

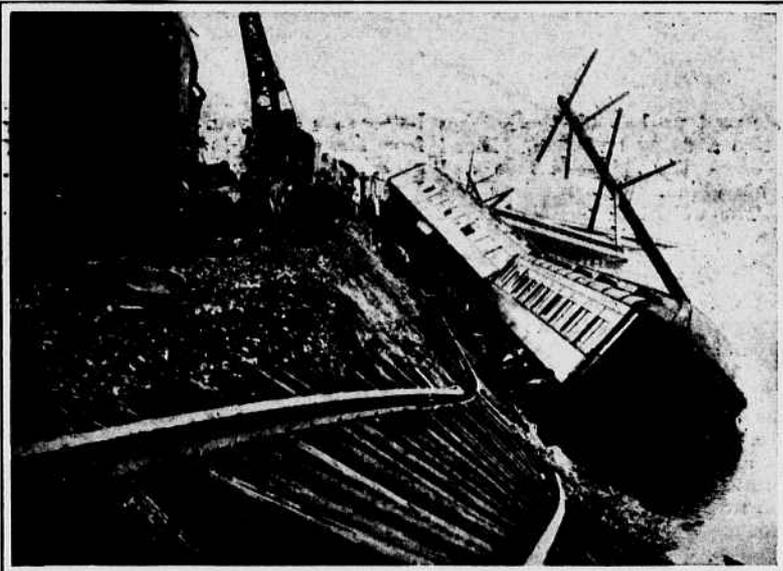


Copyright, 1906, O. F. Browning.

San Francisco newspapers, with their staffs, were the last to retreat before the terrific fire that swept the city after the famous quake of 1906, while daring photographers hourly risked life and limb to record all that was possible of their passing city. The business district shown in this photograph burned as charcoal burns in a pot, the heat held in by the surrounding hills. Nob Hill, famous for its residences and hotels, can only be seen as a wall of flame on the right. Will Irwin called old San Francisco "the lightest-hearted city of the Western continent." Of the new city he says: "It is as if a pretty woman had passed through a great tragedy. She survives, but she is sobered and different."

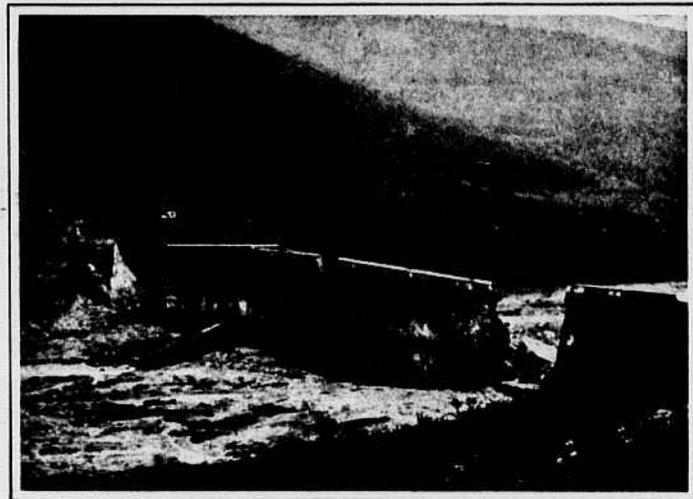


Copyright, Underwood & Underwood.



Photograph by Underwood & Underwood.

About 900 persons a month lose their lives in railway accidents in the United States. But compared to the 290,000 deaths per month just now in Europe the fact seems hardly worth mentioning. This curious derailment took place in central New York near Fonda, where the railroad runs along the bank of the Erie Canal.



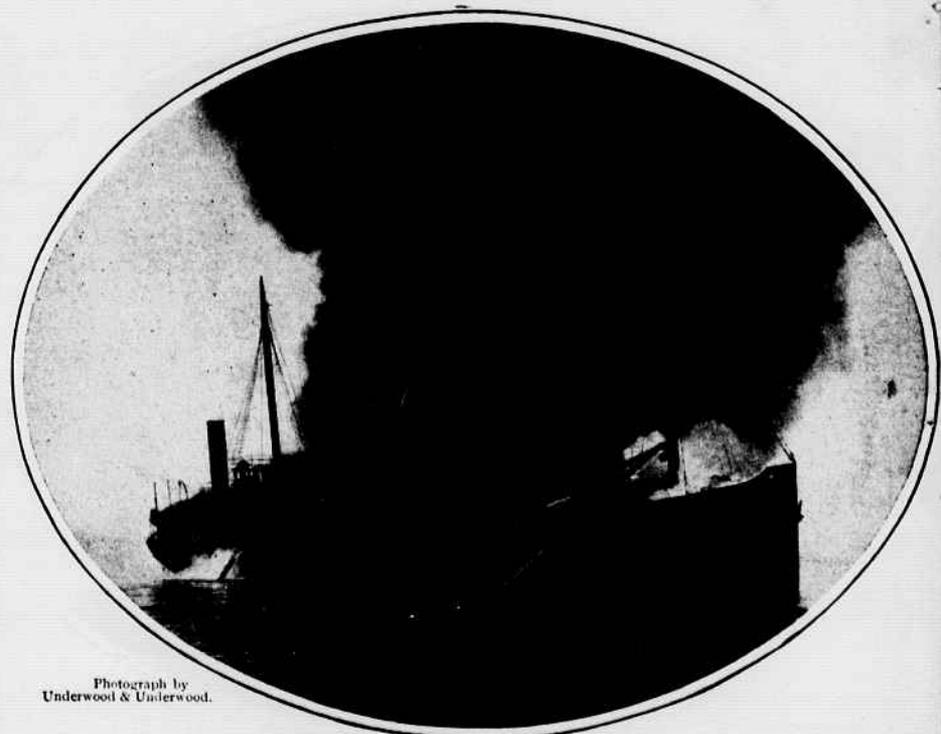
Copyright, Underwood & Underwood.

The flood that followed the breaking of this dam obliterated the little Pennsylvania town of Austin, eleven miles to the east. The village was warned by telephone of the roaring approach of some 400,000,000 gallons of water; but, in spite of that, 100 out of the town's 3,000 inhabitants lost their lives.



Copyright, Underwood & Underwood.

This is a broadside view of the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse after it had been struck by a mine last November in the Baltic Sea. One of the most significant facts established by the present war is that a \$5,000,000 ship such as this is not proof against a little \$1,000 mine.



Photograph by Underwood & Underwood.

When the great Portland fire of March, 1914, swept the entire water-front of that city, this steamer—the Cricket, belonging to the American Asphalt Company—floated off down the river without pilot or crew and all ablaze from stem to stern. Not a life was lost in this conflagration, but boats and their cargoes to the value of \$1,000,000 went, very literally, up in smoke.

# Differ Kind Dan

Next V  
"Watching D  
the F