

KILLED ON A TRAIN

TRAGEDY ON THE ROCK ISLAND
NEAR GOODLAND, KAN.

DRUNKEN ITALIAN MURDERS

Shoots One Man Dead, and Injures
Two Women—Stalks Through
Car, Firing With Deadly
Aim as He Proceeds.

In a shooting affray that occurred in a chair car of passenger train No. 5, westbound, on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad between Dresden and Seiden, in western Kansas, a man who bore the name of Compton, but who was identified as J. B. Tapp, a tailor of St. Paul, Minn., was killed and Mrs. Morris Oleson of Marshall, Minn., and her sister, were wounded. The shots were fired by John Bells, an Italian barber, en route from Boston to San Francisco, who had boarded the train at Chicago. Before the shooting began most of the passengers were dozing in their chairs. They were awakened by frantic yells and pistol shots.

Five shots were fired in rapid succession by Bells as he walked through the aisle from the front to the rear of the car, taking accurate aim at one passenger after another.

He was finally overpowered. At Goodland, Kan., Bells and a traveling companion, Patsy Leganbradi, also an Italian, were removed from the train and locked up in jail. Bells was accompanied by his wife and four children, and Leganbradi by his wife and five children. The women and their children continued their journey to San Francisco. Mrs. Leganbradi said Bells and her husband had been drinking vermouth, and that they fell asleep. Later Bells awoke and began to protest wildly that some one was trying to rob him. Then he rushed up the aisle and began shooting.

The body of Tapp was left at Goodland, and the two wounded women were taken to a hospital there.

HIGHEST IN YEARS.

The Recent Heavy Rains Have Swelled
the Missouri to Flood Point.

A Kansas City, Mo., June 23 dispatch says: The Missouri river is rising steadily as the result of recent heavy rains, added to the annual June rise and at same points is at the flood stage. The stream is higher than at any time since the disastrous flood year of 1903, but a repetition of the damage is not expected.

The river is out of its banks today in the bottoms here. The Kaw river also is bank full. However, no great damage is likely at Kansas City. Near Leavenworth hundreds of acres of wheat and corn in the Missouri river bottoms are submerged and water is up to the tracks of the Missouri Pacific, Burlington, Maple Leaf and Rock Island in a number of places. At St. Joseph the Missouri is up to the danger point.

At Elwood, Kas., across from St. Joseph, a hamlet, a strange condition prevails. Part of the place has disappeared into the river. Day by day for several years pieces of land dropped into the water until now, of an original section of land of 600 acres platted, only fifty acres remain intact.

Fix Up the Ticket Tangle.

Secretary Shepard, of the national educational association, has announced that all the objections to the rates of fare to and from the convention to be held at Los Angeles have been finally adjusted. Under the arrangements as they now stand, tickets will be sold for one fare for the round trip, but they will be validated only at Los Angeles, and they will not be validated until the ticket holder has paid, at Los Angeles, the \$3 necessary to acquire membership in the national educational association. The railroads will not have anything to do with the collection of this \$3, which must be paid to representatives of the association.

Railroad Men at Chicago.

A conference of officials of Nebraska lines was held in the office of Traffic Director J. C. Stubbs of the Harriman lines, in Chicago, at the conclusion of which it was announced that an effort would be made to maintain the present rates in Nebraska until the legality of the 2-cent law could be determined.

Universal 2-Cent Fares.

A Chicago dispatch says that at a secret meeting of leading railroad presidents held in that city, the decision was reached to reduce passenger rates on all roads in the United States on July 1 to 2 cents a mile.

IN GATES' NAME.

Capitalist to Buy the Texas Interest
of the Waters-Pierce Oil
Company.

Tulsa, I. T. — It is repeatedly rumored among prominent oil men in this city that John W. Gates, the controlling spirit in the Texas company has entered into an agreement with H. Clay Pierce to purchase the interest of the Waters-Pierce company in Texas. It is said the deal was arranged in St. Louis on the recent visit of Gates to the southwest. It is impossible to get a confirmation of the report.

