

FREIGHT ENGINE BOILER LETS GO

As Train is Speeding through Arden, South of Grafton, Killing Fireman.

CROWN SHEET DROPPING Is the Cause of Accident in Which Body of Fireman is Hurl'd Fifty Feet.

GRAFTON, May 4.—While a south-bound double header freight train was speeding through Arden on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad sixteen miles south of Grafton this morning at 8:10 o'clock, the crown sheet of the engine dropped and a terrific explosion followed instantly killing Fireman P. S. Raber and injuring the engineer, C. Propst, both of Grafton.

The body of Raber was hurled fifty feet by the force of the explosion and was not found until after an hour's search. The explosion was heard for more than a mile around and traffic was stopped for several hours.

MISSIONARY SOCIETIES TO BE IN SESSION

In the City of Fairmont Wednesday and Thursday of the Present Week.

FAIRMONT, May 4.—An interesting and profitable program has been arranged for the tenth annual meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary societies of the Presbytery of Grafton which will be held here Wednesday and Thursday of this week. The sessions will be held at the First Presbyterian church. About forty delegates are expected here from the several towns and cities in the presbytery. The program will be as follows: FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Wednesday, May 6, 9:00 a. m. Devotional service—Mrs. A. M. Buchanan.

Words of welcome—Mrs. E. C. Jones. Response—Mrs. J. C. Fly. Appointment of committees.

Reports: Recording secretary—Mrs. J. W. Stuart. Corresponding secretary—Mrs. Repa Price.

Treasurer—Miss Eleanor Moreland. Prayer of thanksgiving and consecration. Secretary of literature—Mrs. J. M. Downs.

Young People's secretary—Mrs. F. W. Vance. Study class secretary—Mrs. Linn Brannon.

Roll call and report of auxiliaries and bands. News from our missionaries—Mrs. H. D. Mugler.

Announcements. Recession—Luncheon in Knights of Pythias hall.

Wednesday Afternoon. Devotional—Mrs. H. D. Mugler. Paper—"Why I Believe in Foreign Missions"—Mrs. E. I. Moore.

Report of the biennial assembly and greetings from the Synodical Society—Mrs. G. W. Pollock.

Address—Miss Rachel Lowrie, foreign secretary. Report of nominating committee. Election of officers. Reading of minutes. Recession.

Popular Meeting, 8 p. m. The Rev. H. G. Stotzer, D. D., presiding. Address—"Electricity in Missions"—Miss Rachel Lowrie.

Offering. Benediction. Thursday Evening Meeting, 8 o'clock. Dr. H. G. Stotzer, presiding. Opening service.

Address—"Mountain Mission Work"—Miss E. Nina Robinson. Offering. Hymn. Benediction.

HOME MISSIONS. Thursday, May 7, 9:00 a. m. Executive committee, 8:00 a. m. Devotional service—Mrs. M. J. Matthews.

Reports—Recording secretary—Miss Etta M. McKeehan. Corresponding secretary—Miss Hettie Young.

Treasurer—Miss Eleanor B. Moreland. Secretary of literature—Mrs. J. M. N. Downs.

Freedmen's secretary—Mrs. H. T. McClelland. Young Peoples secretary—Mrs. F. W. Vance.

Secretary of study classes—Mrs. Linn Brannon. Temperance secretary—Mrs. J. C. Ely.

"Cosmopolitan" Missions—Mrs. Marjorie J. Brooks. Symposium conducted by Mrs. J. C. Ely—"How May We Increase Our Efficiency Through—"

1. The Use of the Magazines. 2. The Study Class. 3. The Sabbath School. 4. The Young People's Societies. 5. Social Calls.

Appointment of nominating committee. Closing prayer.

POLICEMAN KILLED

By Two Hold-Up Men after They Shoot and Kill Greek Restaurant Keeper.

NEW YORK, May 4.—Policeman William J. Kelly was killed by two hold-up men in Brooklyn early today after they had shot and killed a Greek restaurant keeper. The Greek was shot when he refused the demands of the men for money and Kelly was shot when he pursued the murderers. Kelly is the third policeman shot by gunmen in Brooklyn streets in the last two weeks.

SEVENTEEN

Caught in the Dragnet of the Police Force Saturday Afternoon and Evening.

The police force was kept busy Saturday and at the Sunday morning session of that court Mayor Will H. Cole had seventeen prisoners facing him. Fourteen who were arrested on charges of being drunk were soon disposed of, all of them being sent out of the city.

Rachael Pullan, arrested for being drunk and loitering in the streets, was escorted to the city limits and given orders to keep moving as her presence was not desired here.

William Burrell and Dominick Cerio were fined \$5 and costs for being drunk and disorderly in the streets. They paid their fines and were released.

FLOOD A BANANZA.

