

EXCURSION TRAIN WRECKED

THREE PERSONS KILLED AND 50 INJURED, MOSTLY NEGROES.

Fast Mail From St. Louis Crashed Into a Stalled Excursion Train—Part of Mail Train Went Over Embankment—Engineer Failed to Heed Danger Flag in Time.

Kansas City, July 14.—The Missouri Pacific fast mail, No. 7, which left St. Louis, dashed into an excursion train southbound from Kansas City that had become stalled at "Dead Man's curve," between Little Knob and Lee Summit, at 10:25 in the morning. Three persons were killed, two of them tramps, and 50 others were injured. With the exception of one or two of the crew on the fast mail all the injured were on the excursion train. Most of them were Kansas City negroes. Eighteen were seriously hurt. The injuries of the others consisted of cuts and bruises. None of the passengers on the mail train were hurt.

The engine, the mail and baggage cars on the fast mail went down an embankment, but the rest of that train remained upright, as did the excursion train.

Responsibility for the wreck seems to rest with the engineer of the fast mail, who failed to stop promptly when flagged. The engine on the excursion train, which consisted of 12 coaches heavily loaded, broke down. A flagman was sent ahead to stop the fast mail, then about due. The engineer of the fast mail failed to see the foremost flagman and only slackened up when warned by the second man, who was within a short distance of the excursion train. The fast mail was running at a high rate of speed and was unable to come to a full stop. When the fast mail struck it was making 15 miles an hour. The engine, the baggage car and the foremost mail car left the track and rolled down the embankment. The impact badly damaged the engine and baggage car of the excursion train, but the cars remained upright.

Merrymakers Jammed.

Most of the injured were in the baggage car on the excursion train. This car had been turned into a refreshment car and in it were about 50 persons, mostly negroes, making merry. The crash came without warning and they were tumbled into a shrieking, groaning mass, crushed and otherwise maimed. The injured were cared for quickly and every attention was given. When the track was cleared the dead were taken to Lee Summit and the injured brought to the Missouri Pacific hospital at Kansas City.

Hot Times in Roseland.

Roseland, B. C., July 14.—Roseland has been enjoying a genuine touch of western high life for the past two days. On Sunday afternoon two stores were burglarized in the middle of the afternoon. The thief was discovered in one place, but got clean away with a small amount of cash.

This afternoon Paul Marshall and Pat Gleason, miners at the Le Roi, engaged in a gun and knife fight on Columbia avenue. The two had trouble over work and on the street Gleason drew a revolver and fired several shots at Marshall. The latter ran a short distance, but finding Gleason's aim bad, turned and drew a bowie knife. Then Gleason took to his heels. The police caught both men with the arms in their hands. Both were jailed.

The Central hotel was the scene of a serious cutting affray this evening. Otto Jackson, a Finn miner, had an altercation with John McKinnon. Jackson drew a hunting knife and slashed McKinnon badly. The injured man is in no special danger. Jackson is at large.

The succession of incidents is remarkable in view of the golden city's freedom from violence for several years.

Mare Broke World's Record.

Cleveland, Ohio.—Lou Dillon recently broke the world's record for trotting mares by a quarter of a second, going the mile in 2:03½. It was the second fastest mile ever trotted, Cresceus alone having a better mark. The track was in excellent condition. Millard Sanders was in the sulky and two runners accompanied the little mare around the track.

Oliver to Succeed Sanger.

Oyster Bay, L. I., July 15.—At a conference between President Roosevelt and Secretary Root it was decided to appoint Robert Shaw Oliver of Albany to be assistant secretary of war, vice William Carey Sanger, resigned. Mr. Sanger has decided to retire on account of the ill health of his wife.

High Price for Wheat.

Downs, Wash., July 16.—From 65c to 70c and upward is being paid by Everett buyers who are here contracting for wheat.

KILLED HIS SON-IN-LAW.

Shot Him the Second Time While on Operating Table.

Bluffton, Ind., July 14.—John Terrill, a farmer living near Petroleum has killed his son in law, M. Wolfe, firing the charges of both barrels of a shotgun into Wolfe's head as he lay on an operating table. The operation was compelled by a gunshot wound inflicted by Terrill a shot time before. Wolfe had deserted his wife and baby and a suit was brought to compel him to support them. Early in the morning Wolfe drove past the Terrill home, shouting insulting remarks and shaking his fist at Terrill. When Wolfe came by again Terrill shot him in the leg.

Wolfe was hurried to Petroleum, placed on an operating table and preparations were made to amputate his leg. While a crowd stood around watching the surgeon, Terrill broke in the door. He drove the crowd from the room at the point of his gun and with the remark "I am going to get him now," fired both barrels into his son in law's head. Wolfe was terribly mutilated. At the time Terrill fired Wolfe was half conscious. After the shooting Terrill climbed into his buggy, reloaded his gun and, holding the crowd that had formed hastily at bay, drove to the sheriff's residence and surrendered.

