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## JURY DECIDES

### Night Operator Would Have Averted Tragedy.

### ALL POSSIBLE DONE

### BY TRAIN CREW TO AVOID COLLISION.

#### Evidence Heard at the Coroner's Inquest into the Collins Bay Wreck—Conductor Said It Was Impossible to Avert the Accident by Signals.

The jury empaneled to enquire into the death of William Dennis and Thomas McDerrett find they came to their death as the result of a collision on the Grand Trunk railway, just east of Collins Bay, that every effort had been made by the train crew to avert, and, according to the evidence, had a night operator been stationed at Collins Bay the accident could have been averted.

Such was the decision handed out by the jury in the case of the inquest into the death of Engineer William Dennis and Fireman Thomas McDerrett, of Belleville, who came to their death at the Collins Bay wreck early Monday morning. The inquest was held in the police court room in the city buildings. The jury all responded to their names when called, with the exception of Andrew McMahon, who was replaced by Albert Randall.

The first witness called was Manson Smith, who said he was conductor on the extra east freight running from Belleville to Brockville, leaving Belleville at 9:45 p.m. About one-half mile east of Collins Bay he felt the air brake go on, and stepped to the door of the van to see what was wrong. He said he thought the train had broken loose on the rear end of the train. He told the jury that he had seen the train stop. The brakeman got off, lit his fuse, and gave proper signals by swinging the light across the track. A fireman in charge of the dead engines, who was riding in the caboose, told them to get out, as they were going to be run into. Smith grabbed his bill and all got off. Before the train had stopped the following one could be heard behind. He was sure the second one would plough into the first. The accident occurred about three-quarters of a minute later.

Asked by the coroner if signals were given to the following train he said the flagman got off and gave all possible signals. Asked what time was allowed for two trains to pass a given point he said five minutes. The last train was 400 yards behind the first one. He could see the train approaching when he alighted. His train consisted of seventeen cars and four dead engines.

Asked if the signals were observed he said he did not think so, as they were not answered. Asked if the accident could have been averted, he said he did not think so. Occupants of last engine could have applied brakes and saved themselves. He judged train was approaching at rate of between thirty and thirty-five miles an hour. He thought there might have been a lapse of two minutes from the time the train stopped until the other engine struck. He said last train must have been at least five minutes behind the first one, else it would not have been allowed to leave Ernestown Station. From Ernestown to Collins Bay is about twenty-five minutes run and is about eight miles.

Charles Anson Grant was the next witness called. He said he was a brakeman on Conductor Smith's train and was riding on the engine. His evidence was no addition to that given by Conductor Smith.

William Clement, brakeman on Conductor Smith's train got off the caboose when the train stopped and started back to flag the approaching one. His signals were not answered. The train behind could not have seen on account of the curve.

Conductor Hugh Ferguson was in charge of the ill-fated train on which the dead men, William Dennis and Thomas McDerrett, were. His train left Belleville at 10:20 p.m. and reached Ernestown station at 12:25 a.m. He said his train would not have been allowed to pass said point unless the preceding train had been gone ten minutes. Signals were all clear and his train was not stopped. The rear-end brakeman saw the signals in front, but nothing could be done to stop the train.

Drakeman Walters was the rear-end brakeman on the east train, and he testified he saw the lights on the train ahead. He informed the conductor and then both braced for the jar. He got off the train as soon as the collision was over, went to the station, raised the day operator and told him to order the auxiliary from Belleville as the wreck was on fire. He went half a mile up the track and remained flagging until relieved by the wrecking crew. Engineer Dennis must have seen the train ahead, as the emergency brakes were applied. He

said they could not have been three minutes behind the first train, as Collins Bay. The train was about 400 yards behind the first one when the brakes were applied. He said, upon being questioned, that if a night operator had been at Collins Bay he would have held them until sufficient time had passed to make it safe for them to proceed.

The jury retired at eleven o'clock, and at twelve fifteen brought in the above verdict.

### MARRIED IN A TUGBOAT.

#### Resourceful Couple Got Around the Residence Law.

Edinburgh, Jan. 25.—Alfred B. Scott, jr., of New York, and Miss Stella Mabel Featling, daughter of William Featling, also said to be of New York, were married on a tugboat yesterday. The couple, who had been touring the continent, came to Edinburgh for the purpose of being married. They found that a residence of three months was necessary to conform to the Scottish law. Anxious to start for the United States Mr. Scott chartered a tug at Leith, and, accompanied by Miss Featling, a minister, lawyers and friends, proceeded four miles to sea, where the ceremony was performed.

