

TRAIN CRASHES INTO CABOOSE RAILWAYMEN KILLED AT KINGSTON

Grand Trunk Engineer and Fireman Instantly Killed and Brake-man Badly Injured in Early Morning Rear End Collision.

[Canada Press.]
Kingston, Jan. 23.—William Dennis, of Belleville, engineer, and Thomas McDermott, also of Belleville, fireman, were killed, and William Cunningham, brakeman, lost an arm as the result of a rear-end collision between the Grand Trunk Collins and the Ontario & Quebec trains, both bound east. The trains, which were freight trains, were in the station at Kingston at 1:30 a.m. The Ontario & Quebec train, which was led by the engineer, was stopped by the signal. The Grand Trunk train, which was led by the brakeman, was moving at a speed of 15 miles an hour when it struck the rear of the Ontario & Quebec train. The collision was so violent that the Grand Trunk train was thrown into the air and landed on the Ontario & Quebec train. The engineer and fireman of the Grand Trunk train were instantly killed. The brakeman was badly injured and his right arm was severed. The Ontario & Quebec train was derailed and the locomotive and several cars were wrecked. The Grand Trunk train was also derailed and the locomotive and several cars were wrecked. The collision occurred at a crossing between the two lines. The Grand Trunk train was en route from Toronto to Kingston. The Ontario & Quebec train was en route from Kingston to Toronto. The collision occurred at a crossing between the two lines. The Grand Trunk train was en route from Toronto to Kingston. The Ontario & Quebec train was en route from Kingston to Toronto. The collision occurred at a crossing between the two lines.

Brakeman Loses Arm.
Cunningham, the brakeman, was on the engine which crashed into the caboose, and jumped. His arm was so badly injured that doctors had to amputate it. He refused to take an ambulance, and stood the operation bravely. All the men were married, those killed each leaving a wife and three children. Six cars and a dead engine on the forward train, and the engine of the colliding train were splintered, twisted and wrecked. Kingston firemen were called to subdue the flames, which they accomplished. By 7 o'clock this morning the line was cleared. One car was buried off the track, and landed 20 feet away in a snowbank. An inquest will be held.

SHOT MEANT FOR SON KILLS THE MOTHER

Italian Lady Murdered in New York Apparently by Black Handers.

[Canada Press.]
New York, Jan. 23.—Mrs. Frances C. DeCandia, an Italian mother of 60 years, who came to New York from Naples only a week ago to live with her son, both of whom were shot and killed yesterday afternoon in the city. The police believe that the bullet was intended for one of the sons, but it struck the mother instead. The shot was fired from a distance of about 100 yards. The mother was killed instantly. The son was also killed. The police are looking for the shooter. The mother was a widow. She had three sons. One of the sons was a well-known gangster. The mother was shot in the back. The son was shot in the chest. The police are looking for the shooter. The mother was a widow. She had three sons. One of the sons was a well-known gangster. The mother was shot in the back. The son was shot in the chest. The police are looking for the shooter.

PLAGUE CORPSES PILED IN STREETS

Fifteen Hundred Deaths Per Week at Harbin.

SPREADS ALL OVER ASIA

European Russia in No Immediate Danger From Bubonic.

Harbin, Manchuria, Jan. 23.—Fudziad, a suburb of Harbin, and the particular plague spot of Manchuria, is to be isolated as the first systematic step toward exterminating the plague that has grown more threatening every day. This was decided upon at a conference participated in at Tokyo, the head of the local Chinese Government, and English and Chinese physicians. The movement is due to pressure brought by the Russian Government, which realizes the seriousness of the situation. A Russian physician, who has just completed an inspection of Fudziad, reports that the plague is in the neighborhood of which 7,000 persons reside. Corpses are piled high in the streets and in the yards adjoining the houses. The plague is spreading rapidly. The Russian Government is taking steps to isolate the area. The Chinese Government is also taking steps to isolate the area. The plague is spreading rapidly. The Russian Government is taking steps to isolate the area. The Chinese Government is also taking steps to isolate the area. The plague is spreading rapidly.

FIVE PEOPLE IN A BAD RUNAWAY

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Spettigue and Others in a Dangerous Spill On Sunday Night

ESCAPED SERIOUS INJURY

Mrs. Spettigue Rendered Unconscious—Cutter Smashed to Pieces in South London.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Spettigue, of Gardfield avenue, South London, their son Frank, and Mr. and Mrs. John Parkinson, of 166 Ridout street, South London, had a close call from being killed last night, when a horse, drawing a cutter, in which they were all going to church, ran away on Wortley road.

