

# FIFTY-FOUR KILLED

## Appalling Disaster on Southern Railroad

### AN INEXCUSABLE ACCIDENT

Head-on Collision the Direct Result of Disregarding the Explicit Train Dispatcher's Orders

Running on a roadbed in a supposedly high condition of maintenance and having about them every safeguard known to a modern railroad, two trains on the Southern railway, carrying heavy loads of passengers came together in a frightful head-on collision near Hodges, Tenn., sending fifty-four persons to death and injuring 120, several of whom will probably die.

This appalling loss of life and maiming of the living, resulted apparently from the disregarding of orders given to the two trains to meet at a station which has for a long time been their regular meeting point.

This action on the part of the engineer of the westbound train is made more inexplicable by the fact that the accident happened in broad daylight, and according to the best information obtainable, he had the order in a little frame in front of him as his monster of iron and steel rushed by the station and a mile and a half further on came full upon an eastbound passenger train. The possibility exists that the ill-fated engineer may have been asleep. The trains were on time and not making over thirty-five miles an hour, yet the impact as they rounded a curve and came suddenly upon each other was frightful.

Both engines and the major portions of both trains were demolished, and why the orders were disregarded or misinterpreted will probably never be known, as the engineers of the two trains were crushed, their bodies remaining for hours under the wreckage of their locomotives.

### THE BASE BALL FIGHT

The Two New York Clubs and Omaha in the Lead

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
	Played	Won	Lost	Pct.
New York	140	101	39	.721
Pittsburg	136	80	56	.588
Chicago	139	83	56	.597
Cincinnati	139	79	60	.568
St. Louis	139	68	71	.489
Brooklyn	142	54	88	.380
Boston	141	47	94	.333
Philadelphia	142	47	95	.331

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
	Played	Won	Lost	Pct.
New York	134	83	51	.619
Boston	138	85	53	.616
Chicago	138	80	58	.580
Philadelphia	131	73	58	.557
Cleveland	134	72	62	.537
St. Louis	135	69	66	.437
Detroit	135	56	79	.415
Washington	135	32	103	.237

Eastern Star Elects Officers				
	Played	Won	Lost	Pct.
Omaha	147	88	59	.599
Denver	144	85	59	.590
Colo. Springs	142	83	59	.585
Des Moines	150	80	70	.533
St. Joseph	143	55	88	.385
Sioux City	142	34	99	.303

At the closing session of the Order of the Eastern Star, at St. Louis, the following officers were elected: Mrs. Madeline B. Conkling, of Oregon, grand matron; Dr. W. F. Huhn, of Missouri, grand praetor; Mrs. Ella B. Washburn of Wisconsin, assistant grand matron; William H. Norris of Iowa, grand patron; Lorraine J. Pitkin of Illinois, grand secretary; Mrs. Harriet B. Ercanbrack of Iowa, grand treasurer; Mrs. Alice Miller of Oklahoma, grand conductress, and Mrs. Rita A. Mills of Pennsylvania, assistant grand conductress. The next convention will be held at Milwaukee, September 22, 1905.

**Bell Says Romaine Lied**  
Sheriff Bell, of Cripple Creek, has concluded that the alleged confession of Edward Romaine, a prisoner at Topeka, Kan., implicating union miners who formerly lived in Cripple Creek district in the Vindicator mine and Independence depot murders, is entirely false.

"I found many discrepancies in Romaine's story," said Sheriff Bell, who has just returned from Topeka, "and many of his statements were easily disproved. He was in La Junta on the day of the Independence depot explosion."

**Fire at Minnesota University**  
The main building of the University of Minnesota was totally destroyed by fire at Minneapolis, entailing a loss of \$125,000, fully covered by insurance.

**Paid \$125 Ransom**  
Mr. Lee, the British merchant of Rabat, who was captured by tribesmen while fishing in the Rabat river, Morocco, and who subsequently returned safely to Rabat, only secured his freedom after paying a ransom of \$45.

The secretary of agriculture has approved the plan for further studies of the "kelep," the boll weevil-eating ant, O. F. Cook, who discovered the ant in Guatemala, and three assistants are now in Texas making preparations to establish the colonies for the winter.

# OMAHA WINS PENNANT

They Defeat St. Joe in Two Games on Home Grounds

The Western league season closed with games at Omaha, Sioux City and Des Moines. Omaha won two games at home, Denver and Sioux City split on a double header and Des Moines took one from Colorado Springs. This result gave Omaha a clear margin for the pennant, and, although there has been no official announcement to that effect, it is expected President Sexton will make the award to Omaha at once.

