

SIX INJURED WHEN STONE DERAILS CAR

Women Scream as a Collision Is Seen to Be Inevitable

Heavy Coaches Crash on East First Street

Electric Swerves Across Tracks and in an Instant Its Side Is Crushed

by Inward-Bound Trolley

THE INJURED:

L. V. Curry, Hotel Touraine, 447 South Hope street, back and side injured; possibly internally.

R. K. Long, 4422 Towne avenue, side injured.

Mrs. M. C. Golden, Highland Park, painful injuries to back.

Mrs. W. S. Ingelhardt, 1326 Las Vegas street, severe shock and slight bruises.

Mrs. Westfall, 742 St. Louis street, arm hurt, painful bruises.

Miss Fern Hitt, 1320 Mono street, left arm injured.

Derailed by a loose paving stone, eastbound car No. 276 of the Boyle Heights line was hurled in front of a westbound Griffith avenue car yesterday afternoon, and in the crash that followed six passengers were more or less seriously injured. The accident occurred at First and Hewitt streets.

The Boyle Heights car had crossed the railroad tracks and was bowling along at a high rate of speed when it struck a large paving stone which had become loosened and lay on the track. The front truck was thrown off the track and turned by the impact with the obstacle the front part of the car was thrown across the opposite track, almost thirty feet from where it first struck. The rear truck remained on the track.

From the opposite direction came a westbound Griffith avenue car, also running at a high rate of speed. Hastily throwing on the brakes motorman received the Griffith car attempted to stop his charge, but the speed with which it was going and the close proximity of the two cars made this impossible. Before the brakes could take effect the two cars came together with a terrific crash, and the passengers were thrown from their seats and covered them with showers of glass and flying splinters.

Scene of Great Confusion

The Griffith avenue car lost its fender, the sheet iron front was badly dented and several windows were broken; but the East first street car received the greatest damage and it was in this that most of the victims were seated. Thrown directly across the track of the westbound car, the car was struck squarely in the side, and the exposed side was reduced to a mass of splinters. The sheet iron and wood of the open front was torn and twisted into a mass of junk.

With the noise and confusion of the collision arose the screams of the terrified passengers, many of whom were women. The East First street car particularly was crowded with high school pupils and women. Of these none but those on the front seats was injured.

Among the former was Miss Fern Hitt of 1320 Mono street, who was sitting with a school chum, Miss Ethel Hottel of 319 Summit avenue, on the front seat farthest from the accident. When the car on which they were riding was struck Miss Hitt was knocked out of the car and into the street. She sustained slight bruises and her left arm was injured. These girls were on the East First street car.

Women Seriously Hurt

One of the most seriously injured is L. V. Curry, who is staying at the Hotel Touraine, 447 South Hope street. Mr. Curry was sitting on the exposed side of the East First street car and when the crash came was struck in the back by a heavy piece of debris. His physician last night refused to say how seriously the patient was injured, but it was feared he had suffered internal injuries. Severe pains and bruises in the side and back lent weight to this opinion.

R. K. Long of 4422 Towne avenue, an engineer on the Santa Fe, was the only passenger on the Griffith avenue car who was hurt. He sustained severe injuries in the side. Mr. Long was taken to his home in a cab.

Mrs. M. C. Golden of Highland Park and her daughter, Mrs. W. S. Ingelhardt of 1326 Las Vegas street, were both injured, how greatly it was difficult to say. Mrs. Golden, who was injured in the back, screamed when she was struck, but perceiving that her daughter had been hurt she devoted her attention to Mrs. Ingelhardt, who was in a delicate condition prior to the accident. The younger woman suffered greatly from the shock and fright, although she did not seem to be seriously bruised or otherwise injured.

Mrs. Westfall of 742 St. Louis street, also on the First street car, was injured, how greatly it was difficult to say. Dr. M. Jacobson, 709 East First street, was summoned to attend her, but is said to have refused. F. W. Davis and E. J. Wasserzeln declared that he refused to dress her wounds and told them to send her to the receiving hospital, as it was not his place to do so. The men were indignant at his seeming lack of humanity.

Dr. Jacobson, on the other hand, declared that while he did refuse to attend the woman, he had a good reason, as his own wife had suffered a similar accident and was awaiting him. The injured woman was taken to her home in a cab.

Amid the mass of debris that was piled on the wrecked car lay the 15-inch stone that had caused all the trouble.

CABINET CRISIS APPARENTLY HAS BEEN AVOIDED

By Associated Press.

PARIS, Feb. 18.—The threatened cabinet crisis apparently has been avoided when the tenor was almost at the breaking point, by the reaching of an agreement between Premier Clemenceau and Minister of Education, Briand.

