

WRECK NEAR CHARLOTTE, N. C.

FAST MAIL TRAIN JUMPED THE TRACK ON A TRESTLE.

Of the Crew of Sixteen Men, Nine Were Killed and Seven Injured—Trestle Was 500 Feet Long and 75 Feet High—Whole Train Dashed to the Rocky Bottom.

Charlotte, N. C., Sept. 23.—While running at a high rate of speed a south bound fast mail train on the Southern railway jumped from a trestle 75 feet high, north of Danville, W. Va., and was almost demolished. Of the crew, 16 men, including mail clerks, nine were killed and seven injured. The dead:

Engineer J. A. Brodie of Placerville, Va.

Fireman Clarence White.
Conductor Tom Blair.
Mail Clerks J. T. Thompson, W. T. Chambers, D. T. Flory, P. N. Ardenwright, and a flagman and brakeman whose names are not known.

Injured—Mail Clerks Louis W. Splers, Frank E. Brooks, Percival Indenmauer, Charles E. Reames, J. J. Dunlap, M. C. Maupia and J. H. Thompson.

The recovery of Mail Clerk Splers is not expected and other clerks are thought to be fatally injured.

At High Speed.

The trestle where the accident occurred is 500 feet long and is on a sharp curve. Engineer Brodie, who was a new man on that division, came to the curve at high speed. The engine had gone only about 50 feet on the trestle when it sprang from the track, carrying with it four mail cars and an express car. The trestle, a wooden structure, also gave way for a space of 50 feet.

At the foot of the trestle is a shallow stream with a rocky bottom. Striking this, the engine and cars were reduced to a mass of twisted iron and steel and pieces of splintered wood. All the dead men were mutilated. No one on any of the cars had made an effort to jump and the bodies of all those killed were found in the wreck of the different cars in which they had been engaged. A crowd soon gathered. Some women among them fainted at the sight of the crushed bodies.

All the express matter in the express car was destroyed. The mail bags in all the mail cars were torn open and the letters and packages were scattered, but it is believed none is lost. Fire which appeared in the wreckage shortly after it occurred was quickly extinguished.

Lion at Large in Crowd.

New York, Sept. 27.—Thousands of visitors to Coney Island were thrown into a panic recently by the escape from an amusement park of a lion, which ran through the crowded streets, pursued by police and animal trainers, until he was driven into a corner and secured. The lion, on being brought out of his cage to go through a ring performance with an elephant, suddenly became enraged and, leaping on the elephant's back, buried his teeth and paws in the big brute's shoulder. Trumpeting loudly the elephant rushed around the ring and finally succeeded in gripping the lion with his trunk, tore him from his hold and hurled him into a lagoon near by. By this time the terrified audience had fled and had communicated the panic to the crowds in the streets. The lion scrambled half drowned out of the lagoon and leaped through a window into a barroom and thence to the street. When captured the lion appeared to be weary and was more frightened than any of his pursuers.

Tillman's Murder Trial.

Lexington, N. C., Sept. 30.—Good speed was made Tuesday in the trial of former Lieutenant Governor James H. Tillman, who is charged with the murder of N. G. Gonzales, editor of the State. A large number of witnesses were examined. One line of examination pursued today by the state was with a view of laying the foundation for the introduction of Gonzales' dying declarations. Four of the physicians who attended the inquest were on the stand.

Churches Make Good Deficiency.
Boston, Sept. 23.—A remarkable response was made by 251 of the Methodist churches in the New England conference Sunday to the call of Treasurer Dennis of the 'Preachers' Aid society for contributions to replace the \$75,000 stolen from the society by defaulting Treasurer Willard Allen, who disappeared August 6. Already \$20,000 has been subscribed, and it is believed that Sunday's additions will bring the total up to \$50,000.

The person who is always bragging should never brag about it.

IDAHO NEWS NOTES.

Recently highwaymen attempted to rob the Club saloon at Rathdrum. The attendance at the Lewiston normal school is now 120, a number which it is believed will be increased to 175 by the end of October.