The pennant race for the past month has been between Omaha, Denver and Colorado Springs. A few weeks ago the Omaha team was seventy-five points behind in the percentage column, but recent successive winnings placed them in their present position. Out of the last seventeen games they lost but one. This winning streak has clearly been the result of heavy batting, although the pitching staff has been the best that the Omaha team has ever had. Few games have been played for the past five weeks when the Omaha men did not bat hard enough to win any ordinary game, while Pitchers Pfeister, Brown, Sanders and Quick have invariably held their opponents safely. Seven thousand four hundred people witnessed the two games with St. Joseph.

### DROUTH IN EUROPE

There is a Shortage in Crops in Russia, Germany and France

According to Consul General Mason, at Berlin, the United States will have to help feed central Europe during the coming autumn and winter on account of the drouth in Russia, Austria, Germany, Switzerland and France. The consul general says that since August 15 a careful inquiry as to the grain crops and the general agricultural situation had been made by the central station for Prussian agriculture, which report shows that there was a falling off from the yield of last year in spring wheat, winter rye, spring rye, barley and oats. Winter wheat furnished the only exception among the six leading cereals.

### INCREASING POPULATION

Total of 2,937 Europeans Brought Over on the Steamer Celtic

The White Star steamer Celtic, which arrived at New York from Liverpool and Queenstown, had on board the largest number of passengers ever brought to that port on a single steamer. Her passenger list consisted of 319 saloon, 239 second cabin and 2,388 third class passengers, a total of 2,937 which, together with her crew of 351, made a grand total of 3,318 persons on board the big liner.

Among the passengers on the Celtic were Viscount Bingham, Belgian minister to Mexico; the Rt. Rev. Frederic Courtney, the Rt. Rev. Joseph H. Johnson, protestant Episcopal bishop of Los Angeles; the Rev. C. H. Parkhurst and the Rev. W. S. Rainsford.

**China Looking Ahead**  
It is not probable that the mission to the southern provinces of China for the purpose of raising money upon which Tie Hang, a Pekin official, is now engaged, is in any way connected with hostilities toward foreigners in China or a renewal of the boxer troubles. The urgent need of Pekin for money for army reform and improvements is due, firstly, to her desire to possess a sufficient force to garrison and defend Manchuria should Japan restore this territory to her; and, secondly, to a possible proposal for the partition of China when the present war is over. China is apprehensive of the cessation of hostilities.

**Severe on Deserters**  
As a remedy for desertion in the army Brigadier General Frederick D. Grant, commander of the department of the lakes, in his annual report forwarded to the secretary of war, recommends the abolition of the practice of sending deserters to post prisons where the work is little more than light exercise. As a substitute for post prisons Brigadier General Grant suggests sentencing deserters to military prisons with long terms at hard labor. The work required of general prisoners at posts ordinarily does not even approximate in quantity the labor performed by the good soldier.

Sheriff Robertson has arrived at Livingston, Mont., with Ray Glover, charged with being a participant in the recent holdup of the Oregon Short Line sum of money. Glover was arrested at Yellowstone park.

**Canadian Wins in Golf Contest**  
By defeating National Champion H. Chandler Egan, of Exmoor, 3 up, 2 to play, in the finals of the Olympian golf championship at Glen Echo links, St. Louis, George S. Lyon, former champion from Canada, will take the massive trophy and the Olympian gold medal to his Toronto home. Egan lost the first hole to his veteran rival shortly after 11 o'clock in the morning in a deluge of rain and for the long route of thirty-four hard-fought holes was never up on the Canadian, playing a very erratic game.

# SEPARATE SCHOOL

Negroes at Bonnel Springs, Kan., Oppose Race Distinction

### COFFEYVILLE FAVORS PLAN

Notwithstanding Kansas Law Does Not Recognize Race Division, They May Succeed in Work

An effort is being made by the school board at Bonnel Springs, Kan., to separate the whites and the negroes in the public schools. When school opened the negroes were told that separate rooms had been set aside for them and that negro teachers had been employed to instruct them. Two rooms on the first floor were set aside for the 118 negro pupils. The white children were placed in the second floor rooms.

The negroes refused to submit to the proposition and all the negro pupils went home. A meeting of the negroes was held and it was decided to contest the right of the school board to maintain separate schools. The school board consulted the county authorities and was told that there was no law in Kansas authorizing the establishment of separate schools, except in cities of the first class.

The school board has been authorized by the voters in the district to issue bonds for the erection of a separate school. In case the negroes refuse to occupy the separate school and insist on attending the school with the white children they will be protected by the Kansas laws. There are only three members of the school board, J. D. Waters, Frank Warner and J. W. Morrison. The three stand together and they declare they will follow out the plan of establishing the separate schools and will offer the negroes equal facilities with the whites.

