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## TERRIBLE ACCIDENT STREET CAR GOING 30 MILES AN HOUR STRUCK AUTOMOBILE; 1 DEAD, 3 HURT

### A. E. BRITNELL DEAD, MISS COAD DYING HIS WIFE AND BROTHER SERIOUSLY HURT WHEN COLLEGE CAR STUCK THEIR AUTO

#### Details of Accident

Last night's motor car accident, which was the worst that has happened in Toronto, occurred at the corner of College and Dufferin streets at 8.45. A street car, running at about 30 miles an hour, struck a motor car driven by Edward E. Britnell, when he attempted to cross College street to go south on Dufferin. In the car, in addition to E. E. Britnell, were Albert E. Britnell and his wife and Miss Hazel Coad.

Edward E. Britnell Attempted to Cross College Street to Go South on Dufferin When a Street Car, Traveling at Terrific Speed, Struck the Automobile and Carried it Half a Block, After Nearly Cutting it in Two—Charge Made That Motorman of Street Car Was Racing Another Machine—Motorman Puts Blame on Britnell, Who Says the Street Car Was a Block Away When He Turned to Cross the Street.

Traveling at more than thirty miles an hour, a College car crashed into a motor car at the corner of Dufferin and College street at 8.45 last night, fatally injuring two of the four occupants and seriously injuring the other two. The motor car was almost cut in two by the street car, which carried the auto over a hundred and fifty feet before hurling it to one side of the roadway.

Albert E. Britnell, 95 Summerhill avenue, treasurer of Britnell & Co., Limited, builders' supplies, and Hazel Coad, 25 Hepbourne street, were fatally injured. Edward E. Britnell, brother of Albert Britnell, who drove the machine, and Mrs. Albert Britnell were seriously injured.

Albert Britnell died at 1.30 this morning and Miss Coad was so low that she was not expected to live thru the night.

Mrs. Britnell was badly cut and bruised about the head and face, and internal injuries are feared. She was still unconscious early this morning. Edward Britnell, the driver, is suffering from shock and possible internal injuries.

The motor car had been proceeding west on College street at about eight miles an hour, and was turning the corner to go down Dufferin street when the machine was struck by the speeding street car.

#### CARRIED HALF A BLOCK.

The street car struck the motor directly behind the engine, and in a line with the front seat, in which Miss Coad was sitting with Edward Britnell. The young woman was knocked from her seat to the pavement. The other three occupants were carried along with the motor car for nearly half a block, when it was hurled to one side.

The injured men and women were carried in an unconscious state to the residence of Dr. John W. Russell, 1084 College street, and from there they were conveyed in Ellis' and Miles' private motor ambulances to Parkdale Hospital.

On their arrival at the hospital anesthetics were immediately administered by Dr. W. G. Russell and Dr. Morgan, who had been called to the hospital. On examination the doctors found that Albert Britnell and Miss Coad each had sustained badly fractured skulls, and it was not until 10.30 that they had succeeded in performing the necessary operations. The doctors stated to The World at the hospital last night that the recovery of these two patients was hopeless, Albert Britnell's pulse hardly being noticeable. Although the other passengers had received serious injuries, the doctors said that their chances of recovery were good.

#### BLAME THE DRIVER.

The College street car was in charge of Motorman Harry Southby, 40 McCauley avenue, and Conductor Arthur Hather, 20 Ruskin avenue. Neither of these men was placed under arrest. They both claim the accident to be due to the driver of the motor car, who, they state, passed directly in front of their car and rendered a collision inevitable.

#### BRITNELL BLAMES STREET CAR.

An absolute denial of the story of the motorman and the conductor is given by Edward Britnell, the driver. When seen by The World at the Parkdale Hospital last night, Britnell stated that the motor car had proceeded down Dufferin street and west along College street to Dufferin street. On reaching this corner he saw the street fully a block west of him. He was traveling at about eight miles an hour, and put the engine on the low gear to turn south on Dufferin street.

"I was taking the corner on the east side and farthest from the car. Just as the motor car was crossing the south track the crash came. The street car seemed to strike us as a streak of lightning, and came with such force as to lift the machine in the air. My lady friend, who was seated with me, fell past me on to the roadway, and to one side of the street car.

#### THE SPEED WAS TERRIFIC.

"The machine was apparently knocked into the glass vestibule, and we proceeded in this position for nearly half a block. The motor car was then in some manner dislodged from its position in front of the car, and I knew no more until brought to consciousness by the doctors.

"The speed of the street car must have been terrific. Just as I was turning the machine the street car appeared to be easily several hundred yards away, yet a few seconds later we were struck. As we were taking the corner sharply the street car passed two-thirds of the way across Dufferin street, as well as the distance it was west on College before it reached us."

