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ROCK ISLAND NO. 39 HITS AN OPEN SWITCH.

This Time Accident Happens in Texas, and Five Persons Are Killed—Eight Others Are Injured, Though Not Fatally—Train Is Derailed.

Running at a high rate of speed, Rock Island passenger train No. 39, which left El Paso, Tex., at 4:30 Saturday evening for Chicago, dived into an open switch at Barney, N. M., 130 miles north of El Paso, early Sunday morning. Five persons were killed and eight injured, none fatally. The dead: H. F. Ackley, Almo Gordon, N. M. engineer; R. J. Redford, Almo Gordon, N. M. fireman; Harley Spense, Corona, N. M., sheepman; Andrew Herron, Bisbee, Ariz.; Mexican child. The injured: Two Arabs who went from El Paso and nine Mexicans. When the train dived into the switch the engine left the track and turned over, pinning the engineer and fireman underneath and killing them instantly. The express car, dining car and a Pullman were thrown from the track. Of the eight passengers hurt, none will die.

The train wrecked Sunday was in collision on Jan. 2 at Voland, Kan., with No. 23 on the same road, and thirty-two persons, mostly Mexican laborers on their way to El Paso, were killed and over thirty persons were injured.

## POLICE OFFICERS ACCUSED.

Alleged Conspiracy to Rob Express Wagon at Butte, Mont. A sensation has been created at Butte, Mont., by testimony presented late Saturday night to the council committee which is investigating charges of grafting among the police force. Two police officers charged that Capt. McGrath, sergeant of police, had invited them to join in a conspiracy to rob a delivery wagon of the Northern Express company between the depot and the express office. The robbery, it was stated, was to have occurred on the night of Nov. 11 last, when it was expected a large amount of currency would be secured. Someone tipped the plan off to the manager of the express company, who immediately telephoned to headquarters at St. Paul. A force of armed guards was rushed to Butte with instructions to kill if necessary to protect the company's property. This precaution, it is alleged, frustrated the plans of the conspirators.

## DECLINE CHANCE TO ESCAPE.

Twenty-Four Men Go Down with Their Ship. The British ship Pengwern, Capt. Williams, from Talait, Chili, Oct. 6 for Palmyra with a cargo of saltpeper, grounded off Scharpon, about two miles north of Cuxhaven, Germany, Sunday. Twenty-four men comprising the crew were drowned, and her cargo is a total loss. The tug Vulcan went to the assistance of the stranded vessel, and passing close to her crew the Pengwern threw a live dog and a bundle of clothes aboard the tug, but disregarded the appeals to jump into the water so that they might be rescued. The tug made repeated attempts to rescue the Pengwern, but the heavy sea broke over her and she disappeared from view.

## LANDSLIDE BLOCKS ROAD.

Train Narrowly Escapes Avalanche of Earth in West Virginia. Early Sunday morning a tremendous slip occurred on the main line of the West Virginia railroad on the West Virginia side of the Ohio river at the bridge opposite Mingo Junction, O., which will put the resistance of the strand for several days, as in the meantime trains are being operated via other lines. Just as the slip started a westbound freight in charge of Engineer Charles McCabe was passing on to the bridge. The engineer felt the track collapsing and opened the throttle wide. The engine and six freight cars of the train were demolished by the avalanche of earth.

## Man Killed in Bull Fight.

Antonio Montes, considered one of the foremost matadors of Spain, was fatally gored by a bull in a fight in Mexico City Sunday. Montes was about to place the sword when the bull caught him.

## Man Killed in Stock Market.

Saturday's operations on the St. Louis stock market follow: Butcher meat, \$4.28. Top beef, \$4.25.

## Five in Mining Camp.

Five Saturday night destroyed the mining plant at the Consolidated Coal company at Owen, near Cumberland, Md. The loss is estimated at about \$60,000, and 150 men are thrown out of work.

## Well Known Where Importer Dead.

Joseph Green, of St. Louis, Mo., aged 71, one of the oldest wine importers in the west, died Saturday of apoplexy. He was prominent in the G. A. R. circles.

## Opposed Proclamation Changes.

Against the opposition of the court King Alfonso, of Spain, Saturday authorized the opening of a Protestant chapel in connection with the palace, for the benefit of Princess Henry of Battenberg, mother of Queen Victoria, who is the king's guest, pending the completion of the queen.

## To Open Russo-Chinese Bank.

The Russo-Chinese bank, one of the largest European financial institutions, opened a branch in New York Jan. 14. It will be under the management of Walter Kautsky.

## MUST PAY FRISCO LOSSES.

German Insurance Companies Lose in Home Court.

