

INTO A RIVER

PART OF A ROCK ISLAND TRAIN PLUNGES INTO THE CIMARRON.

8 DEAD AND 20 INJURED

A Report From the General Manager's Office at Topeka Says All Accounted For But Two.

Kingfisher, Okla., Sept. 19.—A negro porter is believed to have been drowned. All the passengers except Hank Littlefield, the circus man, have been accounted for.

Guthrie, Okla., Sept. 19.—Eight people are dead, 20 more or less injured, and as many more are missing, as the result of the wrecking of a Rock Island passenger train three miles from Dover, Okla.

The engine, tender, baggage and mail cars, smoker and day coach of passenger train No. 12, north-bound, left the high bridge that spans the Cimarron river and plunged into the current flanked by treacherous quicksands. The locomotive disappeared from sight almost immediately.

The mail and baggage clerks escaped from their coaches and swam to the shore.

Cause of the Accident.
The accident was due to the defective condition of the bridge, which was swayed out of line by the pressure of driftwood carried down by the swollen stream.

The train was an hour late and was running at high speed to make up time. The engine driver did not see the condition of the bridge until he was within a few yards, when it was too late to stop. He shouted to his fireman, threw on the air brakes and jumped. He landed on the very verge of the river bank and escaped unhurt. The fireman was less fortunate, and sustained severe injuries.

When the engine struck the bridge the whole structure collapsed, precipitating the engine, smoker and day coach into the water. The two heavy Pullmans were not pulled in, but remained on the track.

Men Battle For Life.
The current whirled the day coach down stream and lodged it against a sand bank. The occupants were helped out through the doors and windows. The smoking car floated down stream, submerged all but the very top. It stuck on a sand bar in the middle of the river, and four men were seen to clamber through the windows and pull themselves on top of the car. While they were begging assistance a large mass of driftwood swept down, and carried them from their fragile footing. Three other men jumped through the rear door of the smoker before it sank and struck out for the shore. They were carried down the current for perhaps a quarter of a mile, when they were pulled out.

Many Carried Down the River.
The most authentic accounts place the number of passengers in the smoker at between 25 and 30. With few exceptions these have not been accounted for. The only hopeful news is contained in messages received from rural districts. Men on bits of driftwood have been seen going down stream at various points, but attempts at rescue have in most instances proven futile.

One man, whose name is not known, was fished out of the Cimarron at Cashion, 20 miles from the scene of the disaster. He was almost dead. Others have been reported floating down the river.

It will be impossible to ascertain the exact number of dead for several days. Many of these reported missing may show up safe at some place down the Cimarron.

Learning of the wreck, Gov. Frantz ordered out the engineer corps of the Oklahoma national guard, in encampment here, to the big bridge over the Cimarron river three miles north of Guthrie. Reports reached here that several bodies have been seen floating down the river.

All But Two Accounted For.
Topeka, Kas., Sept. 19.—C. F. Hogue, of General Manager Cain's office, states that only two persons were still unaccounted for in the Rock Island wreck at Dover, Okla. These were a negro porter and one passenger. Fireman Byrum sustained a broken arm as the result of the wreck. His escape with miraculous, as he was compelled to swim ashore unaided with the broken arm.

After floating five miles down the river on a piece of timber the baggageman reached the shore.

Neither the names of the dead nor those of the missing and injured have yet been received at the general office here.

Two of the cars are now piled on top of the engine in the water.

Weather For Thursday.

Washington, Sept. 19.—Forecast for Thursday:

Indiana and Illinois—Showers; fresh north to northeast winds.

Arkansas—Fair.

Oklahoma and Indiana Territory—Fair.

Nebraska and Kansas—Fair.

Iowa and Missouri—Fair and warmer.

AN OPEN LETTER TO CUBA

THE PRESIDENT WARNS THE ISLAND REPUBLIC.

Sends Taft and Bacon to Investigate the Situation in Queen of Antilles.

Oyster Bay, N. Y.

