12 PASSENGERS INJURED IN THIS WRECK

(Special from United Press.)

Des Moines, Dec. 15.—Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Train No. 7, which left here early today, was wrecked at Bagley. Two cars completely turned over and rolled down a twenty foot embankment.

The train was running at 60 miles an hour when the wreck occurred. The cause is unknown.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Nobody was killed but 12 passengers were injured in the wreck, according to a statement issued at the headquarters of the road this afternoon. The officials declared none of the injured will die. The statement says the engine, baggage car and smoker left the tracks and rolled down an embankment, the other coaches remaining on the ties.

WILLING TO RESIGN

Washington, Dec. 15.—As an aftermather of the rioting in Managua, President Zelaya has made a public statement promising to resign in favor of Jose Madriz, the Nicaraguan representative of the Central American Peace Court, according to advices received today by the State Department from Vice Consul Caldera.

The dispatch also contains the assertion that as a candidate of Zelaya, Madriz is not the choice of the people. "Last night," said Caldera, "large crowds surrounded the American legation cheering for the government of the United States and the American people. Some of them were arrested."

President Zelaya's attempt to escape the gathering storm by designating Madriz as his successor has met with the objections of the revolutionary party and is not liely to be received with favor by the United States.

ATTORNEY SHAPIRO'S SURPRISE BANQUET

Max Stein Presents Prospective Bridegroom with Handsome Book Case.

Attorney Charles H. Shapiro, a member of the entertainment committee of the Congregation B'nai Brith, received an urgent summons 6to attend a committee meeting last evening at the home of Max Stein, in Norman street. Since his engagement to Miss Stella E. Rosen, the daughter of Dr. M. S. Rosen, was announced, the young attorney has not attended the meetings, and the invitation to attend last night was more threatening than otherwise.

On arriving he found a fine banquet had been prepared in his honor. Max Stein presided as toastmaster, and he presented the prospective bridegroom with a handsome combination mahogany desk and book case. Among those to respond to toasts were Attorney J. B. Klein, Attorney Joshua Meltzer, Attorney Henry Greenstein, Attorney Joseph G. Shapiro, Barnet Blumberg, Dr. M. S. Rosen, and others. About a score attended.

DIED.

RICHARDSON—In this city, Dec. 15, 1909, Annie E., wife of William Richardson, aged 52 years.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral from residence 20 Whitney Lane, Friday at 2 p. m. Interment at Park cemetery. Boston and Providence papers please copy. T 15 b*

CARR—In this city, on Tuesday, Dec. 14th, 1909, Ellen, wife of James Carr, in her 69th year.

—Friends are invited to attend the funeral from the undertaking parlors of Henry E. Bishop, No. 125 State street, on Thursday, Dec. 16, at 2 p. m.

—Interment at Mt. Grove cemetery. a*

CURRAN—In Wallingford, Conn., Monday, Dec. 13, 1909, Byron J., son of Richard and the late Johanna Curran, aged 20 years, 9 months, 2 days.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral from the undertaking parlors of M. J. Gannon, 1051 Broad st., on Thursday, Dec. 16th, at 8:30 a. m. and from Sacred Heart church at 9 o'clock, where a solemn high mass will be offered for the repose of his soul. Interment in St. Michael's cemetery. T 14 b*

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Thus the Various Amounts Are Kept Within the Ordinance that Prohibits Greater Purchases Without First Seeking Bids.

The new finance committee of the Common Council will have to pass on bills for $504 worth of brooms purchased by Supt. John H. Colgan of the street department. The bill of lading calls for one shipment of 133 bundles of brooms containing 2,936 pounds while the goods are billed to the city in three lots.

They are dated October 6, 9 and 12. Each is for $168, two gross of brooms at $84 a gross. If the finance committee is going by the bill of lading they will feel obliged to reject the bill because the city ordinance prohibiting the purchase of over $200 worth of supplies without asking bids has been violated. If they are to judge by the bills dated three days apart the bills are within the law.

