

WRECK IN CHICAGO

ACCIDENT ON LAKE SHORE AND MICHIGAN SOUTHERN.

Twelve Persons Injured, Several Fatally—Enginemen at Their Posts—Taken from the Debris Unconscious, and Engineer May Die.

A passenger train on the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad was wrecked Saturday afternoon at the crossing of the track at Root Street, Chicago.

Accounts of the cause of the accident differ, some of the railroad people claiming that the train ran into an open switch, and others saying that the locomotive jumped the track because of a broken flange.

Twelve persons were injured, and several of them may die.

The train was going at a high rate of speed to make up lost time. The tracks are elevated and the accident happened just before the train reached the viaduct crossing over Root Street.

The engine left the track, but the fore part of the tender struck the end of the viaduct railing and was torn to pieces. The engine plunged to the far side of the viaduct, where a rail from its fastenings rose on end and transfixed the rear of the engine cab and fore part of the baggage car.

It held the wreckage so closely that several hours' work with cold chisels was necessary before the wreckage of the car could be removed.

The four cars next behind the baggage car were piled in a heap at the north end of the viaduct, and all of them badly smashed.

An overturned stove in the rear coach set fire to the wreckage, but it was extinguished by the fire department before it had gained much headway.

The engineer and fireman remained at their posts until the last, and both men were pulled out from the debris unconscious.

ESCAPE OF DARING ROBBER

His Quick Wit Enables Him to Get Away.

Just at the close of banking hours Saturday a man in the lobby of the First National Bank of San Francisco, observing the cage door leading behind the counter ajar, pushed it aside, walked in, and helping himself to a bag containing \$20,000 in gold coin, made a rapid exit.

He immediately slowed down his pace and walked into a side entrance of the Brooklyn Hotel which leads to the dining room, closely followed by C. K. McIntosh, an employe of the bank, who had witnessed the theft.

Seeing he was pursued, the thief turned into the hotel office where he was overtaken and seized by McIntosh. When asked to turn over the money he said it was his own.

The daring robber, who is about 37 years of age and well dressed, called on the people in the hotel office to see if he had not told the truth by accompanying him to the bank only a few feet away.

He walked to the corner undisturbed, boarded a street car which was passing and soon was out of sight. He is now being searched for by the police.

HERBERT BISMARCK DEAD.

Son of Famous German Chancellor is No More.

Prince Herbert Bismarck died Sunday morning at 10:15 o'clock at Friedrichsruhe. The end was painless.

Since he ceased to be foreign minister on the retirement of his father in 1890, Prince Herbert Bismarck had taken part in public affairs only as a member of the reichstag. His attitude had been that of a man not appreciated by his sovereign, and who was awaiting in the background for an opportunity to resume his career.

His delivery as a parliamentary speaker improved year by year. He always declined to join any political group, and was called an independent and haughty. His imperious manner in early life, when he was ever conscious of the fact that he was the son of the most powerful statesman in Europe, softened in later life.

Explosion of Dynamite.

An explosion of dynamite under the house of Julia White, in East Race Street, Martinsburg, W. Va., in which a dance was in progress, killed John Harris, colored; fatally injured Jennie Smith, and hurt Julia White so badly that she may die.

English Seal Poacher Captured.

It is announced from Vladivostok that an English seal poacher named Thomson, who took advantage of the war to make the Pribyloff islands his hunting grounds, has been captured and his schooner sunk. Thomson has been imprisoned at Nikolaevsk.

Sioux City Stock Market.

Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City stock market follow: Butcher steers, \$5.10. Hogs, \$5.45 to \$5.60.

Killed by a Baseball.

Edward Johnson, a member of the Oak Park Baseball Club, at Chicago, was killed by a batted ball during game Saturday afternoon. The ball struck him just below the heart, and he died in three minutes.

Fined for Taking of Bribe.

In the superior court at Grand Rapids, Mich., Judge Newham sentenced James McCool and Clarke Slocum, who pleaded guilty to bribery in the Lake Michigan water deal, to pay a fine of \$500 each.

RUSSIA GIVES IN.

Answer to Notes on the Subject of Contraband.

