

AWFUL CATASTROPHE

Express Train Runs Into a Carload of Young People.

SEVERAL ARE KILLED

The Deplorable Affair Happened at Newark, N. J., and the Victims Were Pupils on Their Way to the High School.

Newark, N. J., Feb. 20.—Running at almost full speed a train on a Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad crashed into a trolley car loaded with pupils on their way to the high school yesterday morning. Eight or nine children were killed, and at least fifteen injured, some so badly that it is feared they will die. The accident occurred at the Clifton avenue crossing, long noted as a dangerous spot. The trolley car was one of the special vehicles which the North Jersey Street Railway company runs between 8 and 9 o'clock five mornings in the week for the special accommodation of the high school pupils. It was crowded with young men and women from all parts of the city, many whom were transferred from other lines. Immediately after the accident had been reported all the police reserves of the Second precinct were sent to the scene to keep back the crowd, which gathered almost immediately.

The train which caused the accident was the Delaware and Passaic express. There is some question as to whether both the crossing gates were down when the car and train approached at the same time. The motorman saw the train and put on the brakes with all his force. The car, however, slid upon the icy rails until the front platform projected over the tracks. A moment later the crash came. The pilot of the engine struck the front platform and tipped the car over. The pupils by the force of the collision were precipitated under the wheels of the engine. To some death came immediately; others lingered a moment in fearful agony and then expired. A most heartrending scene was presented to the sight after the train had crashed into the car. Dead or injured children lay in all directions.

Word of calamity soon reached the authorities. In addition to the police reserves every ambulance in the city was soon at the scene. The motorman's skull was crushed, and it is thought he will die.

The trolley car could not be stopped, although the motorman appeared to make drastic efforts to do so.

The conductor of the trolley car, George Gould, said: "It is a custom for trolley conductors to stop their cars as this crossing is approached, and as the car stops to run ahead and see if the track is clear, I should have done that had I not seen that the gates were closed. Naturally I concluded that a car would stop, and the first thing I knew of danger was when we went crashing through the gates."

Policeman Stucky said the trolley car had projected about four feet over the track when it was struck. There were about twelve children on the front platform grouped around the motorman. He saw the accident.

From among the mangled remains of the dead children uninjured passengers of the car picked up the injured ones and carried them to temporary places of refuge. It was work that required the stoutest hearts. The mutilated bodies caused many to turn away shudderingly.

Passengers on the train heard the screams of the children two blocks away before the train struck the car.

As an illustration of the force of the collision, a front part of the car was picked up three blocks further down the road between two tracks. The engineer was dazed and it was necessary to pull him off the engine.

Known dead: Miss Lohenberg, Maud Baker, Emily Weinbach, Emily E. Sholl, Evans S. Eastwood, Jr., twenty-three years of age, skull fractured and thigh broken, dead.

EIGHT DEATHS

That Number Reported as the Result of the Collision at Newark.

Newark, N. J., Feb. 20.—The following are the dead in the collision between a train and a trolley car loaded with school children Thursday: Viola III, Maude Baker, E. P. Miller, Mahel Karscher, Tiffin, O.; Alma Loeberg, Rosebud Kohn, Ella Werpupp, Evan T. Eastwood, Jr. Eleven were injured, including the motorman.

Will Cause Great Loss

Mazatlan, Mex., Feb. 20.—There were no deaths in the city or at the lazaretto from the plague Thursday. The decision of the merchants of Guaymas to have no commercial intercourse with this city during the prevalence of the plague will cause great loss to merchants here, as Guaymas is the port through which Mazatlan carries on all her export trade for the interior of Mexico and foreign countries, Guaymas being a terminal.

Gorgeous Pageant

New Orleans, Feb. 20.—The Knights of Momus gave to the opening pageant of the carnival representing the myth of the Red Men, sixteen floats having gorgeous pictures based on legends of the aborigines.

Miss Roosevelt and other visiting ladies viewed the parade from the club galleries, while Admiral Schley stood beside the mayor of the city hall platform, and was given an ovation.

