

SEVENTEEN KILLED.

FRIGHTFUL COLLISION ON THE ERIE AT MIDVALE, N. J.

General Passenger Agent Cook Admits the Block Signal Was Not Set—Regular Passenger Crashed into Rear of Excursion Train.

Seventeen persons were killed and about fifty injured in a collision which occurred at Midvale, N. J., just before noon Sunday, when a regular passenger train on the Greenwood Lake branch of the Erie Railroad ran into an excursion train that had stopped to take water.

All the dead and injured lived in Hoboken, Jersey City and New York. The accident is believed to have resulted from a tower operator having lowered his signal too soon, and this was admitted by D. W. Cook, general passenger agent of the Erie Railroad, who gave out a statement in which he said:

"The operator in the tower failed to set the block signal against the train following."

The train which was run into was a special carrying members of the Platt Deutscher Association, of Hoboken, on their annual outing, and 800 passengers. It consisted of twelve cars and two engines. The first engine had taken water and the train had moved up and stopped with the second engine beside the tank when the regular train drew near. The flagman of the special signaled the engineer of the oncoming train, but owing to a curve in the road his flag was not seen until too late. It is claimed that the engineer of the regular train had slowed down to about ten miles an hour before he crashed into the special, but his engine tore through the rear car the greater part of its length and drove a portion of that car into the car ahead.

The killed and injured were in these two cars. The wreckage did not catch fire, and the work of taking out the dead and maimed was quickly accomplished. The residents in Midvale, many of whom had heard the crash, assisted in the work. The seventeen dead were soon laid beside the track and the injured carried to nearby houses. While physicians were being sent for, women of Midvale brought bandages and other articles that could be used in caring for the injured. A train was sent from Little Falls to the scene of the wreck and as rapidly as possible the most seriously hurt were prepared for transportation by train to Little Falls and thence to Jersey City or Hoboken. The less severely hurt were continued under treatment in Midvale until later in the day. Those hurt were eventually taken either to their homes or to hospitals.

The engineer and fireman of the regular train both disappeared from the scene immediately after the wreck. Both escaped injury by jumping. The operator in the tower would make no statement, and was relieved and left the scene soon after the accident.

DOUBLE MURDER ATTEMPTED

Baby's Body Found in Well and Mother Nearly Dead.

Upon his return home from town early Sunday William Starbuck, a farmer near Greensboro, Ind., found the interior of his home badly disarranged and his wife and baby gone. Attracted by screams, he ran to the woods near by and found his wife in a hysterical condition and the dead body of his child at the bottom of an abandoned well.

It is believed that a double murder was attempted. Bloodhounds were given the scene, but without result. Physicians have little hope for the recovery of Mrs. Starbuck, who is still unconscious.

MANY TIMES A MURDERER.

John Johnson, Colored, Killed Two Companions for \$5.

John Johnson, colored, who with Frank Ousley, also colored, will hang next Thursday for the murder of Grocer Jas. Donnelly, at Pittsburg, Pa., has confessed to four other murders. Johnson said he was born in Georgia and about eighteen years ago started out as a tramp. Two of his victims were with him traveling in a box car on a Virginia railroad, and after murdering them for the \$5 in their possession he threw their bodies from the car while the train was going. His other two victims suffered a like fate on a Georgia railroad.

Foreign Exhibitors "Kick."

The foreign exhibitors at the St. Louis fair have united and, backed by the commissioners from their respective countries, threaten to withdraw their exhibits if the fair management persists in treating the exhibitors as concessionaires.

Sioux City Stock Market.

The quotations on the stock market at Sioux City for Saturday were as follows: Cattle, \$5.30@5.70; hogs, \$5.07@5.25.

Boulder Gets Two Years.

Edmund Bensch, who pleaded guilty at St. Louis to accepting a bribe in connection with the passage of the city lighting bill, was Saturday sentenced to two years' imprisonment in the penitentiary. This is the minimum sentence.

Norge Survivors in Liverpool.

About seventy survivors of the wrecked steamer Norge have arrived at Liverpool from Stornoway, Scotland. They will sail for New York on the Cunard line steamer Aurania.

CALLS IT A TREATISE.

Pettigrew Not at All Pleased with Platform.

