

A DAY OF BAD COLLISIONS.

Three Railroad Wrecks This Morning, and Trolley Cars.

EIGHTEEN ARE KILLED IN ALL.

Three Trainmen in Missouri—Many Soldiers Killed and Wounded in Italy—Hundred Cattle in Wisconsin Collision, Besides Injuries.

Valley Park, Mo., Aug. 28.—Special to The News: Two engineers and one brakeman are dead as a result of a bad collision which occurred here this morning between two freight trains on the Missouri Pacific road.

Collision in Wisconsin.

Silver Lake, Wis., Aug. 28.—Special to The News: The Wisconsin Central's fast passenger train collided with a stock train this morning. One hundred cattle were killed and four trainmen are badly injured.

Trolley Car Collides With Truck.

Kansas City, Aug. 28.—While running to a fire in the west bottoms a hook and ladder truck was struck by a trolley car. Three firemen and two passengers were hurt. The injuries of the passengers were slight. The following firemen were injured: John O'Reilly, face cut; John Redmond, back sprained; Bryant Fitzgerald, arm sprained and cut.

Many Soldiers Killed.

Udine, Italy, Aug. 28.—Special to The News: A passenger train crowded with soldiers collided here with a freight train this morning. Fifteen soldiers were killed outright and sixty were badly wounded. The train caught fire after the collision, but the flames were soon extinguished.

SIGNATURES COME SLOWLY.

Maj. McLaughlin Not Yet Successful in Getting Enough.

Washington, D. C., August 27: From unofficial sources it is learned that the interior department that Maj. McLaughlin now reports that he has secured the signatures of 500 Indians to an agreement for cession of a portion of their reservation in Gregory county, S. D.

Under the act of congress before the agreement can become legal it will be necessary to obtain the signatures of three-fourths of the male members of the tribe. There are nearly 900 adult male Indians, and there still remain at least 100 affirmative signatures to be obtained.

Maj. McLaughlin has a record of being most successful in persuading Indians to come to terms with the government in such matters as that upon which he is now engaged, and it is predicted at the interior department that he will succeed in this instance. Maj. McLaughlin is now making a house to house canvass to secure the necessary signatures. Every adult male Indian interested is to be seen and given an opportunity to personally express his views as to the cession of the lands in question.

NAVY HAS BEST OF WAR GAME.

Capture of Long Island More Important Than Destruction of Fleet.

Portland, Me., Aug. 28.—The day's developments in the war game were considered the most important since the hostile fleet first appeared off Portland. The navy made a grand coup in the capture of Long Island in the forenoon, while the army made a spectacular play in the destruction of all of the seventeen of the opposing ships that attacked the coast defenses in the afternoon. The navy, however, seems to have a little the better of it, for strange as it may seem the capture of Long Island was considered more important than the destruction of the seventeen vessels. Long Island has been declared out of the game until tonight at 9 o'clock. The big searchlights will not be working, which will be of great value to the navy. On the other hand, after sunset the destroyed ships went back into commission again.

A fleet of sixteen warships was reported early this morning off Higgins' beach, at the extreme end of Cape Elizabeth, with lights out. A landing party from Old Orchard was reported marching toward the harbor defenses. The patrols were doubled.

Reduction Plant Goes into Trust.

Colorado Springs, Colo., Aug. 28.—The Telluride Reduction company conveyed its Colorado City mill to the General Metal company of New York, which has just been organized by Charles S. Finney, representing prominent eastern capitalists. Manager H. W. Fullerton of the Reduction company's plant tendered his resignation. C. D. Groves, superintendent, has been appointed to succeed him.

Building Trades Unions May Unite.

Indianapolis, Aug. 28.—Before adjourning the presidents of seven national building trades unions issued a call to the larger building trades unions of the country to send three representatives each to a conference to be held here Oct. 7. It is hoped at this meeting to effect the formation of a national federation of building trades.

HOPE TO AVERT STRIKE.