Diplomatic Relations Resumed

Berlin, Feb. 20.—It is announced officially here that diplomatic relations between Germany and Venezuela have been resumed. The new minister Herr Pellarm will sail for Caracas at once.

BAIL REFUSED.

Chief Justice Pope Would Not Permit Bond to Be Made.

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 20.—Chief Justice Pope refused the application for bail of James H. Tillman. It was the rule of the court, he said, in such cases, to make no explanation of the reasons governing the decision.

"Murder was the taking of human life with malice aforethought. With the oath of office so recent upon his lips he must do his duty and decline the application without prejudice to the case of the defendant.

A multitude of affidavits, covering the case with an infinity of detail, were presented by the state and a large number in reply were read for the defendant. The state presented a number of affidavits from Edgefield people impeaching the testimony of the affiant Holtzlake, and also declaring that the affiant White was a paralytic past fifty years old, the result of paralysis being to weaken the will power and moral nature of the affiant. The defense replied with affidavits sustaining the reputation of Holtzlake and the competency of White. The state presented affidavits from Representative Lancaster of Spartanburg that he saw a pistol in Tillman's pocket on the day preceding the shooting, and another from a Columbia gunsmith that F. H. Dominick of Newberry, previous to the shooting, brought him a magazine of a pistol and that he repaired it.

F. J. Watson of The State newspaper swore to a conversation with Tillman last summer, in which the latter requested him to tell Gonzales substantially that a continuance of the newspaper attacks would be at his peril Watson declined to convey the message.

O. D. Black, a railroad man, made affidavit that Tillman told him on a train and again in August, that he was going to kill Gonzales, exhibiting the magazine pistol. Robert Lathan, Mr. Gonzales' stenographer, swore to a statement of Mr. Gonzales taken by him when near death, relating to the story of the shooting.

Mr. Gonzales declared he had sent Tillman no message and considered the matter ended.

Several well-known citizens of Columbia who saw the shooting testified that Gonzales made no threatening motion.

FATALITIES AT FIRE.

Three Persons Lose Their Lives in an Ohio Conflagration.

Springfield, O., Feb. 20.—One of the most disastrous fires in the history of the city and resulting in loss of life destroyed the buildings in which are situated M. M. Kaufman's clothing store, the Fountain Square theater, Lafferty & Sons' queensware and hardware stores; Mitchell Bros., plumbing and house fitting establishment; J. H. Mulholland's jewelry store; T. J. Thomas' blacksmith shop and the new Young Men's Christian association building. The total loss is \$325,000; insurance \$170,000.

While the fire was at its height J. H. Mulholland, the proprietor of the jewelry store; aided by several spectators was engaged in removing his stock. Without warning the heavy walls of the theater toppled over on the store. It is not known yet how many were pinioned under the ruins, but so far the following have been taken out: J. H. Mulholland, Dorsey Crane, Albert Voorhees.

Foot and Mouth Disease.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Secretary Wilson said that the British government had received advices from one of its consuls in Mexico to the effect that foot and mouth disease had broken out at San Luis Potosi, and that the department of agriculture acting on British representations had directed Inspector Shaw, of the bureau of animal industry to make a thorough investigation. Inspector Shaw is now in the neighborhood of the reported outbreak. Pending his report the entry of live stock from Mexico has been interdicted.

May Call Session.

Washington, Feb. 20.—President Roosevelt will call an extraordinary session of the senate of the Fifty-eighth congress unless both the Panama canal and the Cuban reciprocity treaties are ratified at the present session. The president made this declaration of his intention to several senators Thursday and he made it as emphatically and unequivocally as he was capable of making it.

Are Exaggerated

Mobile, Ala., Feb. 20.—The steamer Espana, from Puerto Gortez, Honduras, direct reports everything quiet at that port so far as the much talked of political revolution is concerned. The officers of the steamer were ashore many times during the several days' stay at that port and say that there is no talk of a revolution.

Blind Baggage Rider Killed.

