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TRAINS CRASH HEAD-ON

Frightful Wreck on Pere Marquette Road Due to High Wind.

22 ARE DEAD AND 29 INJURED

Red Signal Light Blown Out During Blizzard Caused Collision Which Reduced Trains to Broken Timber and Metal.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 28.—The death list resulting from the head-on collision between two Pere Marquette railway passenger trains, near East Paris, stands at 22, with 29 persons injured, several of them probably fatally.

The dead, all of whom are from cities of Michigan, are: Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Baldwin, Louis Baldwin, Lester Williams, Mrs. Daisy Giles, Burt Myers, Walter Jordan, Joseph Hullom (colored), Austin I. Wager, Charles A. Stoddard, Charles A. Devine, William Helmrich, F. M. Gillet, Allen H. Wells, Frank Burns, Peter W. Wierengo, George Palmer, William Smith and four unidentified men.

It was the most disastrous wreck in the history of the Pere Marquette system, and instead of being caused by man's carelessness or mistake, it is charged to the high wind, which extinguished the red signal light in the order board at McCord's Station, where the west-bound train was expected to stop and receive new orders. Two minutes before the train rushed by McCord's the light was burning, says the operator there, but in that brief interval the blizzard that was raging extinguished it, and train No. 5 flashed by the station to crash into east-bound train No. 6 near East Paris. The trains, which were two of the finest on the system, were reduced to a pile of broken timber and metal, with the dead and injured crushed and pinned down by the fragments of the heavy cars.

Five cars and two heavy locomotives were jammed into a space ordinarily occupied by three coaches, and the wreckage was strewn across the railway right of way from fence to fence.

When train No. 5, bound west, whizzed by McCord's instead of stopping, the frightened operator notified the dispatcher, then found that his red light had been extinguished. He reported this fact. The collision was inevitable.

There was no chance of the fast running trains seeing each other through the driving blizzard in time to even slow down, and in a few minutes word came from the conductor of No. 5 that they had crashed together and that there was an awful loss of life.

Great cast steel side rods bent into many shapes, and even the steel tires of the big driving wheels split and sprung from the wheels, landing in some cases 10 feet from the engine. The boiler of engine No. 397 turned over several times, and the very force of the twisting impact seems to have been the means of saving the life of Engineer Waterman. He was flung 40 feet over the fence at the edge of the right of way. Moon, his fireman, was sitting on the opposite side of the cab, and he, too, was thrown clear of the pile of wreckage.

No. 6, east-bound, was composed of a mail and baggage car, combination smoker, buffet parlor car, day coach and diner. The baggage coach, caught between the engine and the heavy train, crumpled up like pasteboard, only the roof remaining partially unbroken. The big blind mail coach, heavily bulkheaded, took the brunt of the blow, withstood the crash and communicated it to the smoker. The smoker was swept clean as the mail car telescoped its entire length, and turned over at the north side of the track. The smoker in turn crashed several feet into the parlor car, and it was at the rear end of the smoker and forward end of the cafe car where all the passengers were killed and wounded. Within a space of six feet square, the bodies of two women, a boy and a man were taken out.

When the engines met one turned completely over and lay with its nose in a direction opposite to that in which it had been travelling. The other climbed the wreckage of the first, its boiler torn from the trucks, standing erect in the centre of the debris.

Fire in Geological Survey Laboratory.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Three alarms were sounded for a fire which occurred in the photograph laboratory of the United States geological survey, located in the top story of the Hood building, on F street, near 14th. The combustible character of the material stored in the laboratory caused the flames rapidly to eat their way through the roof, but prompt service by the firemen confined the fire to the immediate section in which the laboratory is located. The loss to the survey, which probably will aggregate about $6000, is from the destruction of photographic blue prints and chemicals in the laboratory and to the ruin of some topographical papers in the topographical section on the floor below.

Fatal Fire in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Dec. 28. — The overturning of an oil stove at 708 Spring Garden street caused a slight fire, during which two persons were so seriously burned that they died in a hospital. The victims were Mrs. Jane Butler, aged 51 years, and her brother, Thomas Devine. Several other persons were rescued from the house after being burned, but they will recover.