At the corner of Elmwood avenue and Wortley road, the cutter got caught in the street car tracks, and the horse was dashing wildly down the road, the momentum caused the cutter to slew into a telegraph pole. It struck the post with great force, and was smashed to kindling wood, and the five occupants were hurled into the road.

Rendered Unconscious.
Mrs. Spettigue was picked up in an unconscious condition, and carried into a nearby house.

Dr. E. G. Davis, upon his arrival, found that she had sustained a laceration on the head which required eight stitches, and which bled freely. She was also badly shaken up, and suffered greatly from shock.

Badly Shaken Up.
Today she has been conscious only at intervals, but it is not thought that her injuries will result seriously. Her husband was badly shaken up, and sustained bruises about the leg which will lay him up for a day or two.

Frank Spettigue and Mr. and Mrs. Parkinson escaped with only a few scratches. The horse was badly injured, and when captured some distance down the road, it was found that one of its hoofs had been almost severed by coming into contact with something sharp.

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RECEIVED TELEPATHIC MESSAGE TELLING OF TORONTO TRAGEDY

Father of Family Wiped Out by Fire Received Strange Warning of Affair While Travelling On Railway Train Hundreds of Miles From Scene.

[Canada Press.]

Toronto, Jan. 23.—A strange tale is told in connection with the tragic wiping out of the Brooks family early Saturday morning.

Percy Brooks, the sole surviving member of the family, was on a train going from Chicago to Indianapolis at the actual time of the fire. He received a telepathic message warning him that his wife and children had perished in a fire. He got off the train and headed for home at once.

He never received any of the wire messages sent to break the awful news. His first positive information came from his brother, who met him at Detroit.

The funeral takes place this afternoon and an effort is being made to have it as private as possible.

MANY ARE KILLED OR INJURED IN A WELSH TRAIN WRECK

[Canada Press.]

Cardiff, Wales, Jan. 23.—A passenger train collided with a coal train at Hopkinstown, near Pontypridd, today, three of the coaches being telescoped and many persons were killed or injured.

Soldiers sent to help in the work of rescue recovered the bodies of eight men and three children from the wreckage. Those on the train included a number of miners, who were on their way to London for a conference with the mine owners.

NO TRACE OF NELSON ST. BOY

Many Unfounded Rumors Were Afloat in This City on Sunday.

CHAUFFEUR SAW LAD

Thinks It Was George Wilson—Father Still Believes Boy Is Being Detained.

Dozens of stories were afloat in the city about the effect that the body of missing George Wilson, of 294 Nelson street, had been discovered in the Thames.

All stories proved absolutely without foundation, as not the slightest trace of the boy has been found. Yesterday afternoon the lad's father asked Chief Alder to make a search about the sewer at the foot of Wellington street, as he thought there was a possibility that if the body was in the river it would be found there.

For hours the men probed with poles, but without any results. The water under the bridge is about 20 feet deep, and there is no current there, so that if the boy had fallen in his body would not be carried down the river.

Chauffeur Saw Child.
As a result of the search, Mr. Wilson is more than ever convinced that someone has his boy, and is keeping him. The theory is somewhat substantiated by the fact that Mr. Samuel W. Thomas, chauffeur for Mr. John McGarry, while coming down the Wellington road on Thursday last, missed, remembers seeing a little lad on the south side of the bridge.

Mr. Thomas says the little fellow was looking about as if lost, and he remembers distinctly slowing up his auto in order to give the lad time to get out of the way. He remembers also that he was a sweater, but cannot recall the color, as he was not particularly interested at the time.

As far as can be learned, Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Job Cook are the only two persons besides the boy's mother who saw him after he left the house. Mrs. Cook says she saw a boy and was going toward the bridge shortly before 12 o'clock on the day of the disappearance. She did not know George Wilson, but is confident from the description that it was him.

Firemen Again Search.
All day today the search has been continued. This morning a number of men went down to the river, and with long poles probed about in various places. Their efforts were also fruitless.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson say they will also likely certain that someone has kidnapped their boy.

"Someone is keeping him," said Mr. Wilson to the Advertiser.

In the meantime the lad's disappearance is one of the principal topics of conversation throughout the city, and the almost sympathy is felt for the parents, who have been caused such grave anxiety and sorrow. Many people have voluntarily turned out and searched about the river banks, and in other places.

