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Worst Train Wreck In Recent Years

Passenger Trains Crashed in French Tunnel, and Many Were Trapped in the Burning Wreckage. Troops Called Out to Surround the Scene of the Disaster.

(Special to The Guardian.)
PARIS, Oct. 6.—Twenty-three bodies of persons who lost their lives in the rear-end collision of two suburban passenger trains in the half-mile tunnel leading into the St. Lazare Railway station yesterday evening had been recovered from the smoldering wreckage this afternoon. Only seven of them have yet been identified.

PARIS, Oct. 5.—Many persons are believed to be dead and burning in the wreckage of a rear-end collision of two suburban trains in the half-mile tunnel leading to the St. Lazare railway station, from which live bodies already have been recovered at 9 o'clock this evening. Twenty seriously injured persons and 53 slightly injured also had been recovered.

Seventeen coaches were burning, and firemen, almost helpless, were cutting a hole through the roof of the tunnel through the pavement of Rue de Rome, hoping to create an upward draft in order to allow the smoke and gas to escape. Both trains were filled with homeward bound commuters and authorities say that anyone remaining in the tunnel is almost certain to be dead.

The collision occurred when the 5.52 train for the suburb Marly-Le-Roi crashed into the rear end of a train for Versailles, which left four minutes earlier on the same track, but which stopped inside the tunnel for some unexplained reason. Cries for help and screams were audible at both ends of the tunnel.

It is felt that those who were trapped in the burning wreckage may never be identified, as they would surely be burned to a cinder by the firemen who were directing streams of water from both ends of the tunnel.

Later it was learned that the fire started by explosions of small illuminating gas tanks in the coaches of the telescoped train. The train for Versailles had stopped to repair a broken coupling when the collision occurred. Hundreds of the injured were able to escape by running through the dark tunnel along the track to both ends. Troops were called out immediately to surround the scene of the disaster.

Criminal Assault At Richmond

A case of criminal assault was reported to have taken place yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the vicinity of Richmond, P.E.I., and the victim is stated to be Mrs. James Baglow, of that place, aged about 40 years. Reports indicate the fact that the woman was at the rear of her farm near a bush when she was attacked and brutally treated by an unknown man. She was badly beaten and was almost overcome by her assailant, before her cries brought assistance. A posse of neighbors and constables are endeavoring to track down the inhuman beast and it is hoped his capture will be effected shortly. Reports indicate that the assailant is a stranger in that vicinity, but Mrs. Baglow is confident that she can identify him. Sheriff McNutt, Summerside, was immediately telephoned, and at once tried to get the Attorney General. Not being able to get him he immediately notified Constable Squarebriggs of Miscouche to proceed at once to the place of the attack. He also had parties watching at each station so as the guilty man would not make his getaway. Descriptions of the man given is: tall, black moustache, poorly dressed and a stranger in the community.

Hundreds Dying of Plague in India

(Special to The Guardian.)
LONDON, Oct. 6.—Hundreds of persons have died of plague in the city of Jubbulpur, British India, says a despatch from Allahabad. It is stated that the disease is so rampant that it is almost impossible to bury or burn the bodies of those who have died. The city is reported to be almost panic-stricken. Jubbulpur is the capital of a district of the same name in Central India, and is located 206 miles southwest of Allahabad.

Japanese Emperor Seriously Ill

(Special to The Guardian.)
Tokyo, Oct. 6.—Emperor Yoshihito, whose illness has been causing alarm in Japan, is said to be worse. In an official statement issued here, it is declared his condition is most unsatisfactory. At the imperial household it is explained that the Emperor's physical and mental condition has become aggravated. The difficulty he has experienced in walking and holding conversation has been augmented, while his memory and capacity for attention have declined. There are signs that he has been suffering from a severe disease of the brain, and it is recalled that during his infancy he was seriously ill, his malady recurring after he attained his majority. Since the coronation he has gradually weakened in mind and body.

ED. THE MONTREAL FUR REMODELLING COMPANY

The Montreal Fur Remodelling Company have opened a branch at Charlottetown. They are ready to receive orders for remodelling and cleaning of furs, also made to order coats for men and ladies. Good satisfactory quick work, twenty-six years experience in the business. The Montreal Fur Remodelling Co., Riley Building, Queen St., opposite Prowse Bros., Ltd., Charlottetown. Open evenings.

OUR FARMERS ARE NATURAL PROTECTIONISTS

In Order to be Able to Live Our Farmers Must Have Protection. They Cannot Exist Without it. Unless They are Protected They Will be Swamped, Their Investments and Farms Lost.

Without a doubt the farmer is having a hard time; especially in Eastern Canada. The price of all he has to sell is low, and the harvest is but a fair average. The current of trade, owing to the new United States tariff, has been violently deflected at right angles, and, denied egress south, we must turn elsewhere to dispose of surplus stocks of goods and produce. The domestic and the overseas markets are all that remain to us. The one is remote; the other close at hand.

DEMORALIZED EXCHANGE

But when we gaze abroad we are confronted with a Europe which would like to buy from us, yet cannot, because of the demoralized exchange, and the lack of cash. The United States has practically absorbed all her surplus stocks of gold. Both France, and alas! Britain, have debased coinage. If the American drain keeps up it is hard to say what will happen. What is happening at the moment is a terrific struggle for the markets of those nations that are still solvent and able to pay in gold. As a result of the exchange conditions, the United States has been virtually driven out of the South American markets. The complete conquest of the South American market by the United States, of which we heard so much during the war, has ended in a complete defeat.

A Curious Contrast

It is one of the most curious and perplexing happenings of this curious and perplexing time that, whereas the American farmer has gone over to protection, and lined up his interests with the manufacturers, frankly admitting their right to live, the official leaders of the organized Grain Growers, the Wood-Crerar party, are shouting for free trade and treating our manufacturers as a lot of parasites and profiteers.

At a recent meeting of the various granges in the United States, held in Boston, the ground was taken that only by the upbuilding of the towns through the continued increase of manufacturing was there any real hope for the American farmer.

They demanded that farmers and manufacturers should be included in the same ring.

What they asked for was a union of farmers and manufacturers.

The argument was advanced that both are employers of labor and both are capitalists.

The one manufactures, broadly speaking, everything that economizes human effort, and utilizes every conceivable form of material and ailments; the other (since this is the era of machinery and science) is a scientific producer and manufacturer of raw materials in the form of food.

FARMING IS A BUSINESS

In other words, farming is now in the strictest sense a business, as much so as banking or railroading or manufacturing. For example, we speak with perfect fitness of a cheese factory, a butter factory etc. Boards of Trade include farmers, since farmers are capitalists and business men.

With us, if H. W. Wood, with his group-government fallacy and free trade fanaticism; if Morrison, with his unholy alliance between socialistic Labor and the farmer; if Crerar and Drury, with their vague, dangerous direct taxation theories, (whereby the farmers would have to pay income tax from ten to twenty-five per cent. to make up for loss of customs revenue), should prevail, the farmer would find himself occupying a position the direct opposite to that assumed by his American cousin. The result of their theories, in the case of a young democracy with a vast unexploited country in its command, would be calamitous.

The American farmer has grasped a great and irrefutable truth.

It is, to put it simply, that raw material has no, or but little, value till it is worked up, and that in or

Hon. W. L. MacKenzie King Speaks in Charlottetown

He Reviewed the Prime Minister's Manifesto and Touched Lightly on the Tariff Repudiating the Free Trade Plank in the Ottawa Platform.

There was a large attendance at the Strand Theatre last night to hear Mr. W. L. MacKenzie King, M. P. of the Liberal Leader, speak on the political issues of the day. The meeting opened at 8 o'clock with Mr. Nelson Rattenbury, President of the Provincial Liberal Association, in the chair.

Mr. Nelson Rattenbury acted as Chairman and in a few preliminary remarks in which, referring to Mr. MacKenzie King as the "Advance Agent" of good times to come, and welcoming the Liberal Leader to the province he introduced Mr. J. E. Sinclair, whom he described as the most able representative of the County had ever had in Parliament.

Mr. Sinclair said that it was not necessary for Mr. Rattenbury to flatter him because he had simply done his duty. He welcomed the ladies "into the circle of Canadian electorate" and expressed the belief that they would cast a wise ballot on election. The Liberal Party, he said, had nothing to fear because it stood for principles that had been tried and had won the approval of the people. He said that his colleague in the Conservative party, Mr. Warburton, was defeated by a manipulation of the soldier's votes and he hoped that he and his colleague on this occasion would receive the hearty support of the people. Referring to the National Liberal and Conservative party he said that the province of Quebec having been successfully appealed to in 1911 to defeat the Laurier government on the Reciprocity issue, Mr. Meighen felt it necessary and advisable to include the word "National" in the new party name. He declared, was raised by the Prime Minister merely as a means to distract the attention of the electorate from the record of the government, during the past 10 years because they feared a disclosure of the various misdeeds of the Conservative administrations that had been in power since 1911. He charged the Government with wasteful extravagance and mismanagement, particularly in connection with the railways and the Mercantile Marine. The control of the railways had been taken out of the hands of the people's representatives and the government had denied them all information asked for in Parliament. He also charged the government of Sir Robert Borden with wrongful expenditure of the people's money in paying compensation for prohibiting the manufacture of the Ross rifle, which was being turned out of the factories six months after it had been condemned overseas. Referring to Mr. McMaster, he described that gentleman as a good man, but his colleague who returned to Parliament to support Mr. King as the next Prime Minister.

A complimentary address to Mr. King was then read by Mr. Rattenbury on behalf of the Liberal party, and, before replying, the Liberal Leader was presented with a bouquet by Miss Mary C. Reilly, the charming young daughter of Mr. T. B. Reilly, of Charlottetown. Mr. King bowed his acknowledgment to the young lady and proceeded to address the meeting. He said it was difficult for him to find words in which to express his thanks for the hearty welcome he had received. He was glad of the opportunity to meet the citizens of a province which he had had the honour to represent in part during the past two years. He considered himself, in a way, a native of Prince Edward Island, in any rate, as long as he lived, the province would always hold a warm place in his affection. Mr. King said he came as a representative of an historic party that had fought the battles of freedom, and given voice to the sentiments that had inspired the people of Canada in the past century. He paid a compliment to Mr. Sinclair, whom he said, no man had been more constantly at his side ready to support him in every way possible. Messrs. McKinnon and Sinclair, he thought, would make good representatives of the party.

Mr. King then proceeded to review the Manifesto of Premier Meighen as it appeared in the Charlottetown Guardian. He read them, first, in consecutive order, summarizing them, as he understood their purport, as follows:

1. That the Government, led by Mr. Meighen had carried on the war to a successful conclusion;
2. That there should be reconstruction; 3. that Canada's future, as well as her present, is bound up within the British Empire; 4. that the tariff is the real and only

issue; and, 5, an appeal to the ladies setting forth grounds on which they should support the government.

Regarding the first point, that the Meighen government had brought Canada out of the war, Mr. King contended that the present government was not one and the same with that elected in 1917, for Sir Robert Borden had, at that time, told the electors that the Unionist government was to be a new administration. Only two members of the Unionist government were in the present Meighen administration. All the other members of the Unionist Government had left.

Taking up the fifth point in the appeal of the Prime Minister's manifesto to the women for support on the ground that the party led

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Railway Men Fail To Settle Dispute

(Special to The Guardian.)
MONTREAL, Que., Oct. 6.—Representatives of the railway companies, and the joint conference committee of the five railway brotherhoods concerned in the dispute over the twelve and a half per cent. cut in wages, recently instituted by the companies, reported to Mr. Justice MacLennan, chairman of the board of conciliation appointed in connection with the above controversy, that they had failed to find a basis for settlement during their round table conference which has been in progress since Friday last. This conference took place at the suggestion of Judge MacLennan, who thought it might be possible for the men and their employers to reach an amicable settlement without the services of the conciliation board. His Lordship expressed disappointment on learning of their failure to find a basis for settlement and requested that representatives of both bodies adjourn with him to his private chambers to talk the matter over.

Well Known Captain Dies at Niagara

(Special to The Guardian.)
NIAGARA FALLS, Oct. 6.—Capt. R. F. Carter, 75 years old, who for thirty-five years was captain of the Maid of the Mist, the little steamer which plies the lower river at the foot of the American and Horseshoe Falls, died today at his home in Niagara Falls, Ont. He was closely identified with many daring rescues from the Niagara. He was known to thousands of tourists who had made sight-seeing trips on his boat season after season.

R.R. Commission Fails to Decide

(Special to The Guardian.)
OTTAWA, Oct. 6.—Failure on the part of the railway commission to reach a decision over-night as to whether or not there should be a stay of the Bell Telephone Company application for increased rates pending an appeal taken by the City of Toronto to the Privy Council on the order of April last indicates a further decided clash of opinion as between the members of the board. An adjournment was granted this morning until the 21st for further conference by the commissioners on the subject of whether or not the contention of opposing counsel should be upheld and a stay granted. Yesterday it was quite obvious that Chairman Carvell was at least opposed to any stay in the hearing of the new application, he strenuously opposed the contention that there was any appeal at all and expressed the opinion that any appeal there might be could not be heard until after the election, inasmuch as the members of the Privy Council were scattered to the four winds campaigning. On the other hand Commissioner Moyce strenuously held to the view that there was an appeal and that until such appeal had been disposed of there could be no alteration in the original order appealed against.

The Biggest Victory Since We Won the War

No. 2 Battery Charlottetown Wins General Efficiency of Canada, and Other Notable Trophies.

Lieut. Col. D. A. MacKinnon, D.S.O., commanding the First P.E.I. Heavy Brigade, Canadian Artillery, received the following telegram last night from Lieut. Col. Sharmarman Secretary Canadian Artillery Association Ottawa:

"Second Siege Battery won Governor General's Cup, for general efficiency. Siege and Heavy Batteries of Canada; also Herdman Challenge Cup for first place efficiency of personnel, Field, Heavy and Siege Artillery, Batteries of Canada; also Mercer Trophy, second place Gun Practice Competition Siege and Heavy Artillery Batteries of Canada. Eighth Siege Battery wins third place General Efficiency of Canada. Extend to you and Battery Commanders our heartiest congratulations.

(Sgd.) C. H. SHARMAN"
Sec. C. A. A.

The above telegram in plain language which can be understood by the non-military, means that the Second Siege Battery, commanded by Major J. P. Hooper, M. C., recruited and drilled in Charlottetown last Spring, has in competition with all the Heavy and Siege Batteries of Canada, won first place for general efficiency and a sterling silver cup besides money prizes. They have not only done this but they have beaten every battery in Canada, Field, Siege and Heavy, in efficiency of personnel and for this will receive the Herdman Challenge Cup. This is a wonderful showing for our boys and girls. The batteries of Field Artillery, Siege and Heavy Batteries, they have also won second place in the Gun Practice Competition of Canada, notwithstanding that the day they fired their guns was a most unfavorable one owing to forest fires.

The above showing for our boys and girls is certainly to be complimented on having organized and brought to such a state of perfection as Prince Edward Island Heavy Artillery.

Majors Hooper and Borden, their officers, non-commissioned officers and gunners are also congratulated on their excellent work. Every citizen may well be proud of the fact that out of the few thousands in this province a body of men can be raised who can excel a similar number of men selected from the millions of Canada.

Date of Election Probably Dec. 5

(Special to The Guardian.)
OTTAWA, Oct. 6.—The date of the polling in the general election will be the chief item of business before the meeting of the Cabinet Council this afternoon. An announcement is expected at the conclusion of the session as a result of the exchange of view between the Prime Minister and the Cabinet Ministers remaining in Ottawa. While a definite date has not been set, the rumor that nomination day will be November 21, and election day December 5, is persisting.

Masked Bandits Rob Nationale Bank at Bic

MONTREAL, Oct. 5.—It was learned today that five masked bandits entered the Bank Nationale at Bic (Que.), and after holding up the officers of the bank, got away with about \$10,000.

The bandits outnumbered the bank staff and little could be done towards thwarting the robbery.

About 3 o'clock in the afternoon a man came into the bank asking to change a small bill. He was a stranger. Shortly after five men walked in the bank. They all carried revolvers which they leveled at the manager and clerks, lining the bankers up against the wall, three of the men scooped up all available cash. They also entered the vault and stole a quantity of currency. The men carrying the money were allowed to go out of the bank first, the others keeping the staff covered.

Armed Posses in Pursuit.

Slowly backing out of the bank the remainder of the bandits went out the door and jumped into a waiting car. The car dashed off at a breakneck speed. Dazed for a few moments the employees did not raise any alarm until the car was rapidly disappearing from sight. Running out on the street one of the clerks arrested the car. It was then discovered that communication had been cut as an attempt to telephone ahead revealed the fact that the telephone wires were dead.

Citizens armed with rifles, shotguns, pitchforks and other available weapons took up the chase, but the robbers had secured too great a lead.

When the telephone wires were repaired the police were notified and immediately officers were sent to Bic.

THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TORONTO, Oct. 6.—North west moderate to fresh winds, mostly fair and not much change in temperature.

High tide this afternoon at 3.19 and tomorrow morning at 2.22. Sun sets this afternoon at 5.59 and rises tomorrow morning at 6.07.

First quarter moon Saturday, October 8th 4.12 p. m.

Noozie the Sunshine Kid

