

BURLINGTON YARDS SCENE OF WRECK

Through Freight Collides With Switch Engine and Much Damage Done

From Friday's Daily.

One of those inexplicable and apparently unexplainable accidents which mark railroading, took place last night near midnight at the west end of the local yards, by which Fireman Earl R. Blish lost his left foot and a number of cars of merchandise were scattered over the yards. The accident happened at about 11:40 p. m. and was caused by No. 74's extra colliding with the switcher No. 3001. The extra, as its number indicates, was east bound and came into the yards over the east bound main line, rounding the curve at the water works and at the west end of the yards at the usual rate of speed which these trains use in making a run for the grade to the bridge. Switcher 3001 had been working in the west end of the yards and just at the extra dashed around the curve it pulled out on the east bound main with several cars. The switcher was backing up with the cars attached to the front end of the engine. It is believed the crews of the two engines saw the collision coming at the same time and all tried to jump. Engineer Davis and his fireman on the extra with engine 1973 made the leap in safety and were not injured in the terrific contact of the big engines. Engineer Neilson of the switcher also made his leap in safety and escaped without injury, but Fireman Blish was not so fortunate and just as he tried to jump the two engines came together. The force with which they struck drove the tank of the switcher into the cab and against the boiler. Blish was in the gangway between the engine and the tank trying to leap, but his left heel and foot was caught between the two and this held him like a vice. As soon as the two engines came together they jammed and the unfortunate man was so tightly held that it was evident a jack would have to be used and the switcher jacked up before the mangled member could be released. The trainmen and engineers at once sent word to the station of the wreck and section men were ordered out. Physicians were also summoned for Blish whose sufferings were intense. As soon as possible a jack was secured and work commenced to release the sufferer. This was not accomplished until he had been a prisoner for an hour and a half. In all this time his appeals for help were heart-rending. He pleaded and begged the men at work to take an ax and cut off his crushed foot so that he might be released and his pathetic appeals brought tears to the eyes of all who heard him. Immediately after his release, he was hurried to the office of the company surgeon where it was decided to operate upon him immediately and his left foot was taken off just above the ankle. He was then removed to the Perkins house where he is now resting. Anesthetics were administered pending the operation and it was seven o'clock this morning before he came out of their influence. He is resting easily today and will recover, the surgeon states, beyond a doubt. The wreck caused the demolition of four box cars of merchandise in the freight and two empty box cars which the switcher was pulling. The yards around the wreck immediately following presented a sight in the shape of a jumble of merchandise including red paint, sardines, oranges, canned soup, and everything else almost good for man or beast. Most of the merchandise can be saved and the loss to the company in this respect is comparatively small, being estimated at \$600 or \$700. The cars were completely demolished several of them being available for toothpicks, were one numbers and had mostly long since passed the age of consent. They will probably represent a loss at the outside of \$2,000 as the iron work can be saved and put to good use. One car, a refrigerator, next to engine 1973 of the extra was merely derailed and apparently was not injured. The two engines were somewhat demoralized but not nearly so badly injured as might be imagined. The

switcher 3001 was raised from the rails on its drivers by the impact and more or less jammed together, the back end of the tank being dented where the engine of the extra struck it and the steps and draw bars knocked off but otherwise the repairs to be made will be nominal. The engine on extra No. 1973 was also jamed up considerable and the pilot knocked off and the other accessories of the engine broken up. One cylinder head was broken in but the general run of the damages were small. This also remained on the rails. Considering all the circumstances of the wreck the remarkable feature is that both engines remained on the rails and suffered comparatively small damage.

The wreck blocked the two main lines and the wrecker was sent for at once. It arrived here at four o'clock in charge of conductor Safford and with Trainmaster Austin on board. Work was rushed and every possible effort made to get the track cleared for No. 1 west but this could not be done and that train as well as No. 10 east bound was detoured via Omaha and the Bluffs. The track was clear, however, by seven o'clock and No. 6 for the east and No. 15 for the west departed on time.

The extra was in charge of Conductor Allen with Engineer Davis on 1873 while the switch crew was under Foreman Crissinger and Engineer Neilson and Fireman Blish of the 3001. The exact cause of the disaster cannot now be told and an investigation will be necessary to determine who or what was to blame. There was all kinds of stories afloat as to the cause as is always the case and only close investigation will disclose what the difficulty was. One thing which will largely enter into the matter is the fact that the accident occurred at the point where George H. Peisall's teams are engaged in doing some ditching for the company. Along the road at this point the usual yard boards were taken down and bulletins were issued warning engineers and trainmen of this. It is said the engineer of the extra disclaims any knowledge of these bulletins. He entered the yard at his usual speed and, according to one story, before the switchmen or one story, before the switching crew expected or understood the train was to be here. In consequence of this, the crew was operating on the main line with a flagman and relying on the bulletin. The investigation will be held very shortly and prompt action will be taken by the company officials to prevent any more accidents of the kind so far as human ingenuity and regulation can do so. Such accidents as the one of last night though seem to be almost impossible to prevent.

