

FREIGHT COLLISION AT ADAMSTON RESULTS IN ONE HORRIBLE DEATH

GREEL'S LEG CUT OFF IN ORDER TO RELEASE HIM

Begged Piteously to be Killed to End Suffering--Saw Used to Amputate Leg--Both Legs Burned Into Crisp--Two Others Seriously Injured and Two Slightly -- Yard Crew Overlooked Fast Freight and Left the Switch Open.

THE DEAD.
GEORGE CREEL, of Daysville, fireman; aged 24 years and single.

THE INJURED.
W. T. HUFFORD, of Grafton, engineer, aged 25 years; seriously.
THOMAS FOX, of Grafton, brakeman, aged 22 years; seriously.
C. C. BOOTH, of Clarksburg, engineer; slightly.
THOMAS GILL, of Clarksburg, fireman; slightly.

An excited people thronged the streets of Clarksburg a few minutes after 8 o'clock Thursday night, when the report came that No. 55 and a freight train had collided at Adamston and a number of persons had been killed. First it was that eight persons had been killed, then thirty-five, and finally all on the passenger train.

There was no way to learn the truth. No one knew more than the reports told. Railroad officials knew there was a wreck reported. That was all. There was a clamor to get to the scene of the wreck and every available street car was pressed into service to take the great throng out. A half dozen physicians were hastily called, among whom were the company surgeons, who took charge of the victims of the wreck.

Fortunately, in point of number as to loss of life and the injured the report was false as to No. 55, the express train west, which had run before the wreck occurred. Instead it was a collision between a fast freight east of the No. 80's and a yard engine, which had followed No. 55 to the yards of the Fairmont & Baltimore coal mine to drag out several cars of coal.

The wreck occurred at about eight o'clock. The freight train east running at full speed rounded a curve, entered the cut and ran into the siding, where the yard engine and a few cars had entered but a minute or two before. The crash came and was heard for two miles.

The fast freight engine struck the tender of the yard engine which was turned in a manner so that the tender was toward the switch. The force of the collision caused the fast freight engine to telescope its tender and both engine and tender were derailed. Several of the cars of the fast freight were also derailed and in the middle of the train one car was smashed into splinters and another derailed and virtually demolished.

Engineer W. T. Hufford, of the fast freight, and Yard Engineer C. C. Booth, together with Yard Fireman Thomas Gill escaped death by jumping, when they saw that a collision was inevitable, but did not escape injury.

Fireman George Creel, of the fast freight, was hemmed in between the cab of the freight engine and the tender, where he remained pinned an hour and a half, suffering the agonies only one in that position can tell before he was rescued. No more horrible scene was ever witnessed. With piteous appeals he asked to be killed. He pleaded with the surgeons to cut the corpus of his body with might and main to extricate him, and he kept such great presence of mind as to direct them in their efforts. Finally, it was found necessary to amputate his left leg. The flesh was cut all around just above the knee and a hand saw was used to sever the bone. With this done they soon had him out.

At 10 o'clock he was brought on a street car to the Kessler hospital. Both legs had been mashed and burned by the live coals from the engine, and the amputated member had been burned into a crisp. It would have been necessary to have taken off the other leg above the knee, but death relieved his sufferings at three o'clock this morning.

Engineer Hufford, of the freight train, had his face and neck badly scalded and his left leg below the knee as bruised and scalded. He is in the City hospital and will get well unless complications set in.

Front brakeman Thomas Fox, of the fast freight, had the ribs of the left side mashed in, his left shoulder badly cut and bruised, and his right leg and hand torn and bruised in many places, and was about dead, when taken to the City hospital as soon after the collision as possible.

At first it was thought he would die from the shock but he has a possible chance now to recover.

Engineer C. C. Booth and Fireman Thomas Gill received a few bruises and scratches, when they jumped from the engine, but are not seriously hurt.

