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Twenty-four Excursionists Perish in Crash of Trains Stranger Is Killed After Shooting Train Conductor

INNOCENT MAN WILL GO FREE AFTER 13 YEARS

Proof That William Evans Was "Railroaded" to San Quentin

WAS VICTIM OF GREED

Deathbed Confessions Made by Men Who Prosecuted Him

LIED TO WIN REWARD

Friendless Logger Convicted of Burglary on Perjured Testimony

After having served 13 years in San Quentin penitentiary, it developed yesterday that William Evans, one of the convicts, is an innocent man. Proof positive that he did not commit the crime for which he was sentenced is now in the hands of the proper authorities. The judge who passed the sentence declares Evans is innocent, the man who prosecuted him made deathbed statements that he was innocent, and in a short time Evans will be allowed to leave the penitentiary, minus 13 years of life.

Against Evans were arrayed a number of officials, eager to share a large reward offered for the conviction of the perpetrator of the crime. Despite his pleadings a jury found against him. For 13 years he has played the part of a convict. For 13 years he brooded over the injustice which had robbed him of life, to know at last that his innocence has been proved and that he may take his place among his fellows as an equal.

Early in 1894 a daring burglary took place in Amador county, the robbers making away with a large sum of money and a quantity of valuables. A reward was offered for their capture and in a short time Evans, a logger, was arrested. Evans had served a short term in San Quentin once before on a similar charge. Concerning this former affair he had declared that he was drunk and entered a house which was robbed that night. The evidence in this case was very slender, but it was sufficient to send Evans to the penitentiary. When brought to trial a second time, the fact that he had served time weighed heavily against him.

Confronted by a chain of circumstantial evidence forged fraudulently by his prosecutors, Evans could only offer denials. But of what avail were the denials of an ex-convict? He had only his word against that of the officers of the law, and the latter won. The jury found him guilty and Judge L. Davis sentenced him to the penitentiary for life. The prison door shut behind him and Evans was blotted out of existence.

The logger became a thing with a number, remembered by few and cared for by none. Year after year he led the life of a convict. The rankling bitterness and brooding at the injustice of it all stamped themselves on his features, but he worked on patiently, quietly, hoping that some day something would occur which would give him back his liberty.

The "something" occurred when one of his prosecutors died a short time ago. Nothing definite was known, but it was rumored that he had confessed on his deathbed the railroading of Evans to the penitentiary.

Evans had been forgotten. For years he had been a number—nothing more—and there was none to fight for him. Then the rumors started afresh and the American sense of justice and desire for fair play resulted in the matter being taken to the proper authorities.

At a meeting of the prison directors United States Attorney Robert T. Devlin and T. L. Ford were appointed a committee of two to investigate Evans' case; but Ford was engaged in fighting for his own liberty, and Evans, in the cells at San Quentin, was kept waiting.

In the meantime, Detective John N. Thacker of the Wells, Fargo express company interested himself in the af-

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Another Coal Famine Threatens East

Owners of Mines Call Meeting to Devise Ways and Means of Increasing Output

Special by Leased Wire to The Call
PITTSBURG, Sept. 15.—Thoroughly alarmed over what threatens to be the most serious coal famine in history, operators of western Pennsylvania and West Virginia, the bituminous field, have called a meeting in Charleston, W. Va., for Thursday next to devise ways and means of increasing the coal output and handling it.

One of the probable results of this meeting will be a voluntary advance in the wages of the miners in the hope of increasing the output. Operators declare that never has there been such a shortage of miners. Men who have for years worked as miners are able to get work in other lines and are deserting the mines.

Every inducement has been offered to the miners to increase the production, but without result. The operators have concluded the only way to get out more coal will be by increasing wages. The conditions which confront the operators are serious. Many of the western railroads with which the operators have contracts have notified them that they will have to fill their orders according to contract or the contracts will be canceled. The railroads are doing everything in their power to place cars at the disposal of the operators, but with the present movement of crops it is almost an impossibility to obtain cars.

Burglar Invades Home of San Jose Pastor

Special by Leased Wire to The Call
SAN JOSE, Sept. 15.—Rev. L. S. Jones, pastor of the First Methodist church, one of the most prominent clergymen of this city, is bemoaning the loss of a wallet containing \$100, which he left last night in his Sunday trousers upon retiring for the night. The front door of the rectory is left open in the evenings, and it is believed that the burglar entered some time after midnight and stole quietly upstairs to the room in which the clergyman and his wife slumbered. There the burglar found the pastor's trousers and waistcoat lying upon a trunk. He carried the articles of apparel downstairs, and after securing the purse containing \$100 in gold he threw the clothing into the hallway.

