

THIRD CALL

Strange Separation Prevalent Among Railroad Engineers. HAS SOME FOUNDATION IN FACT.

Thrilling Stories of the Rail Which Illustrate the Prevalence of the Belief that the Third "Call" Means Death.

No one more fully understands the true significance of "close call" than the average railroad engineer. If he be skillfully employed as a throttle puller he has experienced one or perhaps two "calls," but never three, and has listened to many tales of the close calls of others in the same line of business.

A DYNAMITE BLAST. The case of Engineer Jack Connor is an interesting one to illustrate how easily a stray idea of surviving two calls is grafted on the mind of the every-day engineer.

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One night it happened that he was put on the same train that he was on when he was killed. It was not until after the accident that attention was paid to this.

As the train reached the point where the accident occurred the engineer, who was sitting in the engine, and at the same time he began to get paler and paler, and as they rounded the curve where he had been derailed before, he fell over in a faint.

Old Jerry Simpson, running on the Southern road, between Washington and Richmond, never became derailed, although he received his first "call" and the luck was pulled through it. It was back in the '70s, when work on the railroads all over the country was extremely slow.

"I had been an engineer about three years," said Jerry, "and I was on the Virginia road, and of course, was one of the first men laid off. I was then working for the Potomac and Annapolis road of Philadelphia westward. I went out on the different roads asking for work, and through frequent visits to the Baldwin works and becoming acquainted with the foreman of the locomotive department.

"Whenever a new engine is shipped to a western road it is always with the new locomotive to protect it from tramps and other vandals. It happened that one of these engines, ordered for the Denver and Rio Grande road, had just been completed and the foreman put in a good word for me, especially as this one of the Baldwin people hanker after some of the jobs I can gamble on it, I jumped at the chance.

"Two days after being offered the position the new engine, and she was a beauty, was sent to the Denver and Rio Grande road. We went over the Philadelphia and middle divisions all right, but it was on the latter division that my first 'call' came. This division takes in the Allegheny mountains and the tough places on it almost equal those of the Rocky mountains.

"The engineer that handled the throttle on the engine ahead was 'Billy' Duncan, and I knew him well, both personally and through reputation. He was a nervous runner and would never jump from an engine, no matter how close a place he got into. Duncan tried me to the sixth mile in an engine, but I declined, as I had charge of that Rio Grande engine, and wanted to see her landed safely at her destination.

PLIGHT OF A HUNTER.

A Keen and Experienced Hunter and Gets Imprisoned in a Cave.

During the recent season for game Mr. Louis Landrum, editor of the Central Record, the country paper published at Lancaster, while hunting quail on Burdett's Knob, had an adventure which is probably without a parallel in the experience of any sportsman in that section.

He had proceeded only a short distance when he noticed at the foot of the cliff on his right a wide vertical crevice or crevasse partially hidden by vines and shrubbery.

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OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKET.

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STEADY BUSINESS AND FAIR DEMAND FOR CATTLE AND HOGS.

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