

ELECTRIC STORM WORKS HAVOC IN PROVINCE SEVEN TEEN KILLED WHEN TRAINS CLASH FOUR ARE KILLED BY LIGHTNING REDS WERE VICTORIOUS IN PROVINCIAL ENGAGEMENT

Many Others Will Probably Die

THIRTY ARE HURT

Passenger Train Smashed by Double-Header Freight-Former Crumpled Like Paper by Force of the Impact.

La Trobe, Pa., July 5.—Seventeen persons were killed, a number fatally injured and 30 others hurt at 4:30 this afternoon when a passenger train on the Ligonier Valley Railroad was smashed from behind by a double-header freight train. Only one passenger escaped without injury.

The accident occurred at the fair grounds at Kilpen, one-half mile from Ligonier, a summer resort. The passenger train had started from Ligonier, it consisted of an engine and coach, the engine pushing the coach. The freight train was made up of many coal cars and was being pulled by two heavy locomotives. The impact was terrific. The passenger coach was practically laid open and the passengers were thrown like shot through the air. It was the first fatal accident, it is said in the history of the Ligonier road for the past 40 years.

The Dead.
Mrs. Harry Dillon and baby, of Walden, crushed to death.
Wm. Campbell, of Wilpen.
Frank McConaughy, of Ligonier, engineer, scalded to death.
Byers, of Ligonier, fireman, crushed and scalded.
Louise Rhoady, aged 8, of McCane crushed.
Elizabeth Rhoady, aged 13, a sister John M. Antkay, of Ligonier, fire man, died on way to hospital.
Mrs. M. Ess, of Wilpen, head crushed.
Thos. Murr, of La Trobe, head crushed.
Geo. Toth, of Wilpen, body smashed.
Mike Hudock, of Wilpen, side crushed.
Frank Overton, aged 10, of Wilpen, mutilated.
Mrs. John Overton, mother of Frank, died on train bound for Pittsburg.
Unidentified boy, aged 12.
Two unidentified foreigners, badly crushed.

A majority of the injured, thirty in all, were residents along the Wilpen branch. They were brought to a hospital here or sent to hospital at Pittsburg when it was found they were in a critical condition. Among them were Dr. B. Johnson, of Wilpen, who was hurt internally; will probably die.
Dr. C. A. Hamil, of Ligonier, crushed.
Miss Esther M. Matthews, a nurse, employed at the hospital, George Servis, Ligonier, President of the Ligonier Valley Railway.
Walter Sereno, of McKeesport, Pa., clerk in a bank, died in place, in a precarious condition. The injuries of the others were all severe, consisting of broken legs, arms and contusions. The train was well crowded, every seat in the lone coach being occupied with persons returning from a Fourth of July holiday.

The freight engine ploughed through the wooden coach, crushing it as it would paper. The coach was ripped to pieces. All the occupants were hurled to the roadbed. Some fell in the path of the onrushing engine, while others were imbedded, partly in the cinders and crushed against the rails. The engine, turned half around and fell over on its side. Engineer McConaughy was scalded to death, while his fireman, George Byers, jumped out to fall on the track and met death under the wheels. Engineer Smith P. Beatty, of the second engine, jumped and sustained a broken leg. His fireman, John Arkney, fell beneath a car. His legs were severed and he died en route to the hospital. Engineer Dunlap, of the passenger train, and his fireman, remained at their posts and escaped with slight injuries. A pathetic feature of the wreck was the injury of Miss Esther M. Matthews, a nurse, and the death of two and the injury of four children who was talking to the woods near Wilpen for an afternoon's outing. Farmers near the scene of the accident and workmen employed at a saw track in the vicinity, were at the wreck within a few minutes. Messengers were started at once to Ligonier while the others assisted by Engineer Dunlap and his fireman were busy getting the dead and injured out of the wreckage. An hour and a half after the accident physicians, nurses and

UNITY OF EMPIRE IS ASSURED

Hon. George E. Foster Tells London of His Belief in Its Solidarity.

London, July 5.—The Right Hon. R. L. Borden and his colleagues this afternoon visited the colonial office, the admiralty and the war office, making a brief stay at each place. The Hon. Mr. Foster's speech was listened to with close attention, cheers greeting the most pungent apophorisms of which there were many.

He declared that historical teachings and political tendencies were all entangled or not, they must agree that the operation had taken place, and whether it was recognized as such or not, the overseas Dominion had cast the grappling hooks of preferential trade on the vital of Great Britain, and compelled a greater inflow of trade and commerce.

"We are not a sovereign power," said the Hon. Mr. Foster, "and do not wish to become such. There is but one source of sovereignty, and Canada at least is not the one to surrender the band which makes sovereignty common to us all. We are complementary, each of the other, and if ever there was a decree of reciprocity promulgated from a higher power, it was promulgated between this old country and the states of the empire."

