

Held Criminally Liable for Death of 78 Children

RUNAWAY HORSES HALT C.N.R. TRAINS

Nimble-Footed Team Crosses Six Railway Bridges With Freight at Heels

Campbellford.—With a heavy wagon tilting and careening at their heels, a nimble-footed team of runaway horses crossed six railway bridges at top speed in the course of a six-mile run down the C.N.R. tracks between Campbellford and Godolphin. At Godolphin they turned from the ties and were stopped, panting but unhurt.

Local train schedules suffered badly by this equine display of temperament. Behind the horses as they galloped down the tracks, a fast freight snorted with impatience, for its driver was unable to pass them, unwilling to run them down.

At the station, passengers on the 7.03 express, unaware of the runaway, fumed impatiently at the 15-minute delay dictated by "safety-first" officials.

Seven-Day Test of Beam Wireless System

London.—Early on Thursday morning the Postoffice began a seven-day test of the beam wireless system between this country and Australia and Canada. The first message sent was received clearly.

If the tests are successful, the Government will take over the stations from the Marconi Company, which built them. The advantages claimed for the beam system are cheapness and privacy. It was reported on Thursday that a London merchant has placed a \$100,000 order with a New York firm by trans-Atlantic telephone.



Archbishop Thornhill After service of 30 years as bishop of the diocese of Algoma and 11 years as metropolitan of the church in Ontario, withdrew on January 6 from the physical activities which have featured his labors in these two positions.

WARRANT IS ISSUED FOR ARREST OF MEN.

Owner, Assistant Manager and Usher of Montreal Theatre Indicted by Jury.

Montreal.—Ameen Lawand, owner of the Laurier Palace Theatre, where 78 children lost their lives as the result of a stampede following a panic of fire on Sunday, Michel Arie, assistant manager, and Camil Bazy, head usher, of the same theatre, were found criminally responsible for the death of the 78 children, and for that of "all other persons who may die from any cause attributable to this panic," by a coroner's jury here Thursday evening.

A warrant was at once issued by Coroner McMahon authorizing the police to hold Lawand, Arie and Bazy as prisoners.

They will be held for arraignment Friday morning. The jury's verdict was rendered following a long inquest, which was resumed here Thursday morning. Out of the great amount of detail produced in the evidence, two facts were outstanding:

1.—That Annette Bordu, cashier at the theatre, had never received instructions to withhold the sale of tickets from children under 16 years, and

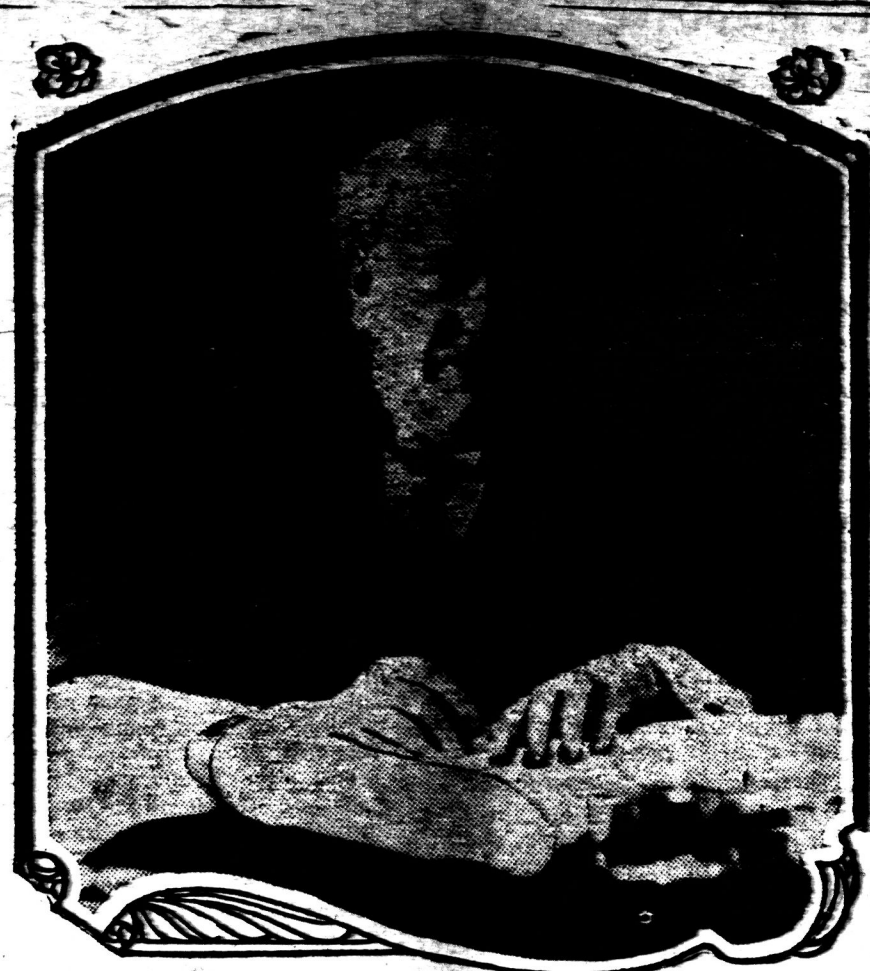
2.—That Alex. Bazy, brother of Camil Bazy, acting as ticket-taker, has lived in Canada for 16 years, has been employed at other theatres, but has never heard of the existing law prohibiting the admission of minors under 16 years of age.

