

THREE WRECKS IN NORTHWEST

GREAT NORTHERN HAS SMASHUP NEAR MIDVALE, MONT.

Fifty Cars in the Ditch, 20 Entirely Demolished—Four Hoboes Killed—Passenger Train on Northern Pacific off the Track—Engineer Killed at Detroit, Minn.

Butte, Mont., July 9.—A special from Havre says: A freight wreck on the Great Northern, caused by a defective rail, occurred just this side of Midvale. Forty-seven box cars are in the ditch, 20 of which were entirely demolished. Four hoboes were killed, two bodies having been recovered and two are still in sight in the debris. The names of the dead can not be learned.

Passengers and mail on passenger trains Nos. 2 and 4 were transferred to east and westbound, the trains being turned around.

Also North Coast Limited.

Helena, Mont., July 9.—A bulletin just received here states that the North Coast Limited on the Northern Pacific was wrecked near Bellfield, a small station about 75 miles east of Helena. Every car in the train left the tracks and turned over while the train was traveling at a slow rate of speed. The train had slowed down for the switches, otherwise the number of casualties would have been great. Beyond a severe shaking up no one was injured.

And Another.

Butte, July 9.—A special from Detroit, Minn., says that the North Coast Limited on the Northern Pacific railroad was wrecked at this place by running into an open switch.

Engineer Loucks was instantly killed and the fireman, mail clerk and one passenger, names unknown, were seriously injured. Passengers were badly shaken up. Five coaches were burned.

Desperate Battle With Thugs.

Seattle, Wash., July 9.—Thomas Cunningham was fatally shot while assisting Officer Newman in a terrific battle with three armed thugs.

Newman, after a bloody fight, arrested James Barton, one of the trio. Bleeding from a score of cuts, a blood smeared mask hanging about his throat, the man was placed in the city jail. The officer, disarmed by the robbers, fought Barton with only his handcuffs as weapons.

The battle resulted from Newman's heroism. Single handed he rushed in on the highwaymen, who were strangling Mrs. E. Robinson, an old woman, into submission, to get her money. It took place in a dark hall of the Palace hotel, a Weller street lodging house, at 3 in the morning.

A short time later Policemen McClurg and Helms arrested Richard Connors on suspicion of being one of the robbers. The prisoner answers the description of the man who shot Cunningham.

Killed in Wreck.

Washington, July 9.—Twenty-three persons were killed and nine injured in a head-on collision on the Virginia Midland division of the Southern railroad at Rockfish, Va.

The passenger train which left Washington at 11:15 a. m. today for Atlanta, Ga., dashed into a local freight which was standing on the main line of the road at that point, wrecking both engines and the baggage and express cars of the passenger train. The baggage car and the second class coach following it telescoped. The coach was occupied mostly by colored people.

Fitz Morise Wanted.

Spokane, July 9.—Alonzo James St. Clair Fitz Meurice (pronounced plain Fitz Morise), supposed to be in the Thunder Mountain country, can have a Scotch title—the title of Lord Fitz Meurice of Fife and Farfare—if he will come forward and prove his identity. C. J. Hatch, his full cousin, who has lived in America for several years, is in Spokane looking for him.

Work of Thugs Was Fatal.

Idaho Falls, July 9.—John Dobbins died from the effects of injuries received in a holdup. Dobbins has been working at the sugar factory and was celebrating in company with some companions. He had some money, and was sandbagged and robbed. He was found early Sunday morning in an unconscious condition.

Gold From the North.

Seattle, Wash., July 9.—The steamer Dolphin has arrived in port with \$586,000 in Klondike gold aboard. The steamer Portland has arrived from Nome. The steamer Cottage City has arrived from Skagway, bringing \$400,000 in Klondike gold.

McMinnville, Ore., Boy Shot.

McMinnville, Ore., July 9.—Louis Little, aged 17, while hunting with two companions on the headwaters of the Nestucca river, accidentally shot himself and died a few hours later.

