

A RIDE TO DEATH

EXCURSION TRAIN WRECKED NEAR PHILADELPHIA

THIRTEEN PERSONS WERE KILLED

Engine of the Excursion Train Ploughs Through Milk Cars Like Egg Shells—Indescribable Scene of Horror—Other Important News.

A Philadelphia, Sept. 3, dispatch says: Thirteen persons killed and over thirty others injured in the appalling record of a rear-end collision between an excursion train and a milk train on the Bethlehem branch of the Philadelphia & Reading railway Sunday morning at Hatfield, Pa., twenty-seven miles north of this city.

Coaches Well Filled.

The wrecked train consisted of ten day coaches, and was the first section of a large excursion made up of people from Bethlehem, Allentown and surrounding towns to Atlantic City. This section carried only those persons who lived in Bethlehem and Allentown, and left the union depot in Bethlehem at 6:45 a. m., exactly thirty-four minutes behind the milk train. The latter train consisted of two milk cars and two passenger coaches, and had stopped at every station on the route from Bethlehem enroute to Philadelphia. At 9:54 the milk train drew up at the milk platform at Hatfield and, in less than two minutes the special excursion train, running at the rate of thirty-five miles an hour, crashed into the rear of the milk train. The locomotive ploughed through the two passenger coaches and crushed them as if they were egg shells. The milk car immediately in front was also badly wrecked. Four persons on the passenger car of the milk train, were almost instantly killed. Fortunately there were very few persons on this train.

Picture of Horror.

The excursion train was a picture of indescribable horror. The locomotive was a mass of bent and broken iron, and finally held the bodies of its engineer and fireman beneath its great weight. Behind the engine six of the ten cars were also a mass of wreckage. The first car was broken in twain, and the other five cars were thrown on their sides, completely demolished.

Nine persons were killed in the first two cars and the others in these coaches were badly maimed. As soon as the crash came a terrible cry arose from the smashed cars, and those who had not been injured quickly crawled or jumped from the cars and went to the assistance of the injured.

Prisoner Escapes From Jail.

Fred Bradley, who has been lying in jail at Butte, Neb., the last month for alleged attempted rape at Lynch, got his freedom by cutting through the walls of the jail. He got out just before the deputy came to put him in the steel cage for the night. There is no clue. The sheriff offers \$25 reward.

INVITE AMERICANS TO QUIT.

German Troops Make Demands on Those of United States.

A Tien Tsin August 29th dispatch via Taku says the Germans have formally demanded for themselves all the buildings and grounds of the camp of the United States troops, explaining that these will be needed by the large German force soon to arrive. As the American camp lies in the German concession, the demand will probably be complied with, and a new camp for the United States troops will be established outside the city.

Orders received from Washington direct that the 5,000 American troops be divided between Pekin, Tien Tsin and Taku for the winter. Abundant supplies are now arriving and all that is necessary is being rapidly forwarded to Pekin.

It is understood here that United States Minister Conger insists that Li Hung Chang shall be allowed to proceed to Pekin for a conference.

Farmer Killed.

Joseph Lewis, a well known farmer living five miles west of Madison, Neb., was killed while returning home. He was a hard drinker and had taken too much. When about a mile from the city he fell off the wagon seat and over the front board. This frightened the team and it commenced to run. Lewis was found to be terribly cut up about the head and body. His feet had caught and his head had been whipped on the ground until his skull had been fractured.

Handsome Fee for a Doctor.

One of the handsomest fees ever paid a general practitioner for services in a single case will be received by Dr. J. N. McCormack of Bowling Green, Ky., for his attendance upon William Goebel after he was shot at Frankfort. Arthur Goebel, brother of the dead governor, and under the advice of the dead governor, had placed a claim against the estate of Governor Goebel for \$10,000 for Dr. McCormack's services.

Coinage at Philadelphia.

During August 12,706,000 coins of the face value of \$1,324,160 were the product of the Philadelphia mint. Of this amount there were 6,194,000 coins in silver of the value of \$1,137,000 and \$6,512,000 in the base metals, valued at \$188,160.

Brick Making to Be Resumed.

The Milford brick yard of Sample Bros. has been leased to D. Boshart for a year. The yard has not been in operation for the past year, but work has been resumed.

