

FAST MAIL WRECK

THREE MEN STEALING A RIDE ARE SLAIN.

ABOUT FORTY ARE INJURED.

Excursion Engine Breaking is Cause of the Disaster—Failure to Warn the Onrushing Express Results in Deadly Work.

KANSAS CITY—The Missouri Pacific fast mail from St. Louis, due in Kansas City at 10:30 Sunday morning, crashed into an excursion train that had broken down at "Deadman's Curve," three miles from Bee's Summit. Three men were killed and from thirty to forty injured, perhaps three of them fatally. The dead were tramps riding on the fast mail.

The excursion train, which left Kansas City early Sunday for Sedalia, was made up of twelve coaches. The engine broke down and while it was being repaired the last mail, which had the right of way, came thundering along at a high rate of speed.

While the excursion train was but slightly damaged, most of those hurt were on this train. The dead were taken to Lee's Summit and the injured removed to the Missouri Pacific hospital at Kansas City.

Responsibility for the wreck seems to rest with the crew of the fast mail, which failed to stop promptly when flagged. While the excursion engine was being repaired two flagmen were sent ahead to stop the fast mail, then about due. The engineer failed to see the foremost flagman and only slackened up when warned by the second man within a short distance of the excursion train. His train was running so fast, however, that it was impossible to come to a full stop, and when it struck it was making fifteen miles. The engine, baggage car and the foremost mail car on the St. Louis train left the track and rolled down an embankment. The impact badly damaged the engine and baggage car of the excursion train, but the cars remained upright.

Most of the injured were in the baggage car on the excursion train. This car had been turned into a refreshment car and in it were about fifty persons, mostly negroes, making merry. The crash came without warning, and they were tumbled into a shrieking, groaning mass, cut, bruised and otherwise maimed.

IDEAS OF PEACE AND AMITY.

English Press Reviews the Events of the Past Week.

LONDON—A number of this morning's papers, commenting on the events of the past week, as marking an extension of international ideas of peace and amity, devote the greater portion of their editorial articles to the visit of the American squadron, the king's message to President Roosevelt and more particularly his majesty's speech at the review of the Honorable artillery company. The Daily Telegraph goes as far as to say: "The net results of the last few days are practically the inauguration of a new era and, clasping the hands of our kinsmen across the ocean and holding our nearest neighbor as the best of friends, we have given hostages to the future and pledged ourselves for the cause of peace."

RACE TROUBLES SUBSIDE.

Police Believe Lee Brown May Be Returned to Evansville.

EVANSVILLE, Ind.—The town has been quiet on Sunday and the officials have had an opportunity to rest after a week of excitement.

The negroes have marched at home and the services at their churches were not well attended. Many of the negroes who left the city during the week are returning and by the middle of the week business will be resumed in Baptist town.

The police will keep no extra guards this week, as they believe the excitement is at an end. It is not thought it will be necessary to guard Lee Brown, the negro, when he is brought back here for trial.

Sent to Investigate Plague.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—On account of the plague situation in India, which as yet continues very bad, Surgeon General Wyman of the marine hospital service has determined to station expert bacteriologists at Calcutta and Bombay. Past Assistant Surgeon F. K. Sprague has already been designated for the post at Calcutta and Acting Surgeon Hume will be assigned to the post at Bombay.

One Famous Race Horse Dies.

LEXINGTON, Ky.—The former race horse and sire Fonso died Sunday at C. F. Meekins Oakwood stud. Fonso was 24 years old, by King Alfonso, dam Itto, by Weatherbit. He won the Kentucky derby in 1880, defeating Luke Blackburn. Among his get are Rudolph, winner of 245 races and \$53,039; First Mate, winner of \$16,380; Ellen, winner of \$11,090; Appomattox, Forerunner, Gonfaler, Lord Hussey and Loudown.

Four Die of Tetanus.

PHILADELPHIA—Tetanus was responsible for four deaths in this city Friday. Two of the victims, Frank Layfield, aged 12 years, and John Monroe, aged 12, received their injuries during the Fourth of July celebration. James Joststone, aged 10 years, was shot by a pistol, the wound developing lockjaw, and Joseph Knitte, had his hand crushed in a paper mill, lockjaw setting in before his arm had been amputated.

COURT DISMISSES THE CASES

Denver Mayor and Council Purged of Contempt.

