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COLLIDE AT SWITCH

Two Fast Passenger Trains on the Union Pacific Wrecked at Sunol.

TRAINMEN AND TWO PASSENGERS KILLED

Fireman Coleman Crushed to Death and Engineer Bonner Dies Later.

BODIES OF DEAD BURN TO A CRISP

Several Other People Seriously Though Not Fatally Injured.

THREE ENGINES REDUCED TO SCRAPS

Wreck Takes Fire and Four of the Passenger Coaches Are Consumed—Cause of Wreck Unknown.

SIDNEY, Neb., Jan. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—At Sunol, fifteen miles east of here, the Union Pacific had a bad wreck this morning at 4:45. Train No. 3, fast passenger, which left Omaha yesterday morning drawn by engines No. 1804 and No. 1802, in charge respectively of Engineers Charles Ell and Reese, ran into train No. 2, drawn by engine No. 1808, in charge of Engineer Dell Bonner. Bonner had orders to meet No. 3 and the brakeman was just in the act of opening the switch when No. 3 came thundering along at a forty-five mile an hour gait and nearly one hour late. Both trains were on the main track.

The dead:

DELL BONNER, engineer, internally hurt, ribs broken; died at 4:30 p. m.

JOHN C. COLEMAN, fireman, Creston, Ia., instantly crushed to death.

Young woman supposed to be MISS MYRTLE ARMSTRONG of Paxton, Neb.

UNKNOWN MAN; charred body taken from wreck.

The engines were badly demolished, the entire train of No. 3 being destroyed excepting a mail car and one sleeper. On No. 2 the composite car burned up.

Two charred bodies have been taken from the wreck. One is the body of a man and the other of a woman, supposed to be Miss Myrtle Armstrong of Paxton, Neb.

There were 320 passengers on No. 3 and all but two, an old man and a woman, are accounted for. It is supposed they were killed. Fireman John C. Coleman, who was killed, is a married man and has a family living at Creston, Ia.

List of Injured.

Engineer Ell is scalded, but not seriously.

Engineer Reese is cut in the head.

A Cinaman, name unknown, also has several scalp wounds and chest hurt.

The cook on the dining car of No. 2 has a broken arm.

Dr. G. W. Dwinnell, a passenger on No. 2, from Montague, Cal., rendered admirable assistance. The wounded are all doing well.

George J. Hunt of Omaha, superintendent Belmont Canal company, left leg fractured, abdominal injury, badly bruised.

H. P. They, Chicago, head burned and singed, legs badly bruised.

J. C. Johnson, a fireman on No. 3, resides at Council Bluffs, scalp wound, face badly bruised.

Mrs. A. M. Startzell of Rawlins, Wyo., left leg sprained.

Four cars are completely burned and the three engines are piled up together and resemble an old scrap iron pile.

Superintendents Baxter and Park are both at the scene of the wreck. The dead bodies were brought here on a special train. An improvised hospital has been established in a sleeping car at the wreck and Dr. Lincoln C. Simon is in charge.

Will Investigate Wreck.

Coroner Bassett has empannelled a jury to investigate the cause of the Sunol wreck. Witnesses have been summoned to appear tomorrow. Judge Baldwin of the Union Pacific will also be on hand.

Dell Bonner's remains will be taken to North Platte for burial. Fireman Coleman's will be shipped to Creston, Ia. The three bodies burned to a crisp are a shapeless mass. Hundreds have been at the freight depot examining the charred bodies. The scene of the wreck has been visited all day by curious people, and many a sad heart has turned away from the sickening sight.

At Union Pacific headquarters in this city the various departments are contributing all possible relief to the injured. A large force of surgeons were rushed to the scene by daybreak and the wounded taken to Sidney. The Bee's special report covered the details as completely as those reports received at the railroad headquarters.

The damage to the equipment is very heavy, both engines being practically scrap iron and the cars not totally demolished being torn up very badly.

A specially constructed track around the wreck prevented much delay in the movement of other trains. The company is very busy investigating the causes that contributed to the wreck, around which considerable mystery centers.

SHAFTER READY TO GO WEST

Will Resume His Old Command at San Francisco and Merriam Goes to Denver.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9.—Word has come that Major General W. R. Shafter will leave Washington next Thursday. He will be accompanied by his three aides, Captain E. H. Plummer, Tenth infantry; Captain W. H. McKittrick and Captain Brice. It is reported also that Major Robert H. Noble, assistant adjutant general, who is first lieutenant in the First infantry, who was General Shafter's senior aide at the outbreak of the war, will be assigned for duty here again.