Parts of the motor car were strewn along the road from the place it was hit until it was thrown aside toward the curb. The wind shield was driven back over the steering gear and the broken glass was thrown with great force at the occupants of the motor, cutting them badly. One of the hind wheels was broken off at the hub while the body of the car was almost cut in two. The seats were broken up into kindling wood and flying splinters were largely responsible for many of the cuts and bruises which were sustained by the occupants.

Racing an Auto. An eye witness who saw the accident told The World last night that the street car was racing an auto, and was traveling at a very high rate of speed, when it struck the motor. He estimated that the speed of the car was over thirty miles an hour at the time. This man, who is an autoist, puts the blame on the motorman, and stated that it is becoming a common practice that it is becoming a common practice

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### CANADIAN COINS FROM NATIVE METALS

Dr. Thompson and W. F. Maclean Urge Upon Government That Proper Advantage Be Taken of Splendid Natural Resources—Doherty's Important Amendments to Criminal Code.

OTTAWA, April 28.—(Special).—The naval bill, it is understood, has been laid aside until next week. Meanwhile the government is making hay while the sun shines and is advancing and putting thru a great deal of legislation. The house today passed the amendments to the Gold and Silver Marks Act, and advanced government legislation respecting the mint, the equipment of passenger vessels with wireless telegraphy and the bill to amend the Grain Act, which facilitates the inspection of grain at mills and elevators, not at terminal points. Subsequently the house went into supply, taking up the estimates for the customs department.

When the bill respecting the mint was under discussion Dr. Thompson of the Yukon pleaded for more general coinage of Canadian gold, deprecating the fact that 90 per cent. of our gold reserve was in American coin.

Use Ontario's Silver. Mr. W. F. Maclean (South York) urged the coinage of fractional currency from the vast amount of silver and nickel mined in Ontario. He showed that the profits from the seigniorage or the difference between the intrinsic value and the coined value of silver, nickel and bronze coins netted the government \$800,000 per year, while the total cost of the Ottawa branch of the Royal Mint to date was only \$700,000.

Commenting upon the statement of Dr. Thompson that the Yukon had last year produced gold valued at \$5,000,000, Mr. Maclean said that one Ontario camp (Porcupine) would next year produce from \$8,000,000 to \$12,000,000.

The bill also strengthens the provisions against obtaining property by false pretences. It is made a criminal offence to obtain better ratings from Dun's, Bradstreet's and other commercial agencies thru false statements to said agencies respecting the financial condition of the person seeking a rating.

The bill also strengthens the law against importing, selling, and having in possession revolvers and other dangerous weapons. The bill follows the recommendations of the chief con-

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### QUAKE FELT IN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC

Houses Swayed and Furniture Rattled for Several Minutes in Sections of Montreal and Westmount—At Various Points Along the St. Lawrence, Shock Was Distinctly Felt.

MONTREAL, April 28.—(Canadian Press).—Montreal was shaken by an earthquake at 7.30 o'clock this evening. The shock was particularly severe in the northern and western sections of the city and Westmount, where houses swayed and furniture rattled for several minutes, the no further damage than the cracking of a ceiling in the residence of Sir Thomas Shaughnessy is reported.

The shock was recorded on a small seismograph that was installed some months ago to record disturbances occasioned by blasting in connection with the C.N.R. tunnel operations under Mount Royal.

Tunnel engineers are making a survey of the tunnel works, but up to a late hour tonight no damage was reported.

The seismograph in the McGill University has been out of commission some time.

#### FELT IN CORNWALL.

CORNWALL, April 28.—(Special).—A slight earthquake was noticed here this evening at 7.35. No serious damage was done, although glassware on shelves and light furniture was rattled. It is ten years since a shock has been felt here.

#### LASTED TEN SECONDS.

BROCKVILLE, April 28.—(Special).—Shortly after 7 p.m. a perceptible earthquake shock was felt in Brockville. In the centre portion of town the quake was more pronounced, lasting fully ten seconds. Buildings were shaken to the extent of cracking dishes and other articles. Reports received here would indicate that it followed the line of the river east and west of Brockville.

