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## FATAL CRASH ON INDIANA CROSS-COUNTRY TROLLEY LINE

**Suburban Cars Collide Head-on Near Fort Wayne with Terrible Results—Forty-Three People Killed, Few Escaped From One Crowded Car—Seven Seriously Injured, Two Fatally—Error in Orders Cause of the Disaster.**

Fort Wayne, Ind., Sept. 21.—Forty-three persons were killed and seven were seriously injured in a head-on collision between two interurban cars on the Fort Wayne & Bluffton division of the Fort Wayne & Wabash Valley line today. The wreck occurred seven miles north of Bluffton, at a sharp curve. The cars in collision were a northbound local car crowded to the steps, and a southbound "extra" car from Fort Wayne. They met while both were running at high speed.

### THE DEAD.

W. E. Bowman, Bluffton.  
A. E. Hyde, Pennville.  
S. E. Stuckey, Vera Cruz.  
William Beers, Bluffton.  
Lloyd Brown, Bluffton.  
L. C. Justus, Bluffton, general manager of the Bluffton, Geneva & Celina traction line.  
S. H. Robinson, Bluffton.  
H. D. Cook, Bluffton.  
Ernest C. Rouse, Bluffton.  
Silas Thomas, Warren.  
Ralph Walser, Bluffton.  
W. D. Durgan, Bluffton.  
Oscar Zimmer, Bluffton.  
Miss Pearl Saylor, Bluffton.  
R. F. Faka, Washington, Ind.  
Jacob Schwartz, Uniondale.  
F. B. Tamm, Warren, Ind.  
John W. Tribolet, Bluffton.  
Miss Bertha Tribolet, Bluffton.  
Charles Reber, Uniondale.  
Blanches Archibald, Ossian.  
Thomas Gorhon, Bluffton.  
Frank King and wife, Warren.  
Son of Lloyd Boyd, Bluffton.  
Harold Nelson, Bluffton.  
John Johnson, Markle.  
Jesse Hoffman, Marion.  
Dr. S. E. Thompson, Ann Arbor, Mich.  
Mrs. Hiram Folk, Bluffton.  
Mrs. Michael Hardy, daughter of Mrs. Folk.  
Mary Dougherty, Bluffton.  
Daniel Debach, Petroleum.  
J. E. Swartz, Bluffton.  
Joseph Sawyer, Bluffton.  
John Smith and wife, Montpelier.  
Joe ———, Bluffton.  
John Reed, Battery E, Fifth Artillery, New York.  
Two unidentified men.  
Unidentified women.

### FATALLY INJURED.

Geo. Smethurst, Warren, Ind.  
A. Ellenberger, Berne, Ind.  
The collision is said to have been caused by a misunderstanding of orders in regard to the southbound "extra" car taking a switch near Kingsland so that the northbound car could pass it. The motorman of the two cars did not have time to set brakes when they sighted each other.

The heavy northbound car was crushed and the bodies of the dead and injured were strewn on either side of the track amid the wreckage. The screams of the injured men and women after the crash brought the neighboring farmers to the scene.

Conductor Spiller, of the southbound car, was unhurt and ran back to Ward Kingsland and flagged a car which was approaching the wreck at full speed, and would have plunged into it.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Sept. 22.—With the death of Frederick C. Jones, of Warren, Ind., in a hospital here today, the number of dead in the interurban disaster yesterday afternoon near Kingsland, Ind., was increased to forty-three. Jones was a son of L. C. Jones, president of the Wrenn Bank. Two others, Miss Margaret Tribolet and F. A. Parkhurst, both of Bluffton, are in a critical condition at a local hospital. Investigation of the cause of the wreck, which claimed the lives of forty-three people, most of them en route here to visit the Allen County Fair, was continued actively by A. A. Shane, Indiana railroad commissioner. It is expected he will reach some definite conclusion before the day is over.

Arrangements for funerals of the victims are in progress. It is expected that burial in most cases will take place tomorrow.

Bluffton, Ind., Sept. 22.—A. A. Shane of the Indiana railroad has arrived here to investigate the interurban collision which resulted in a large loss of life here yesterday.

The motorman and conductor of the northbound car are said to have believed they had a clear right of way to Fort Wayne. The men of the Southbound car were ordered, it is said, to "Clear for all regulars" and to meet the other car at the Kingsland Switch.