This much is known that the Standard Oil company is making no apparent effort toward building a pipe line from Tulsa to the gulf, as the Texas company and Gulf Pipe Line company. On the other hand the Standard is favorably disposed to the Texas company and it at present installing several immense tank farms in Indian territory, where millions of dollars' worth of oil is being stored and which must have a gulf pipe line outlet to be marketable. The methods of the Texas company and the Standard are the same, which strengthens the belief among the oil men that the two companies are one and the same.

MAY PRESS DISARMAMENT.

Gen. Porter Reserves Right to Present
Question at Peace Conference
at The Hague.

The Hague. — The surprise of the second session of the peace conference Wednesday afternoon was the formal reservation by General Horace Porter on behalf of the United States of the right to present the question of limitation of armaments. Together with this, he also reserved the right to introduce the subject of the collection of contractual debts by force. While this reservation was made quite naturally, in accordance with a notice served on Russia during the preliminary negotiations last spring and in order that silence now might not be construed as acquiescence in the restriction of the work of the conference to the limits of Russian programme it is believed to indicate a firm resolve on the part of the Washington government after seeing the trend of the situation here to raise the question later if it becomes apparent that the subject is going by default.

To Test Transportation Question.

Chicago. — A test case to determine whether the railroads have the right to grant interstate newspaper transportation in payment for advertising was begun here Thursday by the government. District Attorney Sims, representing the interstate commerce commission, filed suit against the Chicago, Indianapolis & Louisville railway asking that it be enjoined from carrying out contracts for transportation made with a magazine.

Cleveland's Condition Not Serious.

Princeton, N. J. — According to a statement issued from the home of former President Cleveland Thursday night the alarming reports sent are practically groundless. The former president is suffering from an attack of acute indigestion, but no operation has been performed and none was contemplated, the statement says.

Fines for Russian Newspapers.

Moscow. — The Ruski Viedomosti, the veteran Liberal organ, has been fined \$300 for publishing an article inimical to the government. Four other newspapers were fined sums ranging from \$250 to \$500 each, and similar fines have been imposed on newspapers in Bialystok, Samara, Poltava, Tiflis and 20 other towns.

Telegraph Operators Go Out.

San Francisco, Calif. — Strike-ridden San Francisco had another strike added to the list Friday afternoon when the telegraph operators employed by the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies left their keys at 3:30 o'clock and walked out of the offices. They demanded an increase of 25 per cent in wages.

No Strike in Russia Now.

St. Petersburg, Russia. — A conference Friday of delegates representing all the revolutionary groups, including the Polish socialists, union of railway employes, Group of Toll and peasants parties, voted by 47 to 19 votes to reject the proposal to declare a general strike as a response to the dissolution of parliament.

A Big Four Wreck.

Columbus, O. — A Big Four passenger train while going 50 miles an hour was derailed in this city Tuesday, the engine and all the coaches turned over on their sides and yet no one was seriously injured except the fireman who jumped. The coaches were filled with passengers.

NO RESPECTER OF HOME-MADE HALOOS.



Uncle Sam Calls Up the Coal Trust.

LIQUOR INTERESTS ALARMED

Rapidly Growing Anti-Saloon Sentiment Recognized.

An Immense Slush Fund is Being
Raised to Attempt to Meet Prohibition
Agitation.

Atlantic City, N. J. — Injection of anti-saloon sentiments into the platforms of both great political parties in the next national campaign was predicted at Thursday night's sessions of the National Wholesale Liquor Dealers' association convention. Call was made for the federation of liquor interest in the United States not only to meet the present sweep of prohibition agitation, but to prepare to check the movement in the presidential conventions of 1908, speakers declaring that growth of the crusades against liquor will force the party leaders to recognize the necessity of placing some "platform doctrine" dealing with the subject before the people at the coming election.