General Merriam will not leave for Denver until after General Shafter arrives. First Lieutenant W. S. Graves, Seventh infantry, his aide, who has been acting judge advocate in the Department of the Columbia at Vancouver barracks, has been relieved from that duty and will join General Merriam at Denver.

FAILS TO FIND THE MONEY

If Stowell's Confession is True the Buried Treasure Has Doubtless Been Taken by Friends.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 9.—The safe containing $11,500 which Chad Stowell, an inmate of the Hutchinson, Kan., reformatory, in a confession made Saturday last, says he helped take in the Missouri Pacific train robbery at Leeds in September and buried near Gallatin, was not found by Chief Strauss and Sheriff Cook of Topeka.

After a hard day's search by the officials, with the help of many Gallatin men armed with shovels, picks and bars, without success, the search was abandoned. The theory is advanced that if the money and valuables had ever been buried there, during the time that has elapsed it has undoubtedly been removed by some of Stowell's associates or his friends to whom he had imparted his secret.

This is the robbery in which young Jesse James, jr., is alleged to have taken part and whose trial will come up January 16 next.

WITTUM HAS FLYING MACHINE

Omaha Man Believes He Has Solved the Problem—War Department to Investigate.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—George Wittum of Omaha, who has been an enthusiast on flying machines and who has invented an airship which he believes will revolutionize the question of navigating the air, has, on the request of the War department, submitted plans and specifications of his airship, with a view to its adoption by the department should it be found practicable.

All the members of the Nebraska delegation in congress who have been elected to the Fifty-sixth congress at present in Washington filed their certificates of election with Clerk of the House McDowell today.

Ernest Tracey of Norfolk, Neb., who was mustered out with the Second Nebraska as major, will be appointed captain in the Seventh immunes, Colonel Goodwin commanding. Tracey is highly recommended by Colonel Bills for the position which President McKinley will nominate him to in a day or two.

Senator Thurston returned from New York yesterday, standing the trip remarkably well. His physician, however, has recommended that he remain in his hotel for a day or two, to be on the safe side, in view of the treacherous character of la grippe.

Jay McDowell of Fairbury, one of the republican wheelhorses of that section of Nebraska, is in the city.

T. W. Blackburn of Omaha was at the capitol today.

Senator Thurston will within a day or two introduce a joint resolution in congress looking to the recognition of the Greater America Exposition at Omaha and setting aside any balance in the treasury after the expenses of the government exhibit at the Transmississippi Exposition are paid to the credit of the new exposition.

HIGH LICENSE FOR ALASKA

Governor Brady Approves Action of the House Committee in Dealing with the Liquor Traffic.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Governor Brady of Alaska was today before the house committee on the revision of laws in reference to the liquor restrictions feature of the new code of laws for Alaska. He strongly approves the course of the committee in substituting high license for prohibition, and says the prohibition law cannot be enforced. The committee finally perfected the license amendment placing the tax at $1,000, and adding a local option provision by which an applicant for saloon license must first secure the written assent of a majority of all adult white citizens living within a radius of two miles.

Governor Brady will also appear before the territory committee relative to the pending legislation for the general government of the territory. He approves the plan suggested by the citizens of Juneau for such changes in the measure as it passed the senate as will give the president larger appointive powers.

INCREASE IN REVENUE RECEIPTS.

Returns from Internal Taxation More Than a Third Larger.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The monthly statement of the collections of internal revenue show that during November, 1898, the receipts amounted to $22,404,405, against $13,959,296 for November, 1897. The receipts from the several sources of revenue, with the increase in each case as compared with November, 1897, are given as follows: Spirits, $9,538,461, increase $866,481; tobacco, $4,337,018, increase $1,487,020; fermented liquors, $4,814,022, increase $2,564,960; oleomargarine, $193,770, increase $42,428; miscellaneous, $3,465,941, increase $3,429,031; special taxes, $55,190.

For the five months of the fiscal year the receipts aggregated $161,129,583, an increase as compared with the same period in 1897 of $44,341,118. At this rate of increase the receipts from all internal revenue sources during the present fiscal year will aggregate about $275,000,000.

WILSON TO INVESTIGATE MEATS.

Secretary of Agriculture Takes a Hand in the Army Squabble.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Secretary Wilson his directed Chemist Wiley of the Department of Agriculture to purchase canned meat in the open market here, the products of the same concerns as served it to the government during the war, and after identifying such purchases to make analysis of the cans' contents to determine if they were treated by chemicals.

Department officials are confident that the beef as furnished under the contracts was wholesome and pure. They say that the attacks made on the beef, even if not sustained, will cost the meat interests in this country an amount equal to the cost of the entire war, and furnish material in the future for the opposition of those countries which have been all along fighting the admission of American beef products. The secretary says there is no doubt that the discussion of the allegations made will give a setback to the negotiations that have been making for years for removal of European restrictions on our products.

