

NEW JERSEY'S HORROR

Forty-seven Dead and Forty-three Injured in the Recent Disaster.

Impression Also General That the Wreckage Contains More Bodies.

Investigation Into the Cause of the Accident Begun in Earnest.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Aug. 3.—Forty-seven dead and 43 injured. These are the figures in the appalling disaster on the Pennsylvania road. Of these 40 have been identified. Three of the unidentified were men and three women. The odd one consists of an arm to which nobody has been found. Of the injured it is more than probable that four or five will die. Many of the others are injured only superficially.

The investigation into the cause of the collision and the fixing of the responsibility has begun in earnest. Coroner McLaughlin impanelled a jury and they have viewed the bodies of the victims and

Visited the Scene of the Wreck.

The scene was very different from that of the previous night. The relief gangs had done effective work, both tracks being clear. There is a very general impression that under the mass of debris at least six more bodies lie. The jury made an exhaustive examination of the ground and devoted considerable time to the inspection of the signals, which still remain as they were at the moment of the accident.

All the dead so far found and identified were removed to their former homes during the afternoon. The first train used for this purpose left the West Jersey station at 3:00 o'clock for Bridgeton. It carried 23 bodies. The remaining corpses were sent on later trains.

Switch Tender Released on Bail.

Coroner McLaughlin called Switch Tender Hanser before him and gave him a hearing. It was purely perfunctory, however, and but little was said. Hanser refused to make any statement whatsoever at this time and was held in \$500 bail for a further hearing. Bail was furnished and he was released.

The center of interest during the day was the improvised morgue and a strange spectacle for the city of proverbial gaiety was the continual procession of undertakers' wagons howling along Atlantic avenue, the principal thoroughfare, carrying bodies to that place and later to the Pennsylvania railroad station. Inside the morgue tragic scenes were being enacted throughout the day.

Raced for the Crossing.

John Peters of this city, who was on the West Jersey train, and who jumped when he saw the collision was inevitable, arrived here in the morning. Said he:

"The trains were crossing the meadows at a terrific rate, and it seemed to me as if one was racing to catch the switch before the other. So far as I could see, the red light in the signal tower was up, blocking the Reading train and giving the right of way to the Pennsylvania.

"Neither train stopped, and then the Reading plowed its way through the center of the other. The escaping steam covered the wrecked trains for a few minutes, and when it lifted I could see the broken cars and the dead and injured. I saw the rescuers lift out bodies scalded from the trunk upwards, and others with the heads crushed to a pulp, hanging at the side.

Scenes at the Wreck.

"Several men were taken from the wreck and before they could be placed in a comfortable position, they died. The demand for vehicles was so great that in many instances wagons were hauled to the wreck by men, and the bodies taken away in this manner."

A Philadelphia physician, who arrived from Atlantic City, told an interesting story of the scenes at the hospital, after the injured were brought there. He said that he assisted in caring for 35 people. Soon after the accident at least 50 doctors, who were sojourning at Atlantic City, hurried to the hospital and assisted in caring for the injured. Many of those taken to the Atlantic City hospital were in a dying condition, and some of them survived only a few minutes.

Nineteen Bodies at Bridgeton.

BRIDGETON, N. J., Aug. 3.—Nineteen bodies of victims of the railroad wreck who lived here were brought from Atlantic City during the afternoon. Three thousand people were at the depot when the train came. It was an intensely painful scene. No definite arrangements have yet been made for the funerals of the victims. Business in the city is practically at a standstill.

State Examinations.

St. PAUL, Aug. 3.—Superintendent of Public Instruction Pendergast has sent

out the programme for examination for state teachers' certificates. The examinations will take place at the Mechanics Arts building at the state university, beginning Aug. 17. The state examining committee will meet Aug. 22 to examine the papers.

Western Association No More.

DEBUQUE, Ia., Aug. 3.—The Dubuque base ball club has disbanded. Dissension among the players was the cause of the trouble. This ends the Western association for the season.

Cabinet Crisis Imminent in Spain.

MADRID, Aug. 3.—A cabinet crisis is believed to be imminent here. Senor Canovas del Castillo came into power in Spain Feb. 7, 1895.

WOLCOTT'S POSITION.

Democratic Financial Plank Suits Him, but the Balance of Platform Don't.

DENVER, Aug. 3.—Senator Edward O. Wolcott has issued a signed statement outlining his position in the present campaign. He says the silver question is most vital, and that while recognizing that international bimetallism is the most desirable means by which silver could be restored as a money metal, he firmly believes the United States could restore it independently of any other nation. He maintains that his



E. O. WOLCOTT.

position has always been, during his seven years in the senate, the same as that of the other silver senators. The financial plank of the Republican platform, he says,

Is Far From Satisfactory.

but he holds that the pledge for the furtherance of international bimetallism must be taken in good faith, in view of the party's record on other questions. The platform is, he affirms, aside from the money question, without flaw, and the nominee of the party a man of the highest presidential qualifications. Of the other parties, the senator says the Silver party deserves no serious consideration. The Democratic platform, while all that could be desired as to the financial plank, is everything undesirable in all other features, and he declines to stand upon it.

