

COLLISION!

A Special Excursion Train on the West Jersey Railroad

Crashed Into by An Express Train From Philadelphia.

Forty-Two People Killed and Eighty or More Wounded—The Operator at the Block Tower Placed Under Arrest.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 31.—A terrible railroad catastrophe took place on the Meadows, about two miles out of this city, shortly after 6:30 o'clock Thursday evening, resulting in the death of 42 people, so far as now can be learned, and the wounding of 80 others. A train left here consisting of seven cars over the West Jersey railroad bearing a special excursion of Red Men and their friends, of Bridgeton, N. J., and Salem, and had reached the crossing of the Reading railroad when it was struck by the 5:40 down express from Philadelphia, demolishing two cars and telescoping the two following. The engine of the Reading train became a total wreck, killing the engineer and fatally injuring the fireman, and the car behind also was thrown from the track and many of its occupants killed or injured.

The responsibility of the collision has not yet been placed, but William Thurlow, the operator at the block tower situated at the crossing, has been placed under arrest by order of the coroner.

Leaving this city the tracks of the West Jersey road run parallel to those of the Camden & Atlantic until after they cross the drawbridge, when they switch off to the south, crossing the Reading road at an obtuse angle.

John Greiner, the engineer of the West Jersey train, saw the Reading train approaching the crossing at a swift speed, but as the signals were open for him to proceed on his way he continued. His engine had barely cleared the track of the Reading when the locomotive of the latter train which left Philadelphia at 6:40 struck the first car full in the center, throwing it far off the track into a nearby ditch, and completely submerging it. The second car of the West Jersey train was also carried into the ditch, the third and fourth cars being telescoped. The engine of the Reading train was thrown to the other side of the track, carrying with it the first coach. A few minutes after the collision, to add to the horror of the situation, the boiler of the Reading locomotive exploded, sending several to death and casting its boiling spray over many of the injured passengers.

As soon as the news reached this city it spread wide and thousands of people flocked to the scene. The road leading to the place of the collision was a constant procession of hacks, busses and bicycles and all kinds of vehicles while thousands of pedestrians hurried along the path to render what assistance they could or to satisfy their curiosity.

Darkness fell quickly and the work of rescuing the injured and the dead bodies was carried out under the lurid glare of huge bonfires. It was a gruesome sight presented to onlookers as the mangled and burnt forms of the dead were carried from the wreckage which bound them and laid side by side on the gravel bank near the track with no other pall than the few odd newspapers gathered from the passengers. The wounded were quickly gathered together and carried by train and wagon to the Atlantic City hospital, where six of them died shortly after their arrival.

The old excursion house at the foot of Mississippi avenue was converted into a morgue and thither the dead were taken. At a late hour Thursday evening there were 29 bodies laid out there, none of whom are as yet identified. This city is terribly excited over the accident. The streets in the vicinity of the excursion house and the city hospital, as well as the road leading to the scene of the accident, being packed with people anxious to learn the latest. The Bridgeton and Salem excursionists who escaped injury were brought back to this city and sent home on a special train several hours later in the evening.

James Hoyt, secretary of the department of public safety, immediately upon learning the extent of the catastrophe, telegraphed for the Philadelphia emergency corps, 150 of whom responded, and hurried to this city on a special train which left Philadelphia at 10:45 p. m. These surgeons materially aided the volunteer corps of this city, who embraced almost every physician at present within its confines. Many of the injured were taken to hotels as the city hospital soon became overcrowded. About 30 of the wounded had their injuries dressed and were able to proceed on their way. It is expected that fully a dozen of those now lying in the hospital will not survive their injuries.

Mrs. Edward Farr, the wife of the leading engineer who met death while performing his duty and was found with one hand on the throttle and the other on the brake, when informed of the accident and her husband's tragic death, was unable to withstand the shock and fell to the floor dead.

National Republican Executive Committee Meeting.

