

AT RECKLESS SPEED

TIME ON ROAD SAVED AT COST OF MANY LIVES.

Prompt Action Taken by the District Attorney in an Effort to Fix Responsibility for the Disaster on the New York Central.

Twenty-two dead, two fatally hurt and 145 others more or less seriously injured is the result of the wreck of an electric express train on the New York Central at Two Hundred and Fifth street and Webster avenue Saturday night.

Of the large number of injured, fifty are, according to hospital and police, seriously hurt and the death list may be increased within the next twenty-four hours.

The New York Central has a list of persons said to have been injured, but in the great majority of the cases the injuries were so slight as to be of little consequence, and most of the persons went at once to their homes.

The cause of the wreck is a matter of speculation. All Night Inspector Flood, of the police department, Coroner Schwannecke and Assistant District Attorney Smythe, together with other members of the district attorney's force, endeavored to ascertain what brought about the derailment.

The most significant statement was made to the Associated Press by Coroner Schwannecke. He had secured a statement from Motorman Rogers of the wrecked train. In this, according to the coroner, the motorman stated he was running on schedule time when the accident occurred and admitted that the speed of his train was seventy miles an hour.

The train consisted of a double-header motor coupled onto one engine drawing five coaches. The first was a smoker, the second is described as a power car, though it is commonly designated as a combination baggage and smoker, and the three following were ordinary passenger coaches.

The smoker showed only little damage, but the other cars gave evidence of a drag along the roadbed.

When the wreck occurred the three rear coaches, filled with passengers, were thrown on their right side just above a sharp curve at Woodlawn road bridge. The shock was terrific and people were hurled violently from their seats and the most of those who were killed were pitched through the windows as the cars slid on their sides.

The third rail held for a time, but finally broke with a flash and a roar seen and heard for a great distance. Between the wreck of the "current" rail and the main track the bodies were wedged. They were held here as the cars passed along, and in this way were terribly mangled.

APPROVED BY SENATE.

President's Plan for Settling Jap Issue Adopted.

The administration plan to settle the California-Japanese situation was approved in the senate Saturday by the adoption of the conference report on the immigration bill. This report contains a provision which authorizes the president to exclude Japanese laborers from the United States at his discretion.

The entire day was devoted to debate on the report. The opposition presented as an alternative plan a resolution instructing the conferees to bring in a provision positively prohibiting the entrance of Japanese laborers. It was declared not in order, and on motion of Senator Lodge an appeal from this ruling was defeated, 45 to 25, being practically a party vote.

Death Penalty for Doctor.

Dr. J. Herman Feist, of Nashville, Tenn., charged with the murder of Mrs. Rosa Mangrum, was Saturday morning found guilty of murder in the first degree. The verdict carries with it the death penalty.

Favrot to Go Free.

The motion to quash the indictment against Congressman-elect Favrot, of Baton Rouge, La., charged with murdering Dr. Metcalf, was sustained by Favrot's successor on the bench, Judge Brunat.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Butcher steers, \$4.85. Top hogs, \$6.95.

Harry Corbett is Dead.

Harry Corbett, the well known sporting man and brother of James J. Corbett, ex-champion heavy weight pugilist, died of heart failure at his home in San Francisco Saturday.

Epidemic Cripples Road.

Two thousand of the 12,000 employees of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company are idle on sick leave, according to a statement issued by Vice President Calderwood.

THAW FEARS LUNACY TRIAL.

Jerome Believed to Be Heading that Way.

Close observers of the Thaw trial believe its present trend is toward a commission in lunacy, to determine Harry Thaw's mental condition. This belief is suggested by District Attorney Jerome's apparent willingness to admit part of the will, by his readiness to withhold technical objections to the testimony of Thaw's family physicians tending to throw light upon the defendant's mental status, and by his admitting without opposition the conversations between Thaw and Dr. Evans when the latter was examining the prisoner in the Tombs.

Counsel for Thaw are so fully convinced that Jerome will make this move that they are planning to fight him on this line. Thaw himself is credited with having declared he would not face the asylum in preference to the death chamber, so it can be seen with what feeling this expected move of Mr. Jerome is creating in the camp of the defense.