The Southbound car hurrying to Bluffton to load with passengers for the fair at Fort Wayne passed stop number 108 and it is supposed the motorman thought he could reach stop number 107. Before he reached it the crash came. So many prominent inhabitants of Bluffton were killed that the town is staggered by the blow. It is probable that no business will be done for several days. Every inhabitant through relationship or friendship will be concerned in the preparation for the funerals.

Bluffton Ind. Sept. 22.—D. E. Wilson conductor of one of the two interurban cars, which was wrecked here last night with a loss of 43 lives, tells the following graphic story of the wreck:

"I was going toward the rear of my car to get the keys from my locker with which to unlock a switch which we were approaching. The switch has a dead end and unless it were unlocked we would have run into the ground. We were then about a quarter of a mile from Kingsland. Suddenly all the stuff in the car began to pile up around me. I did not hear any crash or any noise. Things just seemed to rise up all around me and I could not do anything to stop them.

Then I lost consciousness I guess, for the next thing I knew I was in the grove near the wreck. I do not remember of hearing any screams or any particular amount of noise. The reason of that is I guess, that I was somewhat out of my head. I walked back to the wreck and saw motorman Chas. Kanis of the north bound car staggering around there and I grabbed him, and walked down the track with him a short distance. Then we went across the field and I do not remember anything more until some one in the house took off my hat and collar and coat and put me to bed. That's all the knowledge I have of the wreck."

The spot where the disaster took place is isolated. There was not a doctor in Kingsland and the people of the village seemed paralyzed by the immensity of the deaths. They lacked a leader and until the relief cars from Fort Wayne and Bluffton arrived, little was done to take the dead and injured from the wreckage. It was a long hard task to remove the victims. The dead and injured were laid in rows at the side of the tracks, farmers wives brought sheets to cover the dead and to make bandages for the wounded. Legs and arms were severed, heads were cut off and strips were torn from the flesh of the victims.

Because of the broken bones, the postures of the victims were terribly distorted, the bodies being entangled with the timbers of the crushed cars. All the time pending the arrival of the physicians, the injured were writhing and screaming in pain and a crowd that had gathered about them stood helpless to help them.

### BERNHARDT ON LONDON STAGE

London, Sept. 22.—At the age of sixty-six years, Sarah Bernhardt made her first appearance in a London music hall Monday night in the second act of Rostland's "Taiglon" before an immense audience which was stirred to the wildest pitch of enthusiasm. Mme. Bernhardt is receiving \$5,000 a week.

Mr. John E. Wilson, gas inspector, is at the Queen.

## CANADIAN REGIMENT VISITING BOSTON



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LIEUTENANT-COLONEL D. H. CAMERON.

## WOODSTOCK'S COUNTY FAIR OPENED YESTERDAY

**Ontario Farmer Much Impressed With Exhibit of Fruit—Two Days' Racing.**

Woodstock, Sept. 22.—Yesterday afternoon the annual exhibition of the Carleton county agricultural society opened here on the grounds of the society and will continue today and Friday.

Three principal speech at the opening was made by Mr. Elliott, an expert from Ontario. He was greatly pleased with the exhibits. The apples shown, he said, were equal to, if not superior to the best apples grown in Ontario.

He advocated mixed farming and advised Carleton county farmers to raise less potatoes and go more extensively into stock raising. They had the facilities and the market to warrant them in giving more attention to farming.

The exhibits of horses, cattle, sheep and poultry are large and attract much attention.

The hall exhibits including many booths in which the local merchants displayed their wares were much admired.

Races are being held this afternoon and Friday afternoon in connection with the fair.

## SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE I. O. O. F.

Atlanta Sept. 22.—The 38th annual session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge Independent Order of Oddfellows, comes to a close today with the election of the 1911 convention. Toronto, Buffalo and Los Angeles are trying hard to secure it.

An interesting feature of last night's programme at the auditorium armory previous to the opening of the grand hall was the conferring of the grand decoration of chivalry.

## FLEEING PRIEST A SUICIDE

Madrid, Sept. 22.—A Father Novedoe, a professor in Acun College, flew out his brains today when overtaken at Lorai by the uncle of a woman with whom the priest was said to have eloped.