CHICAGO, July 31.—The national republican executive committee members were all at their desks again Thursday and did a lot of work, much of which was either of no public interest or was not given out. As Mr. Dawes said: "It is getting to be a matter of business now and we can not disclose our plan of campaign to the enemy."

Congressman Cousins Renominated. CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., July 31.—Congressman Robert S. Cousins was Thursday unanimously renominated by the fifth district republican convention.

SHOT TO DEATH

Shotgunner Killed by Highwaymen on the Streets of Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, July 31.—Geo. Hitzler, who conducts a saloon at 1239 West Sixth street, was the victim of a cold-blooded murder about 11 o'clock Thursday night.

As far as the police could learn Hitzler bore a good reputation and he had no enemies. Notwithstanding these facts he was shot down in cold blood. The only witness to the tragedy was his terror-stricken wife. The shooting occurred in the saloon, but the victim gamely pursued his assailant out into the street with four bullets in his body. There were eight shots fired altogether.

A few minutes past 11 o'clock Hitzler arose and looked at his watch. He then said to his wife: "It's after 11 o'clock, and, as things are quiet, I guess I'll close up. Sit here until I fill the bottles and put up the shutters, and we'll go upstairs."

The saloon keeper then walked leisurely into the barroom. He was just about to turn around the counter of the place when two men entered the side door mentioned above. The two men doubtless saw Hitzler arise and leave his wife's presence, and their object was to murder him and get what few dollars there might be in the cash drawer in the barroom.

At any rate, the two men reached the bar almost as soon as Hitzler did, but they gave him enough time to get a few feet ahead of them. The intruders hid their faces by improvised masks made of black handkerchiefs. One of the handkerchiefs was dark and the other was white. Just as Hitzler turned to go behind the bar the intruders opened fire on him. Not a word was spoken by the two men. Mrs. Hitzler heard the volley of shots and ran toward the saloon. When she got to the hallway one of the masked men dashed out of the barroom and pushed her aside. The fellow fled through the rear yard to Front street. Mrs. Hitzler screamed at the top of her voice and ran into the saloon in time to see her husband chasing one of the masked men to the street in front of the place. The two men were firing at each other as they ran. Hitzler was already bleeding from a wound in the neck, but he gamely pursued the masked man to the street.

During the short chase the fleeing highwayman turned half way around twice and fired a bullet into the body of his pursuer.

When Hitzler got to the middle of the street he sank down on the hard granite blocks from exhaustion. He had bled freely and was very weak. His slayer ran over Sixth street to the Big Four railroad yards. Mrs. Hitzler ran out in the street and bent over her husband, whose life was fastly flickering away.

"I'm gone, but I shot 'em both," said the game fellow, as he tried to smile at his wife. The poor woman stooped over and kissed her husband and then begged some railroad men to carry the wounded man into the house. Some employees of the Big Four yards carried Hitzler into the sitting room. In the rear of the saloon, and he died a few minutes later.

A man giving his name as Tom Carter was arrested a few minutes later, badly wounded, as one of the assassins. The other is at large but will soon be arrested.

THREE KILLED

And Another Seriously Injured at Lake Ottosee, Tenn.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., July 31.—Three people were killed and drowned and a fourth seriously injured in an accident at Lake Ottosee, an outing resort three miles from Knoxville Thursday afternoon. The dead are: Charles Perry, aged 18; Walter Wright, aged 21; Miss Carrie Phibbs, aged 17. The injured is Mrs. Forester, a widow, who was chaperoning the party.

The party was rowing on the lake in the park in a light row boat, and through carelessness they came in the course of the chute boat as it came down the steep incline into the water. The chute boat, loaded with ten people, dashed down the incline at a terrific rate of speed and hit the water with much force. It rebounded into the air and on the second bounce struck the rowboat with its occupants. The crash upset the rowboat and killed its passengers with the exception of Mrs. Forester, who came to the surface and caught on to the upturned boat where she clung until assistance arrived. Expert divers were soon put to work and the bodies recovered. An examination showed that the young people had been terribly bruised and perhaps killed by the chute boat when it struck them. They were all members of the Broad Street M. E. church, south, which was having its annual picnic at the lake when the accident occurred.

