

# Shocking Fatalities Occurred Yesterday At Charlottetown And Travellers Rest

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## Railway Crossing Near City Scene Of Terrible Tragedy

**Four Girls Killed, Two Young Men Seriously Injured, When Souris Train Crashed Into Automobile At Mt. Edward Road Crossing Yesterday Afternoon. Car And Victims Carried 160 Yards By Train Engine. Shocking News Creates Profound Impression Throughout City.**

Four girls were almost instantly killed and two young men seriously injured at 3.40 yesterday afternoon, when the De Soto car in which they were driving was struck by the east-bound Souris train at the crossing on Mount Edward Road, about three miles from the city. The car, a total wreck, was carried 160 yards before the train was finally brought to a stand-still.

The car, which was owned by Mr. Caldwell Wood, Bunbury, as driven by one of the girls, it is thought, and was proceeding in the direction of Charlottetown. The approach to the crossing is on a steep grade, and the view on both sides is practically obscured by short birch trees. It would be necessary for the care to be travelling at a considerable speed at the crossing in order to climb the incline, it is said.

The engineer, Mr. Thomas Renton, claims that he did not see the car until after the crash had occurred. The train, he states, was travelling according to schedule at about twenty-five miles an hour. Doubtless the wet condition of the rails would add to the difficulty in bringing the train to a stop. As the car approached from the left side, and as the engineer is stationed in right side of the cab, it would be almost impossible for him to have seen the car, until too late.

The bodies of the four girls, all of whom were pupils at Prince Street School, were removed from the wreck by the train crew, placed in the baggage car, and brought back to the city. The wreck was removed from the cowcatcher and left beside the track.

It is thought that Miss Bruce was at the wheel of the car at the time of the crash, and that one of the boys was seated in the front of the car and one in the rear. Cyril Wood was thrown from the car by the force of the impact and thus escaped serious injury. That Harry Mutch escaped alive from the car, which was smashed to pieces, is almost a miracle.

Great anxiety was felt by citizens when rumours of the accident began to circulate. The whole city was agitated when the sad facts became generally known, and widespread sympathy was expressed for the parents and relatives of the bereaved.

Passengers on the train were not aware that an accident had occurred until the conductor asked for volunteers to carry the victims aboard.

Mr. Harry Mutch is the more seriously injured of the two lads in the hospital, having one leg and one wrist broken, and other injuries not as yet definitely ascertained. Wood sustained slight cuts. Both are in a dazed condition, and remember nothing of the accident.

The remains of the girls were taken to N. D. McLean's Funeral Home where a Coroner's Jury was sworn in by Coroner Houston.

### Accident Victims

**The Dead:**  
Helen Higgins, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Higgins, 171 Kent St., City.  
Eleanor Stewart, 15, daughter of Mrs. James Stewart, 120 Cumberland St.  
Doris Adams, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fulton Adams, Grafton Street.  
Isabel Bruce, 17, daughter of Mr. Callum Bruce, M. P. P., and Mrs. Bruce Avondale.

**The Injured:**  
Cyril Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell Wood, Bunbury.  
Harry Mutch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Perley Mutch, Hopeton.

### THREE BRITISH FLYERS KILLED

LONDON, Nov. 5.—Three British flying men were killed today bringing the total of Royal Air Force fatalities in crashes this year to 80. The total for the year 1929 was 45. Pilot Officer F. R. W. Goad, aged 19, and Flight Sergeant George William Roberts met death today in the crash of a Vickers-Virginia bombing plane near Ramsgate. Flying Officer Barnett was killed in another accident near Brentwood, Essex.

### Will Sail For Home Nov. 7th.

(Special to the Guardian)  
TORONTO, Nov. 5.—Errol Boyd will sail from England on Nov. 7, and will arrive in Montreal on November 15, the Mayor informed the board of control today. He is expected in Toronto the next day. The board voted for a public civic reception, presentation and parade from the Union Station to the City Hall. A luncheon will also be tendered the first Canadian to fly the Atlantic.