One feature of the wreck was the fact that there were no engines in the local yards available for helping to clear the tracks and one had to be called over from Pacific Junction to drag the cars away before the unfortunate Blish could be released.

Blish, the man injured in the wreck, had been here but about a week, having come here from Lincoln where it is understood his home is. He is a young man and has not been in the company service a great while.

Pleasantly Entertained.

Miss Verna Leonard yesterday entertained at bridge whist a number of guests, the affair being in honor of Mesdames Wilson of Detroit, Mich., and Woodruff of Fairbault, Minn. Fruit punch was served throughout the game. Mrs. Carl G. Fricke was the winner of the first prize, two beauty pins of Grecian design. At the conclusion of the afternoon a dainty luncheon was served.

Those attending was Mesdames Woodruff of Fairbault, Minn., H. N. Dovey, T. P. Livingston, Pickett, Gass, Streight, H. S. Austin, Herold, C. G. Fricke, Britt, A. W. White, and Misses Lena Fricke, Florence Dovey, Barbara Gering, Clair Dovey.

ARREST TRAMPS

Tourists Indulge Too Freely in the Flowing Bowl

The effects of the eight o'clock closing law became plainly manifest in this city at once on the law going into effect. The first disaster was the unfortunate wreck of the Burlington in the west yards. This was a real disaster and many hesitated to accuse the eight o'clock closing law of being responsible. The second untoward event as you might say, was a conflict between the night bull and two gentlemen tourists, Harry Conwell and H. Walsh, first and real names unknown. The bull, Henry Tout by name, essayed to convince the aforesaid two tourists that they were soused and fit for a dunjon keep. Aforesaid tourists then and there being did dissent from the bull's contentions and averred they were really the pink of propriety and that said bull then and there wronged them grievously and much. Said bull produced the retort discourteous and sloughed said tourists, arousing the goal-keeper and his help by casting them into the darkest dunjon. Anon they were halted before his honor Judge Archer who heard all about the troubles herein related and doled out justice to each of them for being D. & D. to the tune of one plunk and the trimmings estimated to be in the neighborhood of three more simoleons. All this was did by the Judge upon the word of aforesaid bull, Henry Trout who lustily averred they were in said state of intoxication and had sought to argue the matter with him. In consideration of the gentlemanly behavior of said Conwell, the Judge concluded to give the both of them a chance for their white alley and suspended sentence for thirty minutes until they might fly the coop. Whereat Conwell with exceeding and great haste did aviate at once but alas and alackaday, Walsh, capital of first name H., lingered until after he had imbibed sundry liquors of malt, spirituous and vinous sorts mostly spirituous, and then fled him to the Burlington yards where he fell athwart the eagle eye of El Toro de Yardo, Alex Bixant, otherwise known as the bull of the yards. El Toro de Yardo promptly suspicioned that said Walsh had bug juice under his corset and herded him into corral. Herein he found ample evidence by smell that his suspicions were well founded and he started said Walsh back to the city hot-foot to argue the case before his honor Judge Archer. Said Walsh wasted considerable airy persiflage upon said bull and moved to return and investigate further into said Walsh's antecedents. Said bull being agreeable, said investigation was made and herein and hereabouts was said Walsh undone. He was then started by Eltoro to the donjon keep for the second time in twenty-four hours but when near said keep, said Walsh demurred and after argument said demurrer was sustained and El Toro hurried said Walsh before his honor Judge Archer. Here they met up with El Toro Del Delva, the bull of the woods, as he is known, Sheriff Quinton. Haled before his honor by two such redoubtable bulls as he of the yards and he of the timbers, Walsh had small show and was committed by his honor. When it dawned upon his scattered intellect that he was to be sloughed said Walsh announced in trumpet tones what he would do to the bull when he was sprung and intimated said bull would suffer from a loss of block and would be string-halted and otherwise unmarketable when said Walsh had finished his alterations. However, said Walsh now reposes in durance vile and the eight o'clock closing law has victim No. 2 to its credit.

Yet comes the end not. The Burlington not having grief enough on its hands this morning had a freight train pull out a coupling while stuck up by the air on the hill coming into town and all this happened as many folks of much business including ex-work of excavating this train from the cut took some one hour and thirty minutes and the united efforts of Superintendent Flynn, Trainmaster Austin, Master Mechanic Andrews, Yardmaster Johnson and all his crew, Engineer Krisky and fireman of the crew of train No. 4, and an immense concourse of tble citizens who wasted much sound reasoning powers in figuring out how to did it. No. 4 finally departed one hour and

a half late but without Mr. Rawles who remains in this city until No. 2. Eight o'clock closing law victim No. 3.