A St. Louis, Mo., special says: "We have prepared a treatise, rather than a platform, and we have succeeded in producing a large volume without saying anything," was the terse way in which ex-Senator Pettigrew voiced his sentiments about the platform which was adopted Friday night by the Democratic convention.

There were other expressions along similar lines, Cord Myer, chairman of the New York state committee, stating that "Parker cannot stand for such a platform, and, if nominated, he would be compelled to deal with the financial question in his acceptance."

So far as thousands in the convention hall were concerned, the platform was a closed book, for no one but the makers of the platform knew what was on the "bill of particulars" which Senator John W. Daniel read in a voice that could not be heard beyond the platform.

But what of Bryan? When asked if he would support a ticket on the platform he said so largely assisted in making, he said: "I will certainly support the platform."

This is Iowa's position: "The boys from the Hawkeye state are not infatuated with the platform, but, as Bryan says, it is the best that could be obtained," said Gen. Weaver. "They will go home to its support, and, incidentally, to the support of the candidates."

At 4 o'clock Saturday morning the Democratic national convention was still in session, and a nominating ballot had not been reached.

Great uncertainty still exists concerning the vice presidential nomination.

The same candidates which have heretofore been mentioned are still mentioned, and some are being pushed with a great deal of earnestness. No one man has yet been singled out by the leaders and large delegations to be supported for the second place.

MURDERS HUSBAND.

Frank Holtman Confesses that He and Mrs. Myers Killed Mr. Myers.

Frank Holtman, under arrest at Walla Walla, Wash., for the murder of Clarence Myers in Kansas City, has confessed. Holtman said:

"For years Mrs. Myers and I loved her, and we wanted to get married. We planned the murder three weeks or more before the crime.

"The night of the 10th of May I went to bed, but got up about midnight and went to the Myers house at 3 o'clock. I met Mrs. Myers at the house and we went to Myers' bedroom. He was apparently asleep, but just as we entered he called out: 'Well, you're here again.' He grabbed at me and as he did so I struck him with my club, the billiard cue.

"Then I held him while his wife cut his throat with his own razor. The body was laid on the sheets and left there."

FLOOD IS WORSE.

Thousands Made Destitute in Kansas City, Kan.

A Kansas City special says: All of the west bottom on the Missouri side, including the Union depot and the great wholesale district of Kansas City, are covered with water, the break in the Kaw River, near Armourdale, Kan., late Thursday night, sending a current of water into the bottoms.

The water rose slowly, and while it undoubtedly has done damage it is not believed the tremendous losses of last year will be duplicated.

Preparations for the feeding and sleeping of people driven from Armourdale and Argentine in the convention hall are going on actively.

WOMAN CONDEMNED TO DEATH.

Mrs. Catherine Danz of Philadelphia Convicted of Murder.

Mrs. Catherine Danz, convicted of murder in the first degree for poisoning her husband, William G. Danz, was sentenced at Philadelphia, Pa., to be hanged. An appeal will be taken to the supreme court by Mrs. Danz's counsel.

George Hossri, a negro "voodoo" doctor, was recently convicted and sentenced to death in connection with Danz's death.

The testimony at the trial of Hossri and Mrs. Danz was to the effect that the woman had procured poison from Hossri which she administered to her husband, causing his death.

Two Killed and Fifteen Hurt.

A Short Line passenger car on a train westbound from Colorado Springs to Cripple Creek jumped the track near Cameron, Colo., eight miles from Cripple Creek, and was overturned. Dr. H. S. Torrance and T. P. Airheart, both well known citizens of Cripple Creek, were killed. Fifteen passengers were injured.

Polar Relief Expedition Sails.

The Champ expedition sailed Wednesday from Tromsø, on the steamer Frithjof for the relief of the Zeigler expedition, on board the steamer America, at Franz Josefland.

Waterspout in Oklahoma.

A waterspout, accompanied by terrific wind, passed through Clifton, Okla., and vicinity at midnight Wednesday night, in which six persons were killed and several injured.

Yardmaster Killed.

Jack Girardy, yardmaster for the Burlington at Nebraska City, Neb., was killed in the yards there. Girardy was on the pilot of a switch engine and lost his balance, falling beneath the engine. Death was instantaneous.