### EXPENDITURES TO RELIEVE UNEMPLOYMENT

Amount Totalling 37 Millions Has Been Approved.

(Canadian Press)  
OTTAWA, Ont., Nov. 5.—Expenditures totalling more than \$37,000,000 for public works and undertakings throughout the Dominion to relieve unemployment has been given final approval. Announcement to this effect was made tonight by Hon. Gordon D. Robertson, Minister of Labor. Work proposals put forward by various municipalities and provinces, which the Dominion Government has endorsed, aggregate approximately \$14,000,000. A number of these undertakings are already under way. Construction and improvement programs for the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Railways total \$22,556,650. Expenditures through the grade crossing fund is authorized to the amount of \$600,000. Expenditures approved for the different provinces are as follows: Ontario, \$10,069,687; British Columbia, \$1,667,850; Saskatchewan, \$1,292,600; New Brunswick, \$406,300; Manitoba, \$364,876; Prince Edward Island, \$180,000; Nova Scotia, \$109,100; Yukon, \$48,000; Canadian Pacific Railways Co., \$11,614,000; Canadian National Railways Co., (approximately) \$11,139,650; grade crossing fund \$500,000. Total, \$37,128,842.

### 160 KILLED IN EXPLOSION

(Associated Press)  
COLUMBIUS, Ohio, Nov. 5.—Reports that one hundred and sixty men were killed when an explosion wrecked the Millfield Number Six mine of the Sunday Creek Coal Company near Athens, Ohio, this afternoon were received here tonight by Governor Myers V. Cooper. The Governor announced that his representative at the zone of the explosion reported to him that one hundred and sixty were dead and that immediate plans to relieve the distress of relatives of the victims were necessary.

### Maritimes Will Appeal Case

(Canadian Press)  
OTTAWA, Ont., Nov. 5.—General dissatisfaction in the Maritime Provinces with the recent decision of the Board of Railway Commissioners refusing the application of the Halifax Harbor Commission for an adjustment of the freight rates on eastbound grain is certain to lead to an appeal. The appeal will be backed by practically all interests in the three provinces by the sea. Hon. E. N. Rhodes, Minister of Fisheries, and Nova Scotia's representative in the Federal Government declined to express an opinion on the case as the appeal will come before the Cabinet of which he is a member. He said, however, that from what he knew of public opinion in Nova Scotia an appeal would certainly be launched.

### SHOOTING AND RUM SEIZURES, MALPEQUE BAY

Officers Allege Self-Defence In Using Guns—Large Liquor Seizure.

A skirmish between the Customs and Prohibition Officers and three men, two from Darnley and one from Summerside in a motor boat in Malpeque Bay about three o'clock yesterday morning, led to the seizure of 142 cases of Scotch Whiskey and five ten gallon drums of alcohol and the landing of one of the men in the hospital with a gun shot wound in his left leg.

Officers Platts and McDonald for the Customs Department and Prohibition Officers Miller and Mann, on certain suspicions, went out to Port Hill on Tuesday night. In the early hours of Wednesday morning they sighted a motor boat coming towards the shore. As soon as the men in the boat saw the officers they turned about and went down the bay towards Malpeque. The officers gave chase and called to the men to stop. They state that they fired several shots as a warning. On coming up with the boat about two miles down the Bay near Bird Island, they boarded the boat. The officers allege that the men came at them with their oars and they were obliged to shoot to defend themselves. They are alleged to have had guns on them but did not use them.

On board the officers found the liquor mentioned above. They arrested the men and commandeered the boat. Liquor and prisoners were brought into Summerside between seven and eight o'clock on Wednesday morning. The prisoners were lodged in the Prince County Jail. One of them, who was shot in the skirmish was taken to the Prince County Hospital. He has a gun shot wound in the upper part of his left leg. It was found on examination that the bullet had passed right through his leg. His wound was dressed. Unless complications arise his condition is not considered as serious. The liquor was lodged in the Customs Office pending instruction.

