

CONDUCTOR SAYS ROAD IS TO BLAME

Tells Coroner's Jury that He Had Been Signaled a Clear Track.

GROSS DISCLAIMS ALL BLAME

Says Missouri Pacific Failed to Provide Him a Schedule.

CREWS TELL OF THE WRECK

Recite Incidents Leading Up to the Fort Crook Fatalities.

HEARING IS ON AT PAVILLION

Missouri Pacific Officials on Hand to Take Part in the Proceedings, Questioning Witnesses While on the Stand.

Conductor L. C. Gross, in charge of the freight train that collided with passenger train No. 195 on the Missouri Pacific Sunday morning, was put on the stand at the inquest held at Pavillion Wednesday and testified that he had received no orders at Gilmore or South Omaha to the effect that a passenger had the right of way. He disclaimed responsibility for the wreck on this ground and the further fact that the tower man at Gilmore had signaled the track clear.

Conductor Gross testified that he had checked off, but did not look very carefully at the register. No. 195 he saw was checked in, and he said he might have thought this was No. 25. He placed the blame for the wreck on the railroad because it failed to give him a schedule.

The superintendent of the Missouri Pacific, A. DeBernardy, of Kansas City, was present at the inquest, which was conducted by County Attorney W. J. Jamieson, and repeatedly interposed during the examination of Mr. Gross to ask questions.

Engineer E. C. Crawford of the freight was also put on the stand and shifted the responsibility to his conductor, John Scott, engineer of the passenger, was also put on the stand, but his testimony had little bearing on the cause of the disaster.

Conductor Gross is small of stature, and has grown gray in the service of the company. He is 35 years old, and has been with the Missouri Pacific for the last twenty-two years.

Odd Fellows Open New Home at York

YORK, Neb., Oct. 18.—The first home for aged Odd Fellows, widows and orphans for the state of Nebraska, was dedicated here today. Dedication was conducted under the auspices of the grand lodge of Nebraska and was attended by prominent members of the Odd Fellows from every part of the state. Congressman George W. Norris, past grand master of the lodge, presided at the address. The home is located on a 100-acre tract near the city and cost \$120,000.

MARKHAM ELECTED TO ILLINOIS CENTRAL BOARD

CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—President Charles H. Markham was elected a director of the Illinois Central railroad in the place of former President James Harahan at the annual stockholders' meeting today. The other directors named were Robert S. Lovett, John Jacob Astor, and J. Ogden Armour. As only six of the directors were present the usual meeting was postponed.

EMPLOYES OF DETROIT OVERALL FACTORY STRIKE

DETROIT, Oct. 18.—Eight hundred and fifty employes of W. H. Finck & Co., local overall manufacturers, went out on strike today. Their reason was that the company refused to discharge a girl employe whose dismissal the shop committee demanded. The strikers include 800 women and girls and fifty men and boys. The plant immediately ceased operations.

THE WEATHER

For Nebraska—Unsettled.
For Iowa—Rain.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

Hour	Degree
5 a. m.	52
6 a. m.	52
7 a. m.	52
8 a. m.	52
9 a. m.	53
10 a. m.	56
11 a. m.	59
12 m.	59
1 p. m.	59
2 p. m.	57
3 p. m.	57
4 p. m.	54
5 p. m.	53
6 p. m.	52
7 p. m.	50
8 p. m.	49

Comparison Local Record.

1911	1910	1909	1908
Highest yesterday	59	59	51
Lowest yesterday	49	52	45
Mean temperature	55	52	51
Precipitation	0.07	0.00	0.00

Station and Temp High-Rain.