At a meeting of the school board in Coffeyville, Kan., a plan was adopted setting aside five rooms in the city school for the exclusive use of the negro children and negro teachers will be employed. This solves the separate school problem, which has been vexing the citizens of Coffeyville for the past few years. The negroes favor the plan and will send their children to school this year. There are about 300 negro school children in the city.

### GOV. BAILEY PARDONS

Long List of Meritorious Prisoners Are Given Citizenship

Governor Bailey has granted citizenship pardons to the following convicts in the penitentiary, whose terms of imprisonment will shortly expire:

- Harry Bauch, sentenced from Shawnee county for two years for burglary.
- Henry Stevenson, sentenced from Atchison county for eighteen months for grand larceny.
- Frank Hays, sentenced from Greenwood county for two years for grand larceny.
- Thomas Payne, sentenced from Jewell county for one year for assault.
- Charles Creech, sentenced from Labette county for three years for embezzlement.
- Frank Bowman, sentenced from Norton county for eighteen months for grand larceny.
- James L. Gilbert, sentenced from Saline county for five years for burglary.
- Charles Norton, sentenced from Bourbon county for two years for burglary.
- James Sheridan, sentenced from Cherokee county for two years for burglary.
- Henry Johnson, sentenced from Shawnee county for two years for burglary.
- Frank King, sentenced from Marion county for five years for grand larceny.
- Newton Meeks, sentenced from Labette county for two and two-thirds years for burglary.
- Ernest Rothe, sentenced from Ellsworth county for two years for grand larceny.
- Walter Williams, sentenced from Shawnee county for two years for burglary.

**Ruling Against Poor Wheat**  
A customs decision of considerable importance to wheat growing and cattle raising in the west and northwest has been made by the board of general appraisers in New York. It sustains a protest made by a Minneapolis firm against the classification for duty as "wheat" at 25 cents a bushel of an article described in the invoice as "wheat screenings" and returned by the deputy collector at Minneapolis as "feed wheat." In reality it was stated to be wheat from Canada which because of early frosts had not matured.

**Wholesale Clothing Robbery**  
A shipment of men's clothing valued at nearly \$15,000 has been stolen from a firm in New York in broad daylight. The clothing had been packed and was being carried on a truck to the railroad station when the driver stopped at one of the firm's offices on an errand. When he returned to the street the truck had disappeared. No person could be found who had seen the thieves drive off. After searching the whole lower section of the city the police found the empty truck on an East river pier. The cases, weighing 600 pounds each, had disappeared.

# FAIR A BIG SUCCESS

Secretary Sampson Says He Has Several Thousand Dollars

Secretary Sampson of the Kansas State Fair association said that the fair just held at Topeka was the most successful from a financial standpoint of any given by the association.

"I cannot say what our balance will be until we have completed the work of settling all the accounts," said Secretary Sampson. "During the week the receipts and disbursements have all been accounted for, but they must be compiled before we can state just how we came out. We are at work on this now."

"It is safe to say we will have a few thousand dollars left as a nest egg for next year. Our attendance was larger than we have ever had before and had Dan Patch not been sick our crowds would have been still larger."

M. W. Savage, owner of Dan Patch, canceled all engagements of that horse for the rest of the year and left on his private car for his home near Minneapolis, Minn. He will not go to Oklahoma City nor to Memphis. Dan Patch was not so well Saturday afternoon and he was not exhibited. He is on the road to recovery, but is weak.

### HOW HASKEL GROWS

The Indian School Enrolled 22 Students and Now Has 800

Twenty years ago Haskell institute, at Lawrence, Kan., was opened. There were then twenty-two pupils enrolled. Chancellor Lippincott of the state university made an address. Twenty-one Pawnees arrived on September 18, and on September 21 forty-two Cheyennes and 36 Arapahoes arrived. At that time the only buildings were the school building, a large dormitory for boys, a smaller one for the girls, two barns and a few outbuildings. There were so few girls that boys were detailed to wait on the tables, wash dishes and do the heavier work in the laundry. The industries taught were carpentry, shoemaking, farming, sewing and housework.

At the close of the year there were forty-five employees. There are now more than 800 pupils enrolled. There are more than fifty buildings, and the industries taught are carpentry, engineering and steam-fitting, sewing, cooking, laundering, harness-making, masonry, blacksmithing, dairying, gardening, farming, nursing, wagon-making, baking and shoemaking. The special departments of domestic science, domestic art and agriculture have been added. The schools are graded as the city public schools, and in every department there have been many changes and great improvement during the twenty years.