A hobo was riding on the train, but escaped with only a few bruises, as he rolled from the trucks of a car.

The engines and tenders were badly twisted and smashed and the track was torn up. Merchandise of all descriptions and splintered carbed the cut, and the tracks were all completely blocked.

A wrecking crew with Division Superintendent U. B. Williams aboard, arrived upon the scene from Grafton at 11 o'clock, and with local railroad men went diligently to work to clear the tracks. They succeeded between 5 and 6 o'clock, and No. 1, which had been held up behind the wreck since 9:40 o'clock was the first train out. All other trains during the night detoured over the Short Line.

Eight street cars transferred the passengers on No. 4, except those in sleepers who declined to get up, to a special train, at the Short Line junction, which conveyed them to Grafton.

An open switch appears to have been the cause of the wreck. The yard crew failed to close the switch, it seems, and did not put out a flagman. It is claimed the fast freight was six minutes ahead of time, but such does not seem the case.

The fast freight was only one minute late at Wilsonburg and could not have been six minutes ahead of time at Adamston.

It is claimed the yard crew overlooked the 80's altogether, or the wreck would not have happened.

The yard crew was in charge of Conductor Danley and the fast freight Conductor Parkhill. Danley and his crew were suspended from duty after the wreck and an investigation has begun. The trial will doubtless be held here in a few days, and the responsibility fixed, unless the men resign before one can be held.

The yard crew complete is composed of Conductor C. O. Danley, Engineer C. C. Booth, Fireman T. F. Gill and Brakemen J. J. Gill, W. T. Probst and A. E. Rohrbough. The engineer and conductor will be the ones held responsible for the wreck.

The severed part of Creel's leg was not recovered from the wreckage until nearly noon Friday, and the side tracks are not yet clear of the debris.

Creel's remains were shipped on the afternoon accommodation Friday to Daysville for burial.

SAD MESSAGE IS RECEIVED

Relatives here received a telegraph message Thursday evening from Dubois, Pa., stating that Mrs. Wesley R. Potts, of Grove Summit, Pa., was dying. Mrs. Potts is a sister of R. E. Groves and an aunt of Norman J. Groves of this city. The message was a very sad one as they did not know that she had been sick and the last time they heard from her she was enjoying the best of health. It did not state the nature of her illness.

A message was received about nine o'clock Friday morning announcing the death of Mrs. Potts. R. E. Groves left on the early morning train and was enroute to Grove Summit, when Mrs. Potts died.

CITIZENS CHOSEN TO COLLECT FUNDS

The committee recently appointed by council, composed of E. M. Kelley, M. J. McAndrew and Dr. W. P. Goff, to solicit subscriptions for the dam on the West Fork river, held a meeting last night at the office of I. M. Kelley, and unanimously decided to select one citizen from each ward to assist in the work of making the collection. The following gentlemen were named: First ward, Charles Smiley; Second ward, Robert E. Willison; Third ward, Owen Kraft; Fourth ward, Stuart E. Reed; Fifth ward, Wilbur C. Morrison.

JUDGE DECIDES FOR UNIONISTS

By Associated Press. Boston, Mass., Aug. 25—Six thousand union carpenters of Boston receive an increase of wages under the decision of Judge George C. Wentworth, to whom, as special arbitrator, the employers and unionists submitted the question. The new working agreement increase is from 37 1-2 cents an hour to 41 cents an hour.

NO CONFERENCE HELD TODAY

By Associated Press. Magnolia, Mass., Aug. 25—Baron Rosen, who came down from Portsmouth yesterday afternoon, to spend a few hours with his family, left this morning on a train at 8:57 o'clock.

By Associated Press. Oyster Bay, Aug. 25—Baron Kaneko will be here again today. The precise nature of his mission has not been disclosed.

By Associated Press. Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 25—Baron Komura and four members of the Japanese peace mission left Portsmouth for Manchester, N. H., today to visit the extensive cotton mills of that city. Mr. Takahira did not go. The party will return tonight.