Annette Bordu was cashier at the Laurier Palace for 16 months. She admitted that she had sold tickets to unaccompanied children under 16 years. She did not know how many balcony tickets she had sold, nor had she ever been in the balcony of the Laurier Palace. Asked by Antoine Chauvin, assistant crown prosecutor, if it was her custom to sell tickets to children under the legal age, she replied that she had received no instructions not to do so.

She knew nothing about 50 children being admitted gratis. She could give no estimate of the number of minors admitted, but thought it had been quite large.

Miss Bordu declared that she had been in conference with Lawand on Wednesday afternoon in company with other employees. The conversation had been carried on in Syrian and was not understood by her, but she was firm in her declaration that Lawand had told her to tell the truth.

Alex. Bazy, in the course of his evidence, admitted that he did not know of the existence of the Provincial law, and also said that he had not refused admission to any children on Sunday. He denied that he himself had bought a ticket for Albert Romillard, a boy of seven.



NEW LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF ONTARIO TAKES OATH OF OFFICE

Succeeding Col. Henry Cockshutt, W. D. Ross was sworn in as Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario on Jan. 12. The ceremony took place in the Council Chamber of the Parliament Buildings, the oath being administered by E. J. LeMaire, Clerk of the Executive Council, Ottawa. Some of the prominent persons attending the ceremony were: Chief Justice Sir William Mulock, Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Hon. Vincent Massey, Hon. George A. Henry, Hon. W. H. Price, Hon. John S. Martin, Hon. Charles McCree, and other Provincial Ministers. The illustration shows the new Lieutenant-Governor in the act of subscribing his name to the oath of office.

claimed a "state of emergency" and all England is making ready for the threatened general strike.

4. The strike is on. At midnight last night the order declaring 5,000,000 workers idle became effective. Labor leaders declare the strike a complete success. Only a few English newspapers are being published and radio is the chief medium of distributing news.

11. The Amundsen-Ellsworth-Noble Polar Expedition left King's Bay, Spitzbergen, at 10 o'clock this morning to fly over the North Pole to Nome, Alaska, in the dirigible Norge.

12. The British general strike ended at noon to-day, after nine days' duration.

16. Captain Roald Amundsen and three of his officers on the Polar flight of the dirigible Norge arrived to-day at Nome, after safely passing over the North Pole.

21. Further important changes in the automobile tariff were announced to-day by Hon. James Robb in the House of Commons.

26. Release on ticket-of-leave is granted Peter Smith, former Provincial Treasurer, serving a three-year term in Portsmouth Penitentiary.