DENVER, Colo.—The state supreme court dismissed the contempt proceedings against Mayor R. R. Wright, jr., and members of the city council of Denver, arising from the passage of an ordinance granting a street railway franchise in disregard of an injunction issued by District Judge Mullens.

Another decision sustains the right of the Denver fire and police board to hold over under the Rush home rule law until a new charter is adopted and an election held.

The suit to test the legality of the general appropriation bill passed at the late session of the legislature, was remanded to the court of errors and appeals. The district court decided that the appropriation bill was not properly enacted and an appeal was taken.

BAIL ALLOWED FOR DEWEYS.

Supreme Court of Kansas Fixes it at \$15,000 Each.

TOPEKA, Kan.—The supreme court Friday allowed Chauncey Dewey McBride and Clyde Wilson, the St. Francis ratchmen, to go free from jail upon securing \$15,000 bond. The bond is to be approved by Sheriff McCullough of Cheyenne county.

Chauncey Dewey said that the bond was all arranged for and that they would be out of jail Monday. He refused to state who would go on the bond, but declared it was not his father, as he was a resident of Illinois.

Attorney Hessin will take the bond to Cheyenne county.

TO DICKER WITH THE SIOUX.

Major McLaughlin to Negotiate for Cession of Lands.

BONESTEEL, S. D.—Letters have been received here from Washington within the last twenty-four hours that Major McLaughlin, Indian inspector, who is now in North Dakota, will be ordered to the Rosebud agency at once to begin negotiations with the Rosebud Sioux Indians for the cession of their lands in Gregory county. Every one here is jubilant, as it now seems an assured fact that this magnificent body of land will soon be thrown open for settlement, when it is expected Bonesteel will experience a great boom.

ROOSEVELT AND ROOT CONFER.

Secretary of War Goes to Visit the Chief Executive.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y.—Secretary Root is the guest of President Roosevelt at Sagamore Hill. Secretary Root said his purpose in visiting the president at this time was to discuss with him some departmental matters which required the president's attention. While he declined to indicate what the matters were, it is known that the pending investigation of army contracts, the Alaskan boundary question and some problems relating to the Philippines will be considered.

Editors Elect Officers.

OMAHA—The convention of the National Editorial association adjourned Friday afternoon after choosing officers for the ensuing year. In a lively contest between P. V. Collins, editor of the Northwestern Agriculturist, Minneapolis, and Frank R. Gilson, editor of the Palladium, Benton Harbor, Mich., the former was elected president of the association. Mr. Collins, who has been first vice president of the association, succeeds Garry A. Willard of Booneville, N. Y., as president.

To Locate Boundary.

LINCOLN, Neb.—Governor Mickey has appointed C. Sawson of Oakland, Dr. F. O. Robinson of Hartington and E. A. Lundberg of Wayne to act as boundary commissioners to determine the state line between South Dakota and Nebraska. The change in the channel of the upper Missouri river is in a measure responsible for the boundary line dispute.

Forges Czolgosz's Name.

LOS ANGELES—Frank P. Feiten of Cleveland, who forged the assumed name under which Joseph Czolgosz, brother of the assassin, was traveling while in Los Angeles, was fined \$250 in the United States district court.

English Golfers Coming.

LONDON—Arrangements have been completed for an Oxford-Cambridge golf team to visit the United States. It will consist of Messrs. Low, Hunter, Croome, G. B. Ellis, H. C. Ellis and Beveridge.

PENALTY IS PAID

RHEA HANGED IN THE PENITENTIARY AT LINCOLN.

ATTORNEYS SEEK TO SAVE HIM

Walks to the Gallows With a Firm Tread and Dies Without Making a Statement—Crime for Which He Was Convicted.

LINCOLN, Neb.—William Rhea, convicted of the murder of Herman Zahn, a saloonkeeper of Snyder, Neb., was hanged at 1:23 o'clock Friday.

The hour of the execution was to have been during the noon internment at the penitentiary while the prisoners were in their cells, but owing to the fact that the attorneys who were seeking to save the life of Rhea by means of injunction had not finished their plea to the supreme court, the warden postponed the time by order of the court.