Missouri Mine Operators Go to See President Mitchell.

Kansas City, Aug. 28.—The members of the coal operators' committee to confer with John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers, with a view to averting a strike that threatens to close every Missouri coal mine on Sept. 1, have departed for Chicago. The representatives of the union coal miners continue to assert that Mitchell and the national council have no authority, except of an advisory nature, to interfere with the threatened strike in Missouri. The operators are acting upon the theory that Mr. Mitchell has full authority to act and he will be asked to order that the Missouri mine workers do not go on strike pending arbitration. The operators believe that President Mitchell will issue an order next Monday against a strike, pending arbitration.

LOOKS BAD FOR KING PETER.

Elections Being Held in Serbia Today Will Favor Radicals and He May Yet Go.

Vienna, Aug. 28.—Special to The News: A dispatch from Belgrade says that the elections in Serbia today will undoubtedly result in an overwhelming victory for the radicals, and the conflict between them and the army will then become acute, rendering King Peter's position all the more unenviable. His recent threat to leave the country, it is believed, may soon be translated into reality. The outlook for Serbia is indeed dark. The country seems to be drifting into anarchy. The result of the ministerial crisis shows that the king is completely in the hands of the military Camrilla which placed him in power.

IOWA POPULISTS PUT UP TICKET

State Convention at Des Moines Nominates Weller for Governor.

Des Moines, Aug. 28.—The Populist state convention named the following ticket: Governor, L. H. Weller of Nashua; lieutenant governor, S. T. Harvey of Des Moines; judge of supreme court, J. A. Lowenberg of Ottumwa; railroad commissioner, Walter McCullah of Davis City; superintendent of public instruction, Hilo Bunce of Stuart.

The convention nominated the ticket without contest, but there was a spirited debate over the platform. One faction, headed by Howard Rose of Chariton, desired to eliminate the demand for the referendum and confine the party's appeal on this line to the initiative. The convention decided to endorse this plank providing for the initiative alone and to use the phrase "initiative and referendum" elsewhere, thus satisfying both sides. The platform: "We endorse the Omaha platform of 1892; we favor the adoption of the initiative and referendum in all elections of state and national character; we demand that the right to elect both as to who shall be public officers and what shall be the public policy in government shall be conserved to the people and that all forms or systems invasive of this right shall be repealed; we recommend that the foregoing be made a part of the national platform at the next national convention."

ST. LOUIS DOCTORS ARRESTED.

Physicians Charged With Robbing Poor House of Drugs.

St. Louis, Aug. 28.—Dr. Emanuel Urban, a physician at the poor house, and Dr. T. F. Knapp, formerly physician at the female hospital, were arrested by Special Officer Durney of the health department. They are charged with stealing drugs from the poor house drug store and are held at the Four Courts until a further investigation is made, and until another physician at the poor house is arrested.

Brewery Engineers Strike.

St. Louis, Aug. 28.—Sixty-five engineers and 110 firemen went out on a strike at the several breweries throughout the city. They demand an increased pay for the engineers of about \$3 a week and 30 cents an hour instead of 25 cents for the firemen.

IDAHO WILL GET A NEW ROAD.

It is Thought That by Another Year the New Line in Idaho Will be Built.

Boise City, Idaho, Aug. 28.—Special to The News: It is confidently expected that by this time next year northern and southern Idaho will be connected by a new road to be known as the Lewiston & Owyhee. The road is to extend from Huntington, Ore., to Lewiston, Idaho, a distance of 200 miles. It will connect at Huntington with the Oregon Short Line, that point being also the terminus of the Oregon Navigation. Construction is to begin at Huntington, and it is expected that by May 1 of next year 60 miles will be completed and in operation. The new road will open up a rich mineral, agricultural and stock country. It will tap the Seven Dials mining district in Idaho, where a number of extensive mines have developed, and are waiting transportation facilities to begin extensive operations.

THE KAW ROSE EIGHT FEET.

