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No Knowledge As To Who the Man Was—A Description Given of Him—Not Thought To Be a Regular Railway Beat.

"We find that this unknown man came to his death from injuries received while on the Grand Trunk Railway right-of-way and we are of the opinion that he may have fallen off a moving train."

This was the verdict of the jury at the inquest into the death of an unknown man found beside the G. T. R. tracks, one and a half miles east of Rideau station, on Saturday morning, by Conductor Francis M. Woodcock in charge of the work train that was proceeding to Findlay at 6.30 a.m.

Dr. D. E. Mundell, coroner, conducted the inquest, and the jury were Major J. Hamilton, (foreman), C. E. Litton, J. R. Forster, J. J. O'Neill, T. Dunlop, H. Milne, M. E. Jenkins, R. Palmountain, T. King, G. Revel, T. J. Hunt, C. Attwood, R. C. Vurn Campbell was in charge of the case. Mr. McMoran, special agent of the G. T. R., Belleville, was present in the interests of the railway.

James Kenville, night operator at Kingston Junction, sworn, said: "About 6.30 a.m. Saturday, while on duty at Kingston Junction, I happened to have the telephone to my ear and heard Conductor Woodcock of the work train which left the Junction at 6.10 a.m. report to the despatcher at Belleville at 6.30 a.m. that he had found a body about one and a half miles east of Rideau station. He also stated that the man was dead, and by appearance had been dead some time and I was being notified by a despatcher to notify a coroner which I did on my night duty. The body was found of the north side of the west-bound track, the north track, and lying close to the rail. The man's coat seemed to be pulled over his head. The left arm was across the breast and right arm bent at right angles. I am of the opinion from the man's position and injuries that he could not have been struck by a train. If he had been hit by an engine he would have shown more injuries. As far as I could judge he might have been between two cars, or otherwise on a train and been jolted off. There are notices that trespassing is prohibited. It is possible that the man was coming from the east."

Question by J. J. Forster—How did the conductor come to find the body? Answer, He was on the work train going to Findlay. The body was three or four feet from the end of the tie.

Question, Do you know what trains went west? Answer, No. 19 at 12.43, No. 21 at 1.19, No. 17 at 3.17 and two freight trains.

Question, Do you find many men stealing rides? Answer, Yes, I have seen them on passing trains from my window.

Dr. J. S. Keyes, sworn, explained the nature of the wounds on the body of the unknown man and said: "I would say that he died from the effects of a broken neck. There are several minor scars on the scalp, also an injury to the right hand. He was not otherwise injured. He was about sixty-five years old, had a large hernia, no teeth, somewhat bald on top of his head, and bore no tattoo marks. He did not wear a beard."

Francis M. Woodcock, sworn, said: "I am conductor on the G.T.R. work train. When we were taking the men out to work this morning on the work train I saw the body lying about three feet from the north rail of the west-bound track, head to the west. The coat was up over his head. I would judge that he toppled off a train and his coat went up as he rolled. The body was cold. It was about 8.30 a.m. The articles found on him were a small leather bacco bag containing a small leather purse with sixty cents and some broken pipe stems. My train had not struck him. I judge that he fell off a train on his head, as there were no bruises showing where he had been struck. I think he was a regular railway beat as he was too old."

This ended the evidence, as no person saw the accident which caused the man's death. Who he was, where he was going, and how his neck was broken are questions that will remain unanswered. Evidently he fell on his head with force and in putting off his hand to save himself had it badly gashed. His clothes were dirty with soot from the engine smoke and he wore two pairs of pants about his waist, one of five foot six inches long, and no teeth giving him a prominent chin. There was no means of learning his identity and the body will be buried from M. B. Keyes undertaking parlors at the expense of the railway unless friends establish his identity which is hardly likely.

Coroner Mundell explained at the outset that the law demanded that an inquest be heard whenever a man was killed during the construction or operation of a railway. This was carried out as a measure for the protection of all classes whether they were rightfully on the tracks or trains or were trespassers as was often found to be the case. In spite of laws prohibiting trespassing and the great danger of riding on freight trains many men will do it. One of the witnesses showed the extreme danger of riding on freight train bumpers and on cars.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO.