Beyond the fact that the ministry will present an unbroken front to parliament nothing is known of a compromise, though everything indicates that the minister of education has prevailed over his chief.

The good offices of President Fallieres undoubtedly played an important role in preventing an open rupture.

Notwithstanding the assurances that the ministerial differences have been patched up, tomorrow's session of the chamber of deputies is likely to be stormy and may bring forth sensational developments.

STRIKES AT ALL SECRET CAUCUSES

Measure to Be Introduced by Senator Caminetti Will, if It Passes, Make All Meetings Public

By Associated Press.

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 18.—The bill which strikes at secret caucuses and star chamber legislation in executive sessions has been prepared by Senator Caminetti and will be introduced in the senate tomorrow morning.

The measure makes unlawful any meeting or conference of two or more members of the legislative body of the state or any county or municipality held in secret or executive session for the purpose of considering any law, measure, motion or resolution with the intent of binding all or any of such members present to vote for or against a measure.

Any member who attends or participates in a secret caucus or agrees or promises to vote in the legislative body to which he belongs, in accordance with the decision of the majority of any number of the members of a caucus shall be guilty of misdemeanor.

The bill provides that free caucuses may be held for discussing, considering and acting upon any measure or proceeding, but such caucuses must be openly announced and must be open to the public.

Senator Caminetti, who is the leader of the minority, contended on the floor of the senate that it was not the will of the people that was being voted in the legislative halls, but the will of "King Caucus," and declared that the star chamber proceedings of secret caucuses was a mild form of treason.

TELEGRAMS SENT TO STATE LEGISLATORS BY THE THOUSAND

By Associated Press.

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 18.—Over 4000 telegrams were received by members of the legislature today urging the passage of Assemblyman Fransua's "conditional sale" measure. In the assembly every member received forty messages, and the yellow dispatches covered the desks and littered the floor.

The running back and forth of pages and messengers made such a confusion that Grove L. Johnson arose and declared the telegrams a nuisance. Speaker Beardslee ordered the delivery of the telegrams stopped.

TEMBLOR SCARES WASHINGTONIANS

By Associated Press.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 18.—A special to the Oregonian from Spokane says:

A heavy earthquake shock was felt at Chelan yesterday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock, accompanied by a report like the sound of a blast. The jar and rumble seemed to be from southeast to northwest. Machinery was shaken, stoves, dishes and doors rattled, and houses rocked.

The shock was felt in Lakeside, Chelan Falls and the surrounding country south as far as fifteen miles and ten miles east. No report is obtainable from other districts. The snow partially lessened the effect of the disturbance on the surface. No damage is reported.

The shock lasted about one second.

TRIPLE TRAGEDY AT MALDEN, MISSOURI

By Associated Press.

MALDEN, Mo., Feb. 18.—"Dr." A. L. Brannan, a saloon keeper, who tonight shot and killed Attorney D. R. Cox and Dr. J. W. Beall in the latter's office, was shot and killed himself a few hours later while being removed from the jail at Malden to Kena for safeguarding.

The killing of Brannan was by an unidentified person standing in the shadow of a building near the Malden jail.

The trouble leading up to the killing of Cox and Beall is said to have been over the liquor question.

HELENA MONT., LINEMEN RECEIVE MORE PAY

By Associated Press.

HELENA, Mont., Feb. 18.—Four hours after the conductors and motormen of the street railway went out in sympathy with the striking linemen, service was resumed. The Helena Light & Railway company having acceded to the demands of the linemen for eight hour shifts and \$4 a day, a raise of 50 cents.

Linemen of the Bell Telephone company are still out, as well as the switchboard operators. There are no indications of a settlement.

THAW SAYS PROVIDENCE STEPPED IN

Prisoner Declares He Did Not Intend to Shoot

Statement Made to Doctor Admitted Under Protest

Defendant's Will Offered as Evidence to Show That His Mind Was Affected Before Tragedy Was Enacted

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—"I never wanted to shoot the creature. I never wanted to kill him. I know he was a foul creature, destroying the mothers and daughters of America, but I wanted through legal means to bring him to trial. I wanted to get him into court—to bring him to justice. But Providence took charge of it; it was an act of Providence."

This is Harry K. Thaw's own story of the killing of Stanford White. It was told by him to Dr. Britton D. Evans, the alienist, last August in the Tombs. Dr. Evans today repeated the prisoner's words to the jury that is trying Thaw for his life.

District Attorney Jerome fought hard last week against the introduction of this evidence, which the defense believes is conclusive proof that Thaw did not know his act was wrong.