Winnie Smith, aged 19, was drowned in the lake near Harrison and it is believed his brother, John Smith, met a like fate, as he is missing and the boat in which the young men were last seen has been found. The parents of the young men live at Wash-tucna, Wash.

County Treasurer Hastings of Lewiston has leased 2500 acres of state land in the Salmon river country for grazing purposes, and it is expected that more land will be leased in the next two months. The average annual rental of the lands is 12 1-2 cents an acre.

Sheepmen of Boise and some other places have lost heavily during the past week by poison. The losses occurred on the headwaters of the Little Smoky and Beaver Creek, along the route by which bands of fat sheep are driven to be loaded for market. A poisonous plant designated as a wild pea is the cause.

A call for a state convention of the Spanish-American war veterans has been issued at Lewiston, October 23. This meeting is called for the purpose of forming a state organization of the veterans. Every state, except Idaho, which had troops in the service, is now organized, and the 'Gem of the Mountains' should be in line.

Ned Bartlett, who lives on a farm near Lapwai, has surrendered himself to the sheriff and will stand trial on a charge of attempted murder of John Lowry. The offense was committed several months ago. Bartlett at that time beat Lowry over the head with a neckyoke and it was thought had fatally injured him.

Nearly seven billion feet of standing timber has been bought up in the region directly tributary to Coeur d'Alene lake. Most of this stumpage has become private property during the last few years. In the last 12 months, since it has been known that the Coeur d'Alene & Spokane trolley line would be built, the scramble for timber has been strenuous.

While Mrs. Joe Thompson was driving with her two children about two miles from Nez Perce, the horse became frightened and ran away. Mrs. Thompson dropped the children from the back of the vehicle just before it struck a post. The woman was thrown out. She was picked up in an unconscious condition two hours later. Serious injury is feared. The children escaped.

SPOKANE MARKET REPORT.

Vegetables—New potatoes, 60@15c 100 lb. sack; head lettuce, 5@10c head; tomatoes, home grown, 5c lb. 75@80c box; radishes, 3 bunches 5c; dried onions, 1 and 2c lb.; green onions, 2 bunches 5c; parsley, 5c bunch; cucumbers, 15@25c doz.; beets, 2 bunches 5c; carrots, 2 and 3 bunches 5c; cauliflower, 10@15c head; fresh mint, 5c lb.; turnips, 2 bunches 5c; green corn, 10c doz.; celery, 2 bunches 15c; pumpkins, 10@20c each; squash, 10@15c each; ripe cucumbers, 5c each; sweet potatoes, 3@4c lb.; chili peppers, 75c lb.; red peppers, 10@15c lb. Poultry—Spring chickens, 40@50c each; chickens, dressed, 18@20c lb.

Dairy products—Creamery butter, 30c lb.; country butter, 15@25c lb.; cheese, 20@25c lb. Eggs—30c doz.; case, \$7.50 whole sale; \$7.75 retail.

Fruits—Lemons, 20@30c doz.; oranges, 25@30c doz.; grape fruit, 4 for 25c; coconuts, 10@15c each; pineapples, 30@40c each; bananas, 25@30c doz.; muskmelons, 3 and 6 for 25c; peaches, 15@25c basket; 60c@1.10 box; blackberries, 2 baskets 25c; watermelons, 15@25c each; prunes, 5@10c lb.; 25c basket, 50c 20 lb. box; new apples, 2 and 3 lbs. 10c; pears, 3@5c lb.; 25@35c basket, \$1.125 box; cooking pears, 2@5c lb.; crab-apples, 2@3c lb.; 25c box; Whitney apples, 3c lb.; plums, 15c basket; grapes, 10c lb.; 25@50c basket; Concord, 25@40c basket; green gages, 10c basket, 20c box; wild plums, 20c basket; citron, 10c each; nectarines, 25c basket; egg plums, 15c basket. DnnianarG 431;h sX, ASHZ, ihiasfa

Grain and Feed—Timothy hay, \$1.05 cwt., \$1.75 ton; grain hay, 90c cwt.; \$15.50 ton; alfalfa, \$15 ton; chicken feed, \$1.30 cwt., \$22 ton; oats, \$1.25 cwt., \$20@22 ton; bran, \$1.10 cwt.; bran and shorts, \$1.10 sack 90 lbs.; shorts, \$1.10 cwt.; barley, \$22 ton; \$120 cwt.; corn, \$1.50 cwt. Seeds—Blue grass, 15c lb.; Clover blue grass, 15c lb.; white clover, 18c lb.; red top, 14c lb.; timothy, \$6 cwt.; alfalfa, \$16 cwt.; bromo grass, \$9 cwt.; ryegrass, \$9 cwt.

