

RAILROAD NEWS

REPORT OF WRECK AT CONEMAUGH FILED

Fog Prevented Engineer From Observing Signals; Suggestions Are Made

John P. Dohoney, investigator of accidents for the Public Service Commission, has filed a report with the Commission covering the rear-end collision on the line of the Pennsylvania railroad near Conemaugh, on January 29, when the Cincinnati, Indiana & Chicago Express ran into the rear end of a cabin car drawn by an extra freight engine, and killed three employees. The report says that by reason of a heavy fog the engineer of the Express train failed to properly observe the automatic signals.

The report says that while it is the duty of a freeman to verify signals when called out by the engineer, the freeman of the express train failed to perform this duty in a manner to contribute to the safety of the movement, and adds:

"It may be stated, however, in connection with this phase of the matter that it seems impossible for a freeman to effectively observe signals and to attend to his other duties at the same time, and some other method of verification ought to be adopted by which the warning of a signal may not easily be overlooked."

The Express was traveling at the rate of about 30 miles per hour when the accident occurred, and on this point the report says:

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Pay Car Escapes a Serious Wreck

One little stick of dynamite came nearly putting the middle division pay car, clerks and crew, completely out of business Wednesday afternoon during the trip over the Bedford division of the Pennsylvania railroad.

It was Charles Lingafelter, the special duty engineer, who discovered the dangerous stick of dynamite. The pay car had stopped at State Line to hand over some cash to employees at that place. Engineer Lingafelter turned to what his fireman was doing, and noticed a peculiar looking object on the top of the coal about to be thrown into the fire.

Calling to his fireman to stop, Engineer Lingafelter found the black stick was dynamite. It is the opinion that the dynamite was carelessly thrown on a coal pile at the mines.

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Standing of the Crews

HARRISBURG SIDE Philadelphia Division—103 crew to go first after 1.15 p. m.: 103, 102, 127, 112, 111, 109, 120, 121, 122, 106, 109, 111, 126, 108.

MIDDLE DIVISION—216 crew to go first after 1 p. m.: 18, 15, 27, 17, 14, 13, 12, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.

ENOLA SIDE Philadelphia Division—226 crew first to go after 2.15 p. m.: 227, 201, 224, 223, 225, 248, 240, 228, 204, 218, 259, 250, 202.

THE BRADING Harrisburg Division—15 crew first to go after 2.15 p. m.: 13, 17, 18, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1.

COLLEGE PROFESSOR DIES Northampton, Mass., Feb. 21.—Arthur H. Pierce, head of the Department of Zoology at Smith College, died here today. He was 62 years of age.

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WHAT SAYS BENTON

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Commissions Sent Back From Many Counties of the State by the Recorders

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LIGHTS AND WALKS ON MONDAY ST. COMING

Have Long Been Urged and Recent Robberies Have Increased Demand on Commissioners

Plans are under consideration by the Swatara township commissioners that eventually may lead to the laying of sidewalks and lighting with electricity of a part of Mohn street.

This street starts at Front street, Steelton, and runs through the thickest part of the borough's foreign colony. The Harrisburg Light and Power Company plans to relocate all of its poles along this street so that there will be room for a five-foot sidewalk along the road. Engineers of the township have already established grades along the street for pavements and a number of residents will lay sidewalks as soon as the weather permits.

Just how soon the lighting may come is still a matter of conjecture, according to some of the commissioners. Lights in this section have been strongly urged for some time. Lately there have been many robberies and a number of holdups in this district. Many people believe that if lights were placed along the street much of this crime would be stopped. A great part of the township in the township is not policed.

Pillar Just Refuses to Be Moved From Spot

Years ago the bricklayers knew HOW to build brick walls—that, at least, is the opinion of the workmen who are dismantling the old open hearth furnaces at the Pennsylvania Steel Company's plant here to make room for improvements. Bright and nearly yesterday a gang of foreigners armed with picks attacked the brick wall that supported an old furnace. The foreigners swung their picks hard, but not a brick moved. The foreman in charge urged more force back of the blows, but still a brick would not budge. Then he cursed—gently, of course, as all foremen do—and the blows were redoubled; but no use.

An engineer happened along and suggested dynamite. The workmen were called off and a heavy charge of the explosive was placed beneath the pillar. It exploded with a shock that shook the town. A shower of dirt and debris followed the explosion—but the pillar still stood. In desperation the engineer in charge called for a shifting engine and a long woven cable. One end of this cable, an inch thick, was placed around the pillar and the other end was attached to the engine. The engine pulled the cable taut, then jerked it—no budge. The cable snapped.

"Swish! Zip!" and the cable tore. Another stouter one was secured, fastened to pillar and engine. When work stopped last evening the engine was still bricked and snoring—but the pillar still stood.

HUSSLER ENTERTAINS

Raymond Hussler entertained a number of friends at his home in North Third street last evening. Games and music were followed by a luncheon. Among the guests were Miss Margaret Cuddy, Mrs. Cuddy, Margaret Cuddy, Mrs. Cuddy, Russell Boughter, Stanley Stonesifer, Raymond Hussler, Park Heilig and Raymond Haines.

STUDENT SURPRISED

Mark Hess, who is home from the Philadelphia School of Osteopathy for the winter vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Christian Hess, South Second street, was given a surprise last evening. About twenty-five guests were present. Refreshments were served.

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

Forty hours of devotion will be observed in St. Ann's Catholic Church, the Rev. E. Sama, rector, beginning tomorrow with high mass and closing Tuesday evening. Many local ministers will participate in the services.

TO GIVE CANTATA

An elaborate cantata is being rehearsed under the direction of J. B. Stouffer to be rendered in Centenary United I rethren Church Easter evening.