One of Thaw's lawyers, in speaking of the probable plan for a lunacy commission, said:

"We have become more and more convinced by the conduct of the district attorney and his experts, who are observing the defendant, that it is and has been his purpose to lead the case to the point where he can apply properly for a commission in lunacy. We don't want the boy declared insane. We want him acquitted."

WARSHIP TAMPERED WITH.

Rivets Removed from Boiler of the Cruiser Yorktown.

It became known in Vallejo, Cal., Friday that a secret inquiry is being held at the Mare Island navy yard in connection with the condition of the boilers of the cruiser Yorktown. The Yorktown had been ordered to Magdalena bay to protect American interests in trouble Central America, but just before starting it was found that her boilers were leaking badly and examination showed that eleven rivets had been removed, apparently deliberately. Had the Yorktown been allowed to proceed it is alleged the Bennington horror would have been duplicated. The flagship Chicago was dispatched south in place of the Yorktown.

SAYS MILLION WILL PERISH.

Great Army of Slavs on the Verge of Starvation.

Alexis Alladin, a leader of the peasant party in the Russian duma, arrived in New York Friday on the steamer Majestic. Alladin proposes making a tour of the country delivering lectures on the cause of freedom in his native land. Alladin said he would not be at all astonished if the new duma is never organized.

Alladin said the condition of the poorer classes in Russia is extremely desperate. He believes more than a million persons will die in that country during the next three months from starvation.

KNOCKED OUT BY TRUST.

Philadelphia Manufacturer Fails for \$600,000.

The counsel for the James Dunlap Carpet company, of Philadelphia, which operates large mills in that city, announced Friday that the company is temporarily embarrassed. It is stated the liabilities are \$600,000, and it expected the assets will be largely in excess of that sum.

The reasons for the embarrassment, the counsel said, are failure of tentative subscribers to the company's stock to pay for it and the fact that James Dunlap, president of the company, "had run up against the Jute trust."

Conscience Stricken; Tells of Crime.

Because his conscience troubled him so that he was unable to sleep, Rene Vanooteghen came all the way from Pittsburg, Pa., to South Bend, Ind., gave himself up to the police, and confessed to killing Swan Lind, who was found dead on Dec. 18. Vanooteghen said he acted in self-defense.

For "Open Door" in the Orient.

A national association of cannery and packer was formed at Buffalo, N. Y., Friday and adopted resolutions asking the president of the United States in negotiating a treaty to give some attention to the advisability of placing American canned goods on a reduced tariff list into the foreign countries.

Chinamen Offer a Bribe.

Chief of Detectives Taylor has been offered \$1,400 a week by an association of Chinese gamblers for their protection and to secure them a monopoly in gambling in Honolulu. The chief accepted a payment to bind the agreement in order to secure evidence against the would be bribers.

Standard Oil Dividend.

The Standard Oil company Friday declared a quarterly dividend of \$15 a share.

Burglars Loot Illinois Bank.

The safe of the bank of Ellisville, Ill., was cracked Friday morning at 2 o'clock by burglars, and the entire contents, consisting of \$1,400 in gold and \$1,600 in currency and some valuable papers, were taken.

Mrs. Rocketteller Ill.

John D. Rocketteller, who has been in Augusta, Ga., for a month, left suddenly for New York on receipt of a telegram announcing the dangerous illness of his wife.

KUROPATKIN ASSAILS ARMY.

Czar Fails to Suppress Sensational War History.

Gen. Kuropatkin's history of the Russo-Japanese war, which was confiscated by the Russian government, has at last become accessible, despite the most extreme precautions to prevent this galling official indictment from reaching the public. The work is remarkable for its historic value as the closing chapter of the war from the pen of the commander in chief and for the merciless criticism of the men and measures which, in Kuropatkin's estimate, swept Russia and its arms to defeat.

The work consists of three bulky volumes, respectively devoted to the battle of Liao Yang, of the Sha river and of Mukden. The voluminous general orders, statistics, reports and other documentary matter with the "conclusions" constitute most amazing revelations of disorganization and incapacity, and even of disobedience of specific and urgent orders by certain general officers entrusted with high commands in the field, notably Gen. Kaulbers, against whom a formidable indictment is framed, saddling upon him the entire responsibility for the defeat at Mukden.