### DEAD AT ODGENSBURG.

#### Widow of Former Collector Had Long Been Ill.

Odgenburg, N.Y., Jan. 25.—Mrs. Mary Magone, a prominent oil resident of this city and widow of Daniel Magone, who was one of the best known democrats of Northern New York and a former collector of the port of New York, died on Monday morning after a long illness.

Mrs. Magone was noted for her charitable inclinations. She gave much quiet attention to philanthropic work and to assisting in individual instances of distress and poverty.

Since the death of her husband her condition has been the cause of much anxiety to her friends and her daughter, Mrs. Frederick T. Haskell, of Chicago, who has been with her much of the time.

### REVIVAL CAMPAIGN ECHO.

#### Lots of Noise Was Made, But It Isn't Paid For Yet.

Toronto, Jan. 25.—The great Chapman-Alexander revival campaign in Toronto faces a deficit of \$5,000 or more, according to a statement made by ex-Mayor Thomas Urquhart, who is in charge of the finances, to a special gathering of clergymen and church officers, Mr. Urquhart explained that so far the co-operating churches had contributed only \$282. The estimated total expenses of the campaign are between twelve and fourteen thousand dollars, but on the basis of contributions so far received, there will be only about \$7,300 to meet the outlay.

### Queensland to Press Claims.

Kidston, W.A., Jan. 24.—The premier of Queensland intends to press the claims of the state against the Commonwealth for five hundred thousand pounds sterling, interest on the value of the properties transferred at the time of federation.

## GAY YOUNG FOLKS

### DRINK HIGHBALLS AND COCKTAILS IN WASHINGTON.

#### So Curfew Club Says—Boys Not Far Behind Girls—Club's Remedy is to Keep Youngsters Off the Street.

Washington, D.C., Jan. 25.—Hundreds of Washington girls under sixteen years of age are every night drinking highballs, cocktails, absinthe, benedictine and other intoxicating liquors, and boys of the same age imbibe, and many of them are frequenting questionable resorts. This is the state of affairs that confronts the fathers and mothers of Washington, according to members of the Washington Curfew club, who are making a careful investigation of the matter.

When their parents believe them to be at the homes of their friends, at the moving picture theatre or engaged in other harmless diversions, school girls and department store girls of good families alight it is asserted, succeed in obtaining intoxicating liquors if they have such desire.

These revelations are declared to have been disclosed through exhaustive investigation of the Curfew club, which is inaugurating a movement against such conditions for the remedy of which the club suggests the passage of a curfew law which will prevent children remaining on the streets after an early hour at night.

### QUEBEC RAISES TAXES.

#### Automobiles \$15 Each and Theatres From \$120 to \$300.

Quebec, Jan. 25.—Quebec will tax local automobile owners \$15 on each machine. This was the decision reached at a meeting of the by-law committee held last evening. The committee also decided to increase the tax on theatres from \$120 to \$300. The theatre tax includes moving picture shows. There was an interesting discussion on the opening of shops on Sunday, but the matter was left over. Cigar, newspaper and fruit shops have been allowed to open after noon, based on a clause of the Sabbath observance law passed in 1907, which allows any person to engage in business on the Sabbath which is not prohibited by the provincial law in force at that time, and which does not conflict with the customs of the province. A civic law passed in 1888 provides that all stores should be closed on Sundays, and recently, on complaint of the Retail Merchants' Association, a constable was brought before the recorder and fined \$1 for not ordering a store to be closed when ordered to do so.

**DAILY MEMORANDA.**  
Board of works, 4 p.m. Thursday.  
V.I.C.R.A. exercise and dance to-night.  
Band Stadium Hall, Thursday night.  
Poetry show, Ontario hall, this evening.  
Hockey covered rink, 8:15 p.m. Pies vs. Frontenacs.  
When Spect Sixteen, Grand Opera House, 8:15 p.m.  
14th Road at the Palace, Bank to-night. Good ice.  
Recital concert by leading talent in Zion church to-morrow.  
I.C.F. meeting, 8 p.m. Progressive gym. All Postmasters welcome.

## TO ANNOUNCE

### The Trade Agreement in House To-morrow.

### ONLY A \$25 BILL

### WAS RECEIVED BY PREMIER FROM W. R. TRAVERS.

#### Georgian Bay Question Brought Up—The Matter Cannot be Discussed Until the Supplementary Estimates are Brought Down.

Special to the Whig.  
Ottawa, Jan. 25.—In the house, yesterday, Mr. Gorman, of Welland, read from the Toronto Globe a report which stated that \$3,000,000 was to be voted for the construction of the Georgian Bay canal this session, which information was given as authentic. He asked Hon. Mr. Graham, minister of railways and canals, if this was correct.