Station	Temp	High	Rain
State of Weather	7 p. m.	est.	fall.
Cheyenne, snowing	44	7	0.00
Davenport, clear	50	30	0.00
Denver, snowing	39	7	0.00
Des Moines, cloudy	52	28	0.00
Dodge City, clear	59	39	0.00
Lander, clear	59	36	0.00
Omaha, clear	59	39	0.00
Pueblo, cloudy	76	50	0.00
Rapid City, pt. cloudy	45	27	0.00
Salt Lake, clear	52	30	0.00
Seattle, clear	58	35	0.00
Shelby, clear	52	34	0.00
Sioux City, cloudy	48	32	0.00
Valentine, clear	42	26	0.00

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Stephenson Inquiry Committee Sends For Wirt Cook

DULUTH, Minn., Oct. 18.—Wirt H. Cook, wanted as a witness before the committee of United States senators investigating the election of Senator Stephenson, was served with a subpoena late last night and will leave Duluth for Milwaukee today.

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 18.—Further inquiry into the testimony of Thomas Morris, lieutenant governor of Wisconsin, that he had been told that Edward Hines, the lumberman, helped to "put over" the election of Senator Isaac Stephenson was deferred by the senatorial investigating committee today.

Lieutenant Governor Morris resumed the stand and repeated his assertion that he met Wirt H. Cook of Duluth in the office of an attorney of the name of McCordick in Chicago, and that while there Cook told him that Hines and Stephenson each "put up" \$50,000 to secure the election and that Robert J. Shields was paid \$7,500 to handle the deal.

As Senator Stephenson's counsel was cross-examining the witness Senator Heyburn interrupted saying: "We will not continue this line of inquiry at this time, but will resume our examination of the primaries. The testimony of Lieutenant Governor Morris was not new to the committee. The committee had heard of it before leaving Washington."

"Mr. Morris has given only secondary testimony. Unless it can be substantiated by primary testimony it is probable the committee will disregard it altogether. The persons from whom Mr. Morris says he obtained the information will be heard later."

Wool Warehouse Gets Higher Prices for the Growers

RAWLINS, Wyo., Oct. 18.—(Special).—At a meeting of the stockholders of the National Wool Warehouse and Storage company, held here today, it was decided to continue the business of handling the wool of western members, and stockholders will be asked to sign contracts for another three-year period. The movement has been very successful to date, and while there is talk of making a change in management, the present officials being elected to fill out an unexpired term, which will end on March 1, the business of the company is in splendid condition.

Wyoming wool growers, headed by J. A. Delfelder and George S. Walker, president and secretary of the Wyoming Wool Growers' association, are the fathers of the movement, and after establishing a warehouse at Omaha for Wyoming wools, were active in getting the Chicago house started. Mr. Delfelder is one of the directors and leading spirits in the movement, which promises to grow rapidly in the near future. The stockholders have not only obtained the highest prices for their wools, but the Chicago warehouse has obtained for its stockholders from 3 to 6 and 7 cents per pound more for wool than the same wool brought where owners sold it on the range to the middle men or condensed it to eastern commission houses.

Will Ask Receiver to Wind Up Affairs of Tobacco Trust

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—The United States circuit court will be asked to exercise its alternative in the tobacco trust case, order a complete dissolution of the American Tobacco company and appoint a receiver therefor, according to an announcement made today by Charles R. Carruth, counsel for R. P. Richardson, Jr., & Co., one of the defendants in the original federal anti-trust suit. Felix Levy and Louis D. Brandeis of counsel for the independents, filed a petition today with the circuit court, asking leave to intervene in the proceedings. "We believe the plan of disintegration is fundamentally defective," the petition reads, "in that it fails to substantiate and effect to conform with the requirements of the decree of the United States supreme court, inasmuch as its adoption would not remove the domination of the independent industry which has been aided by the tobacco company."

Nonunion Boiler Maker is Slugged

CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—George Growther, 27 years old, a nonunion boiler maker who says he came to Chicago from New York a week ago to work in the Burnside shops of the Illinois Central railroad during the present strike was lured to a resort on the south side today, assaulted by four men and robbed of \$42. He is in a serious condition at a hospital and the police are searching for his assailants. Whether Growther was slugged by strikers or by others has not been determined.