CONFIRMATIONS BY THE SENATE.

M. R. Moore, Register of Tucson, Ariz., Land Office.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The senate today confirmed these nominations:

Richard Le Bert of Colorado, consul to Ghent, Belgium; C. C. Goodale, surveyor general of Colorado; John C. Cline, collector of customs at Los Angeles; M. R. Moore, register of land office, Tucson, Ariz.; J. F. Boughton, postmaster at Madison, Ga.

Change in Columbus Bank.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—The application of the following persons for authority to convert the Commercial bank of Columbus, Neb., to the Commercial National bank, with a capital of $50,000, has been approved: W. A. McAllister, C. H. Shelden, S. C. Gray, Carl Reinke and Herman Oelrich.

O. A. Thompson was today appointed postmaster at Woden, Winnebago county, Ia.; also Leon D. Howard at Marston, Sully county, S. D.

The Omaha National bank and the Merchants' National bank of Omaha were today approved as reserve agents for the First National bank of Boise, Idaho.

Station Brass Band at Guam.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—The Navy department has decided to allow the naval station at Guam a full brass band, and the equipping officer has been authorized to procure the instruments and ship them on the Yosemite when it starts for the island.

CRISIS IS NEAR AT HAND

Situation at Manila is at a Point Where Something Must Drop.

PEACEABLE SOLUTION IS JUST POSSIBLE

Americans Are Taking Every Precaution and the Troops in Quarters Are All Under Arms.

MANILA, Jan. 9.—The situation is rapidly approaching a climax, and it is just possible that tomorrow will see a peaceful solution.

Meanwhile all sorts of alarmist rumors are in circulation.

The United States authorities are taking every precaution, the troops in quarters are under arms, and the Californians have disembarked from the transports.

The natives, it is reported, have been ordered not to work for the Americans, and the employes in the commissary department have gone on a strike. Natives are leaving the city. Major General Otis, however, has the whole situation thoroughly in hand.

A second proclamation by Aguinaldo, bearing the same date as the one that immediately followed the proclamation of Major General Otis, based upon President McKinley's instructions, first appeared on the streets today, but it is alleged to have been recalled. Its terms are much more vehement than those used in the first proclamation.

Aguinaldo threatens to drive the Americans from the islands; calls the Deity to witness that their blood will be on their own heads if it is shed, and details at greater length the promises he claims were made by the Americans to a part of the insurgents in the campaign.

It is believed that this second proclamation is the original draft which was not adopted by the Filipinos' council at Malolos.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—The Filipino committees in Paris, Madrid and London telegraphed on Saturday to President McKinley. The Paris dispatch read: "We protest against the disembarkation of American troops at Iloilo."

A representative of the Associated Press learns that the Filipino junta of Paris has received a telegram from the Filipino agent at Hong Kong, dated Saturday, and saying: "Fight with Americans unavoidable. We are not the aggressors."

A telegram from an English house at Manila today says the situation is very strained and that there is much anxiety there. The dispatch also contains news from Iloilo, the substance of which was that the American troops had not yet landed.

The members of the Filipino junta discredit a statement published in the Globe here this afternoon that the United States government has ordered Agoncillo, the representative of Aguinaldo, to leave Washington. They say they surely would have heard the news if it had been true.

Mail advices from the so-called Filipino government, received here today say that Aguinaldo has decided that all foreign trade entering ports under Filipino control will be admitted on the payment of a duty of 5 per cent ad valorem, and that all export trade is liable to a duty of 1 per cent ad valorem.

CASTRO FORGETS HIS PLACE

Thinks He Still Holds the Reins at Havana—Gomez is Merry at a Ball.

HAVANA, Jan. 9.—Senor Fernandez de Castro, the civic governor of Havana, acts as though he had his former powers. He has ordered the Hygienic hospital to be closed. General Ludlow, the military governor of the district of Havana, who had not been consulted in the matter, was displeased when he heard of the action taken and directed that the hospital be reopened. De Castro ordered the newspapers last week not to print business advertisements which were distasteful to him. They did not do so. General Ludlow will probably remove the civil governor.

John Gary Evans, though not exactly alcalde or mayor of Havana, has been directed by General Ludlow to construct the minor courts and supervise the police and some of the civil departments.

A dispatch from Remedios says that General Maximo Gomez danced polkas and mazourkas at a ball there on Saturday last.

FAREWELL TO LORD BERESFORD.

