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Loss of Life in Railroad Wrecks Rouses Country.

CONGRESS WILL LEGISLATE

At Long Session of Congress Matter of Protecting Traveling Public Will Be Taken Up.—Germany Embassy to Build Home.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Statistics covering railroad accidents that have taken place during the past six months prove that the high watermark has been reached in the loss of human life by the railways of this country in their mad rush to annihilate time and defy all safeguards that should be thrown around a naturally hazardous business. The recent appalling accidents have attracted the attention of congress, but nothing can be done at this session. There is a determination, however, that at the next session, which will be the long session of congress, this whole subject of protection to the traveling public shall be gone into and legislation enacted that will provide in fact that which exists today only in theory.

A careful review of the accidents of the last six months, not counting the tragedy on the New York Central, the most recent of railroad disasters, in which an electric train running at high speed was thrown down an embankment, shows that 251 persons have been killed and 474 injured. The figures with regard to the New York Central can not be given yet with precision, owing to the condition of many of the injured, but upon present conditions this total is brought up to 375 killed and more than 600 injured.

These accidents are confined to no particular portion of the country. They have come to those roads noted for their careful and painstaking management, as well as to those whose equipment has been permitted to wear out and where the consideration of the value of human life is but lightly entertained. Take the Pennsylvania and the Baltimore and Ohio railroads, as instances of the number of deaths and injuries resulting from railroad travel during the past six months, the news dispatches to the papers prove that 64 were killed while travelling on Pennsylvania trains and 169 on the Baltimore and Ohio trains. The Pennsylvania maimed and injured in the same period 42 persons and the

Baltimore & Ohio 106. This is the record of two of the great roads of the country. On the "Big Four" in Indiana, on the single day of January 19, in two accidents, 2 were killed and 45 injured.

With such appalling figures indicating an apparently reckless disregard for human life, it is little wonder that those charged with the enactment of laws that ought to protect the people should be aroused. Some argue that this enormous loss of life is due to the fact that but little attention is paid to equipment, trackage facilities, etc., and the industries of the management of the management of the roads are devoted more to the manipulation of the stock, using the railroads under their control as mere pawns in game of high finance. Such accidents as have happened recently are very likely to shake faith in American railway methods and may lead to the most drastic legislation.

If the plans of the German government as at present contemplated for Washington, are carried out, another magnificent show building may be added to the large number that no give enjoyment to the thousands of visitors who annually come to the capital. It has been the desire of the German emperor for a long time to give his representative in this city a home and official residence such as the Kaiser believes should be worthy of the dignity and power of the German empire. At the coming session of the reichstag, it is said, a grant will be made sufficiently large to enable Baron von Sternberg, the German ambassador to Washington, to obtain a suitable site and begin the construction of the building.

The interesting feature of this matter is that the tentative plans have been discussed in Berlin, and it has been reported to be the Emperor's wish to erect in this city an exact replica of his famous palace, "Sans Souci" at Potsdam. This palace is rich in historic tradition, Frederick the Great has entertained there the great Voltaire, who for a while acted as Frederick's mentor and teacher in the doctrines of republicanism and free thought. If this palace should be reproduced in the American capital, it would be a magnificent addition to the public buildings so pleasing to tourists.

Under the rules of both houses of congress a former member is entitled to the privileges of the floor of the house to which belonged so long as he lives. Recently former Senator Pugh, of Alabama, who makes his permanent home in Washington, went to the capitol, and started on to the floor of the house to see one of the Alabama members. He is frequently seen in the senate chamber, but none of the habitués of the gallery of the present day can recall ever having seen him on the floor of the house. Certainly none of the messengers or doorkeepers remembered ever having seen him there. So it happened as he started to pass one of the doorkeepers, he was reminded of the rule that his privilege as a former senator did not give him the privilege of former members of the house.

The veteran old senator made no protest at what he knew to be a well founded rule, and departed in the direction of the senate. He had proceeded, however, but a short distance when memory got in its work. Mr. Pugh recalled that away back during the early sixties he was elected a member of the house from his Alabama district; that he occupied his seat only for a few months and then resigned to become a Confederate soldier in the civil war. He was soon after re-elected a member of the confederate congress. When he returned and related the almost forgotten fact to the doorkeeper, he was admitted without another word.

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is Object of Movement Started in Astoria.

A conference was held last night in the reading room of the Methodist church concerning the establishment of a branch of the Y. M. C. A. in this city. Ivan B. Rhodes, state secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, occupied the floor.

After noting the progress made by other cities in the Association work, Mr. Rhodes explained that the ground method of procedure in starting branches. It is against the practice of the order to start such, unless there was enough money raised to buy and equip a building for the special use of the organization, and if this is done the growth and progress of the branch is assured. He pointed out that a properly equipped Y. M. C. A. with baths, gymnasium, reading room, night school, employment agency and the many other beneficial agencies now adopted by the order, would be a benefit to the town in every way, and repay many times the cost of its initiation and continuance.

The matter will be taken up quietly but determinedly and the leaders say that sooner or later Astoria shall have a branch of the association here with

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