By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, Aug. 25—The foreign office denies the report that Lamsdorff in an interview said the Russian government will not pay a war indemnity under any guise to Japan. Nevertheless, the press representative of the foreign office, reiterates that Russia will not pay an indemnity.

Lawn Party Continued

Rain prevented the lawn party given by the Ladies of the Altar Society of the Catholic church from being the complete success it otherwise would have been. Quite a large number were present and prepared to enjoy the occasion, but the heavy storm forced them to seek shelter. The fete will be continued tonight and in the event of bad weather it will take place in September hall.

FOX'S TRIAL WILL BEGIN TONIGHT

The committee appointed by Mayor Shields to investigate charges preferred by S. R. Bentley against Policeman W. E. Fox, who stands suspended, pending the investigation will meet tonight at 8 o'clock in the council chamber to begin the investigation. The committee is composed of Councilmen M. J. McAndrew, L. M. Kelley, Ellsworth Cork, James N. Hess and John B. Smith.

Mr. Bentley's charges are as follows:

"Believing that every citizen of Clarksburg is equally interested, with yourselves, in the efficiency of the city police force, I desire to prefer charges against Officer W. E. Fox for cruelty and wilful neglect of his official power. On Tuesday, the 15th day of August, 1905, Officer Fox was guilty in my presence of wanton and unnecessary cruelty towards a prisoner than in his custody on the public streets of the city. His conduct being a disgrace to the city, I then and there expressed my opinion of his conduct, and was immediately placed under arrest by him in a harsh and abusive manner without any lawful cause whatever. When placed under arrest I signified my willingness to accompany him to the proper authorities, but the unnecessary force used by him was such that I still bear the marks of it upon my person.

"I feel warranted in preferring these charges, not only by reason of the occurrence above stated, which alone would be sufficient to justify his dismissal, but by reason of other acts of cruelty on his part so often repeated as to be a matter of public scandal. Messrs. Camden Sommers, J. W. Williams, Dorsey Potter, Fred Cole and others, whose names can be furnished, can supply proof of his disgraceful inhumanity.

"This matter has been reported by me to the chief of police, whose only comment was that had he been in the place of Officer Fox, at the time above mentioned, he would have knocked my face off with his mace, the propriety of which remark on the part of the officer responsible for the good conduct of the city as well as the conduct of the police force, may be submitted without argument.

"Feeling as I do that the public interest of the city demands an investigation of this matter and the dismissal of Officer Fox, I trust it may be the pleasure of your body to investigate the subject thoroughly, either before your entire body or as you may deem proper."

ELLIS GLENN AT IT AGAIN

Lapeer, Mich., Aug. 25—Ellis Glenn, arrested here today in male attire on the charge of forgery, is said to be well known to the police of a number of cities, where she passed for a man. Among these places are Hillsboro, Ill., Williamstown, W. Va., and Parkersburg, W. Va.

SCHOOL HOUSE CONTRACT IS AWARDED

The Coal district board of education awarded the contract for a four-roomed frame school house at Wilsonburg Friday afternoon to Messrs. Short & Hartley for \$3,633. It is to be completed by Oct. 15.

Needle Extracted

Lillie Davis, daughter of D. N. Davis, of Margaret, left the City hospital Friday morning for her home having been successfully operated on, a piece of a needle half an inch long having been extracted from one of her feet at four o'clock Thursday afternoon. The physicians had to cut into the member an inch and a half before the needle could be reached.

Henry Robinson, of Shinnston, spent Friday in the city.

SIDEBOTTOM SELLS PURE MILK

The discovery that formaldehyde, or something else, is being used by some of the local dairymen in milk to preserve its sweetness has stirred up considerable interest not only among the milkmen but the consumers as well.