FOREST FIRES IN COLORADO

Raging Along North Boundary of Archuleta County.

A Pagosa Springs, Colo., dispatch says: Forest fires are raging along nearly the entire north boundary of Archuleta county and devastating large areas of timber. The largest fire is burning near the head of Four Mile creek, doing great damage.

A timber fire prevailing for the past few days in the vicinity of the deserted village of Gold Park, twelve miles from Red Cliff, Colo., has assumed threatening proportions and is raging through a large acreage of timber on the Homestead mountain. Everything is exceedingly dry on account of the almost entire absence of the customary rainy season, and unless the drought is promptly raised incalculable damage will result.

ABLE TO COPE WITH PLAGUE

No Undue Excitement Caused by Its Presence at Glasgow.

At Glasgow, Scotland, dispatch says: Past Assistant Surgeon A. R. Thomas of the United States marine hospital service, will investigate the bubonic plague here and take the necessary precautions in regard to outward bound vessels, although he has not yet received instructions from Washington regarding the imposition of quarantine on Glasgow vessels arriving at American ports.

There has been no increase in the number of cases of the plague and no undue alarm as to the spread of the disease is felt. The Glasgow authorities are acting with promptitude and are confident of confining the outbreak within the present scope.

TWO YOUNG GIRLS SHOT

One Dead When Found and the Other Is Badly Wounded.

An Arapahoe, Neb., September 2 special says: Lena Stagemier and Minnie Noltemier, two girls about fourteen years old, were shot, supposedly accidentally, by two boys named Holloway, who were hunting. The Stagemier girl was dead when found and the other girl is in a serious condition. The boys left the vicinity at once.

The affair has caused great excitement here, which the mystery surrounding the case does not lessen. Information cannot be obtained as to the extent of the guilt of the Holloway boys, as the wounded girl is too weak to talk.

Word From Roberts.

The following dispatch has been received at the London war office from Lord Roberts:

"Belfast, Aug. 31.—About 1,800 British prisoners released at Nootka Gadech have reached French and Pole-Carew. They are badly clothed and some are said to be half starved. Ambulances are out picking up many of the sick and weakly ones. The commanding officers are reported to have been taken to Harbenton. Some of them escaped, including the Earl of Leitrim and Viscount Enismore. The prisoners report that Kruger, Steyn, Botha, Lucas Meyer and Schalkburger left Nootka Gadech August for Nelspruit. The Boers seem to be scattering."

To Ride Ballyhoo Bay Again.

Ted Sloane, who rode Ballyhoo Bay in the future, has announced that he would ride that horse again Saturday in the Flatbush stakes. It is said that when William C. Whitney came back from abroad he requested Sloane to postpone his return to England. As the proper inducements went with the request the little jockey did not hesitate, but cancelled his passage. He will return to England later.

See Value of Irrigation.

Corn is badly damaged outside irrigation districts owing to the dry weather and the intensely dry winds, says a Lexington, Neb., dispatch. The farmers in the irrigation districts who have failed to take out water rights see the great advantage of these and they will another year prepare in due time to have good crops instead of a fifth of a crop or no crop at all.

Ranchmen Murdered.

The dead bodies of William Taylor and Hansen Rasmussen were found on adjoining ranches near Pulson, Calif. Both men had been murdered. Taylor was an elderly man employed to care for the ranch of Prazzo Brothers. Rasmussen worked on the place of William Carpenter, a mile distant. There is no clue.

Cotton Mills Shut Down.

Forty-four Fall River, Mass., cotton mills, operated by twenty-four corporations, have shut down until Sept. 10. These mills employ 17,500 hands. About three-quarters of the corporations will have completed a month's curtailment on that date in accordance with the general agreement.

Kills Horses in Their Tracks.

As Mr. Swan, a ranchman, living three miles west of Harrisburg, Neb., was returning from Kimball during an electric storm, lightning struck both of his horses dead in their tracks and stunned Mr. Swan to unconsciousness. After reviving he walked fifteen miles to his home.

Fined for Abusing Family.

C. D. Brinkman and wife aired their domestic troubles in police court at Plattsmouth, Neb., which resulted in the former being sent to jail to serve out a fine for alleged abuse of the members of his family. Mrs. Brinkman notified the officers that her husband was wanted for bootlegging in Lancaster county.

