

TRAIN WRECK ON BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD THE WORST IN MANY YEARS

The awful disaster to the Duquesne Flyer on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad near Dawson, Pa., Dec. 24, makes a sad Christmas for many families. It is not only the worst railroad calamity this year but the worst in many years. There have been thirty derailments and collisions during the year where the loss of life has been exceptionally large, but the collision on the Big Four railroad of Nov. 19, when thirty-one were killed and seventeen injured, had been the worst up to the present horror. In this one time many were killed and five times as many injured. It may be interesting in connection with these thirty disasters to know that twenty of them were caused by collisions and ten by derailments, which would seem to indicate that more attention is paid to the condition of the roadbed than to the details of running trains.

If there can be any consolation in such an accident, by which over three score persons were killed outright and many others were injured, some of whom will die, it is in the fact that it does not appear to have been the result of carelessness or inefficiency. A freight train loaded with timbers had just preceded the passenger train, and some of the ties had fallen upon the track. The Duquesne flyer, running at great speed, rounded a curve, and before the engineer could slacken speed, the entire train, except a sleeper and dining car, was derailed. The timbers were properly loaded, but the breaking of a stay—a contingency which hardly could have been foreseen—let some of them down. The

matemat that at least forty of the dead were in the smoker.

An operator at "V R" tower on the Pittsburg and Lake Erie railroad, across the Youghiogheny river, was the first to send word of the accident and to send for relief. He was watching the Duquesne limited as it was speeding along the Baltimore and Ohio tracks across the river.

He saw the cars pile high in the air and then sink back on the tracks. The screams of the injured and dying were mainly heard. In another second he was sending word to the railroad officials at Dawson and Conneville.

For more than 500 feet both the east and west bound tracks were torn up. The engine was completely demolished and the big 7,000-gallon tank on the tender was thrown 100 feet ahead from the wreckage. The baggage car was thrown into the river, but was only slightly wrecked.

All the cars were derailed and the

a codfish line, while fishing twenty miles off shore. It weighed, Winder says, forty-five pounds.

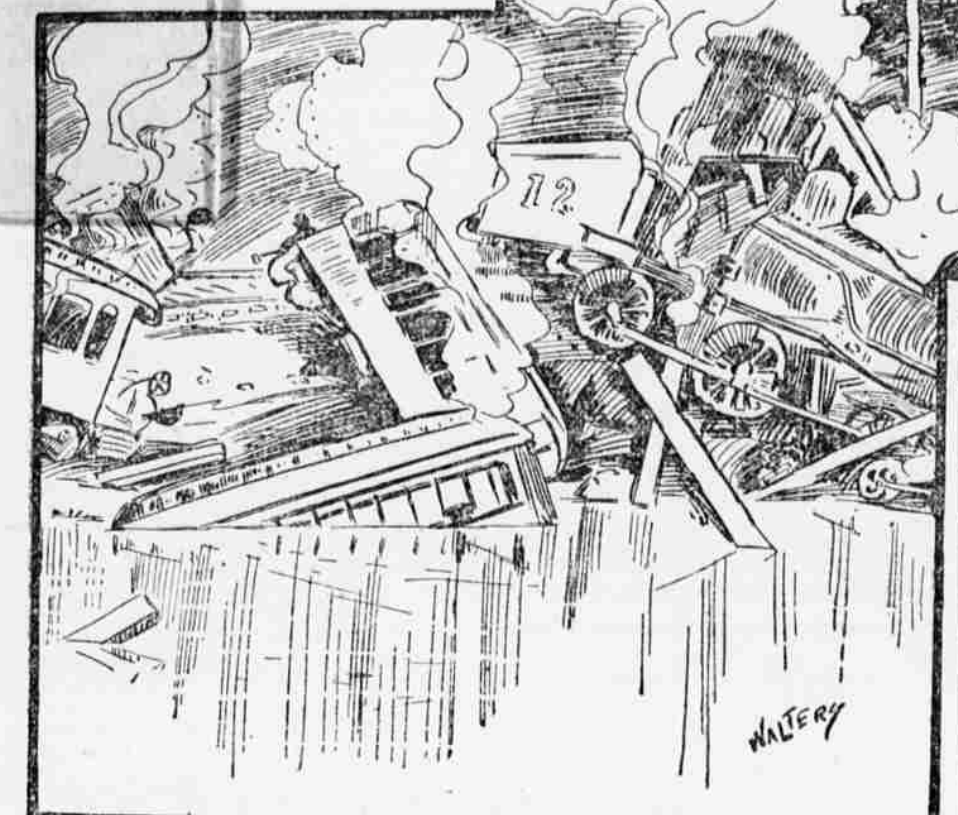
"It was either a man-eater or the original lobster," says Winder.