The North German Fire Insurance company, according to a decision by the Hamburg court, must pay the losses which it incurred as a result of the San Francisco earthquake last year. The court held that the earthquake clause in the policy was too ambiguous to justify the company seeking to escape liability. The court also ordered the Trans-Atlantic Fire Insurance company to reimburse to English companies which had reinsured San Francisco risks with it for losses already adjusted.

## NO GUGGENHEIM INQUIRY.

Colorado Shuts Off Probe of Alleged Purchase of Senatorship. Senator J. H. Crowley, Democrat, introduced in the upper house of the Colorado legislature Friday a resolution providing for the appointment of a committee to investigate Simon Guggenheim's alleged purchase of the United States senatorship, for which he recently received the indorsement of the Republican caucus. The senator cited published reports concerning the use of money to secure the election of members pledged to vote for Guggenheim for the good of the name of the state action should be taken.

## MISSING SHIP IN PORT.

The Ponce Is Towed Into a Bermuda Harbor. The overdue steamship Ponce was towed into Hamilton, Bermuda, Friday by a steamer which picked her up, disabled. The Ponce had broken a shaft. All on board are well. The Ponce sailed from Ponce, P. R., Dec. 26, and was due at New York Jan. 1. The steamer Maracas, from Trinidad, which, with the steamer Ponce, has been overdue here, arrived in quarantine at New York Friday. She was delayed owing to a derangement of her machinery. She saw nothing of the Ponce.

## CHICAGO HAS A MYSTERY.

Woman Found Dead in Hotel Was Poisoned. It was definitely determined in Chicago Friday that the woman found dead at the Hotel Whitcomb Thursday morning was poisoned. She came to the hotel in company with a man who signed the register, "M. Friedman and wife." He disappeared before the death of the woman was discovered and has not been found. It is believed the couple came to Chicago from some other place.

## FRISCO FACES FUEL FAMINE.

Serious Situation in the California City. Unless the coal situation is relieved San Francisco will suffer seriously by next week. There are at present in the bunkers and in the hands of retail dealers a little more than a seven-days' supply of fuel. After that the problem will become decidedly serious. There are no colliers on the way to port, and a genuine coal famine threatens the city. The scarcity of coal is being felt in all the cities across the bay.

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## Disastrous Blaze Occurs in German Factory.

Sixteen girls and four youths from 15 to 18 years old were burned to death at the village of Geiselsheim, near Strassburg, Germany, in a fire at the Hubert company's factory Friday morning. A basket of celluloid scraps caught fire from a spark and exploded in a room where forty were working. The flames spread quickly, cutting off exits.

## Hero Loses His Life.

Elbert W. Gibson, principal of schools at Riverside, Mich., was drowned Friday while trying to save 14-year-old Harry Valance, who had broken through the ice while skating. Gibson leaves a widow and six children.

## French Submarine Boat Sinks.

The submarine boat Algerian sank at her moorings at Cherbourg, France, during Thursday night. There was no one on board the vessel when she went down. Divers found the boat lying on her starboard side at the bottom of the harbor.

## Appeals to Roosevelt.

The constitutional convention in session at Guthrie, Okla., passed a memorial to congress and President Roosevelt, asking them to set aside the ruling of Secretary Hitchcock in segregating 4,000,000 acres of forest reserve in the Choctaw nation.

## 300 Tons of Flour for Famine Belt.

Three hundred tons of flour—12,000 sacks—was shipped out of Stockton, Cal., Thursday to be loaded on the steamer Coptic in San Francisco. The flour is for the starving people in China and constitutes the National Red Cross donation.

## New Epidemics Threaten Scranton.

The typhoid epidemic at Scranton, Pa., is on the wane, but now come reports that epidemics of diphtheria and scarlet fever are threatened.

## Asylum Superintendent Quits.

Announcement was made Thursday that Dr. Charles Taylor, of Elkhart, Ill., has resigned as superintendent of the asylum for the feeble minded at Lincoln, Ill. He was formerly assistant, being advanced upon the death of Dr. McLean, of Hillsboro.

## Raises Price of Gasoline.

The Standard Oil company Thursday advanced gasoline testing 36 degrees from 22 1/2 to 23 1/2 cents a gallon. Quotations of denatured stone gasoline remain unchanged at 15 cents.

## DISORDER IN BRAIN.

Autopsy on Victim of Charles City Mob.

