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PLUNGED INTO HUDSON RIVER.

Death in Hideous Form on the New York Central Railroad. Sleeping Passengers Drowned Like Rats.

At Least Twenty-Eight Souls Hurled Into Eternity.—Water Had Undermined the Tracks.

Engineer and Fireman Went Down With Their Locomotive.—The Official Accounting for the Disaster.

Garrisons, N. Y., Oct. 24.—From the sleep that means refreshment and rest to the eternal sleep that knows no waking dawned a be twilight of an October's morning twenty-eight souls, men, women and children. Into the stony bed of the Hudson river a train laden with slumbers humanity plunged, dragging scores i's watery graves the passengers. The ewer nothing to escape the terrible accident which so suddenly dashed these into the jaws of life. The New York Central train left Buffalo last night and had progressed for nearly nine-tenths of the distance toward its destination. The engineer and fireman had just noted the gray dawn breaking in the east and the flickering of red betokening the sun's approach, when the great engine plunged into the depths of the river.

Neither engineer nor fireman will ever tell the story of that terrible moment, for with his hand upon the throttle the engineer plunged with the engine to the river's bottom, and the fireman, too, was at his post. Behind them came the express car, the combination car and the sleepers, and piled on top of the engine.

It is known that it was a little foggy and that the track was not visible, but if there was any break in the lines of steel it must have been of very recent happening, for only an hour before there had passed over it a heavy passenger train laden with human freight.

Neither is an explanation ready. All is conjecture. The section of road was supposed to be the very best on the entire division. There was a great heavy retaining wall at along the bank, and while the side was bright yesterday it was not unprecedented. What seems to have happened was that underneath the tracks and under the heavy wall had given away, and when the great weight of engine reached the unsupported tracks it went crashing through the rest of the wall and toppled over into the river. And there happened what on the railroad at any other time would have caused disaster, but now proved a blessing. As the train plunged over the embankment the coupling that held the last three of the six sleepers broke, and they miraculously remained on the broken track. In this way some sixty lives were saved.

Of the eye witnesses there were none except the crew of a tugboat passing with a tow. They saw the train with its light as it came flashing about the curve, and then saw the greater part of it go into the river. Some of the cars with closed windows floated, and the tug whistled for help, cast off its tows and started to the rescue. A porter jumped from one of the cars that remained on the track and ran back the yard of August Carl's brewery, near which the accident occurred, and stood screaming for help, and moaning: "The train is in the river; all our passengers are drowned." In a few minutes Carl had dressed himself and, getting in the boat, rowed with the porter to the scene.

As they turned a point in the bank they came upon the express car and the combination car floating about twenty feet from the shore, but sinking every minute. One man was taken from the top of the car and efforts were made to rescue those inside. A few were gotten out, the passengers left upon the track making a human bridge to the shore to take the wounded on. The day coach and smoker had gone down in the deeper water and rescue was impossible. In the latter coach the conditions must have been terrible. The car turned completely over and the passenger end of it was in deep water, while the baggage end stood up toward the surface. The men in that lower end must have fought like fiends for a brief period, for the bodies when taken out were a mass of wounds.

The wrecked train was known as the "State Express." It left Buffalo at 9 o'clock last night and was due in New York at 7 o'clock this morning. The train was hauled by engine 872, and consisted of one American express car, one composite baggage and smoking car, one day coach and six sleepers. Poughkeepsie was the last stopping place of the train before the disaster, at 5:10 a. m.

At this time there were in the smoker, in addition to the baggage man, Herman Acker, of Peekskill, who was in his compartment, eight Chinamen en route from the Canadian border to New York, and a middle-aged man, supposed to be Thomas Reilly, of 2860 Wisconsin avenue, St. Louis. All of these except the baggagemaster perished. The coach contained eighteen or twenty passengers, many of whom were women and children.

How many of these escaped is not known, but at least twelve were drowned or killed in this car. Behind the coach were six sleepers, with about sixty-five passengers. The total cargo of human freight consisted of something over a hundred people.

One of the few occupants of the coach who escaped was Frank J. Degan, a wood finisher, of New York. His left eye was cut by broken glass, and his body was slightly bruised. Mr. Degan made the statement: "With my friend, W. H. G. Myers, of Passaic, N. J., who was killed in the car from which I escaped, I had been to Poughkeepsie. We boarded the train at that place and took a seat in the coach. Three other people got on at Poughkeepsie—one was a woman and the two others were men, one of whom looked like a railroad employe. As near as I can judge there were eighteen people in the coach, most of them being women and children, and nearly all were asleep.