A large number of Kingston bicycle riders went to Ogdensburg, N.Y., today, to take part in the races there.

Fresh eggs were plentiful on today's market and sold at 12 1/2 cents per dozen.

Cheese sold for 7 1/2 cents, at today's meeting of the Frontenac Cheese Board.

The receipts of the market tolls today amounted to \$26.50. G. Milligan and A. E. Cunningham received two fine huns from England today. They purchased them through Capt. W. J. B. White, a member of the Blesley team.

CONSECRATE THE ACTS OF EVERY DAY LIFE

AGreat Literature Is Bound Up In These Songs—True Apostolic Succession Is Heroic Greatness.

Prof. J. L. Morrison was the preacher at St. Andrew's church on Sunday morning. Taking for his text the lament of David, II Samuel 1, 17-27, he drew an important lesson for present-day application. David's lament for Saul and Jonathan was one of the folk songs of the Old Testament with which the book abounds. These songs can never be improved upon in literature or in art because they consecrate the acts of every day life, and a great literature is bound up in these songs. In one kind or another the Jews excelled. This was the song of battle, but there was always to be found in them something greater than themselves. This is true of the song of Deborah, the song of the Red Sea and the song of Jonathan. The speaker analyzed the character of Saul, his relation to Samuel and his conduct in the events immediately preceding his death on Mount Gilboa. The details of Saul's life show that he paid the price of personal deterioration, and there is something admirable in his fighting a hopeless fight. It is the lesson of sacrifices taught by the Old Testament. When we are young men and young women less serious than their parents we would remind them "Ye are not our own, ye were bought with a price." Prof. Morrison saw the need for a greater application of the spirit of the Old Testament in Canada today and deplored the propaganda of false guides who preached riches and gains.

Referring to the heroic qualities of great men, the speaker declared that the world could flourish only through its great men. There is a social bias set up against great men and the democratic tendency is to kill them. There exists a moral timidity and social bias that we have to overcome in order to recognize these heroes, for the true apostolic succession is heroic greatness.

Offered Thanksgiving.

A special service of thanksgiving was held in St. Mark's church, Barriefield, for the preservation of the church from destruction in the fire that burned a hole in the roof last week. The attendance was large at both services and Rev. A. O. Cooke, the rector, in his sermon expressed the deepest gratitude of all his hearers, many of whom have been worshippers in the building all their lives. Prayers of thanksgiving, appropriate to the occasion, were offered to Divine Providence for the protection of the building which expressed the feelings of all the congregation in the only fitting way.

Rev. Mr. Cooke also referred to the history of this historic church, and some of the old members of the congregation. These were special hymns and prayers during the service.

Music at Bethel Church.

Herbert C. Treener, of Toronto, is visiting at his home in this city, and on Sunday evening, he took part in the musical service at Bethel Church. He rendered several very fine organ selections and also gave two vocal solos in splendid voice. He sang "The Ninety and Nine," and "I'm A Pilgrim." Mr. Treener was for some years organist at Brock street Methodist church, and is a Kingstonian who is meeting with great success in the musical world.

At Chalmers Church.

At the Sunday evening service in Chalmers church, the choir rendered a special musical service, and the various numbers were greatly appreciated. The programme included violin solos by Miss Leslie Taylor, vocal solos by Miss Olive Woodman and J. D. Baker, and a duet by Miss Woodman and Mr. Bankier. Mrs. J. R. C. Dobbs ably presided at the organ.

A JOOLY OUTING

St. Andrew's Choir Picnic Was Held at Brewer's Mills.

Despite the intermittent showers, and threats of more which clouded the general outlook on Saturday morning, it was a gay little company that gathered together early for the annual picnic of St. Andrew's church choir. The destination was Brewer's Mills, and the popular and comfortable motor cruiser, Anna M., had been chartered for the occasion.

Once all were aboard and the expedition was away to flying start, there was no worry about the rain as all were well under cover, so, just for spite, old Jupe Pluvius called off his clouds and the beautiful course down the Rideau was bathed in sunshine, which suited the picnickers to a finish.

While the boat was locking through at Kingston Mills everyone had an opportunity to renew acquaintance with this popular outing place, and to take a stretch, after the boat claimed them, once more and proceeded through the forest of marine stumps which stretches for miles after leaving the Mills.