Kuropatkin's reasons for the failure of the war are based chiefly upon a comparison of the warlike spirit of the Japanese; their preparedness and valor which, he says, had never been seen in any previous war, and their ability to maintain the numerical superiority necessary to assume the offensive with the disadvantages of Russia owing to the inadequacy of the single track railway from Europe, with commanding officers disobeying orders and in a hopeless state of confusion and cross purposes, with a low state of morale and confidence among the troops, and continuous news from home of internal troubles and insults and reproaches against the army.

The general pathetically concludes that if Russia had been united and ready to make the sacrifices necessary to safeguard her dignity and integrity the "valiant Russian army would have striven till the foe was subdued."

REFUSED MEDICINE; IS DEAD.

Prominent Sunday School Worker Victim of Ptomaine Poisoning.

Bradford Hibbard Cox, a Sunday school worker and evangelist with a national reputation, died at Kansas City, Mo., as the result of ptomaine poisoning from eating oysters in a local restaurant. Mr. Cox awoke with severe pains in his stomach. His wife too was ill, and a physician was summoned. An emetic was administered at once to Mrs. Cox, but Mr. Cox said he did not believe in medicine and he refused to be treated. He became rapidly worse and died, but Mrs. Cox will recover.

Mr. Cox as a Sunday school worker employed his methods for more than twenty-five years in Boston, St. Louis, Omaha, San Francisco, Cincinnati and other large cities. He was 67 years old. A son in Columbus, O., survives him.

PARIS SENATE HESITATES.

Again Sends the Supplementary Separation Bill Back to Committee.

The speech made by the minister of education, M. Briand, in the senate Thursday in the course of the debate upon the supplementary separation bill, a feature of which is the doing away with the necessity of notification for the holding of public meetings, was most conciliatory in tone. M. Briand declared the measure was brought in a spirit of tolerance, conciliation and pacification and that the government sought its rapid enactment.

Much surprise was created when the senate by a vote of 168 against 128 passed a resolution to send the bill back to committee for further consideration.

Two Perish in the Fire.

Two lives were lost in a fire at Pine Bluff, Ark., Wednesday night which destroyed ninety cottages and residences, three hotels, the Carr Memorial church, 200 barns and outhouses, entailing a loss of \$200,000. Nearly 1,000 people, including 150 families, are homeless.

3,778 Deaths from Tuberculosis.

A report by the Wisconsin state board of health shows that in twenty months covered by the report there were 3,778 deaths from tuberculosis, or nearly 10 per cent. The state is now building a sanitarium. The report urges a crusade against the disease.

Kills Prisoner; Goes to Prison.

Dominic Fonchetto, a policeman of Dalsell, Ill., who killed Frank Delatto while endeavoring to place him under arrest last summer, was found guilty of manslaughter Wednesday and given an indeterminate sentence to the penitentiary.

Oust Chaplains from French Navy.

President Fallieres Thursday signed a decree suppressing the official chaplains in the French navy. Chaplains of 21 years' service are to be pensioned, while others will be given allowances based upon the length of their service.

To Investigate Water Resources.

The senate Thursday passed a bill to provide for an investigation of the water resources of the United States. The investigation is to be made by the director of the geological survey.

For 2-Cent Fare in Pennsylvania.

The Pennsylvania house Thursday passed by a vote of 175 to 0, a bill fixing 2 cents a mile as the maximum rate for passenger railroad fares. The bill goes to the senate.

News of Nebraska

PLATTE STILL ON RAMPAGE.

Water is Nine Inches Over Railroad Tracks Near Fremont.

Reports from Union Pacific sources were to the effect that between 1:30 and 2:30 Thursday afternoon the water was rising in the Platte, and at mile post 44, west of Valley, the water had risen three inches an hour, making it nine inches deep over the tracks at that point. A report a short time before showed the water falling, but when the later report reached headquarters it was decided to detour all east and westbound trains over the Northwestern between Omaha and Fremont.