Tremendous Rise at Kansas City Looks Dangerous.

WORKING HARD TO SAVE BRIDGES

Hundreds of Men are Incessantly at it Today, in Their Efforts to Prevent a Repetition of the Flood Disasters of the Late Spring.

Kansas City, Aug. 28.—Special to The News: The Kaw river rose eight feet yesterday and hundreds of men are working incessantly today to save the bridges which threaten to go out.

KANSAS CITY IS ALARMED.

Rivers Rise to Unusual Heights and Results May Prove Grave.

Kansas City, Aug. 28.—Unprecedentedly heavy rains north and west of Kansas City have caused the Kansas and Missouri rivers to rise suddenly to unusual heights and the results may prove grave. A bulletin issued by the local weather bureau announced that the Kaw river would rise from five to seven feet at Kansas City in the next forty-eight hours and a rise of equal magnitude. It is stated, is coming this way down the Missouri. The fact that the Missouri will rise also is causing anxiety here, as it is believed it will retard the flow of the Kansas river at the mouth of the latter stream, and endanger the temporary bridges as well as the railway yards and heavy business interests in the west bottoms. If the bridges go out it would cripple the traffic of the big packing houses and cut off communication except by boat between the two Kansas Cities. The Kansas river here rose three feet in ten hours and is still rising rapidly. At Lawrence this stream rose four feet during the night, and at Topeka it is also up about four feet. At Manhattan, where the Big Blue empties into the Kansas, the latter stream has risen seven feet in the past twenty-four hours. At that point the Blue has broken from its banks and is cutting across the country, taking a short course to the Kansas river. Many farms are deep under water. At Stockdale, eight miles north of Manhattan, the Blue is slightly higher than during the great June flood. Farmers continue to move their stock and household effects to higher places. Several small washouts are reported on the Union Pacific east of Manhattan. A seven-foot rise in the rivers at present high water, but the conditions favor more rain in this section.

Tornado at Beaver City.

Beaver City, Neb., Aug. 28.—A severe wind storm with the violence of a tornado, did much damage in this town and vicinity. The Methodist church was partly wrecked, together with the houses of Joseph R. Herington, A. Shellenberger, Dr. Gardner, Peter Rowe and C. Ness. Much stock was injured.

Confesses to Elowing Up Bridge.

Missoula, Mont., Aug. 28.—Sam Cohen, a middle-aged man, who says he is from Spokane, confessed that he blew up the Northern Pacific bridge at Livingston last month. When arrested near Arlee he was trying to buy dynamite.

WANTS UNBIASED REPORT.

Secretary Hitchcock Will Send Man Not in Service to Indian Territory.

Washington, Aug. 28.—The determination of Secretary Hitchcock to send to Indian territory a man not connected with the department of the interior to investigate conditions there, is understood to be for the purpose of supplementing the work of the secretary himself and of other representatives of the department in that territory. Since early last spring the secretary has been giving personal attention to the situation in the territory and a number of inspectors and other officials of the department have been engaged in the effort to ferret out frauds and protect the interests of the Indians. Several officials who already have been detected in questionable transactions have been summarily dismissed, while the resignations of others have been requested. The secretary takes the position that it does not promote the public interest to publish the names of dismissed officials.

Mother and Two Children Drowned.

Nodaway, Ia., Aug. 28.—Mrs. William Sanburn and two children were drowned here and half a dozen other persons had narrow escapes from the same fate. The waters of the Nodaway rose so rapidly from a cloudburst that Mrs. Sanburn took the family to the roof of the house. An improvised raft was manned and sent out after the family, which consisted of the father and mother and four children. When the family was placed on the raft it was started toward the shore, but the current was too strong and carried it into a tree, where it was overturned. Two of the men each took a child and swam to shore, half a mile distant, the other men catching the limbs of trees and saving themselves, but the mother and two children were drowned, and their bodies have not yet been recovered.

FAKE DIRECTORY SWINDLE.