Many Alpine Victims During Season

BERNE, Sept. 15.—The roll of summer victims of Alpine accidents is the heaviest ever recorded. Eighty persons were killed and 22 injured in 30 accidents this year, as against the previous record, 76 fatalities in 1906 in 71 accidents. Thirty-eight of the 80 persons killed were guides, 31 were persons spending vacations in the Alps, and the remainder were native flower gatherers, etc.

Striking Telegraphers Promise Sensations

Special by Leased Wire to The Call
NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Daniel L. Russell, chairman of the striking telegraphers, said today that the strike would have a new beginning tomorrow. "We are about ready," he said, "to give a lot of inside information in regard to things not generally known about the telegraph companies to a certain newspaper. We will make public facts about certain things behind the scenes which, for good reasons, we have refrained hitherto from disclosing."

MOROCCO TRIBESMEN ARE GIVEN MORE TIME

French Officials Extend Armistice to Enable Them to Come to an Understanding Themselves
PARIS, Sept. 15.—General Drude in a dispatch to the war office announces that he has given the Moroccan tribesmen another day's armistice to enable them to come to an understanding among themselves. A delegate from the Chausoua tribe, who made the request for prolongation of the armistice, said that his tribe would if necessary bring force to make the other tribes accede.

CHINA LOOKS TO AMERICA TO AID AGAINST JAPAN

Celestials Fear Coalition of France, England and Islanders

BESET ON ALL SIDES

Invasion of Territory and Dismemberment Is the Growing Menace

SEES ONLY ONE ALLY

Proposal to Remit Part of Indemnity Is Deemed Act of Friend

Special by Cable and Leased Wire to The Call
LONDON, Sept. 15.—The Chinese are again turning toward America as their only friend among the nations who can be expected to take their side against the threatened territorial aggressions of Japan and European powers, according to the

Dan Daniels, a resident of San Francisco, who took part in the pistol duel near Tracy yesterday, which resulted in the death of an unidentified man who had shot the conductor of a Southern Pacific train, after having been ejected from the smoking car for refusing to pay his fare.



FATAL ERROR IS MADE BY OPERATOR

Gives Wrong Order and Engines Meet Near a Curve

Coaches Are Telescoped and Passengers Perish

Disaster Occurs in the Mountains of New Hampshire

Twenty-Seven More Hurt Many of Whom Will Die

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, Sept. 15.—A head on collision between the southbound Quebec express and a northbound train on the Concord division of the Boston and Maine road occurred four miles north of Canaan station early today, due to a mistake in the train dispatcher's orders, and from a demolished passenger coach there were taken out 24 dead and dying and 27 other passengers, most of them seriously injured. Nearly all those who were in the car were returning from a fair at Sherbrooke, Quebec, 60 miles north.

The conductor of the freight train was given to understand by the night operator that he had plenty of time to reach a siding at Canaan station, receiving, according to the superintendent of the division, a copy of a telegraph order from the train dispatcher at Concord, which confused the train numbers, 30 and 34.

The wreck occurred just after the express had rounded into a straight stretch of track, but owing to an early morning mist neither engineer saw the other headlight until it was too late.

IDENTIFYING THE DEAD

Those identified up to 6 o'clock tonight were as follows:
TIMOTHY SHAUGHNESSY, Castile Bar, Quebec.
MRS. SHAUGHNESSY.
MISS ANNA ST. PIERRE.
FRED M. PELLIS, Oehltree, Tex.
MRS. A. E. WARREN, Haverhill, Mass.
MRS. F. C. BLAKE, South Corinth, Vermont.
MRS. MARGARET LARGY, Manchester, N. H.
MISS BARRETT, Manchester.
MRS. PHILLIP GAGON, Sherbrooke.
MISS ALVINA GIRON, Nassau.
MRS. WEBSTER, a dress maker, living in Massachusetts.
J. L. CONGROTH, Somerville, Mass.
Infant child of Irving Clifford, Concord.
MRS. E. L. BRIGGS, West Canaan, N. H.
JOHN G. DUNCAN, Bethel, Vt.

Unknown Man Loses Life in Pistol Duel Near Tracy

Special by Leased Wire to The Call
STOCKTON, Sept. 15.—Startled by cries for help following the report of a pistol shot and believing that murder had been committed

or that an attempt was being made to hold up the Southern Pacific north bound limited, which left Stockton at 1:20 this afternoon, several passengers and two baggagemen opened fire on an unidentified man seen running away from the train with a revolver in his hand, and shot at him until he fell dead in view of the panic stricken crowd of men, women and children, all passengers on the limited.

The train bound for northern points pulled out of Tracy, a terminal point 12 miles from Stockton, a few minutes late owing to the heavy traffic. Immediately thereafter the conductor, Jeff Gage, well known throughout the two valleys, began collecting the tickets. In the smoking car Gage encountered a garrulous, middle aged man, who ap-

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