The first trouble was from the Loup, which blocked the main line of the Union Pacific at Columbus. When the water had subsided at that point it began to flood the tracks at Schuyler and then blocked the trains by running over the tracks at Rogers. By Wednesday night the high water had reached Fremont and had driven over 200 families from their homes. Before noon Thursday the water was over the track of the Union Pacific at Mercer, between Valley and Fremont, and the Union Pacific was compelled to run its trains via the Northwestern from Fremont to Omaha. The water was six inches deep over the tracks at Mercer, and the Union Pacific officials feared it would break through and come via the Rawhide to the Elkhorn, which would endanger the Union Pacific at Elkhorn.

MORE BRIDGES SWEEP AWAY.

Little Improvement in Flood Conditions in Nebraska.

The Platte river flood Friday carried out two more railroad bridges, that of the Missouri Pacific, near Louisville, and of the Rock Island, at South Bend. Conditions at Fremont are somewhat improved, but the Union Pacific main line is still out of service between that place and Grand Island, and Union Pacific trains are run over the Burlington tracks from Omaha to Grand Island via Lincoln.

Nearly a mile of Burlington-Great Northern track is washed out east of Fremont.

Conditions are worse around Springfield, South Bend and Louisville.

People living in the bottoms near Springfield received warning to move to higher ground. The warm weather continues and the ice in the Platte is breaking up fast.

AGED VETERAN ROBBED.

Farm Hand Disappears with Pension Savings of Several Years.

John Tried, a feeble old veteran of the civil war, was robbed of three years of pension savings at his farm house in Holt county, presumably by his farm hand, Fred Miller, for whose arrest a warrant is now in the hands of the sheriff. The money stolen amounted to \$1,205, and was mostly in gold coins of the \$20 size. The gold was in a bag, which the old man hid in a bed for safe keeping.

Left alone at home with the hired man, while his son was called to Omaha by a surgical operation upon his mother-in-law, Mr. Tried had been in the habit of counting over his gold frequently, so that the man knew where it was. Miller went out to herd cattle. He was to return in two hours. He did not return and his riderless pony was found later.

NESTOR OF NEBRASKA MASONS.

Col. S. W. Hayes Presented a Gold Medal by Brethren.

Col. S. W. Hayes, of Norfolk, was presented with a medal by the grand lodge of Masons in Nebraska, as being the oldest of the order in the state. Col. Hayes is now 86. He came to Nebraska in 1856, and organized the Masonic lodges at Fremont and Norfolk. By the death of an Ashland member Col. Hayes became the nestor of Nebraska Masons. Past Grand Master Mason C. E. Burnham made the presentation address and among others Supreme Judge J. B. Barnes spoke in honor of the father of Masons. Master Viele, W. R. Hoffman and Grand Custodian French made addresses.

Babeock Becomes Banker.

County Treasurer F. C. Babeock, of Hastings, who was a candidate for state treasurer on the Democratic ticket last fall, has tendered his resignation to take effect April 1. Ernest Hoepfner has been elected by the county board to succeed Mr. Babeock. It is understood Mr. Babeock will succeed Geo. T. Brown as vice president in the First National bank.

Puts Ban on Tips.

The state senate has recommended for passage Senator Sackett's bill to prevent pooling on bridge contracts. A clause was added to provide for an immunity bath on confessions. A senate committee also recommended for passage a drastic anti-tipping bill. It forbids all fees or tips.

Fullerton Man Killed by Accident.

O. H. Crow, one of Nance county's oldest settlers, died at his home in Fullerton from injuries sustained last Friday night at his home by falling down an open stairway, striking one of the lower steps with his head, rendering him unconscious, in which state he remained until death.

Preliminary Debates at Peru.

A final debating squad of thirteen has been selected as a result of the preliminary debates held at Peru during the past week. Enthusiasm has run high, as several important inter-collegiate debates have been arranged for.

Mortgages Show Big Increase.

The record of indebtedness for Platte county for the week ending Feb. 9, shows that farm mortgages were filed to the amount of \$41,700, and released to the amount of \$19,700.

SUIT FOR FATHER'S INSURANCE.

Trial Opens at Fremont Which Promises to Develop Sensations.

The case now on trial, Ellen Hart against the Maccabees, at Fremont, to recover on a \$2,000 certificate in that order, is likely to prove almost as good a drawing card as the Thaw case. The father of the plaintiff, William Hart, was killed at Douglas, Wyo., and the circumstances of his death were decidedly sensational. He was shot in the head by a 15-year-old son of the woman with whom he boarded after having first shot her twice, once through each shoulder. Several depositions have been taken in Wyoming in regard to the shooting and the relationship existing between them, one of the defense being that the deceased met his death while committing an unlawful act, and that they are not therefore liable.