Weatherford, Tex., Feb. 20.—Thursday morning the eastbound Texas and Pacific cannon ball train was badly wrecked one mile east of Aledo in this county. The engine and several cars left the track. Two unknown tramps who were riding the blind baggage were instantly killed.

Diaz Cannot Attend.

City of Mexico, Feb. 20.—President Diaz cannot by reason of pressure of government business attend the annual convention of the National Manufacturers of the United States to assemble in New Orleans in April. Congress will be in session here at that time.

Bounty for Rats.

Torreon, Mex., Feb. 20.—The authorities have granted a bounty of two cents for each dead rat and the boys of the city are bringing them in by hundreds. This step is taken as a precaution against the individual plague.

Stories Of the National Capital

[Special Correspondence.]

Washington, Feb. 16.—The Twenty-sixth New York district, which embraces the good old counties of Broomfield, Cheango, Delaware, Tioga and Tompkins, is represented in the Fifty-seventh congress, as it will also be in the Fifty-eighth, by John Wilbur Dwight. Twenty years ago this district was represented by Mr. Dwight's father, and there is a fair chance that in another twenty years it may be represented by his son. At least Mr. and Mrs. Dwight have a bright three-year-old boy, who is slated to be the third generation of Dwight in congress. The other day the little chap heard his father say in jocular vein, "I guess I'll step down and see Senator Platt and get a postoffice."



"PLEASE DIV ME A POSTOFFICE."

"I want to see Senator Platt, too," said the pride of the household.

Mr. Dwight took his son down and presented him to the recognized dispenser of patronage in the Empire State.

"How do, Senator Platt?" said the embryo statesman. "Please div me a postoffice."

"Young man," exclaimed Senator Platt, "you are a chip of the old block!"

Ex-Representative Outhwaite of Ohio appeared at the capitol the other day and had a hard time convincing some of his former colleagues in the house that he was not an apparition. It appears that an Ohio man bearing the same name died recently, and the newspapers generally announced that it was the former congressman who had shuffled off the mortal coil.

"Fifty times during the past ten days," said Mr. Outhwaite, "I have seen a startled look come into the eyes of acquaintances when I met them. 'Great Scott, man!' they will exclaim. 'I thought you were dead!'"

"Probably the strangest incident in connection with my supposed demise, however, came to light the other day. I received a letter from a firm that makes a business of furnishing newspaper clippings. The letter advised me that the firm would be glad to furnish obituary notices of myself at 5 cents per obit."

Mr. Outhwaite declined to say whether he had subscribed for the clippings.

Senator Mason of Illinois sat in his committee room the other day looking out at the sunshine and singing merrily, though somewhat off the key.

"You seem happy, Billy," said a friend who came in, "for a man who has just been beaten for re-election."

"Why not?" asked Mason. "I always try to look on the bright side of things. Do you remember the story of the Irish shoemaker out in Chicago who had both legs cut off by a train?"

"Cheer up," said the surgeon who came to trim him up. "It might have been worse. You can still work at your trade."

"Sure it might have been worse," answered the Irishman. "Suppose I had been a chorus girl!"

Delegate Rodey of New Mexico is thoroughly disgusted with what he calls the dense ignorance prevailing in regard to the great southwestern territory, which he is laboring earnestly to have admitted to statehood.

"There are people in the east," said the territorial delegate to a group of members in the Republican cloakroom, "who ordinarily would pass as well informed who think that New Mexico is somewhere at the earth's end. I frequently get letters bearing a 5 cent stamp, placed there apparently under the impression that New Mexico is outside the postal union."

"A friend of mine, a merchant in New Mexico, went to New York city to buy a large bill of goods. He entered a prominent wholesale house and said to a member of the firm that he wished to place an order amounting to several thousands of dollars.

"Where are you from?" the firm member asked.

"From New Mexico," my friend answered.

"The export department is on the fifth floor. Take the elevator," was the merchant's response.

"Now, I want to know," said Mr. Rodey, addressing the group, "if you ever heard of more astounding ignorance on the part of an American business man?"