### JOHN BULL UNMOVED

Will Not Notice Russia's Protest Against Tibet Treaty

The foreign office at London declines to discuss the Russian communication respecting the Thibetan treaty. Russia is seeking to establish whether the published version of the treaty is correct, and if so, she will lodge a formal protest at the British foreign office, as announced from St. Petersburg, and energetically object to its ratification and its recognition by other powers. It is claimed by the British foreign office that it is essential that Great Britain should have guarantees for the faithful performance by Thibet of the obligations incurred as a result of the expedition and it is again asserted that the permanent occupation of Thibet is not intended. The Russian inquiry, thus far, has not been supported in any quarter. Germany has no interest in Thibet so it is said at the German embassy in London and it is not expected that she will take any action in the matter.

### EXPOSITION DOLLARS

First Installment of \$25,000 Received at Portland, Ore.

The first \$25,000 gold souvenir dollars for the Lewis and Clark exposition has been received by the First National bank of Portland, Ore., from the government mint at Philadelphia. The coins are a trifle smaller than a dime. Each is inscribed on one side with the legend "Lewis and Clark Exposition," while on the other side appears the words "United States—One Dollar."

The installment is the first issue of the \$250,000 gold coin appropriation allowed by the government in accordance with the terms of the Lewis and Clark appropriation bill. Each coin will be sold for \$2 and to the purchaser of five an additional one will be presented. The exposition management is confident of a large sale of the unusual souvenirs.

### That Atchison Coal

Mr. Haworth, Kansas state geologist from the state university, went down into the coal mine at Atchison and measured the vein with his own rule and found it was 38 inches in the thinnest place. He pronounces the coal of very fine quality and says it has good cooking value. It is likely to be as fine as any Pennsylvania coal for that purpose.

Faith gives heaven's firmness.

# IMMENSE INCREASE

Nebraskans Have \$2,000,000 More Than 3 Months Ago

### NUMBER OF BANKS NOW 515

Total of \$51,732,337.04 to the Credit of the People on Deposit—Other Important News

Bank deposits in state and private banks of Nebraska have increased \$2,282,130 since the last report of the state banking board, made on the condition of state banks at the close of business May 18, according to the report just issued and for the period ending at the close of business on August 23. The total deposits on that date were \$40,106,866.68. The bank reserve is reported as 27 1/2 per cent, 2 1/2 per cent above the 15 per cent minimum required by law.

The report indicates a prosperous state of affairs. The number of banks reporting is 515, the largest number in existence since the organization of the state banking board. Eight of the banks failed to report the number of depositors, but the total of the rest is 127,570, an increase previous of 5,344 over any previous report. The consolidated report of resources and liabilities is as follows:

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts secured by real estate	\$33,509,479.37
Overdrafts	388,284.57
Bonds, stocks, securities, judgments, claims, etc.	568,276.11
Due from national, state and private banks and bankers	12,477,501.62
Banking house furniture and fixtures	1,486,413.91
Other real estate	308,600.29
Current expenses and taxes paid	451,285.01
Cash items not to be included in estimating reserve	95,927.18
Cash	2,446,568.98
Total	\$51,732,337.04
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 8,305,600.00
Surplus fund	1,535,427.97
Undivided profits	1,603,548.51
Dividends unpaid	5,152.00
Deposits	40,106,866.68
Notes and bills discountable	29,566.00
Bills payable	146,176.88
Total	\$51,732,337.04

### MIRACULOUS ESCAPE

Child Thrown From Track by Engine is Not Hurt

The five-year-old daughter of Charles Ritchie, of Nebraska City, was knocked from the track by the Missouri Pacific engine, near Talmage, while she was playing on the track not far from home. The engine was going at a good rate of speed and on suddenly rounding a curve the engineer saw a little way in advance a large dog standing on the track. He blew the whistle to scare the dog, which remained on the track until the engine was very near, when he suddenly jumped from the center of the track, disclosing the little girl, whose presence had been concealed by the dog standing between her and the approaching engine. The engineer reversed his engine and threw on the emergency air, but it was too late and the child was struck by the cow-catcher and tossed into the weeds near the track. She was found to be uninjured except for a slight bruise on the neck and face and was taken to her home, a short distance from Talmage.