The jurors were subjected to a searching examination by the attorneys for the defendant and a good part of the day was taken up with getting a jury. The beneficiaries under Hart's certificate were his children. He was a member of a lodge of the order in Hooper and lived at Fremont for a long time.

FOUR DROWN AT COLUMBUS.

Sudden Rise in the Loup River Catches Family Seeking to Escape.

The breaking of the ice gorge in the Loup river, a few miles northwest of Columbus, caused the water to rise over five feet in an hour, reaching the highest point within the memory of the oldest residents. A family of four, "Doc" McConne, his wife, daughter and sister-in-law, were drowned while attempting to escape to higher ground in a spring wagon. They were drowned a few feet north of the north main line on the Union Pacific in West Columbus. The team was also drowned. The whole south side is under water and many families are imprisoned in houses surrounded by from four to ten feet of water. A large number of hogs and cattle were drowned in the Union Pacific stock yards.

All westbound trains were stopped at Columbus. A long stretch of the main line track was submerged. Property losses will run high.

CAPTAIN MAPES IS RECALLED.

Ordered to Rejoin Twenty-fifth at Earliest Possible Moment.

Word has just been received in Norfolk that Captain Mapes, who has been acting as captain of scouts in the Philippine Islands, and who was formerly a captain at Fort Niobrara over one of the companies of the Twenty-fifth regiment of colored soldiers, some of whose discharge has attracted much attention in the United States senate this winter, has been unexpectedly ordered to return to America and rejoin that regiment immediately. His detail did not expire until Feb. 28, but he received a cablegram recalling him.

In view of the court martial which has been going on down at El Reno over the shooting up of Brownsville, it is thought this recall by cable of Captain Mapes must be significant. The cablegram ordered him to return by first available boat.

HUMAN HAIR FOUND IN RIVER.

Careful Search is Made for Body But None is Found.

Some men who have been cutting ice east of the wogan bridge on the Platte at Fremont reported that one of their long saws had brought up a wisp of human hair about eighteen inches long and of a dark brown color, evidently of a woman. The bottom of the river at that point was dragged without finding any body. It is thought by some that it may have been the body of Mrs. Emily Greenleaf, who disappeared last December, and is supposed to have drowned herself in the Platte.

Young Man Killed in Runaway.

Harry Stack, of Kearney, aged 21, was killed in a runaway about 5 o'clock Thursday evening. He was driving a fractious horse to a cart. Crossing the railroad the horse took fright, Stack lost his footing and caught his foot in the shaft brace. He was dragged, head down, over a block, his head striking the wheels and crossings. When picked up he was dead.

Bylaw Void and Policy Valid.

The decision of the supreme court in the case of Lange against the Royal Highlanders, handed down at Lincoln at the last sitting of the court, ends litigation which has extended over four years. The decision is a victory for the plaintiffs, who sued on a certificate for \$2,000 insurance, payment of which was contested on the ground that the deceased committed suicide.

Glenn Moffatt Found.

Glenn Moffatt, the Gordon boy who disappeared from his boarding house in Chicago so mysteriously on Feb. 5, has been located in Louisiana, from which place he wrote his parents.

Succeeds Count Creighton.

Charles T. Kountze, son of the late Herman Kountze, has been elected president of the First National bank, succeeding the late Count John A. Creighton.

Record Price for Hogs.

A new high record for average price was made at College View in the sale of Duroc-Jersey hogs. T. C. Callahan sold for the Morrison brothers thirty-six head, which averaged \$28. The highest price brought by any one animal was a sow, which sold for \$1,050.

Brown Appoints Secretary.

United States Senator Norris Brown has appointed Miss Anna Howlands his private secretary to serve until December, when he will appoint some man to the place.