It was expected that Rhea would make a statement, but he declined to do so and wanted the execution to take place with as much expedition and as little ceremony as possible. Not even a minister was present on the scaffold with him, although Rev. Williams, the prison chaplain, was in his cell during the morning. Rhea had stated some time before that he thought he was ready to die and had derived much comfort from the reading of religious literature. Though apparently somewhat nervous and trembling, he walked to the scaffold with a firm tread, between the two attendants who led him to his doom, each grasping him firmly by an arm. On the scaffold, while his hands and feet were being tied and the noose was being adjusted, he stood firmly, with head erect and a defiant look. The only words he uttered were after the black cap had been drawn over his head and the noose was being adjusted. He said to Detective Stryker: "Don't draw the rope quite so tight."

The death warrant was read to Rhea at 11:30 a. m., by B. Fairfield, clerk in the warden's office. At noon he ate a hearty dinner. At 1:20, between two stout guards, James Dehant, acting deputy warden, and James Stewart, his special death watch, he entered the west cell room, where the scaffold was placed. At 1:23 the trap was sprung and William Rhea hung twitching at the end of the same rope which hanged Niengenfind.

It was not until fourteen minutes had elapsed that he was pronounced by the physicians as lifeless. While a minute examination was not made, the doctors claim that his neck was not broken, and that strangulation was the cause of death. This was due to the fact of his light weight. For this reason it was also necessary to use the long drop of six feet.

Immediately after the trap was sprung the pulse of Rhea sprung from the normal to 160. In five minutes it had dropped to 126 and gradually grew less until at last not a flutter could be felt.

Rhea was convicted of the murder of Herman Zahn, a saloonkeeper of Snyder, on the night of January 4, 1903, while holding up the place. Rhea, with two companions, had been drinking and carousing for two days. The evidence at the trial showed that when the men entered the saloon, Zahn pleaded with them to leave, and that thereupon Rhea shot him dead and kicked him several times as he lay lifeless on the floor.

Withdraw Troops from Cuba.

WASHINGTON—The secretary of war has ordered the withdrawal from Cuba of four companies of the coast artillery, the Eighteenth and Twenty-first, now at Cienfuegos, and the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth, now at Havana. The Eighteenth company is to go to Fort Schuler, N. Y., the Twenty-first to Fort Mott, N. J., and the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth to Fort McKinley, Me. This discontinues the present post of Cienfuegos and leaves in Cuba the Seventh and Nineteenth companies at Santiago, and the Twentieth and Twenty-second at Tavana, which latter will ultimately garrison the two projected coaling stations at Bahia Honda and Guantanamo.

Wakes Up After Five Years.

LONG BRANCH, N. J.—For the first time in five years C. Endicott Allen, who is a Harvard graduate, has been asleep during that time, except for intervals of a few moments. He is supposed to be suffering from hysteria. His waking spell did not last long, but the doctors now believe he will recover.

Gibbons Summoned to Rome.

NEW YORK—In response to an official message from Cardinal Rampolla, summoning him to Rome, Cardinal Gibbons, the primate of the Catholic hierarchy in America and a member of the sacred college at Rome, which will elect a successor to Leo XIII, arrived in this city Wednesday night from Baltimore. He will sail for Europe on the La Touraine Thursday. The cardinal may not go direct to Rome.

HIDDEN PICTURE PUZZLE.



"Look Out! Here Comes Teacher!"

DIVIDE HUNTINGTON ESTATE.

One-Half Goes to Widow and the Other to a Nephew.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—The Huntington estate in California has been equally divided between the two heirs of the late C. P. Huntington, Arabella Huntington, his widow, and H. E. Tunington, nephew of the deceased millionaire. This is the first division of the \$60,000,000 estate, and a distribution of the eastern properties will soon follow.

The California property of the estate consists of real estate in this city, Oakland and Sacramento and in the counties of San Luis Obispo and Los Angeles. Its value exceeds \$400,000.

Mrs. Huntington is given the residence on Knob Hill, which her husband purchased from the Coltons in 1890 at a cost of \$200,000.

MAY LIVE SEVERAL DAYS.

Doctors Perform Second Operation on the Pope.

ROME—The doctors on Friday performed a second operation upon the pope. It was similar in nature to the first and was pronounced successful.

After the operation the patient was able to get out of bed, dress himself and partake of a light breakfast.

He appeared much better than Thursday afternoon and those around him again felt encouraged.

Prof. Rossini the doctor called in consultation, says he was much surprised at the condition of the pope. Instead of a dying man he found one who appeared to be in full possession of all his faculties. The doctor says that his advanced age is the principal thing with which the patient has to contend.