Flour—Wholesale, eastern hard wheat, \$5.25@5.75 bbl.; retail, fancy patents, \$1.20 sack; standard brands, \$1.15 sack; common grades, \$1.10 sack; lowest, \$1 sack; Washington wheat, \$4.25@4.75 bbl. Oysters and Clams—Eastern oysters, 60c qt.; Olympia oysters, 75c qt.

Prices paid to Producers.

Poultry and Eggs—Chickens, roosters, 9c; hens, 11c lb. live weight; young chickens, 12 1/2@13c lb.; eggs, fresh, \$7.25@7.50 case, 25@30c doz., strictly fresh. Vegetables—New potatoes, 50@60c cwt.; onions, 50@75c cwt. Live Stock—Steers, \$3.25@3.50 per cwt.; cows, \$2.75@3; mutton ewes, \$3@3.25 cwt.; wethers, \$3.25 cwt.; hogs, live, \$6.25@6.50 cwt.

TEXAS YELLOW FEVER SCARE

SEVERAL DEATHS REPORTED FROM THAT STATE.

Expert Doctor Says Its the Genuine Fever—4000 People Have Fled From Laredo, Texas—Webb County Quarantined—Prominent American Died From Fever in Monterey, Mexico.

Laredo, Texas, Sept. 29.—Yellow fever seems to be on the increase in this city, despite the efforts being made to stamp it out. Two deaths and twelve new cases were reported Monday.

Dr. Guiteras, in his house to house canvass, saw many cases of fever and at the conclusion of his day's examination made the announcement that 12 of the cases were genuine yellow fever. Laredo presents a dead appearance, all those who could get away having departed for points north of the state of Texas and for points south. It is estimated that nearly 4000 people have fled from here since the scare began.

A Shotgun Quarantine.

The city is now quarantined against in all directions of the state and no person can get beyond the limits of Webb county. Other Texas counties have established a shotgun quarantine and are turning back all who are endeavoring to get away in coaches, buggies and carts.

The quarantine applies to all persons, freight, baggage, express, mail or other matter originating in the city of Laredo, or points south, the only person having authority to leave the corporation limits being the health officers of the state of Texas and the United States. The work of placing the city in a thoroughly sanitary condition is being carried on under the direct supervision of Dr. Guiteras and a corps of expert assistants.

At Nuevo Laredo.

The situation in Nuevo Laredo is unchanged, no death or new cases having occurred so far as can be learned. Dr. Mariano Trevino, a Mexican government yellow fever expert in charge there, believes that within eight days he will have stamped out the fever. The Mexican customs authorities have been temporarily moved to Lampasa, where all incoming baggage and freight over the National railway is examined, thus permitting trains to run through to Laredo, Texas, without stopping at Nuevo Laredo.

One Death at Monterey.

Monterey, Mexico, Sept. 28.—Dr. Alvin G. Alderman, a well known American founder of the Christian Institute, died at his home from what is said to be yellow fever. The authorities are taking every precaution to prevent the spread of the disease. The schools have been closed. The medical men express the belief that the disease will not spread. It is reported, but not officially, that Monterey has six cases of fever.

New Cases at Tampico.

Tampico, Mexico, Sept. 28.—Five new cases of yellow fever have appeared here, though they are of a mild form, apparently.

Refugees in Mexico City.

Mexico City, Sept. 28.—Refugees from Valles, Victoria, Santiago, Linares and Tampico, fleeing through fear of yellow fever, are making their appearance here and the capital is the oasis for a throng of visitors.