Chaffey's Locks was made in good time, and the party reached Brewer's at about two o'clock, with gaiety still rampant, but appetites very much depressed. This latter defect was soon remedied to the complete and lasting satisfaction of all, and even to the slight discomfort of one of the party. A passing shower slowed proceedings for a moment, but it turned out to be the only one of the day. After taking a suitable rest to recuperate from their efforts at the festive board, the revellers returned home through the early dusk, reaching Kingston at about eight o'clock with all happy.

Very much credit is due to Angus Orr, who, through his thoughtful preparations and excellent management of the trip, made this year's picnic one of the best ever.

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Fourteen years ago the Kaiser's delegates to the Algerias conference, having looked hungrily for weeks toward the African headlines opposite, finally informed the spoiled child of Europe that he could not have all he wanted. France and other people had friends as well as rights. Then the Kaiser determined finally upon war.

Now, until she comes against into the political limelight, Algerias takes a siesta in her wonderful sunshine, and fashionable Britain makes rendezvous in the Reina Cristina hotel, which to my knowledge has no counterpart in Europe and perhaps scarcely any on the habitable globe.

Here in the glorious gardens over the bay, one glow of myriad arum and white iris and roses and flowers. I cannot even name the spells, take a rest. It is a country house and a country club together, and it looks across its terraced gardens toward Gibraltar and to the African mainland.

Algerias is an English discovery served from Bobadilla Junction by an English railway company and a resting place of many whose daily round for weeks on end is upon the rock opposite.

Ronda of balcony fame, up in the hills, was perhaps never as good as it used to be. It is Tivoli without its trees, temple and (alas!) now torrent.

But Algerias was never so good as it is. At sundown great white birds settle in flocks upon one tall tree in the garden and turn it into a snow pillar, and at sunrise the faint scent comes up to my bedroom window from an orange tree in fruit and flower, the same that was brought here in fruit overnight to please an English lady who wanted to "wake among oranges."

Along the cliff edge towards "Sandy Cove," where adorable English children are paddling in the sun, there is a carpet of blue crocus, edged with scarlet velvet and fringed with asphodel, while the flowering broom throws dashes of almost violet gold into the color scheme.

Down by the sleepy port dusty strings of donkeys pick their way over the cobblestones (donkeys are dainty with steppers), laden and overladen with piles of cork from the forest, while babies of 5 to 7 tango, and tango well, in the street to the drone of a barrel organ.

How on earth can they do it in the sun, and where do they pick up the steps?—Charles Tower, in the London Mail.

Peopling the World.

The present population of the world does not exceed 1,500,000,000. With an even distribution of people, relatively to area and soil productivity, the planet on which we dwell might support 5,000,000,000.

But the distribution is exceedingly uneven. In India and China there are so many human beings that the failing of crops even slightly below the normal for a single season means famine, bringing death to multitudes. A prime cause of the age-long turmoil in Europe is overcrowding, which makes frequent wars inevitable.