HANNA STAYS IN BUSINESS.

Denies Intention to Devote His Future Days to Politics.

NEW YORK.—Senator Hanna, who arrived here Monday on his way to visit the president at Oyster Bay, said:

"You can say for me that Senator Hanna is not going to retire from business, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding. I have always been in active business and intend to keep at it.

"Certain people appear to take an exclusive interest in my affairs and movements. Politics is my hobby. I shall continue to give it some of my attention until I am too feeble to do anything more, and that will be some time yet."

STRUGGLE OF THE CARDINALS.

Rampolla and Oreglia Do Not Display Brotherly Love.

PARIS—According to the Journal's correspondent at Rome, the Italian government has organized everything admirably. An army of police is present, yet invisible. The present struggle between Cardinal Oreglia and Cardinal Rampolla is becoming serious. On the former claiming an apartment in the vatican, Cardinal Rampolla had a thousand chairs piled up in it. Cardinal Oreglia, says the Journal's correspondent, told him Wednesday evening that there were possibly treasures and in any case important documents in the pope's room and he must prevent any one entering, as "some relatives of cardinals have long fingers."

Ohio Congressman Resigns.

STUBENVILLE, O.—Joseph J. Gill, republican of this city, sent his resignation to Governor Nash as the member of congress from the Sixteenth Ohio congressional district, to take effect upon the qualification of his successor. He gives ill health as the cause of his resignation. Congressman Gill is a wealthy retired manufacturer. He recently paid \$300,000 for the Daily Dispatch at Columbus, Ohio.

DIE IN A WRECK

TWENTY-FOUR KILLED AND NINE INJURED.

THE PASSENGERS IN A PANIC

Coach Crowded with Colored People Telescoped with Force of Collision, While Engines Are Demolished—Two Engineers Among Dead.

WASHINGTON—Twenty-four persons were killed and nine injured in a head-on collision on the Virginia Midland division of the Southern railway at Rockfish, Va., Tuesday afternoon.

The passenger train, which left Washington at 11:15 in the morning for Atlanta, dashed into a local freight which was standing on the main line, wrecking both engines and the baggage and express cars of the passenger train. The baggage car and the second class passenger coach immediately following it telescoped. The coach was mostly occupied by colored people:

Among the killed:

ENGINEER DAVIS of the passenger train.

ENGINEER M'CORMICK, who was riding as a passenger on the freight.

A COLORED FIREMAN on the freight.

The freight train was on the return trip from Lynchburg to Charlottesville. Rockfish station is midway between these two points and the track there is a single one. Engineer Hale had orders to get out of the way for the fast passenger train, but for some reason not yet explained he had overstayed his time and failed to take a siding so that the passenger train could pass.

The trains came together with a horrible crash and a fearful panic ensued when the occupants of the cars realized what had occurred.

The passenger train was made up of an express car, a baggage car, two day coaches and two Pullman cars. The two Pullmans formed an early morning New York connection at Washington for Atlanta and the south. The train arriving here at 10:32 a. m. from Boston also connected with this train. One of the passenger cars or the train was a second class day coach and the other a vestibule car.

It is estimated there were probably 120 passengers on the train, including those from Boston and intermediate points.

REPORT ON ELECTRIC ROADS.

North Atlantic States Contain Nearly One-Half.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A final census report on street and electric railways shows that the North Atlantic states contain nearly one-half of the total single track mileage of the United States and that the roads located there operated over half of the passenger cars in service, carried more than half of the total fare passengers and gave employment to more than half the employees reported by all roads. Not only are the street railway interests largely concentrated in the North Atlantic states, but the great amount of increase is shown for those states. The report shows that the average of street and electric railways in operation in 1902 was more than twice as large as in 1890.

Cuts Passenger Rates.

ST. PAUL, Minn.—The Wisconsin Central on Friday met the action of the Chicago Great Western in putting in a temporary rate of \$12.50 for the round trip to Chicago by announcing a rate of \$10 for the round trip, which will go into effect Sunday. Tickets will sell for four days and will bear a thirty day return limit. The Chicago Great Western, Burlington and the Milwaukee roads have met the cut, the lowest rate in several years.

AN OLD TIME FLOOD

BOATMAN TELLS OF EXPERIENCE ON THE RIVER.

