

FATAL COLLISION ON C.N.R. EAST OF MALLORYTOWN

Freight Engineer And the Fireman of Each Train Met Their Death.

Crash Occurred in Fog At 4 O'Clock Wednesday Morning—Two Other Railway Men Are Seriously Injured.

Brockville, Feb. 27.—When the Canadian National eastbound passenger train No. 20 and freight train No. 490 met in a head-on collision at a point just east of Mallorytown station at 4 o'clock this morning, two employees of the railroad were instantly killed, one died later in hospital here, and one was so gravely injured that his life is despaired of.

The accident occurred in a heavy fog. One of the cars on the freight train had suffered a broken truck earlier in the night when between Mallorytown and Lyn, and the engine was detached to proceed to Brockville to replenish its supply of water and fuel. On its return it proceeded to Mallorytown and was pulling the rear end of the train towards that station, tender first, on the eastbound track, when the passenger train, travelling at a high rate of speed struck it.

Both engines were badly damaged and it was necessary to chop out the sides of the cars to remove the bodies of the engineers. A relief train, carrying physicians and nurses, was ordered from Brockville and returned at seven o'clock with two injured railwaymen. The baggage car of the passenger train caught fire and all second class mails were burned. The lock mail bags were removed successfully. Both tracks of the main line are blocked as the result of the wreck.

Coroner Dr. Fred Jackson will open an inquest at Mallorytown.

TERMS HIM AN ACROBAT

The Attorney-General Replies to Hon. Manning Doherty.

Toronto, Feb. 27.—Attorney-General Nickle drew the attention of the legislature yesterday afternoon to the fact that Hon. Manning, when speaking on the budget, had charged that the present government had spent \$28,000,000 in the last 12 months of the last fiscal year, while the former government had only spent \$16,000,000.

The attorney-general pointed out that the figures were transposed, Hon. Mr. Doherty had made a mistake of \$12,000,000, or a relative mistake of \$24,000,000.

He stated that Mr. Doherty had the ability of an academic acrobat and the genius of a frenzied financier. He stated that he could not understand why Mr. Doherty had left his paternal farm to spend his life among the bulls and bears of a big city.

"The provincial treasurer says we have a deficit of \$15,000,000. Have we or have we not? That is the question. We cannot hide it by a series of words if we haven't it, and we cannot make it in the same manner. Suffice to say we have a deficit of \$15,000,000.

Mr. Nickle said that today we have honest bookkeeping and that the province should have had it a quarter of a century ago.

Dealing with reasons why the deficit was so large, Mr. Nickle said that the receipts for 1923 were \$5,000,000 less than Peter Smith had estimated would be received. Additional amounts had been piled up against the Conservative government by the juggling of the accounts by the present administration.

The provincial treasurer closed the books on Oct. 31st, leaving the present government receipts of only 11 months.

Mr. Nickle pointed out that in succession duties alone from the late Sir John Eaton the government had wrongfully applied \$1,600,000 to their accounts that should have been left to the credit of the Conservative government.

Other shortages. Other shortages formed by the Conservative government which had been applied to the Dairy government last year instead of crediting the Conservative administration were as follows: Public institutions \$280,000 Motor licenses 104,000 Amusement tax 136,000 Corporations' Tax Act 972,000

He also pointed out there was a decrease of \$500,000 in race track receipts, and he wondered whether Mr. Raney would suggest that the province take a greater rake-off or institute proceedings to stimulate the attendance.

HOME BANK LOSSES ARE \$6,250,000.

Toronto, Feb. 27.—G. T. Clark, liquidator of the Home Bank, examined yesterday afternoon by W. T. J. Lee, K.C., upon his affidavit as to the losses of the bank, declared at the close of the hearing that the losses would total \$7,000,000. Later he modified this statement, and declared that they would reach \$6,250,000, anyway, exclusive of certain large accounts as to which information was not vouchsafed. These losses had been conservatively placed at \$4,852,000 in Mr. Clark's affidavit.



F. B. EDMUNDS, TORONTO, President of the Urban School Trustees' Association.

Denies Salvation Army in U. S. to Quit Parent Body

New York, Feb. 27.—Commissioner Thomas Estill, chief of the Salvation Army in the eastern states, today scouted reports of an impending secession of the American organization from the parent group in England over Gen. Bramwell Booth's order prohibiting members from belonging to secret societies.

Girls Are Forbidden To Wear Breaches

St. Boniface, Man., Feb. 27.—Knickerbockers for winter sports were forbidden to the women and girls of the St. Boniface Archdiocese in a sermon delivered Sunday by His Grace Archbishop Beliveau from the pulpit of St. Boniface cathedral.

THE BUDGET TO BALANCE

This Will Be the Liberals' Reply to Critics.

INTEREST IN THE TARIFF

Government Appears To Be Prepared to Implement Its Platform of 1919.

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—Members are arriving at Ottawa in a fighting mood. Conservatives, elated by the victories gained in Halifax and Kent, and encouraged by the speaking tour of Mr. Meighan, have a chip on their shoulders and appear eager to assail the administration from the start.