YANKEE SQUADRON WELCOMED.

A Brilliant Reception at Portsmouth, England.

Portsmouth, England, July 9.—With the boom of cannon, the British fleet on behalf of King Edward, welcomed the United States European squadron to Great Britain's naval headquarters.

National salutes were fired by each squadron which was followed by an exchange of salutes to Rear Admiral Cotton and Vice Admiral Beresford. Subsequently the two admirals exchanged calls on the flagships, exchanging the usual honors as each came over the side.

Soon as the Kearsarge was berthed, Sir William Magee, the mayor of Portsmouth, boarded her and greeted Admiral Cotton, saying:

"The people of Portsmouth welcome the American squadron and extend to its officers and men all the courtesies they can offer."

Admiral Cotton replied, expressing his pleasure on behalf of the United States.

Admiral Milne, commander of the royal yachts, specially detailed by King Edward to welcome the Americans, arrived on board the Kearsarge and was received by Admiral Cotton and Captain Hemphill. Admiral Milne expressed the gratification of King Edward at the arrival of the squadron, and, in behalf of the king, welcomed it to Great Britain.

RACE RIOTS AT EVANSVILLE, IND.

Blood of Negroes Shed by Frenzied Mob.

Evansville, Ind., July 6.—At 1 o'clock in the morning this city is in the hands of a mob. Troops have been ordered out by the governor to protect the jail, which is surrounded by 2000 men. Two negroes have been killed in the race riot which is rampant. The crowd around the jail, incensed at the murder of a patrolman by a negro, is shouting death to all negroes. The negro has been secretly removed to Vincennes, but the mob refused to believe it. Stone masons in the mob chiseled out the bars of the windows and a battering ram was used.

A white boy named Logan has been shot by a negro. An unknown negro woman has been killed, and several negroes have been severely injured. A company of negroes, armed with rifles, is marching through the streets to kill all white people. They have just broken into a hardware store and secured all the arms and ammunition. Three business men have been fired on and are now organizing and arming a party of exterminate the negroes.

RIOT ENDS IN DEATH.

Seven Are Known to Be Dead, Ten Injured.

Evansville, Ind., July 8.—Following four days of rioting and general lawlessness this city tonight saw the most terrible of its experiences with rioters. Seven persons are dead and 14 are known to be injured.

Six other rioters were seen to fall, but got away before their names were learned. Four members of Company A, First regiment, suffered bullet and light gunshot wounds on the body. One of them was shot through the shoulder, another through the ankle and the other received two slight scratches. The deputy sheriffs were slightly wounded. At 10:30 the members of Company A, First regiment, Indiana National Guard, after a day's vigilant guarding of the county jail, and 100 deputy sheriffs under Sheriff Chris Kratz fired point blank into a mob of 1000 men gathered on Fourth, Division and Vine streets surrounding the Vanderburg county jail and attempting its capture.

Ten Are Dead.

Evansville, Ind., July 8.—After the recent carnage, Evansville is obeying the orders of the mayor and the people are keeping off the streets. There are nine dead, one dying, three others fatally hurt and 20 more or less injured. Four died today—Frank Lamb, aged 28, shot through the chin and breast; Fred Kappler; Jacob E. Beck, a barber, shot through the brain, and Charles Taylor, a wagonmaker, who was an onlooker and did not participate in the attack on the troops and who was shot in the back.

John Barrett is dying from shot wounds received from the volley fired into the mob, and his physicians say he can not live till morning. The unidentified dead man has been recognized as Robert W. Bock, who was shot in the head by the volley from the courthouse defenders' last night.

Eight companies of militia and one battery are in Evansville. The 400 soldiers are armed with rifles.

Fatal Duel in Oregon.

Mitchell, Ore., July 8.—In a gun duel Mut Puett and Milt Dehaven were shot and killed. Puett was drunk and the town marshal attempted to arrest him. Dehaven offered to quiet Puett, and when he started toward Puett the drunken man pulled a pistol and shot him. Dehaven fired at Puett with a rifle, both shots taking effect. Puett died in five minutes and Dehaven in 45 minutes. The marshal was wounded by a shot which broke his leg. Puett was the son of a former town marshal.