Mr. Graham replied that as the matter was not in his department he could not answer.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier remarked that it would be advisable to await the supplementary estimates.

Dr. Schaffner, Souris, Manitoba, asked Sir Wilfrid Laurier if he had ever received a \$100 bill from Mr. Travers, of the now defunct Farmers' Bank, and which was reported in the Toronto News recently.

The premier replied that on January 1st, 1907, he received a letter from Mr. Travers, enclosing a \$25 bill which was a souvenir, it being the first issue of the bank. The prime minister had replied and thanked Mr. Travers for the souvenir.

Mr. Borden, leader of the opposition, wanted to know when the house would get some information to the progress of the reciprocity negotiations now under way at Washington.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier in reply, said he had just got a wire from Mr. Fielding saying he would arrive here Wednesday night and expected to make an announcement in the house on Thursday.

Mr. Perley questioned Postmaster-General Lemieux regarding the number of years he had mentioned in a recent speech, he made at Montreal in connection with the Manufacturers' Association banquet there. Mr. Perley seemed of the opinion that Mr. Lemieux stated twenty or twenty-five years back was the time the fiscal policy of Canada was laid down.

Mr. Lemieux replied that he had used the words fifteen years, and that when the liberals came into power and Canada's prosperity began.

Mr. Macdonnell will enquire in the house: Is it true, as stated in the public press, that the treasury department at Washington has recently made a rule to the effect that only citizens of the United States will be allowed to hold navigation licenses for American vessels on the great lakes? If so, is it the intention of the government to enforce a regulation prohibiting United States subjects from holding similar navigation licenses on Canadian vessels on the great lakes?

## HOW COURTESY PAYS

### GOT A RICH LEGACY FOR POLITE BOW.

#### A Wealthy Widow Left Her Entire Estate to a Gentlemanly Car Conductor.

Hammond, Ind., Jan. 25.—Four years ago Frank L. Bunnell, a passenger conductor on the New York, Chicago and St. Louis railway, bowed politely as he handed Mrs. Jennie L. Schofield, a rich widow, her ticket after punching it. Later they became warm friends.

Mrs. Schofield died in 1908 and bequeathed Bunnell her entire estate of \$100,000, ignoring Edward Howard, her brother, of Indianapolis, and William Howard, her nephew, of Kenosha, Wis.

The Howards sought to break the will in the court of common pleas at Newark, O. Mrs. Schofield's home. Bunnell, who lives here, won the case.

The Howards then appealed to a higher court, alleging that Mrs. Schofield was of unsound mind. To-day the decision of the lower court was affirmed.

## A CLEVELAND MYSTERY.

#### Authorities Puzzled Over Death of Two Men.

Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 25.—The coroner and police are puzzled over the manner of death of two men who were found dead in bed in a room in a lodging house here, yesterday afternoon. A bottle containing a small quantity of whiskey mixed with some kind of poison was found on the floor beside the bed.

The authorities are in doubt as to whether it was a suicide pact, or whether one man gave the other the poison in whiskey and then became conscious of his crime and swallowed a death dealing dose himself.

## New Record for Lusitania.

London, Jan. 25.—The SS. Lusitania arrives in port, Monday evening. She made a new eastward record over a long course of four days, eight hours and forty minutes, for 2,922 nautical miles. Her average speed was 25.57 knots. The Lusitania left her dock in New York at nine o'clock on the morning of Wednesday, January 18th.

## Knights of the Empire.

London, Jan. 25.—Sir W. Bull says the Canadian Knights offer half the cost of providing a habitation for the Knights of the Empire, if the other dominions will send the remainder. Over £30,000 is necessary.

## POLICE CRITICIZED.

### Citizens Justified in Resisting Men Who Exceed Authority.

Berlin, Jan. 25.—At the second trial of men accused of taking part in the strike riots in the Moabit quarter, the presiding judge took occasion to say that citizens were justified in resisting police officers who exceeded their authority.

During the disorders a squad of mounted police rode down and ruthlessly sabred a party of unoffending newspaper representatives. Referring to the case of an innocent pedestrian whom the police had killed, the court declared that anyone who shot down a guilty policeman was within his rights and could not be punished. The judge who presided at the first trial also censured the officers of the law, and the prosecutor at the present proceedings admitted that the guardians of the peace had committed excesses in suppressing the riots.