"Myers and I sat in the middle of the car. When the crash came the car gave a lurch and rolled over on its side. The water rushed in and then slowly and gently the lights went out. I knew we were in the river, and the car seemed to plow through the water for some time after it was submerged. The car was tilted over on one side, and I managed to reach the foot pocket overhead and clung to it until help came.

"I saw people in the back part of the car groaning as if they were injured fast. It was so dark I could see no one, and I think the passengers must have been drowned like rats. After a while I heard people on top of the car and an ax crash through the roof. The noise of that ax in the hands of Fathers made the sweetest music I ever heard in my life. Soon they had a hole cut in the roof and pulled me through it. A man and a boy (father and son) were also rescued in the same way, but I know of no other occupants of the coach escaping. The car at this time was floating, but fast filling with water, and we were put ashore in a row boat. I am sure my friend Meyers was drowned."

New York, Oct. 25.—Twenty lives were lost, according to the latest accounts, in the wreck on the New York Central last night.

Two Deaths at Memphis.

Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 25.—Two deaths from yellow fever occurred here today, but there is no fear of its spreading.

Three New Infecting.

Frankfort, Ky., Oct. 25.—J. W. Steele was today awarded the contract for the plumbing of the first and second wards.

WENT TO KANSAS.

Bob Crouch, Colored, Left His Family.

He Was Wanted by Constable Miller for Stealing a Buggy.

Constable Anderson Miller arrived in the city today from near Mason's Mills, where he went after Bob Crouch, colored, who is charged with stealing a buggy belonging to George Knott, a white man of the same neighborhood.

Knott and Crouch attended Buffalo Bill's show here on the 6th, and when Knott started to hitch up at Calloway's wagon yard, he found his new buggy missing and an old one in its place. The latter was left and in a day or two Crouch called at the wagon yard and claimed it, saying his horse had gotten loose and gone home. Knott's new buggy was soon afterwards found at Crouch's residence, and a warrant was issued for him.

The constable learned when he went after him that Crouch skipped out for Kansas the other day, giving his wife $5 to live on during his absence.

FEVER ABATING.

Though a Few New Cases Today.—Yesterday's Record.

Yellow fever seems to have secured a good start at Montgomery, for yesterday's record was two deaths and eighteen new cases. There were three deaths and thirty-one new cases at New Orleans and one death and five new cases at McHenry. Memphis reports four new cases. Other cases are as follows: Edwards, Miss., 1; Bay St. Louis, Miss., 6; New Albany, Miss., 1; Biloxi, Miss., 13; Scranton, Miss., 10, and Pascagoula, La., 2.

New Orleans, Oct. 25.—The yellow fever is abating and a more secure feeling pervades the city. Five new cases were reported today.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Will Probably Stop the Sanitary Inspections.

The Board of Health is in session this afternoon at the city hall to take action relative to the retention of the sanitary inspectors.

At press time the meeting had not been considered, but it is likely that the board will deem the further services of the inspector unnecessary.

LIVELY POLICE COURT TODAY.

Several Offenders of the Law Appear Before His Honor, Judge Sanders.—Wm. Laird Discharged.

A Man Asks His Cook About Neglecting Her Duty While the Victuals Burn.—Other Court Proceedings.

William Jones and Henry Florg, who seem to be Germans, were charged in Judge Sanders' court this morning with using abusive language towards Addie Fraley, a young woman with snapping dark eyes who has been looking for them.

She said to the court that last Friday the two men called her a "——" and told her she "could go to h—l."

Mr. Jones, one of the defendants, began questioning her. He expelled from his robust lungs a perfect fusillade of questions in rapid succession.

"Didn't I employ you to work?"

"Ye—"

"Well why didn't you do it?"

"I di—"

"Did I pay you to leave the fish on the stove to burn and go outside to hug Mr. Blank? Was that what I —"

"I didn't do it judge, I can prove —"

The court room here was in an uproar of laughter.

"Don't answer any more of his questions until I tell you to," continued the court. And if the old man isn't sitting there crying!"

Jones here made an effort to conceal his tears, but failing, excused himself by saying she had had him brought up for nothing.

The defendants then testified, and both denied using any profane or insulting language towards their cook. They had some trouble over the amount of wages due her, it seems, because she let a fish burn. The case was left open for further testimony.