### PERSONAL.

Mr. G. S. Deeks, of Toronto, president of the Toronto Construction Co. arrived from McGivney this morning. Miss Helen Morrison will leave shortly on a trip to Philadelphia and Boston, where she will visit relatives. Mr. W. A. McVay, of St. Stephen, is at the Barker House.

Mr. E. R. Machum, of St. John, provincial manager for the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company, is in the city.

Mr. J. L. Heath, of Toronto, is at the Queen.

Mr. H. E. Ellis, of St. John, is registered at the Barker House.

Mr. John Shaughnessy, of St. Stephen, is in the city.

Dr. D. R. Moore, of Stanley, is in the city.

## WOMAN FATALLY CRUSHED BY AUTO

**Miss Anna A. Robertson of Portland, Me., Struck on Boston Street—Machine Skidded.**

Boston, Sept. 22.—Striking a curb and skidding at right angles off the course it was travelling on Massachusetts avenue, the automobile of Fire Commissioner Chas. D. Daly, last night, raced across the narrow street, and up over the sidewalk, crushing Miss Anna A. Robertson, of Portland (Me.), through an iron fence and mangle her form on the brown stone steps in front of 554 Massachusetts avenue, causing injuries from which she is dying, at the city hospital.

The car was being operated by William J. Connolly, who was on his way to Fire Commissioner Daly's home in Brighton, to take the commissioner to a two-alarm fire in South Boston. A parkway fills the centre of Massachusetts avenue near the 500 numbers and on one of the curbs the car wheels struck in such a way as to turn the car sideways. Before the chauffeur could shut off power, the car jumped to the sidewalk and struck Miss Robertson, who had just left her lodgings at No. 536 and was walking up the avenue. The hood of the car crushed down the fence and carried the woman's body before it, being stopped only by the stone steps, where the front of the car was wrecked.

Miss Robertson came to Boston from Portland (Me.), last July, and had passed examinations for missionary work, being interested in the Union Congregational church of Newton street. She was 33 years old, and had been recommended by Rev. Smith Baker, of Lowell.

## CHATHAM MAN ASSAULTED

Boston, Mass., Sept. 22.—(Special)—Patrick Hinds an able bodied man of about 50 whose home is supposed to be in Chatham N.B. was assaulted on the street here last night by a man named Hewson. Mr. Hinds was just boarding a street car when Hewson who was standing on the curb rushed out and assaulted him. No reason for the attack can be found. The men had never seen each other before as far as can be learned. As a result of the attack Hinds who was thrown to the pavement is in the hospital suffering from a badly fractured skull. His only daughter is a resident of Chatham.

## LIBERALS TO MEET

Port Elgin, Sept. 22.—(Special)—The Liberals of Albert County will meet in convention here on October 11. The evening following the convention will be given up to a public meeting which will be addressed by the Hon. H. R. Emmerson, Hon. C. W. Robinson and Dr. McAllister. M.P. There is a great deal of enthusiasm in the party in this county and a rousing turn out is looked for.

### MUSIC FOR SALE.

All the music unsold of the E. P. Baker Piano and Music Company may be had at reduced prices at Webster & Barnes, formerly The Post Card Store, York Street.

## LONE HUNTER OF LEPREUX

**Hermit Trapper Dies by His Own Hand**

**Boy Who Carried Food Made Gruesome Discovery—Coroner Will Investigate Today.**

St. John, Sept. 22.—Seven years of lonely life was brought to an end yesterday by the tragic death of John Simms, known as the Lepreaux trapper, whose body was found in his dilapidated hut, bolt upright with a rifle lying across his knees and the face almost completely shot away. Whether it was suicide or accident may never be known. Dr. D. E. Berryman, the coroner, will investigate today, but the only evidence as to whether or not the dead was premeditated can be found in the position of the body or the placing of the rifle.

It was seven years ago that Simms appeared mysteriously at Lepreaux, and the outskirts of the village offering him the opportunity for a hunt in life, he settled there in time coming to be known as John the Trapper. He eked out a somewhat precarious existence and depended on the spoils of his snares and rifle for subsistence. Of late years Edmund Boyle, a youth of the village has been wont to carry a basket of food to the aged hermit and yesterday without thinking anything was amiss he made his usual call.