POPE LEO NEAR DEATH'S DOOR

HIS EXCRUCIATING PAIN KEEPS HIM CONSCIOUS.

The Life of the Pontiff Prolonged by Strong Stimulants—His Wonderful Vitality May Offset Illness, but the Worst is Looked for—His Successor is the Subject Already.

Rome, July 6, 3 a. m.—"God's will be done. Who would have believed it, when only ten days ago I was presiding over a public consistory?" murmured feebly Pope Leo as he felt himself late last evening sinking into a sleep which lasted about three hours, until excruciating pain brought the dying pontiff back to consciousness.

He groaned and complained of pains on both sides of the thorax. Tenderly Dr. Laponi, assisted by Pope Leo's valet, Plocentra, and the physician's second assistant, De Castro, lifted the frail form and, changing the position, succeeded in giving the patient some relief. Though hovering on the brink of death, the life of the pontiff is still prolonged by means of strong stimulants and nourishment, and while he is still alive his wonderful vitality may again resist and conquer the attack of this illness.

Late last evening, after the excitement of the ceremony of the last sacraments was over, the pope seemed less restless, partly soothed by the religious service and partly by a dose of choral, which was given to him in considerable quantity.

The pontiff is lying on a small bed drawn up to a window overlooking the piazza of St. Peter's. The only picture in the room is an antique madonna and the sole ornament a great ivory crucifix.

Passing of Leo Seems Near.

The interior of the vatican during the early hours of this morning testifies to the conviction that the passing of Pope Leo is very near. The courtyard of St. Damaso is filled with the carriages of the cardinals. Cardinal Satolli drove to Rome from Frascati tonight, the beautiful carriage horses covered with dust and perspiration.

In the cortile are drawn up the carriages of the cardinals and of many notables. Servants and messengers hurry across the court with bundles of huge wax tapers, and with the robes of the ecclesiastical dignitaries, who are waiting within the palace. The antechambers of the palace were all through the night thronged with princes of the church, high noblemen and members of the diplomatic corps. Telegrams of inquiry have been received from several of the monarchs of Europe.

Who Will Be Successor.

All kinds of speculation are already in circulation as to the probable successor to the throne of St. Peter. Opinions are much divided, owing to the many interests which will be affected according to the choice made by the sacred college. The first question the cardinals will have to solve will be whether the conclave shall be held in Rome or outside of Italy. It is believed that the supporters of the idea of abandoning Rome will be even fewer than in the conclave held after the death of Pius IX., when 32 out of 37 cardinals voted in favor of Rome. The next question will be whether the next pope must be an Italian or a foreigner. It is generally believed that he will be an Italian because, in view of the struggle between the church and state since the fall of the temporal power and the constitution of the United Italy, all the clergy, as well as the clerical party, and even foreigners, think that an Italian pope can protect better than a stranger the advance of the religious and political interests of the church.

The candidates chiefly spoken of are Cardinal Rampolla and Cardinal Serafino Vannutelli. They are both representatives of the conservative policy.

A fact significant of the anxiety pervading the officials at the vatican, as well as the Sacred college, is that Marquis Sacchetti, the high steward of the palace, with his son as coadjutor, and Comendator Mannucci, who directs the temporal affairs of the vatican, are continually in attendance, the last named having the responsibility of the preparations regarding the summoning of a conclave in the event of the pope's death.

Monsignor Pieferrri, the Augustinian monk who holds the office of confessor to the pontiff, and Cardinal Serafino Vannutelli, the grand penitentiary, have been requested to keep themselves in readiness to be called should Pope Leo's illness take a still more serious turn. Cardinal Serafino Vannutelli's office consists of administering the last communion to the dying pontiff.