Wes Austin and Bob Armstrong, escaped convicts were killed and a third wounded by pursuers near Whiteside, fifteen miles from Chattanooga, Tenn.

TO CONCEAL CRIME

GORDON PRINTING OFFICE TOTALLY DESTROYED.

ROBBERY IS SUPPOSED TO BE MOTIVE

Miscreants Seek and Secure Funds of the Secretary of Lodge Woodmen of the World—Other News of Nebraska Towns and Elsewhere.

The Gordon Journal, at Gordon, Neb., was almost totally destroyed by fire, the loss sustained being fully \$1,000, partly covered by insurance. The building and contents are almost a total loss. Robbery was doubtless the prime cause of the fire. A small chest containing the funds of the W. O. W. lodge was kept in the building by the printer, who is the secretary of this lodge. This was stolen and the funds, between twenty and thirty dollars in silver coin, was taken out. The skeleton of the chest was found in the ruins in a remote spot where it was kept, but the silver money had all vanished except a silver quarter, which was found with the chest, lock unjammed.

The thief effected an entrance through a rear window and in making his escape either carelessly or purposefully set fire to the building. It required the heroic efforts of the fire company to save even a portion of the building and contents.

The Journal office had but recently put in a new cylinder press, gasoline engine, new type and other material to the value of \$1,000, besides having been enlarged and remodeled into an ideal printing office. The editor, H. G. Lyon, will rebuild at once and continue in the business. The paper will be issued this week on time. This is the most destructive fire the town has ever experienced.

SHOOTS A DESPERATE MAN

Prisoner in Sturgis, S. D., Jail Attacks Deputy Sheriff.

There are two desperate characters confined in the jail at Sturgis, S. D., named Hansen and Morrell, who are being held for cattle and horse rustling. On several occasions they have attempted to break jail. Frank Smith, the deputy sheriff, went into their cell to see that all things were safe for the night, when Morrell attempted to knock him down with a cuspidor. Hansen turned out the electric lights and there was a general rush for Smith. Instantly the deputy sheriff pulled his revolver and fired in the direction of Morrell, the bullet striking him in the stomach. The deputy sheriff got the lights turned on again and found Morrell in a bad condition. He was taken to a place outside of the jail and is being given the best of care, but it is feared that he cannot live.

GOES OVER EMBANKMENT

Northwestern Train Wrecked and Engineer Killed.

A dispatch of September 3 from Freeport, Ill., says: The Chicago & Northwestern passenger train that left Chicago at 4:15, was derailed near Ridott, resulting in a fearful wreck. All the cars left the track. The engineer, Patrick Ryan, of Freeport, went over the embankment in his engine and was instantly killed. Twelve or fifteen were more or less injured, but none seriously.

The accident was caused by spreading rails as the train was rounding a curve. The engine ran 500 feet on the ties before it went into the ditch, carrying the baggage car with it. The other cars remained upon the bankment.

Sewell Stricken.

Arthur E. Sewell, democratic candidate for vice president in 1894, is in a critical condition at his summer home at Smallpoint, sixteen miles from Bath, Me.

Mr. Sewell was seized with an attack of apoplexy and has been unconscious since then. The chances for his recovery are slight. At midnight there was no change.

Britain on the Fence.

The difficulty of communicating with the British minister at Pekin, Claude MacDonald, delays the promulgation of the views of the British government in regard to its future steps in China, the government being unwilling to commit itself publicly to a definite decision until Sir Claude MacDonald has fully reported on the situation.

Son Kills Brutal Father.

While making a brutal assault upon his wife in a quarrel over a trivial matter, A. Woods, a farmer, living near Martelle, Ia., was shot and instantly killed by his eighteen-year-old son, who was exonerated by the coroner's jury.

Breaks the World's Record.

At a sheep-slaughtering and dressing exhibition at Indianapolis, Ind., Chas. J. Gardner broke the world's record when he killed and dressed ten sheep in thirty minutes and twenty-two seconds.

Newspaper Man a Suicide.

Otto A. Burton, of Atlanta, Ga., formerly employed as a writer on the Daily Constitution of that city, committed suicide in the city hospital at Dallas, Texas, by cutting his throat with a razor. Burton had been sick for a long time. He was thirty years of age.