Sound Money Democrats.

CHICAGO, July 31.—Chairman Bragg Thursday called a meeting of the provisional national executive committee of the sound money democrats at the Palmer house next Saturday to consider the work done by the subcommittee on state organization and selection of the remaining national committeemen for the Indianapolis meeting. Several more states reported Thursday by telegraph that they had been partly organized for the new movement.

Tom Watson's Opinion.

ATLANTA, Ga., July 31.—Hon. Tom Watson, the candidate of the populists for the vice presidency, telegraphed to the Constitution Thursday morning as follows: "In the event that Sewall does not retire the populists will put out a full electoral ticket. There can be no fusion unless Sewall withdraws. I give you this merely as my opinion."

Wheat in Wheat.

ST. LOUIS, July 31.—By the collapse of timbers supporting 10,000 bushels of wheat on the third floor of the Regins elevator at Main and Plum streets Thursday afternoon, Henry Schumacher, aged 37, was instantly killed. Ten other employees were buried beneath the mass of grain and were severely injured.

ADMONISHED.

All Conspirators Are Liable for the Act of One

In an Effort to Effect the Object of the Conspiracy.

The President Issues a Proclamation Warning U. S. Citizens and All Others Within Their Jurisdiction Against Violating the Neutrality Laws.

WASHINGTON, July 31.—The following proclamation was issued from the state department Thursday afternoon: By the President of the United States of America—A proclamation:

Whereas, By a proclamation dated the 15th day of June, A. D. 1918, attention was called to the serious civil disturbances, accompanied by armed resistance to the established government of Spain, then prevailing in the island of Cuba, and citizens of the United States and all other persons were admonished to abstain from taking part in such disturbances in contravention of the neutrality laws of the United States; and

Whereas, Said civil disturbances and armed resistance to the authority of Spain, a power with which the United States are on terms of peace and amity, continue to prevail in said island of Cuba; and

Whereas, Since the date of said proclamation, said neutrality laws of the United States have been the subject of authoritative exposition by the judicial tribunal of last resort, and it has thus been authoritatively interpreted as meaning that said neutrality laws, and that the providing or preparing of the means for such "military expedition or enterprise," which is expressly prohibited by said law, includes furnishing or aiding in transportation for such "military expedition or enterprise"; and

Whereas, By express enactment, if two or more persons conspire to commit an offense against the United States, any act of one conspirator to effect the object of such conspiracy renders all the conspirators liable to fine and imprisonment; and

Whereas, there is reason to believe that citizens of the United States and others within their jurisdiction fall to apprehend the meaning and operation of the neutrality laws of the United States, and all others within their jurisdiction are admonished to abstain from disobedience to the laws of the United States and thereby escape the forfeitures and penalties legally consequent thereon;

I, Grover Cleveland, president of the United States, do hereby solemnly warn all citizens of the United States and all others within their jurisdiction against violations of the said laws interpreted as hereinbefore explained, and give notice that all such violations will be vigorously prosecuted. And I do hereby invoke the co-operation of all good citizens in the enforcement of said laws and in the detection and apprehension of any offenders against the same and do hereby enjoin upon all the executive officers of the United States the utmost diligence in preventing, prosecuting and punishing any infractions thereof.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington, this twenty-seventh day of July, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, and of the independence of the United States, the one hundred and twenty-first.

