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Dr. Dick in Falling Cuts High Tension Strand With Tragic Result—Structure is Criticized.

Two lives and a third man suffering from severe wounds was the terrible toll paid today in an accident that was nothing less than a tragedy.

The terrible accident occurred this morning, shortly after 1 o'clock, at the Jordan river transformer station of the Utah Light & Railway company.

The accident occurred when a pile driver working there gave way, crashing to the ground and carrying with it one of the high pressure wires, carrying a 40,000 volt.

This wire fell upon Merton W. Wheeler, employed at the station as assistant operator, literally burning him to his death, while the frame of the derrick in its breakage caught William D. Freckleson and Andy Weston, two of the workers in the driving of the piling.

Freckleson sustained a fracture of the skull and died on the operating table at the hospital at 3 o'clock. Weston escaped with several bad bruises and scalp wounds.

The accident was caused by the breaking of the derrick of the pile driver which was being used by McCormick & Gray company, contractors, as some new construction work at the power station.

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Wheeler, in company with Mr. Harrell, was sitting on a pile near the driver, resting after the noonday lunch and watching the driver at work.

Without an instant's warning, and while the heavy hammer of the driver was plunging downward, there came the crash of rending timbers, and before Wheeler could move, almost, the high voltage wire was falling upon him.

He had evidently grasped the wire in his hands, and in the convulsion of the shock he was hurled backward over the side of the derrick, and fell underneath him.

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Gas City, Ind., May 14.—On his deathbed, Elias B. Burns, 58 years of age, today heard his funeral sermon preached.

After having been advised by his physician that he could live only a few hours more, Mr. Burns summoned Rev. Henry Schwan, and 40 of his neighbors. Hymns were sung and a sermon was preached. Later the sickness relaxed into delirium.

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH PLAN FOR UNITY

Boston, May 14.—The closing day of the National Episcopal congress was regarded as the most notable of the week.

The list of speakers included the Right Rev. William Crosswell, dean, bishop of Albany, N. Y.; the Rev. Dr. H. H. Hensley, rector, canon of Westminster, London; and the Rev. Dr. H. H. Hensley, rector, canon of Westminster, London.

Rev. Dr. H. H. Oberly of Elizabeth, N. J., outlined a plan of union based upon the following terms:

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PEOPLE TIRED OF WIND JAMMING

Senator Scott Says He is Receiving Letters Daily Begging Senate to Get Through With It.

ENDORSED J. J. HILL'S ADVICE

That Oratory be Suspended and That Congress Promptly Pass the Tariff Bill.

Washington, May 14.—Asking that an interview with J. J. Hill be read to the senate immediately after that body convened today, Senator Scott endorsed his advice to Congress that oratory be suspended, and that Congress promptly pass the tariff bill.

"This," Mr. Scott said, "is in line with letters I am daily receiving begging and praying that these gentlemen (waving his hand over the senate chamber), get through with their wind jamming and let the country go ahead with its business."

Senator Beveridge spoke in support of an amendment offered by him relative to the internal revenue tax on tobacco and its products, contending that the government has lost \$18,000,000 in the last eight years through the repeal of the war time tax of 1898.

Mr. Beveridge declared that the tobacco trust which he said, was the American Tobacco company, had derived great benefit from the loss of revenue, which, he said, was due to the law repealing the increased rates of 1898.

The law providing for the high rates of 1898 permitted the manufacturer to reduce the size of the packages in which the tobacco is sold to the people, according to Mr. Beveridge.

"In 1901 this increased tobacco tax was removed," he said, "but the short weight packages of tobacco were continued by the very law that removed the tax, and the manufacturer still collects the war time tax from the people, but instead of paying it to the government, he keeps it for himself."

Mr. Beveridge declared that his amendment would not affect the cigar-makers of the country, because, he said, it does not enhance the tax on any cigars except those which sell for 10 cents or more.

Claiming that his amendment would increase the revenues to the extent of over \$21,000,000, Mr. Beveridge asserted that the tobacco trust is now reaping a vast benefit through failure to enact such legislation as he proposed.

Mr. Beveridge controverted the idea that the continuation of the tariff bill, the short weight war time packages after the war tax had been removed did not affect the plug tobacco business.

"The law," he said, "does not fix the size of the cut that is sold, but the manufacturer of plug tobacco got the war tax on the cut, and the manufacturer by selling a smaller cut than the plug and this practically still continues. When a box of plug tobacco is sold by the manufacturer to the retailer, there is marked upon each plug a place for the cut. By decreasing the size of these cuts very slightly, the tobacco trust through the retailer gets the war time price for a cut in a plug of tobacco by marking the cut a little smaller."

Upon taking up the iron and steel sections of the tariff bill, Mr. Aldrich asked that the senate pass over the paragraph relating to the Standard Oil company, which the committee on finance wished to consider an amendment affecting the duty on cast scrap iron.