English Naval Officer Is Given a Banquet at Shanghai.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 9.—The municipal council, the Chamber of Commerce and the American and China associations gave a farewell banquet last evening to Rear Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, who has been for some time in China on a special mission from the British Associated Chambers of Commerce to inquire as to the opportunity for further development of British trade in this country and as to the security for investments and undertakings already here.

Lord Beresford, in responding to a toast to his health, said that the cosmopolitan character of his hosts proved that his policy in China was unanimously approved by the representatives of the great nations having the largest trade interests in China.

Lord Beresford sailed from Shanghai today for Japan.

PITIABLE CONDITION OF SOLDIERS.

Few Able-Bodied Ones Among Those Returning from Cuba.

BARCELONA, Jan. 9.—The Spanish transport Notre Dame de Salut, which sailed from Havana on December 19 for this port, has arrived here with 1,100 repatriated soldiers on board. The vessel was overcrowded and many of the troops were found to be ill on the steamer's arrival. During the voyage thirty-nine deaths occurred. The sick soldiers were speedily attended to and 366 of them were taken in ambulances to hospitals and 100 others were removed to the sanitarium. The remainder of the troops were in a fearfully emaciated condition and were hardly able to stand. Crowds of persons who had assembled to welcome the returning soldiers were horrified at the sights presented by the men and wept and cursed the mismanagement of the officials.

President Iglesias in London.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—The president of Costa Rica, Senor Rafael Iglesias, arrived here today. At Folkestone the president was met by Robert Follott Synge, C. M. G., staff officer in the treasury department of the foreign office, who welcomed him in the name of Queen Victoria and the government. The queen's master of ceremonies, Colonel Sir William Collvill, C. B., met the president at Charing Cross railroad station. Thence President Iglesias and his suite were driven in royal carriages to a hotel, where they will be the guests of the government during their stay here.

Caricaturing William Again.

BERLIN, Jan. 9.—The Paris Figaro was confiscated by the police throughout Germany yesterday on account of a caricature which it contained, copied from Puck, representing Emperor William of Germany in the guise of a "despised animal."

DESIRE TO OFFSET SUGAR BOUNTY.

Countervailing Duties Are Urged for the Benefit of Canada.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—At a crowded meeting of the Anti-Sugar Bounty league held in London this evening a decision was adopted demanding that the British government should immediately conclude a convention with Germany, Austria, Holland and Belgium to abolish bounties, and to guarantee producers security in the open British markets against state-aided competition.

Lieutenant General John W. Laurier, conservative member of parliament for Pembroke borough, who represented Canada at the meeting, strongly advocated countervailing duties. He pointed out that Canada was also suffering from bounties given on French fish.

UNIQUE METHOD OF ROBBERS

Abduct Policeman on the Beat and Then Make Raid on Two Leading Hotels.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 9.—A special to the Post-Dispatch from Fort Scott, Kan., says: Two masked men early this morning captured a policeman, took him a mile into the woods, bound and gagged him and with rare coolness held up and robbed nine men in the Cottage house and Sayers house, two hotels on prominent business streets. Edward Mead, an engineer on the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis, who was one of the victims, was shot by one of the robbers and George H. Young, a colored man, who was mistaken for one of the robbers, was shot. Several hours after the robbery the police identified the bandits as they boarded the St. Louis bound Missouri, Kansas & Texas passenger train and had a pitched battle with them, but they got away.

The robbery occurred on East Wall street on Policeman Jones' beat. The Cottage house was entered first. One bandit kept the guests covered with his revolver, while the other robbed them of their watches, revolvers and money. The booty taken amounted to about $150 and a number of watches. H. T. Dayton, a merchant and stockman of Golden City, Mo., who was just returning from market, was relieved of $100 and a watch.

Then the bandits went across the street to the Sayers house and robbed the clerk and money drawer.

SPEAK WELL OF FILIPINUS

Priests Returning from Manila Say Ambitious Leaders Foment the Trouble.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 9.—Father Diaz, leader of the ten Spanish priests from Manila, who are in this city on their way to Panama, says: "The Filipinos are not naturally warlike and would not be now opposing the United States were it not for the leaders who are spurring them on. These leaders are in the work solely for personal gain and would prove hard masters for the weaker portion of the natives should they gain the power. At Iloilo, where I was stationed, there would have been little fighting if it had not been for these malcontents, who fairly forced the natives to take up arms. Most of these men who are at the head of the insurgent movement are mestizos, or half-breeds. As to Aguinaldo himself, he is a crafty fellow, and has a following among those people who hope to climb by his advancement. I do not know Aguinaldo is personally responsible for all the brutality shown our friars, yet he could have prevented a good portion of it if he had seen fit to do so."