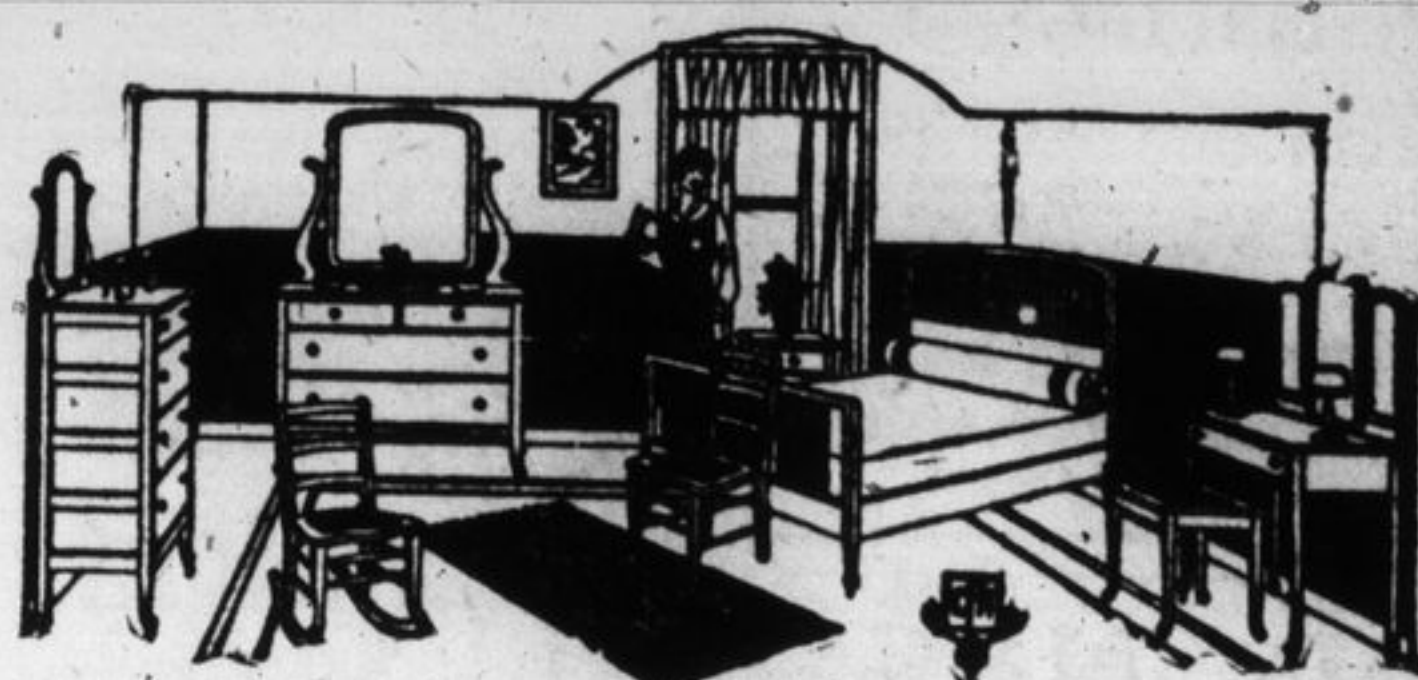
There is plenty of room in Africa and South America, when the conquest of the tropics (mainly a matter of disease elimination) shall have been accomplished. The latter continent—to-day relatively vacant territory for the most part—especially invites population, because, save in the far south, it is so bounteously watered.

The United States might maintain 2,000,000,000 inhabitants if it had an adequate rainfall, but a deficiency in that respect makes it impossible for that country to support more than 1,000,000,000. Water is the prime human requisite, all food production depending upon it, and for this reason the steady and fairly rapid spread of deserts on every continent gives good cause for anxiety.

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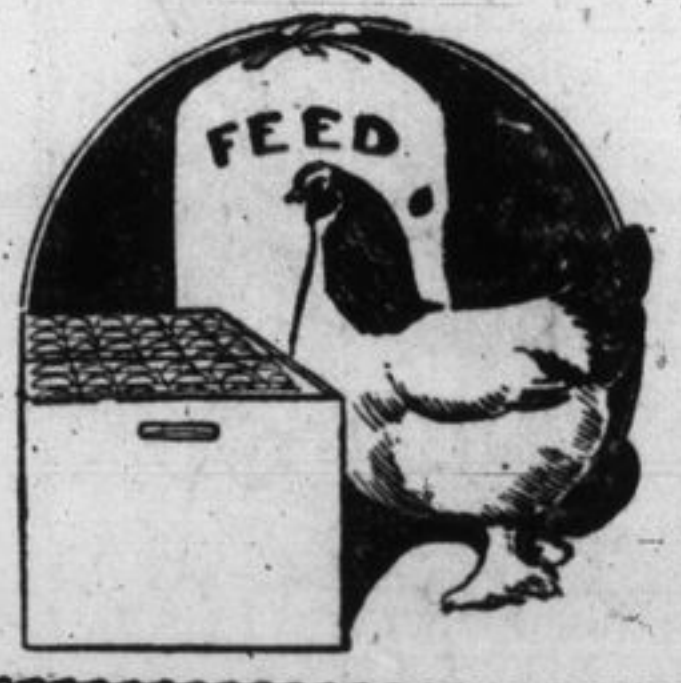
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