

Cost of Improving a Railroad.

To duplicate the track of a large American road would involve an expenditure whose resulting yearly charges would be very far from being met by the added revenue for a long time to come.

Preventing Suicide.

We commend to the Salvation Army a method successfully used on would-be suicides for some years in Boston by a citizen who has won a reputation as a confidant of unfortunates, weaklings and gentle paupers.

During the year 1906 property in the United States to the value of more than half a billion dollars was destroyed by fire.

Now we are told that a crazy man took the money. Going crazy is getting to be a terrible habit.

The monks of St. Bernard in the Alps are soon to appear as automobilists. They have received permission to run automobiles between the hospices of Grand St. Bernard and Simplon.

A New Jersey woman on invitation of the judge stepped up on the bench and sentenced her husband to 30 days in jail for drunkenness and general meanness.

Great Britain says she will not plan any more warships until The Hague conference passes upon disarmament.

Andrew Carnegie, replying to a question about steel, wrote that having retired from it he did not care to open the subject; that he might have been a rich man if he hadn't resolved not to spend an old age in pursuit of steel.

A Topeka family returned from church to find that burglars had carried off everything but the carpets on the floors.

The harvest alone brought Austria-Hungary 2,785.2 million crowns (\$565,415,900) more than in 1905, when there was by no means a poor harvest.

A Pittsburg banker arrested in a theater had to go to jail because his lawyer was in church. What chance has a lawyer like that in Pittsburg?

The Chicago man who has retired from business because he has \$2,000,000 and thinks that is enough cannot read the newspapers very much.

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IS SERIOUS, BUT SOLUTION RE-GARDED AS SIMPLE.

SULTAN IS EXPECTED TO YIELD

All Claims Formulated By the Commander of the French Armored Cruiser Jeanne d'Arc.

Paris, March 25.—In official quarters here it is recognized that the Moroccan situation is serious, but the consensus of European opinion being favorable to France's action, a solution of the difficulties is regarded as being very simple and not likely to produce complications.

The sultan of Morocco is expected to yield promptly all the claims formulated by the commander of the French armored cruiser Jeanne d'Arc, now at Tangier, so soon as he is convinced that the French attitude is inflexible and that France has the unanimous support of the powers.

No news has reached the foreign office relative to the occupation of Oudja by the French troops.

A dispatch received from Gen. Liautey, commander of the column of occupation, announced that a squadron of Spahis had been ordered to make a forced march from Sidi-bel-Abbes, Algeria, to Oudja. The Spahis can not reach Oudja before March 30.

A battery of artillery and a battalion of zouaves have left Tiemsea, Algeria, for Lalla, Marnia, on the Morocco frontier.

Gen. Liautey has arrived at Sidi-bel-Abbes and has taken charge of the military operations.

A news agency announced that the headquarters of the French military mission at Fez had been pillaged.

No confirmation of the statement has been received in official circles here.

Six hundred men of the first foreign legion and a quantity of stores will leave Sidi-bel-Abbes for Tiemsea, and another battery of artillery from Oran has been ordered to join the column of occupation.

FIREWORKS SET OFF BY SPARK.

One Man Torn to Pieces and Many Seriously Injured.

New York, March 28.—A spark caused by a blow from a hammer ignited a quantity of set pieces in the finishing room of the Consolidated Fireworks Co. at Grantville St. 1, and in the explosion that followed one man was torn to pieces, a boy and two girls were probably fatally injured, and seven other persons were burned.

Explosions Was the Boy's Mania. Cripple Creek, Colo., March 28.—Roy Bonvillian, aged 17 years, was arrested here charged with attempting to blow up the county hospital with dynamite.

Thirty Sacks of Gold Seized. Pueblo, Colo., March 28.—Thirty sacks of gold, valued at \$10,000, said to have been stolen from the mines at Rhyolite, Nev., and shipped into Pueblo by high graders, were seized at the local office of the Wells-Fargo Express Co. by Deputy United States Marshal Frank of Denver.

Tragedy in a Cemetery. Bristol, Tenn., March 28.—Lillie Davis, aged 29, following a quarrel with her sweetheart, shot herself in the left breast in the private square of the city cemetery and is dying. The young man was arrested.

