

WRECK ON THE READING ROAD

A Freight Runs Into a Coal Train and a Passenger Follows.

EXACT NUMBER OF KILLED NOT KNOWN.

Six Dead Bodies Already Taken Out and Thirty Badly Injured—Many Believed to Be in the Schuykill River.

Reading, Pa., Sept. 19.—One of the worst wrecks ever known in this section occurred tonight on the Reading railroad, seventeen miles from here.

Near Shoemakersville there is a curve where the railroad is about eight or ten degrees. At this point a freight train of twenty-five or thirty flatcars, loaded with coal, was passing westward.

The work was slow and the dead and dying were taken out with great difficulty.

Up to 9 o'clock tonight six dead and thirty wounded had been taken out.

THE DEAD taken out so far are: WILLIAM SHOMO, Reading.

JAMES WHITE, engineer, Pottsville. JOHN TEMPLIN, fireman, Pottsville.

HARRY LOGAN, conductor, Pottsville. DAVID AUGSTADT, Mahanoy City.

E. W. LOGAN, baggage-master, Shenandoah. J. H. HARRIS, Reading.

HARRISON RILAND, Philadelphia. JOSEPH SOUTHWELL, Centralia.

JAMES E. MAHER, Bethlehem. JOHN THORNTON, Lehighport.

JOSEPH NOEL, Shenandoah. FRANK B. HALL, manager of Frank Mayo's dramatic company.

JOHN CARROLL, St. Clair. JOSEPH ASFIELD, Mahanoy City.

WILLIAM GLASSWATER, Port Clinton. THOMAS COONEY, Philadelphia.

ROBERT COLLINS, Pottsville. SAMUEL SHELLENBERGER, Hamburg.

B. W. CITHRELL, Girardville. JOHN COCKRAN, Mountain Camel.

W. W. JOHNSTON, Shenandoah. GEORGE SANDERS, Reading.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Shenandoah. JOHN BERNHART, Shenandoah.

JOHN HESS, Mahanoy City. FRED G. YOUNG, Mahanoy City.

fellow of Dick, Hamburg. W. S. SALADE, New Ringold.

SAMUEL COOMBS, Mahanoy City. WILLIAM SIMONS, Ashland.

The wrecked train is still lying at the bottom of the river. The exact number on the passenger list is not known and a reporter who is still on the ground, telephones that he believes there are still twenty-five or more bodies unaccounted for.

Later, 11:30.—The Associated press agent has just had direct communication with a representative at the wreck, who says conservative estimates place the number of killed at forty to fifty.

It is almost impossible to estimate the exact number, and the horror of the situation will not be known until a late hour.

At 11 o'clock Mail Agent Greenwald's body was taken out, followed by the horribly mangled bodies of two Mahanoy City firemen, who were on their way home from Chester.

One of the passengers who escaped with slight injuries, told an Associated Press reporter at midnight: "When the crash came I was hurled from my seat. One end of the car crashed into the river and I was thrown against the side of the car with a force that partially stunned me. I quickly recovered myself and managed to climb upon the seats on that side of the car which lay nearest to the bankment. I was a prisoner in the car, and while I was nursing my sprained ankle and wrist I realized that it was a matter of a few minutes around and about me were human beings struggling in the water, screaming in fright, and some almost dragged me back into the car. Four saved themselves as I did and the remainder struggled in the water and then quickly sank out of sight."

A GIGANTIC RAILROAD DEAL.

The Southern Pacific, Missouri Pacific and Atchison Combination.

A DEFENSIVE AND OFFENSIVE ALLIANCE.

President Manuel of the Atchison Denies the Purchase of the Rio Grande Western—The Southwestern Association.

Chicago, Sept. 19.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The railway news bureau says that little by little the details of one of the most gigantic railroad deals in history are coming to light.

In the particular, as they are fully known only to a few railroad presidents and such banking firms as Kidder, Peabody & Co., Drexel, Morgan & Co., and Baring Brothers. The known facts are that the Southern Pacific, Missouri Pacific and Atchison systems have come to such a close understanding that they are to act in concert and in common for all their interests and purposes under one management.

The alliance is not only defensive, but offensive. It is a perfectly open fact that the Southern Pacific holds the most cordial hatred toward the Union Pacific and never turns over to that road a pound of unsolicited freight.

The Atchison has of late come to hate the Rock Island as cordially, and the hold out of buying the Colorado Midland completely broke the Rock Island from the formation of this contemplated continental line.

On top of all this comes an alleged interview with Rio Grande Western officials that the Atchison has bought their road. President Manuel of the Atchison emphatically denied this report today, however, though acknowledging the purchase of the Colorado Midland.

He admitted the incorporation of the Atchison buying the Colorado Midland was a through understanding with the Rio Grande Western, but he said the understanding exists was learned later.

It appears that before a rail of the Colorado Midland was laid a cast-iron perpetual contract was drawn up between the Colorado Midland and the Atchison, by which the latter was to spend a dollar for Rio Grande Western securities, let alone buying a controlling interest in the Atchison.