Organization of a great campaign fund to meet the new conditions was advocated by the protective bureau of the association and big contributions to this fund from every liquor interest were urged.

EX-SENATOR BAKER DEAD.

End Came to the Kansas Lawyer and
Politician at His Home in Leavenworth, Kan.

Leavenworth, Kan. — Ex-Senator Lucien Baker died at his home on Third avenue, in this city, at 1:15 o'clock Saturday morning. He was unconscious for 36 hours preceding his death. Death resulted from acute Bright's disease. He had been ill nearly a year and had not been able to leave his home to go down town for six weeks.

Lucien Baker was born in Fulton county, Ohio, June 8, 1843. He came to Leavenworth in 1869. His brother, H. L. Baker, one of the pioneers of Leavenworth, was in the hardware business here at that time. He left an estate estimated to be worth about \$250,000. He accumulated his fortune in the practice of law. His diversions into politics were expensive for him and of no material gain. He was elected to the United States senate in 1896 and served one term. Mr. Baker was a Mason and that order will have charge of the funeral.

Tucker Lost the Suit.

Leavenworth, Kansas. — The jury in the case of the Uncle Sam Oil company, in which H. H. Tucker, Jr. sought to have the receiver appointed by the state supreme court removed, returned a verdict Wednesday finding against Tucker. The verdict was written out by Judge Amidon, in the United States district court, and it was agreed to by the jury upon the court's instructions.

Taft Inspects the Post.

Leavenworth, Kansas. — Secretary Taft was met at the station here by General Hall, commandant of the post and escorted to the latter's residence where breakfast was served. The programme of the day included a general inspection of the military service school building of the post, and a dress review of all the troops now assembled here.

THE GREATEST EVER BUILT.

Contracts Let for Two Monster 20,000
Ton Battleships of the Dread-
naught Class.

Washington. — Bids were opened at the navy department at noon Thursday for the construction of two American "Dreadnaughts" or what are officially known as battleships Nos. 28 and 29, each to be of approximately 20,000 tons displacement, the cost of each not to exceed \$6,000,000, exclusive of armor and armament. The total cost of each when completed is estimated to be \$10,000,000.

The Newport News Shipbuilding company of Newport News, Va., with one bid at \$3,987,000 and the Fore River Shipbuilding company of Quincy, Mass., with a bid of \$4,377,000, were the successful bidders.

The arrangement of the main battery guns is to be such as to permit a broadside fire 25 per cent greater than that of the broadside of any battleship built, or so far as is known, under construction. The average elevation of the axis of these guns is expected to be greater than that of any known battleship, thus affording a distinct advantage in long range firing under all conditions of weather.

The actual total weight of hull and armor in the proposed designs for the ships is approximately 3,000 tons greater than in the largest battleship so far built. The design contemplates an arrangement for the installation of reciprocating or turbine machinery.

LAND FRAUD CONVICTIONS.

Fine and Jail Sentence for Omaha
Men Who Are Alleged to Have
Defrauded Government.

Omaha, Neb. — Thomas M. Huntington and Ami B. Todd, were sentenced by Judge Munger in the United States district court Thursday to pay a fine of \$1,000 each and to be imprisoned in the Douglas county jail for three months. Fred Hoyt was sentenced to pay a fine of \$1,000 and to stand committed to the Douglas county jail until the fine is paid.

The sentences are the result of the conviction of the three men after a ten days trial on an indictment charging conspiracy to defraud the United States out of possession and title to large tracts of land in Sheridan and Cherry counties, this state, by means of false, fraudulent and fictitious entries and for subornation of perjury.

The defendants gave notice of appeal to the United States circuit court of appeals on a writ of error and executed a bond in the sum of \$5,000.

This constitutes the second or last group of defendants in the Richards and Comstock case.

Rockefeller Paid a Fine.