"My Dear Senor Quesada: In this crisis in the affairs of the republic of Cuba, I write you, not merely because you are the minister of Cuba accredited to this government, but because you and I were intimately drawn together at the time when the United States intervened in the affairs of Cuba, with the result of making her an independent nation. You know how sincere my affection and admiration and regard for Cuba are; you know that I never have done, and never shall do, anything in reference to Cuba save with such sincere regard for her welfare. You also know the pride I felt because it came to me, as president, to withdraw the American troops from the island of Cuba, and officially to proclaim her independence, and to wish her Godspeed in her career as a free republic. I desire now, through you, to say a word of solemn warning to your people, whose earnest well-wisher I am. For seven years Cuba has been in a condition of profound peace, and of steadily growing prosperity. For four years this peace and prosperity have obtained under her own independent government. Her peace, prosperity and independence are now menaced, for of all possible evils that can befall Cuba, the worst is the evil of anarchy, into which civil war and revolutionary disturbances will assuredly throw her. Whoever is responsible for armed revolution and outrage, whoever is responsible in any way for the condition of affairs that now obtains, is an enemy of Cuba, and doubly heavy is the responsibility of the man who, affecting to be the especial champion of Cuban independence, takes any step which will jeopardize that independence. For there is just one way in which Cuban independence can be secured, and that is for the Cuban people to show their ability to continue in their path of peaceful and orderly progress. This nation asks nothing of Cuba, save that it shall continue to develop as it has developed during the past seven years—that it shall know and practice the orderly liberty which will assuredly bring an ever-increasing measure of peace and prosperity to the beautiful Queen of the Antilles. Our intervention in Cuban affairs will only come if Cuba herself shows that she has fallen into the insurrectionary habit, that she lacks the self-restraint necessary to peaceful self-government, and that her contending factions have plunged the country into anarchy.

"I solemnly adjure all Cuban patriots to band together, to sink all differences and personal ambitions, and to remember that the only way that they can preserve the independence of the republic is to prevent the necessity of outside interference by rescuing it from the anarchy of civil war. I earnestly hope that this word of adjuration of mine, given in the name of the American people, the staunchest friends and well-wishers of Cuba that there are in all the world, will be taken as it is meant, will be seriously considered, and will be acted upon, and if so acted upon, Cuba's permanent independence, her permanent success as a republic are assured.

"Under the treaty with your government I, as president of the United States, have a duty in this matter which I can not shirk. The third article of that treaty explicitly confers upon the United States the right to intervene for the maintenance in Cuba of a government adequate for the protection of life, property and individual liberty. The treaty conferring this right is the supreme law of the land, and furnishes me with the right and the means of fulfilling the obligation that I am under to protect American interests. The information at hand shows that the social bonds throughout the island have been so relaxed that life, property and individual liberty are no longer safe.

"I have received authentic information of injury to, and destruction of American property. It is in my judgment imperative for the sake of Cuba that there shall be an immediate cessation of hostilities, and some arrangement which will secure the permanent pacification of the island.

"I am sending to Havana the secretary of war, Mr. Taft, and the assistant secretary of state, Mr. Bacon, as the special representatives of the government, who will render such aid as is possible toward these ends. I had hoped that Mr. Root, the secretary of state, could have stopped in Havana on his return from South America, but the seeming imminence of the crisis forbids further delay.

"Through you I desire in this way to communicate with the Cuban government, and with the Cuban people, and accordingly I am sending you a copy of this letter to be presented to President Palma, and have also directed its immediate publication.

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."
"Senor Don Gonzale de Quesada, the Cuban Minister."

Trolley Strikes a Carryall.
Chicago, Sept. 13.—A carryall containing a party of young people, returning from Manhattan Beach, was struck by an electric car at Jeffrey avenue and Seventy-fifth street. Geo. Woods, 21, was crushed to death beneath the car, and eight others of the carryall party were injured.

L. H. A. Bone, veteran associate editor of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, and one time boyhood chum of John D. Rockefeller, is dead.



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The plain severe lines of last season are greatly relieved this year by trimmings, both braids and embroidered effects being used. This gives the costume a much more dressy appearance. The colors are a matter of personal choice—anything that will give you a change. The Blue and the Gray are trying to outdo each other, while Brown is the leading Parisian color.

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