FINDINGS OF TITANIC COURT

No Recommendation with Reference to Bulkheads is Forecast of Daily Mail—Ismy Will Be Handled Gently.

London, July 5.—A forecast of the report of the inquiry conducted by Lord Mersey was printed today in the Daily Mail. The commander of the steamer Californian is to be severely censured. Personal issues are to be avoided as far as possible and Lady Duff Gordon will be treated leniently. No specific recommendations will be made in reference to bulkheads which are now a subject of scientific inquiry. Discipline among the passengers will be commended as necessary to avoid a panic. The use of wireless telegraphy day and night and also searchlights will be insisted upon. No censure of the White Star Line for insufficient boats is expected because of the accepted expert opinion at the hearing, but full boat accommodation in the future will be urged. The court, it is said, will find that the Titanic was navigated too rapidly, but in view of the accepted custom of trans-Atlantic captains and the captain's death at his post, there will be no charge of negligence against Captain Smith, except that he was guilty only of an error of judgment.

Thomas Comeau Charles Morris, Hachey and Unidentified Man, the Dead—Many Injured

Fragmentary Reports Indicate Visit of Worst Storm in Years--Extent of Ruin Difficult to Estimate--Northern Part of Province Suffered Worst--Feared Death List May be Increased.

From the fragmentary reports received last night from points in the northern part of the province it is all too evident that terrible damage and some loss of life has resulted from the electrical storms during Thursday and yesterday. Wires are down in the upper river counties and in Gloucester and Restigouche counties are blamed for the difficulty in getting reports through, but it is known that at least four men are dead as the result of the storms and several buildings have been burned or otherwise destroyed.

As far as could be learned over the long distance telephone last night the men killed are:
Charles Morris, of California, Victoria county, struck by lightning and killed.
Thomas Comeau of Green Point, near Bathurst, struck by lightning and killed.
A man named Hachey, formerly of Bathurst, who was struck by lightning and killed on the Tobique Road near Campbellton.
A man, name unknown, who was struck at the same time as Hachey, and who died later in the hospital in Campbellton.
Another man who was with Hachey is also reported to be in the hospital in Campbellton seriously injured.

Two Killed Thursday

The storm was first reported in the vicinity of Campbellton and Bathurst on Thursday and it was then that Comeau and Hachey were killed. Hachey in company with the unknown man, who died later in the Campbellton hospital, and three other companions were talking on the Tobique Road when the storm struck them. They were on their way home at the time. Hachey was killed and killed two of the others injured. A teamster later found three of the men by the roadside and it is reported that houses were damaged, fences and chimneys blown down and other damage done.

In the towns and villages in the affected region, the storm was very severe, with heavy thunder and sharp flashes of lightning accompanied by torrential rain. There is, however, no report of further damage, but it is stated that the news is received from the more remote districts, the loss of life may be great.

FIRST EXCLUSIVE STORY OF THE REGINA CYCLONE WRITTEN BY ST. JOHN MAN

Frank P. Magee, in Letter to His Mother, Written Five Hours After Storm Burst, Tells of Scenes and Happenings in Stricken City--A Graphic Account by One who was Through it All.

Frank P. Magee, formerly a valued employe of The Standard, but now on the Regina Leader, is the first St. John man to write a description of the devastation wrought by the death-dealing cyclone which visited Regina on Sunday last.

CLEVER CROOK CASHES CHECK, KEEPS CHANGE

"Dr. O'Connor" Puts One Over on Halifax Bank Branch.

Halifax, July 5.—How a clever crook took \$1500 out of one of P. Banks and the agency of the Royal Line of steamships in Halifax, is the talk of the town today. In March last a man came to Halifax who called himself Dr. Thomas O'Connor, and said he had been appointed agent general of Sydney, N. S. W., with headquarters at Halifax. He called on the grand secretary of the Mosaic bank and said he wished to become a member of the Scottish Rite. He was told more must be known about him before that could be permitted.

One thing led to another, and he was introduced to the Royal Bank. He had \$100 checks on Australian banks. The Royal accepted one of them on deposit, and O'Connor drew a check on it for \$50. Then the bank's secretary cautioned the bank to honor no more, but O'Connor showed a document that he was entitled to a big estate in England and they afterwards honored a \$75 check. He drew no more on the bank but he went to another, the Commerce, and was turned down at first.

SPY GETS STIFF SENTENCE.

Leipzig, July 5.—Leopold Eilers, a native of the German island of Heligoland, but a naturalized citizen of the United States, was sentenced today by the imperial supreme court to four years in a penitentiary and six years loss of civil rights on a charge of espionage.