Piano Factory Destroyed. Chicago, March 28.—The factory of the M. Schultz Co., manufacturers of pianos, located at Erie and Carpenter streets, was almost totally destroyed by fire. Loss, \$100,000.

Big Drop in Temperature. Norfolk, Neb., March 28.—A cold wave, causing a drop of 23 degrees, struck Norfolk and the Northwest. The range for the day was 55 degrees and the range for the week 65 degrees.

Engineer and Fireman Killed. St. Paul, Minn., March 28.—The Northern Pacific passenger train for St. Paul, which left Duluth at 11:10, was wrecked at Carlton, Minn. The engine and mail combination cars were derailed and the engineer and fireman, both of St. Paul, were killed.

Editor Assassinated. Moscow, Russia, March 28.—Dr. Jollos, editor of The Russki Vedomosti, was assassinated here by an unknown youth, who shot him with a revolver as he was leaving his residence. The murderer escaped.

Dies on Wedding Tour. New York, March 28.—A dispatch received from Tokyo announces the death of James Henry Smith, one of the wealthiest capitalists of this city. At the time of his death Mr. Smith was on a wedding tour around the world.

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Colton, Cal., March 29.—A disastrous wreck on the Southern Pacific occurred 1 1/2 miles east of this town when westbound train No. 9, from New Orleans for San Francisco, ran into an open switch while going at the rate of 40 miles an hour, and 10 of the 14 coaches were derailed.

Twenty-six people are known to have been killed, and the list will total much higher. The injured number about 100, many of whom will die.

The wrecked coaches were hurled in every direction. Four of them were smashed into splinters. Most of the dead were Italians from New York and New Orleans. They occupied the smoker and day coach.

The dead were terribly mangled. Eighteen were taken to Colton and eight additional bodies could be seen underneath one of the overturned and demolished cars.

This car could not be raised until a derrick was brought from Los Angeles, 60 miles away.

The injured were carried to this city in vehicles of all sorts, and the Colton hospital was quickly filled to its capacity. Many were taken to the Presbyterian church and to private residences.

But two Americans are known to have been killed, although several of those among the injured will undoubtedly die.

The baggage man of the train, whose name had not been ascertained, was also killed.

Engineer Clarence Worthington and Fireman Victor Crebb both jumped and were caught in the wreckage. They were both terribly burned and scalded. John Golden, train conductor, was in the Pullman section of the train and escaped injury. Out of about 80 Pullman passengers, there were but two who sustained serious injury.

The three Pullman coaches and the diner, which were in the rear of the train, did not leave the track. The occupants of these cars were practically unharmed.

MILLION DOLLAR FIRE.

Many Factories, Telephone Exchange and Business Houses Destroyed.

Danville, Va., March 29.—A disastrous fire broke out in South Boston, 32 miles northeast of here, and spreading rapidly, destroyed tobacco factories and other buildings, threatened the destruction of the entire town and entailed a loss estimated variously up to \$1,000,000.

The flames spread to other tobacco factories and other buildings, including the telephone exchange, which was located at quite a distance from the tobacco section, and they were destroyed.

Appeals for assistance were telegraphed to this city and to Durham, N. C.

Meantime the conflagration was spreading, and a message received here stated that all of the tobacco district and a large section of the business district had been destroyed, and that the fire was still burning, but under control.

South Boston is the junction of the Southern and the Norfolk & Western railroads, and its population at the last census was 1,875.

Dog Eat Dynamite.

Mammoth, Ark., March 29.—William Galboun, Horace Gordon and James Griffin are painfully wounded, while others had narrow escapes from instant death when Juno, a faithful watch dog who was following them, stumbled and fell from a cliff above almost at their feet. The dog was blown to pieces and the men were stunned. It is believed the animal had swallowed several pounds of dynamite just before leaving a blasting camp.

Forest Fires Raging.

Montgomery, Ala., March 29.—Forest fires are raging in South Alabama, near the Florida line, and millions of dollars worth of pine timber is in peril. Every effort is being made to stop the flames, but the dry weather makes the work difficult.

No More Passes.

Lincoln, Neb., March 29.—Both houses of the legislature took final action on the railroad antitrust bill, adopting it by a practically unanimous vote and sending it to the governor.