HARRITY OUT OF POLITICS.

The Ex-Chairman Will Take No Active Part Hereafter.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 3.—William F. Harrity, until recently chairman of the Democratic national committee and for years a leader in the party councils, has made the interesting announcement that he has retired from active politics. In answer to inquiries upon the subject, Mr. Harrity made the following statement:

"Yes, it is true that I have determined to withdraw from active participation in political affairs. For several years past I have been accorded some prominence in the management and leadership of the Democratic party, but I now desire to take my place in the ranks, except in so far as I may have duties to perform as a Pennsylvania member of the Democratic national committee."

Mr. Harrity's declaration is understood by his friends to mean that he will give no attention to the work of state or county conventions and will not in any way endeavor to influence, secure or control political nominations or appointments of any character whatever.

BRYAN ON HIS TRAVELS.

He Will Start East Aug. 7 and Will Go to Maine.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 3.—Mr. Bryan has announced his itinerary for his Eastern trip. Mr. and Mrs. Bryan will leave Lincoln on the Burlington at 6 o'clock Friday evening, Aug. 7, arriving in Chicago on Saturday afternoon. They will stop over Sunday and leave Chicago on the Pennsylvania about midnight Sunday night, reaching Pittsburgh Monday night. They will stay over night in Pittsburgh and leave for New York early Tuesday morning, arriving there about 6:30 Tuesday evening. The national committee will meet in New York at the time of the notification and important campaign work will be discussed. From New York Mr. and Mrs. Bryan will go to Bath, Me., and spend a few days with the Sewalls.

Albert Schock has gone to London, where he will compete in the six day bicycle race to be held there next month.

TAMMANY FOR BRYAN

Executive Committee Endorses Chicago Nominees by a Unanimous Vote.

Platform Not to Their Liking, but Is the Will of the Majority.

Campaign in the West Opened by a Joint Debate at Madison, Wis.

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—Tammany Hall has endorsed Bryan and Sewall without waiting for the state convention. The executive committee passed, by acclamation, a resolution to that effect, after defeating a motion to postpone action by a vote of 71 to 4. Immediately immense pictures of the Democratic nominees were raised on the outside of the building and preparations begun for active work. The executive committee was called to order by James J. Martin. John C. Sheehan introduced the resolution endorsing the Chicago candidates. In introducing the resolution he explained that at the Chicago convention the delegates fought hard for what they believed was "sound money," but were largely in the minority. He declared it a good Democratic rule to stand by the will of the majority when duly expressed. The resolutions were then adopted.

MONEY QUESTION DEBATED.

Messrs. Thurston and Darrow Open the Campaign in Wisconsin.

MADISON, Wis., Aug. 3.—On the grounds of Monona Lake Assembly both the silverites and the Republican party inaugurated their campaign in Wisconsin. The occasion was "politics" day at the assembly. On behalf of the Republicans Senator John M. Thurston of Nebraska advocated the gold standard as a money basis, while the Democratic Chicago platform, demanding the free coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1 was defended by Clarence S. Darrow, the well-known Chicago lawyer. The crowd in attendance was large, but would have been larger only for the threatening aspect of the weather.

The speeches were begun at 2 o'clock and Senator John M. Thurston opened the debate. His address lasted about an hour and a half, when Mr. Darrow took up his side of the question and spoke for an equal time. The arguments advanced were the usual claims for the two policies and each speaker presented his subject in a forcible and able manner. At the conclusion of the main speech each of the debaters answered in a short address the affirmative points which had been raised by the other.

SILVER THE SOLE ISSUE.

Candidate Sewall Expresses Himself Regarding the Campaign.

BATH, Me., Aug. 3.—Mr. Arthur Sewall expressed himself upon the issue of the campaign in an interview in which he said:

"The only issue of the campaign is free silver. The Republicans have been trying to force the tariff to the front, but cannot do it. It is such a secondary issue that the people are not thinking about it. The trouble is not there. The people want prosperity—which is having every man at work and all the wheels moving. They have tried high tariff and low tariff and matters have been continually growing worse."

CALLED BY GENERAL BRAGG.

Important Meeting of the Executive Committee of Gold Democrats.

CHICAGO, Aug. 3.—There will be an important meeting of the executive committee having in charge state organizations of Democrats at the Palmer House headquarters. General Bragg, chairman, issued the call, and it is expected reports will be received from states enough to give an indication as to what extent the third ticket movement has gone and will go. The work of bringing about a national convention is progressing satisfactorily, it is now believed that from 30 to 35 states will be represented at the conference on Aug. 7.

Will Endorse St. Louis Nominees.

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 3.—Much interest centers about the meeting of the Populist state convention here next Thursday in view of the fact that it is expected to take action on the St. Louis convention's nomination of Watson on the ticket with Bryan. Judge James K. Hines, former Populist candidate for governor and head of the Georgia delegation at St. Louis, is authority for the statement that the convention will ratify the nominations without a dissenting voice.

Fined for Illegal Fishing.

HASTINGS, Minn., Aug. 3.—Andrew Wilson, charged with illegal fishing in the river, was fined \$50 or 60 days in jail. The complainant is a deputy game warden.

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