Detectives Arrest Man Charged With Victimizing Merchants.

Louisville, Aug. 28.—A "fake directory" swindle of national proportions and by means of which \$1,000,000 has been taken from merchants all over the country, is alleged by the local detectives as the ground for the arrest of Jacob W. Geist. Geist, who claimed to represent the National Gazetteer of New York and Chicago, was taken into custody here, charged with having obtained money by false pretenses from five local firms. According to the officers the men go to merchants to solicit advertising in a national business directory and rating book. If an order is signed by the merchant it is raised in amount. The five local firms were swindled in amounts ranging from \$25 to \$100. The officers claim the scheme is being worked all over the United States and Europe.

NEGRO CONGRESS IN SESSION.

Working for the Education of the Colored Race, They Eschew Political Matters.

Pensacola, Fla., Aug. 28.—Special to The News: A negro educational congress to continue two days was formally opened here today under the presidency of C. W. Lewis. The congress has for its chief purpose, as explained in the opening address, the furthering of negro education. It will eschew politics, and will deal entirely with the educational problem with the general purpose of elevating the negro race. Some men of prominence who are expected to address the congress are J. W. Lynch, register of the United States treasury; Dr. I. B. Scott, editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate of New Orleans; Bishop J. W. Alstork of Alabama, and Dr. J. M. Buckley of New York.

DOHERTY IS TENNIS CHAMPION.

Englishman Beats American Player in All Three Sets at Newport.

Newport, N. Y., Aug. 28.—L. Doherty of England defeated W. A. Larned of New Jersey and to his title as tennis champion of England added that of champion of the United States. The score was 6-9, 6-3, 10-8 in Doherty's favor. By defeating Larned Doherty completed the clean sweep which he and his brother have made in this country this season. Between them they hold both the singles and the doubles championships of the United States and England, as well as having won the Davis international trophy without the assistance of any other player. The two brothers hold a unique position in the history of the game, a position that no others have ever approached.

Powers Speaks in His Own Behalf.

Georgetown, Ky., Aug. 28.—Before an audience packing the Scott county court house to the doors, Caleb Powers, on trial for complicity in the assassination of William Goebel, spoke for two hours in his own defense. Powers said that he was taking advantage of the privilege accorded him by law to speak for himself because of the fact that twice adverse verdicts had been returned against him and because he had grown tired of lying in jail for three years with the knowledge of his innocence. He charged the officers of the commonwealth with political persecution and with abandoning the prosecution of all the persons charged with the killing of Goebel, with the exception of Taylor, Howard, Finley and himself.

Circus Train is Wrecked.

Pittsburg, Aug. 28.—The third section of the Barnum & Bailey circus train, composed almost entirely of sleeping cars, for the performers, was wrecked at Wildwood, Pa., on the Pittsburg and Western railroad, and a serious accident was narrowly averted. As this section of the train was passing on the northbound track a freight train on the southbound track got beyond control of the crew and came dashing down the grade. Just as the last of the sleepers was almost clear the runaway train jumped the track and one car crashed into the rear sleeper, damaging the car badly. Several persons were injured.

Lynchehaun Granted Continuance.

Indianapolis, Aug. 28.—Another continuance of two weeks was granted in the hearing before United States Commissioner Moores in the matter of granting extradition papers for the return of James Lynchehaun to Ireland as a fugitive from justice. The continuance was granted at the request of counsel for the defense. The court room was crowded with prominent local Irishmen. Commissioner Moores announced that he did not consider the documentary evidence submitted by the representatives of Great Britain evidence of conviction in the British courts as required by the extradition treaty.

Revolutionists Blow Up Trains.

Sofia, Aug. 28.—The eastbound daily express from Budapest to Constantinople was blown up near Bulall Burgas, about twenty-five miles south of Adrianople. Seven persons were killed and fifteen injured. Dynamite bombs were used and every car was smashed. Apparently the outrage was the work of revolutionists who traveled on the train.