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Panama's First Election.

Panama, Dec. 28. — Elections for members of the constitutional convention took place yesterday in every part of the republic. The results are not yet known, but telegrams from the interior report the apparent triumph of the candidates proposed by the popular junta composed of Liberals and Conservatives. For the first time in the history of the Isthmus the elections in the city of Panama have been conducted with any attempt at bribery or other irregularities.

It will be good news to the mother of small children to learn that croup can be prevented. The first sign of croup is hoarseness. A day or two before the attack the child becomes hoarse. This is soon followed by a peculiar rough cough. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy freely as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the rough cough appears, and it will dispel all symptoms of croup. In this way all danger and anxiety may be avoided. This remedy is used by many thousands of mothers and has never been known to fail. It is, in fact, the only remedy that can always be depended upon and that is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by M. M. Lewis, druggist.

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COLOMBIA MUST SUBMIT

Answer to Gen. Reyes' Protest May Leave Colombia Two Courses.

PEACE WITH PANAMA OR WAR

Realizing South Americans' Quickness to Plunge Into War, Preparations Are Being Made For Quick Defeat of Colombia.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Make peace with Panama or go to war—such, in brief, will, in all likelihood, be the blunt answer of this government to the protest of General Ruiz Reyes, the Colombian special envoy, against the measures resorted to by this government at Panama. While this would apparently leave two courses of action open to Colombia, in reality there would be but one—to make peace with the revolting nation. War would mean not only a conflict with Panama, but with the United States, a contingency which would preordain the fate of Colombia.

General Reyes will remain here to receive the reply of the state department to his protest, and, although it could readily be given today, it is unlikely to be made much under two weeks. Then, if he should determine not to negotiate for a peace settlement, or to go back to Bogota before continuing negotiations, it would require another week before hostilities begin. Thus the administration is counting upon at least three weeks of peace yet.

The suggestion of General Reyes, which it is understood is contained in his protest, that the whole trouble between Colombia and Panama be submitted to The Hague tribunal for arbitration, it is believed will be frankly turned down. In diplomatic language it will be said by the state department that the progress of events has left this alternative far behind, and it is too late to pass civil judgment upon the dispute. This will leave Colombia but the two courses—peace with Panama or war with Panama and the United States.

Meanwhile, pending the reply of the state department, everything will be done to strengthen General Reyes in his avowed desire to prevent hostilities. If he decides to make peace before he leaves he will be furnished with every argument possible to use with his people. The strongest argument is the weakness of the opposition to the canal treaty in the senate.

There is no cessation of war preparations on the part of this government. Realizing the fierce bellicose war spirit prevailing at Bogota and the quickness of South Americans to plunge into war; also the fact that a conflict might be begun, despite General Reyes' utmost endeavors, the army and navy departments are working night and day to have everything ready to begin fighting. Plans are being laid which it is expected will result in quick defeat for Colombia, as the president and his advisers are anxious that the conflict be short and decisive. Already the army plans have been completed by Secretary Root and General Young, chief of staff. The navy's plan of operations is likewise completed.

The Dixie Sails.

Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—The Sabbath stillness at the League Island navy yard was broken yesterday by the hurried fitting out of the cruiser Dixie for her trip to Colon, and she sailed today. The activity at the yard resembled much the busy scenes there prior to the Spanish-American war. Brigadier General Elliott, commanding the Marine Corps, and who is going to the Isthmus on the Dixie, arrived in the afternoon. Three companies of marines, one from Boston and the others from Washington, also arrived. They were marched to the barracks, and later were sent on board the cruiser. Altogether the Dixie took south 600 marines, who will be under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Waller.

Strained Ligaments in Leg and Is Compelled to Use Crutches.

New York, Dec. 26.—With the appearance of Bishop Worthington, of Nebraska, in the pulpit of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church to preach the Christmas sermon, came the news that Bishop Henry C. Potter is confined to his bed as the result of an accident sustained a few days ago. The nature of the accident was not given out, but Bishop Worthington said that it was severe enough to compel Bishop Potter to use crutches.