SUPREME COURT TO SAY WHETHER LICENSE TAXABLE

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Oct. 18.—(Special).—The question whether a license to operate a saloon for which \$1,000 was paid is taxable was submitted to the state supreme court here today when the action of the county board of equalization of Douglas county against David Harding came up. The county assessor laid the license at \$30, while Harding protested that it was not a thing of property and therefore not assessable. The board and the district court sustained the assessor and the appeal was brought to the supreme court by the board of equalization. Harding's attorneys contend that the state law does not contemplate paying taxes on liquor licenses in that it is not a franchise, but a permit to do something otherwise forbidden by law.

CHINESE REBELS ENGAGE THE ARMY

Effort of Imperial Troops to Retake Hankow is Stoutly Resisted by Insurgents.

RESULT IS NOT DECISIVE

Regulars Driven Back, but Rebels Retreat Later.

AMMUNITION IS EXHAUSTED

Rebels Run Out of Material and Are Forced to Withdraw.

FOUR THOUSAND MEN ENGAGED

Battle Begins at Daybreak by Fleet Bombarding the City and Landing Troops Under Cover of Heavy Fire.

BULLETIN.

SHANGHAI, China, Oct. 18.—It is reported here that the rebels have captured both Nanking and Kiu Kiang, but official confirmation is lacking. It is stated that there have been a number of reversions from the government troops.

HANKOW, China, Oct. 18.—The first battle since the arrival of the imperial troops from the north was fought today on the north bank of the Han river just west of this city. It was indecisive. The revolutionists temporarily drove the imperial troops back from their position, but in doing so they exhausted their rifle ammunition and were compelled to retire on their base at Wu Chang.

The revolutionists with infantry and artillery attacked the government troops which were reinforced from the Chinese warships in the river and supported by the guns of the fleet.

While the fighting was in progress the thirteen foreign vessels in the river landed a joint force under command of Vice Admiral Sir Alfred L. Winslow, commander of the British fleet, who, because of his seniority, has been given the direction of the men engaged in the protection of the foreign concessions.

The Red Cross neutral camp in charge of Dr. McWille of the American mission, received and cared for the rebel wounded.

Four Thousand Men Engaged. About 2,000 revolutionists were pitted against an equal number of royal soldiers and it was a fair fight. Early reports that the rebels outnumbered the enemy 5 to 1 were incorrect. Only a part of the revolutionary army participated and they are claiming tonight that they would have routed completely the soldiers from the north if their ammunition had held out.

Two thousand rebels who occupy Wu Chang, Hankow, and Man Yang during last night crossed the Yang Tse Kiang from Wu-Chang and at daybreak fell on the imperial camp. They attacked with dashes and the government troops, taken somewhat at a disadvantage, responded bravely. The fighting was severe, but it is impossible to estimate the casualties, as the correspondents were not permitted to enter the lines and those who witnessed the battle from the river were fired on.

Fight Starts at Daybreak. It was just daybreak when Admiral Sah ordered his cruisers to disembark their soldiers near Chang Piao's position. The revolutionists on the Wu Chang fortifications immediately detected the movement and opened a hot fire with their artillery.

The cruisers and gun boats in the river replied with a rain of shells, which diverted the attention of the Wu Chang artillerymen and effectually covered the landing of the troops.

Scattered bodies of revolutionists on both sides of the river joined in the fighting, and by mid-forenoon it was estimated that 2,000 imperial troops and nearly 10,000 rebels were engaged.

The warships used up a large quantity of ammunition but the effectiveness of their fire was hampered by fear of endangering the foreign concessions.

All the foreign warships in the river sent landing parties ashore for the protection of the foreign interests.