Transport for Manila.

The transport Logan has sailed from San Francisco for Manila with 1,635 enlisted men and eighty-four cabin passengers on board.

THE CHINESE SITUATION

Rupture of Concert.

The publication of the text of the Russian proposals has intensified rather than diminished the suspicion entertained by England of Russia's proceedings. The rupture of the European concert is considered an accomplished fact. Opinions, differ, as to the way in which the powers will now group themselves. Some papers think that Great Britain, Japan and the triple alliance will stand together in refusing to leave Pekin. It will not be surprising to see England and the United States part company and line up on opposite sides in the Chinese matter.

Russian Cruelty.

From the beginning the conduct of the Russians has been a blot on the campaign. When entering Pekin correspondents of the Associated press saw Cossacks smash down Chinese women with the butts of their guns and pound their heads until they were dead. The Cossacks would pick up children barely old enough to walk, hold them by the ankles and beat out their brains on the pavement. Russian officers looked on without protest.

American officers at Taku, days the fighting was finished, saw Russians bayonet children and throw old men into the river, clubbing them to death when they tried to swim. The Russians killed women who knelt before them and begged for mercy.

Change in Discrepancy.

Owing to the interruption of telegraphic communication between Pekin and Tien Tsin, it is believed at Washington that some days may elapse before final answers are received to the American-Russian proposition regarding the withdrawal of troops.

The latest word concerning Li Hung Chang's whereabouts is contained in the Associated press from Shanghai stating that Li was still there. The report that the foreigners there generally discredited him was read with interest in diplomatic circles. The suspicion of his motives there seem to be shared by many of the diplomats here.

Oregon at Wu Shung.

Word has been received at the navy department that the battleship Oregon, Captain Wilde commanding, had sailed from Nagasaki for Wu Shung, the man-of-war's anchorage at Shanghai. The assignment to that place is supposed to have been made by Admiral Remy, but the reason for sending her there is not stated.

WILL REPEAL GOEBEL LAW

Amendment Introduced in the Kentucky Legislature.

Representative Holland has introduced a bill in the house of the Kentucky legislature to repeal the Goebel election law and to enact a new one. It provides a state board of three, two to be appointed by the controlling authority of the two leading political parties, the third to be appointed by the secretary of state, until 1902, and then to be elected by the legislature, the third member to have no vote except in case of a tie. County boards of three are provided similarly, the state board. Election officers are to be equally divided between parties.

The Bill is Said to Meet the Views of Governor Beekham.

THE FUND HAS DISAPPEARED

Mexico City Newspapers Ask Some Very Pointed Questions.

A Mexico City dispatch says: The popular organ La Nacion Espanola wants to know what has become of the big patriotic fund raised there by patriotic Spaniards for the purpose of purchasing a war ship for the Spanish navy. It calls for an open statement of the committee's accounts, and declares that the war contribution account will not be permitted to be liquidated in silence. The newspaper charges that there is a deep mystery about the fund which should be cleared up. The article has caused excitement in the Spanish colony which liberally subscribed for an addition to the Spanish navy during the war with the United States.

Costly Fire at New Orleans.

Fire at New Orleans destroyed the upper part of the building at No. 694 Canal street, occupied by the Fairbanks Scales company, with contents. The loss is estimated at \$200,000. Keller Bros. shoe factory, adjoining, suffered a loss of \$100,000 and the Morris building, corner of Canal and Camp streets, sustained about \$50,000 damage.

Will Arbitrate Strike.

Six hundred longshoremen, who went on a strike at the Erie railway ore docks at Cleveland, have returned to work pending a settlement of their grievances by arbitration. The men quit work as a result of a refusal of the owners of the steamer Simon J. Murphy to allow extra compensation for unloading a wet cargo of wheat.

Lewelling Dead.

Ex-Governor L. D. Lewelling died very suddenly and unexpectedly of heart failure at Kansas City, Kas., the 3d inst.

Mine on Fire.

The R. A. M. mine at Leadville, Col., is on fire. It is the deepest mine in the district, employing 150 men, all of whom will probably get out as the mine has many connections. The probable loss will be about \$40,000.