A St. Petersburg special states that Russia has given her answer to the American and British notes on the subject of contraband of war.

Her answer was communicated to Ambassador Harding Friday afternoon, verbally, by Foreign Minister Lamsdorff, and bears out the predictions on the subject by the Associated Press.

The ambassador was informed, in effect, that the government has agreed to the view of the United States as to the conditionally contraband character of foodstuffs and fuel, and that supplementary instruction has been issued to the Russian naval commanders and prize courts, calling their attention to the misinterpretation which had been placed upon the prize regulations.

In effect, the new instructions will place the burden of proof that foodstuffs, etc., are designed for belligerent purposes, upon the captor.

The new instructions will involve a reversed judgment of the Vladivostok prize court by the admiralty court in the case of provisions confiscated.

A direct answer to the American note is expected soon.

Russia, in Count Lamsdorff's response to Ambassador Harding, in principle meets the views of the American and the British governments regarding foodstuffs and coal and other fuel as being conditional contraband, distinctly placing them in the category of articles susceptible of uses both in war and in peace and as such only confiscatable when consigned to blockaded ports or destined for military or for naval forces of the enemy.

Shipments in the ordinary course of trade by private persons or firms, even to an enemy's port, may be regarded prima facie not contraband, but on this point distinct reservation is made.

The simple fact of consignment by private persons does not preclude the possibility that the articles are not ultimately destined for belligerent forces, and Russia insists that it be not necessarily regarded as conclusive evidence of the innocent character of the goods. In other words, irregular papers or other suspicious circumstances might vitiate the assumption of innocent character, but where such suspicion is raised the burden of proof to warrant legal seizure is to rest on the captor.

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FALL OF BURNING BRIDGE.

A Fatal Accident near Stillwater, Minn.

At Stillwater, Minn., the bridge across the St. Croix River, which is a mile long, extending to the Wisconsin side, caught fire. The fire created considerable commotion, and the fire department, in responding to the alarm, was followed by the usual crowd of persons. The fire had so weakened one of the spans of the rather ancient structure that when the fire apparatus and the crowd attempted to cross it it fell into the water, about twenty feet below.

About twenty persons were precipitated with the wreckage into the water, and two were killed and five seriously injured.

ROBBED OF JEWELS.

Young Crook Is Arrested in Hospital at Marion, Ind.

Wm. Devy, a detective of the New York police department, went to Marion, Ind., in search of Wm. McKenzie, alias Wm. J. Valentine, alias Wm. Start, who is wanted on a charge of having robbed New York people of \$30,000 worth of jewelry. He was found in a local hospital and acknowledged he was the fugitive.

McKenzie is only 27 years old, but he has served three terms in New York and New Jersey prisons on charges of diamond robbery.

FOR GREAT STRIKE.

Socialists Decide on General Walk-out in Italy.

To protest against a conflict between the strikers and police in which two strikers were killed, the socialists at Rome have decided on a general strike throughout Italy, which began Friday at Milan and threatens to spread through the whole peninsula.

The government has taken extraordinary measures to suppress the strike and has stopped all telegrams referring to it.

Identified as a Murderer.

Joseph Briggs, who was arrested at Chicago on suspicion of being connected with the murder of Harold Peterson, the tobacco dealer, who was killed in his store by robbers, has been positively identified as the man who did the shooting by Wm. Potee, the colored porter, who is lying in the hospital with a bullet through his lungs.

The Lena Will Dismantle.

Capt. Barlinsky, commanding the Russian ship Lena at San Francisco, has informed Rear Admiral Goodrich he desires his ship dismantled and has asked as to the extent to which this dismantlement should be made.

Winery Buildings Burned.

The Natoma vineyard winery, fifteen miles east of Sacramento, Cal., together with the fermenting plant and distillery, was burned Tuesday night. Loss, \$300,000.

Not Train Robbers.

It is now believed that the men discovered in a strawstack on a farm near Winfield, Ia., who were supposed to have been the Rock Island train robbers, were tramps. The officers have given up search for the men.

Robber Shot Dead by Officer.

Alva Rivers was instantly killed while robbing the bank at Warsaw, Ohio. The village marshal emptied a shotgun into him. His two companions escaped, but are being followed by a posse.