The full list of members of the Southwestern Railroad and Steamship association was today learned for the first time. They are the Southern Pacific, Missouri Pacific, St. Louis and Iron Mountain and Southern Texas Pacific; Missouri, Kansas & Texas; St. Louis, Arkansas & Texas; Kansas City, Ft. Scott & Memphis; Denver, Texas & Ft. Worth; Malloy line of steamers; Morgan's Louisiana & Texas railway; Morgan's Missouri Pacific; and the well-known line of steamers. All the above are ruled absolutely, in rate matters, by a majority of the five members of the executive committee.

These three railroads are the immediate representatives of C. P. Huntington, Jay Gould and Allen Mansfield. An uneasy feeling in Denver. DENVER, Colo., Sept. 19.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—There is a very uneasy feeling in Denver & Rio Grande circles over the recent Santa Fe purchase of the Midland and Rio Grande Western option.

President Moffatt returned from a ten day trip over the line today and at once went into secret consultation with General Manager Smith. He declines to see any reporters. The air is full of rumors, and the Denver & Rio Grande building line of its own from Glenwood to Ogden, but they are as yet wholly baseless.

The Burlington, Rock Island and Missouri Pacific are essentially interested with the Rio Grande in getting an order line to Ogden. The new deal most unexpectedly upsets many well laid plans.

Will Obey the Order. CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 19.—The reduced rates ordered by the interstate commerce commission will be put into effect by the Rock Island road at all points on the line. The order applies October 1. President Cable says this will be done notwithstanding the ruling of Chairman Finley that rates cannot be changed without the consent of the rate agreement of the Trans-Missouri association.

Not Satisfactory to the Men. CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 19.—A committee representing the tradesmen employed on the Illinois Central railroad held a conference with the general manager today about the increased scale of wages asked several weeks ago. The committee is not satisfied with the men. They will meet again tomorrow.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS

Democrats in the House Still Continue Their Elibustering Tactics.

A DAY DEVOTED TO ROLL CALLS.

Voorhees Introduces a Joint Resolution in the Senate Looking to an Immediate Increase in Silver Money.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The House devoted the day to roll calls and trying to get a quorum.

The speaker was enabled to count a quorum on two or three occasions during today's session of the house, and when counted almost immediately vanished, so that no substantial progress was made in the consideration of matters before that body. After the experience of yesterday, the democrats seemed to be afraid that if they held themselves behind doors of such strength that they could not lift nor kick their way through them they studiously remained outside of the precincts of the house the entire day.

More than a half dozen or eight democrats with eight or ten republicans, occasionally with a speaker or two, were in the gallery over the head and at the rear of the speaker, where he could be no way reached.

The speaker was in error, as the speaker's count of a quorum early in the day and he appointed tellers to verify its correctness. The speaker's count of a quorum early in the day and he appointed tellers to verify its correctness.

The speaker promised a decision, with the reservation that if, after careful examination, he should find a precedent in opposition to the bill, he would not sign it. He decided to adhere to the rule that he had constituted a quorum. A call of the house was therefore ordered, and a few democrats entered the chamber in the presence of 170 members was disclosed.

The question recurred on ordering the previous question on the Lamson-Venable case. Messrs. T. M. Hanna of Indiana, and Mr. Buckley of Pennsylvania, who were to join his associates in filibustering on the election bill, was the only one to materialize.

Mr. Cheville moved to recommit the case. The question recurred on the minority resolution, declaring Venable duly elected. Lost—4 to 135, the speaker counting the bill.

The first majority resolution, declaring Venable not elected, was next in order and again the quorum disappeared, making a call of the house necessary. More than a quorum responded on this call and again the quorum disappeared on the second call.

Later Reports Concerning Thursday's Storm in Northern Iowa. MANSFIELD, Ia., Sept. 19.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—About 12:30 yesterday afternoon a large black cloud was seen rising from the southwest, and a few minutes later a terrific storm burst in, striking the houses of William and Emma Furmy, east of Manila. Mr. Furmy was standing in the door, while his wife was upstairs closing the windows.

This was the last Mrs. Furmy knew until she came to, when she saw the house blown to atoms and her husband's body all bruised and mangled and his skull crushed. The children had been playing close by the house, and on approaching the house, she was taken shelter in a granary, which was blown down, but not one of them was hurt in the least.

The storm passed to the southeast of Manning, where it dipped down and destroyed barns on E. A. Pickett's farm; also several stacks of hay.

Several Buildings Blown Down. ELMORA, Ia., Sept. 19.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—A severe wind and rain storm extended over Hardin and Grundy counties yesterday, doing much damage. Peter Olson, living a mile northeast, had a log broken by flying timbers. The exercises of the Grundy county fair at Grundy Center were summarily ended, and the fire house and other buildings blown down.

The Red Oak Fair. RED OAK, Ia., Sept. 19.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The fair association officials are feeling good this evening. They had a great day today and the financial success of the fair is assured.

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