Killed by Crossed Wires.

Two policemen were killed at St. Louis by electric shocks sustained while they were using the police telephone, and eleven other officers were injured in the same manner.

ARE AT AN END

CHAFFEE SAYS HOSTILITIES ARE OVER.

NO PROSPECT OF FURTHER FIGHTING

Dispatch is Undated, But Supposed to Have Been Sent Late in August—Situation Gives Satisfaction—Other Late News.

A Washington, September 5 dispatch says: The following was received yesterday by the war department from General Chaffee:

"Taku (no date)—Written report of operations up to relief of legations will be forwarded as soon as possible. Present conditions are that hostilities have practically ceased, only occasional shots fired from cover. Small party repairing telegraph line and foraging. No considerable body of Chinese troops (boxers) discovered here or along the line of communication.

"We hear Li Hung Chang has full power, but he is not here. Will United States keep military force here until terms of peace are arranged? Now in China about 5,000 effectives. Sixth cavalry, light battery F. Fifth artillery, batteries Third, Ninth infantry, Fourteenth infantry, 1,000 marines. I think ample force for the United States, unless political reason, not apparent to me, demands larger force. Shall take 5,000 as basis of my requirement for supplies. If troops remain must winter in tents, and conical wall tents will be required, one tent to ten men.

Escort wagons mentioned in—of 18th will be required immediately. Have mules for same shipped. No more pack trains required, wagon transportation best. Water falling in river rapidly, must soon haul supplies forty miles. Satisfied railroad will not be repaired before river freezes."

All the transportation and tonnage asked for by General Chaffee has been anticipated by the department and has been shipped. Much of it is at Taku and the balance is due there very soon. This is practically the only important news for the day.

MOVES CHINAMEN TO TEARS

Eloquent Plea at San Francisco for the Deposed Emperor.

Leong Kai Tinn, who claims to be special ambassador of the deposed emperor of China, Kwang Su, delivered an impassioned address to a large audience of his countrymen in the Jackson street theatre at San Francisco. His plea for the restoration of the emperor and the modernization of China and his denunciation of the indignities that had been heaped upon the unfortunate emperor by the empress dowager were so eloquent that the yellow men in the audience were moved to tears.

Leong Kai Tinn arrived in San Francisco last Monday, and his address was the first he delivered. He came to this country to gain the support of the Chinese residents in the United States for the restoration of the emperor and the inauguration of a liberal policy toward foreigners. He is the representative of the Chinese empire association of reformers, as well as the accredited agent of Kwang Su.

After the address a collection was taken up and a total of over \$3,000 was realized for the reform association.

HOLDING UP STREET CARS

Masked Men Again at Work in Omaha and South Omaha.

Two masked men jumped on a Hanson park car at Thirty-second and Hickory streets, Omaha, and relieved the motorman of a revolver and \$4 in money and the conductor of about \$20 in company funds. The hold-ups then jumped from the car and disappeared. About an hour later two men stopped a train on the Q street extension in South Omaha, just as it was about to run into the barn and compelled the train crew and the single passenger to march before them to the hair fields west of Cudahy's plant, where they were relieved of their valuables. The conductor gave up \$12, mostly company money, which was the net proceeds of this hold-up. The conductor had fortunately deposited most of the day's receipts. The robbers stopped the train by throwing a sack stuffed with hay on the track. The motorman stopped the train, not knowing what the obstruction was.

Killed by a Hotel Cook.

Alvina Bolten, eighteen years old, daughter of Hans Bolten, proprietor of the Metropolitan hotel, was shot and instantly killed at Denver, Col., by William C. Baragar, a rejected admirer, who had been employed as a cook in her father's hotel. The murderer was arrested. He had swallowed a dose of poison, but antidotes were promptly administered and he will recover.

Cattle Killed by Sugar Corn.

The sugar cane has begun to number its victims by the dozen near Trenton, Neb. John Thomas, south of town, lost twelve cattle from his herd last Saturday.

Slight Hope for Sewall.

Up to 12 o'clock Wednesday the condition of Arthur Sewall, democratic candidate for vice president four years ago, was unchanged. No sign of returning consciousness had been noted and no hopeful indication had been seen by the doctors.

Over Seven Thousand Deaths.