GROVER CLEVELAND
By the President
Richard G. Casey
Secretary of State

The president's warning proclamation as to Cuban filibusters is understood to be one of the results of Secretary Olney's recent visits to Gray Gables, and is thought to be, in some measure at least, the answer of the administration to the petitions and complaints against Spain's treatment of Americans in Cuba, which continually pour in upon the state department. Many of these have contained pleas of ignorance of the laws under which the suspects were arrested and imprisoned, and if has apparently been deemed advisable to leave American citizens no longer in doubt as to the protection they may expect if they go so far in their sympathies as to violate the United States statutes.

Senator Dupuy de Lome has persistently tried to secure some such statement of the administration's attitude ever since the belligerency resolutions were adopted by congress.

Satoli's Successor.

LONDON, July 31.—The correspondent in Rome of the United Press telegraphs that, although the report that Monsignor Diomedeo Falconio would succeed Monsignor Satoli as papal delegate to the United States had been hitherto entirely credited at the Vatican, the pope has appointed as Monsignor Satoli's successor Rev. Sebastian Martinelli, prior general of the Augustinians and a brother of the dead Cardinal Martinelli. The fact that the nomination had been made has been kept secret, even from the most intimate associates of his holiness, and upon its becoming known occasioned a general feeling of surprise. The pope's choice is regarded as an excellent one. Rev. Sebastian Martinelli is about 60 years old. He is a learned theologian and is thoroughly versed in the foreign policy of the Vatican.

Bryan at Chicago.

CHICAGO, July 31.—William J. Bryan will be in Chicago August 10, on his way to New York. Secretary Burk, of the Cook county democratic central committee, is starting arrangements for an elaborate reception by democrats, populists and trades union men. Special trains will be chartered to meet the nominee at Galesburg, Ill., and escort him to this city. A public reception and a big ratification meeting with Bryan as the star speaker are in the programme. The demonstration is designed to be only a personal testimonial.

Iowa Sound Money Democrats.

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., July 31.—A conference of sound money democrats has been called to meet at Des Moines on August 4, to select a state committee-man to attend the coming conference at Indianapolis.

CONDENSED NEWS.

Gathered From All Parts of the World by Telegraph.

Frank Wollweber, a lad of 17, was shot in the head by a policeman on Pearl street, New York, early Thursday morning. He and two companions had robbed a saloon and were running from the policeman when the latter fired. Wollweber died shortly after.

The boiler in Sullivan's big shingle mill at Cedar, Mich., burst at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The engine room, boilers and engine were demolished and the mill badly shattered. Engineer Walter Scott was badly mangled and scalded and lived but two hours. Ten other employees were more or less seriously scalded and bruised.

The Holland & Emery Co., lumber dealers of East Tawas, Mich., has asked for an extension of credit. A statement submitted by the company showed assets of \$2,100,000 and liabilities of \$1,200,000. An extension of credit for five years was agreed upon and L. T. Graves, of Buffalo, was appointed general manager of the company.

J. E. Barden, of Penn Yan, a traveling agent employed by the New American Harrow Co., of Detroit, was killed by a shock of lightning at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening while standing in a barn door in East Webster, N. Y. Mr. Barden lived only two minutes after the stroke. The other men standing in the barn were thrown to the floor but escaped serious injury.

A stretch of country 60 miles long and several miles wide near Millette, S. D., was completely devastated by hail Wednesday night. On the farm of Hunter Salsar, near Millette, the shocked grain was beaten into the ground. Reports from several villages state that every window pane on the side facing the storm was destroyed. The losses will aggregate several thousands of dollars.

Col. W. E. McArthur, clerk to Representative Hermann, was found lying unconscious on the street in Washington Wednesday evening and died shortly afterward at the hospital. The physicians diagnosed the case as one of heat stroke. McArthur came from The Dalles, Ore., where he formerly published a paper. The remains await directions of his friends in the west.

Mrs. Elizabeth S. Bowdoin, of Springfield, Mass., sister of the late millionaire Andrew J. Davis, has filed a petition to carry to the United States supreme court the suit recently decided in favor of Andrew J. Davis, jr., involving title to \$1,000,000 in stock of the First national bank of Butte, Mont. Young Davis claimed to have received the stock from his father, while the latter was upon his deathbed.

