

CAR JUMPS TRACK;
EIGHT PERSONS HURT.

Accident on the Suburban East of Union Boulevard.

ROUNDING CURVE.

Broken Axle on Front Truck Does the Mischief.

- LIST OF INJURED. Mrs. Edmund W. La Beaume, No. 527 1/2... William E. Jordan, No. 2412 Union boulevard, elbow broken. J. Irving Crabbe, No. 418 1/2 Olive street, hand broken. Thomas Vance, No. 615 Spencer place, left leg crushed. Louis Muller, No. 612 Page boulevard, right leg crushed. John Waldon, No. 6322 Spencer place, right hand and arm crushed. William Gordon, No. 5219 Vernon avenue, ankle sprained. B. P. Cunningham, No. 1720 Union boulevard, knee sprained.

Westbound Suburban car No. 14, crowded and going at high speed, left the rails at the Cabanne avenue crossing...

The car had jumped the track at Sarah street a short time before while on the same trip.

The accident is supposed to have been due to the breaking of an axle on the front truck of the car.

The car was in care of Motorman John W. Burgess and Conductor Mathew Charlister, neither of whom was hurt.

The scene of the accident is at the western end of the sharp double curve, on the Suburban Company's right-of-way east of Union boulevard.

First the tracks turn abruptly north, and then west. Several accidents have occurred at or near the same spot.

When the road was first converted into a trolley line a car left the rails at the east end of the curve and crashed into another

car, causing one death and serious injury to several passengers.

Passengers on the wrecked car last night said it was moving at full speed. They presumed that the motorman was trying to make up lost time, and think that he approached the sharp curve at even a higher rate of speed than is customary.

Officials of the company said that they were not prepared to make statements regarding the cause of the accident or the extent of the damage.

They also said that they had not been informed as to the number of persons injured or the nature of their injuries.

Mrs. La Beaume, who is the wife of the general passenger agent of the St. Louis and Southwestern Railway, is perhaps more seriously hurt than the other victims of the wreck.

She was sitting near the front of the car and was thrown forward, her face coming in contact with a window. Besides a painful gash on the lip, she sustained a number of bad bruises about the body and legs, and it is feared, was hurt internally.

Her physician stated last night that the extent of her injuries could not be fully determined until to-day, when it is hoped that she will have recovered from the severe shock to her nervous system.

Of the other injuries the fracture of Mr. Muller's elbow is thought the most serious, as it may result in permanent disability.



Weyer: "My, but it has been quite awhile since I have had any practice on the typewriter."

MR. ROSS PROMISES AN ADEQUATE GAS SUPPLY.

Manager of the Laclede Company Says the Demand Which Will Be Created by the World's Fair Will Be Fully Met.

Alexander Ross, general manager of the Laclede Gaslight Company, says he has anticipated the World's Fair in his plans for the future and that his company will be prepared to furnish as much gas for illumination and fuel as may be demanded.

He says he has a new coal-gas plant at the foot of Convent street ready to be put in operation on a day's notice and that he is laying new feed mains as fast as is practicable.

He insists that there is no general reason for complaint, now, regarding the quantity or quality of the supply, and that there is no trouble of any kind in it purely local, and will be remedied upon request.

Andrew J. O'Reilly, Superintendent of City Lighting, says he has had no complaints of late regarding the gas supply, and that from tests made last week in various sections of the city he is satisfied that the supply is ample.

"When the new street lamps were first turned on," said Mr. O'Reilly, "there were a number of complaints. I had them promptly investigated, and in most cases found the trouble was not due to lack of gas, but to inadequate, or defective, piping inside of houses. I have had no complaints for several weeks, and in the absence of them presume there is little or no dissatisfaction."

"I wish you would ask Republic readers to let me know if there is trouble, and I will promptly have it looked into. There is no law under which I can force the Laclede Company to correct troubles, but thus far they have acted on my suggestions."

"Within the last year or two several hundred miles of new gas mains have been laid, and while the tankage capacity of the company has not been increased, they have kept up the supply by making gas during the hours of heaviest demand."

At present the Laclede Gaslight Company has mains under about 60 miles of the city's streets. Many of these mains were laid years ago, when St. Louis did not extend beyond Grand avenue, and when a population of 600,000 was not dreamed of.

"For several years we have been laying large distributing mains, and plans already

perfected comprehend the entire city. These distributing mains are called 'trunk lines,' and supply smaller mains, from which individual supplies are drawn. They not only practically bring the base of supply nearer to the point of consumption.