TRADE REPORT.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly Review of Trade says: Business responds to improved conditions. Distribution of merchandise is accelerated by more seasonable weather and fewer labor controversies, while the wholesale and jobbing trade, especially at the interior, shows the encouraging effect of brighter agricultural prospects. There is the customary excessive demand for farm hands. Receipts of holiday traffic and trade in holiday goods indicate no diminution in purchasing power, and semiannual inventories show a more gratifying situation than expected. There is less than the usual mid-summer idleness in manufacturing, except in the cotton industry. Commodity prices advanced slightly during June, Dun's index number on July 1 being \$99,456, compared with \$98,936 a month earlier. A decline of 2.4 per cent is recorded in comparison with July, 1902, chiefly in articles of food. Railway earnings for June are 13.1 per cent larger than last year and 25.3 in excess of 1901.

Installation of new converters and other repairs interfere with work at some prominent steel mills, which explains in part the quiet condition of the market.

Raw wool is firmly held, fair prices being secured at the London American auction sales.

Failures numbered 194 in the United States.

To Consolidate Religious Workers.

A movement of signal importance in the religious world was launched by the Christian Endeavor convention in session at Denver. It is a tentative proposal to work for the amalgamation of the Christian Endeavor society, the Epworth league and the Baptist union, and it will be presented in the form of a petition from the Endeavorers to the other two national bodies. In taking the initiative in the advocacy of such union the Christian Endeavor society points to its priority of establishment as justification.

Dishonorably Discharged.

Washington, July 14.—First Lieut. L. M. Bushfield, Seventeenth infantry, was tried at Vancouver barracks, Wash., for "conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman, making false statements, conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline, disobedience of orders and breach of arrest."

He was found guilty of all the charges and the specifications laid thereunder and sentenced to be discharged from the service. The president has approved the sentence.

Drowned in Yukon River.

Seattle, July 15.—The drowning in the Yukon, off Andreaski, of Frank Reis and "Shorty" Smelzer, two gamblers, formerly living in this city, is reported from St. Michael in a letter dated June 26. They were floating down the river from Fairbanks on the Tanana, when their boat capsized. Reis' body was recovered the following day by Indians.

Body That of James Howard.

Seattle, Wash., July 15.—Through a photograph published, the Everett police have identified the remains of the murdered man whose body was found near Auburn on Saturday. The body is that of James Howard, formerly of Everett. Deceased was also known by the name of James Currie.

Washington Pioneer Dead.

Ellensburg, Wash., July 16.—A. P. Scammon, one of the pioneers of the Kittitas valley, is dead at his home 10 miles east of this city at the ripe old age of 79 years and 9 months.

The hair of the head grows faster in the summer than in winter.

STORMS FOLLOW THE HEAT

BALTIMORE SUFFERS FROM VIOLENT WIND AND RAIN STORM.

Three Hundred People Rendered Homeless for a Time—Damage Enormous—Lightning Strikes Near Washington and Wrecks Boathouse on River—Shocks a Dozen Men.

Baltimore, July 14.—A severe wind and rain storm occurred here, which was very violent in a limited section of northern Baltimore, where, within a radius of about four blocks, 50 houses were unroofed, walks demolished and trees were uprooted. For several squares the streets were thickly strewn with debris. Three hundred people were rendered homeless for the time being, and were compelled to find shelter in neighboring houses. The damage to houses and household goods is estimated at \$100,000. The rainfall here for the day was 3.95 inches and the velocity of the wind 46 miles an hour.

Lightning Strikes Boat.

Washington, July 14.—During a terrific thunder storm here lightning struck a boat house near the Potomac river in which a dozen men had taken refuge. One man was killed, another so badly injured that he may die and still another was severely hurt. The dead:

Robert B. Smith, aged 33. Seriously injured: Charles Slaughter, colored, may die; William Lyons, will recover.

All 12 felt the effects of the thunder bolt. The structure itself was wrecked. C. H. Bannigan, the policeman on duty at the beach, while hurrying to the emergency hospital for aid, was twice rendered temporarily unconscious from the effects of lightning striking trees near him. Physicians from the hospital succeeded in restoring most of those who had been hurt to consciousness and the remainder were taken to the hospital.

In Nebraska.

Beaver City, Neb., July 14.—A terrific electrical and wind storm prevailed here, doing much damage to small buildings and windmills. The wheat crop just ready for harvest was also damaged. The salvation army of Kansas and Nebraska, now holding a camp meeting here, suffered much loss. Nine of their tents were blown down.

Victims of the Heat.

Philadelphia, July 14.—Two persons stricken by the heat last week, Joseph Walsh and Annie Rosener, died, while Mrs. Mary Gibson, aged 33 years, became insane after suffering from the heat several days. The temperature today was moderate.