RELIEF WORK AT ADANA. Constantinople, May 14.—A mixed commission will leave Constantinople tomorrow for Adana to direct the work of relief in the interests of the sufferers from the anti-Christian uprising and to supervise the inquiry into the whole affair.

The commission, which represents the government, is composed of Behlül Bey, a member of the council of state; M. Arif, inspector of courts at Monastir; Deputy Shefik and Deputy Agah Babikian. The last mentioned is an Armenian.

PREFER PRIVATE INNS TO PUBLIC SERVICE. Tilton, Ill., May 14.—The town's business is at a standstill because three members of its board of affairs have had to choose between resigning from office or their positions as employees of the Standard Oil company and have decided that their private jobs are more important than their public service.

Elmer Williams, J. B. Duller and Harry Hammond were elected to the board of affairs in April. General Manager Warren of Decatur, Ill., has let them know that the Standard Oil company wishes its employees to have no part in public administration and now there is not a quorum of Tilton's board of affairs.

FIRE IN RAWHIDE. Rawhide, Nevada, May 14.—A fire that started in the California hotel at midnight, which threatened a repetition of the disaster of last September when the town was reduced to ashes, was controlled this morning after it had burned for several hours.

The fire was caused by a gas stove in the kitchen of the hotel. The fire spread to several buildings adjoining, and as it crashed into the main building several passengers were seriously injured while the chauffeur and the owner were killed. The car itself was reduced to matchwood.

WESTON GOES ON WALKING. Topeka, Kansas, May 14.—Edward Payson Weston reached Wilson shortly before noon today and left for the west after a night's rest. He spent the night at Black Wolf, which is only 10 miles west of Ellsworth, having walked only that distance on Thursday. Weston is 20 miles east of Russell, the place he had expected to reach last night.

BANKER ADLER GUILTY. New Orleans, May 14.—The jury in the case of William Adler, president of the defunct State National bank, who was charged with misapplication of funds, today brought in a verdict of guilty. Sentence was deferred.

MORE RAIN IN KANSAS. Kansas City, May 14.—Rain again fell over the greater portion of Kansas last night, the precipitation ranging from three-tenths of an inch in the western part of the state, up to one inch and a half in the central counties, where it is said, wheat will be greatly benefited.

DISABILITIES OF CATHOLICS

Bill for Their Removal Introduced in House of Commons by William Redmond.

PREMIER ASQUITH FAVORS IT.

Declared Their Exclusion from Lord Chancellorship and Lord Lieutenantcy Unjustifiable.

Bill Removes Objectionable Portion of Oath of Accession—Repeals Acts Prohibiting Residence of Jesuits.

London, May 14.—A comprehensive bill for the removal of Roman Catholic disabilities and providing for an alteration in the accession oath taken by the British sovereign was introduced by William Redmond in the house of commons today.

The Roman Catholics have never ceased to inveigh against the "insulting references" to certain beliefs in the monarch's accession declaration as "superstitious and idolatrous." The same opposition that hitherto has defied every effort to alter the oath again showed up today when a petition signed by 400,000 persons against the removal of Roman Catholic disabilities was handed in just before Mr. Redmond rose.

Mr. Redmond's bill not only removes what is regarded as the objectionable portion of the oath of accession, but it repeals the acts prohibiting residence and the acquisition of property by the Jesuits and other monastic orders, and abolishes the disqualification which prevents Catholics from filling the offices of lord chancellor of Great Britain and lord lieutenant of Ireland.

Premier Asquith gave his cordial support to the bill. He declared that the exclusion of Roman Catholics from the lord chancellorship and the lord lieutenantcy was quite unjustifiable on the grounds of logic or policy.

The bill passed its second reading by a vote of 123 to 12, but as it is not a government measure, there is little prospect of finding time to pass into a law at the present session. The fact that a majority of the house of commons voted in favor of the measure, however, is regarded as a great victory for the Catholics.

Although similar bills have been debated on many previous occasions, this is the first time that one has passed its second reading.

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SENTENCED TO PERPETUAL EXILE

Eighteen Members of Moscow Social Democratic Organization To End Their Days in Siberia

OTHERS SENT TO FORTRESS. SINGING SPARKS. Name Given New Wireless System Just Perfected in Berlin.

Chicago, May 14.—A special cable to the Tribune from Berlin says: "Singing sparks" is the expressive name given to an improved wireless system just perfected which it is claimed will entirely obviate the uncertainties with which other wireless systems have had to contend.

The new method consists in sending out the vibrations which form the message as pure musical tones that are capable of being heard by the receiver, no matter how softly they may be uttered.

It is declared by the inventors that by means of their device it will be possible for the first time since wireless telegraphy was established to maintain communication in spite of the most violent atmospheric disturbances. Another advantage claimed is that it will be possible to work with much smaller antennae for the aerial wires by which the energy is absorbed.