"I do not care to go into statistics, but you may say that the demand for gas has increased wonderfully within the last ten years. This is due in a great measure to the reduced rate on fuel gas and the general adoption of it for cooking and heating purposes. The consumption of gas was confined to a few hours each night—say from 7 to 9 o'clock. Now it begins before 6 in the morning, and continues without letting up all bedtime. Thus you will see that while a great deal more gas is used, the tax on the supply is really little greater at any particular hour—was simply kept busy more hours of the day."

"Says the Pressure is Normal. The last two weeks in September, when the lights were turned on earlier and all the street stoves were burning—say between 5 and 8 o'clock each night—we did have trouble keeping up the pressure. Now that the coal stove has come back into use there is no trouble keeping up the pressure."

"The task of setting up new lampposts throughout the residence sections of the city, and getting the lamps lighted, is nearly completed. It was a much greater task than was generally understood, and came upon us unexpectedly. Under the circumstances, I think we have handled the emergency as well as could have been reasonably expected."

"When the street lights were first turned on some of them did not give as good light as might have been desired. The trouble was not in the gas supply. The mantles had to be adjusted, one by one, so as to get the proper degree of brilliancy, and with new men to do the work it was tedious. Within the past ten days I have driven through the city at night and noted the lamps carefully. Here and there one was not giving just right, but by far the greater portion of them were."

"As for extension of our system, I do not care to go into details, because I do not think it necessary or expedient. You may say, however, for me that we have a great deal of extension and construction work already mapped out for next summer. Work will be begun as early as practicable, and kept up until cold weather comes. The same kind of work will be kept up the following summer. If we find new tanks necessary, they will be built."

"You may say that I expect the World's Fair to be a great benefit to St. Louis, if the city will put itself in condition to receive and properly entertain visitors. Expecting that our company will be everything needed to meet any demands that may be made upon it."

STATE DEPARTMENT AROUSED BY FRENCH GUN AGITATION.

Secretary Hay Believed to Have Attempted to Dissipate Ill Feeling Existing in France.

Washington, Nov. 17.—In the interest of the good relations between the United States and France, Mr. John Hay, Secretary of State, is believed to have taken action to dissipate the feeling aroused in the latter country by the publication of the information that the War Department is in possession of the secret of the French field gun mechanism.

President McKinley and his cabinet advisers heartily approve the statements issued by the American Embassy in Paris, but they are disappointed that the effect has not been more marked. In conversation with press representatives the officials are inclined to speak lightly of the incident, terming it a tempest in a teapot. At the same time the international feature of the affair might possibly assume a serious aspect and it is to prevent any such contingency, however remote, that the authorities are endeavoring to impress the Paris Government with the fact that no agent of the United States secured possession of the plans of the gun.

France Has Not Spoken. As the Republic's dispatches have stated, Captain L. N. Lewis, Sixth Artillery, Recorder of the Board of Ordnance and Fortifications, while he was abroad last summer, succeeded in examining a French field gun, and his technical ability enabled him to draw plans which may be identical with those used in the construction of the gun, but which in any event, will permit the manufacture of a weapon expected to give practically the same results.

No representations have been made to the United States by the French Government regarding the matter, and the authorities publicly scout the idea that the American military and naval attaches in Paris are to be withdrawn in consequence of the incident. As a matter of fact, it is stated that no one connected with the Embassy had any knowledge of Captain Lewis's action.

Lieutenant General Miles, commanding the army, proposes, if possible, to discover the person who made public the announcement that has caused the stir. He has received the reply of Brigadier General Bullington, Chief of Ordnance, to his letter of inquiry as to whether the Ordnance Bureau was responsible for the giving out of the information.

Bullington Replies to Miles. General Bullington completely disavows any connection with the publication. He invites attention to the instructions issued by the Secretary of War relative to communications to the press, and says that as far as he is concerned, he has not violated them in any way. General Bullington does not specifically refer to his subordinate officers in his denial.

General Miles is not satisfied with General Bullington's statement as it does not go far enough. He is expected to instruct the Chief of Ordnance to obtain from each of the officers attached to his office a specific statement as to whether he did or did not give to the press the information that the Board of Ordnance and Fortifications had recommended to it a gun on the same lines as the French weapon. It is believed that the sense of honor prevailing among officers of the army will cause the responsible party to confess.

Should such a lunatic fail to produce results, it will mean that General Miles will urge the Secretary of War to take additional measures to prevent the publication of confidential information.