Another Theory.
There is another local theory now afloat, that is, that the little fellow has wandered out into the country, and in getting cold has crept into some field and lain down and been frozen. The parents say that he would be very timid about telling people who he was, and there are some who think that he wandered about perhaps until night, and then crept in some place and perished with the cold.

A LONG BURIAL.
Rouen, France, Jan. 23.—Two workmen, who were deeply buried by a cave-in at the clay pits of Vanesville on Jan. 11, were rescued today alive and well. Since the accident occurred last week, day and night to disinter the men, and some fine work succeeded in sinking a tube through which food and drink were supplied them.

A BOLD ATTEMPT TO ROB CITIZEN

Two Men Attacked Arthur F. Kemp in South London on Saturday Night.

SAVED BY A STREET CAR

Trolley Came Along in the Nick of Time—A Carefully-Planned Crime—Police on the Trail.

A sensational attempt was made on Saturday night shortly after eleven o'clock to rob Arthur F. Kemp, butcher, at the corner of Wharncliffe road and Byron avenue, as he was on his way to his home at No. 33 Byron avenue.

Mr. Kemp had just locked up his store and was walking down the middle of the road behind Askin street school, when he met two men.

As soon as they came abreast of him they threw themselves upon him and struck at him, repeatedly, knocking him to the ground.

Probably all that saved Mr. Kemp from being robbed was the fact that a belt line car stopped at the corner of Byron avenue to let someone off.

As soon as the car stopped the highwaymen, seeing someone getting off, ran away, down Byron avenue.

That the robbery was carefully planned is shown by the fact that earlier in the evening a neighbor saw two men deliberately smash the hydro-electric light, just opposite the spot where Mr. Kemp was attacked.

After picking himself up Mr. Kemp made his way to his home, which is only a short distance away. He was very much upset over the affair, and his face still bears the marks of the heavy blows which were inflicted upon him.

The police are working on the case, and have a good description of the men.

CANADA'S FISH ON FREE LIST

One of Uncle Sam's Concessions in Reciprocity Agreement.

DUTY ON IMPLEMENTS

Modifications That Will Operate to the Advantage of the Farmers.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 23.—Hon. Wm. Patterson and Hon. Wm. Mclennan, who ended the negotiations with the United States authorities on Saturday and left Washington, are expected to reach Ottawa on Tuesday or Wednesday. It is expected that an official announcement will be made about the middle of the week as to the result of the better trade talks which have been in progress for the past fortnight. Beyond the fact that there has been an understanding reached, the members of the Government are without information.

Not a Treaty.
There is a well-founded report that an understanding has not taken the form of a treaty, but that the products of the lakes as well as the Atlantic and Pacific. It is pretty well understood that one of the concessions which has been made to Canada is the placing of fresh fish on the United States free list. This will open an enormous market for the fish products of the lakes as well as the Atlantic and Pacific. It is pretty well understood that one of the concessions which has been made to Canada is the placing of fresh fish on the United States free list. This will open an enormous market for the fish products of the lakes as well as the Atlantic and Pacific. It is pretty well understood that one of the concessions which has been made to Canada is the placing of fresh fish on the United States free list. This will open an enormous market for the fish products of the lakes as well as the Atlantic and Pacific.

The official announcement of the details of the negotiations is awaited here with great interest by members on both sides of the House. It is thoroughly understood that the Conservative wing is prepared to criticize and condemn what has been done. If the agreement is extensive the Government will be denounced for having allowed the trade negotiators to have gone so far. If the agreement is restricted to a limited list of articles the Government will be commended for having asked reciprocity in the past and not having gone far enough when it had the opportunity.

It is believed that the Government has acted on the principle that the first step toward reciprocity should be largely experimental and that the best interests of the majority in the country should be consulted without regard to what criticism will follow.

Both the end of the week the announcement will be made, and the fight in Parliament will have begun.

U. S. WHEAT SUPPLY.

New York, Jan. 23.—The visible supply of wheat in the United States Saturday, Jan. 21, as compiled by the New York Produce Exchange was 42,107,000 bushels; decrease 1,186,000.

RAILWAY STATION BURNED.

Aberdeen, Idaho, Jan. 23.—The division headquarters, local freight houses and passenger station of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad here burned today. Loss \$200,000. The fire started from a boiler explosion of a heater.

The movement of trains on the entire Montevideo division for 250 miles is tied up until wires can be restored.

BIG CONFERENCE ON THIS AFTERNOON

City Council and Water Commissioners Will Discuss Engineers' Troubles.