OREGON NOTES.

The late rains have proved a great benefit to grass and grain fields in the locality of Cove. There will now be a half crop or better.

A. W. Nye of Pendleton, at one time a sheriff of Umatilla county, has been appointed as game warden for the district, which includes the greater portion of eastern Oregon.

Two thousand one hundred and eleven dollars is the indebtedness of the Pendleton school district. The school census, just completed, shows 1520 school children in the district.

Twenty thousand small trout have been received for the Umatilla river. C. B. Brown of Milton was given 4000, which will be placed in the Milton streams.

The annual convention of the Protestant Episcopal church of the diocese of Oregon has adopted resolutions favoring a change of name. The resolutions favor some name incorporating the word Catholic.

One million one hundred and fifty thousand pounds of wool was disposed of at the second wool sale held in Heppner last week. The prices were good, ranging from 10 3-8 to 14 3-4 cents per pound.

Edward Weston, who was arrested two months ago on the charge of stealing a horse from Hugh Bell, near Athens, and who was found guilty at the last session of the circuit court, was sentenced to two years and a half in the state penitentiary.

Barry C. Eastman, a student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, whose home is in Oregon, has surrendered to the Cambridge, Mass., police in connection with the robbery of the Harvard Cooperative society's store. Eastman pleaded not guilty to the charge and is under bond.

With a profit of nearly \$15,000 over the previous year, the Pendleton woolen mills are about to close another year. On August 5 the mills will close for a three weeks' vacation, the employees going to different points to spend their holidays. This year's business exceeds that of 1902 by 100 per cent.

It is in contemplation to remove the saluting guns at the Tower of London and substitute 10 pound breechloaders.

MOST HORRIBLE DEATH.

Negro Paid for His Assault on White Girl.

Wheeling, W. Va.—A special to the Register from Bluefields says: The little town of Devon, Mingo county, was the scene recently of the assaulting of a little 14 year old girl by a negro, followed by his subsequent lynching by an enraged mob numbering over 200 men. The little girl was caught a short distance from her home by the negro and carried to a neighboring wood, where her body was tied to a tree, bound and gagged. Her absence was noticed by the neighbors, who immediately formed themselves into a searching party. She was found in an almost dying condition, but was able to tell to the horror stricken searchers the story. Wild were the cries for vengeance when the little girl's story was heard, but after a consultation it was decided to lay in wait for the fiend.

In a short time he appeared and was just renewing his assault upon the helpless child when the entire mob of concealed searchers emerged and made for him. He would have been torn limb from limb on the spot, but the horrible crime of the negro demanded a more cruel death and the cool heads kept the enraged mob back and the negro was dragged to the village common and bound to a tree. Again the mob gave vent to their wild desire for revenge and it was by the greatest efforts of the leaders that they were kept back.

The clothing of the negro was torn from his body and pins, tacks, penknives and every conceivable weapon of torture was stuck into the skin of the negro as he struggled, vainly pleading for his life. He was allowed to suffer a hundred deaths, with his body bleeding in a thousand places. The almost lifeless form of his victim was then placed before the glaring eyes of the brute, while willing hands cut the tongue from his swollen mouth. His cries became incoherent and before the enraged citizens could be checked the skin was literally cut from his body and distributed among the villagers. He died with his eyes on the little girl whose life he had ruined. His heart was then cut out with jackknives, his toes and fingers chopped off and carried away as mementoes. His bloody and mangled form was then soaked with kerosene and fired.

IDAHO ITEMS.

The old Elmore mine at Rocky Bar is to be reopened.

Mrs. Johnlin, an aged Indian woman, living near Kamiah, was run down and instantly killed recently by a freight train. She was trying to get her dog off the track.

A little girl 9 years old, the daughter of W. C. Boyd, a rancher, living about five miles west of Weiser, was killed recently by being kicked by a colt with which she was playing. Her neck was broken.

The financial report of Shoshone county for the quarter ending June 30 has been completed, and shows that on July 1 there were outstanding warrants amounting to \$69,864.77, while on April 1 of this year they amounted to \$69,661.27, an increase during the past quarter of only \$203.50.

Word is received that Charles Rothermel has been killed at a placer mine 13 miles above Twin Springs on the Boise river. A portion of the gravel bank caved on him and when he was extricated it was found he was dead.

Mayor O. B. Stealy and 21 other citizens of Pocatello were arrested recently charged with sprinkling during the big fire in the "Y" last week and to the charge pleaded guilty and were fined \$2 and costs, amounting in all to \$5 each.

Registration for the Boise election closed with 3724 names on the books. Peter Girten, aged 86 years, died recently at his home in Caldwell.

The Nampa force of the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company is putting in an exchange at Pearl.

The Ada county teachers' institute and school of methods will be held in Boise in the new high school building July 21 to August 21 inclusive.