Father Fernandez, another of the party, stated that he considers the natives of the islands a civilized people.

REORGANIZING WIRE COMPANY

New Company to Be Capitalized at $90,000,000 With $13,000,000 Working Capital.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—The agreement which has been entered into provides for a reorganization of the American Steel and Wire company with a capital stock of $90,000,000. The present capital is $24,000,000. Of the new stock $40,000,000 will be cumulative preferred and $50,000,000 common. It is stated that a syndicate has been formed which will furnish the necessary capital for the purchase of the new plants and in addition thereto provide $13,000,000 of working capital of the concerns which will enter the combination. The entire amount to be furnished by the syndicate is $28,000,000. Stockholders in the present American Steel and Wire company will be entitled to exchange their securities for those of the new company on the following basis: The holders of preferred stock will receive 100 per cent in the new preferred and 60 per cent in the new common stock and the holders of common stock will receive 120 per cent in new common stock.

PRESIDENT GIVES A DINNER

Members of Congress and Military and Naval Officers Are Among His Guests.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—President and Mrs. McKinley gave an elaborate dinner at the White House tonight, at which the members of the Paris peace commission were the guests of honor. Invited to meet them were the members of the cabinet, senators and representatives in congress and a number of the officers of the army and navy who took prominent parts in the war, including Major Generals Shafter and Wheeler and Admirals Sampson and Schley and Captain Robley D. Evans.

LAW SUIT FROM LIVE WIRE

Kansas Girl Secures Damages Against the City and an Electric Light Company.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 9.—Gracie File, 7 years old, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Enoch File of Kansas City, Kan., has won her suit for damages against that city. On June 25, 1895, while playing in the street in front of her home, the child took hold of a live electric light wire which was dangling from a pole in the street and received a shock that almost killed her and as a result of the shock she is now a cripple. A jury gave her a verdict for $2,600 and the supreme court sustained the verdict.

Generals Will Be Present.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—General Joseph Wheeler and General Wesley Merritt, who are in the city, have accepted invitations to attend the Knights Templars' charity ball here tonight. The generals will wear their full dress uniforms and the presence of the two officers will greatly help to dispel any feelings of disappointment which may arise over the absence of Rear Admiral Schley.

Trust Shows Its Good Works.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 9.—As a result of the completion of the so-called "wire combine" an advance of $2 per ton for wire and wire nails was announced here today. It is impossible to buy wire rods in the market in this part of the country, "the combine" having absorbed all the rod mills.

BLUNDER IN TRAIN ORDERS

Fourteen Lives Snuffed Out in Frightful Crash on Lehigh Valley.

OVER TWENTY-FIVE ARE BADLY INJURED

Early Morning Collision Necessitates Use of Single Track and Excursion Train Meets with Destruction.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—By a head-end collision between two passenger trains on the Lehigh Valley railroad at West Dunnellen, N. J., at 12:47 p. m. today, sixteen persons were killed and over twenty-five were injured.

The dead are:

MARTIN KEENAN, hotel keeper, Mount Carmel, Pa.

W. F. HINKEL, contractor, Mount Carmel, Pa.

JACOB HELLER, tailor, Mount Carmel.

H. E. WIKELL, 25 years old, Mount Carmel.

FRANK FISCHER, shoe dealer, Mount Carmel.

WILLIAM H. LEADER, 24 years old, dry goods dealer, Mount Carmel. He is a son of C. C. Leader, president of a bank in Shamokin. He was only recently married.

FRANK MARKEL, 54 years of age, Shamokin, Pa.

THEODORE S. KOHN, Shamokin, Pa.

A. S. KEIFER, carpet dealer, Pottsville, Pa.

WILLIAM H. MARKET, Shamokin, Pa.

JAMES JARVIS, 12 years old, Mount Carmel.

TWO WOMEN, who are still to be identified.

A partial list of the injured follows:

L. T. Walter of Mount Carmel, Pa.; leg broken.

Martin Keenan of Mount Carmel, Pa.; leg broken and head injured.

Stanley Day of Newmarket, N. J.; badly bruised.

William Corell of Newmarket, N. J.

William Feelan of Little Valley, Pa.; leg broken and badly bruised.

Mrs. Jarvis, mother of the boy who was killed; leg broken.

Miss Marguerite Jarvis, daughter; both legs broken.

Engineer Prendergast, who was pinned under his locomotive, was rescued. He is in a precarious condition.

Result of a Terrible Mistake.

West Dunellen is three miles from Bound Brook and about thirty miles from New York City. At the spot where the disaster occurred there is a sharp curve in the Lehigh Valley tracks and a steep cut, but the accident was due in the first place to some terrible mistake in train orders and in the second place to another accident that occurred at Bound Brook earlier in the day.