NO BACK DOWN LIKELY

Commissioners Say They Will Stand By Their Guns—Action They Took Was Not Hasty.

The main topic of discussion about the city hall today is the conference this afternoon between the Water commissioners and the city council relative to the dismissal of Engineer Van Cleave and Manager Dark.

In some quarters the impression prevails that the affair will produce rather a tart discussion, and that some rather pointed remarks will be made.

According to the information obtainable, the water commissioners will stand pat. They have made up their minds, and they will refuse to go back on the stand already taken. The members all state this and declare that so far as they are concerned, the incident is closed.

As they are not answerable to the council, it is not at all likely that they will advance reasons for the action taken a week ago.

The commissioners feel that they are not on trial at the hands of the council. They consider that they have taken a definite action after mature deliberation, and they are prepared to abide by it.

The Head Engineer.
But they will frankly discuss the question of a head engineer. They have not declared on the principle, but will willingly debate with the council the best methods of working out the problem.

The aldermen do not know exactly in what position they stand. They do not see a rule book which they can turn to for guidance. They are not on trial at the hands of the council. They consider that they have taken a definite action after mature deliberation, and they are prepared to abide by it.

Commissioners Explain.
"We came to our decision after mature consideration," declared Chairman Pocock. "We did not jump at conclusions, but did it deliberately, and with a knowledge of what we were doing. I do not see that we can change now."

The commissioners have a certain amount of standing in the matter all possible consideration," said Mayor Beattie. "They will, I think, stand by that decision. It looks as if the whole question will simmer down to this: Is the council prepared to pay Mr. Van Cleave a salary of \$4,000 and retain his services? The aldermen may do that, or they may keep Mr. Van Cleave at a lower salary. However, the commissioners are practically agreed on their position. We have not discussed the principle of a head engineer. We are willing to take up that matter, and talk it over with the council. There is no question as to this, and we are willing to do what we can. As to the dismissal of the men, we have quite made up our minds."

Ald. Eckert's Opinion.
"We should have been consulted before the dismissal of these men was discussed," said Ald. Eckert. "It should have been a mutual one, and we should at least have been consulted. However, it is not as if it is distinctly up to the council. If the commissioners are decided in their position, we have no alternative but either to keep Mr. Van Cleave for one city work, or get another man. That is how it looks to me. It seems as if it will be rather a hard proposition to work out."

The majority of the council are against paying Mr. Van Cleave \$4,000 for the city engineer's work alone, but it is quite probable that he might obtain a majority of the aldermen, if the salary were lowered.

THE CAPITAL FACES A SERIOUS SITUATION

Lack of Water at the Chaudiere Ties Up Many Industries.

[Canada Press.]

Ottawa, Jan. 23.—The capital is today facing a very serious situation in regard to its water and hydraulic power supply, owing to the exceptionally low water in the Ottawa River. Several big industries at the Chaudiere are either tied up altogether or running under difficulties, and many men are out of work as a result.

Difficulty is also being experienced in maintaining water pressure at the city pump house, and the situation might be serious in case of a big fire. The trouble is that the flow of water in the aqueduct is so low that the pumps kept working at the regular rate the intakes would be pumped dry. City Engineer Keer says that for the present nothing can be done. The reason for the low water is said to be that owing to extremely cold weather setting in so long ago as snow fell, the streams which fed the Ottawa River are practically frozen solid, not having had the protection of the snow blanket. It is feared that this condition may become aggravated during the winter with serious results.

OMAHA HOTEL FIRE.
Omaha, Jan. 23.—One man is dead and five others are in a serious condition from suffocation by smoke, as the result of a fire early today in the Millard Hotel.

Three hundred guests were asleep when the fire broke out. The man who lost his life was Thomas J. Field, of Sioux City. Mr. Field was formerly an instructor in languages in the University of Wisconsin. The property loss was \$10,000.

WISHART COMING BACK AS VOLUNTARY WITNESS

Resents Action of Crown in Issuing a Warrant For Him.

[Canada Press.]

Toronto, Jan. 23.—Ald. T. A. Pheasant, of Robson, Gwynne & Pheasant, has returned from New York, where he went with J. M. Godfrey to consult with George Wishart, the New York lawyer, for whom a warrant has been issued in connection with the Farmers' Bank disclosures.

Mr. Wishart deeply resents the action of the crown in issuing a warrant for him, and will come back if he is persuaded to the position he was in some weeks ago, that is a voluntary witness.