Charges of extravagance will be thrown back in the face of Mr. Meighan and his party and refuted by a balanced budget. Taunts of breach of faith in the carrying out of pre-election pledges will be answered by tariff reforms of an important character. Scandal talk will be replied to by a proposal to institute an enquiry into the administration of the business profits tax.

That Liberal members in short, are prepared to pull together in the harness, is evident. And from present indications the speech from the throne will be of such a character as to revive the old fighting spirit in the government party and to secure heavy support from the official opposition.

Deep interest is being manifested in the tariff question. It appears to be taken for granted everywhere that the government are prepared to implement to quite a considerable degree its tariff platform of 1919.

J. Read, Sidney, Dead. Belleville, Feb. 27.—John Read, a well known and much respected farmer of Sidney township, passed away on Monday morning. Deceased who was fifty-five years of age, was born in England. For thirty-four years he had resided in Sidney. For some years he had been a member of the Methodist church. A widow and one son survive.

A CONVENTION OF TRUSTEES

Of the Urban Schools of Ontario Being Held.

GET-ACQUAINTED SUPPER

In Red Room of Queen's University Tuesday Evening a Big Success.

The fifth annual convention of the Urban School Trustees Association of the Province of Ontario got away to an auspicious start on Tuesday evening in the Red Room, new Arts building, Queen's University, with a "Get-Acquainted-Supper" that achieved its purpose fully and put the visiting delegates on friendly terms with one another at once.

The handsome Red Room was just the right size for the crowd that gathered, and about one hundred people sat down at the long tables, with the gathering given an even cheerier aspect by the presence of the lady delegates and the wives of the gentlemen delegates.

F. B. Edmunds, president of the association, directed the affairs of the head table and when the food and conversation and song had put those present into a receptive mood, took the occasion to speak on behalf of the association expressing appreciation of the manner in which the trustees from all over the province were looked after by the Kingston committee and at their pleasure in coming to this fine old city to transact their business.

Mayor Angrove extended an official welcome to the delegates on behalf of the city of Kingston. He spoke of the fine Kingston Board of Education and of the co-operation between the members and the city council. Humorously he referred to the amount of money that a Board of Education may demand from a city's finances and imparted the information that, in Kingston last year, about one-third of the total revenue had been used for educational purposes.

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IMMIGRANTS COME "ARMED TO TEETH."

Calgary, Alta., Feb. 27.—Canadian customs officials were severely criticized by Magistrate Sanders in police court here yesterday for allowing immigrants to enter Canada "armed to the teeth." The point arose when Wilhelm Laine, Finland, was charged with being in possession of a heavy calibre revolver and a dagger, of which he was quite proud.

STARTS FIRE WITH GASOLINE

James Gibson, of Newboro, is seriously burned. Newboro, Feb. 27.—James Gibson, met with a very severe accident on Sunday morning. As he was starting the fire he threw some gasoline on the flame from a five gallon can in mistake for coal oil and the gasoline took fire and burst the can, quickly igniting Mr. Gibson's clothing. He called for help and his son and daughter ran to his assistance and put the fire with the aid of blankets, but not before his clothing had been burnt from him and he had been frightfully burned about the body and face. On Monday, Mr. Gibson was taken to Brockville, where he is a patient in St. Vincent de Paul hospital.

LABOR TO HAVE SEATS.

Hertzog Makes Definite Statement on Coalition. Cape Town, Feb. 27.—General Hertzog has at last given a definite answer to an often asked question when he declared in a speech at Ceres: "Labor will have seats in the cabinet. We shall have to admit them in order to carry on the government."

The Nationalist leader thus definitely commits himself to the principle of coalition. It means, as the Cape Times points out, that the Nationalists have now definitely dropped the pretence that the compact with Labor merely relates to electoral arrangements. Hertzog declared that General Smuts had placed the interests of the Empire before the interests of South Africa while in London.

LIVES SAVED BY MOTHER

Telephoned Her Husband As She And Children Are Overcome By Gas.

Mrs. Ernest J. Cobb and her three small children, two girls and a boy, and one infant, had a miraculous escape from death on Tuesday afternoon when they were all overcome by illuminating gas in their home at 58 Upper Charles street and only grew assistance by the use of the telephone.

The family had noticed a slight smell of gas around the house but had paid little or no attention to it. Shortly after three o'clock in the afternoon one of the children went fast asleep and could not be awakened. As Mrs. Cobb was giving attention, another one of the children toppled over. The mother became alarmed and as she was beginning to feel the effects of the poison herself, went to the telephone to call her husband. While she was telephoning she was overcome.

Mr. Cobb rushed to his home and found all the family unconscious. Dr. P. H. Huyck was called and the mother and her three little tots were rushed to the General Hospital where they were reported to be out of danger on Wednesday and progressing favorably, though still quite ill.

Dr. Huyck had members of the staff of the public utilities make an inspection of the house and a serious leak was found in one of the gas pipes. Mrs. Cobb's action in going to the telephone saved the lives of herself and her children.