"His hearers admitted that they never had."

There was so much confusion in the house at one time the other day that

the member speaking, try as he would, could not make the official reporters hear him.

Representative Maddox of Georgia, who had the floor, appealed to the speaker to restore order. The restored order did not last long, however, and Speaker Henderson's gavel came down with a whack that made members jump.

"The house must be in order," he thundered. "The gentleman from Georgia, who complained two minutes ago that he could not hear, is now the noisiest of the lot."

Not infrequently members of congress upon the expiration of their terms remain in Washington, making this city their permanent home. Sometimes they get appointments in some of the departments and sometimes go into the practice of law here, as most of them are lawyers. Now and then one becomes a member of the "third house" and occasionally one develops into what is known as a "toucher," with no visible means of support other than what he is able to borrow from his more fortunate acquaintances.

Approximate of the "toucher" is told:

An old man who was a senator before the civil war haunted the chamber at times and occasionally succeeded in negotiating a loan from one of his former colleagues. Senator Jones of Nevada, who has known and liked him in his better days, often tided him over serious difficulties and rarely turned a deaf ear to his importunities. On one occasion the ex-senator went to Mr. Jones and said:

"Senator, I have got to go away for six months, and I would be a great accommodation to me if you could let me have \$50 for that time."

"Suppose you make a year," replied the Nevada senator, "and I'll make it a hundred."

"I will do it," emphatically remarked the "ex," and the bargain was made.

The strangest part of it is that the man actually stayed away a year, and Senator Jones considered the \$100 reasonably well invested.

The status of Nevada in the Union was touched upon in the senate the other day in the course of the debate on the statehood bill, and Senator Stewart, sometimes called "Old Father Time," promptly showed up and defended his state.

"Didn't the senator himself," asked Senator Beveridge, "advocate the annexation of Nevada and Utah?"

"I never advocated the annexation of Nevada to Utah," replied Senator Stewart, "but I was willing that Utah should be annexed to Nevada."

Senator Stewart did not seem to understand why everybody should laugh.

According to Representative Miers of Indiana, "everything goes" out in the Hoosier State during campaign times. "Senator Fairbanks made a tour of my district during the last campaign," said Judge Miers to a cloakroom party. "It was his custom at each meeting to say something nice about the local Republican nominees. In referring to my competitor, John C. Chaney, he spoke of Chaney's gallant record during the war of the rebellion, recounted the hardships he had endured and urged the old comrades to vote for him."

"At the senator's fourth meeting in the district Mr. Chaney was present and after the senator's speech the chairman called upon Mr. Chaney. He too, had a stereotyped speech, in which he said it was the regret of his life that his parents were not married a few years sooner, so that he might have been born in time to join the Union army, and told his hearers what a legacy it would have been to his children had he been able to don the blue, shoulder his musket in defense of the Union, etc."

"After the speaking was over the senator said:

"John, why didn't you tell me that you were not in the war? I will have to revise my speech or we will have to have separate meetings."

Had to Revise His Speech

Representative Goldfogle, who comes from the "east side" district of New York city, had a party of his constituents visiting him the other day. They were in the rotunda of the capitol, and the New York representative was showing them the pictures.

"Now, this," said Mr. Goldfogle, "is a picture of Washington giving up his commission."

"Giving up his commission, eh?" commented one of the party. "He must have been a sucker. How much was his commission?"

A certain representative who has a very black beard and who had not shaved for several days stood in the center aisle of the house with drooping shoulders and a general air of dejection.

"Pipe him," said Colonel Ike Hill, the Democratic whip. "He looks like a burglar's assistant grown round shouldered carrying the tools."

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JURY LIST.

Venue, First District Court, Caddo Parish, La., of grand jury for term beginning on first Monday in March, 1903, and of petit jurors for weeks of fourth Monday in February, and third and fourth Mondays in March, 1903:

- Grand Jury—
- W. S. Ledbetter,
 - G. W. Lawhorn,
 - M. M. Silbernagel,
 - A. B. