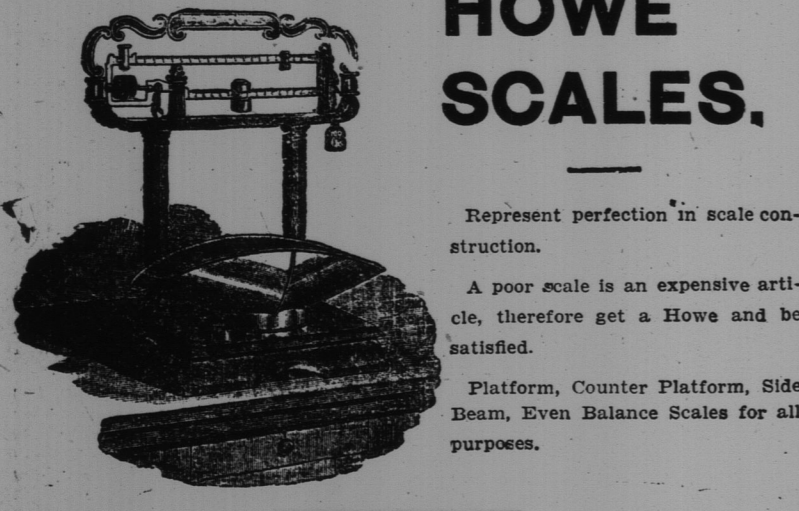


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F. G. CORMIER BLAMED FOR FATAL COLLISION.

C. P. R. Operator Arrested on Serious Charge—Preliminary Examination Begun in Police Court This Morning.

F. G. Cormier, the C. P. R. operator, who is held responsible for the collision between the two C. P. R. locomotives on the West Side on Thursday night, was arrested this morning between seven and eight o'clock by Sgt. Ross on a warrant sworn out by the C. P. R. Cormier was at once taken to the police headquarters. The preliminary examination was taken up before Police Magistrate Ritchie at eleven o'clock this morning. Mr. Cormier was charged by the C. P. R. with wilful omission to perform, and neglect of his duty on the night of the 23rd instant, thereby causing grievous bodily harm, under section 252 of the Canada Criminal Code. H. H. McLean, K. C., for the C. P. R., stated that Mr. Cormier was the operator at Bay Shore and no engine could move there without order through him from the train dispatcher. An order was sent to him to have engine number 992 to proceed to West St. John, but that yard engine 2104 should be out of the way. The order should have been signed by Worden, but the engine was west of the station and Cormier signed Worden's name and sent back a telegram to the dispatcher's office which, prima facie, would indicate that Worden had signed the order. D. Mullin, K. C., appearing for the prisoner, objected that these facts should not be categorically stated, but should be proved. J. B. Merriman, train dispatcher of the C. P. R., was the first witness. He said he governs the movements of all trains in the district in question. On Thursday night he telegraphed an order to Cormier governing the movements of engines 992, 2144 and 2104. The effect of which order was that engine 992 should have the right of way to West St. John over 2104 and 2144, both yard engines. Mr. Cormier telegraphed the order back and with it the names of Worden of engine 2104 and Griffiths, of engine 992, which indicated that these men had heard the order read to them and signed it. On receiving this telegram Despatcher Merriman completed the order which made it valid. Engines 2104 and 992 collided and Cormier telephoned the dispatching office that an accident had occurred and some men had been injured. Since this he had had no conversation with Mr. Cormier. Walter G. Brown, trackmaster, C. P. R., was the next witness. He knew nothing of the despatch to Cormier from the train dispatcher, except as it appears on the records. Worden was the yard foreman and had charge of engine 2104. He heard Mr. Cormier's statement of the accident. Mr. Cormier said that when he got the order for Worden on the night in question he sent Car-checker Campbell out to inform Worden. Campbell came back and said he had seen Worden and Worden had said it would be all right and he would look out for engine 992. He said 2104 had gone west of the station and the thought that as Worden knew of the order and had said he would look out for 992, it would be all right to put Worden's name to the order. The order was sent to the train dispatcher and he completed the order, which allowed 992 to proceed with right of way over 2144 and 2104. Engines 992 and 2104 collided about 150 yards east of the Bay Shore station. The negligence complained of was that Cormier neglected to get Worden to sign the order. Mr. Cormier had passed a credible examination on the rules of the company. Cross-examined by D. Mullin—it was the operator's duty to inform the engineers of any orders he may have for them, but he is not supposed to go out of the station to look them up. Witness had Campbell acknowledge that Cormier sent him to tell Worden of the order and Worden replied it would be all right. Mr. Cormier was admitted to bail, two sureties of \$400 and himself for \$800. The case was adjourned till Monday next.