He Piloted His Boat Over Rail Fences and Country Roads and Tied Up for the Night to the Top Branches of Trees.

"The flood which sent the Ohio river sprawling all through the woods in 1848 was about as high the one that Noah encountered as I ever saw," said an old boatman who quit the river ten years ago and who spends his leisure time about the ship store concern of his sons in South street in this city. "I was captain of a steamer that plied between the upper landings of the Ohio and Cairo.

"Cairo was the big port where we always took on stores. It depended on business as to how far up we went. In the flood of '48 we run about as we pleased.

"The government had no charts of the Ohio then, and if there had been any we would have paid no attention to them. I piloted the Tuscumbia right over rail fences and country roads in that flood. We hadn't many landings to make, for there was no place to make fast the head lines.

"I distinctly remember tying up the Tuscumbia one night to a big tree that stood in a waste of water extending as far as the eye could see. The night coming on I found we could not make the port I wanted to make and navigation by night was altogether too risky at that high stage of the water. So I sent out the mate and deckhands in the yawl with tow lines which they made fast to a huge tree, which was a landmark on shore, near Rockport.

"That was not far from the place where Lincoln is said to have run his flatboat. All night long the Tuscumbia tugged at her ropes and chains and I expected every minute that she would either break 'em or pull up the tree.

"Among my passengers were several Cumberland Presbyterian preachers who were bound down to Smithton to take a boat to Nashville, where they were going to attend the General Assembly of their denomination. It looked pretty squally, and I invited the preachers to have a meeting in the ladies' cabin.

"Everybody aboard took more or less interest in the service except the fellow who ran the bar. I had quite a time of it in keeping him quiet. He said the preachers were interfering with his business for a start, and that if I didn't stop the prayer meeting he'd cut the ropes that held up to the big tree. I soon convinced him that such an act would be worse than the meeting, as in case he carried out his diabolical plan everybody would go to praying, and he would probably be in the lead.

"The meeting lasted nearly all night. The next morning we cast off, and by cutting across fields and through the woods we made our first landing the next day, pretty well up on the side of a bluff. We let down the smoke stacks of the Tuscumbia in order to keep them from getting tangled in the branches of the trees.

"I don't think there was as great a loss of life in that flood as there has been in the floods this year, partly owing to the fact that there were not so many people. But it was the greatest flood I ever saw while I was in the business."—New York Sun.

WHAT MAKES A GENTLEMAN.

Qualities That Neither Wealth Nor Education Can Impart to a Man.

Archbishop Temple, the recently deceased primate of the established church of England and a man of the highest character, gave a short time before his death the following outline of what he considered really gentlemanly conduct:

"The man who is thoroughly unselfish in all small things, he is the man in regard of whom it is quite impossible for you not to feel, that man is a gentleman. Let his rank in society be what it may, let him be ignorant of the ordinary conventionalities of social intercourse, still, if the man be truly self-sacrificing, if in his ordinary relations with his fellows there is true and genuine unselfishness, it is impossible for any man who has much to do with him not to feel 'That man is a gentleman.' I don't care whether he is educated or not, whether he is learned or not; I don't care how ignorant he may be or how low he may stand; I don't care if he be ever so poor; the man who constantly shows that he is constantly giving himself up for other people, that man is at heart and in reality one of nature's gentlemen and this is the way in which he shows it."

A Ballade of an Old Sundial.

'Twas here at twilight, all alone,
Some slim Elizabethan sped
And sobbed upon your face of stone
With clinging creeps garlanded,
And bowed her pretty, golden head,
And prayed her blessed Lord recall
The faithless lover who was fled,
Oh, dial, who outlived it all.

Here, when the second Charles was King,
A score of drunken gallants bled,
To win a little laughing thing,
Who waned with them all and wed
My lord, the King himself, 'tis said,
And ended in a Bishop's stall,
Respectable and overfed,
Oh, dial, who outlived it all.

And here among the belles and beaux,
Belinda and her Baron led
The laughter, with the latest mot,
Mocked at the newest marriage bed;
Or tagged a jewelled box instead,
And wondered if the funds would fall;
Or waged that Queen Anne was dead;
Oh, dial, who outlived it all.

Envoi.
Dial, how many tears were shed,
Upon your carven capital?
How many loves were numbered?
Oh, dial, who outlived it all.
—From the Fall Mail Gazette.