J. S. Hawkins and Sam Vickers were charged with a breach of the peace. The case was continued on account of absent witnesses and then at the instance of the two defendants trial was entered into, Mr. Vickers residing in Illinois twelve miles from the city.

Mr. Vickers stated that he gave Mr. Hawkins a due bill for some hay, which Mr. Hawkins refused to pay, claiming that the man who sold him the hay was afraid to come after the money because he had sold him a bad bale of hay. The evidence was somewhat conflicting, and each was fined a dollar and costs.

"What's the matter, old man? inquired the court of John Ladd, the man who escaped from the chaingang with a ball and chain and one of the chain gang shovels.

"My arm feels mighty bad this morning," he replied.

"What's the matter with your arm?"

"It was broken about a month ago, but it's getting better now."

"Well, you may go this time," the court kindly said.

"All right, and I'll try and do better next time," he concluded as he shambled out.

Ladd broke his arm recently while drunk, by falling down the steps.

"He's very unfortunate in his disposition," commented the court," and can't help getting drunk."

R. M. Dennis and J. W. Sullivan were charged with housebreaking. They went into Dennis' shoe shop on East Court street, it is alleged, and took away some goods that had been attached and were preparing to remove them from the state. Attorney Hopgood appeared for the defense.

Attorney Hopgood moved that the man warranted under the name of Sullivan was not named Sullivan, but Soloman, and made a motion to dismiss the warrant against him. The motion was overruled and the warrant amended by the insertion of the right name. The cases were continued until tomorrow.

Henry Small colored, said he slapped his sister twice because he told her not to go to a certain house and she went anyhow, and said he had nothing to do with her. The court answered that if the case was what he imagined, perhaps a little slapping would do the girl no harm. He left the case open.

CIRCUIT COURT.

The Petit Jury Empaneled This Morning.

Damage Suit Against the I. C. Railroad Company on Trial.

Judge Bishop presided at today's session of the circuit court after a week's rest.

Deputy Sheriff Rogers was sworn in this morning, and the list of petit jurors was presented and impanneled. They are as follows:

W. W. Hinkle, C. J. Rudolph, L. D. Watson, J. T. Hill, James W. Harris, D. L. Futrell, Justice Petter, J. H. Derrington, E. W. Kirkpatrick, Henry Mammen, Jr., A. C. Bowman, J. B. Flash, J. S. Jackson, Z. T. Murphy, C. S. McCammon, R. G. Pell, John W. Campbell, Joe Matteson, D. N. Futrell, A. T. Coleman, E. P. Gilson, D. Beck, Ben C. Sims.

The damage suit of W. M. Phillips, a colored preacher, against the Illinois Central railroad for $500, for refusing to back up and permit him to get aboard the train at Stiles some few weeks ago, was called this morning and the evidence heard.

The trial of the case will probably be finished by this evening.

PASSENGER CONDUCTORS.

They Now Are to Stop Off at Paducah.

Due to the Yellow Fever Scare at Memphis.

The passenger crews on the Illinois Central are now stopping off at Paducah instead of at Fulton. This is only temporary, however, and is done on account of the yellow fever scare in Memphis.

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"John W. Thomas Day."

As a tribute to Major J. W. Thomas, President of the Tennessee Centennial Exposition, his colleagues in the management, the citizens of Nashville and of the state of Tennessee, have selected Thursday, the 28th of October, to be observed as "John W. Thomas Day."

To make the occasion as attractive and memorable as possible arrangements are being made for a great industrial parade in Nashville, in addition to the many interesting features which will be presented at the exposition.

In order to contribute to the success of the day by encouraging many visitors, the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company will put into effect, October 29th and for trains due at Nashville the morning of the 28th, the same low excursion rates, including admission to the exposition and transportation between union depot and grounds, which have been made for other special days. Those of our readers who are not familiar with the rates can obtain information from ticket agents of the railroad company.

WAS NOT CRAZY.

A Man Wanted a Writ Against His Sister-in-law.

Jim Spriggs, colored, complained to County Attorney Houser Saturday night that his sister-in-law was a lunatic, and wanted her tried on a writ of lunatico inquirendo.

County Attorney Houser, however, took the precaution to send County Physician Brothers out to examine the woman, and he pronounced her of sound mind.

The British government has made public an official account of all communications that have passed between that government and the bimetallic commissioners of the United States, including in full the reply of the government of India to the proposal to reopen the Indian mints to the free coinage of silver. The substance of it is that the Indian government did not believe the attempt to establish stability of exchange by the proposed agreement had any chance for success, and objected to making India the victim of the experiment. The weakness of the plan is fully pointed out

SOUTHERN TRAFFIC.