At the first sound of firing Admiral Sah Chen Ping, in command of the Chinese warships, ordered men landed to support General Chang Piao, formerly commander of the troops of the Wu-Chang district, who had assumed command of the imperial troops. The rebels had anticipated this move by the fleet and directed a hot fire on the warships and the landing parties from the Wu-Chang bank of the river.

Admiral Sah in turn ordered the warships to fire on the rebel field pieces, and for a time shells fell thick among the rebel gunners. The warship officers, however, were seriously handicapped by the danger to the foreign concessions involved in their fire.

Fire on Foreign Reporters. The foreign newspaper correspondents narrowly escaped with their lives. They had been cruising on the river in expectation of the battle and stationed their launch along Admiral Sah's flagship and between the fire of the two forces.

Admiral Sah ordered them out of the firing line. The launch and its crew withdrew, and as they did so they were fired on by men who had been landed from the warships. Fortunately the correspondents escaped unhurt.

The engagement continued several hours, while the combined land and ship forces of the imperials were driven some distance back and the rebels retiring recrossed the river to Wu-Chang.

The situation has not been greatly changed by the battle and continues grave.

Fight for Railway Station. Desultory firing continued this evening at the rear of the Hankow railway station, the possession of which is continuing to be the subject of a bitter political campaign.

Locomotive Slips Tire. An unusual coincidence in connection with the announcement of an extension of the trip was the fact that a serious accident to the president's train was narrowly averted on the desert west of Keio last night. Twenty miles west of Keio the train was stopped so that the engine might take water. The engineer, making a casual inspection to detect hot bearings, discovered to his amazement that the tire on the right trailer wheel of the ponderous locomotive had slipped an inch or more from its proper place.

A sharp curve if taken at high speed, it is said, might have thrown the tire completely off and then it would have been little less than an oven break as to whether the engine and several of the cars following would have been thrown into the ditch. A hurry call was sent to the Chicago, Oct. 18.—Fred Irish, on whom the state depends to get a conviction in the trial of Maurice Enright, union organizer, charged with the murder of Vincent Altman, today testified that he saw Enright commit the crime. Irish testified that he was in the bar of the Briggs house and saw Enright shoot Altman and then run from the room.

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The Reason Why



All kinds of fruits and vegetables have poured in this season in such quantities that the manufacturer is overwhelmed, his factory and force disorganized—canned goods will be a little higher in consequence. From the Minneapolis Journal.

TAFT WILL EXTEND HIS TRIP

Two Weeks to Be Spent in West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky.

TO REACH WASHINGTON NOV. 15 Will Go to Morgantown from Pittsburgh and Then to Cincinnati.

LAS VEGAS, Nev., Oct. 18.—President Taft's notable "awing around the circuit," now ending its fifth week, will not end in Washington on November 1, as first contemplated, but will be extended until November 15 or 16.

The president will travel some 3,000 or 4,000 miles more than at first intended, bringing the total mileage of his tour up to near the 15,000 and 11,000 miles and breaking all records of presidential travel.

The regular itinerary of the original trip will be followed to Pittsburgh, where President Taft will spend the entire day of Tuesday, October 31. Then, instead of keeping on toward Washington, Mr. Taft will go direct to Morgantown, W. Va., to spend Wednesday, November 1, from Morgantown he will go to Hot Springs, Va., to rest for five days, starting west again in time to visit at Cincinnati at the local session to be held there November 7.

The president will remain in his home town for a day or two and will be tendered a banquet.

Kentucky and Tennessee. Following the Cincinnati trip, Mr. Taft probably will go to Hodgenville, Ky., to participate in the dedication of the Lincoln farm memorial. There are two or three dates in Tennessee following this and then it is expected Mr. Taft will return to Washington in time to prepare his message to congress, which meets the first Monday in December. The dates of the supplemental trip have not been fixed beyond Cincinnati as yet, but probably will be announced within the next few days.

According to President Taft's plans he will discard his special train either at Chicago or Pittsburgh and will make the supplemental tour in his private car attached to regular trains.