PARIS PRESS IS EXCITED. SPECIAL BY CABLE. Paris, Nov. 17.—(Copyright, 1900, by the New York Herald Company.)—Having failed to mention hitherto in every attack upon the Ministry, the Nationalist press is trying to blow up the Government with the disclosure of the secret of the French cannon.

The Gauleurs to-day is almost hysterical because the Ministry of War told the Temps correspondent that it had small faith in the report that secrets had been betrayed, "though," added the informant of its contemporary, "the matter merits attention that is being paid to it."

PAUL F. FUSZ ASPHYXIATED.

Son of a Prominent St. Louis Family Found Dead in Bed in New York.

TURNED ON GAS BY ACCIDENT. Hung His Coat on the Fixture, Opening the Valve—Student at Columbia University School of Mines.

Paul F. Fusz, son of Louis Fusz of No. 168 East Grand avenue and a student at Columbia College, New York, was found dead in bed early yesterday morning at his boarding place, No. 210 West One Hundred and Twenty-seventh street. His death was due to asphyxiation, caused by an open gas jet in his room.

The proprietor of the boarding-house, which is patronized almost exclusively by students, lost no time in summoning the coroner. Investigation of the circumstances of young Fusz's death left no doubt that the gas had been turned on accidentally.

Fusz retired at the usual hour Friday night. His coat had been thrown across a gas bracket near the head of his bed, and the garment apparently turned the gas on slightly. The escape was so slight that Fusz fell asleep without detecting it.

The young man was 21 years old and was in his second term at the School of Mines at Columbia. He was studious and of good habits.

President Seth Low, as soon as he learned of Fusz's death, telegraphed the father at his residence in St. Louis, and also asked Doctor George B. Gorman, the Registrar, and Henry M. Munroe, professor of mining, to go to the young man's room in behalf of the university, which will take charge of the body on receipt of instructions from Mr. Fusz.

Young Fusz was well known in this city, especially in the North End, where he lived with his family, at the Grand avenue address. His father, Louis Fusz, is president of the Regina Flour Mills Company and is well known on "Shauge." Young Fusz was a graduate of St. Louis University, class of '98.

The news of his death came as a great shock to all the members of his family. The first intimation they had of the occurrence was when Mr. Fusz was approached by a reporter on the morning of the tragedy. He was informed of the sad news. At first he refused to believe that it could be his son, but nevertheless he told his son, Firman D. Fusz, who was also on the floor of the exchange, to telegraph at once to New York. The news was corroborated by the college authorities.

Fusz, who is an invalid, was prostrated when the news was broken to her by her husband.

The first that he heard of it was when father was approached by a reporter at the Merchants' Exchange this morning, said Miss Mary Fusz, sister of the victim, "and he at once came home to tell mother. As I understand it, Paul hung his coat on the gas jet and I suppose that it swung around, turning on the gas at the same time."

"As soon as father heard of it, he telegraphed to New York. A reply came that Paul had not been at his classes that day and that after another message came announcing his death. I believe that the body will be shipped here at once."

"We have not made any general arrangements, but he will be buried from the Holy Name Church on East Grand avenue. Father Patrick Fallon will have charge of the funeral services. Paul will be buried in Calvary cemetery."

Young Fusz was named after his uncle, Paul A. Fusz, president of the Granite Building Construction Company. He was always considered a good student, both here and at Columbia College. At the St. Louis University he was quite prominent in athletics.

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AUTHORITIES BAFFLED BY KANSAS CONVICTS.

Desperadoes Escaped From Cordon of Officers in Woods After Holding Them at Bay Till Night.

Traced to Barn, the Structure Was Riddled With Bullets and Fired, but the Men Had Previously Slipped Away—State and Federal Officers Join in the Thrilling Chase.

Leavenworth, Kas., Nov. 17.—The two desperadoes, Ed F. Estell and Benjamin Cravens, who escaped from the State penitentiary here yesterday afternoon, armed with a Winchester rifle and a revolver and plenty of ammunition, are still at large.

Every effort of the officers to capture them has failed, and the desperadoes are hourly gaining on their pursuers.

Convict Sam Smith, train robber and murderer, who was shot by Deputy Warden Thompson shortly after the convicts passed the prison walls last night, is not dead, as supposed, but will not recover. He has bulle wounds from the escape.

Last night the two escaped convicts, Estell and Cravens, took refuge in a strip of timber west of the prison about two miles.

They were surrounded by over a hundred guards and watch was maintained all last night. This morning the officers were disappointed to find the prisoners had escaped under cover of darkness. About noon they received word that the prisoners were in hiding in a barn about three miles west of the prison.