JUNE

1. Canada's favorable balance of trade reported at nearly \$380,000,000 in the twelve months ended April 30.

8. Viscount Willingdon is named to succeed Lord Byng as Governor-General.

14. Ontario Government to take full charge of export marketing of agricultural products.

21. Royal Military College, Kingston, celebrates 50th anniversary.

28. Premier King is refused dissolution by Lord Byng, and Conservative Leader undertakes to carry on Government.

JULY

1. Meighen Government defeated in House by one vote. New Ministry falls on constitutional issue. Penny postage restored in Canada.

2. Lord Byng grants Mr. Meighen dissolution of Parliament, terminating most turbulent session. Emile Coue, advocate of auto-suggestion, dies.

21. Eleven St. Andrew's Camp youths are drowned at Balsam Lake.

31. Death toll of Bahama storm is 126 persons, with 400 missing.

AUGUST

9. British submarine H-29 sinks at its moorings near Plymouth, carrying crew of five men to their deaths.

24. Rt. Rev. C. A. Seager, former Provost of Trinity College, is consecrated and enthroned as Lord Bishop of Ontario.

29. Opening of Canadian National Exhibition attended by 101,000 people.

SEPTEMBER

1. Spain loses in claim for permanent place on Council of League of Nations.

2. Sick children are victims of milk strike in Halifax, N.S.

3. New buildings and an imposing eastern entrance are planned for Exhibition Park.

8. Germany admitted to League of Nations.

14. Liberals are victorious in Fed-

Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario Takes Oath of Office

authorize diversion of Great Lakes water by Chicago.

18. W. D. Ross, of Toronto, is appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario.

25. Emperor Yoshihito of Japan dies and Prince Regent Hirohito succeeds.

29. A new treaty is signed by Italy and Germany whereby each agrees to settle all disputes peacefully.

AUSTRALIAN WHEAT CROP SHOWS INCREASE

1926-27 Yield Will be 164,000,000 Bushels, it is Estimated.

Ottawa.—The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports the receipt of a cablegram from the Australian Commonwealth statistician at Melbourne, which states that the Australian harvest is nearing completion and that the latest official estimate of the wheat crop of 1926-27 is for a yield of 164,000,000 bushels, or 9,000,000 bushels more than the previous official estimate of 155,000,000 bushels reported by the bureau last month.

The area sown to wheat in Australia for 1926-27 is 11,000,000 acres. The final estimate of the yield of wheat in Australia in 1925-26 was 107,448,900 bushels from 10,288,900 acres, and the annual average production for the five years 1920-21 to 1924-25 was 134,797,500 bushels from 9,782,900 acres.

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22. Withdrawal of French troops from Rhine zone is begun.

23. Property losses from Florida storm total \$165,000,000. Wintry blizzard sweeps prairies and halts harvesting.

29. British cables state that 149,223 miners have drifted back to pits, thus repudiating the policy of their leaders.

OCTOBER

1. Alan Cobham, England's long distance flying ace, glided down to the Thames this afternoon, in completion of the first all-air journey from England to Australia and back.

4. Ontario and Quebec come to complete agreement on the exploitation of the Carleton Falls. Each Province will receive 133,000 h.p. annually. Large crowds greet Viscount and Lady Willingdon of their arrival at Ottawa.

11. Dominion-wide Conservative Convention, meeting at Ottawa, chooses Hon. Hugh Guthrie, former Liberal, to lead the party in the House of Commons.

14. Earl of Oxford and Asquith, one-time Premier of England, resigns the Leadership of the British Liberal party.

19. Imperial Conference is opened in London.

20. Hurricane sweeps over Cuba, killing or injuring hundreds of persons and wreaking damage estimated at \$10,000,000.

NOVEMBER

4. Mussolini provides death penalty for attempts against his life or the lives of the Royal family. Princess Astrid of Sweden and Crown Prince Leopold of Belgium are married at Stockholm.

10. Vincent Massey is officially appointed Canadian Minister to Washington.

11. All Canada pays tribute to "Our Glorious Dead" in Armistice services.

13. British miners accept defeat, and long coal strike is virtually ended.

DECEMBER

1. Conservatives win 75 out of 112 seats in Ontario election, while 80 members are pledged to support Government control of liquor.

9. Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux is re-elected Speaker of the House of Commons. Colonel Noel Marshall dies in Toronto.