### LAND OFFICE RULING

Ample Notice to be Given on Withdrawal of Entries

In the interest of fairness to prospective homesteaders throughout the United States, Secretary Hitchcock has approved an opinion by the assistant attorney general for the insurance department sustaining the contention of the commissioner of the general land office that ninety days notice should be given before lands which have been temporarily withdrawn from settlement and later restored to the public domain can be filed on for settlement. The decision establishes a settled policy upon the part of the general land office on the question of whether such notice should be given, which has been a question for some time. The new policy will give an equal chance to all to locate upon them and prevent any undue advantage being given to persons living in proximity to them and having knowledge that they would be restored to the public domain.

### United States Suspicious

Because it is believed that foreign governments are learning entirely too much regarding the inside workings of the American navy and are picking from the annual reports of the bureau chiefs too much information which should be of a confidential character, a change will be made this year in the preparation of the annual reports and much that hitherto has been included in these reports will be omitted. It is also directed to omit the unreviewed estimates of the bureau chiefs.

# UNCLE SAM WILL PAY

Has No Intention of Taking the Friars' Lands Without Compensation

It is said at the war department that the department is not a party to any controversy respecting the method of paying for the friars' lands in the Philippines and the issue presented as to the place of payment, whether in Manila or in Europe, lies between the authorities of the vatican and the titular owners of the land. Of course the officials would like to see the money remain in the islands, but it is prepared to accept a decision either way on that point.

It is supposed to be the purpose of the vatican authorities, in stipulating for the payment of the money in Manila to endeavor to make sure that in that way it was returned to the Catholic congregations who originally provided the means for acquiring the land. The friars, on the other hand, having practically finished their work in the islands, are supposed to be naturally desirous of carrying the money realized from the land sales into their new field of activities. So the war department has arranged to have this particular sum of two million dollars involved in the transaction with the Augustinians placed to the credit of the treasurer of the Philippine islands in the Bank of England and he will issue his warrant for the amount, which will be good in either London or Manila.

### FIFTEEN TO GO FREE

This Number of Convicts Have Served Their Time

A wholesale release of convicts will occur at the Nebraska state penitentiary this month, fifteen men having completed their sentences to walk forth free men. The prisoners who will be released are: Warren Henley, Douglas county, sentenced for one year for daylight burglary; Ella Monroe, Douglas county, for cutting to wound, one year; Stephen Hootan, Douglas county, burglary, two years; Thomas Moss, Douglas county, forging a check, one year; William Holmes, Douglas county, burglary, three years; James Lovejoy, Fillmore county, burglary, one year; Bert Butler, Lincoln county, forgery, one year; William Scott, Dodge county, grand larceny, one year; William Howard, Saunders county, horse stealing, one year; John Jordan Hill, Dodge county, grand larceny, one year; John Leddy, Lancaster county, forgery, two years; Michael O'Brien, Gage county, possessing burglar tools, two years; Guy Goldberry, Nemaha county, horse stealing, two years; George Wilson, Richardson county, criminal assault, seven years.

### NEW POSTOFFICE RULING

Result of Law Passed at Last Session of Congress

Under an order signed by the postmaster general an innovation has been made in the postal service, by which identical pieces of mail in the third and fourth classes may be mailed without stamps affixed thereto. Congress, during the last session, made provision for the transmission in the mails of quantities of not less than two thousand identical pieces of this character of mail and the present order is in pursuance of that act.

The secretary of war has authorized the extension from eighteen months to two years of the period of time for the presentation of claims for drawback on duties on hemp paid by American manufacturers and importers. It having been found that owing to the remoteness of the Philippines, the first time allowed was frequently too short to effect a settlement of the claims.

After three years of patient research two professors of Geneva, Switzerland, have discovered a new anesthetic which promises to revolutionize the practice of dentistry.

### GILLETT WINS OUT

Has Phenomenal Success in Mexican Mining Enterprises

Grant Gillette, the ex-Kansas cattle plunger, who has been mining in Mexico since his sensational flight from Kansas, seems to have snatched success from a defeat that was apparently left him when Dr. Flower fled from the indictments in New York and left the Pan-American Smelting and Refining company.

Gillette has been to New York and organized a new company with \$300,000 gold capitalization, from among seven or eight of the principal stockholders of the Pan-American company, including the venerable Mrs. Amelia Storr, who put so much money into Flower's schemes. Gillette got some of these stockholders into a plan to have ten of them, including himself, put up \$30,000 each. It seems that about eight of them came together on this total amount of \$300,000 gold and subscribed for the bulk of the stock.

### Falls River Strike May End

The first intimation of a settlement of the strike in the cotton mills, of Fall River, which began on July 25, came when it became known that one of the manufacturers had bought a large quantity of raw material to be delivered the latter part of October and that other manufacturers were trying to place similar orders. It is the belief that any settlement of the strike within the next two or three weeks will be in favor of the operatives.