The bunk house of the Gold Eagle mine at Neal burned a few days ago. Everything in the place was lost and it is reported that some of the men had sums of money consumed.

A great strike is reported from Junction Bar above Pine Grove. It has caused considerable excitement in that section and several men have gone in to secure property in the new district.

Cashier Wrecks the Bank.

Newburg, N. Y., July 14.—Joseph W. Cummins is in jail on a charge of grand larceny. He was secretary and treasurer and cashier of the Cornwall bank and is alleged to be a defaulter to the extent of about \$50,000, wrecking the bank.

France Loses Trade.

Paris, July 15.—The imports for the last six months increased \$28,570,800 and the exports decreased \$3,731,600.

Toy Pistols Kill.

Pittsburg, July 15.—Six boys have died of tetanus since July 4, all of whom were victims of the toy pistol.

HER ESCAPE WAS A MIRACLE

MRS. JOHNS PLUNGED 300 FEET INTO CREVASSE.

Was Discovered by Rescuing Party and Her Recovery Was Thrilling—She is a Fashionable Lady of New York City—Lodged All Night on Two Foot Ledge.

Yosemite Valley, Cal., July 16.—After a plunge of 300 feet into a crevasse thousands of feet in depth, Mrs. A. A. Johns, well known in fashionable circles of New York city, had an escape from death that borders on the miraculous. She hung for hours on a two foot ledge, in an exhausted condition. There she was discovered by the rescue party, and the manner of her rescue was another thrilling adventure, where men risked life and limb carrying the woman over crevasses that ordinarily the most skillful guide would not traverse by himself. Mrs. Johns' husband is in New York.

Mrs. Johns was missing 24 hours before being discovered. The relief party found Mrs. Johns' position to be critical in the extreme. A closer examination showed that her escape from a frightful death had been nothing less than miraculous. She had fallen a distance of 300 feet from the rim of the crevasse walls and had partially stayed her fall by catching at juniper bushes and scrub cedar trees through whose branches she had plunged. When the rope had been lowered Mr. Potter descended to examine the ground and determine the best course to pursue in getting Mrs. Johns from her perilous position.

There, lodged upon a two foot ledge, with her clothing torn to fragments and her flesh scratched and bruised, lay Mrs. Johns, weak from exhaustion and lack of food and numbed by the frosty chill of the night.

With difficulty the rope was securely tied around Mrs. Johns' waist and an effort made to hoist her to the rim above. This attempt proved futile because of Mrs. Johns' weight.

By leaning over the abrupt precipice Mr. Potter could discern another and larger ledge 100 feet below, from which was a sheer drop of hundreds of feet. He determined to try this plan of rescue. Giving the order to those above to lower the rope, Mr. Potter swung the inanimate form of Mrs. Johns out over the tiny strip of rock upon which she had braced herself for 15 hours and into the chasm beneath. By swinging the rope to and fro Mr. Potter was able to lodge the body of Mrs. Johns upon the larger ledge and then descended himself.

Calling to one of the mountain guides above, Mr. Potter had him descend the rope to the ledge upon which the three were now resting. Then the two picked up Mrs. Johns and together they made their difficult way around dangerous ledges and over yawning precipices beneath until, finally worn out and exhausted, they reached the rim above once more.

Hawley Won Boise Election.

Boise, Idaho, July 16.—James H. Hawley, democrat and union labor candidate, was elected mayor of Boise, defeating James A. Pinney, republican, by a majority of 121 votes out of 3051 cast. The question of gambling in Boise entered largely into the campaign. Mr. Hawley announced that gambling would not be reopened in the city if he were elected. The republicans elected 10 out of the 12 candidates for aldermen and the city treasurer, the only other official voted for. Six of the successful candidates for aldermen were endorsed by the civic federation, which also endorsed Mr. Hawley for mayor.

Oregon Woolen Mill Burned.

Oregon City, Ore., July 16.—Fire destroyed a portion of the Oregon City Manufacturing company's woolen mills, the loss of which is about \$40,000, and is covered by insurance. The fire probably started through combustion in the drier. The pulley, dye house, machine shops, picker house and boiler house were totally destroyed.

The company had just received a large shipment of wool, nearly all of which was burned. The Portland flouring mills, Oregon Railroad & Navigation company's docks and the Crown Paper company's pulp mill were saved only after a fierce fight.

Body in Kettle River a Year.

Grand Forks, B. C., July 16.—The body of J. Sucksmith a millowner who was accidentally drowned in May of last year in the Kettle river, six miles below this city, has been found at the head of the Cascade dam. It was identified by means of the clothing.

Flood Drowns Thirty.

Breslau, Prussia, July 15.—Thirty lives have been lost in a flood which has destroyed 50 houses at Graeffenberg, a village of Austria, in the valley of Friewald.