10. Sixteenth Canadian Parliament is opened by Viscount Willingdon.

11. Ontario financial report shows deficit reduced to \$389,986. League decides that interallied control of German armaments will cease Jan. 31, 1927.

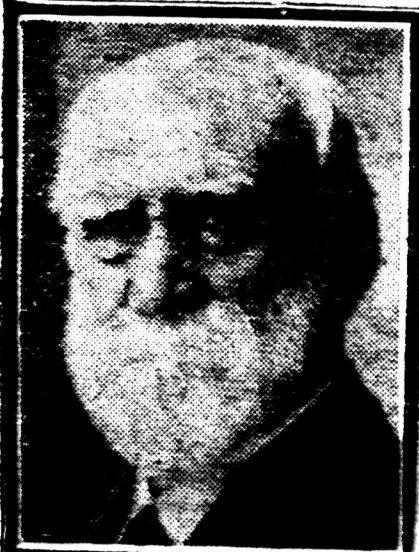
17. Britain sends fleet and land marines to cope with Chinese situation. U.S. Senate approves Illinois River channel project, but refuses to

WILLIAM DONALD ROSS, FORMALLY SWORN IN.

Notable Ceremony Held in Cabinet Council Chamber at Provincial Parliament Buildings.

Toronto.—In ceremony which had all the directness and brevity of high state action about it, William Donald Ross was sworn in on Jan. 12 as Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario. The function was held in the Cabinet Council Chamber at the Parliament Buildings, and was attended by a representative gathering of those who are prominent in the public life of the province. Premier Ferguson stood on the Lieutenant-Governor's right while the commission was being read and the oath of office administered. Chief Justice Sir William Mulock was also present, as was also His Excellency Hon. Vincent Massey, Canadian envoy to Washington. Others who attended for the occasion in addition to His Honor's personal party were the Ministers of the Ontario Government, the officers of the Legislative Chamber, Mr. Justice Ferguson, Rt. Hon. N. W. Rowell, K.C.; Hon. E. B. Ryckman, K.C.; Edmund Bristol, and the wives of the Cabinet Ministers.

As the formal confirmation of a new Lieutenant-Governor in his high position, the ceremony of swearing in has a terseness suggestive of the business rather than of the picturesque side of the office. It lasted in all less than a quarter of an hour, in which period not only had the commission acquainting Mr. Ross with his appointment been read by Col. Alex. Fraser, the oaths of office administered by E. J. LeMaire, Clerk of the Executive Council from Ottawa, but the necessary papers had also been signed. Mr. Ross stood pledged by his oaths to "be faithful and true and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King George V." to "well and truly execute his office and trust of the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario, and duly and impartially administer justice therein," and "well and truly execute the office and trust of Keeper of the Great Seal of His Majesty's Province." With the signing of the oaths the Great Seal was delivered to the new Lieutenant-Governor and the Bible upon which he had been sworn was also presented to him.



Hon. Casimir Dessaulles

Probably the most venerable of active legislators in the British empire, who will round out a century on September 29 next.

Taught by Wasp.

The secret of making paper was first discovered by the Chinese by watching wasps build their nests.

Talking Welsh.

Welsh is more generally spoken to-day than in the seventeenth century.—Professor W. J. Gudey, Cardiff.