The testifying physician had declared that in their opinion Thaw was insane at the time he made the statements. However, the rules of evidence permitted the introduction of the prisoner's words.

In further bulwarking their contention that Thaw was insane when he killed Stanford White, the defendant's counsel stated today in placing before the jury the will executed by Thaw the night of his marriage in April, 1905, and a codicil executed at the same time.

Jerome Fights Hard

Again Mr. Jerome fought the evidence, but he significantly withdrew his objections after Dr. Evans had given it as his expert opinion that Thaw was insane at the time he executed the will. The fact that the district attorney seems disposed to let in testimony of every character, provided there is a preliminary opinion from the witness that the man was of unsound mind at the time of which the testimony refers to, was taken today as further indicating that Mr. Jerome may at the psychological moment if he deems his hand strong enough, demand the appointment of a commission to pass on Thaw's present state of mind.

The will and the codicil were offered in evidence as cumulative testimony of Thaw's mental unsoundness prior to the killing of White. In his will Thaw provides that his executors should set apart the sum of \$50,000 to investigate his death in case of a violent or suspicious end and for the prosecution of the persons suspected of having taken a hand in his taking off.

Leaves Money to Lawyers

In the codicil Thaw left to a lawyer in Pittsburg \$700 to be used in securing legal redress from Stanford White and one other person whose name was not allowed to be read, for the benefit of four young women, Thaw declared, who had been the victims of "degrading assaults" in a house "furnished and used for orgies by Stanford White and other inhuman scoundrels."

Thaw also bequeathed sums of \$200 each to Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst, Anthony Comstock, and a lawyer named in his codicil to be used in discovering further alleged misdeeds by Stanford White, and asking redress for the women.

Drs. Hammond and Jelliffe will testify tomorrow, probably on the improvement in Thaw's mind during his confinement in the Tombs, declaring that the stress which caused the mental explosion was removed with the death of Stanford White. It was also said tonight that Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw may go on the stand tomorrow to complete her story.

The trial today entered its fifth week.

Delmas Retained

The opening of court found Attorney Delmas again in his accustomed place at the head of Thaw's counsel table, notwithstanding reports of disagreements. Juror Bolton, whose wife died last week, said he felt perfectly able to go on with the trial. It was decided that the jurors should not again be confined until they finally retire to make up their verdict.

Dr. Evans, who has been by far the most important witness for the defense among the medical experts, detailed at great length his conversations with Thaw at the Tombs.

He told of how Thaw declared that his lawyers and physicians were in a conspiracy with the district attorney to "railroad" him off to an asylum and to prevent his case from coming to trial. He declared "they wanted to close this matter up." Thaw told the physician that in his attempts to bring Stanford White to justice he had complained to District Attorney Jerome and that the latter had told him to let the matter drop; that there was nothing to it.

He also complained to Anthony Comstock and to a detective agency.

Dr. Evans was corroborated as to most of Thaw's statements by Dr. Chas. G. Wagner of Binghamton, who first figured as a witness early last week.

District Attorney Jerome cross-examined Dr. Evans today on his opinion

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WILL PROBE THE BREWSTER EXPRESS WRECK THOROUGHLY

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Four distinct investigations into the wreck of the Brewster express on the New York Central Saturday were in progress today, and resolutions were introduced in the legislature for legislative investigation.

One of the investigations already under way was under the direction of the coroner, a second was made by the New York state railroad commission, a third by the district attorney's office of New York county and the fourth by the railroad.

The police list today shows twenty-one dead as the result of the wreck, with a possibility that four or five others may die.

HUNDREDS ARE KILLED AND INJURED

By Associated Press.

MONTEREY, Mexico, Feb. 18.—A dispatch to the News from Las Esperanzas, Coahuila, says that 105 men are probably dead and many injured as a result of an explosion of gas in the coal mine there.

The explosion occurred at 7 p. m. in the Conquista mine No. 3. Thirty dead bodies have been taken out of the wreck and it is estimated that seventy-five more are yet in the mine.

SPRINGS SENSATION IN ADAMS CASE

Witness Tells of Threats Made by the Defendant and His Companion, Tyler—Later Shots Were Fired

By Associated Press.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 18.—A Wallace, Idaho, special to the Spokesman-Review says:

The feature of the day in the Steve Adams trial was the evidence of Archie Phillips. He testified that Tyler had told him of threats made by Adams and Jack Simpkins, but was not allowed to state the nature of these threats, objection being made by the defense on the ground that he did not know from his own knowledge.

The objection was upheld by the court and Phillips went on to state how on one occasion he saw Adams and Simpkins coming up the trail towards Tyler's cabin. Adams, armed with a Winchester, stopped a hundred yards from the cabin and Simpkins, who carried no weapons in his hands, went about 100 yards past the house. Tyler and Phillips sat on a log in front of the cabin and soon bullets began to whistle past their heads. They got up and went into the cabin.