OBSERVE FASTNACHT

The Fastnacht season, beginning Monday, will be widely observed by the German residents of the borough. The quartet club of the German Quartet Club a big masquerade ball will be held in German Hall, Front and Washington streets, Monday evening. The East End Band will furnish music for the dances. Croations of the borough will hold a Fastnacht ball in Croatian Hall, South Second street, Wednesday evening. The proceeds will be sent to the striking miners at Calamit, Mich.

CUT OFF FINGER

Sunbury, Pa., Feb. 20.—While cutting meat to make a soup for the dinner bucket of her husband, W. C. Henry, a railroad engineer, Mrs. Henry let the knife slip and virtually severed one of her fingers and badly lacerated another.

LEAGUE TO MEET

A meeting of the Municipal League will be held in the Light and Power Company Building Monday evening.

GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY MARCH 1

SERMONS ON WASHINGTON

Observance of Washington's birthday will be general in the borough churches to-morrow. Many ministers will deliver sermons on the life of the "Father of His Country" and in Centenary United Brethren Church special patriotic services will be held.

These services in Centenary Church will be attended by the Washington Camp, 102, Patriotic Order Sons of America, and Steelton Lodge, Independent Americans, in a body, and an invitation has been extended to the borough firemen. The Rev. E. C. B. Castle, of Mechanicsburg, will preach the sermon. Students of the High School observed the anniversary of Washington's birth yesterday with a special program of music, readings and declamations. The Post Office will observe the holiday Monday.

AT HIGHSPIRE CHURCH

At a meeting of the Junior Christian Endeavor Society and Junior catechetical class of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Highspire, to-morrow at 3 o'clock, Miss Bessie Johnston, secretary of the Young People's Society and Children's Bands of the Eastern Pennsylvania district, will speak. Other services at St. Peter's Church are as follows: At 11 a. m., the pastor, the Rev. Frank Nagard, will preach on "The Christian Watchword," and at 7.30 on "The Typical American of the Twentieth Century." The Highspire Lodge Patriotic Order Sons of America will attend this service.

MRS. RUDAN BURIED

The funeral of Mrs. Nicholas Rudan, who died at her home in Enhaut, Wednesday, was held this afternoon. The Rev. D. E. Rupley, pastor of the Oberlin Lutheran church, officiated and burial was made in the Baldwin Cemetery.

PERSONALS

Martin Kocevar, a student at Medico Chi College, Philadelphia, is spending the week-end with his parents here. Mrs. George German and grandson, of Buttsville, N. J., are guests of Mrs. John Donnelly, 330 Locust streets.

STEELTON CHURCHES

First Methodist.—The Rev. J. Edwin Grauley, Sermons, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. on "The Great Emancipator."

First Presbyterian Church, the pastor will preach at 11 a. m. and at 7.30 p. m. on "The Christian Endeavor." Christian Endeavor at 6.20 p. m. Men's League will meet Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, the Rev. William B. Smith, pastor, 10.30 a. m., 7.30 p. m. Christian Union at 4.45 p. m. Sunday School; 6.45 p. m. Christian Endeavor Society; 7.30 p. m. theme, "The Influence of the Holy Spirit." Thursday, prayer meeting; 4.30 p. m. Friday, Junior catechetical class; 7.30 p. m. prayer meeting; 7.30 p. m. Sunday school; 9 o'clock, the personage, Monday, February 23.

Math Street Church of God, James M. Waggoner, pastor. Preaching at 10.30 a. m. subject, "The Fruits of a Christian," and at 7.30 p. m. subject, "A Growing Christian." Sunday School at 10.30 a. m. and at 7.30 p. m. Mid-week prayer service.

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ORGANIZE DEBATING SOCIETY

At a meeting in the Central grammar school building last evening the Middletown Debating Society was organized. The meeting was presided over by H. J. Wickey, superintendent of schools. A short address was made by E. L. Croll.

The first meeting of the society will be held Tuesday evening, March 3, when the question for debate will be "Resolved, That Lincoln Exerted a Greater Influence for Good Than Washington." C. L. Leffewich, Representative J. B. Martin, E. S. Gerberich and H. J. Wickey will be the debaters. Municipal questions will also be discussed by the society, it was decided last evening. Some of the questions to be discussed are "What Middletown Needs Most," by Charles Flanagan; "Ten Local Observations for the Betterment of Middletown," by C. W. Conrad; "The Middletown Water Question," by C. B. Earlsman; and "The Proposed Employers' Liability Act," by C. S. Prizer.

TO GIVE MUSICAL

To raise money for the building fund, a musical will be given in St. Peter's Lutheran Church Tuesday evening.

FAREWELL SURPRISE

In honor of Mrs. William Garman, a farewell surprise party was held last evening at her home in Catherine street. The class of the United Brethren Sunday school, taught by Simon Loucks, met at the home of A. E. Arndt and walked to the home of Mrs. Garman. Games and music helped pass a pleasant evening. After March 1, Mr. and Mrs. Garman will reside in Philadelphia.

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To the person sending in the largest number of English words constructed from the letters in the words "IDEAL OCEAN GATE" we will award absolutely FREE of cost a choice building site at Ocean Gate, N. J. The person sending in the next largest number of English words constructed from the letters in the words "IDEAL OCEAN GATE" we will award an order for one week's vacation at the Hotel Ocean Gate, Ocean Gate, N. J. (any time during the summer), and a \$75 Credit Certificate to apply on the purchase of a choice building site at Ocean Gate, N. J. The regular full price of which is \$100 up.

To all of those who send in thirty (30) words or more made from letters in the words "IDEAL OCEAN GATE" we will award a \$10 Credit Certificate to apply on the purchase of a choice building site at Ocean Gate, N. J. The regular full price of which is \$100 up.

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