Eight Buildings Burned.

Ogdensburg, N. Y., March 29.—Fire destroyed the Commercial and McCawley's hotels, four stores and two residences in Ogdensburg, Ont. The loss is \$100,000.

Negro Murderer Hanged.

Jackson, Miss., March 29.—Charles Coleman, a negro, was hanged at Magnolia for the murder of Iddo Dillon, another negro. The hanging was public.

Deposite a \$1,000 Ransom.

Dover, Del., March 29.—Dr. Marvin, father of Horace Marvin, aged 4 years, who has been missing from his home near here for more than two weeks deposited \$1,000 in gold with the cashier of a local bank, which will be paid for the return of the boy.

A \$50,000 Blaze.

New York, March 29.—A cable dts patch received here from Manila reports that Stevenson & Co.'s warehouse there, containing 16,000 bales of Manila hemp, was burned. The loss is estimated at \$50,000.

Gambling Wiped Out.

Waco, Tex., March 29.—Five wagon loads of gambling paraphernalia were seized by Constable McNamara, who says gambling is at an end. The recent tragedy at Ft. Worth has cryed talked sentiment all over Texas on the subject.

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\$100,000 TO GET MEN "HIGHER UP"

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San Francisco, March 30.—Rudolph Spreckels, who by backing the prosecution in the graft investigation with his fortune made the present investigation possible, made a statement in which he said:

"Contributions from citizens to the fund of \$100,000 guaranteed by me before the commencement of the bribery graft investigation are coming in steadily, though slowly. They are in amounts ranging from \$20 to \$1,000 and more.

"If it costs me more than \$100,000 to complete this prosecution that will make no difference. Those engaged in it will never be hampered by lack of funds, no matter what the bill may be.

"The work of investigating will not be suspended until every bit of rottenness has been fully exposed. We fully expect to land in the penitentiary every giver of bribes and the 'higher up' the offender the more vigorous will be his pursuit. We do not, however, expect to send every bribe taker to prison.

"Some of the miserable men who sold themselves to the corporations must be granted immunity in exchange for their testimony which is worth a great deal more to us as evidence of the guilt of high corporation officials than their own incarceration would be.

"Every department of the city and county government will be thoroughly examined, the police department along with the others. No set of officials will be overlooked."

Since the arrest of Abraham Ruef at the Trocadero a month ago rumors have been rife that an attempt would be made to rescue him by force from Elisor Biggy and his guards, either during a session of court or while Ruef was being taken to or from court.

An officer prominent in the bribery graft investigation was asked if it is not true that every person identified with the prosecution is going armed, and was questioned about the significance.

He said: "Though I think the matter should not be exploited, it is a fact that every man openly identified with the prosecution of the bribery charges and grafters in heel, and that some of the more prominent of them are employing bodyguards."

BABY CAST INTO THE SEA

By Its Crazy Mother, Who Attempted to Blow It.

New York, March 30.—Crazed by illness, Mrs. Filomena Aquila, a passenger on the German steamer Koelig Albert, which arrived from Naples, hurled her year-old baby into the sea, while the ship was in mid-ocean. She tried to leap over herself, but was restrained.

The ship stopped and put back, and although she cruised around for an hour, the body of the infant could not be found, so the voyage was continued.

A seaman saw the child fall, and while the ship was being brought to a stop hospital attendants found Mrs. Aquila trying to force her body through the porthole. She was overpowered and placed under restraint until the ship made port.

Dynamite Kills 54 Men.

Johannesburg, Transvaal, March 30.—Four white men and 50 natives were killed and three whites and 16 natives injured by an explosion of two cases of dynamite at the Driefontein mine. One of the killed was William Harvey, an American. The explosion occurred at a time when the mine workers were mustered preparatory to going to work. A native tampered with the dynamite.

Water Supply Gave Out.

Laurens, S. C., March 30.—Fire at Newberry, S. C., a thriving little city of 6,000 population, destroyed 22 residences, 10 stores and two churches, entailing a loss estimated at between \$150,000 and \$200,000, with insurance of about \$85,000. Two hours after the fire broke out the city water supply was exhausted and the town was left practically at the mercy of the flames.