Supt. Colgan told a Farmer reporter that he ordered the goods separately and that J. Eisenman & Co. of Philadelphia held the orders and sent the goods all at once. He was quite positive that the brooms were needed by the street sweeping department.

KING LEOPOLD IN BAD SHAPE

(Special from United Press.)

Brussells, Dec. 15.—The condition of King Leopold took a marked change for the worse early this afternoon. Doctors Thiriard, Steinon and Delage are in consultation.

This morning the King showed continued improvement following the operation yesterday for intestinal trouble although it was semi-officially stated that the improvement could be no more than temporary as the doctors found a paralysis of the intestines, which would eventually necessitate another operation.

PRESIDENT DELAYED BY TRAIN MISHAP

(Special from United Press.)

Washington, Dec. 15.—Delayed at Philadelphia by a broken brake-beam on one of the cars, the train bringing President Taft back from New Haven arrived here an hour late this morning at 10:55. The President breakfasted in his car and motored direct to the White House.

BANQUET GLUTTONS WANT TAFT'S WHOLE SPEECH.

New Haven, Dec. 15.—"Half a Presidential speech graces a banquet better than no speech, but give us the whole speech hereafter," is the expression of opinion among those who attended the annual banquet of the New Haven Chamber of Commerce at which President Taft was the guest of honor last night. Today the committee that arranged the banquet and invited to speakers is busy making explanations. The guests had expected to listen for at least an hour to President Taft talk about the nation's "big things."

Instead of that the two speakers that directly preceded him, President Hadley of Yale, and Governor Weeks of Connecticut, became so engrossed in their subjects that President Taft, knowing all the while that the Federal express, his private car "Colonial" would be ready to carry him back to Washington promptly at midnight, didn't get on his feet until squarely 11:30 o'clock and was forced to be content with merely touching the "high places" in his speech.

FATAL AUTO CRASH

MINER'S DAUGHTER KILLED AND SON OF WEALTHY MANUFACTURER FATALLY INJURED

(Special from United Press.)

Pasadena, Dec. 15.—Miss Agnes Claypool, daughter of Newton Claypool, an Indianapolis miner, is dead today and Harvey Bissell, son of a wealthy Grand Rapids, Mich., manufacturer, i sprobably fatally injured as the result of an automobile accident in Eagle Rock Valley last night.

Bissell was driving his machine and in descending a steep hill the transmission gear broke. The machine became unmanageable and finally shot over a forty foot embankment.

Miss Claypool was caught under the machine. Several of her ribs were crushed in and she died before a physician could reach her. Bissell was thrown clear of the machine but was terribly bruised and it is feared, internally injured.

BIGGEST ELK WEDS MITE OF WOMAN

(Special from United Press.)

Anderson, Ind., Dec. 15.—Chauncey Moreland, of Elwood, who weighs 490 pounds, and is said to be the largest Elk and Red Man in the world, and Miss Estella Banning, also of Elwood, who tips the scales at 100 pounds, were married today.

MISS CELLEY'S BIRTHDAY.

Many friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Celley of 251 Harral avenue last evening when their daughter, Miss Mildred Celley entertained a large gathering of friends on the occasion of her birthday. She received many handsome gifts, including a gold watch and chain from her parents. Among the guests were: Mildred Freeman, Mildred Kane, Dorothy Dickens, Jennie Patchen, Martha Johnson, Ella Marr, Helen Bliss, Alice McMurdie, Elizabeth Forestelle, Marion Forestelle, Grace Ayers, Alice Thompson, Ethel Carr, Dorliska Chaffee, Ella Simonson, Marie Munson, Arline Miller, Mary Jones, Cecelia Jubb, May Doyle, Madeline Boland, Alva Clark, Jennie Hanley, Catherine Hanley, Mildred Farrell, Leslie Hickey, Willie Parschell, John Devoe, Edward Casey, James Rooney, James McDermott, Vincent Cogan, Stephen Carr, Frank McKlutcher, Walter Schultheiss, John Allen, James Giltrap, John Giltrap, George Giltrap, Frank Cregg and James McCullough.