#### ALARM IN NEW YORK STATE.

SYRACUSE, N.Y., April 28.—(Can. Press).—Earthquake shocks were felt in several villages in northern New York at 7.30 o'clock this evening, causing considerable alarm. At Canton, St. Lawrence County, the shocks continued for a minute. Houses were

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### BRITISH GOVERNMENT UNABLE TO SAVE CANADIAN CITIZENS FROM SIBERIA

LONDON, April 28.—(C. A. P.).—In the commons today W. Weyts asked the under secretary of state for foreign affairs whether attention had been called to the case of three naturalized Canadians, formerly Russians, who, upon a visit to Russia, had been sentenced to Siberia for life on a charge of evading military service, and whether, as stated in the Canadian House of Commons by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the British authorities had declined to interfere, or whether, as the late Canadian prime minister asserted, it was the right and duty of the British Government to protect persons possessing Canadian naturalization.

Hon. Mr. Acland replied that His Majesty's Government had no information on the subject. They could not, however, claim to protect Russian subjects when within the limits of the emperor's dominions from any consequences attaching to them for a breach of the laws of Russia whether they had been naturalized in Canada or this country. The law of Russia would in such cases be the governing law. A question of difference between the British and Canadian nationality would arise.

### NORTH WANTS HYDRO POWER

Associated Boards of Trade Will Urge Government Commission to Develop Water Resources.

NORTH BAY, April 28.—(Canadian Press).—A new organization, to be known as the United Board of Trade of New Ontario, was organized at Sudbury, to include the boards of trade of Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie, North Bay, Sturgeon Falls, Callender, Blind River and Thessalon. One of the first matters taken up by the new organization was the question of interesting the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission in developing the water powers of the north and the meeting endorsed a proposal to hold a conference with the commission on the subject at an early date. Another proposition to find favor was to have a joint exhibit for New Ontario at Toronto Exhibition and other large gatherings of the same nature. An advanced timber policy for government reserves and reforestation was also taken up.

Officers were elected as follows: President, J. F. Black, Sudbury; first vice-president, A. J. Young, North Bay; second vice-president, J. B. Way, Sault Ste. Marie; executive committee, Dr. Bird (Blind River), G. T. Young (Callender), L. O'Connor (Sudbury), C. V. Shea (North Bay), R. C. Dobin (Thessalon), S. W. Fawcett (Sault Ste. Marie), John Craig (Sturgeon Falls).

Tyrone Power's Great Success. Few actors compare with Tyrone Power, the distinguished tragedian, who scored such a great success as "Brutus" in "Julius Caesar" last night at the Princess Theatre, and Mr. Power's supporting company is also superior. This engagement is certainly one of the dramatic treats of the season.

### ARREST FOLLOWS CIVIC SCANDAL

Joseph Reny, Who Acted as D. R. O. in January Election, is Held at Ottawa.

OTTAWA, April 28.—(Can. Press).—Joseph W. Reny, former deputy returning officer at poll 94 in the January municipal elections, was arrested tonight on a charge of violating the municipal elections act. Reny, who is an employee of the government printing bureau, was arrested while at work, and his taking follows a thorough investigation which the local police, together with the attorney general's department, Toronto, have been making of some inconsistencies in the election.

Disclosures made at the trial of J. F. Dorecher, another deputy returning officer who was arrested on a similar charge, were to the effect that many men known to be absent from the city had been marked in the poll books as having cast their ballots. Other arrests are expected shortly.

### DUCHESS AGAIN CRITICALLY ILL

Further Operation Will Be Necessary, Says Official Bulletin—Situation Admittedly Grave.

LONDON, April 28.—(C.A.P.).—The following bulletin was issued last night at Clarence House regarding the condition of Duchess of Connaught: "Symptoms of intestinal obstruction have recurred and a further operation will be necessary."

That the condition of the Duchess of Connaught is grave is no longer disguised. At the Canadian Club dinner in London on Friday evening last, the duke referred to the duchess as having been twice at the point of death. On Saturday the attending physicians announced that she had undergone a relapse, but on Sunday the official bulletin was of a reassuring nature. The statement that a second operation is necessary is an apparent indication that the duchess is in a most critical condition.

### BRIGHT LIGHTS MAY YET SHINE ON FALLS

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., April 28.—(Special).—William E. Tuttle, secretary of the Niagara Falls Ont. board of trade, vice-president of the Niagara Falls Press Club and a member of the Hundred Years' Peace Association, has launched a movement to have the catharts illuminated during the hundred years' peace celebration in 1915. The proposition will be taken up at a meeting of the association here on May 20. The catharts were illuminated for a week in 1907.

Last year the New York State Legislature offered to appropriate half a million dollars for the scheme if Ontario would do likewise, but the province did not do so.

Silk Hats for the Horse Show. Next to the horses, and the equipage, the most important feature of the Horse Show is the hats.

With the ladies the selection of a hat will be a matter of some deliberation. With the men it's different. There's Dineen's in Toronto, for men, since 1864.

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