Upton Sidebottom, of the Shady Grove dairy, was in the city this morning, and in conversation about the matter said that he has never used any thing of the kind or any thing else in the milk from his dairy but delivers it as it comes from the cows. He allows the milk to run over a cooler first to take out the animal heat, and then delivers it direct to his patrons.

During the hot weather the milk occasionally sours, as every one else's will unless something is put in it, and he has never had any complaint except as to the occasional sourness.

STOUT ALIVE IS THE CLAIM

James Stout, reported to have been killed by his partner, Aden Ice, at Cleveland, Oklahoma, where they built a large hotel, is said to be among the living. The killing is denied by Ice's brother at Smithfield, who claims to have received a telegram from Stout, denying that he had been killed.

The friends of Aden Ice do not believe the story, when it came out. Ice has always been a quiet, peaceable, well-behaved citizen, and that he should kill another was beyond their comprehension.

Packet Burns

By Associated Press. Madison, Ind., Aug. 25—The gasoline packet, Hanover, valued at \$2,000, burned to the water's edge at Bethlehem last night. No lives were lost.

New Stage Manager

W. F. Tate, formerly stage manager of the Grand opera house, at Wheeling, has charge of the painting and decoration of the auditorium and scenery of the Traders Grand opera house. Mr. Tate will reside in Clarksburg this season managing the stage and advertising departments of the opera house.

THEATRE SEASON SOON TO BEGIN

When the patrons of the Traders Grand Opera House assemble the opening night they will hardly recognize the favorite place of amusement so thoroughly has it been renovated. The entire inside has been cleaned, repainted, and decorated, the floor scrubbed four times, seats cleaned and re-oiled, new carpets and every piece of scenery repainted.

Mr. R. Robinson, of Wheeling, who will be the local manager for Feinler, proprietor of the Grand opera house at Wheeling, is the man responsible for the change and it is his intention to still improve the house with the assistance of the theatergoers, until it is as near perfect in all respects as possible. The box office will be open every day for the sale of seats. There will be a ladies room with an attendant, a gentleman's smoking room, ice water served free, a good and competent orchestra, and in fact everything will be done by the management to make the Grand a first class up-to-date place of amusement, and it only remains for the patrons to co-operate with the management to bring about this result.

Mr. Robinson declares positively that an auditor who renders himself obnoxious, or acts in a manner unbecoming to a lady or gentleman, will be ejected and no seats will be sold the offender for the remainder of the season.

The date and name of the opening attraction will be announced in a few days. Mr. Robinson has an unusual number of first class attractions booked for the season, and there is no reason why the coming theatrical year should not be the best ever enjoyed in Clarksburg.

LAWSON'S ARE RACING TO GET DIVORCES

Wife of Former Prominent Attorney Gains a Point in West Virginia Court Over Him in Texas Court, and He Must Answer in This State Wife Had His Divorce in Texas Annulled, Because of Fraud Practiced.

GLASS FACTORIES RESUME OPERATIONS

Ever since the meeting of the glass manufacturers at Atlantic City some weeks past, there has been more or less of a strained relationship between the employers and the workers, until the amalgamated wage scale which proved satisfactory, temporarily at least, to both parties, was signed last week. At the present time there is a renewed activity in the glass industry. The Co-Operative plant, at Adamston, commences work Saturday, Sept. 2, and the West Fork plant resumes operations on the 16th of September. The Peerless and Lafayette are still undergoing improvements and repairs, but are expected to begin operations in a very short while. Both Adamston and West Fork start in on short blowings.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE FINE

The Sunday school institute held in the Methodist church, at Adamston, Thursday night by Coal and Clark districts, was quite successful. A very fair audience attended from Clarksburg, Adamston and vicinity and enjoyed the exercises.

Rev. J. Walter Duncan offered prayer and Harvey W. Harmer, president, presided. Secretary Paul Flanigan kept a record of the proceedings.