A flood on the White river at Petersburg, Inc., was a bonanza for Bud Abbot, whose farm was left by the receding waters covered with fish of many varieties and of good size. The fish sold for fifteen cents a pound as far as caught and dressed, and yielded several hundred pounds.



CRISIS IN MEXICO MAY COME ANY TIME

As There is Much Concern over the Situation in the City of Mexico. CATAPSTROPHE IS POSSIBLE Bitter Messages Are Being Exchanged Today between Rebels and Federals.

CONGRESS LIKELY TO QUIT BY JULY 1

Recess—Luncheon in Knights of Pythias hall. Afternoon Session, 2:30 p. m. Devotional service—Mrs. W. M. Hess, Mannington.

Young People's conference—Mrs. F. W. Vance, Mannington. The Westminster Guild.

Our Five Foreign Missionaries—Miss Elizabeth McClelland, Clarksburg, and Miss Ivy Ferry, Mannington. Our School at Lawson, W. Va.—Miss E. Nina Robinson.

2. The Greatest Need of Grafton Presbyterial—Mrs. W. S. Mayers, Fairmont. 3. Open parliament.

4. Hymn. Greetings from the Synodical Society—Mrs. G. I. Wilson. Reports of committees. Election of officers. Offering. New business. Minutes.

Announcements. Adjournment with prayer and benediction. Ira C. Post was a business visitor here Monday from Romine's Mills. George W. Moffatt, of West Millford, was in the city Monday. Virgil L. Highland has returned from a trip east.

Huerta Soldiers Try to Halt Uncle Sam's Men



MEXICANS TEARING UP RAILROAD TRACKS.

Mexican soldiers tearing up the railroad tracks from Vera Cruz to Mexico City under orders from General Huerta are shown in this picture, which was taken shortly after the occupation of the Vera Cruz customs house by American marines under Admiral Fletcher.

The picture was taken under unusual difficulties by photographers in the employ of the Mutual Film Corporation of New York city. Open hostilities had hardly got well under way when General Huerta, leader of the federal forces in Mexico's internal strife, ordered the railroad tracks leading to the capital torn up.

As Huerta's soldiers worked, Mutual Movie photographers, pretending to be mere onlookers, moved up and took the photographs. The negatives were rushed to New York on fast passenger trains and by special messenger and were the first to arrive from the front. The Mutual Film Corporation has a working agreement with General Villa, leader of the Constitutional forces, by which it has secured exceptional moving pictures of the war in Mexico.

ONLEY IS CHOSEN BY THE PRESIDENT

DELEGATION Sees Sutherland to Have Him See That An Appropriation is Increased.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 4.—President Wilson has selected Richard Onley, former secretary of state in the Cleveland administration, to be governor of the federal reserve board and Paul Warburg, of New York, to be a member of the board.

Although the president has offered the governorship to Mr. Onley word of his acceptance was being awaited today. Friends here were inclined to believe he would not decline.

Mr. Onley was offered the ambassadorship Great Britain by President Wilson early last year, but expressed an unwillingness to leave the country on account of his business interests.

Mr. Warburg, who was connected with Kuhn, Loeb and Company, has been offered membership on the board and has accepted.

Formal announcement of his selection as well as the other three members of the board besides the governor is expected to be made within the next two or three days as offers are being made to the men whom the president has selected.

It is understood that a southern banker is to be one of the three but no intimation has come as yet as to his identity.

PROMINENT FIRM OF BANKERS FAIL

Cramp, Mitchell and Company, of Philadelphia, Go under with Big Liabilities.

PHILADELPHIA, May 4.—The failure of Cramp, Mitchell and Company, bankers and brokers, was announced on the Philadelphia Stock Exchange today, with liabilities exceeding \$3,000,000. It had been known for some time that the firm which was prominent and maintained elaborate offices, was under difficulty owing to severe losses on underwriting operations.

One of its enterprises was an asbestos corporation with headquarters in Canada. This concern collapsed three years ago, but subsequently organized, the stock and bond issues being scaled down from 18 million dollars to 10 million dollars. Besides the asbestos operations the firm was involved in a coal products corporation, which also failed to come up to expectations.

CLARKE TO RETIRE. Sir Edward Clarke, formerly solicitor general for England, announces that he will retire in November, after having been at the bar for fifty years. He rose to his high position from a lowly position in life, having begun as an apprentice to a lawyer, sleeping behind the counter at night.

MISS MARGARET WOODROW WILSON, the president's eldest daughter, will be one of the editors of a new magazine to be launched in June for promoting the use of public school houses as centers of co-operative enterprises and recreation, forums of common counsel and as public polling places.

SOME LARGE FRENCH INSURANCE COMPANIES keep records of the teeth of their clients to insure identification after death.

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