It Is Not Seriously Handicapped at Present.

There have been numerous questions asked today in regard to towns below quarantining.

Only three towns on the N., C. & St. L. have quarantined against the South, and traffic to Fulton on the I. C. is clear. It is understood, however, that passengers from the South are being brought around on the Grenada division instead of through Memphis.

Dr. Edwards, Specialty, Eyes, Ear, Nose and Throat, Paducah, Ky.

ONE DOCTOR'S OPINION.

Talks a Little About Yellow Fever and Some Other Diseases That Flesh is Heir To

Shows How We Strain at a Gnat and Swallow a Camel.—What We Need Most is Sewerage.

"I read an article the other day," remarked a prominent doctor this morning, "that exactly coincided with my opinions on such matters. It is by a physician who says that while we are frightened to death over a few little cases of yellow fever maybe a thousand miles away, we are letting hundreds and thousands of people die every year of typhoid, malaria, pneumonia and consumption. This does not apply to any particular place, but to every part of the country.

"I venture to say the death rate from such diseases as I have mentioned above is greatly, is vastly more than from yellow fever, smallpox or anything else. Yet the people who seem to pay no attention to and have no fear of, such fatal diseases as consumption, typhoid, etc., when they are right at our door, will be scared into conniption fits at a rumor of yellow fever a hundred miles away.

"Let me tell you something," he continued, warming up, "thousands or more people die in this country every year of consumption more than of any other disease. Yet if I were to require the isolation of a victim by it, compel the family to live away from him or her, not eat at the same dishes, sleep with, or use the same towels, etc., I would be straightway hounded as a crank. Yet this is just what it is coming to. In ten years, consumptives will be controlled and isolated by the government, something in the order of lepers.

Of course they will be given everything they can wish for, but the protection of the people will demand isolation. It's coming just as sure as tomorrow's sun, and every doctor realizes it. Consumption is as contagious as any other disease, and the alarming increase in death rate from it will sooner or later result as I have predicted above.

"But about the yellow fever, there is no danger from it, here especially, or any where else where they ever have frost. People would be better off were they to protect themselves from the scores of other ailments and maladies that daily occasion so many deaths throughout the country.

"This is one reason I am for sewerage. I say give us sewerage, no matter whether its perfect or not. I think the system that has been adopted is a good one, and any one who claims that to run that offal and filthy water under ground to the river would not be better than letting it permeate every surface gutter in the city, is an imbecile. Give us any kind of sewerage, just so it is sewerage, and then watch the death rate decrease!"

HON. J. K. HENDRICK.

Has Good Chances of Recovery—Will Move to Paducah.

Saturday's Louisville "Times" says:

Hon. John K. Hendrick, former member of Congress from the First district, is in Louisville today, and his many friends here have been cordially greeting him. They are glad to know from him that the prospect for his complete recovery is believed good by the physicians he has consulted here.

Col. Hendrick has been a physical sufferer for about a year, but several months ago he began to decline so rapidly that great alarm was felt. Skillful medical treatment has given promise, however, of restoring him to his old good health. The complete recovery of this fine Kentuckian, for whom even most of his political enemies entertain a personal affection, will gratify thousands in this state. Col. Hendrick expects to remove to Paducah next month to practice his profession.

BIG GUNS AT SMITHLAND.

Speaking of Democrats and Populists There Saturday.

Smithland, Ky., Oct. 23.—A large crowd was to town today to hear ex-Gov. Buckner and Judge Baker expound the doctrines of true Democracy. Judge Baker spoke first. His speech was well received. O. M. James replied in one long talk of abuse and harangue. Ex-Gov. Buckner occupied the rest of the evening in a clear and convincing manner and held the crowd. He was greeted with rounds of applause as he stepped forward to answer the illogical arguments of the big baby from Crittenden. He spoke of the services he had always rendered the Democratic party, and said he was still willing and ready to defend the party principles when called upon. The crowd was well pleased. Many came forward to shake the old hero's hand. His speech did much good for the National Democratic party and will bring forth good fruit.

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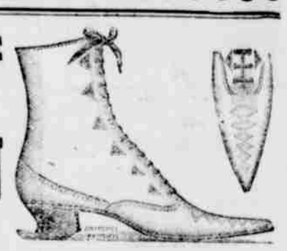

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