Woman Killed by Husband.

Mrs. Isaac Engle died in a hospital at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., from the effects of a bullet in the head, shot by her husband last week. A coroner's jury has been empaneled to investigate the case.

FLOODS IN THE SOUTH.

Great Damage is Being Done by the High Water.

A Kansas City special says: One-half of Armourdale is under water from the overflow of the Kaw River. The water is still rising at a rapid rate, and conditions approaching the great flood of 1903 are feared.

The lowlands in Argentine, Rosedale and other suburbs are also flooded. Hundreds of laboring people have left their homes in West Kansas City.

The Kaw is doing great damage at North Topeka, Lawrence and other points, and its tributaries are rising.

Hundreds of wagons were busily engaged all day removing household goods from the suburbs of Kansas City, Kan., along the Kaw River, while in the west bottoms near the Missouri-Kansas line thousands of dollars' worth of goods were either removed from the district or placed upon upper floors.

As far as known seven lives have been lost, one at Wichita, Kan., and six at Clifton, Okla.

The wife and two children of Cass Woods, a policeman at Wichita, reported drowned, were rescued.

Railroad service east and west of Kansas City is demoralized, numerous washouts being reported, and trains on the Rock Island, Santa Fe and Union and Missouri Pacific are stalled.

The present flood, which has been the third this spring in that part of the southwest, came after almost continuous rain at different points throughout Kansas during the past five days. In the past twenty-four hours from 1.50 inches of water had fallen at Kansas City to 4 inches in western Kansas.

Wichita, Kan., is flooded worse than ever before in its history. Waco Avenue, one of the principal residence streets, is a raging torrent, waist deep. People livid within seven blocks of the Little River have been forced to vacate their homes.

The water in the Kaw River is above the 22-foot mark at Topeka and is rising slowly.

In North Topeka the water is running through the principal streets knee deep, and the town is deserted.

In Topeka proper the water is three blocks up town from the river.

Trains on the Union Pacific, Santa Fe and Rock Island have been abandoned.

FOURTH OF JULY DEATH LIST

Fifty-Two Killed and Over Three Thousand Injured.

The Chicago Tribune says: From a total of 25 persons killed and 1,384 injured, reported Tuesday, the casualty list resulting from the country's celebration of the Fourth of July has reached 52 killed and 3,049 hurt.

The figures for Chicago are 1 dead and 101 injured, with 6 hurt by fireworks, 9 by cannon, 14 by firearms, 9 by gunpowder and 4 by toy pistols. The statistics were 1 killed and 82 injured.

Lockjaw in a few days will begin to reap its harvest. It may be counted to double the number of fatalities.

BANK CLERK ARRESTED.

Trusted Employee of New York Bank is in Trouble.

Robert B. Taylor, who is said to have been an employee of the Central National Bank, of New York, for thirty years, is a prisoner of the United States secret service operatives in St. Louis, Mo., on the charge of passing forged national bank notes of the institution in which he was a clerk.

Taylor, it is said, has passed \$3,000 of the forged notes in St. Louis in the last few days, and, when arrested, \$3,550 in the alleged forged currency was found on his person.

ROUT THE RUSSIANS.

Slavs Make Heroic Attempt to Check Japanese Advance.

Advices from Tashichiao state that the Japanese swarmed over the mountain crest early Wednesday morning and advanced on Kai Chou, compelling Gen. Chirakoff with the Russian vanguard to fall back, while a brigade of Japanese, with masses of cavalry, followed and occupied the village of Nantay, driving out two companies of Russian infantry and two companies of Cossacks entrenched there.

The Japanese arrived within five miles of Kai Chou. It was then nightfall.

Robber Confesses to Murder.

O. O. Mosier, captured by Sheriff Potter, of Butte, Mont., and a posse just across the Montana frontier in Wyoming, is in jail at Red Lodge. Under a vigorous sweating by officers, he confessed that he was one of two robbers who held up a saloon at Billings and killed Sergeant Robert J. Hanna.

Hart Held on Murder Charge.

At Prairie du Chien, Wis., John Hart, held by the police on the charge of assault on James Campbell, president of the village of Steuben, was released, and immediately rearrested on the charge of murder. The preliminary hearing will be held July 25. His wife has gone insane over the affair.