Fifteen of the defendants were found guilty with extenuating circumstances. Four were acquitted. Those convicted got sentences ranging from fifteen months to two weeks' imprisonment.



WILLIS VAN DEVANTER. Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court of the United States.

## JAPAN AND THE WORLD.

### Foreign Relations Perfect—New Treaty With England.

Tokio, Jan. 25.—Count Komura, minister of foreign affairs, speaking in the lower house, yesterday, said that the foreign relations of Japan were unmarred by a single incident standing in the way of international friendship. The Russo-Japanese convention of July 4th, 1910, covering railway and other interests in Manchuria, he positively declared, was merely supplementary and confirmatory.

Alluding to the annexation of Korea, Count Komura declared that the powers recognized this as inevitable. The negotiations of new treaties was proceeding in a satisfactory way, notably one with Great Britain, which he expected would be concluded at no distant date.

## STOLE WATCH AND CHAIN FROM CONDUCTOR.

### While He Was Lying Under Wreckage on the Grand Trunk Railway—Convicted of Bigamy—Comes to Penitentiary.

London, Ont., Jan. 25.—"If you did this, it's the most dastardly crime ever dealt with," said the crown attorney, this morning, to William Payne, a recently-arrived Englishman, charged with stealing a watch and chain from a Grand Trunk conductor, William Armstrong, as the latter lay pinned under wreckage. Payne was remanded.

Two years in the penitentiary was the sentence, to-day, on Edwin J. Porter, bookkeeper, convicted of bigamy, in marrying Ethel Porter, a young girl, here, while he had a wife and two children in England.

## INCIDENTS OF THE DAY.

### News Paragraphs Picked Up by Reporters on Their Rounds.

"Purdy," 109 Brock St., flowers.  
F. Conway went to Toronto, at noon, to-day.

Benson & Hodge's tobacco, sold at "Gibson's."  
William Swaine, piano tuner, orders received at McAuley's, Phone 778.  
W. E. Foster, of Montreal, represented the Grand Trunk Railway at the inquest last evening.

Acceptable hockey hats, Huyler's & McConey's chocolate, sold only at "Gibson's."  
H. Cunningham, piano tuner, 21 King street, leave orders at McAuley's bookstore.

F. J. McDonald, district superintendent of the International Correspondence Schools, is in the city.  
Red Cross cold cream for "chaps" and roughness of the skin, at "Gibson's."  
The population of Cape Vincent, N.Y., at the last census, was 1,155. Clayton, 1,941. Alexandria Bay, 1,859. Captain William Savage will command the schooner D. P. Vanman this season, having purchased an interest in her.

Benson & Hodge's cigarettes, at "Gibson's."  
The first meeting of the Men's Club, which has been organized by Prof. Grant, for the discussion of public events, will be held on Thursday evening, in the Frontenac club.

For chapped skin, almond cream, "Gibson's."  
The Richelieu and Ontario Navigation company has issued a pocket diary for advertising purposes. The diary contains a great amount of information. During 1910 the company's gross receipts were slightly over \$1,450,000, and the net showing was equally good.

Van will leave Orpheum and Y.M.C.A. Thursday night, for Stadium rink, 7:30, 7:50 and 8:10, free.

## OFFERS LEVY

### Of Fifty Cents on Automobile Horsepower.

### TO THE GOVERNMENT

### FOR IMPROVING THE ROADS OF ONTARIO.

#### The Ontario Motor League Presents a Good Scheme—The Tax Would be Handed to the Government for Distribution.

Toronto, Jan. 25.—The Ontario Motor League has offered to raise a voluntary tax of 50c. per horsepower per automobile and put the amount in the hands of the Ontario government for use in maintaining good roads. On the five thousand odd cars in Ontario this would amount to about \$2,500,000 every year. If the government is willing to accept the league will suggest that special legislation be passed at this session to permit the receiving of a private tax and the applying of it to public uses.

The suggestion, which was embodied in the report of the executive committee just adopted, was first made by the league during the good roads campaign of the recent Toronto municipal elections. Plans are not matured yet and so it is not known in what parts of the province the major portion of the gift will be expended by the government. The league stipulates that it be spent on improved roads, which will include those improved by the government or as a result of the municipal good roads' movement.

## TO MAKE A CALL.

### The Double Liability From the Subscribers.

Toronto, Jan. 25.—Within four months the double liability call of the Farmers' bank will be made. The notices will be mailed to shareholders in every province except Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick, the only two which did not take stock in the bank. It is generally thought that Ontario is the heaviest stockholders among the provinces.