Splendid addresses were made by Revs. S. K. Arbutnot and H. B. Richardson. Rev. L. E. Peters, whose name was on the program, was not there, being detained on his way from Harrisville by the wreck at Adamston.

Harvey W. Harmer was re-elected president, and Paul Flanigan was named again as Secretary and treasurer. Lloyd W. Garrett, Lloyd Martin and H. G. Richardson, including the officers, were elected an executive committee.

The secretary, Paul Flanigan, made his annual report, which was an excellent one, showing considerably over 1,000 Sunday school scholars enrolled in the nineteen different Sunday schools of the two districts.

DAUGHTERS OF POCAHONTAS HOLD MEETING

The Daughters of Pocahontas of Improved Order of Red Men met in the Pythian building last night and transacted some important business. They meet every Thursday night in the Pythian hall in Glen Elk and next Thursday night all the members and all who contemplate membership are urged to be present.

Jury Has Case

The arguments in the Moore murder trial at Weston began this afternoon and the case will likely go to the jury this evening.

Returns From Race Meet

Messrs. William Sherry and Ellsworth Cork, who are interested in the Elk View stables, returned from Belington today where they had been attending the light harness race meet. Their horses won several important events during the meeting.

The speed of Texas and West Virginia courts is being tested in a race for divorce now going on between Lewis G. Lawson, formerly of this place, but now of El Paso, Texas, and Ida A. Lawson, of Morgantown, this state. By the ruling of Judge John W. Mason in special session at Morgantown Thursday afternoon West Virginia is now in the lead.

Mr. Lawson and his wife have not lived together for several years. He sent his family to Morgantown, or at least they went there from this city several years ago, where the children are being educated. Mr. Lawson remained here a year or more and then went to Ann Arbor, Mich., where he took a post-graduate course, and at present he is engaged in the practice of law at El Paso, Texas, from which place he recently came here presumably to look into the troubles of the defunct Eureka Loan & Building Association, whose attorney he once was, but in reality to look after the divorce suit. Depositions have been taken here since then from time to time and the ruling at Morgantown followed.

It appears that some time ago Mr. Lawson obtained a divorce in Texas without the knowledge of Mrs. Lawson. When Mrs. Lawson heard of it, she sent attorneys to Texas and had the decree set aside on the ground that the attorney who pretended to represent her had no authority to do so. She then brought a suit for divorce in the court at Morgantown and her husband began the prosecution of a new suit in Texas.

Then began a desperate race, the prize being a possible large alimony allowance in this state, for Mr. Lawson is well-to-do and has valuable property holdings in West Virginia. The Texas court at which the suit could mature will convene on the same day that the term at which the suit at Morgantown will mature.

Mr. Lawson's attorneys made a vigorous fight to have the suit at Morgantown abated until the Texas suit can be determined, but Judge Mason overruled the motion and ordered the defendant to file his answer by the 4th of September. The advantage this jurisdiction has is in that the Morgantown suit is in equity, while in Texas it must be tried by jury. Mrs. Lawson will probably win by a nose.

MISS SMITH PLEASANTLY ENTERTAINS

In spite of the inclemency of the weather last evening a number of little friends of Miss Persis Smith were entertained by her in the West End. Refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake were served after which the children enjoyed a good old romp. Among those present were Gene McClure, Nellie Hursey, Edna and Minnie Griffith, Eva Shinn, Lena Post, Bess, Hazel and Fattie Good, Genevieve and Geraldine Skidmore, Lattie Craig, Genevieve Childster, Bernard Smith, Foster Sleoth, Stuart Hornor, Ralph Childster and Ulysses Skidmore. Among the "older children" we noted John T. Griffin, Thos. Patton, Mr. Gregg, Mrs. Skidmore, Mrs. Hornor and Mrs. Craig. All left declaring they had spent a delightful evening.

Cake Sale

The Junior Home Missionary Society will give a cake, bread and pie sale tomorrow, Saturday, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m., at Hayman & Coston's grocery.