Bishop Potter was to have preached the sermon, but the western bishop said that he had been summoned by telegraph to the former's bedside on Thursday and asked to preach in his stead.

Bishop Potter was getting into his carriage in front of his office last Tuesday morning, when he slipped and fell. He was burdened with a great pile of books at the time, and the fall strained several ligaments in his leg.

The Leaning Tower Sold.

Rome, Dec. 26.—Bologna's most singular structure, the leaning Garisenda tower, which was begun in 1110 by Filippo and Ottone Garisenda, and which was owned by the Marquis Malvezzi, has been purchased by Baron Raimondo Franchetti, who is well known as a composer. The Garisenda tower is only 163 feet high, but it is 10 feet out of the perpendicular. Dante, in his "Inferno," compares the Giant Antaeus, who bends towards him, to this tower, "when a cloud passes over it." The obliqueness of the tower was occasioned by the settling of the foundations.

A glass or two of water taken half an hour before breakfast will usually keep the bowels regular. Harsh cathartics should be avoided. When a purgative is needed, take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They are mild and gentle in their action. For sale by M. M. Lewis, druggist.

Alive and Well Without a Spleen.

Iowa City, Ia., Dec. 26.—Alive and healthy, although without a spleen, is the remarkable lot of Miss Olive Smith, of Kinross, Ia., who visited the University of Iowa Hospital and reported to Dr. William Jepson, of the chair of surgery. Months ago Dr. Jepson removed Miss Smith's spleen, and the report will be told to the American Association of Surgeons in Denver next week.

This is the season of the year when the prudent and careful housewife replenishes her supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is certain to be needed before the winter is over, and results are much more prompt and satisfactory when it is kept at hand and given as soon as the cold is contracted and before it has become settled in the system. In almost every instance a severe cold may be warded off by taking this remedy freely as soon as the first indication of the cold appears. There is no danger in giving it to children for it contains no harmful substance. It is pleasant to take—both adults and children like it. Buy it and you will get the best. It always cures. For sale by M. M. Lewis, druggist.

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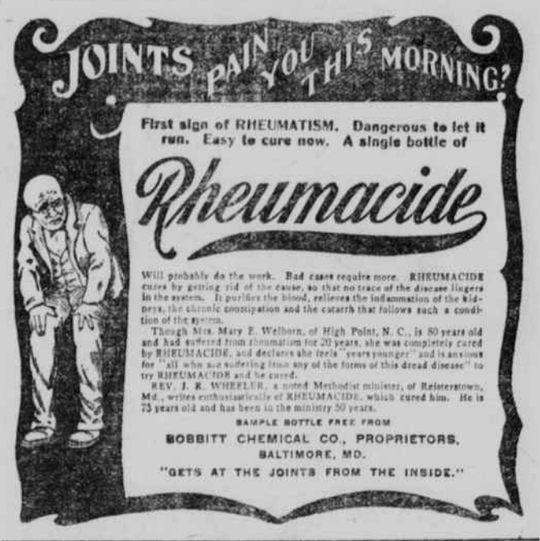

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JERSEY CHIEFS IN CLASH

Head of Bureau of Labor Defends Child Labor.

OPPOSES FACTORY INSPECTOR

Can Find Few Workers of Tender Age in the State, But Gives Reasons Why There Should Be More of Them.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 28.—According to the annual report of Chief Garrison, of the bureau of labor and statistics, just made to Governor Murphy, there is little or no child labor in the state of New Jersey. To the amazement of the department of factory and workshop inspection, which has been endeavoring to enforce the anti-child labor law enacted last winter, Mr. Garrison devotes 50 pages of his report to a discussion of this question, and takes the stand that it is not generally undesirable that children should be put to work in factories early in their career; that the newspapers which have used their influence in the direction of putting a stop to child labor are "given to sensationalsim;" that the facts have been grossly exaggerated, and, finally, that the child labor laws should be so amended as to make the matter of employment in factories discretionary with some responsible person or department.