The verdict of the coroner's jury in the case of James Cullen, the wealthy contractor who was lynched at Charles City, Ia., Wednesday night for the murder of his wife and stepson, is to the effect that he came to his death by hanging at the hands of parties unknown to the jury. The autopsy revealed that Cullen's brain showed degeneration and that there were traces of adhesions. This it is declared, would have saved him from the gallows and caused him to have been sent to the asylum. Judge Kelly called the grand jury in at noon and gave it special instructions. He said: "As you have doubtless heard, during last night an act was committed in this city of homes that will forever be a stain upon Charles City and Floyd county. During the times when this court was in session and while the grand jury was actually investigating a charge against a man who was in the custody of the sheriff, locked in the jail of this county, and who was legally entitled to the full protection of the laws of Iowa, a lawless mob forcibly broke into jail and in cold blood dragged their helpless victim to a public bridge in the center of the town in a public street and murdered him. The crime of which James Cullen was accused and which was doubtless committed by him, pales into insignificance when compared with the deliberate act of an organized mob. 'You now have nothing to do with the guilt or innocence of Cullen. His case is in the hands of God. But he was murdered, gentlemen, and every person who actively participated in the act or who aided and abetted it is equally guilty of murder, and upon you rests the duty of taking the first steps towards bringing his murderers to justice. I enjoin upon you the performance of this duty without fear or favor in accordance with your oaths. You can retire, and I direct you to make a full report in this matter.'"

## THIRTY KILLED IN RIOTS.

Million Dollars' Damage Done by Mexican Strikers. Late news from Orizaba, Mexico, confirms the report that the fatalities resulting from the strike riots at Rio Blanco and Santa Rosa were not less than thirty. Practically all of the killed were strikers, shot by the soldiers. The property loss is not less than \$1,000,000.

## MONEY IN CORN PALACE.

Mitchell Show Paid Profit Amounting to Nearly \$2,000. W. M. Smith, treasurer of the Mitchell corn palace, has just made his statement for the year's corn palace, which affords a line showing for that year. The receipts were \$14,913.44; of this amount \$10,065 was for ticket sales, and \$4,848 was for other receipts. After all expenses were paid a balance of \$2,424.96 was applied on the indebtedness which was caused by the erection of the magnificent new building which was erected in 1905. The dates for the 1907 celebration are Sept. 23 to 25.

## INSURANCE IN UNION COUNTY.

Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Association Had Good Year. The report of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Association of Union County, filed with the county auditor, shows that there have been 239 original and 91 supplementary policies written during the year 1906, amounting to \$386,700. The association has 1,281 policies now in force, amounting to \$1,742,540. The losses by fire and running expenses of the company for the entire year were \$2,659.

## LAWYERS ELECT OFFICERS.

Vote Against Year's Residence for Applicants for Divorce. The State Bar association at its annual meeting in Pierre selected as officers for the ensuing year: C. H. Dillon, of Yankton, president; S. M. Elrod, of Clark, Geo. W. Case of Watertown, vice president; J. H. Vorhees, of Sioux Falls, secretary. After the discussion of several hours the association, by 17 to 14, voted against a residence of one year as a divorce requirement.

## Herrick Has Railroad.

The Chicago and Northwestern railroad has completed its line west from Bonesteel as far as Herrick, and has constructed a "Y" so as to enable the trains to turn, and the officials have arranged for the carrying of freight and passengers to Herrick, beginning Jan. 19. Stock yards, crossings, fences and telegraph lines have been completed and the track has been ballasted with sand.

## Phone Saves Three Lives.

The telephone saved the lives of three persons southwest of Miller. In the night Elijah Molyneux fell out of bed in a dazed condition, but realized that he was smothering from soft coal gas. He saw nothing but a red glow. He rang the telephone and neighbors came, and after hard work restored Mars. Molyneux, who was nearly dead.

## Earth Shocks Are Felt.

Two severe earthquake shocks were felt at Christiansia, Norway, at 1:30 o'clock Thursday morning, accompanied by rumbling like thunder. No damage was reported.

## Church Is Hanged.

William E. Church was hanged at Warren, Mo., Thursday morning for the murder of his foster parents. Church was strangled to death. He expressed regret for his crime.

## Extension for Homesteaders.

The president has approved the bill having for its purpose the extension of the time within which homesteaders may establish their residence on certain lands heretofore a part of the Crow Indian reservation, Montana.

## More Car Shortage Complaints.

Complaints concerning the car shortage and lack of fuel in the west and northwest are still being received at the interstate commerce commission's office.

## "Black Hand" Victim.

The body of a man, buried beyond recognition with Kroese, was found in a patch of woods at Guttenberg, N. J., Thursday. There is little doubt the man was murdered and that he was the victim of the so-called "Black Hand."

## Two Cannon for South Dakota.

The senate has agreed to a resolution directing the secretary of war to deliver to the state of South Dakota two 3-inch wrought iron muzzle-loading cannon.