THIRTEEN OF DEAD NOT YET IDENTIFIED

Considerable Confusion Marks Disposal of Remains of the Victims.

Corning, N. Y., July 5.—Of the 41 passengers killed in the rear collision on the Lackawanna, two miles east of this city early yesterday, 13 remain unidentified up to a late hour today. Of these six are in local morgues and seven in Elmira. In several instances there are no clues upon which identification may be attempted and several bodies are so badly mutilated that ultimate discovery of their identity seems but a remote possibility. The unidentified dead comprise six women, five men, an eight year old girl, and a ten year old boy.

Coroner H. B. Smith settled a dispute between two claimants of the body of a five year old girl. The body had been identified by Wm. R. Laird, of Buffalo, as that of his daughter Mabel, and had been turned over to him. Today, David Cochrane, of New York, a brother of Mrs. Wm. Armstrong, who with her husband was killed, also claimed the body as that of his five year old daughter, Mabel. The body was turned over to him.

Considerable confusion had been caused by the fact that many of the dead and injured were taken to Elmira shortly after the accident. Relatives have flocked here seeking missing ones, and their mission falling here have been compelled to take the trip to Elmira. It developed tonight that Mrs. Chas. Brandes, of New York City, who has hitherto been mentioned in the press despatches as among the dead was not on the train. This fact became known when Henry Hente, a cousin of Brandes arrived at the morgue and identified the latter, he stated that Brandes wife and four children were at home and well in New York.

TRADE BANK IS ABSORBED BY THE ROYAL FORMALLY

Canada Gazette to Contain Announcement to That Effect—Turbulence to Come Under Adulteration Act.

Ottawa, July 5.—The Canadian Gazette tomorrow will contain the formal notice of the absorption of the Traders Bank by the Royal Bank. It is noted that four weeks after the two banks will apply to the governor-in-council the minutes of financial statements, for approval of the agreement whereby the Royal purchased the Traders at a price of \$2,500,000 of its shares, amounting in value to \$3,300,000. Notice appears in the Canada Gazette regarding the proposed amalgamation of the two banks. When sold for medicinal purposes it must meet pharmaceutical requirements. When sold for other purposes, it must conform to certain specifications as to purity which are prescribed in the order-in-council.

All Troops Highly Efficient In Drill DID SPLENDID WORK

Manoeuvres in Sham Battle Executed in Creditable Manner--Camp Breaking Up and Men Leave for Home.

Sussex, July 5.—The sham battle which is at once the climax and the ending of the annual drill, resulted in a decisive victory for the reds. The blues, whose cavalry, the 8th Hussars, had seized Ryans Hill and thus secured a commanding position in respect to the encampment, were outflanked by the dragons, two squadrons of whom had ridden round by way of Sussex Corner and Plumtree. The 6th brigade marched out across the Salmon River bridge, and resorting to open river tactics gradually worked their way to the top of the hill. But the dragons had already captured the two squadrons which formed the enemy's advance.

Major Hayter in addressing the officers after the fight, complimented the 28th upon their splendid work. He also had something to say about the unwisdom as well as the wise moves of all units engaged. Major Hayter, who is under the British war office, has had general supervision of the drill this year.

Both officers and men do not hesitate to speak of the present as the most successful camp ever held. The weather has been favorable, the health of the men excellent, and aside from several minor offences the conduct of the men has been good.

VALUEDICTORY

The following valedictory was issued today:
"The camp commandant desires to express his appreciation of the manner in which all duties have been performed during the annual training this year, the excellent spirit which has prevailed, and the exemplary behavior of the troops, both in and out of camp. This reflects credit on all concerned, and he begs to convey to the officers of the staff, the brigade commanders and O. C.'s of all units, his hearty thanks for the zeal which has been displayed in carrying out all orders and instructions which have been promulgated in connection with the camp."

MINISTERS ARRIVE ON THE ISLAND

Charlottetown, P. E. I., July 5.—Hon. Messrs. White, Minister of Finance, and Reid, Minister of Customs, arrived here tonight. They were met by prominent Conservatives, including Premier Matheson and the federal members. They will be entertained with a drive tomorrow and leave on Sunday for Halifax.

FRENCH MERCHANT OFFICERS STRIKE, MAILS ARE HELD UP

Service of French Line Paralyzed by Employees--Forwarders Suffer Immense Losses--Military on Guard.

Marseilles, July 5.—The officers of the French line steamers today declared to the strikers' seamen and dockers. This completely paralyzes the mail service of this company in the Mediterranean. Additional details regarding the strike are being received. The interruption of the service is causing immense losses to the forwarders of perishable merchandise, especially of fruits from Algeria and Corsica. All the docks here are guarded by the militia.