NEW TURBINE STM. A BIG SUCCESS. Allan Liner Victorian Exceeds All Expectations.

Drives Through Northeast Gale With No Vibration and as Steadily as if at Her Wharf.

NEW YORK, March 25.—A London despatch, dated Saturday, to the Herald, upon the new turbine steamer Victorian begins: "Fine weather, turbines working smoothly, no vibration, now 50 miles out at sea." This message, sent by wireless telegraph from the new alien liner Victorian, was received at Main Head, on the Irish coast. The champions of the turbine found their expectations exceeded by the maiden voyage of the vessel which on the first ocean going passenger ship to be driven by turbines. "When the ship arrived at Moville yesterday, en route for Canada," telegraphs Derry correspondent, "it was stated that though on the previous night she had encountered a strong northeast gale and choppy sea, the passengers slumbered peacefully in their berths. So quiet was the Victorian that she might have been at her dock." "The absence of vibration both fore and aft so astonished the old Atlantic travellers on board that many gazed persistently over the side to see if she was really moving through the water with a speed of either 7 or 7 knots. There was scarcely a perceptible tremor through the ship. "Looking down from the upper gratings, the engine room presented an unfamiliar appearance. The boilerhouse, the old fashioned noisy cranks and throbbing piston rods were missing. All the engineer had to do was to watch their indicators to see how much pressure there was on the high and low turbines. At each end of these is an instrument like a stethoscope which engineers watch puts his ear to occasionally. The proper sound is a continuous roar. If it is intermittent there is something wrong somewhere. Men accustomed to the old reciprocating engines looked around them in a hopeless way. "They will have to put aside all theories and knotty ideas and adapt themselves to the new turbines," said Charles Allen, superintendent engineer of the Belfast firm, who built the Victorian. Mr. Allen added: "I expect that in less than ten years, we shall have our ocean steamships driven by gas generated on board. An engine will be shortly be made on a steamship fitted in this manner."

RUSSIANS HAVE LOST HALF A MILLION MEN

Of Nearly 800,000 Sent to Manchuria, Less Than 300,000 Are Left—Report That Oyama Has Given Up the Pursuit

ST. PETERSBURG, March 25.—148 p. m.—Stung by the wholesale criticism lately heaped upon the war office for its unpreparedness and incapacity in providing the Manchurian army with men, guns and munitions the army organ today lays bare what has been done since the opening of hostilities giving the exact figures. From these it appears that up to March 12, the war office had dispatched 12,087 officers, 761,467 men, 146,408 horses, 1,521 guns and 218,321 tons of munitions and supplies to the front declaring the transportation strained the Siberian railroad to its utmost capacity. The army organ admits that the army in the Far East when the war opened was hardly worth the name (no figures being given out, but it is known that the troops did not exceed 60,000 men) defending this on the ground that Emperor Nicholas desired to avoid war and therefore refrained from sending reinforcements which surely would have provoked it. "The criticism of war office's failure adequately to supply Port Arthur is met with the statement that it was provisioned for a garrison of twelve battalions, the decision to put thirty battalions there being taken so late that the original calculations could not be remedied. While affirming that the quick-firing guns and field guns of the Russians are superior to those of the Japanese, the war office explains that the misfortune in the insufficiency of mountain guns was due to the fact that when the war broke out Russia was just adopting a new pattern. It is denied that the war office was deceived in regard to the available strength of the Japanese army or the organization of the Japanese reserves, but the army organ frankly admits that the talents of the officers and the wonderful spirit of the soldiers were miscalculated. The publication of this article has created a sensation among military men, and in public circles many of the former censuring the general staff for disclosing valuable military secrets and the latter finding from the figures a practical admission that the war cost almost half a million men in killed, wounded, prisoners and sick, as the whole effective force in the Far East is now believed not to exceed 300,000 men. ST. PETERSBURG, March 25.—1:50 p. m.—General Levenitch continues the retirement, moving the bulk of his army northward. The general staff now declares it is certain that Field Marshal Oyama has been compelled to relinquish the idea of pursuit in force for the present. Japanese forces on the Russian flanks are too light to constitute a serious danger and a lull in heavy fighting for several weeks, if not months, is predicted by some of the correspondents. A Russian correspondent warns the St. Petersburg authorities of the dangers of the Japanese activity in Mongolia, where he says their emissaries are enlisting the Lamas and arousing their warlike spirit.