Yeggmen's Big haul.

Jackson, Mich., March 30.—Safe-blowers robbed the Farmers' and Merchants' National bank of Hasover, securing \$2,000. Two women heard the explosion and gave the alarm, but before the citizens could organize a posse the robbers had made good their escape.

Big Flow of Gas.

Huntsville, Ala., March 30.—An enormous flow of natural gas was struck near Huntsville. One hundred and seventy feet of casing, weighing 7,000 pounds, was blown out by the pressure, and the flow has not been controlled so far.

Hotel Destroyed.

Richmond, Va., March 30.—Fire in the business section of Buena Vista, Rockbridge county, destroyed the Colonial hotel and several stores. The estimated loss is \$85,000; insurance, \$35,000.

Hit a Cartridge.

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A TRIO OF WEALTHY PLUNGERS

REPORTED HEAVY LOSERS IN UNION PACIFIC POOL.

Which Was Formed On Advice of Harriman, After Helping Him in Fight Against Fish.

New York, April 1.—It was learned that three of the heaviest losers in the "rich man's panic" in Wall street are John Jacob Astor, Robert W. Goellet and Cornelius Vanderbilt. Their aggregate losses are said to be \$3,000,000 and \$9,000,000. All three Pacific stock on a "tip" given them by E. H. Harriman.

Cornelius Vanderbilt is not nearly so rich as the other two. He was practically disinherited because of his marriage to Miss Grace Wilson. A settlement effected by which Cornelius got \$6,000,000. He had, it is said, about \$8,000,000 when he joined the other two in the Union Pacific speculation.

Mr. Vanderbilt's share in the pool, it is said was not quite as heavy as Col. Astor's and Mr. Goellet's. His loss is stated to be about \$2,000,000, and the losses of the other two to be in excess of \$3,000,000 each.

The three society men are directors of the Illinois Central railroad, having been put into the board by Stuyvesant Fish when he was president of that road. They were all personal friends of Mr. Fish and he counted on their support when E. H. Harriman started the campaign to drive him out of the presidency of the railroad. The three had always voted with Mr. Fish up to June, 1906. Then they suddenly swung over to Mr. Harriman and voted with him in all matters which that astute financier brought up in the board meetings, and which culminated in the deposition of Mr. Fish in October last.

FOUR KILLED AT CROSSING.

Buggy Struck by Train Causing the Death of Occupants.

Kansas City, Mo., April 1.—Four persons in a buggy, two men and two women, were instantly killed at the Fifteenth street crossing of the Chicago & Alton railroad, two miles east of this city, by the Alton's Red Flyer, westbound from St. Louis.

The bodies were horribly mutilated and it has not been possible to identify them, but the men are believed, from papers found in their pockets, to have been George Henry and H. Monner, salesmen.

Trainers say that the carriage drove directly in front of the engine, although the electric bell at the crossing had been ringing several minutes.

Two of the bodies, those of a man and a woman, were picked up by the cowcatcher of the locomotive and carried some distance. The other two were thrown clear of the track. The horses escaped injury.

DROWNS SELF AND CHILDREN.

Pins Clothing of Little Ones to Her Own to Make Death Certain.

Dover, N. J., April 1.—Having fastened their garments securely to her own, Mrs. Otto Britting carried her two little children into Shongun lake, where all three were drowned.

The bodies were recovered by the husband, who had searched since his wife and the little ones left their home in Mill Brook.

The three had dived in shallow water and the mother's body was in a stooping posture, as though she had bent over to place her head under water.

Rioting Follows a Strike.

Seattle, Wash., April 1.—Serious rioting, with a number already reported killed, is occurring at the famous Treadwell mine on Douglas island, Alaska. The federal troops stationed at Ft. W. H. Seward, near Skagway, on Lynn Canal, are said to have been ordered out. A strike has been in progress at the Treadwell mine, which employs about 1,200 men, for about two weeks. The men are mainly foreigners.

Officer Shot and Killed.

St. Louis, Mo., April 1.—On the day which was already arranged to be his last as a member of the police department, Patrolman Lemuel R. Boyce, 32 years old, was shot and killed. It is believed that Boyce was shot by a burglar who a few minutes before had robbed the saloon of William Relia, at No. 3201 Chouteau avenue.