THE OUTSTANDING EVENTS OF 1926

- JANUARY.**
- Premier Pangalos sets up military dictatorship in Greece. Floods in Europe take tremendous toll in human lives and property.
 - Rumanian Crown Prince is forced from his country for political causes.
 - Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux is re-elected Speaker of the House of Commons at the preliminary session of Parliament.
 - Canada's Fifteenth Parliament was opened by Lord Byng.
 - Duncan Royal Commission completes investigation of Nova Scotia coal industry, and recommends sale of coal in Ontario and the basing of wages on the profits of the company.
 - Premier Baldwin outlines plan to develop more electrical energy in Great Britain.
 - Development of 50,000 horsepower on Nipigon River is announced by Hydro-Electric Commission.
 - Terrific blizzard sweeps over Ontario. System of old-age pensions is outlined by Hon. Ernest Lapointe.
- FEBRUARY.**
- Lloyd George is re-elected chairman of the Liberal Parliamentary party.
 - H. H. Stevens begins his attack on the administration of the Customs Department.
 - Vigorous protests are made to Coolidge on Chicago water diversion. Third session of Sixteenth Ontario Legislature opens. France and Belgium favor German entry to the League of Nations.
 - American anthracite miners' strike is settled. Brazil settles place of United States on League Council.
 - Huge improvement shown in C. N. R. earnings for 1925. J. G. Goodhue elected Premier of Saskatchewan.
- MARCH.**
- Hon. James Lyons, Minister of Lands and Forests, tenders to Premier Ferguson his resignation as a Minister of the Cabinet.
 - The case of the States on the Great Lakes against Chicago's diversion of water is presented to the Supreme Court at Washington.
 - Manitoba plans electric railway to Red Lake gold camp. Air flight from Capetown to England is safely completed by Alan Cobham, British aviator.
 - Legislature passes appropriation of \$5,000,000 for Northern Ontario development work.
 - British Government proposes to introduce a definite disarmament scheme at Geneva.
 - Huge St. Lawrence River development is planned in the United States.
 - Ontario Hydro buys 200,000 electric horsepower from Quebec on 30-year contract.
 - Robb Budget presented in House reduces taxation, restores penny postage and indicates net surplus of over 22 millions.
 - Increase of 15 millions in C. N. R. net earnings shown in financial report.
 - Work is started on the Hudson Bay Railroad.
 - Three thousand workmen petition Premier King to modify automobile tariff reduction.
 - No agreement is reached by British mine workers and owners and immediate strike is announced.
- MAY.**
- The British Government coal subsidy ended at midnight last night, and this morning all work in the mines was stopped by the strike of a million coal miners. The government has pro-

STRIKES OF 1926 MEAN LOSS OF OVER 400,000 WORKING YEARS

Britain's Ministry of Labor Gives Actual Time Loss as 159,800,000 Working Days, Constituting a New Record.

London.—Industrial disputes to a number and more widespread than any in the history of British Labor will make the year 1926 one long to be remembered by the workers.

Ministry of Labor statistics record that 2,761,000 persons were involved in trade disputes during the first