All Atlantic City is aghast at these happenings.

CHANGE IN MEN'S DRESS.

Knee Breeches Growing in Favor With London Society Devotees.

Men's clothes are becoming more and more fanciful, according to a great London tailor, who welcomes the growing revolt against the "somber sameness" of evening dress. Society men are taking to knee breeches among other fads, and if the present craze keeps up a pair of long trousers will soon be a rarity in Mayfair. The king has taken a personal interest in the attempt to make men's dress more becoming. He wears evening dress as little as possible and upon every



Dr. Thomas B. Mehard of Conneville, Pa., who assisted in rescue work and attended many of the injured in the railroad wreck near that city Dec. 24, has given a scientific medical version of the cause of the deaths. He said:

"Many persons have been mistaken as to what caused the deaths of the wreck victims, believing they were due to scalds and burns. Aside from the engineer and fireman, who died from crushing violence, the death of all the others was due to the inhalation of superheated steam, thus causing an edema of the larynx and in-

terfering with respiration, death resulting from the want of oxygen. In other words, the victims died of air starvation.

"The word edema practically means an escape of the watery element of the blood in the surrounding tissues, thus causing pressure on the opening from the lungs to the throat, in the place where the vocal cords are attached. This change in the vocal cords and larynx, practically a scalding or cooking, caused the alteration in voice sounds emitted by those who inhaled the deadly steam. This death is one of the most horrible known to medical science."

crew of the freight train were not in a position to know it.

It was a horrible disaster. Men were crushed to death, scalded to death, burned to death. Cars were telescoped, smashed, burned. Every detail of horror and of suffering possible in a railroad wreck characterized this one. It is not creditable to skill in construction that cars should be built of material which is made all the more inflammable by paint and varnish put on in profusion, and that they should be built so lightly and go to pieces as easily as a cardboard house. The old wooden vessels have largely given place to steel vessels. Why should not the old wooden cars be succeeded by steel cars, which will offer some resistance in case of accident and reduce the risks of death and injury to crew and passengers?

CAUSE OF THE WRECK.

Information Seems to Show Disaster Was Unavoidable.

The wreck was caused by the breaking of the castings on a carload of bridge timbers on a westbound freight train which had passed Laurel Run not more than fifteen minutes before the passenger train. The wreck occurred on a curve, and it was impossible for Engineer Thornley to see far enough ahead to detect the obstruction on the tracks.

The big Atlantic type engine plunged into the timbers at a velocity of sixty miles an hour. The engine plowed into the embankment, and the baggage and express cars were thrown into the Youghiogheny river. The smoker followed the engine and landed squarely on top of it. This allowed the escaping steam from the engine to fill the car. The smoker was packed to its utmost capacity, and all the passengers were cooked alive.

Most of the killed were foreigners who were literally roasted to death, the baggage and smoker telescoping the engine and immediately catching fire. Not a single passenger in the car escaped with his life, and it is esti-

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trucks of all except the diner were torn completely from underneath the cars.

Few people were injured in the Pullman cars and the diners, although few escaped without at least some slight injuries.