GREAT STORM ON THE COAST

Atlantic Shores Are Strown with Wreckage.

A New York dispatch says that a number of lives were lost, much property damaged and several ships wrecked in the storm which ravaged the Atlantic coast Wednesday night and Thursday.

It was one of the fiercest September storms on record, thunder and lightning adding terror to a howling gale which carried drenching sheets of rain over sea and land.

Telegraphic reports say that the storm has swept out into the ocean and from the Canadian coast.

The greatest loss of life was near Wilmington, Del. The tug Israel W. Durham, with a crew of six men and four other employes of the American Dredging Company, was swamped in the Delaware River during the height of the storm. Eight of the ten persons on the little craft were drowned.

From farther down the coast—Jacksonville—comes the report that five men were drowned off Charleston.

New York suffered comparatively little. The wind and rain and thunder and lightning were terrific, but little actual damage was done. Nineteen coal barges were adrift in the bay and their wreckage strewn the shore from the Battery to the Narrows, but no lives were lost.

Several small vessels also went ashore on various parts of the coast near New York. One fatality was reported in the city, Carl Hertzner, killed by broken fire escape.

A fishing steambot, Joseph Church, of Greenport, N. Y., struck Peaks Hill bar and was smashed to pieces. The captain and crew of twenty-one men were saved.

At Wilmington, Del., great destruction was caused by the storm. Trees were uprooted, houses flooded and crops ruined. In Chesapeake Bay the storm was particularly fierce. Incoming steamers arriving at Baltimore report that never in their experience has such a furious gale swept down on them at this time of the year. One man was seen adrift in a small rowboat in Chesapeake Bay, but it was impossible to rescue him.

The storm was accompanied by a cold wave.

GALE AT NEW YORK.

Considerable Damage Done in the City and Vicinity.

A storm of wind and rain of almost unprecedented violence raged over New York and vicinity Wednesday night, causing damage to property, both on sea and shore. No loss of life is known to have resulted.

Ample warning of the coming storm had been given by the weather bureau and few coastwise craft ventured to sea Wednesday. Two fishing schooners are ashore at Coney Island point, and many small craft are lying on the beach all along the shore.

In the city and vicinity hundreds of windows were broken, cellars and streets flooded and trees uprooted.

MORE TROUBLE FEARED.

Alabama Militiamen Ordered Out—Grand Jury Returns Indictment.

The grand jury at Huntsville, Ala., returned an indictment against Mayor Smith and Sheriff Rodgers, charging dereliction of duty in not suppressing the mob which lynched Horace Maples a few days ago. Ten members of the mob are named.

The announcement of the indictment has created wild excitement and further trouble is feared.

WOMAN'S BODY IN A TRUNK.

Unmistakable Evidence of a Murder at Cleveland.

The body of a young woman was found crowded into a trunk which was picked up in the water under a coal dock on the lake front at Cleveland, O. Detectives were at once placed on the case, with the result that the body was identified as that of Mrs. Inez Smith, of No. 95 Oregon Street, Cleveland.

The woman disappeared on Sept. 6. That she was murdered and her body placed in the trunk and thrown into the river, the police say, is certain.

First Instance on Record.

The Mexican state department has notified the United States district attorney at El Paso, Tex., that the court order extraditing Vance Fulkerson, indicted for embezzling government funds, has been approved. This is the first instance on record of the return of a government official from Mexico for embezzlement by the Mexican authorities.

No Trace of Missing Ship.

The navy department at Washington is informed that the cruiser Tacoma has arrived at Rio de Janeiro, having cruised from San Francisco down the west coast of South America and around to the Brazilian port in search of the missing merchantman Conemaugh. The Tacoma failed to find any trace of the missing steamer.

To Oppose Mormon Church.

The permanent organization of the new American party, whose avowed purpose is to oppose the alleged interference of the Mormon church in politics, was effected at a meeting at Salt Lake City, Utah, Wednesday night. The meeting was largely attended by men of all political beliefs.

Tugboat Sunk.

A Wilmington, Del., dispatch says: The tugboat Israel W. Durham, of Philadelphia, was sunk during the storm Wednesday night in the Delaware River. Five of the crew of six, including the captain, were drowned.