Markets

- TORONTO.**
- Man. wheat—No. 1 North, \$1.47 1/4; No. 2 North, \$1.43 1/4; No. 3 North, \$1.38 1/4.
- Man. oats—No. 2 CW, nominal; No. 3, not quoted; No. 1 feed, 60c; No. 2 feed, nominal; Western grain quotations, in c.i.f. ports.
- Am. corn, track, Toronto—No. 2 old yellow, 88c; No. 3 old yellow, 85c.
- Milled—Del. Montreal freights, bags included: Bran, per ton, \$32.25; shorts, per ton, \$34.25; middlings, \$40.25.
- Ontario oats, 50c, f.o.b. shipping points.
- Ont. good milling wheat—\$1.27 to \$1.29 f.o.b. shipping points, according to freights.
- Barley—Malt, 60 to 64c.
- Buckwheat—75c, nominal.
- Rye—No. 2, 90c.
- Man. flour—First pat., \$7.90, Toronto; do, second pat., \$7.40.
- Ont. flour—Toronto, 99 per cent patent, per barrel, in carlots, Toronto \$5.55; seaboard, in bulk, \$5.55.
- Cheese—New, large, 20 to 20 1/2c; twins, 20 1/2 to 21c; triplets, 22c. Shiltons, 23c. Old, large, 25c; twins, 26c; triplets, 27c. Old Skiltons, 28c.
- Butter—Finest creamery prints, 45 to 46c; No. 1 creamery, 44 to 45c; No. 2, 43 to 44c. Dairy prints, 34 to 35c.
- Eggs—Fresh extras, in cartons, 62 to 63c; fresh extras, loose, 60c; fresh firsts, 55c; fresh seconds, 38 to 39c; fresh pullets, 50 to 52c. Storage extras, 45c; do, firsts, 43c; do, seconds, 37 to 38c.
- Poultry, dressed—Chickens, 5 lbs. and up, 40c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 35c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 30c; do, 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 lbs., 25c; do, 2 to 2 1/2 lbs., 20c; hens, over 5 lbs., 32c; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 30c; do, 3 to 4 lbs., 28c; roosters, 25c; turkeys, 42 to 46c; ducklings, 5 lbs. and up, 35 to 38c.
- Beans—Can. hand-picked, \$3.6 to \$3.90 bushel; primes, \$3.45 to \$3.60.
- Maple products—Syrup, per imp. gal., \$2.25 to \$2.30; per 5 gal., \$2.15 to \$2.25 per gal.; maple sugar, lb., 25 to 26c.
- Honey—60-lb. tins, 12 1/2 to 13c; 10-lb. tins, 12 1/2 to 13c; 5-lb. tins, 13 to 14 1/2c; 2 1/2-lb. tins, 15c.
- Comb honey—\$3.40 to \$4.50 per doz.
- Smoked meats—Hams, med., 28 to 30c; cooked hams, 42c; smoked rolls, 15c; breakfast bacon, 32 to 35c; backs, bonnets, 33 to 40c.
- Cured meats—Long clear bacon, 50 to 70 lbs., \$22; 70 to 90 lbs., \$20.50; 20 1/2 lbs. and up, \$21.34; lightweight rolls, in barrels, \$41.50; heavyweight rolls, \$38.54 per bbl.
- Lard—Pure tines, 14 1/2 to 15 1/2c; tubs, 16 to 16 1/2c; pails, 14 1/2 to 17c; prints, 17 1/2 to 18c; shortening tines, 12 to 12 1/2c; blocks, 14 1/2 to 15c; prints, 13 1/2 to 13 3/4c.
- Heavy export steers, \$7 to \$7.50; heavy steers, good, \$6.25 to \$6.50; butcher steers, choice, \$7.25 to \$7.40; do, fair to good, \$5.25 to \$6.25; do, com., \$4.75 to \$5; butcher heifers, choice, \$6.25 to \$7; do, fair to good, \$5.50 to \$6; do, com., \$4.50 to \$5; butcher cows, gd. to choice, \$5 to \$5.50; do, com. to med., \$3 to \$4; do, canners and cutters, \$2.25 to \$2.75; butcher bulls, good to choice, \$5 to \$5.25; do, med., \$4 to \$4.75; do, bologna, \$3.50 to \$3.80; baby beef, \$3 to \$10; feeders, choice, \$5.50 to \$5.80; do, fair, \$5 to \$5.25; stockers, choice, \$4.75 to \$5; do, fair to med., \$4 to \$4.50; mitch cows, \$70 to \$90; springers, \$90 to \$110; plain to med. cows, \$45 to \$65; calves, choice, \$13 to \$14; do, med., \$9 to \$12.50; do, com. and grassers, \$4 to \$5; lambs, choice, \$12.50 to \$12.75; bucks, \$9.75 to \$10; sheep, choice, \$6.50 to \$7; do, heavy, \$4.50 to \$5; do, culls, \$3 to \$3.50; hogs, thick smooth, fed and watered, \$11; do, f.o.b., \$10.60; do, country points, \$10.25; do, off cars, \$11.40; select premium, per hog, \$2.15.
- MONTREAL.**
- Oats—Can. west, No. 2, 75c; No. 3, 68 1/2c. Flour, Man. spring wheat, pats., lots, \$7.90; do, 2nds, \$7.40; do, strong bakers, \$7.20; do, winter pats., choice, \$6.10 to \$6.15. Rolled oats, bag 90 lbs., \$3.65. Bran, \$3.25. Shorts, \$34.25. Middlings, \$40.25. Hay, No. 2, per ton, carlots, \$14.50.
- Cheese, finest wests, 19 to 19 1/2c. Butter, No. 1 pasteurized, 41 1/2 to 42c. Eggs, storage extras, 44 to 45c; storage firsts, 41 to 42c; fresh extras, 58c; fresh firsts, 53c.
- Canners' cows, \$2.50; med. cows, \$4.50 to \$5.25; veal calves, \$10 to \$12; grassers, \$5; hogs, ordinary quality, \$11.50 to \$11.65.