Mr. Taft has stood the wear and tear of constant travel thus far better than any of the members of his party and does not view the additional trip with any physical misgivings.

Major Archibald W. Butt, his military aid, has been on the sick list now for several days, but is rapidly recovering and will go through to the finish.

The president has been promising for two years to visit certain cities in Tennessee and is anxious to keep his word. He was due to visit Hodgenville, Ky., early in the fall, but was advised to remain out of the state while a bitter political campaign was on.

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HE IS TAKING AN ACTIVE PART AT THE PRISON CONGRESS.

Secretary Says They Are Made by Well Meaning Men and Women with Whom He Does Not Agree.

CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson on his arrival here today to address the International Brewers' congress expressed himself in regard to the criticism that had been made against his participating in the affair and later delivered his speech before the congress.

"They are honest, conscientious, well-meaning people, probably with the best of motives, but the great American government cannot be run upon theories they hold," was the reply of Secretary Wilson to the protests and objections that had been made by scores of prohibition societies and church organizations.

"I don't want to talk about the campaign that has been waged against me since the announcement that I was going to speak before the brewers. I do not want to be in the light of criticizing them. I am simply going ahead and doing what I think is right."

"The majority of the people who have attacked me are church people. I consider that I am a good church man myself. Our points of view differ, that is all."

Asks About Progressives. Secretary Wilson seemed more interested in the progressive republican conference here. He asked several questions about the meeting. Asked if he thought it a certainty that President Taft would be renominated he said:

"It would appear to be so. The republican party never has refused a renomination to a president who has made as creditable a record as he has. There really is no interest in politics yet. Whatever talk there is is forced and the interest manifest is largely manufactured."

Hundreds of protests had been sent to President Taft and to the secretary himself calling upon him to refuse to appear at the congress, but Mr. Wilson nevertheless welcomed the members of the organization. To the nonexpert auditor his speech consisted merely in assuring the international visitors the same courtesy the United States has received from the European countries from which some of them came.

A few words went to explaining how the crop yields have been increasing by importations from Europe and a few more described the enforcement of the United States pure food law.

Then he turned to the brewers.

"What is Beer? I called our American brewers together a few months ago," he said, "to learn from them what elements might enter into the manufacture of their product, so that its purity might be considered, and told them that government officials were about to enter on the consideration of their product and that we were disposed to deal fairly with all industries recognized by law that enter interstate and internal commerce."

We made progress toward an understanding that they must not misbrand nor adulterate.

"You come amongst us to discuss your business interests and the same welcome is extended to you that the people of your countries have tendered invariably to Americans who sojourn in your lands for business, educational or scientific purposes."

Former Convict is Wanted for the Murder of Five

ELLSWORTH, Kan., Oct. 18.—County authorities today began a search for Charles Marzyek, an ex-convict, in connection with the murder here Sunday of William Showman, Mrs. Showman and their three children. Governor W. R. Stubbs has offered a \$500 reward for the slayer. Marzyek was released from the penitentiary a year ago, after serving a sentence for grand larceny for stealing wheat from a farmer by whom he was employed. Marzyek's former wife, who obtained a divorce and remarried following his sentence to the penitentiary, is a sister of Mrs. Showman. She is said to have made a statement to the authorities today that testimony by Mr. and Mrs. Showman was largely responsible for Marzyek's conviction and that before he went to prison he swore vengeance.

It is said Marzyek has been seen about Ellsworth within a week. The finding last night of a blood-stained shirt and a pair of prison shoes in a local hotel room whose occupant has disappeared, encouraged the authorities in the search for the ex-convict.

Since the discovery of the Showman tragedy the former Mrs. Marzyek, now employed on a farm near here, has kept a shotgun ever near her. She said she feared her former husband might kill her.

Nine persons who have been threatened with death by the ex-convict live in this neighborhood. These persons were all concerned in his conviction at the time he was sentenced to the penitentiary. They are panic-stricken and have armed themselves.