New York. — John D. Rockefeller's automobile, in which Mr. Rockefeller was being rather hurriedly driven to his country home Thursday was stopped by a constable at Elmsford and the chauffeur was subsequently fined \$25 for exceeding the speed limit. Mr. Rockefeller paid the fine.

Governor Folk Grants Respite.

Jefferson City. — Governor Folk Tuesday granted respites until July 25 to Amelick and John Brooks, sentenced to be hanged at Ironton on June 27, and to William Spaug, Jr., under sentence to be hanged June 25 at Centerville.

SHOULD BUY YOUR COAL NOW

Conditions in Northwest May Be
Worse Than Last Year.

The Interstate Commerce Commission
and Railroads Both Sound a
Warning to Consumers

Washington, D. C. — Strenuous measures have been adopted both by the government and by the railroads to avert a fuel famine in the west and northwest which is thought to be impending next winter. Howard Elliott president of the Northern Pacific railroad, recently wrote to Commissioner Lane of the Interstate commerce commission suggesting the probability of a fuel famine in the west and northwest next winter that might exceed in its serious possibilities, the famine of last winter. He advised that every effort be made by the commission to induce consumers, including the government to lay in supplies of coal during the summer months, pending the movement of the crops in the early autumn. Commissioner Lane immediately took up the matter with Secretary Garfield and Taft, urging that coal supplies at all depots of the government be put in at as early a date as possible. The subject was considered at the last cabinet meeting held before President Roosevelt left Washington and it was decided that the suggestion should be adopted.

Commissioner Lane has received from B. T. Staunton, chairman of the railroad commission of Montana, a circular which the commission has issued respecting an investigation into the subject of the coal supply now in sight and to be available for the use of citizens of Montana during the winter months of 1907 and 1908. The inquiry shows that a coal shortage exceeding that of the past winter is not only possible but probable, unless steps are taken to avert it, and the commission advises the people to put in their supplies of coal at the earliest possible date.

Schmitz Seeks Release.

San Francisco, Calif. — Mayor Schmitz's attorneys late Thursday evening applied to the district court of appeals for the release of the mayor on bail by writ of habeas corpus. Sixteen showings are made in the petition and at least one of them is decidedly sensational. It is a declaration that the mayor is suffering from an incurable disease and that imprisonment in a jail will cause his death. It is understood that the disease referred to is an affection of the kidneys and that it has advanced to a serious stage.

A Two-Cent Rate in Kansas.

Topeka, Kansas. — An order for a flat two-cent passenger fare in the state of Kansas is about to be issued by the state board of railroad commissioners regardless of the fate of the two-cent fare rates in other states. It is said that some of the Kansas commissioners have taken up the matter with the railroad officials in an informal manner and there is a strong possibility that the railroads will not fight the order. The railroads are said to be dissatisfied with the mileage book plan, as it is a great annoyance to the conductors.

Aoki Will Stay.

Washington, D. C. — The formal announcement by Viscount Hayashi, the Japanese minister for foreign affairs, in a Tokio dispatch published Friday that Ambassador Aoki is to be retained at Washington is regarded here as clearly establishing the fact that the present Japanese ministry, headed by Marquis Satonji has assured itself of the support of both the unionist and conservative parties in its present attitude toward America.

Telegraphers' Strike is Off.

New York. — As the result of the visit of Mr. Neill, commissioner of labor, and following suggestions made by him an adjustment of the differences between the Western Union Telegraph company and its operators has been reached and there will be no strike. Thursday morning Col. Clowry, president of the Western Union, addressed a letter to Mr. Neill, outlining the position of his company, and this is admittedly satisfactory to all parties concerned.

Dined With Emperor William.

Kaiserlicher Yacht Club, Kiel, Germany. — Emperor William gave what might be called an American evening on the imperial yacht Hohenzollern Friday night. He had Ambassador Tower and Joseph Wharton, Lieut. Commander Howard, the United States attaché of Berlin, and Lieut. Commander Gibbons, the United States naval attaché at London to dinner and kept them in conversation for some time afterward.