Trains Collide Head-On.

Passenger train No. 5 and a freight train collided head-on on the Burlington west of Villisca, Ia., Thursday morning. The engines were damaged, but no one was injured.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Cowardly Murder at Sidney—Frank Wiser, Union Pacific Night Watchman, Done to Death by Tramps—Other Nebraska News.

Frank Wiser, the Union Pacific night watchman at Sidney, was murdered there Saturday night by some unidentified tramps. Wiser's duty was to keep tramps off the trains and to keep guard over the large amount of storage coal which is constantly kept by the railroad company, also to see that there were no fires near the stock yards.

Saturday night a tramp came up to the roundhouse and stated to an employe named Pantenburg that the Union Pacific watchman was having a fight down by the stock yards and was getting the worst of it. Pantenburg informed the night foreman of the shops, but he failed to inform the authorities until some time later.

Wiser failed to show up for the passenger trains and a search was instituted, but owing to the darkness nothing could be found of him.

Sunday morning his dead body was found about 250 yards northeast of the stock yards. His entire left side had been crushed in and a large black and blue mark encircled his entire body, an evidence that he had either been kicked or some heavy instrument used. There were only a few scratches about the face. All the tramps about the town were immediately arrested, but no positive clue has yet been discovered. Should the murderers be apprehended a necktie party might be the result.

Wiser was an old-time cowboy in the employ of Keith & Barton and John Bratt, of Lincoln County. He was about 65 years old and leaves a wife and two children.

QUICK WORK ON MURDERERS.

Less Than Week Elapses Between Crime and Sentence.

District Judge Grimes arrived at Sidney Thursday evening and held a special September term of the district court for the purpose of accepting a plea of murder in the second degree for the trio, Thomas McIntyre, James Sullivan, alias Miles, and Walter W. Flynn, alias Harry Neville, the murderers of Theodore Wiser, the faithful night watchman of the Union Pacific Railway, who was killed last week.

County Attorney Mark Spanogle read the information, after which the prisoners were asked how they pleaded. All responded "Guilty," with the understanding that the county would accept their plea of murder in the second degree. Judge Grimes then asked all the attorneys in the case if the plea would be agreeable to them, and they replied that they had carefully weighed the matter jointly and that it was for the best interests of the people the case be closed and the prisoners sentenced to the penitentiary.

Judge Grimes again admonished the prisoners about their plea and all replied as before and were willing to accept the judgment of the court. Judge Grimes then sentenced them separately to imprisonment for life. The sentence meets with universal approval and the county is spared a heavy expense and the law has been vindicated.

REVENUE LAW IN PERIL.

An Injunction Sustained by Judge Kelligar.

Judge W. H. Kelligar, of the First judicial district of Nebraska, sitting at Lincoln, announced Saturday night after an all day hearing that he would sustain the injunction brought in Nemaha County to prevent the raising of assessments by the state board of equalization.

The decision puts in peril the state revenue law, which consumed the greater part of the last session of the legislature.

The injunction was brought in the name of Church Howe, consul general at Antwerp, Belgium, who lives in Nemaha County and who is home on a vacation.

The case will be carried immediately to the supreme court.

Robbed a Schoolhouse.

William Benningham, alias William Jones, of Nebraska City, pleaded guilty Thursday to the charge of burglary and was sentenced to sixteen months in the penitentiary by Judge Paul Jensen, of the district court. Benningham was charged with robbing a county school house.

Fire Killed the Lice.

M. L. Arnold, who lives just west of Fremont, fumigated his chicken house to kill lice. It was a success, but when he was through the chicken house, barn and contents were in ashes. The building belonged to James Jensen, whose loss is about \$150. The entire fire department was called out.

Beatrice Man is Touched.

H. F. Sells was touched for \$19 in cash, two money orders for \$70 and \$80 and three railroad tickets at the Rock Island passenger depot in Beatrice just before he and his family boarded the train for a trip to California.

Loss No Time in Rebuilding.

The Jones Grain Company of Nebraska City let the contract Saturday afternoon for the rebuilding of their elevator that was burned in Myrnard at 10 o'clock the same morning.