## WARDENS ELECTED.

Brace—J. Shoemaker, Paisley.  
Brant—John Douglas, Oronogo.  
Carleton—Nicholas H. Leach, North Gower.  
Dufferin—Archie Greer, Mulmur.  
Essex—Enos McCausland, Essex.  
Elgin—S. S. McDermond, Malahide.  
Frontenac—George A. Miller, Kennebec.

## WALKED TO JAIL ALONE.

Welland, Jan. 25.—Carrying a commitment to prison for three months in his pocket, George Dyer walked into the office of the jail here, to-day, to Grace, daughter of Sir William Mackenzie, president of the Canadian Northern Railway company. This condition was imposed, it is said, by Sir William. It was a very fashionable wedding. A representative of the king was present.

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## SUES FOR DIVORCE DECADE.

New York, Jan. 25.—By taking steps to sue her dead husband for divorce, so that she may establish a dowager right to his estate—this right having passed from her when he obtained an interlocutory decree from her, Mrs. John Wright Hunt, widow of the millionaire hotel man, established a novel precedent in litigation relating to marriage rights.

Mrs. Hunt's action was made possible by Supreme Court Justice Sapper, of Brooklyn, signing an order granting her motion to vacate a stay which her husband had obtained to prevent her from having the interlocutory decree set aside.

Lawyers for the estate made no effort to contest the motion.

## FOUND \$10,000 IN OLD DESK.

Montreal, Jan. 25.—While cleaning out the drawers of a desk, long out of use, in the old St. Lawrence Hall, A. J. Higgins, former proprietor, discovered L. O. U.'s, bank bills and cheques to the value of fully \$10,000. The estate of the late Henry Hogan is therefore enriched by that much.

## SIR JOHN FISHER RETIRES.

London, Jan. 25.—Sir John Arbuthnot Fisher, first baron of Kilverston, admiral of the fleet, retired from the navy to-day, under the age limit. He was born in 1841, and has been an admiral of the fleet since 1905.

## AT KIRK'S GROCERY.

Miss Dunbar will demonstrate the superiority quality of "Ridman Hall Coffee." Everybody invited to have a cup. You will enjoy it. 281 Princess street.

## FREE.

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## PITH OF THE NEWS.

### The Very Latest Called From All Over the World.

President Taft nominated Thomas Wheeler to be postmaster at Utica, N.Y., in place of Harry W. Roberts, resigned.

Miss Henderson, a Canadian aviator, was forced to postpone his flight to Havana, to-day, from Key West.

William Loeb, jr., soon may be called from the collectorship of the port of New York to resume his old place at the White House as secretary to the president.

Ottawa has rented two buildings as emergency hospitals during the typhoid epidemic, one an old school and the other the geological survey building just vacated.

The general offices of the Dominion Iron and Steel company, at Sydney, C.B., are a man of flames and the building will be a total loss. One hundred clerks were there and several narrowly escaped with their lives.

A summons was issued Wednesday morning against Lieut.-Col. James Munro, Woodstock, the last president of the Farmers' bank, on a charge of wilfully making false statements to the government. The summons is returnable on Jan. 30th.

Miss Henderson, a maiden lady, of Little Britain, Ont., last week, on Monday morning last, while the other occupants of the house were absent. When friends found her it was discovered that she was dead, her neck having been broken.

Braseman Buchanan Yull, aged 37, married, Brockville, was caught between a trolley and the Grand Trunk station platform at Prescott, when he attempted to jump on the engine step, and crushed to death. He was a member of the I.O.O.F.

## THE KING REPRESENTED

### At the De Lesseppe-Mackenzie Wedding in London.

London, Eng., Jan. 25.—That Count Jacques de Lesseppe will forsake his flying machine for ever because of its danger, is said to be one of the conditions of his marriage here, to-day, to Grace, daughter of Sir William Mackenzie, president of the Canadian Northern Railway company. This condition was imposed, it is said, by Sir William. It was a very fashionable wedding. A representative of the king was present.

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## WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 25, 1911.—Ontario Valley and Upper St. Lawrence Fair to-day. Thursday higher temperature with a few light local falls of snow or sleet.



## Clearing Sale

### OF

## Table D'Oylies

Dainty little pieces of Irish handwork made to sell at double the prices we are asking. Round D'Oylies with linen centres and hand made crochet lace edges.

## Sizes and Prices Like These