And the end is not yet.

Back to the brimstone and sulphur heat of his honor's court for Harry Cronwell. Chief of the Bulls Rainey this afternoon found Harry traveling about the yards of the great Burlington road with Walsh's coat and he was promptly squeezed. Haled before his honor Judge Archer to explain why he was yet troubling the bulls when thirty minutes was his allotted time in the village, Harry could not elucidate any cause for his dallying in the town and the Judge ordered his incarceration along with H. Walsh in the donjon keep. This is charge against the eight o'clock closing law No. 4.

But hilt! The plot deepens. El Toro Del Yardo Dizantz this afternoon found two young boys named Maybee and Verhule prowling about the wrecked merchandis cars of the Burlington and ordered them to cut out for the grassy headlands or the watery bottoms or somewhere else than the right-of-way of the Burlington and they heeded him not but stayed and when his back was turned deftly abstracted some fine, rich old cigars soaked in red paint and kerecene and hid them about their person. Hereon and herein did they err for the Toro did sight them and they were cast into a noisome cell, later to taste the bitter sweets of justice as it were. The lads were still there when ye scribe left the court room but Judge Archer has a mass in pickle for them if they be haled before him.

This constitutes charge No. 5 against the eight o'clock closing law.

One O'clock Luncheon.

An elaborately appointed 1 o'clock luncheon was given at the Donnelly home yesterday by Miss Gretchen Donnelly, in honor of Miss Ella Margaret Dovey, to which the bridal party of the Dovey-Falter wedding and a few friends were invited. The table decorations were beautiful and consisted of a cake, covered with miniature flags and red torpedoes as a centerpiece, surrounded by the red roses, blue larkspur and white daisies, carrying out a color scheme of red, white and blue. At each place was to be found a tiny flag and a red torpedo. The dainty five course luncheon was delicious, the hostess being assisted in serving by Misses Madeline Minor, Gladys Sullivan and Marie Donnelly. The color scheme of red, white and blue was used in the service.

Following the luncheon came delightful music both vocal and instrumental, was given, interspersed with social conversation.

Those who enjoyed this occasion were Misses Caroline Barkalow of Omaha, Alice Dovey, Emma Falter, Philas Petts of Lincoln Helen Dovey, Crothers of St. Paul, Minn., Catherine Dvov, Jeanette Palmer of Lincoln, Mesdames Frederick Truesdell and R. F. Patterson.

Still Rising.

The Missouri river this morning was still rising and is now at the highest point of the year. It topped the 11.1 mark this morning which had been its previous record for the year and has been slowly crawling above all day. As stated before there is not much likelihood of this mark being much exceeded and the fall in the stream will not be long deferred. The water now covers a large part of the sand bar in front of the Burlington station and yards and row boats can land near the depot. It is not believed the river will set out of its banks on the Iowa side as the rise comes too late. If it does not there is every prospect that the people over there will have the largest crops they have had in years. Everything is reported to be in fine shape there and the farmers are jubilant over the outlook. There was no rain last night or yesterday anywhere in this vicinity and it is thought the wet season is at an end for a while at least.

Up From Oklahoma.

John Novotny came in last night from Chickasha, Ind. Ter., for a visit with home folks. He is a brother of Frank Novotny, who has been farming here for some time with excellent results. John is greatly taken with that country, and says all the Cass county colony is doing well. Crops look well generally and wheat harvest excelled all predictions. John expects to return on completion of his visit at his old home.

DAYLIGHT SALOON LAW IN EFFECT

Saloon Men in This City Close Promptly at Eight O'Clock

From Saturday's Daily.

The enforcement of the eight o'clock closing law in this city would not appear to be a hard task judging from the promptitude with which it has been obeyed. So far as heard every one of the saloons closed Thursday night promptly on time under the old law and opened yesterday morning at seven o'clock under the new law. No saloon is reported to have opened ahead of time and there is every disposition on the part of the saloon men to men to obey the law until it has been tested and held unconstitutional. There was a large number on the streets Thursday night anticipating that there would be some trouble in closing up and looking for some symptoms of disorder and tumult. Such were surprised and disappointed for nothing of the kind took place. At eleven o'clock the saloons closed and there was no more drunkenness than is usual—none. A number were disappointed this morning when they called for early morning drinks and were met with doors which refused to open. A joke on one man who had strongly advocated the new law, was the fact that he was one of its first victims. Being sick, and really so, at that, he thought he would throw a shot of John Barleycorn unto himself. So thinking he hurried to thirt dispensary at 5 a. m. and was stung by finding the doors closed tighter than those to the promised land. Consequently he returned to the assault at 6 a. m. and through a screen door he implored

the vendor of red-eye to jar loose with a small drink. His only reward was a hollow laugh like unto that of a spirit departed and a request to call after seven. Now, strangely enough, fellow citizens, this man was sore. But he waited until after seven.