The great national assembly on Tuesday voted confidence in the Kaffarist government.

Four large buildings of the Washburn shops were destroyed by fire at Decatur, Ill. Loss \$750,000.

Samuel Russell, registrar, formerly M.P.P. of East Hastings, died Tuesday afternoon at Belleville.

A MILLION DOLLAR C.N.R. IMPROVEMENT.

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—A million dollar improvement is shown by the Canadian National Railway in January. A deficit of almost \$600,000 has been turned into a profit of \$491,000.

ANOTHER ORDER RECEIVED BY LOCOMOTIVE COMPANY

Twenty Big Engines to Be Built For the Canadian National Railways.

This Order Will Keep the Kingston Works Busy Until Well Beyond the Middle of Next Summer.

It was officially announced by the Canadian Locomotive Company management on Wednesday morning that it had received a contract from the Canadian National Railway for twenty locomotives.

The contract is for fifteen of the Mountain type turned out at the works last summer and five of the Santa Fe type.

Work will be commenced on the new contract at once and it will keep the works busy until well over the middle of the summer.

There was great rejoicing in Kingston when it was learned that the Locomotive company had been awarded a contract to build twenty locomotives. For some time there have been all kinds of rumors to the effect that the company would receive the contract, but the Whig refrained from making any statement until the official announcement was given out by the company.

For some time the works have been operating with a greatly reduced staff, but the number of workmen will be rapidly increased until it is expected that it will again reach the five hundred mark at least.

The work of building the new locomotives will be pushed along as quickly as possible, as the Canadian National Railway when it gives an order, is very anxious to have the new rolling stock turned out without delay.

INSISTS UPON OPEN ENQUIRY

Into the Case of His Son At Military College.

MAJOR ARNOLD'S DEMAND A Purely Military Investigation Will Not Do At All, He Says.

The court of enquiry appointed by the department of militia and defence to inquire into the facts of the Arnold case, met Wednesday morning at the Royal Military College but have given out nothing as to the proceedings. The court is composed of: Col. Victor Anderson, D.S.O., general staff officer, B.M.C. (chairman); Col. J. Sutherland Browne, C.M.G., D.S.O., director of military operations and intelligence in Kingston district; Col. B. W. Browne, D.S.O., M.C., quarter-master general of the district staff.

Sir Archibald Macdonell, the commandant, is not connected with the court in any way, except in such things as his testimony may be required.

Major Arnold, father of the boy whose case is to be settled, went to the R.M.C. during the morning, and after a short conference with the presiding officers of the enquiry, returned to the city, where he expressed himself as very much dissatisfied with the nature of the investigation. It is not likely that he will proceed any further in the matter until a more complete and public investigation is instituted.

Wants Action. When interviewed by members of the press, Major Arnold voiced his ideas in words to this effect: "The members of the court are all fine officers whose records of service speak for themselves. But the court itself does not answer the purpose. I want an immediate decision on this business and do not want it shelved."

The father of the boy stated that

the usual military enquiry is not at all adequate for the demands of the case. He is not only after a decision on the case of his own son, but wishes also to bring out the cases of all recruits. He wishes it distinctly understood that he was making no charges of any kind but intimated that nothing less than a full public enquiry, with members of the press present and, if possible, a representative from the department of justice would satisfy him.

"If only the military authorities are to be satisfied concerning the case," said Major Arnold, "it is hardly necessary to bring my son to Kingston. But, if the investigation is of the nature I desire, one that will satisfy the public, then I shall certainly bring the boy back."

He intimated that he would leave Kingston tomorrow for New York to interview Cadet F.L.M. Arnold and stated that he would very probably bring him to Kingston. Under the circumstances, it is considered that the commandant would extend indefinite leave of absence to the young recruit.

Technically Soldiers. There seems to have been some doubt concerning the military standing of the gentlemen cadets of the Royal Military College. When they enter they take an oath or declaration which is very similar to that administered to the enlisted private of the permanent force, with the exception that they are not amenable to court-martial. In all other matters they come under military regulations and laws, technically, but these are standing more as a moral effect and there is no danger that any of them would be carried out.

Premier Macdonald gets 67 majority in the British Commons over the popular issue, with the Liberals in support.

"You Said It, Marceline!"

By MARCELINE DALROY On "The Store House."

LIFE IS A COLLECTION OF ODDS AND ENDS, WITH MAN UP THE TIME PICKING UP THINGS ON THE SIDE.

We have so much TIME, So much SPACE, And so LITTLE INTELLIGENCE.

MANY women clutter up Their lives with USELESS THINGS, And STILL more Useless ACQUAINTANCES, And most MEN chase

The things They can HOLD In their HANDS, And the WOMEN they can Hold in their ARMS, And FORGET that In the years to COME They are FORCED to Live with the things They have STORED UP In their HEARTS.

That is why "GO-GETTERS" Sometimes have REGRETS, But "GO-GIVERS" have Memories INSTEAD.

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