Dashed His Brains Out.

Kurak, Russia, April 1.—Druzaninoff, a former policeman, who was sentenced to a year's imprisonment for torturing peasants in a punitive expedition, had his brains dashed out by peasant prisoners in jail here.

Oldest Engineer Dead.

Poduchek, Ky., April 1.—John L. McGuire, the oldest engineer on the Illinois Central railroad, is dead. He ran the first train between Paducah and Memphis, and during his service for the road had three narrow escapes from death.

Heiress Meets Death.

Oneonta, N. Y., April 1.—Mrs. E. S. Loveland, a niece of the late Collis P. Huntington, and a beneficiary under his will, was instantly killed while operating a new automobile, which had been delivered to her recently.

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HELPING ALONG HIS MEMORY.

Husband Willing to Do His Best to Follow Instructions.

Mr. Morse is an undemonstrative man and an absent-minded one as well. In these two respects he is a trial to his wife, who is exactly his opposite. "James," she said as she bade him good-by when he was about to start for Chicago, "will you remember to hunt up Cousin William and find out all about Aunt Sarah? It is so many years since I've heard from so many of that family."

"Yes, my dear."

"And do you suppose you will remember to put on your overcoat if the wind changes, so as not to catch one of your dreaded colds?"

"Yes, my dear."

"And you will try to remember that you have plenty of clean collars, so you needn't go about looking as if you had no wife to see to you?"

"Yes, my dear," said Mr. Morse, as he turned to take up his bag.

"And, James," said Mrs. Morse, tearfully, "do you suppose you will think of me every day while you are gone and I am here at home?"

"My dear," responded Mr. Morse, with his mind on catching the train, "I will certainly make a memorandum to do so."

Indians in United States.

In round figures, there are 284,000 Indians in the United States at the present time, 91,000 of whom are in Indian territory and 15,000 in Oklahoma, or 106,000 in the coming state. Those of Indian territory, the five civilized tribes—Cherokees, Creeks, Choctaws, Chickasaws and Seminoles—have been managing their own affairs for two-thirds of a century, and are in all respects fitted for the citizenship which they are soon to exercise.

All of these, and nearly all of those in the Oklahoma end of the coming state, wear civilized dress, and have schools, churches and the other accompaniments of civilization.—Lester's.

Oldest Man on Army Rolls.

The oldest enlisted man on the rolls of the United States army is Sgt. David Robertson, of the hospital corps, station on Governor's Island. He is a native Scotchman. He first enlisted May 27, 1854, and he has been in continuous service, having the extraordinary record of never having lost a day. He is 74 years old.

Man Expert Milliner.

Charles Manners, the famous opera singer, is credited by a London expert with being one of the finest amateur milliners living, his work equaling some of the best French models.

TONIC FOR MOTHERS

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Are Safe and Reliable—A Favorite Household Remedy.

Motherhood may be the crowning blessing of a woman's life or it may bring grief and sorrow. Mrs. M. J. Wright, of 170 Seventh Street, Auburn, Maine, relates her experience after the birth of her daughter in 1901, as follows: "I was all run down at the time the baby came and did not improve in health rapidly after. I was pale, thin and bloodless. My stomach distressed me being full of gas all the time and my heart fluttered so that I could scarcely breathe."

"Finally I remembered that a friend had recommended Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to me so I commenced using them. I gained in strength rapidly while the baby thrived also. When I expected my next child I started taking the pills again as a tonic and strengthener and had no such difficulty before. I got up better and my strength came back much sooner."

"A year ago last winter I had an attack of rheumatism in the hands which went from one hand to the other. The joints swelled up and were so stiff I could not move them. The pain extended up through my arms and shoulders. I felt sick enough to go to bed but did not do so. This attack lasted for several months. I tried several remedies but finally came back to using the pills which had done me so much good before and found that they benefited me almost at once. I have not been troubled since."

All druggists sell Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, or they will be sent by mail post-paid, on receipt of price, 50 cents per box, six boxes for \$2.50, by the Dr. Williams Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y. Send for book of cases.

A Positive CATARRH CURE. Ely's Cream Balm. It is quickly absorbed. Gives Relief at Once.

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