.....204
No. 10.....211	No. 10.....225	No. 10.....211	No. 10.....225
No. 11.....211	No. 11.....225	No. 11.....211	No. 11.....225
No. 12.....213	No. 12.....227	No. 12.....213	No. 12.....227
No. 13.....153	No. 13.....167	No. 13.....153	No. 13.....167
No. 14.....218	No. 14.....232	No. 14.....218	No. 14.....232
No. 15.....407	No. 15.....421	No. 15.....407	No. 15.....421
<b>Total.....16,087</b>	<b>Total.....16,087</b>	<b>Total.....12,978</b>	<b>Total.....12,978</b>

### LIFEBUOY FELL TO PIECES.

**Touch From Man in Water Destroyed its Usefulness (?)**  
Three young men in a canoe were upset in the Yonge-street slip last evening. Someone on the dock threw them one of the city's "life preservers" that's been hanging there a long time. When it reached the water and one of the upset grabbed it, it fell to pieces. The trio were fished out.

### A WARNING.

Property Commissioner Harris warns bathers that the water is unusually cold this year, and that precautions should be taken to prevent accidents. A west end resident also points out that the Humber is especially dangerous just now on account of the risen water. At the spot where Friday's drowning occurred the water is six to eight feet deep, or two feet more than usual. For the first time in many years it is possible to go up the river by boat a half a mile above the first rapids.

### WILL INVESTIGATE THE TEXTILE INDUSTRY

**Employees to Number of 5000 Men Return to Work Pending the Result of Enquiry.**

**OTTAWA, May 24.**—(Special.)—On the recommendation of the minister of labor the governor-in-council has decided to hold an enquiry by royal commission into the conditions of the textile industry in Canada with special reference to the disputes at present existing between the mill owners and their employees.

### IN LOVE WITH NANSEN?

**Princess Victoria Said to Have Affection for Explorer.**  
**HAMBURG, May 24.**—The Fremdenblatt prints despatches both from London and Christiania, to the effect that a tender attachment exists between Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, the famous explorer, until recently Norwegian ambassador at the court of St. James, and Princess Victoria, the daughter of King Edward.

### LAVERGNE QUILTS COMMONS.

**M.P. for Montigny Will Make Dash for the Legislature.**  
**MONTREAL, May 24.**—(Special.)—Armand Lavergne will no longer represent Montigny in the house of commons, he being nominated to-day to contest the local seat in opposition to the present government.

### BWARE OF PICKPOCKETS.

To-day the department will have the city specially patrolled on a lookout for pickpockets.

## SIFTON RECALLED FROM TRIP TO MEXICO

**In the Meantime, There is Nothing Doing in Regard to the Election Bill.**

**OTTAWA, May 24.**—(Special.)—Hon. Mr. Sifton's hurried return from Mexico, presumably at the request of his colleagues from Manitoba, is the only new feature of the political situation.

A conference took place Saturday afternoon between Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Borden to discuss the proposed compromise on clause 1 of the Aylesworth bill, but so far as can be learned, nothing of practical importance resulted from the meeting of the two leaders.

### BELL'S MACHINE WRECKED.

**Toronto Operator Made a Mistake in the Flying Machine.**  
**HAMMONDSFORD, N. Y., May 24.**—Traveling at a rate of 24 miles an hour and at a height of 20 feet, the aeroplane White Wings was struck by a heavy squall at 4:14 Saturday afternoon and, turning turtle, fell. Aviator John McCurdy of Toronto being pinned under the wreckage.

### 12 KILLED, 30 INJURED.

**ST. PETERSBURG, May 24.**—A passenger train was derailed Saturday near Puzos, a town of central Russia. Some of the carriages were telescoped. Twelve persons were killed and thirty injured.

60,000 COPIES OF THIS MORNING'S WORLD ARE CIRCULATED TO-DAY