Official returns show that there were 7,969 deaths from cholera in the native and British states during the week ending August 25. The number of relief works are decreasing.

FIXING BLAME FOR WRECK

Responsibility for Reading Disaster Not Yet Placed.

Reports from Bethlehem and Allentown, Pa., are to the effect that none of those injured in the terrible collision at Hatfield, Pa., on the Philadelphia and Reading railway have died, although several are not expected to live. The railroad company had a force of men at the scene of the wreck clearing away the debris. The wrecked cars were burned and all evidence of the accident destroyed as far as possible.

Superintendent Sweigart of the Reading railroad stated that the company was not yet prepared to issue a formal statement as to the cause of the accident.

"From a partial investigation," he said, "I think a mistake has been made, the responsibility for which can only be placed after a thorough investigation. Train Dispatcher Groves, in the Reading terminal station in this city, may have waited too long before issuing orders to hold up the excursion train, which was rapidly catching up to the milk train."

In addition to these possible causes Mr. Sweigart said the wires of the company were working very badly, due to fog, and interfered with the transmission of orders.

FRANCE HAS NOT REPLIED

Russia, However, Expecting an Early Answer to Note.

France has not yet replied to Russia's note regarding the withdrawal of troops from Pekin. M. Delcasse, minister of foreign affairs, and the Russian ambassador, Prince Courassaw, went to Rambouillet to confer upon President Loubet the decoration of the Russian Order of St. Andrew, recently accorded him by the czar, and to present to Mr. Loubet the autograph letter accompanying the decoration. It is believed that this will give opportunity for an exchange of views which will have an effect upon the ministerial meeting to be held soon. France regards peace as the first requisite of the situation, but is not entirely certain that the withdrawal of the troops from Pekin is the surest and quickest method to attain this end.

Store at Filley Robbed.

The general merchandise store of P. T. Lewellen of Filley was visited by burglars and goods to the amount of \$15 or \$20 stolen. The thieves first visited the blacksmith shop of C. C. Johansen & Sons and secured tools with which they forced the front door to the store and gained entrance. They left the tools lying in the store; also an old pair of shoes, which they exchanged for a new pair. No arrests have yet been made, but a good clue has been found which may lead to the capture.

Hold Him for Extradition.

Judge Dehaven, in the United States circuit court, at San Francisco, holds Julian B. Arnold, the English lawyer, son of Sir Edwin Arnold, accused of embezzling the funds of clients, for extradition. The prisoner will be detained pending the signing of the necessary paper by President McKinley.

Arresting Akron Rioters.

Up to the present time nineteen arrests have been made of persons alleged to have taken part in the recent riot in Akron, O. Earl and Charles Frank were taken into custody charged with rioting. A special grand jury will probably be called to take up the cases. Nearly 300 witnesses will be examined.

To Build Mammoth Church.

The African Methodist Episcopal church of Chicago, representing 300,000 members, and the colored Methodist church, representing 150,000 members, will consolidate and build in Chicago a Methodist tabernacle that will be the most costly and imposing structure owned by a colored congregation in the United States.

Inspector of Delivery.

Charles S. Brundage of Tecumseh, in the employ of the government in the postoffice department at Washington, has lately been appointed inspector of the free rural delivery offices in Nebraska, and will make a trip into the state within thirty days on his rounds of duty.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF

General Delarey, the Boer commander, is reported dead.

The railroad from Yang Tsung to Pekin is totally wrecked.

Germany is to send troops to Shanghai to assist in protecting the city.

Six months' rations for the British troops at Pekin have been ordered forwarded.

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio and adjoining states is in session at Columbus.

The Salina Southwestern and Solomon Valley railroads were sold under the hammer at Salina, Kas., for \$400,000 each.

The Big Aetna mine of Ashland, Ky., has closed down, throwing 1,500 people out of employment. The shutdown is said to be temporary.

Frank Brewer, seven years old, son of the auditor of the Rock Island railroad, and Ely Stefford, fourteen years old, were drowned at Chicago along the side of the railroad tracks.

The pope has sent to Manager Kenne, former rector of the Catholic university at Washington, D. C., a bull, or papal decree, formally conferring upon him his rank, title and authority as archbishop of Dubuque.