The scenes which accompanied the collision, the sufferings of the injured and the panic that reigned among the four hundred passengers were well nigh indescribable.

The blood-stained wreck of tangled and twisted iron and wood that was still on the railroad tracks tonight bore witness to the truth of the general verdict of railroad men that this was one of the worst collisions in recent years.

A head-on collision on a double track road was made possible only by a freight wreck which occurred at Bound Brook at 6 a. m., when the axle of a freight car broke and nine cars were piled on top of each other. This completely blocked the eastbound track and all through the morning Lehigh Valley trains bound for New York switched from their own track to the westbound track, going over these rails from Bound Brook to Newmarket, a distance of six miles and changing at the latter place back to their right side of the road.

Victims Are Excursionists.

Train No. 20, which left Shamokin, Pa., at 7 a. m., was so heavy with human freight that it had to be broken into three sections. The first two sections reached New York in safety. The third section of this train was almost an hour late. Its seven cars were crowded with 400 excursionists, most of them from Mount Carmel and Shamokin, Mahanoy City, Hazelton, Ashland and Pottsville, Pa. The train switched over at Bound Brook and proceeded, like the preceding sections, on the westbound track. Meanwhile there had been waiting at Newmarket a local train that plies regularly between New York and Bound Brook. Its number on the schedule is 71 and it is due at Bound Brook at 11:59 a. m. Owing to the traffic all going on on one track it was almost an hour late. At last the train dispatcher at South Plainfield gave it permission to go.

Just before reaching West Dunellen Engineer Rick slowed his train down, because he stops for passengers, if there are any. Martin Brennan, the signal man, threw up his arms and waved them, as if to say there were no passengers, so the local put on steam and headed round the curve, going at about twenty-five miles an hour. There were only four passengers on the local.

Saw Danger Too Late.

In the cab of the excursion train was James Prendergast, the engineer, with his fireman, George Cheshire. They saw the local as it started on the curve. With shrieking whistle, brakes grinding and sparks flying from the wheels the excursion train bore down to what seemed certain destruction. The passengers, alarmed at the continued whistle, opened the windows, mothers snatched their children in their arms, men started from their seats; but before they had time to find out what was the matter they were hurled headlong, knocked senseless and many killed outright. The two engines, from which both crews had jumped, came together with an awful crash.

The excursion train was probably going at about fifteen miles an hour. The local engine, as if tripped in its faster flight, turned a complete somersault and came crashing down beside its now demolished obstruction. But its career was not ended before it had jammed the tender of the excursion engine almost from one end to the other of the first car from Shamokin.

The car, or what was left of it, rolled over, carrying with it the imbedded tender, the fragments of a dozen bodies and the imprisoned wounded, who had been carried by the jagged iron on its relentless course through the coach. It was in the first car of the excursion train that all the deaths and most of the casualties occurred. The mashed up bodies presented a horrible sight.

The other cars, though their occupants were badly shaken, stayed on the track and were in condition to be hauled off.

Wrecking trains were quickly on hand. As the dead were taken from the demolished car they were put in the rear cars of the excursion train and taken to Bound Brook where a coroner's inquest was held tonight. The injured were put in the cars of the local train. Twenty-one were taken to Plainfield hospital while the less seriously injured went on to Jersey City and New York.

Engineer's Awful Suffering.

Engineer Prendergast, who weighs almost 300 pounds, jumped too late. He was caught under his engine and lay for three hours pinioned in frightful agony. When at last a huge crane lifted the heavy iron off his body he was found so badly injured that he is expected to die.

The loss of life inflicted on his train would have probably been nothing like it was had it not been for the fact that at Mauch Chunk the baggage car of the excursion train was found to have a hot box and was taken off, thus leaving the crowded day coach next the engine. If this coach had retained the position it held when the train left Shamokin probably but a few lives would have been lost.

Engineer Rick of the local was found on the tracks so badly injured that little hope is entertained of his recovery. Despite the blood that flowed from his mouth, Rick gurgled out: "Someone gave wrong orders. I know how it happened, but I can't speak now."

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—
Threatening Weather; Easterly Winds.

Temperature at Omaha yesterday:

Hour.	Deg.	Hour.	Deg.
5 a. m.	14	1 p. m.	28
6 a. m.	14	2 p. m.	31
7 a. m.	14	3 p. m.	33
8 a. m.	13	4 p. m.	35
9 a. m.	16	5 p. m.	33
10 a. m.	18	6 p. m.	29
11 a. m.	22	7 p. m.	26
12 m.	26	8 p. m.	26
		9 p. m.	26

TIME SET FOR VANCE TRIAL

Hearing at Maryville on January 12—Clerk Up for Embezzlement—Insane Man Kills Himself.