WARSHIPS SAIL TONIGHT.

American Fleet Will Head for Mediterranean at Once.

TO INVESTIGATE IMMEDIATELY.

Word From Constantinople Says That the Assassination of America's Vice Consul Will be Investigated and the Assassin Punished Forthwith.

Nice, France, Aug. 28.—Special to The News: The American squadron, under command of Admiral Cotton, will sail tonight for the Mediterranean. Constantinople, Aug. 28.—Special to The News: The government promises immediate investigation of the assassination of the American vice consul, and the punishment of the guilty parties.

Orders Fleet to Turkey.

Washington, Aug. 28.—Prompt and vigorous action is being taken by the United States government to secure the punishment of those persons implicated in the assassination of United States Vice Consul William C. Mageissen at Beyroot, Syria, Sunday last. Minister Fleischman at Constantinople, who reported the fact to the state department, has been instructed by the state department to demand a thorough investigation of the matter and the punishment of those involved in the crime, and the European squadron, consisting of the Brooklyn, San Francisco and Machias, has been ordered to Beyroot to support the demand of the United States should this be found necessary. This latter measure was determined upon as a result of the conferences which have been held over the telegraph and telephone wires between the officials here with the president at Oyster Bay. The latter felt that no time should be lost in dispatching Admiral Cotton's squadron to Turkish waters and he gave instructions to Acting Secretary Darling that immediate orders be given Admiral Cotton to proceed at once. The president's determination to lose no time in getting the squadron to Beyroot was also due in part to information received by Acting Secretary Loomis from the president of the American board of missions of Boston, indicating that an attempt had been made to burn the Euphrates college building at Harpoot. This dispatch said:

"Information just received that an attempt had been made to burn the Euphrates college buildings. Conditions increasingly alarming. Great anxiety felt for the safety of American citizens there."

Acting Secretary Loomis last night cabled to Minister Fleischman at Constantinople to make immediate demands on the porte to take adequate measures for the protection of all Americans at Beyroot and to prevent any attack on the college buildings. Acting Secretary Loomis received a rather remarkable cablegram from Minister Fleischman, in which the latter stated that he had called at the Turkish foreign office at Constantinople to inquire about the assassination of the United States vice consul and that the minister of foreign affairs emphatically denied any knowledge of the report. He also attempted to discredit it. The cablegram gave no other information. Under the circumstances the state department officials are inclined to believe that the Turkish foreign office is not in touch with the situation at Beyroot.

Admiral Cotton's instructions are to sail at once. It is probable he will go ahead to Beyroot with the Brooklyn, leaving the Machias and the San Francisco to follow. It is estimated that the Brooklyn, going at full speed, can reach Beyroot within six days.

Turks Kill American Consul.

Washington, Aug. 28.—The state department has received a cablegram from Minister Fleischman at Constantinople, announcing that William C. Mageissen, United States vice consul at Beyroot, Syria, was assassinated while riding in a carriage. The American minister immediately brought the crime to the attention of the government and demanded action by Turkey. Acting Secretary Loomis cabled Minister Fleischman, instructing him to demand the immediate arrest and punishment of the persons guilty of the murder.

No demand for money indemnity for the man's family has yet been made, but that probably will follow. Mageissen was appointed from Minnesota.

MASKED MEN ROB DEPOT.

Six Bandits Held up and Successfully Robbed Depot and Passengers at McFarland, Kan.

McFarland, Kan., Aug. 28.—Special to The News: Six robbers, heavily masked, held up and successfully robbed the railroad station here at midnight. They also robbed a number of passengers who were in the waiting rooms at the time.

President J. Hampton Moore of the Republican league issued a call for a meeting of the executive committee of the league, to be held at Chicago on Oct. 1.

BOY OBJECTS TO LONG TRIP.

He Ships on a French Bark Without Knowing Its Destination.