This last suggestion is interpreted as a back-handed slap at Factory Inspector Ward and his department, and it is strongly resented by everybody connected with that department. The amendment of the child labor law last winter was largely due to the influence of Governor Murphy, who did not hesitate to express the opinion that many manufacturers in the state were in different to the statutes bearing upon that subject. He had frequent consultations with Factory Inspector Ward, and gave that official to understand that the law must be enforced.

The activity of the factory inspector and his deputies has stirred the manufacturers to a high pitch of excitement, and they have been threatening all sorts of revenge when the party responsible for the amended laws goes to the polls next fall.

Mr. Garrison in his report says: "In the South Jersey glass districts child labor has been the theme of bitter complaint on the part of the glass workers' unions against certain employers in that industry, who insist upon running open shops. Numbers of benevolent women, assuming the absolute truth of all that has been charged, have organized themselves into societies to fight the system and expose its iniquities. Certain newspapers, given to sensationalism, have taken up and given wide publicity to stories, often from irresponsible sources, of overworked children of tender ages toiling in factories at tasks far beyond the strength of their years. Factory owners are represented as so many Molochs who are growing rich on the labor of infants. The emotions and sympathies of people, ever ready to respond to such a call, are appealed to on their behalf as helpless victims of avarice on the part of employers or parents, the blame and resentment being generally directed against the former."

From its investigations made prior to September the labor bureau argues in its report that there were then but few children employed in factories below the age of 14, yet the chief factory inspector says that since that date between 700 and 800 of such children have been taken out of factories, and makes the further declaration that child labor is prevalent throughout the state.

Standing upon the ground that the child labor laws are to be strictly enforced, Garrison asks the following questions: "What is to be done in the case of orphans; children left without means or relatives, who are both able and willing to support them? If the law denies them a right to earn a living, must they not take refuge in some charitable institution or become public charges in the almshouses? Again what is to be done in the case of a widow left with a large family of young children dependent upon her for support, she having no income except what she may be able to earn by laundry or some other line of illy-paid labor?

"And, further, what is to be done in the case of a dissipated father who will not work, and leaves his family without support? It is true he can be locked up for his neglect, but that does not help his wife to solve the domestic problem. Finally, what is to be done with boys who will not attend school?"

General J. N. Andrews Dead.

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 28.—General John Newman Andrews, aged 65 years died at Montpelier, Va., where he has been visiting. His home was near this city. His health had been failing for some time. He was graduated from West Point in 1860, and served through the Civil War. In 1899, when colonel of the 12th Infantry, he was retired by request, with the rank of brigadier general, having commanded a brigade of volunteers in the Spanish war.

Big Fire at Lambertville, N. J.

Lambertville, N. J., Dec. 28.—The Hooker building, a four-story structure in this place, was destroyed by fire. The total loss is estimated at from $30,000 to $40,000, distributed among John R. Trewin & Co., clothiers; Lambertville Record; Samuel A. Finger, outfitter; Dr. Charles A. Fallon, dentist; Miss Carrie Johnson, dressmaker and the Knights of the Mystic Chain. The loss on the building is estimated at $20,000.

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German Liner's Narrow Escape.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 28—The steamer Shinano Maru, which arrived from China and Japan ports, brought a remarkable story from Singapore, which is vouched for by Shanghai papers, of the narrow escape of the German mail liner Prinz Heinrich from being blown up by a submarine mine. When the steamer was leaving Singapore a steam launch with a large party of British naval officers on board steamed towards her, and the British naval men shouted excitedly: "You are in great danger; right before you is a submarine mine; for God's sake go astern at full speed." Captain Heintzer, realizing that his vessel had too much way to stop quickly, steamed ahead, hoping to get over the danger spot. Suddenly the mine exploded about two lengths astern, with a tremendous roar, throwing up mountains of water.

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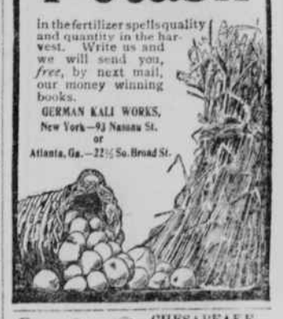

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