MARYVILLE, Mo., Jan. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—George Vance of Cleamont who is charged with having debauched and caused the death of his eighteen-year-old daughter, Gertrude, was brought before Justice W. L. Johnson in Maryville today and Thursday, the 12th inst., was fixed as the date for his preliminary hearing.

Fred Elliott of Graham is in the Nodaway county jail charged with having embezzled $5 from his employer, James Adkins, in whose store in Graham he was employed. He was arrested in Holt county today.

Frank Hawkins, brother of Prof. Charles A. Hawkins of the real estate and loan firm of Hawkins & Roelofson, attempted to commit suicide today by cutting his throat with a pocket knife. Hawkins has been partially deranged mentally for some time and for several days has been staying at the home of his father-in-law, J. K. Routh, near town where he has been recuperating. Today he was left alone in a field where he was helping gather corn and when found a few miutes later had committed the deed. His wounds are fatal.

ROSTAND TO DEFEND CYRANO

Injunction Brought by Alleged Chicago Author Will Be Heard in Court.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—The attorneys for the defendants in the Cyrano de Bergerac case appeared in the United States district court today and asked for a postponement of the temporary injunction proceedings. The request was granted by Judge Grosscup, and the lawyers for both sides were told to agree upon a commission to take the deposition of M. Rostand, the author of "Cyrano," in France. The court ordered the attorneys to appear before him next Monday, by which time, it is expected the commission that is to cross-examine M. Rostand will have been elected. In all probability the United States consul at Paris will be asked to take the evidence of the French writer, attorneys representing both parties being present to make the cross-examinations.

ALASKA NEEDS MORE MONEY

Appropriations Entirely Inadequate for the Government of the Territory.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Governor Brady of Alaska has arrived here to urge territorial matters. He is anxious for the enactment of the Carter bill which has passed the senate and is now in committee in the house, making three judicial districts in Alaska. He says even then the judicial provisions will be inadequate and that there should be greater appropriations also for administrative purposes, pointing out that the marshal is unable to make any arrests on any of the islands for lack of transportation funds or facilities, and that the governor has no funds for going about the territory. He also wants the school appropriations this year raised to $60,000. The governor says many of the people who rushed into the Klondike region are coming out, largely because of the high taxation. Many thousands of people, he says, already have started for the Atlan district.

Torpedo Boats Are Satisfactory.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9.—Favorable reports have been received at the Navy department in regard to the performances of two of the new torpedo boats constructed for the navy. The torpedo boat McKenzie has been preliminarily accepted by the government and will shortly be put in commission at League Island. A report received at the Navy department today says that the torpedo boat Rowan had a successful run over the regular course near Seattle, and exceeded its required speed of twenty-six knots by one and a half knots for a short period during the run. It undoubtedly will be accepted by the government.

BOTH HOUSES MEET IN CAUCUS.

Senators Reach Agreement in Makeup of Standing Committees.

LINCOLN, Jan. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—When the republican members of the house finally met in caucus tonight the sifting committee could not be avoided and the result was an agreement to allow the rule to stand the same as in former sessions, and if a sifting committee is formed it will be some time in the future.

The senators also held a caucus tonight to discuss the makeup of the standing committees. For a time it is said there was a lively hustle from which the Douglas county members emerged smiling and well cared for.

Prout of Gage, who had been slated for the judiciary chairmanship, was turned down to make room for Van Dusen. Other important chairmanships agreed upon were: Crow, miscellaneous corporations; Noyes, education, Steele of Jefferson, railroads; Alexander of Adams, insane hospital; Arends of Otoe, finance ways and means; McCargar, agriculture; Allen, public lands and buildings; Currie, accounts and expenditures.

It is said that Talbot of Lancaster was turned down by a combination of country members, but was finally rewarded with the chairmanship of the committee on university and normal schools.

Serious Coasting Accident.

ITHACA, N. Y., Jan. 9.—As a result of a coasting accident on University hill B. Trautschold of Mont Clair, N. J., E. G. Starr of San Francisco and F. D. Ray of Chicago, all Cornell students, were seriously injured and are now in Cornell infirmary. Trautschold sustained concussion of the brain and his recovery is uncertain. The condition of the other two students is favorable.

BALK ON THE RULES

House Committee Reports and All Features but One Are Adopted.

OBJECTS TO MAKING SIFTING COMMITTEES

Several Republicans Join with Solid Fusion Strength in Opposition.