Million Dollar Tunnel.

The Chicago Great Western's immense tunnel at Rodden, Ill., has been completed at a cost of \$1,000,000. The work was under way four years.

Big Strike at Havana.

A strike of harbor workers was inaugurated at Havana, Cuba, Thursday. The tie-up is complete.

To Assist Striking Machinists.

The convention of the western division of the International Association of Machinists at Denver, Colo., voted to assess each member of the division \$1 a month, which will amount to \$25,000 monthly, to assist the striking Santa Fe machinists.

Rockefeller Gives \$100,000.

John D. Rockefeller has given to the Denison Baptist University at Newark, N. J., \$100,000, in addition to \$250,000 given some time ago.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Chamberlain Heard from—Absconding Tecumseh Banker May be in Cuba—Michigan Man Arrested for Trying to Sell Paper.

Charles M. Chamberlain is the man whom a number of Tecumseh people would give a good deal to see. Several years ago the Chamberlain Bank, of Tecumseh, failed and the cashier, Charles M. Chamberlain, absconded with his pockets well lined with money and valuable papers. Sunday a man appeared in Tecumseh who had dealings with Chamberlain less than two months ago.

The man is A. S. Cody, of Midland, Mich., and the sheriff arrested him at the station two minutes before his train left. He is being held under \$2,000 bond, and it is hoped that Chamberlain's whereabouts may be ascertained through him. He was held in the county court on a bench warrant, and his papers were taken away from him, in spite of his efforts to destroy some of them before the officers' arrival.

Among other papers taken by Chamberlain was a mortgage note for \$2,250 on the livery barn of B. Miller, and a large amount of mill stock in the Tecumseh Milling Company. Mr. Cody tried to sell his mortgage note to Mr. Miller, and the mill stock to one of the officers of the milling company. He had five shares of the mill stock, each worth \$100, and claims that he innocently bought them, with the Miller note, from Chamberlain in Alabama about two months ago.

Among the papers taken from Cody was a letter from Charles N. Clark, of Havana, Cuba.

It has been rumored in Tecumseh before that Chamberlain has been going under the name of Clark in Havana. Clark's letter was in regard to land in Mexico, which it is known that Chamberlain used to own.

Tecumseh streets and the court house were thronged with an excited crowd of citizens when the fact of Cody's arrest and his dealings with Chamberlain became known.

TEN YEARS FOR TRAIN WRECKER

Younger Man Gets Off with Half that Much.

A special term of the district court, with Judge Grimes on the bench, convened at North Platte to hear the cases of William J. Belmont and Emmet J. Eling, charged with an attempt to wreck a train by placing obstructions on the track of the Union Pacific Railroad.

They both pleaded guilty to the charge. Belmont, the leader, was sentenced to ten years at hard labor in the penitentiary, which he accepted with a sarcastic smile. Eling, 18 years old, on account of his youth, extenuating circumstances and information favorable to him of which the court took judicial notice, was given a sentence of five years, with a promise of assistance to secure a parole, contingent on his good conduct.

BAD STORM.

One Man Killed by Lightning and Another Stunned.

A Scotts Bluff dispatch says: The most severe electrical storm and rain storm that has visited this section for years swept over this county, nearly two inches of water falling.

J. F. Draper was killed by lightning while he and A. J. Frailey were endeavoring to finish up a stock of hay before the storm. Frailey was stunned, but not seriously injured.

The telephone system at Scotts Bluff is temporarily out of business, all the fuses being burned out.

Heavy Rain Damages Crops.

A Syracuse special says: Four and one-half inches of rain fell Friday night, flooding the country and doing much damage to crops. The Nemaha River has left its banks and flooded the lower part of town, causing residents to leave their homes. Wheat on the bottom farm land is seriously damaged and corn will make only a light crop. Stockmen having stock on the low land have suffered some losses. The creek is still rising.

Woman Drowned in Creek.

Mrs. Dan Harp was drowned near Hebron. Harp and wife, who live five miles south of Hebron, were going home and attempted to cross Dry Creek, swollen by recent rains. The team plunged into a deep hole and one horse was drowned. Mrs. Harp's baby was carried down the stream and at this writing has not been recovered. Mr. Harp saved himself by hard work.