Shortly before noon Mrs. Moore went to her barn and discovered the convicts. They ordered her to get out. She ran to a neighbor's house and gave the alarm. A posse of guards and farmers immediately surrounded the barn, all armed with rifles and revolvers. Over 60 shots were fired into the building, but the convicts made no move. It was then decided to burn the barn. This was accomplished by approaching the building under shelter of an outbuilding.

Pursuers Burned Barn. A burning brand was then thrown on the barn, setting it afire.

About 200 guards and farmers surrounded the building ready to shoot the convicts as soon as they were forced out, but they never appeared, the barn burning to the ground without a vestige of the prisoners. It was then learned the convicts had escaped as soon as Mrs. Moore had left the place. Their course was westward toward the open country, and they had several hours the start of their pursuers.

This evening Deputy Warden Lemon of the Federal prison, accompanied by a dozen guards from that prison, armed with long-barreled Krag-Jorgensen rifles, joined the pursuing party. Among the guards from the Federal prison joining in the chase is an ex-soldier who is an excellent marksman. He was taken along to pick off the convicts at long range, as they will be shot on sight.

The greatest excitement has prevailed at the prison since the escape. The battle between the convicts and the guards last night took place just outside the prison walls. Hundreds of shots were fired, which were plainly heard by the prisoners inside, causing great excitement. They were quieted with difficulty.

During the battle, in which a score of guards took part, Deputy Warden Thompson led them at a run. He fired at the convicts as he ran, and one of the shots from his revolver hit Smith.

Guard Swartz, who was shot by the convicts, is not dangerously hurt, though he was hit three times in the legs and arm. When Smith fell the two convicts left him and ran into a cornfield.

Towards night they left the field and gained the timber and were then surrounded last night. A number of shots were exchanged in the dark and it was thought one of the prisoners had been wounded. It was from this timber the prisoners escaped to Mrs. Moore's barn this morning and ran into a cornfield.

The escape was the boldest ever planned and put into execution in the history of the prison, and has astonished the oldest officials. All the prisoners in it have had records. Smith first came to the Kansas Penitentiary from Sumner County in February, 1888, under a year's sentence for stealing a horse. He was released from an outside guard June 21, 1888, stole a horse from a farmer in Fairmount Township and rode to Butler County, where he took part in the robbery of a train and killed a man. He was then convicted of murder and brought back to the penitentiary and under sentence of death in December the same year. He has been worked in the coal mines since.

E. F. Estell is an old and persistent offender against the United States Government. Three years ago he robbed a post office in Marshall County, Kansas, and a store in Talmo, Kas. He robbed about the same time the safe in the Union Pacific Depot at Garrison, Kas., and a merchant's safe and the post office at Irving, Kas. The Government inspectors were hard after Estell. They traced him and caught up with him on the railway tracks a few miles north of Bellevue. Estell had a companion, an ex-convict. The two criminals opened fire on the pursuing party of three men. Many shots were fired, but no one was hurt. Estell simply surrendered. He confessed his crime and received two years' sentence in the Federal Court at Topeka. After his release, Estell went to Lafontaine, Kas., and, with an ex-convict, Frank Heiler, blew open the safe of a merchant and took \$100 in money and \$700 in notes.

They used so large a charge of nitroglycerin that the currency was blown to pieces and the coins battered and bent. The men stole a horse to get away and drove to Beattie, Kas., where they turned the horse loose and stole back on the railroad back to Topeka. There Estell was arrested while trying to pass some of the battered coin. He was arrested at midnight in his room with his wife, who knew nothing of the real character of her husband. Estell broke jail in company with some horse thieves, and in the chase which followed killed a Deputy Sheriff.

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AMERICAN NAVY HAS MOST POWERFUL GUN.

New Twelve-Inch Weapon Can Throw Projectile Through Any Armor.

Washington, Nov. 17.—The tests of the new 12-inch naval gun within the last three days have resulted in some remarkable performances, entitling the gun to rank ahead of any of the 12-inch guns thus far made in this country or abroad.

It is known that the monster weapon has eclipsed all former records for velocity and power.

With a charge of 250 pounds of smokeless powder, giving a pressure of sixteen and a half tons per square inch, the gun gave a muzzle velocity of 2,534 feet. Professor Alger, the naval expert, says this is the highest ever attained by a 12-inch gun, the record thus far ranging from 2,300 to 2,500 feet.

With an 85-pound steel-capped projectile the big gun would pierce any armor ever made.