The representatives of the striking New York tailors expect to obtain the signatures of fully 100 of the individual contractors to the new agreement recently drawn up by the strikers by Thursday evening. Everything is ready at the strikers' headquarters for the signing of the requisite bonds, etc., in connection with the signing of agreements. It is said that the pants makers' union will strike Thursday. This union has 80,000 members. The Association of Contractors refuse to sign the agreement as a body.

Bicycle Company Gives Up. CHICAGO, July 31.—The Jenkins Cycle Co., at 18 and 20 Custom House place, made an assignment Thursday afternoon in the county court for the benefit of creditors. The assignee is H. L. Moxey, who is connected with the company. The deed of assignment places the assets at \$109,900, and the liabilities at \$77,163.

Headquarters at Washington. WASHINGTON, July 31.—The national committee of the people's party, has decided to make Washington the headquarters of the organization. The indications at present are that the democratic and national silver party committees will also make their headquarters in Washington.

Weather Forecast. WASHINGTON, July 31.—For Kentucky—Fair Friday morning, followed by possible thunder showers in the afternoon; probably slightly cooler in western portions; variable winds. Ohio and Indiana—Fair; light to fresh northerly winds.

THE MARKETS.

CINCINNATI, July 31. FLOUR—Spring fancy, \$2.10; spring family, \$2.02; spring patent, \$2.05; winter patent, \$1.98; fancy, \$2.05; family, \$2.02; extra, \$2.00; low grade, \$1.75; rye, northwestern, \$2.45; 200 lb. city, \$2.00.

WHEAT—Sales: 2 cars sample red, track 30; CORN—Sales: White ear, track 30; mixed ear, track 26; do. do. yellow, track 26; yellow ear, track 26; do.

OATS—Sales: 1 car No. 2 mixed (new), track 25; HOGS—Select butchers, \$2.25; fair to good packers, \$2.15; fair to good light, \$2.10; common and roughs, \$2.05; CATTLE—Fair to good shippers, \$6.00; choice, \$4.15; good to choice shippers, \$3.75; \$2.40; fair to medium butchers, \$3.10; common, \$2.75.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Sheep: Extras, \$3.25; 300; good to choice, \$3.00; common to fair, \$1.90; LAMBS: Extras, \$3.75; good to choice, \$3.50; common to fair, \$2.75; VEAL CALVES—Fair to good light, \$4.00; 5.25; extra, \$4.50; common and large, \$3.00; 4.00.

WOOL—Unwashed, fine merino, \$2.10 per lb.; quarter-blood clothing, 1.25; medium, delaine and clothing, 1.25; brail, 1.25; medium combing, 1.25; washed fine merino, X to XX, 1.25; medium clothing, 1.25; delaine fleece, 1.25; long combing, 1.25; quarter-blood and low, 1.25; common coarse, 1.15; tub-washed, choice, 1.15; tub-washed, average, 1.10.

WHEAT—No. 2 red steady, dull, September, 61 1/4; October, 61 1/4; December, 60 3/4; CORN—No. 2 quiet and firm; No. 2 1 1/4; September, 20 1/4; October, 20 1/4; OATS—No. 2 dull, steady; western, 23 3/4; September, 23 1/4; TOLEDO, O., July 31.

WHEAT—No. 2 red, cash and August, 5 1/4; September, 5 1/4; December, 5 1/4; OATS—Nominal; RYE—No. 2 cash, 2 1/4; CLOVERED—October, 2 1/4; CHICAGO, July 31.

Calls on September wheat opened at 59 1/4; sold at 59 1/4; last price 59 1/4. Puts opened at 59 1/4; sold at 59 1/4; last price 59 1/4. Calls on September corn opened at 24 1/4; sold at 24 1/4; last price 24 1/4.



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