LIVELY ELECTION IS IN PROSPECT.

Labor Men Won't Support the League Ticket. The Aldermen Who Were Turned Down Are Fighting Together and Perfecting Their Organization.

The prospects for a lively civic election grow brighter each hour. The present aldermen have no intention of letting the Citizens' League have things all their own way and there is some talk of a conference early in the week when organization will be perfected. As several of the men approved of by the Citizens' League are not members of the league, have not paid the membership fee or signed the agreement the aldermen that intend to run and who were not approved of by the League think that those who were favored should declare themselves, that is join the League or run independent of it. The latest turn in affairs is the action of the Trades and Labor Council. At a meeting last night they freely discussed the Citizens' League ticket and will without doubt oppose some of the candidates. While nothing definite was decided upon, the matter standing over till the next meeting, the general feeling was that they should support Messrs. Holder and Carleton, who were elected last year as labor candidates.

WAR IN MYERS ALLEY.

There was a lively row in Myers' alley, off Charlotte street, last night, and the result is that five persons have been arrested, one charged with being the proprietor of a disorderly house, the others with being inmates of the house. Last night John H. McCann, John Melanson, Fred Melanson, Ernest Osborn and Miss McCann were in John McCann's house in the alley, which is about opposite the Y. M. C. A. building and were drinking, when a free for all fight started. McCann got hit with something, he does not know whether it was a shovel or a poker, but he presented a sorry sight in court this morning, and judging from appearances one would think he had been hit by a locomotive. All pleaded not guilty, and were remanded.

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WANTED—A brass finisher. Apply to W. H. STRILING, Brittain street. BOY WANTED—Apply at once, WHITE'S RESTAURANT, King street. LOST—A grey lamb collar, on Friday, 24th, between Adelaide street and Indiantown ferry. Finder please leave it about opposite the Y. M. C. A. building and were drinking, when a free for all fight started. McCann got hit with something, he does not know whether it was a shovel or a poker, but he presented a sorry sight in court this morning, and judging from appearances one would think he had been hit by a locomotive. All pleaded not guilty, and were remanded.

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PARIS, March 25, 1:05 p. m.—An official despatch from Caracas, Venezuela, says President Castro, who was absent from the capital during the recent supposed amelioration of the situation, has manifested strong hostility against American and French interests. His attitude, it is added, is peculiarly menacing in effect by overt acts against the company and the forfeiture of its concessions. No orders for warships to be held in readiness have yet been issued or are contemplated by the present but there seems to be a growing impression in official quarters that the presence of a warship in Venezuelan waters might exercise a salutary influence.

LUNATIC AND KEEPER ELOPE.

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TELEPHONES IN CHURCH.

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DOUBLE MURDER AND SUICIDE.

DRAIN, Ore., March 25.—Herman Shooks was shot and killed E. V. Cooper and Paul Howe. Shooks then shot himself, dying almost instantly. Cooper suspected Shooks of having sought his life previously and accused him of the attempt. Shooks became enraged and, seizing a shotgun, killed both men and himself.

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