### S' SIDE JAIL SITUATION IS SERIOUS

Jail Filled To Capacity While Convicted Bootleggers Walk The Streets.

The Prince County Jail is at the present time filled to its fullest capacity. On Tuesday there were 31 prisoners in the jail and one, who was sentenced to one month in jail in the Summerside Police Court, if his fine was not paid, would, if taken to jail, make 32. All the cells are full even those below stairs, generally kept for rowdy prisoners.

There are not enough beds to accommodate the overflow of prisoners and a good many are sleeping on the floor. The jailor has been ordered to send away for more beds. The inmates of the jail are mostly bootleggers. There are also quite a number of young lads serving time for various crimes.

The jail is so over crowded that the jailor refused admittance to a man given a sentence of seven months by the Prohibition Magistrate on Saturday last. The jailor said, as he had no committal papers, he was not going to let him in.

There are a number of bootleggers walking around town sentenced to jail who are waiting their turn, as there is no room at present for them. One man, who was sentenced about three months ago to 11 months for bootlegging, has left the county. Apparently he got tired of waiting his turn for admittance. The present epidemic of crime, which is going on in Summerside and the surrounding country is no doubt due to the fact that there are many still at large who have been thus sentenced, and for whom there is no available accommodation.

### Dies Of Injuries When Car Crashes With Borden Train

Peter Flahaven, Kensington, Fatally Injured At Travellers' Rest Yesterday.

A shocking accident occurred at 2.30 p. m. yesterday afternoon at Travellers' Rest railway crossing when a special freight train driven by engine driver Harrison from the Mainland, made up of twenty four cars, two full and the rest empty, proceeding to Borden from Summerside, crashed into a Chevrolet coach, driven by Mr. James Roy Flahaven, Kensington. The victims of the accident are Mr. Peter Flahaven of Kensington, who died of his injuries at 5.30 the same afternoon in the Prince County Hospital, and his son Basil, who is severely hurt.

Mr. Flahaven and his two sons were driving from Kensington where they reside and carry on a tinmith business, to Summerside to install a new furnace in the Crystal Rink. They had the back seat of the car filled with stove pipe and other articles necessary for their work and were all in the front seat. The driver remarked to his brother on leaving Kensington that he would look out on his side for trains and for them to watch their side.

There are several crossings between Kensington and Travellers' Rest where the accident occurred. They did not see the train until it had practically run into them. It was misty and owing to them having such a load it is most likely that they did not hear the train blow.

The car was carried some distance down the track on the front of the engine past the first switch towards New Annapolis and when the train stopped the car was thrown some distance. The car was struck side on and the two injured men thrown out. The driver was wedged between the gears and front of the car. He was badly cut about the head and face and his arm was slightly out. He otherwise escaped serious injuries. He had to be released from the car.

Dr. McPhee the railway doctor, was summoned and the ambulance was at the station in readiness to take them to the hospital where everything was done to ease their sufferings.

Mr. James Roy Flahaven, the driver of the car, after having his injuries attended to, returned to Kensington to his mother to give her warning of the accident. Mr. Peter Flahaven was an elderly man about 72 years of age.

His father received the full force of the impact and was thrown some way down the line. His injuries, which proved fatal, were mainly confined to his lower limbs. His right leg was almost cut off and his other leg was badly mangled and shattered below the knee. He was suffering from shock and had other minor injuries. Although conscious when taken to the hospital he died within two hours and a half from the time he was taken in.

His son Basil is also very seriously hurt although expected to recover. His injuries are a dislocated hip and compound fracture of the fore leg besides other injuries to the face and head. He is also suffering from severe shock. His wife came into Summerside immediately on hearing of the accident.

The driver and conductor of the train did all they could to render assistance and took the injured men on the train back to Summerside backing the train all the way in.