FATHER BUILT FOURTH HOUSE IN THIS CITY

Isaac L. Yerex, Died in Detroit at Age of 71 Years.

The death occurred in Detroit on Friday last of Mr. Isaac L. Yerex, son of the late Andrew Yerex, who built the fourth log house in London. Had he lived till Jan. 22 he would have been 71 years of age.

Mr. Yerex was born in Pictou, Ont., and spent his early years on a farm at Belmont. He then moved to London, and was a resident for a number of years, afterwards residing in Detroit.

He was a lifelong Liberal, and took the keenest interest in politics. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Annie and Maggie, and one son, Isaac, who is a resident of Detroit, also by one sister and four brothers.

The funeral took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock from Logan's undertaking parlors, Court Forest City, Woodville, Ont. World, of which deceased was a member, took place at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

WATER COMMISSIONERS WILL TURN ON LIGHT

It Will Soon Be Known Who Dismissed Mr. William Andrews.

There is no solution of the mystery as to who is hiring and dismissing men in connection with the hydro-electric work in the city.

The appointment of Mr. Fred Groves over Mr. Wm. Andrews is exciting considerable talk about the city hall, and the question will probably be aired at the next regular meeting of the water commissioners.

"We are going to look into the matter," said Chairman Pocock. "So far we have not been able to obtain the information we desire, as we must devote some time to the conference this afternoon. However, we will make a full investigation, and we will find out. Somebody is responsible and we want to find out who it is."

Mr. Groves is still at the sub-station at the East End. Mr. Willis Macdonald, electrical engineer, stated that the man working there, but that his appointment was not permanent. So far as he knew, but only temporary. He has been giving Mr. Groves instructions, but disclaims any responsibility for hiring him or having anything to do with the dismissal of the other man.

C. P. R. CHIEF ENGINEER DEAD AT MONTREAL

J. E. Schwitzer Succumbs to Attack of Pneumonia and Typhoid.

[Canada Press.]

Montreal, Jan. 23.—J. E. Schwitzer, chief engineer of the C. P. R., who was a week ago taken to the hospital with pneumonia and typhoid fever, died yesterday.

Mr. Schwitzer was only 40 years of age. He had been in the service of the C. P. R. for many years.

LOCAL HOTELMEN WONDER WHAT MOVE IS ON BOARD

Inspector Galpin Has Collected Statistics For Department at Toronto.

A good many local hotelmen are beginning to wonder what changes are in store for them.

The order which went out recently for all license inspectors to gather statistics has been carried out, and the inspectors are now making the rounds of the hotels, asking for the statistics.

Just what it means they are at a loss to know, but it is not thought that even if there is a change made in the license law, it is impossible to say what the Government is contemplating, said Inspector Galpin, who is in charge of the statistics.

ALD. WILL TAKE HIS SEAT ON FEB. 6TH

Papers Are All Ready and in His Solicitor's Hands.

The qualification papers of Mr. W. A. Wilson, who was elected alderman following the resignation of Ald. G. E. Ross, have not been placed in the hands of City Clerk Baker as yet. He has taken the papers, and they will be handed to Mr. Baker before tomorrow noon, when the time limit for filing his papers expires.

Ald. Wilson will take his seat on Feb. 6th.

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FARMERS' BANK WINDING-UP

Formal Application Made at Osgoode Hall This Morning.

[Canada Press.]
Toronto, Jan. 23.—The formal order winding up the Farmers' Bank was made by Mr. Justice Ritchie in his chambers at Osgoode Hall this morning.

James Ritchie, K.C., and M. L. Gordon, appeared on behalf of John Fraser MacGregor, a creditor to the extent of \$1,000, as a holder of notes of the bank, and asked for a winding-up order.

Similar applications were made by C. A. Macdonald, K.C., on behalf of W. S. Lindsay and W. R. Wood.

There were filed before the court the directors' report, calling the attention of shareholders and creditors on Jan. 17 last, and the resolution of the directors, acknowledging insolvency was also filed. The directors present at the meeting at which the acknowledgment of insolvency was made were Col. Munro, A. Eaton, George Gundy, and John F. Ford.

Mr. Justice Ritchie forthwith made an order winding up the Farmers' Bank, and said that he should furnish similar orders for \$50,000.

TAOTAI DISMISSED.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 23.—A news dispatch from Peking today states that the Chinese Taotai at Harbin has been dismissed from his post at the request of the Russian minister, who complains that the Taotai had persisted in ignoring Russia's treaty rights in Manchuria.