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PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS

Successful Campaign Can Only Be Waged Where it Can Be Prevented in Childhood.

DANGER FROM COWS' MILK

Is Tendency to Overrate It—Disease Occurs More Frequently in Artificially Fed Infants.

Washington, May 14.—That there is a tendency to overrate the danger to children from milk from tuberculous cattle was the decided view expressed today at the session of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis. The subject was exhaustively treated in a joint paper by Drs. Henry L. K. Shaw and Arthur T. Laird of Albany, N. Y., who took the position that the attention of the public should not be diverted from the great and real danger of human contamination, if, they argued, tuberculous milk was as violent as so many declared, it was difficult to conceive how any children at all escaped infection.

The association of the child with tuberculous parents or other consanguines, they said, was a matter of such importance in the diagnosis as well as in the prevention of the disease, that every member of a tuberculous family should be examined as a matter of routine. Children especially were exposed to infection because of their irresistible impulses to place everything in their mouths.

They pointed out the enormous danger to children in the home of the tuberculous adult. Dust from a room inhabited by a consumptive, they declared, had been found virulent for six weeks. Towels, they said, were a fertile source of infection.

That tuberculosis occurred more frequently in artificially fed infants was a point expressed by them. They maintained, however, that this was not necessarily an indication that the infection was always of the bovine type and contracted from the use of milk from tuberculous cows. They declared that bottle-fed babies had a greatly lessened resistance to any infection. A campaign against tuberculosis could only be waged with success, they insisted, if it occurred and be prevented during childhood. Drs. Shaw and Laird urged the association as such, and individually, to bend every effort to prevent and arrest the spread of tuberculosis in children.

JUDGE HENDERSON ILL. Well Known Member of the Bar Down With Pneumonia.

Judge H. P. Henderson, after presiding at the board of education special session last night, returned home to be seized with a bad attack of pneumonia this morning. He was in a semi-delirious state but rallied somewhat this afternoon. His friends report him to be a very sick man, but the family physician avers that he is holding his own.

Judge Henderson for years has been a prominent member of the Utah bar and is known throughout the state as a lawyer of more than average ability. He is the senior member of the firm of Henderson, Pierce, Critchlow & Barrette, attorneys of this city and is prominently identified politically, socially and otherwise with the affairs of this city.

PARADE IS ABANDONED. Grand Army Will Not March on Memorial Day.

The G. A. R. appointed Memorial day committees at last night's meeting in the Commercial club, and decided not to hold any street parade this year, and to hold services only at Mt. Olivet cemetery.

The following were appointed chairmen of the various committees, with power to select others to assist them: William Rowe, Mayor; J. W. Smith, committee; T. C. Waltons, McKean post, flag committee; Thomas Harris, Maxwell post, transportation committee.

TO PLACE EXHIBIT IN VERMONT BUILDING. Manufacturers of Utah Plan to Exploit State's Industries During Encampment.

That the Manufacturers' association of Utah may have an exhibit of Utah products in the Vermont building during the G. A. R. encampment, is a strong probability. A number of leading manufacturers are heartily in favor of such a proposition, impelled by the success that attended the late "Prosperity Fair," held in the Chamber of Commerce building in the fore part of April.

It is conceded that a more ideal place for an exhibit than the Vermont building could not be found anywhere in the city. The structure is under contract to be ready for occupancy by Sept. 1, and Bishop David A. Smith expressed the opinion today that the ground floor could readily be put in readiness for exhibition purposes well in advance of the encampment.

Manufacturers and merchants agree that probably not in years will there come to this state so favorable an opportunity of advertising its resources and possibilities as during the present summer, with a zenith at the appearance here of the war veterans. Every part of the Union will be represented, and the chance, it is believed, will be given of exploring Utah as never before and perhaps more effectively than for years to come.

There is no desire on the part of those favoring an industrial fair in August to at all interfere with the October State fair. They are willing to make a showing at the latter in no wise diminished because of the former. Thousands will be here in August who will not come in October, and the October crowds will be here whether or not a fair is held in August.

During the summer, a permanent exhibit will be maintained at the Chamber of Commerce, under the auspices of the Real Estate association, the State fair, the Manufacturers' association and the Horticultural association. Space is being applied for daily, in addition to the exhibits already there. The showing at the chamber would not be interfered with by an exhibit at the Vermont building later in the season, as there will be sufficient exhibits for both, and the one proposed for the South Temple street building would be more in the nature of demonstrations.

A fair for August was discussed at length at a meeting of the board of directors of the Manufacturers' Association Thursday evening. The board is in favor of the proposition.

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The region in which Kermit Roosevelt is reported to have been lost between the Athi river and the Ugenya railway. Kin, where he finally turned up, is about 50 miles below Mackakos. There is an old story current in the country and the region thereabouts is sparsely inhabited by natives of the Wakamba tribe, a powerful people engaged chiefly in agricultural pursuits.