### SITTING UPRIGHT.

There was no sign of life when he arrived and pushing open the door a fearful sight met his eyes. Sitting bolt upright on a bench, the body of the trapper was rigid in death and the rifle upon which he had depended for a living lay across his knees. Hardly recognizable was the face, so great was the havoc done by the charge and in horror young Boyle turned and ran. Arriving at Lepreaux he went to Mr. W. J. Dean's house and Mrs. Dean promptly telephoned to Dr. Berryman and the chief of police. Instructions were given that the door be nailed up and the coroner went down by the N.B. Southern this morning.

Little is known of the antecedents of the dead man beyond the fact that he has a son and daughter living in Liverpool, N.S., and is reported to have come originally from the sister province.

The coroner after investigation this morning decided that no inquest would be necessary as the circumstantial evidence went to show that Simms had shot himself by pulling the trigger of his rifle with his toe.

## CHARLOTTE CO. MAN MEETS TRAGIC DEATH

St. Andrews, N. B. Sept. 22.—Word has reached here, Frank McDonald 29 years old, a fisherman belonging to Wilson's Beach, fell on top of the gasoline engine in his fishing boat and fractured his skull. Death was immediate.

The deceased was unmarried and made his home with his uncle William James. Coroner Murray, of Deer Island held an inquest and a verdict of accidental death returned. His two companions, Charles Haggerty and David Anthony, were exonerated from blame.

## FATAL END OF BIG JOY-RIDE

Cleveland, Ohio Sept. 22.—An hour after he had been arrested and confined in the county jail for shooting a young woman whose identity is unknown P. W. Yates, who is believed to be from Detroit Mich., committed suicide by hanging himself in the wash room of the jail today.

The shooting which caused Yates' arrest took place in the grill room of a road house at Rocky River just west of this city early today, following a day and night spent in riding about the city in an automobile and in visits to wine rooms. A quarrel resulted in the man drawing a gun and firing at the girl. She was hurried to a hospital and is in a serious condition.

Yates had considerable money on his person.

## DECENT ON TENDERLOIN

**Spectacular Raid on White Light District**

**New York Police Round Up Hundreds in Anti-Vice Crusade—Police Stations Crowded.**

New York, Sept. 22.—A police descent on the Tenderloin in the early hours today was featured by years of the most spectacular raids in years on alleged illegal resorts. Plain clothes men swarmed through the district and arrests were made right and left. Two police stations were crowded with prisoners taken by the police crusaders in their raid, and as a result of the round-up of the women of the district found on the streets during the night.

Agents of Raymond Fosdick, commissioner of accounts, whose investigation of Tenderloin conditions brought about Acting Mayor Mitchell's recent complaint against Police Commissioner Baker, were out in numbers, following the course of the police and seeking evidence for the grand jury. It was expected that Commissioner Baker would be one of the witnesses called by the grand jury today.

## GENERAL BOTHA STILL MAY RESIGN

**Bulk of His Cabinet Will Go With Him—Merriman May Head New Government.**

Pretoria, South Africa, Sept. 22.—After all it is probable that Premier Botha will resign. Hull refuses to remain in office and unless a strong substitute other than Merriman be found General Botha will retire and a majority of the members of the cabinet are likely to go with him. Only the more recalcitrant members would stay with Merriman, who is expected to be asked to form a government, if necessary.

## THE PRINCE OF WALES MAY TOUR THE WORLD NEXT AUTUMN

London, Sept. 22.—The Prince of Wales will probably tour the world next autumn visiting the principal dominions.

## MAY ATTEMPT FLIGHTS TODAY

Brig, Switzerland, Sept. 22.—The weather was clear but cold today and a strong wind blew over the Simplon Pass. It was hoped that before evening George Chavez, the Peruvian aviator and Mr. Weymann the American aviator, would find a favorable opportunity to attempt the Cross-Alps competition flight from here to Milan Italy.

During the morning Weymann made three trial flights to test his motor but at no time reached a height greater than 4,300 feet. To clear the mountains an altitude of some 7,000 feet must be maintained during the first half hour of the trip.

## DIED AT ST. JOHN

St. John, Sept. 22.—(Special).—Henry Brennan, wine merchant, of St. John, is dead at the age of 60 years. He leaves four children to mourn his loss. Henry A. Brennan, claims agent for the C. P. R., is a son of the deceased.

St. John, Sept. 22.—(Special).—A street car fare box was most mysteriously stolen from a waiting car at the wharfs in North End last night. No trace of either the box or the thief has yet been found.