Fire in Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, Sept. 29.—Fire broke out soon after midnight in the five story plant of the Daggett Candy company, on Georgia street, one of the most valuable buildings in Indianapolis' wholesale district. One man was injured in a collision between a streetcar and a fire truck.

The loss to the Daggett company building alone is estimated at \$60,000. The fire was not under control at 2 o'clock.

Accident at Sumpter.

Sumpter, Ore., Sept. 29.—Frank Welry and Sam Sheridan were injured by a blast in the Bonanza mine. They had set a shot at the bottom of the shaft and rang to hoist the cage, but before it could be raised the blast exploded, with the result that both men were badly mutilated, although not dangerously. All had miraculous escapes from death. The cage was blown to pieces.

Lipton Would Race.

Chicago, Sept. 30.—"If I could find a designer who I was certain could beat Herreshoff, I would build Shamrock IV, and challenge for the cup tomorrow. I am retaining Shamrock III, as you can see that I am in hopes of finding such a designer. I intend to keep after the cup until I get it." These were the statements made by Sir Thomas Lipton recently.

Is the quartermaster three quarters when he gets a better half?

CHICAGO CELEBRATION.

Centennial Anniversary—Great Program.

Chicago, Sept. 27.—The celebration of Chicago's centennial anniversary began Saturday, and will continue six days, the exercises to end with a civic mass meeting at the Auditorium, at which the mayors of several of the largest cities in the country will be heard. The program prepared by the executive committee contains special features for each day, and a great number of visitors is anticipated. The Indian show at Lincoln park, where six tribes of Indians will live as their ancestors lived, was the center of great interest, the most prominent feature being the presence among the representatives of the six tribes of Charles Pokagon, descendant of the chief Powogon, who once ruled the district of Chicago.

The spectacular event of the program came when tons of fireworks were burned on 23 corners within the elevated loop, typifying the burning of the city in 1871. Nine historic tablets were put in place during the afternoon, the ceremonies being held in the public library building and Mayor Harrison delivering the address of welcome in behalf of the city. The streets presents a gala day appearance, public buildings and business houses being elaborately decorated with flags and bunting and many bearing pictorial reproductions of old Fort Dearborn and other historic buildings.

Novel Church Scheme.

Chicago, Sept. 26.—John H. Botid of the First Presbyterian church of Evanston has solved, or thinks he has solved, the problem of filling his church on Sunday evenings. He argues that the roast beef sandwich is better than preaching. If beautiful women and splendid singing will not attract men to service, only one thing will, and that is the hearty meal. Consequently a new plan will be tried.

This will be the program at the church tomorrow evening:

Hot roast beef sandwiches.
Hymn No. 338 (four stanzas).
Hot coffee, chocolate, hot tea.
Brief talk by the elder.
Lobster salad, potato salad, shrimp salad.

Patriotic hymn.
Chafing dish delicacies (prepared by beautiful girls).

Hymn, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."
Olives, pickles, radishes, young onions.

Doxology.
Evening services in auditorium.
Students from Northwestern university have been invited. They will be there.

Spokane Fair October 5-13.

The tenth annual Spokane Interstate Fair opens next Monday, October 5. The railroads are promising a rate of a fare and one-third for the round trip good any and every day of the fair and limited for return to the day after the fair, October 14. All preparations are made for the best exposition so far held in Spokane. There will be more stock than was exhibited last year; there will be at least twice as many draft horses and many more cattle, while the sheep and hog departments will be crowded. Stevens and Chelan counties lead with agriculture and fruit exhibits, and the mining department will be far better than it has been for years. The art department is a great deal better than it was last year and the display last year was good. All the best harness horses from Montana, California and the sound country will compete at Spokane. There will be over 200 running horses present. The races, therefore, will be of the very best. The Jabor Carnival and Circus company will furnish the evening entertainment, which will be better than anything ever before given at these fruit fairs or expositions. Governor McBride will be present October 7, October 8 and 9. There will be a big auction sale of stock. There promises to be more of a good fair and more fun and amusement this year at Spokane than ever before.

Murdered in Church.