POSTAL APPOINTMENTS. (Special to The News.)

FLORIDA ORANGES

Henceforth to be Marketed Direct to Wholesale Brokers and Jobbers.

Denver, Colo., May 14.—Henceforth the Florida orange crop will be marketed direct to the wholesale brokers and jobbers according to J. C. Swaling, president of the Florida Fruit and Citrus Growers' association, who was in Denver last night.

"The orange crop of Florida this year," he said, "will exceed that of any other year since 1895, and we will produce half as much as the entire crop of California.

"For years we have submitted to the abuses of the brokers who practically regulate the market, making big profits and keeping up the price of oranges. From now on, we will market the Florida output direct, and this will reduce the price of oranges 40 per cent. Before this fruit is over oranges will be selling at three for five cents, instead of five cents a piece."

KINDNESS PAYS.

Chicago Teacher Receives \$1,500 from Estate of Servant Girl.

Chicago, May 14.—Because of her kindness to a servant girl, Miss Mary Syron, a teacher in the Webster school, has received \$1,500 from the estate of Miss Mary O'Donnell.

Several months ago the servant girl became ill, and Miss Syron turned nurse and cared for her until she was well. A few days before Miss O'Donnell's death last week, the servant confided to Miss Syron that she had saved over a thousand dollars and had given it to her in her will.

GOOD SNOW IN BUTTE. Butte, May 14.—Three inches of snow fell in this section between midnight and daylight. The blizzard, which in low altitude would be a mere spring downpour of rain, will greatly benefit crops.

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CITY FUNDS IN BAD SHAPE

Board of Estimates and Apportionment Hoists Signal of Distress This Morning.

TAX LEVY RAISE DISCUSSED.

"American" Administration Talks of Fourteen Mills as Panacea for Empty Coffers.

No More Salaries Will be Raised Despite Promises Made All Along the Line.

With the city's coffers empty, the board of estimates and apportionment gave a signal of distress this morning at a meeting held in the office of Mayor Bransford and orders of retrenchment were given. A raise of 1 mill in the tax levy was discussed to make up the deficit in the improvement funds. This will bring the tax levy up to 14 mills and give the "American" party administration another \$100,000 to use up in extravagant projects.

After recommending the appointment of 10 additional policemen, the board declared that no more salaries would be raised this year. It was understood that many officials have been promised a raise besides the policemen, the firemen, the janitors, the teamsters employed by the city and a number of petty officials.

IMPROVEMENT LIST. The public improvement list was revised again this morning. The extensions were patched together so that the most work could be done at the least expense to the city. It was understood that many officials have been promised a raise besides the policemen, the firemen, the janitors, the teamsters employed by the city and a number of petty officials.

It was decided to complete sidewalk extensions, No. 216, No. 128 and No. 132, which contain about 40 miles of sidewalk. In the paving extensions Main street is to be paved, from South Temple street to Fourth South street; Twelfth East street is to be paved from South Temple to Third South street, and the block between Fifth and Second South streets; Third West street is to be paved from South Temple to Fourth South street; Third South street is to be paved from South Temple to Fourth South street; Fourth West street is to be paved from South Temple to Third South street; Eighth South street is to be paved from Main to State street. This is a total of 21 blocks and the city's position will amount to \$574,000. The estimates on the abutters' portion could not be given by the city engineer, but it will run up to nearly three-fourths of a million dollars.

Besides these improvements Third South street will be paved from Second East street to Tenth East street; West Temple street, from Fifth South to Ninth South; and State street, from Eighth South to the Salt Palace. This will be completed this year but will not be paid for until 1910 because the city has no money.

NINTH EAST PAVING. It was decided to advertise notice of intention for the paving of Ninth East street from South Temple to the city limits. This is a sidewalk extension No. 141. The contracts will be let this fall but the work will not be started until next year. No estimates were given on the part of the city engineer. These improvements will be done simply to make a record for the "American" administration and give their patriots campaign literature this fall.

MORAN TOO PREVIOUS. The toilet sewer was taken up and discussed at length at today's meeting. Without any orders, it was learned that Patrick J. Moran, the official contractor, was at work on the pipe re-inforcing it with concrete. Mayor Bransford will go down to inspect this work this afternoon and if he is doing this work, which will cost the city about \$25,000, Moran will be called off until the council decides what to do with it. The sewer is a white elephant on the hands of the administration and it has now cost about \$15,000 more than was estimated.

The city's financial condition was shown to be in deplorable state this morning at the meeting. The administration found out that it had come to the end of its rope—hence the orders for retrenchment. The raise of 1 mill in the tax levy now would mean considerable money for the defunct party and in all probability the council will approve of the increase.

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