Mrs. McCarville of Kinkora is daughter of the deceased.

### Democrats May Control Senate

(By Francis M. Stephenson, Associated Press Staff Writer.)

Democrats were grasping for control of Congress as Tuesday's election returns neared final tabulation. Republican rule of the Senate tottered when the Opposition captured eight new seats and was ahead in the contests for two others, to give them prospects of an even division of the membership of 96, and probable control of the organization. The House, President Hoover's great reliance in the present Congress, also was within reach of the eager Democratic forces. They had won nearly 40 of the 58 Republican seats necessary to give them a majority, and had fighting chances in more than a dozen others. With 48 Senate seats the Democrats will have a plurality of one over the Republicans. Senator Shipstead, Farmer-Labor, of Minnesota, the 96th member, has voted in the past with the Republicans on organization of the Senate.

The Democratic uprising broke out in all sections of the country, and in spots most unexpected to leaders of both parties. Democrats got the Senate from the Republican strongholds of Kansas, South Dakota, and Minn-

### ROOSEVELT ELECTED

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—The largest popular vote ever given to a candidate for state office in New York returned Franklin D. Roosevelt, Democrat, to the governorship today by a plurality of more than half a million votes. With five sixths of the returns counted, Roosevelt led Charles H. Tuttle, his Republican opponent, by almost 700,000 votes, and was assured of a margin of victory far surpassing the most smashing success of his close friend and predecessor in the governorship, Alfred E. Smith. Smith was elected governor in 1922, over Nathan Miller, Republican incumbent, by a plurality of 385,000 votes, and some of the most sanguine Democrats predicted today that Roosevelt might match that victory, but not even the most helpful Democrat foresaw for Roosevelt the smashing success, up state and down, which was his as the votes were counted tonight.

NEW YORK, Nov. 4.—Four persons were killed and two were wounded, due to violence during the Congressional election in the United States yesterday. All the dead were in Kentucky.

### The Weather, etc



TORONTO, Nov. 5.—Strong winds or gales shifting to west and north west, cloudy with occasional rain turning colder at night with local snowflurries.  
Maximum . . . . . 43  
Minimum . . . . . 49  
High tide this morning at 11.10 and tonight at 10.45.  
Sun sets this afternoon at 4.59 and rises tomorrow morning at 6.42.  
Full moon Thursday, Nov. 6, 6.04 a. m.  
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS ETC.

- \*\*Dance, St. Charles Community Hall, Friday, Nov. 14. 9017
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- \*\*Furs remodeled, repaired, relined. Mrs. Davison, 170 Prince Street. 7097-11-4-4
- \*\*Rummage Sale, Christian Church Schoolroom, Thursday, Nov. 6th, 7 p. m. 8861-11-4-31
- \*\*Kingston Sacred Pageant in Canoe Cove Hall Thursday, Nov. 6. 8877-11-5-21
- \*\*Dance in Peake's Hall, Monday, November 10th, under auspices of et. Teresa Dramatic Club. 8882-11-5-31.
- \*\*Hogs, lambs and livestock loading Tuesday, November 11th, Fodha Station, Belfast Shipping Club. 8884-11-5-21.
- \*\*Come to the Bazaar and Chicken Supper in Long Creek Hall Monday evening, November 10th. If not find, Tuesday. 9004-11.
- \*\*Hope River Thanksgiving bazaar, Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 10 and 11, 5 p. m. and all evening. After games and goods galore. 8852-11-5-31.
- \*\*Buying live fowl and chicken at the Green Station Friday morning, November 7th, 8 to 10. Empty stalls. S. R. Pendleton, Parkman. 8872-11-5-21.
- \*\*Concert in Wilmot Valley Hall, Monday, November 10th, at 7.30 P.M. Sale of candy. Proceeds in aid of Mission Band. If unfavorable, first fine night following. 9005-11-6-10-21.
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