The condition of his holiness at 11 o'clock tonight, though still grave, is not so serious as late this afternoon.

Later.

Rome, July 7, 6:45.—A bulletin has just been issued. It says the condition of the pope is satisfactory. Af-

ter twice taking a raw egg and a little brandy, he went to sleep.

Rome, July 7, 7:45 a. m.—The pope has taken nourishment four times during the night. His pulse shows a slight improvement. At 6:30 o'clock this morning he left his bed for an arm chair. His holiness will perhaps live through the day.

Later.

Rome, July 8.—Hope is held out that the pope may survive, although his condition is very critical. An operation, performed yesterday, gave relief temporarily. His mental activity is astonishing. It is hoped that the pope's strength will be maintained, as he has taken somewhat more nourishment, seeming to prefer the yolk of an egg with small sips of a stimulant, especially brandy.

PLENTY OF LAND LEFT.

Spokane Land Office Reports to That Effect.

The Spokane United States land office has completed its annual report for the year ending July 1. This report embraces only the amount of land left unoccupied in the Spokane land office district. Financial reports are made quarterly.

The annual report shows unoccupied land as follows: Adams county, 17,065 acres, all surveyed; Ferry county, 34,456 acres surveyor, and 616,866 unsurveyed; Douglas county, 1500 acres, all surveyed; Lincoln county, 74,014 acres surveyed, and 4448 acres unsurveyed; Okanogan county, 138,223 acres, all unsurveyed; Spokane county, 7238 acres surveyor, and 66,806 unsurveyed; Stevens county, 999,158 acres unsurveyed, and 487,245 acres surveyed; Whitman county, 6935 acres surveyed, and none unsurveyed.

This shows a total as follows: Surveyed land, 627,043; unsurveyed land, 1,824,996 acres; reserved within the district, 866,391. The most of Douglas county, and portions of Whitman, Adams and Okanogan counties are without the Spokane district, and therefore this report does not show all the unoccupied land in those counties.

The total receipts from all sources during April, May and June amounted to \$48,629.65. During those three months there were sold 13,958.53 acres, and the receipts from that source amounted to \$30,202.50. There were also sold on the Colville reservation, which is not included in the foregoing, 3891.59 acres, at a total cost of \$9515.75.

During the quarter 326 original homestead entries were made. The acreage entered upon was 44,582.29, and the total fees and commissions received from that source amounted to \$5505.88. There were 86 homestead entries on the Colville reservation, the acreage being 12,643.88, and the fees and commissions amounting to \$1289.24.

Eighty-two final homestead proofs were made during the quarter. The acreage was 11,605, and the commissions amounted to \$720.63. There was one final timber culture proof on 80 acres. There were 67 timber and stone entries, the receipts from that source being \$670. The state selected 2871.82 acres during the quarter, and there was collected from timber deprecations the sum of \$1337.75.

PRESIDENT LOUBET IN LONDON.

Head of French Republic Visits England.

London, July 8.—President Loubet, the first president of the French republic who has ever represented the French nation as the guest of the British court, arrived in London from Dover at 4 p. m. and was greeted at the Victoria station by King Edward and the prince of Wales, accompanied by the cabinet ministers and a host of other distinguished persons.

The extraordinary precautions taken by the police for the safety of the president and his hosts exceeded those adopted when Emperor William was here.

The king stepped from his carriage as the president alighted and repeatedly shook hands with him. King Edward then introduced the prince of Wales, the duke of Cambridge, Foreign Minister Lansdowne, Field Marshal Lord Roberts and others, who were all in uniform or court dress.

M. Loubet then presented the members of his suite to the king, who warmly shook hands with them.

Who Controls Railroad?

New York, July 7.—James J. Hill interests concede that they have lost control of the Northern Pacific Railway company if the supreme court affirms the recent decision of the United States circuit court of appeals and compels the Northern Securities deal to be dissolved.