Hardly had the bodies of the dead been removed from the coaches until thieves began robbing the dead of jewelry and money. Special officers were deputized, and with the aid of the Baltimore and Ohio police force and Conneville officers the work of the ghouls was stopped.

It is charged that the foreigners who escaped serious injury in the wreck immediately set about robbing their more unfortunate countrymen, and the dead as well as injured were robbed of their money and other valuables.

THREE GOOD "FISH" STORIES.

Sea Serpent, Monster Oyster and Man-Eating Lobster Arrive.

While returning to his home late yesterday, says a dispatch from Atlantic City, N. J., William Blackman saw a long, dark object being tossed by the restless waves beating on the beach at Ventnor. At last one big comber left it stranded high on the sands.

Blackman approached. Before him lay a sea serpent eighteen feet long and with a head twelve inches from ear to ear. Its mouth was the same size. The next morning it could not be found. Residents are greatly alarmed.

About the same time Richard Burbage of Pleasantville went oyster hunting in Lake's bay. After a mighty struggle he landed a bivalve, he says, which measured two feet in length, fourteen inches across the back, twelve inches in depth, and the meat in it weighed twenty-four pounds. All Pleasantville can bear witness that no oyster ever caught was its equal.

Then John Winder proved the rule of three and made the cycle complete. Winder is mate of the yacht Pittsburg, and he pulled a lobster up on

possible occasion he causes the gentlemen of the court to discard the dull black garments for bright uniforms. To the influence of the king may be ascribed the desire of many men to become more artistically clothed.

ARMY TO USE HAND ORGANS.

Salvationists Adopt New Method in Raising Funds.

Italian organ grinders of New York are up in arms. The Salvation Army is about to encroach upon their domain with organs and monkeys. There are many expert organ grinders among the soldiers, who, the officers insist, should be given an opportunity to display their accomplishment and incidentally to add wealth to the exchequer. Police Commissioner Greene has received a communication from Charles L. Whitman, a commander of the Salvation Army, asking him to recommend an ordinance permitting members of the organization to grind hand organs in the streets of the city. The commissioner has turned the letter over to Senior Inspector Cortright.

Minister Admitted to the Bar.

For years Rev. J. E. Herman of Mill ford, N. H., has been studying law, and now he has been admitted to the bar. "I have done all this study," he says, "without in any way slighting my duties as preacher of the gospel. For instance, Monday, instead of being the so-called 'blue Monday,' was devoted by me to the study of some branch of law. The knowledge of law is helpful to all professions and as much to the ministry as any other. Is not your congregation the jury and will not a convincing argument carry weight in matters religious as in matters of law?"

Good Puns on the Weather.

A Chicago man who has just returned from a visit to Europe says that during his stay in Paris the weather was atrocious. It rained incessantly for a week and this depressing state of affairs was emphasized one day by another American visitor, who on taking leave of a French friend, said, "Au reservoir," instead of "Au revoir," as he would have remarked under more agreeable climatic conditions. The Parisian, who is thoroughly acquainted with the English language, entered into the joke and replied cordially, "Tanks."

Change in German Embassy.

Under the hand of its new mistress, the American wife of Baron Von Sternburg, the German embassy in Washington has emerged from the character of a somewhat nondescript bachelor abode it has presented of recent years and begins now to have a cabinet of its own and to reflect something of the taste and individuality of the woman to whom for the time being it is home. The baroness was Miss Laxghill before her marriage.

Justice Brown His Own Bootblack.

Though a very stout man, Justice Brown of the United States supreme court blacks his own shoes nearly every morning. The justice says he feels proud to imitate Abraham Lincoln even to that extent. On getting out of bed he dons his underwear and socks, puts on his shoes and then piles the brush. When fully dressed the distinguished jurist finds it somewhat difficult to catch sight of his foot covering.