STATE CAPITAL LINCOLN NEBRASKA

"I don't see why any man should want to be a member of the board of fire and Police commissioners of Omaha." Lee Herdman, talking from experience at the state house recently when asked if there was any possibility of Dr. Miller's shoes being put on his feet. "I merely called on Gov. Sheldon," continued Mr. Herdman. "I pay my respects to him. I do not care who is appointed to membership on the police board and I did not come here to discuss that matter with the governor. I remember that for two years I was a member of that board, and I never got home to dinner in the evening without someone serving an injunction on me or a mandamus, before I got to the front gate. It was a constant nightmare. Injunction papers haunted me in my sleep. In fact I have not finished paying the court costs which were stacked up against me, though I thought I had until a day or two ago when I was informed I still had a few debts to settle at the court house. Being a member of that board for two years was like holding a bear by the tail for that length of time. At breakfast the Bee would serve me up a red hot roast and at night Judge Scott would jump on me for supper. No, I am not here to get a job on that board, and my sympathy goes out to the men who serve in such capacity. I think we should elect our police commissioners. It would relieve the governor of a most disagreeable duty, as well as save about half of his time, and, incidentally, it would be to the best interests of Omaha, because we could keep our fights at home and not have to settle them down at Lincoln."

A big bunch of railroad employes were relieved from their usual work Monday and sent to Lincoln by the officials of the Burlington railroad to do political work. They came for the Burlington to protest against the passage of an employers' liability law and came under agreement to tell the legislators they are regularly employed by the Burlington and are speaking for their fellow employes. During the last week employes have been sent over the line of the Burlington to a number of shop towns, including Wyoming, Plattsmouth and other places and several employes from each town consented to come to Lincoln at the expense of the road and knock on the liability act. These men have been induced, some of them against their will, to do this, and while they will say they are talking for the employes, there is sufficient evidence at hand to show they are talking wholly for the interest of their employers. In Lincoln now are a few engineers fighting the passage of the bill, among them Samuil Moore and Engineer Beatty, who while working as railroad engineers are more thoroughly recognized and identified as political engineers of the Burlington. They, of course, oppose the passage of such an act and they will take charge of the delegations of employes when they arrive.

With United States Senator-elect Norris Brown, Gov. Sheldon, Lieut. Gov. Hopewell and Speaker Nettleton as special guests of honor, the eighteenth annual banquet of the Young Men's Republican club was held Tuesday night at the Lindell hotel. It was attended by 250 Republicans from Lincoln, Omaha and other parts of the state, many of them being members of the legislature. The banquet hall was gorgeously decorated with flags and greens. A reception to the guests of honor and the speakers was held in the parlors of the hotel before the banquet. John N. Dryden presided as toastmaster and the following responded to toasts: Representative Adam McMullen, of Gage county, "The Constitution," William Hayward, of Nebraska City, "Direct Vote," Samuel M. Binkler, of Beatrice, "The Young Man in Politics," Frank S. Howell, of Omaha, "The Nation's Heritage," Senator George H. Witte, of Cedar county, "The Politician."

The future of Representative Dodge in politics is assured. A photograph of Speaker Nettleton taken forty years ago was shown in the house recently and nearly every member who saw it thought it was a present day likeness of Representative Dodge. With all due respect to the speaker, Mr. Dodge is hoping the picture will not find its way to Boston.

John N. Gustus, sheriff of Phelps county, wants a little for looking after a prisoner by the name of John R. Lucas. His bill against the state amounts to \$427.50, and is itemized as follows: Laundry, at \$1 a month, for nine months, \$9; jailer fees for same from March 9, 1905, to Dec. 13, 1905, \$418.50.

Warden Beemer, of the state penitentiary, says the institution is able to stand alone and he estimates it can pay its own expenses during the next two years without any money being donated or appropriated by the state other than the penitentiary labor fund.

The road law is yet in the hands of the committee, and will not be reported out for several days yet. The sticking point appears to be that some of the committee wants the question of putting the law into effect left to a county option vote, leaving each county of the state to accept or reject it as they see fit.

A daring robbery was perpetrated recently in the committee room of finance, ways and means of the senate. Miss Fredericksen, clerk of the committee, says she locked her purse containing \$10 in her desk and went to the senate gallery to listen to the debate on the bulk sales bill. When she returned she found the desk had been pried open and the money was missing. The robbery is unusually daring, as there were a number of people in the vicinity of the room when it happened.