But the Harriman people would not have control either, since neither side would get the same amount of Northern Pacific stock it had before the merger. So many changes in ownership of stock have occurred that it would be impossible to restore to each Northern Securities holder his proportionate share of Northern Pacific and Great Northern stock. Thus Mr. Hill would lose control of the Great Northern also.

TACOMA STREET CAR HELD UP

THUGS GATHER IN \$100 IN CASH AND VALUABLE WATCHES.

Conductor Tried to Escape, but Shot From Gun of Robber Brought Him Back—Robbery Occurred Same Place Previous Holdups—Three Thugs Escape.

Tacoma, Wash., July 7.—The third holdup within five days was successfully made on an inbound South Tacoma streetcar early in the morning, the carmen and four passengers being compelled to hold their hands up while the highwaymen relieved them of more than \$100 in cash and three valuable watches.

The holdup was completed only after a lively chase by one of the footpads after Conductor C. N. Archer and the firing of two shots at the fleeing carman. The attack occurred on the exact spot where the holdup was perpetrated by three men, apparently the same three, about five weeks ago—at the safety switch just across the long South Tacoma avenue bridge, and in the full glare of the electric lamp suspended just above that crossing.

When the car stopped for the switch three men jumped on and, with drawn revolvers, ordered the motorman to throw up his hands. At the same instant Conductor Archer heard the order in front, and, springing back across the platform, started on a dash across the Tacoma avenue bridge with one of the robbers in close pursuit. The pursuing robber commanded him to halt and enforced his command with two revolver shots, one of the bullets being distinctly heard by Conductor Archer as it whizzed past.

As the highwayman was gaining and shooting at the same time, there was nothing for the conductor to do but surrender, though he had made about two thirds the distance across the long bridge. He was searched on the spot, and the day's receipts, amounting to \$46.15, and \$4 of his own money and a gold watch costing \$30 were taken from him. He was then marched back and placed inside the car with the other victim.

After the "cleanup" the robbers made the motorman take his place, and left the car, telling the carmen to "light out for town."

KILLED BY ELECTRIC WIRE.

Four Persons of Pittsburg Killed in Peculiar Manner.

Pittsburg, July 5.—During the progress of a terrific rain storm here four persons were killed in an accident of a most unusual character. The dead:

John Wisa, aged 40 years; Giuseppe Renda, aged 21 years; Mrs. Francesca Statti, aged 54; Giuseppe Statti, her son, aged 22.

A large American flag suspended from a grocery store became soaked with rain and the high wind blew it against an electric light wire, which was carrying 2000 volt. The wire snapped under the pressure and fell into the street, one end lodging in a pool of water and charging it. John Wisa, running for shelter, stepped into the pool of water and fell dead.

Shortly after this the Statti family, numbering seven persons, drove by. The driver was hurrying to reach a place of shelter, and as he approached the broken wire hundreds of people tried to warn him of the danger, but could not make him understand until too late. One of the horses stepped into the pool and fell paralyzed. The occupants of the surrey immediately began to jump and the four who leaped from the side opposite the wire escaped injury. But the three on the other side in their excitement fell onto the wire and were shocked to death almost instantly. None of the large crowd who witnessed the accident could approach the victims until the current was shut off from the wire and for some time they lay in the street unattended.

Fair Commissioners Removed.

Denver, July 8.—Governor Peabody has formally removed George W. Thatcher as commissioner in chief and Van E. Rouse as member and treasurer of the Colorado world's fair board. William F. Sperry of Denver and Harry Carsady of Boulder were appointed in their places. Paul Wilson, recently made commissioner of exhibits, will be made commissioner in chief.

"Incompetency, misconduct and neglect of duty," are given as reasons for Thatcher's removal and Rouse is accused of abetting Thatcher in his extravagance.

Congressman Gill Resigns.

Steubenville, Ohio, July 8.—Joseph G. Gill, republican, of this city, has sent his resignation to Governor Nash as the member of congress from the Sixteenth Ohio district, to take effect on the qualification of his successor. The condition of his health is assigned as the sole consideration in his action.