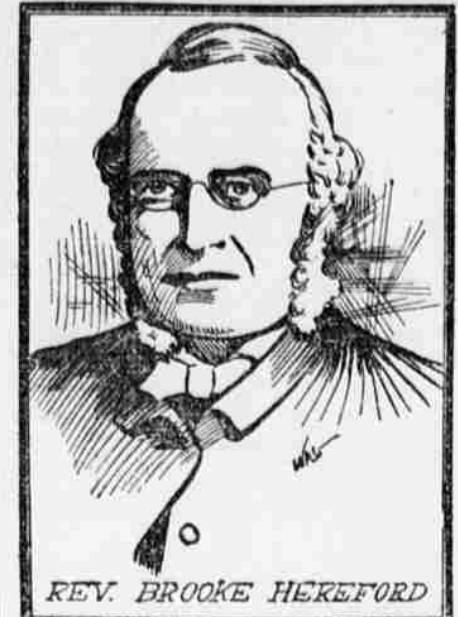
AS THE WORLD REVOLVES

REV. BROOKE HEREFORD DEAD.

Was Among the Most Prominent of Unitarian Divines.

Announcement was made at Boston last week of the death in London of Rev. Brooke Hereford, D. D., at one time pastor of the Church of the Messiah in Chicago. Dr. Hereford was pastor of the Rosslyn Hill Chapel, London, and was born in England in 1830. As a Unitarian preacher he attained the highest place and was regarded as a very pillar of strength to that denomination. His career in Boston, when he was in charge of the Arlington Street Church, will long be remembered for the splendid work he did.

Rev. Brooke Hereford arose to prominence in the Unitarian church in England, and from Manchester he was called to Chicago in 1876, taking charge of the Church of the Messiah. He remained in that city until 1882, when he went to Boston to fill the pulpit of the Arlington Street Church, where he was regarded as one of the



REV. BROOKE HEREFORD

foremost ministers of the city. For ten years he remained in Boston, and then accepted a call from his native land, taking a pastorate in Hampstead, London. Dr. Hereford was a writer as well as a pulpiteer, and was the author of three books, "The Life Story of Travers Madge," "Sermons of Courage and Cheer" and "The Forward Movement in Religious Thought as Interpreted by Unitarians." Some years ago Dr. Hereford returned to this country to attend the national conference of the Unitarians in Washington. At that time he spent nearly two months in Boston and other Massachusetts cities.

ROMANCE REVEALED BY DEATH.

New York Recluse Leaves Money to Unknown Daughter.

Alpheus D. Dubois, for fifty-three years principal of a public school in New York city, died the other day after leading the life of a recluse for many years. It was then learned that he was worth about \$500,000. The petition for probate of will sets forth that a widow, Julia Dubois, survives him, and there is this strange clause in the will: "I give and bequeath to my daughter, Ivy Blanche, married, name and residence unknown, \$10,000." No reference whatever is made in the will to the widow. Two sisters living in New York are made residuary legatees, but they refuse to give any information regarding the old man's romance.

BRIDE FOR SPANISH KING.

Youthful Bavarian Princess Said to Have Been Selected.

According to the Spanish newspapers a project is on foot for the marriage of King Alfonso to his cousin, Princess Marie del Pilar of Bavaria. The princess, who is 13 years old, is



PRINCESS MARIE DEL PILAR OF BAVARIA

the only daughter of Prince and Princess Louis Ferdinand of Bavaria. Her mother was the Infanta Marie de la Paz of Spain, sister of King Alfonso's father.

Career of Lieut. Perrill.

Lieut. Harlan P. Perrill of the United States cruiser Atlanta, who took a prominent part in a controversy with Gen. Daniel Ortiz, commander in chief of the Colombian forces of the Atlantic and Pacific in the Gulf of Darien, refusing to lower the stars and stripes on the demand of the Colombian officer, is a son of Nathan A. Perrill of Lebanon, Ind. Lieut. Perrill, with Vern Bryan, an apprentice, also of Lebanon, has been on the Atlantic since the vessel has been on its present cruise. Lieut. Perrill is 22 years old.

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