Injured in a Water Fight.

The Beatrice fire department was inspected by H. L. Harper, chief, Mayor Schultz and the water committee of the city council. A water fight between four companies of the department occurred on North Fifth Street, in which Lester Lewis, a member of one of the participating companies was injured about the head, receiving a broken ear drum.

Will Remove the Tower.

For years there has been much uneasiness concerning the condition of the Central school building in Plattsmouth. The large, unused fourth story and the high tower serving as a wind-trap are to be removed. John Latenser, an architect from Omaha, has recommended the change.

Charged with Horse Stealing.

Daniel Kohn was arraigned in county court at Papillion on the charge of horse stealing. He entered a plea of not guilty and his bond was placed at \$2,000. Kohn was taken back to Omaha, where he will be confined in the Douglas County jail until his trial.

Accident at Seward.

A young man by the name of Edwards, of Ulysses, was on the train leaving for his home on the evening of the Fourth and was swinging on the steps of the last coach, when he was bumped on the head by a water crane and knocked off. He received a slight concussion of the brain.

Special Kills Pedestrian.

On its first trip the Rosebud special, leaving Omaha at midnight, killed John Detrandt, near Winnetoo. He was sleeping on the track. Detrandt was a farm hand going home after celebrating.

TROUBLE EITHER WAY.

Treasurer of Sarpy County is in a Quandary.

County Treasurer Morrison, of Sarpy, is having all kinds of trouble these days at Papillion, and whichever way he decides to settle the matter he will get into trouble. The cause of the difficulty is over the payment of a \$2,000 bridge warrant, issued by Sarpy County to the C. G. Sheeley Bridge Company, of Lincoln, as the first payment on the cost of constructing the steel bridge which spans the Elkhorn River in western Sarpy. The Columbia National Bank, of Lincoln, has bought the warrant and presents it for payment. Morrison says he would like nothing better than to pay it at once as the law provides that if a county treasurer shall refuse to cash such a warrant he shall be liable to a fine of 10 per cent of the amount of the warrant per day until it is paid.

On the other hand is County Attorney Patrick, who declares that if the warrant is paid he will hold Morrison for the entire amount, claiming, it is said, that the warrant is not legal, hence should not be cashed.

Morrison will ask the advice of outside counsel with the result, it is thought, that the warrant will shortly be paid.

MRS. LILLIE BEARS UP WELL.

Weeps Hysterically When Informed of the Court's Decision.

The news of the affirmation by the supreme court of the case of the state against Lena Margaret Lillie, charged with the crime of murdering her husband, Harvey Lillie, on the morning of Oct. 24, 1902, was received at David City Friday.

Attorney Albrich says when he informed Mrs. Lillie of the decision of the supreme court that she wept bitterly. Sheriff West says that this did not last long, and in a few moments she was conversing with him and Mrs. West in her accustomed manner, but expressing her complete surprise at the decision of the court, and again receiving many of the witnesses who testified against her as having committed perjury.

Matt Miller, one of Mrs. Lillie's attorneys, is in St. Louis, but Mr. Albrich says they will file a motion for a rehearing without delay. Mrs. Lillie is said to have stated that if she was refused a rehearing in the supreme court that she would appeal the case to the United States supreme court, that she was wholly innocent of this crime, and would exhaust every legal right before going to the penitentiary for life.

ONE CAR TOO MANY.

Horse Buyer Received More Cars Than He Purchased.

The Messrs. Gilbanks and Kithcart, of Shelton, were in Grand Island last week attending a sale of forty cars of unbroken horses at the Union stock yards. They purchased a car of horses, leaving them until the next day. When on the next day they came for the horses the car was gone. Inquiry by the stock yards officers developed the fact that one Gaines of Sergeant, who had purchased eleven cars, had shipped out twelve. The county attorney was brought into the case and succeeded in locating the car at Sergeant.

Mr. Gaines immediately found that the horses in some manner unknown to him had been included in his shipment. He immediately offered to return the horses and make good any losses the Shelton parties might have had, and every one concerned is now convinced it was through some mistake that the car of horses disappeared.

CASUALTIES IN NEBRASKA.