# WEEK'S HAPPENINGS

## NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

### "Firebug" in Terry—Deliberate Plan to Burn Entire Town Discovered—Mattress Saturated with Kerosene and Ignited in Old Cabin.

It is believed that Terry harbors a "firebug" who is determined to destroy the town. The first attempt in what is believed to be a deliberate plan to burn the town was discovered one night last week when parties passing the most narrow point on Main street noticed a suspicious blaze in a cabin formerly occupied by a celebrated Black Hills character known as "Crookneck John."

### HAS "LID" FOR STURGIS.

John T. Mitek, the newly elected state's attorney for Meade county, met in conference with about forty of the leading business men of Sturgis at the city hall on Wednesday evening to discuss with them the position he intended to take toward the saloons and disorderly houses during his administration. Mr. Mitek stated that he has given the disorderly houses ten days' notice to close up.

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## BIG CROP OF TIMOTHY SEED.

Deuel County Farmer Makes Unusually Successful Experiment.

Alfred Olson, a Deuel county farmer, who last year made some interesting experiments in the raising of timothy seed on a large scale, has just received returns from the crop, and these are of a most gratifying nature. Four hundred acres of his farm were devoted to a tame grass crop, and all of it was cut for seed. The crop yielded an average of eight bushels per acre, and the seed, of a total of \$3,040 for the entire crop. He had 3,200 bushels of timothy seed from the 400 acres. This makes a value of the crop \$12,500 per acre, or a total of \$3,040 for the entire crop. It is thought that as the result of the success of his experiment the acreage devoted to timothy will this year be materially increased in that part of the state.

## TO CONTEST ELECTION.

H. B. Farren Calms Irregularity in Tickets. H. B. Farren, of Gann Valley, the defeated Republican candidate for the legislature from that district, has caused a small sensation among the Democrats by calling on the county auditor of Jerauld county for a certified copy of the certificate of nomination of William Zink, the Democratic candidate for the legislature, who was nominated by petition and elected in the district. Mr. Farren immediately after securing the copy drove hurriedly to Woonsocket to catch the afternoon train for Pierre, where it is supposed he intends to institute contest proceedings against Mr. Zink. The basis of the supposed contest is to be on the grounds that Mr. Zink's name appeared on the ballot in Jerauld county under the Democratic ticket, while in Buffalo county his name appeared under the independent ticket.

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1708—Mantua ceded to the Emperor of Austria.

1775—Montgomery killed at battle of Quebec.

1777—Lancaster defeated British at battle of Princeton.

1784—Treaty of Paris ratified by American Congress.

1794—Edmund Randolph of Virginia became Secretary of State.

1800—Samuel Dexter of Massachusetts became Secretary of the Treasury.

1812—Commodore Bainbridge, commanding the frigate Constitution, captured British frigate Java, off San Salvador.

1841—Steamer Thames, wrecked off Dublin in Liverpool, wrecked off St. Ives; 59 lives lost.

1844—Equestrian statue of George IV. set up in Trafalgar square, London.

1845—Texas admitted to the Union.

1846—Gen. Taylor took possession of Victoria, capital of Tamapullias.

1849—Buda Pest taken by Windischgratz.

1851—Austrian Emperor revoked Constitution of March 4, 1849.

1852—West India mail steamship Amazon burned at sea; 102 lives lost.

1854—Allied fleets entered the Black Sea.

1855—Omar Pacha arrived in the Crimea with the Turkish navy.

1857—Northern Belle, American vessel, wrecked near Broadwaters.

1860—John B. Floyd of Virginia resigned as Secretary of War.

1862—The Confederates attacked Gen. Sherman and drove him back to the first line of defense before Vicksburg. Battle of Murfreesboro, or Stone River.

1865—Military insurrection at Aranjuez, headed by Gen. Prim.

1868—United States military asylum at Augusta, Me., destroyed by fire. Gen. Sheridan captured the Indian chief Sapsuana and Lone Wolf. Gov. Flanders of Louisiana resigned, and Joshua Baker appointed his successor. Mosby Clark, a Revolutionary soldier, died at Richmond, Va., at the advanced age of 121 years.

1876—Train wreck at Ashutaba, Ohio. Eighty killed and sixty injured.

1878—Removal of Temple Bar, one of the four city gates of London, begun.

1879—Gen. Tom Thumb, famous dwarf, died.

1880—Wagner's opera, "Die Meistersinger," sung for first time in America at Metropolitan opera house.

1891—Fifth Avenue theater, New York, burned.

1892—Women admitted to diplomas at the British Royal College of Surgeons.