Hurt in Runaway.

John Wichman and Daniel Perod were quite badly hurt in a runaway accident at Beatrice by being thrown onto the pavement. The buggy in which they were riding was smashed into kindling wood.

New Creamery at Beatrice.

The Queen City Creamery Company, of Beatrice, expects to begin work on its new block to be erected within the next few days. The contract for constructing the building has been let to a Lincoln firm, which promises to employ all the labor from that city that is possible.

New University Professor.

Announcement is made of the acceptance by Prof. George E. Howard, of the University of Chicago, of the chair of institutional history in the University of Nebraska.

MAN IS KILLED NEAR DECATUR

Three People Under Arrest Pending Investigation.

A Decatur special says: Tuesday night David Monett, a quarter-blood Indian, was shot and killed two miles north of this place on the reservation.

A party consisting of a man and two women passed through town and went into camp north of the place. A number of men called at the camp, Monett being in the party. The men are supposed to have left and Monett returned. There was some trouble and he was shot. As soon as this was done the party hurriedly packed their goods and left.

Parties who heard the shot went to the place and found Monett's body. The party in the wagon was overtaken and brought to Decatur, where the coroner's inquest was held. As far as the evidence has been taken it is conflicting, and it is impossible to tell whether the man or one of the women did the shooting.

To the officers the members of the party gave their names as Ella Brown, Matilda Fleming and Felix Richie. They are all white.

The evidence showed that Monett when he was shot was accompanied by a white man, James Merry; that they had been drinking and attempted to enter the wagon where the women were getting ready to go to sleep; the man ordered them to leave and Monett struck at the man who then ran away. The shot was fired, Richie says that he did the shooting. Merry says the shot came from the wagon and the women were the only ones in the wagon at the time.

The verdict of the jury was to the effect that David Monett came to his death by a gunshot wound from a gun held in the hands of one of the three people. All have been held to the district court.

CONFESS TO MURDER.

Each of Accused Tries to Shift Blame on the Other.

The preliminary hearing of Tom McIntyre, James J. Miles and Harry Neville, alias Tom Flynn, charged with the murder of Watchman Frank Wiser, was held before Judge Tucker Tuesday at Sidney. After the reading of the information by County Attorney Spanogle all the defendants pleaded not guilty. They each in turn, however, took the witness stand and accused one another of the crime, alleging that they did not intend to kill Wiser. Their statements were conflicting.

They were bound over to the district court without bail and the two witnesses for the state, Jenkins and Redding, were held under \$2,000 bail for their appearance. It is currently reported that this trial will ask a speedy trial, plead guilty and accept a life sentence.

KILLED BY PECULIAR ACCIDENT

Bottle of Camphor Explodes and Sets Woman's Clothes on Fire.

Mrs. Carrie Gell, the wife of Deputy County Treasurer D. A. Gell, of St. Paul, came to her death Wednesday evening as the result of an accident. While engaged in the attempt to loosen the tightly fastened glass stopper of a bottle of camphor by the aid of hot water the bottle suddenly exploded, throwing the very inflammable contents upon a hot gasoline stove standing near. In an instant the clothes of the unfortunate woman were a sheet of flame, and, being alone in the house, she was burned beyond the possibility of recovery before neighbors, attracted by her cries, succeeded in extinguishing the flames. She lingered until 2 o'clock next morning, when death relieved her sufferings.

AGED WOMAN BADLY BURNED

Mrs. Johanna Knight Thought to be Fatally Injured.

At her home, 1524 Ohio Street, Omaha, Mrs. Johanna Knight, 65 years of age, was seriously if not fatally burned from the ignition of her clothes while getting breakfast over a gasoline stove. In an heroic and successful effort to extinguish the burning garments of his grandmother William Knight, with whom Mrs. Knight lives, sustained severe burns about one foot and leg. The young man's burns are not severe.

Mrs. Knight was burned more or less from head to foot and it is believed by the attending physician she inhaled some of the flames.

ARRESTED AT LINCOLN.

Two Men Charged with Safe Cracking and Burglary.