No Deaths, but Thirty People Are Reported Injured.

No deaths or fatal injuries are reported as results of Fourth of July celebrations in Omaha or surrounding towns. The number of persons receiving slight injuries is thirty. Fifteen were hurt by firearms and toy pistols and eleven by explosions of powder.

Torpedoes left their mark on five, and one boy tried to catch a chaser and one was kicked by a horse scared by firecrackers.

At North Platte two boys were hurt by the explosion of a cannon cracker placed under a can. The can flew in all directions. Pieces were imbedded in the arm of one boy and the leg of another.

At Norfolk the victims were the 12-year-old sons of John Gildea and Rev. G. R. Oakes. An unexpected explosion of a can of powder was received by both boys in the face. The Gildea boy will probably lose both eyes.

Caught Youthful Burglar.

Harry Bacon, a 17-year-old boy, is in the Lincoln city jail, charged with several burglaries. The boy was caught in the bicycle store of C. A. Lyman & Co. by a salesman—Arthur B. Cameron. Previously the upholstery store of W. L. Breece had been entered, and upon searching Bacon several articles in his possession were identified as having been taken from that store.

Pastor Has Operation.

Dr. G. A. Munroe, for several years pastor of the Congregational church of Columbus, submitted to an operation and had his left leg amputated above the knee. Mr. Munroe has suffered for some five years from tuberculosis of the knee joint, which has been very painful, and has kept him from his work very much of the time.

Accidentally Shot.

Day Lewis, a young man who recently came to Gering from New York, was accidentally shot Tuesday by a companion named Frank Fisher, the ball from a 44-caliber revolver passing through his leg, but not striking the bone.

Tried to Ford a Creek.

James Harper, with his wife and baby, attempted to ford a swollen creek near Chester. The buggy in which they were riding was overturned and the wife and baby drowned.

Fear Crops Are Damaged.

Another heavy rain fell at Greenwood and the farmers report small grain damaged by rust and blight. Grain is ready to cut, but the moisture prevents work in the fields. Corn is in much better shape than in the east end of the county.

Charged with Theft.

Bill Nye, of Papillion, with Elmer Miller, of the vicinity of Albricht, have been arrested, charged by John Hunter Detrandt, that place with the theft of \$18. A hearing of the case will be had before County Judge Wilson.



Short Notes.

The West Point baseball talent has organized a club composed of the best material in town.

The school at the institution for feeble minded youth at Beatrice has closed for the summer.

The crop of cherries about Geneva has been the heaviest ever known in that county and is about disposed of.

A party of five Papillion people have departed for Long Beach, Cal., where they will spend several months.

The West Point Commercial Club has completed its final organization. A constitution has been adopted and by-laws framed.

A commercial club has been formed at Plattsmouth, and a constitution and by-laws adopted. Meetings are to be held once a month.

Richardson County has 570 acres of school land. This was appraised at \$1-965, but the new valuation makes it \$11,306 and increased the rent \$558.

A stock company has been organized at Wymore for the purpose of manufacturing building blocks from cement. The capital stock of the company is \$10,000.

A number of Fremont people who went to Broken Bow to take up a 640-acre homestead have returned. Most of them succeeded in getting what they were after.

The seventh annual old settlers homecoming picnic and fair for Saline and adjoining counties will be held at Western Aug. 24. A good program is being arranged.

At a meeting of the Beatrice fire department Fire Chief Harry L. Harper and wife were presented with a set of solid silver knives, forks and spoons in honor of their recent marriage.

While Tom Fulton, a blacksmith, was shoeing a mule Friday in Nehawka the animal kicked him in the forehead, rendering him unconscious. It is feared he will not recover from the injury.

Jack Gorman, a Beatrice tough, was fined \$10 and costs in police court for beating his wife and destroying some of the furniture in the house. He will work out the fine and costs on the streets.

The opening of the Merchants' Midsummer Carnival was the feature of the Fourth of July celebration at Grand Island. The carnival continued throughout the week, the Parker Amusement Company furnishing the attractions.

The mayor and city council of Tecumseh are preparing a Sunday closing ordinance which will probably be adopted at the next regular meeting of the body. The officers have had many complaints concerning open places of business on the