New York, Aug. 28.—The American boy who tried to escape from the French bark *Marchal de Gontaut*, alleging that he had been "Shanghaied," was taken from the vessel by Collector of the Port Stramhan, who had gone out to sea on the revenue cutter *Graham* to rescue the boy.

The boy is named Hugh Thompson, is sixteen years old and is the son of a sailor. After he had been taken in charge by the revenue officers young Thompson said he had not been forcibly taken to the boat, but had gone with the consent of his father. He said, however, that he thought he was to ship on a coaster and when he found that the *Marchal de Gontaut* was bound for Yokohama and that he would be absent for many months he wanted to return to his home.

LIGHT WINDS PREVENT FINISH.

Reliance is Fully Two Miles Ahead of Shamrock When the Gun is Fired.

New York, Aug. 28.—With the Reliance less than a third of a mile from the finish and the Shamrock III hull down on the horizon, fully two miles astern of the gallant defender, the fourth race of the present series for the America's cup was declared off because of the expiration of the time limit of five and one-half hours, as happened on Thursday last. Although officially it was no race, the defeat administered to the challenger was so ignominious that whatever lingering hope remained in the breasts of the friends of Sir Thomas's boat vanished. In every way more decisive than that of last Saturday, the Shamrock was outspaced, outpointed and outfooted from start to finish.

The Reliance beat the Shamrock hopelessly in the fifteen miles of windward work, rounding the outer mark twelve minutes and thirty seconds ahead of her, a gain in actual time of eleven minutes, twenty-nine seconds, and down the wind she steadily increased her lead.

The real interest of the day was not against the Shamrock, but was in the exciting struggle of the Reliance in the last half hour to reach the finish line before the regatta committee fired the gun which should announce the expiration of the time limit. Had the Reliance finished fifteen minutes earlier than it did it would have been three straight wins for the defender, and the Shamrock would have gone back to England one of the most disastrously defeated challengers in the history of the cup contests.

Fully as discouraging as the sailing qualities displayed by the challenger was the manner in which she was handled. The Yankee skipper not only out-manuevered his rival in the spectacular battle for his position at the start, which he has done every time they have met, but worse still for the down-hearted supporters of the Shamrock, Captain Wringe repeated his blunder of Tuesday. He crossed the line in the wake of the Reliance with a handicap of sixty-one of the precious seconds, for which Designer Fife has sacrificed so much sail spread for time allowance. Both boats, it is true, went over in the smoke of the handicap gun, but where both are handicapped, it is only the sternmost craft which actually suffered.

The course was laid fifteen miles dead into the wind and return. At the end of the first hour the Shamrock was beaten and the interest waned.

After rounding the float for the run home and setting big balloons, the wind, which had strengthened to six or seven knots, died down and the towering clouds of canvas drifted lazily down an ocean lane a mile wide, between two divisions of the excursion fleet. Even in light air it was astonishing how the defender slipped through the placid seas. The gap between her and the challenger steadily widened, until two miles separated them. Half an hour from home, when the spectators had abandoned any idea that the finish line could be reached in time, the wind suddenly freshened and the Reliance came bowling down at a merry clip. But the wind had come too late, and when still a few hundred yards from home, the gun on the tug Navigator boomed across the water. The excursion boats held on until she crossed the line to give her a rousing welcome and then scampered for New York. Sir Thomas, who heretofore, has always followed his champion into the Hook, sent his steam yacht *Erin* ahead at full speed, as if to drown out the memory of the inglorious licking he got. The next race, which will be like the one attempted yesterday, fifteen miles to leeward, or windward, and return, will be sailed on Saturday.

Oct. 18 Is Nebraska Day.

St. Louis, Aug. 28.—The committee on ceremonies has designated Oct. 18, 1904, as Nebraska day at the World's fair, the assignment being made at the request of Nebraska's commission. Chief Coburn of the live stock department of the exposition returned from Des Moines, where he attended the state fair and conferred with members of the Iowa commission in reference to their prospective exhibits of live stock at St. Louis next year.