The saloons all closed promptly at eight o'clock at night, emptying their crowds on the street at the tap of the bell. There was no place which even attempted to keep open and the several proprietors were prepared for the lynx-eyed gentlemen who constituted themselves private defectives to learn if the law was being violated. And there were several in the business, too. They hurried from saloon to saloon and peered into them to see whether anyone was in but the result showed no patrons on hand although in several cases the bartenders and porters were engaged in cleaning up. Most of the saloons have decided to clean up at night instead of in the morning as was formerly the custom.

There was no unusual drunkenness although several "plants" were in evidence containing malt liquors purchased before closing hours. These were always private arrangements, however, and not for the use of the public.

On the whole the public seems disposed to put up with the plan and buy what they want before closing time. As to lessening the consumption of liquor it is more than doubtful if it so operates.

Delightful Kitchen Shower.

From Saturday's Daily.

Miss Helen Dovey yesterday afternoon entertained a large number of guests, the occasion being a kitchen shower in honor of Miss Ella Margaret Dovey. The principal amusement of the afternoon was the making of an immense quilt. As each guest arrived she was presented with a piece of white cloth, a thimble and a needle threaded with red thread. The object was to work a design on the cloth including the name or the initial of the sewer. The pieces were later pieced together and formed the quilt. There were many unique and novel pieces worked out. The judges decided after all the pieces were finished that Misses Ellen Windham and Ruth Johnson had carried away the prizes. Later when the quilt was completed it was placed on exhibition.

Miss Dovey was presented by her guests with an immense clothes hamper and was told to commence with the rolling pin and take the articles out. Each article was wrapped in white tissue paper and prettily tied together. One of the laughable and odd features was Miss Dove's efforts to guess the identity of each article before she had opened it. As an illustration of her ill luck, she guessed a strainer for a soup holder and a spoon appeared to her like an egg beater. Her friends were determined she should keep things clean for she received a broom, dishpan and a package of Dutch Cleanser.

A large punch bowl filled with fruit punch, was kept very, very busy during the afternoon and was duly appreciated owing to the warm weather. Dainty refreshments marked the close of the occasion which was one of the prettiest and most attractive affairs of the kind ever given in the city.

The guests included Mesdames Walker, J. P. Falter, Fox, Wilson of Detroit, Woodruff of Fairbault, Knapp, Dwyer, George E. Dovey, E. G. Dovey, Balar, T. P. Livingston, W. W. Windham, Austin, R. F. Patterson, Frederick Truesdell, C. G. Fricke, Misses Lena Fricke, Ellen Windham, Ruth Johnson, Frances Weidman, Madeline Minor, Margery Walker, Murphy Gering, Leonard, Halle Parmele, Lucille Gass, Marie Donnelly, Catherine Dovey, Alice Dovey, Margaret Dovey, Phyllis Petts of Lincoln, Jeanette Palmer of Lincoln, Carolyn Barkalow of Omaha, Lillian Crowthers of St. Paul, and Minnie Guthman.

Mr. Blish Improves.

From Saturday's Daily.

Earl Blish, the fireman injured in the Burlington wreck, is getting along finely at the Perkins House and there is small doubt but that he will soon be well. He has been looked after by several friends who came down from Omaha and Fort Crook and every possible care is being given him. A trained nurse came down this morning from Omaha and has taken charge of his care. The information which reached the Journal that his home was in Lincoln turns out to have been incorrect as it is in Pennsylvania. Blish is said to be connected with a prominent family in that state and is a young man of refinement and breeding. He has taken his injuries very philosophically and is quite resigned to the loss he has suffered. A large number of railroad men have been among his callers and they are unremitting in their efforts to see that he gets every possible attention. The investigation into the circumstances surrounding the wreck in which he received his injuries is now in progress and will soon be completed when the official findings of the authorities will be announced.

Elopement is Surprise.

Miss Clara Brown, the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Brown of 564 H street, was married in Los Angeles yesterday to Mr. E. C. Wescott, an electrician of Plattsmouth, Neb.

The marriage was quite a surprise to Miss Brown's parents, as they knew nothing concerning her plans until they received a telegram from the young lady saying she was married and would write later. The last they had seen of her was when she left yesterday morning for Sunday school. The charming bride is a very loveable girl and has won many warm friends during her short stay in San Bernardino who wish her much happiness. For many months she has been head bookkeeper at Harris' store.—San Bernardino (Cal.) Evening Index.

John Weatherly who has been working here for several months past in the employ of the Nebraska Telephone Company, departed yesterday for Omaha and Des Moines, where he will take up his work again. Mr. Weatherly is one of the kind of men whom it is a pleasure to meet and during his short stay here he made himself many friends. It is to be hoped he returns to the city at some future time for a further sojourn.