OLMSTEAD COMES IN WITH COMPROMISE

Action is Postponed Until Today, but Further Delay Likely.

CAUCUS CALLED TO DISCUSS QUESTION

Several Republican Members Assert They Will Not Be Bound by Caucus Agree on the Question.

LINCOLN, Jan. 9.—(Special Telegram.)—The report of the house committee on rules, which came in today, raised a much larger commotion than was looked for, even by those who knew the exact import of the rules to be presented.

While the question as to the number of members necessary to demand a roll call or make a call of the house was the principal bone of contention, the discussion got interesting over the question of the number necessary to suspend proceedings under the call. The fusionists naturally contended that it ought to take a majority of all members elected, while the republicans contended for a majority present.

The matter was a vital one, for under a call of the house a question where party lines were drawn two absent or sick republicans would make it impossible to raise a call should the fusion idea have been adopted. The fusionists also contended that a majority vote ought to be sufficient to change the rules, but on both these points they were defeated when the matter came to a vote, although the result was very close, Fisher, Haller and Rouse, republicans, having voted with the minority.

The part of the report which caused the greatest stir, however, was the one virtually turning the committee on rules into a sifting committee for the entire session and putting a few men in a position to dictate much of the legislation of the session from the very start. The fusionists were solidly opposed to such a move and so much opposition was manifested among the republicans that it was not deemed best to force the issue today. The motion of Olmstead of Douglas came at an opportune time, relieving the house of the strain temporarily and putting off the final vote on this rule until tomorrow.

In the meantime notice was given of a republican caucus tonight, and while the subject for discussion was not given out, it was well understood to relate to that sifting committee feature of the report on rules. During the evening so much opposition developed before the convening of the caucus that it was clear the rule would be defeated in the house.

A number of republican members had no hesitancy in saying that they would refuse to be bound by the caucus should there be an attempt to endorse such a rule. This put the sifting committee promoters in an awkward position, and it was decided that the final test on the question had better be put off for about a month, when they believed the members would be better able to see the necessity of such a committee. Under this new frame of mind those who were anxious for the calling of a caucus became just as anxious that the whole matter might be avoided when the members got into the meeting.

Getting Revenue Bills Ready.

Only a few members of the legislature were in Lincoln yesterday, they being chiefly those from remote parts of the state. Some of the members have brought their families to Lincoln and will make this their home during the session. Among these are Senator Currie of Custer and Representative Pollard of Cass. Senator Currie is slated for a position on the committee on university and normal schools, as he is a college graduate and greatly interested in such institutions.

Representatives Pollard of Cass and Grosvenor of Hamilton spent considerable time yesterday at the Lancaster county court house conferring with a committee of county commissioners, named by the recent state convention of commissioners and county clerks, to revise the revenue laws of the state. Representative Pollard will take especial interest in the revenue legislation this session, having fathered some revenue bills in the last session which failed to pass. The bills introduced by Mr. Pollard in 1897 on a whole met the approval of many who are interested in a general revision of our revenue laws, which are grossly inadequate to our present demands. A new bill is being framed, based upon this old one, with some changes which have been suggested since that time. As Representative Grosvenor is one of the leaders of the minority it looks as though both sides will favor new revenue legislation.

The republicans in both senate and house have already saved the state several hundred dollars in withholding the appointment of minor officers until there is something for them to do. This, together with the manifest desire to hold down the number of employes to the minimum, has already attracted much favorable comment. The large decrease in the number of applicants for places this year is attributed to the greatly improved times over the condition of affairs in President Cleveland's administration. Nearly all who wish to be employed have lucrative positions and a three months' legislative job has no inducement for them. Through "republican courtesy" Secretary of State Porter has been allowed to add three employes to the pay roll—two in the senate and one in the house—which is more patronage than any single republican member will have. The lieutenant governor's private secretary and page will make five employes as the total fusionist inflation of the pay roll.

The fact that Treasurer Meserve has given a guaranty bond in the sum of $1,500,000 in one of the trust companies has again revived the discussion as to whether or not our laws should be amended to require that kind of a bond, the state to pay the premium. With a salary of only $2,500 a year it is very plain that the treasurer cannot afford to pay out $1,000 of it per annum for a trust company bond. The natural inference is that he must make enough interest on funds in his hands to meet the cost of this bond. There were many bills in the last session to make guaranty company bonds legal in this state for all officers, state, county, municipal, etc. Edson Rich became known as "Guarantee Bond Rich" because of the armful he shouldered. Like dozens of other bills, however, they were lost in the shuffle.

It is doubtful whether a guaranty bond for the state treasurer would stand the