CUBANS THREATEN 'UNCLE SAMUEL'

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—A dispatch to the Herald from Havana says that open, signed threats of war against the United States if it does not get out of Cuba are now being made by the leaders of the Liberal party, to whom everything has been given by the American provisional government except absolute control.

The party is insatiable and impatient over the delay of the American withdrawal when it was promised, they would be left master of Cuba.

The leaders, the dispatch says, resent the suggestion of the conservative classes that an American protectorate might be a surer guarantee of peace than the unbridled rule of any Cuban faction.

The dispatch quotes an article by Gen. del Castillo in El Rebelde, a Liberal organ, in which he insists that the "imbecile" who favors a protectorate must be struck down, and that if annexation of a protectorate come war will follow.

BIG OIL COMPANIES ARE REPORTED SOLD

By Associated Press.

FRESNO, Feb. 18.—A telegram from T. G. Hart, from San Francisco, today announced that the sale of the Oil City Petroleum and Twenty-eight Oil company had been consummated for \$85,000.

The land is not included, only a 13-year lease held by the companies and twenty-five producing wells. The Standard is believed to be the purchaser, although the nominal purchaser is W. M. Hall.

TABLE OF TEMPERATURES

City. Weather. Temperature. Min. Max.

Los Angeles, clear... 49 69

New York, clear... 12 39

Boston, snow... 16 40

Pittsburg, pt. cloudy... 20 36

Spokane, cloudy... 26 30

LOS ANGELES PORT TO BE WILMINGTON

Consolidation with San Pedro Is Suspended

Legal Difficulties Make Project Undesirable at Present

Commission Adopts Resolutions Declaring Previous Negotiations Null Until Pending Enabling Act Is Passed

By Associated Press.

There will be no election March 14 for the consolidation of Los Angeles and San Pedro. There is a strong probability that there will never be an election for such purpose. The consolidation commission at its meeting last night passed resolutions suspending all further negotiations along this line. The suspension is indefinite and it is tacitly admitted that that means forever.

The following resolutions are self-explanatory:

Whereas, until the legislature passes the enabling act asked for by this commission and endorsed by the various civic bodies of Los Angeles, the board of supervisors, the city council and the entire community, by which the consolidation of Los Angeles and San Pedro can be legally accomplished, and

Whereas, upon advice from the city attorney of Los Angeles and the law committee of this commission it is necessary to suspend further proceedings for such consolidation now, therefore be it

Resolved, That we recommend that further procedure for the consolidation of Los Angeles and San Pedro be suspended until requisite legislation be enacted by the legislature.

San Pedro is a city of the fifth class. Under the existing statutes it is impossible to disincorporate a city of the sixth class, but Los Angeles will have a slice of the harbor yet and a big slice at that.

The next step to the water front, it was admitted last night by a member of the consolidation commission, will be to disincorporate Wilmington. Wilmington is a city of the sixth class and under the statutes may be disincorporated. When it is disincorporated it can be annexed to Los Angeles. The "shoestring" strip which was recently made a part of the city touches Wilmington and this is all that is necessary, with the consent of Wilmington, which it is expected will not be denied for annexation to the city of Los Angeles.

The matter of the merger with Wilmington was discussed last night and placed in the hands of the law committee of the commission for investigation. The resolutions which spoke the sense of the meeting were passed at the solicitation of the law committee and the city attorney.

UNCLE SAM PAYS GRAFT PRICES

By Associated Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18.—That there is a combination of private shipyards of San Francisco to exact exorbitant prices from the government for investment in the navy department, and is not inclined to submit to what it deems extortion. The department desires to have the repairs on the transports made in the vicinity of the home port and does not desire to send them north to Puget sound, whose private yards seem to be the only ones on the coast that will bid for the work.

A formal rejoinder to Senator Perkins' letter has been prepared.

SENATOR BAILEY MAY TAKE WITNESS STAND

By Associated Press.

AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 18.—Unless the Bailey investigating committee decides to go to New York to question H. Clay Pierce of the Waters-Pierce Oil company, Senator Bailey may go on the stand in his own behalf when the committee resumes its sessions tomorrow. The question will be decided before any more testimony is heard.

Requisition has been made by the governor of this state on Governor Folk of Missouri for Mr. Pierce on a charge of having made false affidavits in connection with a recent anti-trust hearing here.

System Is Condemned

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 18.—Today the house after a long debate passed a joint memorial condemning the forest reserve system. The vote was 32 to 7. The eight-hour bill for miners and mill and other employees was passed by the senate and now goes to the governor.