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FINE XMAS GIFT FOR UNCLE SAM

Sugar Trust Disgorges Immense Sum of Ill Gotten Gains.

New York, Dec. 15.—Arbuckle Brothers, the biggest competitors of the American Sugar Refining Company, paid into the United States Treasury today $695,573.19, in reliquidation of back duties following the disclosure of irregularities in the weighing of sugar cargoes.

Attorney General Stimson said today: "This settlement in no way affects the criminal prosecution now pending."

The American Sugar Refining Company, whose six former employes are now on trial for the frauds, paid back to the United States Treasury, last spring, the sum of $2,135,000 in back duties and penalties.

STATE CLOSES ITS CASE

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asked Attorney Chamberlain.

"I have not."

"Nor gone to see him?"

"No."

Officer Arthur L. Prout stated that he arrested Bissonnette. He saw two young men, one named Develse and the other Dunn, holding Bissonnette when he arrested him. He brought Bissonnette back to the house. While they were in the house a young man named Strasburger brought a revolver to him, saying he had found it in the yard in front of the house. "I asked Bissonnette if the revolver was his, and he said it was."

Frank J. Ward, assistant undertaker for Rourke & Rourke, testified: "I took care of the body and prepared it." Here the clothes of the dead man were offered as evidence. Mr. Ward stated that a check book, rosary beads and some money was found on the clothes, but no weapons.

Alva Bissonnette testified: "'I was upstairs on the second floor on night of shooting with mamma. Brother said, 'Oh, Tina', and I ran down stairs. When I came down stairs my father was sitting in the rocking chair. Uncle said to my sister, 'Stay in a couple of days and take care of your mother.' My uncle was just about to turn around when father said, 'So you are going to be boss around here?'

"'Yes, I am,' replied uncle. 'I am not going to see my sister starve.'

"Uncle then grabbed father by the throat, but I did not hear what he said. Father then got up and both faced each other. Father was talking very low in French, while uncle us d English. Uncle told him to speak in English. Uncle had his hands by his side Then I heard a shot, and saw a pistol in papa's hand. I do not know from where he got the pistol."

On cross-examination the little girl stated that she saw her uncle take off his glasses and place them on the table and then start quickly for her father and grab him by the throat. He only held him for a moment and papa then got up.

The little girl stated that the day after the shooting Tina came back to live with them. Attorney Chamberlain asked her if she and her sister had not gone over the story of the shooting again and again.

"You don't mean to tell the jury," said Attorney Chamberlain, "that you and your sister never spoke of the shooting?"

"We never mentioned it, it was too painful a subject."

The little girl was asked by Attorney DeLaney what was given her mother as food. "I gave her toasted bread and tea. There was meat in the house but she would not take it." The little girl said that she alone took care of her mother, cooked the meals, prepared the children for school and in fact the other duties about the house.

Following a short recess little Alva was again called and was asked by Attorney DeLaney what the family had to eat before the child was born.

"All we had was bread," replied the little girl.

"What did your father eat?"

"Papa used to go out to the corner store and buy a steak and food and come home and cook them for himself. He never offered any to us, not even to mother."

Frank H. Strasburger, 1936 Seaview avenue, testified: "I was at home reading on night of shooting. There was a knock at the door. When I opened it Tina Bissonnette was there. She was crying and said come over to the house. I put on my coat and crossed the street and went into the Bissonnette home. I saw Demery on the floor, he was still living. I then ran out and telephoned for the ambulance. When I came out of the store after phoning I saw Bissonnette. I went back to the house. I went out into the yard, lit a match and found a revolver in an alley way."

Wm. J. Dunn, Seaview Ave.—"I was in the store near the Bissonnette home when one of the children called for help. I went out of the store soon afterwards. I and Develse held Bissonnette till the police came."

Dunn was asked if Bissonnette's clothes were disarranged or any marks on his body, and replied that he did not notice any.

Henry Develse—"Bissonnette was going along Seaview avenue, his two daughters were clinging unto him. They said, 'Papa don't run away, you have killed uncle.' I took ahold of his hands and tried to stop him. I asked him where the gun was, and he said that he had thrown it away. Then Officer Prout arrested him."

Develse somewhat puzzled the counsel when he stated that he saw the Bissonnette girl cling to their father when they were three yards away from their home. He was asked how he was so sure of that distance. He knew because there was three houses between the Bissonnette home and where he saw the three. By three yards he meant, three front yards or lawns. Then Develse answered in the affirmative a short "Yep" was used. Attorney Judson said that a little "yes would sound much better than the ugly "Yep."

Following Develse's testimony the state announced that its side rested. The defense then began summoning their witnesses.

Francis Lapalme, 176 Brooks street, near former home of Rome P. Demery. Knew Demery for last 14 years. Had conversation with Demery prior to shooting regarding Bissonnette. Lapalme was asked by counsel for the defense to state that conversation, but State's Attorney Judson objected. Attorney Chamberlain stated that the conversation was desired to be offered as testimony in rebuttal to the plea of the state that Demery called at the Bissonnette home on a certain errand of mercy. Attorney Judson then asked that in view of the fact that the testimony might not be permissable to give to the jury, he would leave it to the discression of the court whether it should be submitted or not. The court then dismissed the jury while the evidence was being given. Following the testimony of Lapalme, the court decided to admit the conversation he had with Bissonnette, and ordered the jury recalled. This was only after a long argument by the state's attorney, as the conversation dated back 14 months. The celebrated case of the State vs. Peter Kelly of this city was referred to, citing the decision of the Supreme Court.

Lapalme said: "One evening Demery sent one of the Bissonnette boys to my house saying that he desired to speak to me. When I came to his store he seemed quite nervous and seemed very angry with me because of my relations with Bissonnette. I worked with him for over three years, and also had business relations with him on the outside. He told me that Bissonnette was neglecting his wife and family, and that he, Demery, would take them to Canada to live unless he did something better than he was doing. Demery became so nervous that he said, 'When I am mad, I can kill—not kill, but I can give a good beating.' I asked Bissonnette later if he was neglecting his family, but he told me he was not. I mentioned to him Demery's attitude towards him, but did not state Demery's words as I feared to be called in as a witness in a law suit, which I knew Bissonnette would institute against Demery for theratening him."

Following this testimony of Lapalme, the court adjourned till 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Fortune for Flowers At Sheedy Funeral

Hartford, Dec. 15.Funeral services for Patrick F. Sheedy, world famed gambled and art connoisseur who died in New York Sunday night were held today in this city in the presence of hundreds of friends and life-long acquaintances. It is said the funeral procession from St. Patrick's church, where the services were conducted to St. Patrick's Cemetery, where interment was made, was the longest in the history of Hartford.

The remains arrived from New York at 10:20 o'clock and the church services began at 11 o'clock. A special baggage car was attached to the train at New York which was literally filled from floor to roof with floral tributes. A local undertaker estimated the value of the flowers at between $7,000 and $10,000.

The largest of the wreaths was sent to the funeral by the Pinkerton Detective Agency of New York as a remembrance of Sheedy's success in locating Gainesboro's famous stolen picture "The Dutchess of Devonshire." The wreath was valued at several hundred dollars.

LEBENTHAL, COLE JEWEL THIEF, MAY DIE IN PRISON

Barely able to hold his head up, with his hands hanging limply by his sides, and avoiding the gaze of the spectators, Abraham Lebenthal, confessed thief, was this morning taken from the county jail in North avenue to the railroad station where in company of Jailer Scofield he was taken to the State's prison at Wethersfield. Lebenthal has a sentence of not more than four nor less than two years staring him in the face. It is believed that the old man will not live a year in prison.

Coroner Satisfied Murder and Suicide Explain Tragedy

Coroner Wilson is satisfied that the finding of Medical Examiner Coggswell in the grewsome tragedy of Stratroad road, Shelton, unearthed last evening, is correct, and that he need not mae any further investigation. Dr. Coggswell believes Michael Ernesto cut the throat of Julia Millilo, and leaving her to bleed to death, cut his own throat.

It is believed the double tragedy of murder, and suicide took place nearly a week ago. The two had been living together for some time, according to reports in the neighborhood, and the man and woman are believed to have quarrelled over the expense of an operation the man contemplated for the restoration of the sight of an eye.

Chief Robbins of the Shelton police forced the door of the house yesterday at the instance of neighbors, and the body of the woman was found in the basement and that of the man upstairs. The scene of the tragedy is known as the Ward place.

The man was a stone mason, and was well known to local Italians. They were middle aged.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MRS. RICHARDSON

Annie E., wife of William Richardson, an expert mechanic of the Locomobile Co., died at her home, 20 Whiting lane, this morning, from paralysis of the brain. She retired at 9 o'clock last evening apparently in the enjoyment of her usual health, and during the night was taken ill. Medical assistance was summoned but to no avail, and death occurred before daybreak. She is survived by several daughters, one of them Mrs. James F. Nolan.

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Gift stationery.
There are truly splendid boxes of stationery, covered with leather and of much ornament and utility after their contents has been used. These are the aristocrats of the collection; sell for $8.
There are handsome and rich boxes of wood and of silk at $5.
But the bulk of the collection is of handsome and effective boxes covered with artistic paper and filled with correct as well as excellent stationery. These contain varying quantities and qualities of correspondence paper. Some sell for as little as 25 cents and are of special value at that figure. Others are 38c 50c and to $2.75.
There is wider range for choice and nicer varieties than ever.
Main floor, rear.

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Beautiful imported silk ties that will find warm place in the regard of particular men. Large figured patterns of true beauty. Silk is of special quality $1.75.
Fine ties of a heavy rich silk in luminous dark tints. $1.50.
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Open - end four-in-hand ties in plain colors and self-color patterns and contrasting stripes and figures, tasteful and new.—25c.
Near main door.

For toilet table.
There's extra value in some silver-plated toilet-sets at $2. They consist of brush and comb, are of graceful pattern and nice of weight. A price of $3 would not be high for them. $2.
More toilet-sets of special goodness comprise comb, brush and mirror. Mirror and brush are both of large size. All pieces are of heavy quadrupled silverplate and in tasteful design. Such sets are worth $5; price is $3.75.
Manicure sets of eight pieces including file buffer and scissors,—$1.
Puff jars and hair-receivers of glass with silver-plated tops.—50c.
Center aisle, front.

Boys' slippers.
For the boy at dancing school, a pair of pumps. Either patent or dull leather. Made with light soles. Nicely finished. $2.
Boys' high-cut slippers with elastic sides, black and tan,—$1.25 and $1.50.
Boys' straight-cut slippers, tan,—79c to $1.50.
Small boys' slippers, high or straight cut, tan and red,—79c to $1.35.
Main floor, rear.

Fancy baskets.
For the needlewoman, here are dainty and durable work-baskets. They are graceful of shape, may be effectively decorated with a little ribbon, will be found of daily use in the sewing-room,—35c to $1.
Fancy scrap baskets for the library are here in many shapes and in color effects that will harmonize with the fittings of the room. 50c to $2.
And there are baskets for Baby, lots and lots of them. Good shapes, of nice quality. 50c to $1.50.
Basement.

Socks & fittings for men.
A box of these thread silk socks, made with a lisle sole, will "make a hit" with a young man of taste. They are handsome and of more service than silk socks usually are. Lavender and black,—$1 pair.
Plated silk socks in excellent plain colors,—50c pair.
New fancy-checked lisle socks, excellent of effect,—25c.
Guaranteed socks, medium weight and nice finish, six pairs in box and guaranteed to wear for six months,—$1.25
Good-looking suspenders of strong webbing and finished with tasteful buckles,—25c 50c and 75c. Some with webbing of silk-and-lisle,—$1.
Full-dress shields made of black silk and of knitted silk in white black and gray,—$1 to $2.75.
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A sweeper?
Such a gift lightens Mother's work all through the year. Is there doubt that she will appreciate it?
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Basement.

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