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CROWDS LARGER AT LAND SHOW

Numerous Visitors Fill the Big Coliseum Morning, Afternoon and Evening.

MACHINERY EXHIBIT INTERESTS Farmers in Large Numbers View the Latest Devices to Save Labor.

AMUSEMENT FEATURES PLEASE Trained Seals Interest Both Young and Old with Their Antics.

BEE TRAINER IS FEARLESS Enters the Hive of the Angry Bees and There Subdues Them by Kindness and Comes Out in Safety.

Wednesday was the banner day at the Omaha Land show and while there were no special events on the day program there was an immense crowd in attendance. Instead of waiting until afternoon the people took advantage of the early morning hours and many were at the gates before 9 o'clock. An hour later the street cars began to discharge their loads at the Twentieth street entrance and by noon there was a jam.

In the afternoon the crowd was much greater than during the morning. Trains from out in the state and from Iowa brought large crowds of farmers and their wives. With them the special attraction was Machinery hall, where critically they inspected the latest things in agricultural and horticultural devices.

The dairy machinery exhibits came in for a large share of the attention, as well as those things intended to aid in the raising and care of poultry.

In the main building the admiring throngs wended their way through the aisles, seeking information relative to the raising of fruit, endless quantities of which are on display. In the galleries Green's band and the Hawaiian singers entertained, alternating in furnishing music. There were several performances given by the seal circus, while Prof. Cecil three times during the afternoon entered the cage that was filled with angry bees and by kind treatment brought them under subjection.

In the evening the members of the Omaha Club, the retail merchants and their clerks to the number of nearly 1,000 visited the show and were royally entertained. The Ad club band, the Kasoos, furnished some of the music, which while not classical was of a variety that pleased all.

Beitall, all. In the evening night the students of the University of Omaha attended in large numbers, stirring up things with their college yells and presence all over the building. In one of the tents a party of the university boys put on a burlesque foot ball game that drew a full house.

Mrs. C. A. McDougall has arrived from Idaho and is now making her headquarters at the Coliseum, where she is assisting in singing the praises of the state from which she comes.

Mrs. McDougall was not always a resident of Idaho. She located there three years ago and after having lived in Nebraska for twenty-five years, residing in Friend and Lincoln. She is and always has been a booster for the Land show. In fact, she was the first one to secure space for an exhibit at the present show. She happened to be in Omaha the day when the space plat was opened and being at the office of the management remarked:

"Idaho wants to be at that show, for it is going to be a good one and will result in great good in the way of developing the country."

Without more ado, she took a pencil and marked a cross on the space where the Idaho exhibit now stands. Returning to her home state, she laid the matter before her people and it was given hearty approval, with the result that all hands went to work and now Idaho has one of the largest and most attractive as well as comprehensive exhibits in the building.

Forty Persons Are Overcome by Smoke

CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—Forty persons were overcome by smoke and a company of firemen narrowly escaped injury by flying glass in a fire which caused \$15,000 damage to a five-story brick building at 18 and 20 East Kinzie street today. The structure was occupied by three manufacturing concerns. Thirty-five men, lodgers of a rooming house next door to the burning building were overcome by smoke and were carried out by firemen.

The family of John Doerhoefer, who lived on the second floor of an adjoining building, also were overcome by smoke and rescued by firemen. Eight firemen were cut by flying glass following an explosion of oil on the first floor of the building. The fire started in the basement and rapidly spread to the upper floors through an elevator shaft.

Boxes of O'Brien's Candy.

Dalzell's Ice Cream Bricks.

Tickets to the American Theater.

All are given away free to those who find their names in the want ads.

Read the want ads every day, your name will appear sometime, maybe more than once.

No puzzles to solve nor subscriptions to get—just read the want ads.

Turn to the want ad pages—there you will find nearly every business house in the city represented.