ISLANDERS WILL HOLD HIGH JINKS FOR CALIFORNIANS

By Associated Press.

HONOLULU, Feb. 11, via San Francisco, Feb. 18.—The supreme court has held there is no statute of limitations against the collection of taxes and that proceedings to collect taxes may be instituted, notwithstanding how long the taxes may have been delinquent.

The chamber of commerce and the merchants' association have united in plans for the entertainment of the Los Angeles business men's excursion to the islands, which is expected here shortly by the steamship Ohio.

The Ohio will be met in the offing by a committee and every excursionist will be decorated with a lei.

An aquatic regatta at Waikeiki will be given during their stay and there will be trips to the Paik, Moanalua and other places of interest.

SAYS SOLDIERS WERE IN DANGER

Witness in Brownsville Shooting Affair Tells of Threats Made by Resident of Texas

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The first shots fired in the Brownsville affair of August 13 were fired from the rear of the post commissary and not from the town, according to the testimony of William C. Nolan before the senate investigating commission today.

Nolan is a white soldier, belonging to the hospital corps. He was in the hospital at the time of the shooting. He heard the first of the trouble, he said. This was followed by shots from the direction of a negro saloon near the town.

William Harden, a negro ex-private, said that on the night of August 13, while walking between the post exchange and the hospital, he almost ran into Major Penrose, Major McComb and another man. He said he stepped back to let them pass and they stopped and began to talk. The strange man, according to Harden, said:

"I tell you Texas won't stand for it?" He then said something about an assault upon his wife and added: "If some soldiers are not put under arrest by 10 o'clock tonight we will kill every negro soldier in Fort Brown."

RAISE FUNDS TO ASSIST WOMAN

Members of Bloomington, Ill., Church Subscribe \$1900 to Replace Funds Taken by Custodian

By Associated Press.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Bloomington, Ill., says the members of the Second Christian church yesterday contributed \$1900 to cover the shortage of \$1300 in the accounts of Helen Dixon, the young woman custodian of the organ fund.

Miss Dixon, who was indicted by the grand jury on Saturday for embezzlement, forgery and larceny, took \$1300 which had been raised for the purchase of the new church organ.

"I am innocent of any intention to defraud. I sent the money to my brother," said Miss Helen Dixon, as she walked out of the McLean county jail. She was arrested because she could not produce \$1300 in funds belonging to the society. She reiterated her story of the previous day. She was visited at the jail by State's Attorney W. R. Brach and lawyers engaged by her friends in her behalf; also those representing the church.

They tried to shake her original story, as they believe she gave the money to some designing man. She is unable to give the address of her brother or of any relatives, although she refers to a paralytic father in Chicago. The day she was arrested, and when advised that an officer had called at her house, she burned a quantity of letters in the furnace.

Miss Dixon was always reticent about her antecedents. It is supposed that some word would be received from her missing brother, to whom she was an heir, but he did not materialize. It is said that she had been acting queerly of late, and that her work as stenographer became very unreliable and unsatisfactory.

Bodies Blown to Atoms

LONDON, Ky., Feb. 18.—Foreman Sutton and three of his crew were killed by a dynamite explosion today near Hazle Patch, in this county, while constructing a double track on the Louisville & Nashville. The bodies were blown to atoms.

THE DAY'S NEWS

FORECAST For Southern California: Cloudy Tuesday, light north winds, changing to westerly. Maximum temperature in Los Angeles yesterday, 69 degrees; minimum, 49 degrees.

- 1—Seeks to move the capital.
2—White schools must open doors.
3—Wants rangers to patrol roads.
4—Big benefit is arranged.
5—Dramatic news.
6—Fritorial.

CASTRO'S DEATH EXPECTED SOON

By Associated Press.

MACUTO, Venezuela, Feb. 17, via Willemstad, Island of Curacao, Feb. 18.—In spite of the daily bulletins issued by the government announcing an improvement of President Castro's health, he has gradually weakened since he underwent the recent operations, and his condition is now more serious than before.

It is even affirmed that his physicians entertain no hope for his recovery. His temperature is reported to be 103, gangrene is said to have set in, and the end is alleged to be expected shortly.

The gunboat Restaurador is lying at La Guayra and it is asserted that after his death she will carry the body of Castro to Puerto Cabello, whence it will be transported to Valencia for interment.

Seventeen Must Die

RIGA, Russia, Feb. 18.—The court-martial at Tukum, which has been trying insurrectionists, has concluded its labors. Seventeen men have been sentenced to death and forty-five others to various terms of imprisonment at hard labor.