La Crosse, Wis., Sept. 28.—At the German Lutheran church, at the beginning of services, Herman Roosow shot his wife and himself in the presence of hundreds of witnesses. Mrs. Roosow will die. Roosow, though dangerously wounded, may recover. Roosow had been separated from his wife.

Safe Blown Up at Dayton.

Dayton, Wash., Sept. 30.—The safe at the Homestead saloon, owned by L. E. Harris, was blown open and about \$75 taken. Both doors of the safe were blown off, and it is thought a liquid explosive of some kind was used.

Situation Better.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Sept. 29.—The situation here is much brighter and the war clouds appear to have lifted.

Coachmen can not be purchased at so much a box.

MEXICO AND MONEY QUESTION

THEIR MONETARY COMMISSIONERS FILED THEIR REPORT.

They Say Gold and Silver as a Fixity of International Exchange Are Absolutely Disassociated—A Plan to Fix Value of Gold, by Different Governments is Presented.

Mexico City, Sept. 27.—The report of Mexico's monetary commissioners sent aboard is now published. Among the more immediately interested points and suggestions are the following:

In Russia, and in England especially, the immediate establishment of a gold standard in China is regarded as almost impracticable.

In the monetary system that is recommended for the purpose of bringing about a fixity of international exchange, the price in gold of bar silver and the value in gold of silver money are absolutely disassociated. The former may fluctuate in the market, whereas silver money will always have a fixed value in gold, hence the stability of international exchange. This fixed value in gold will be maintained by the governments in this manner:

1. By the closing of the mints to the free coinage of silver.
2. By the fixing of a ratio between gold and silver by the governments.
3. By the legal tender character of the currency for the payment and settlement of contracts of all kinds.
4. By reason of its being the only money in which duties and taxes will be paid, as it is supposed that there will be no gold in circulation.
5. By limitation of the quantity of silver money coined exclusively for the interior currency of each country.
6. By the creation of reserve funds in gold in those countries in which the foregoing conditions are not sufficient to maintain the stability of international exchange.

TRADE REPORT.

Bradstreet's report on trade last week says:

Reports of conservatism in fall and winter trade testify to the absence of the spur of insistent demand which a year ago gave the selling side such an advantage. The fewness of car shortage complaints is evidence alike of the later movement of crops and of discrimination in orders by consumers. Building activity at New York has not been resumed in full, strikes of vesselmen on the lakes retard shipments, and advanced freight rates and high prices for cotton, with lack of correspondingly higher prices for finished products, check full resumption of operations.

Relatively, the best reports come from parts of the Northwest, due to better weather and crop conditions; the southwest, which has escaped crop injury, and the south, where, despite crop delay and declining cotton prices, the general outlook is good. Eastern advices are of fair trade, but quietness in general business is noted in New York.

Lumber and building materials are not so active as earlier expected at the West. Lumber is also rather quieter at the West.

Wheat, including flour export for the week, aggregate 3,055,480 bushels. Business failures in the United States numbered 180.

Big Strike Threatened.

Chicago, Sept. 28.—Every packing house plant in the United States is threatened with a tieup by a general strike of butchers and affiliated workmen for the first time in history unless the owners yield to demands of the Amalgamated Meatcutters & Butchers Workmen of America. While the packers are willing to pay the wages asked, a hitch in negotiations has arisen over the demand of the packers that the butchers increase their amount of work. Every lodge of butchers in the country has been asked to vote on the demand of the packers and meetings will be held for the purpose throughout the country. If the vote shall be unfavorable, it is likely a general strike will be ordered affecting more than 50,000 men.

Home for Care of Drunkards.

Berlin, Sept. 29.—The city of Dresden will open on October 1, the first institution for the care of drunkards on the continent. Patients must be examined as to their sanity and be diagnosed as curative, and most voluntarily submit to a regime of healthful living, such as farm work. They will have good, moral surroundings and must pay 45 cents a day. Patients may stop three years in the institution.

Lewiston Militia Disbands.

Lewiston, Idaho, Sept. 30.—Lieutenant Chapman, commanding Company G, Idaho National guard, has received official notification from Adjutant General Vickers that the company would be disbanded on account of failure to hold drill and business meetings for the past six months.