The Lincoln police Monday evening effected an entrance into a room of two men giving the names of George Dowd and Frank Todd and arrested them on the charge of robbing the postoffice at Swedeburg Friday night and cracking the safe of the bank at Palmyra Sunday morning.

Both men, the officers say, are ex-convicts, and the evidence against them, they assert, is nearly conclusive. In the room they occupied was found a quantity of dynamite, caps, fuses and burglars' tools.

Frosts in the State.

The first real frost of the season occurred at Cozad Wednesday morning. The grass and boards were white, but the freeze was not heavy enough to damage the corn any. Frost is also reported at North Platte, Humboldt, Beatrice, Fremont and Geneva.

Court House Cornerstone Laid.

The corner stone of the new court house for Sheridan County was laid Wednesday at Rushville, amid joy and festivities. An immense crowd was present to watch the procession and take part in the ceremonies, which were in charge of the Masonic fraternity.

Judge Gower is Dead.

Judge J. F. Gower, formerly county judge of Thurston County, died Saturday afternoon at Colorado Springs, where he had gone for his health.

Rails Have Been Shipped.

Capt. R. A. Talbot, of Dakota City, states that 480 tons of steel rails were shipped from Chicago on the 13th inst. to be used on the Sioux City, Homer and Southern Railway between Sioux City and Homer.

Lightning Starts Fire.

During a severe thunderstorm Tuesday morning at Fairfield, the Weyenberg block, either by direct stroke of lightning or through the medium of telephone or telegraph wire, was set on fire and badly damaged.



The members of the state board of equalization will be hauled up to tell how and why they increased the valuation of Nemaha County 5 per cent over the returns of the county assessor and the county board. This was decided upon when Deputy Attorney General Norris Brown went to Auburn to try the case. Mr. Brown will argue that the courts have no jurisdiction in the matter, but that the work of the state board is final, according to the statutes. The decision will affect all of the counties whose valuations were changed by the state board. Judge Kelliger will come to Lincoln to take the testimony.

Independent telephone companies in Garfield County have organized a mutual association and filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. No capital stock is quoted and the concern will be run much on the order of a mutual insurance company. The companies entering into the organization are Calamus Mutual, the Rose Hill Mutual, the Willow Springs Mutual, the North Side Mutual, the East Side Mutual, and the Rockford Mutual. The organization is to have perpetual existence. The headquarters will be at Burwell, Garfield County.

At their request Gov. Mickey has sent to Moran Brothers, builders of the battleship Nebraska, the names of the state officers, congressmen, judges and others who will be invited to attend the launching of the ship, Oct. 7. Gov. Mickey will be accompanied by his daughter, Miss Mary Nain Mickey, who will christen the ship. Mrs. Mickey will be unable to attend. The arrangements for the trip will be made by Adj. Gen. Culver, but so far nothing definite has been decided upon, and it is not known whether a special train will be secured.

An army of workmen are putting the Grand Hotel in Lincoln in shape for a girl's dormitory for the state university. New plumbing, new beds, new carpets, paper and paint have transformed it into one of the best dormitories in the country. It has been placed in charge of Prof. Candy, of the university, with Mrs. Frankish as matron, and bids fair to spring into immediate popularity. While none but girls will have rooms, there will be a large dining hall in connection for both young women and men, with table board for \$3 per week.

Superintendent Fowler has issued a circular letter to county superintendents and principals regarding the work of the school year. Among the new things discussed in the circular is the teachers' book review club. Mr. Fowler advocates the organization of these clubs, whereby a teacher, by buying one or two volumes, can get the benefit of a dozen or more by going into a club. He also explains the manner of registering certificates, which many teachers have not understood heretofore.

Lancaster County is to have a complete rural route service which will give each farmer within its boundaries a satisfactory delivery service. A large percentage of the farmers are able to secure the mail in that manner, but the work to be done by Rural Route Agent Chase will give that service to every household in the county. Lancaster County will be the third in the state to be afforded such service, Cass and Pawnee Counties having preceded it.

The new cells of the state penitentiary have already got one prisoner into trouble. The convict's name is Betts, and he interfered with the lock on his cell when the guard tried to lock the door. He was sent to the dungeon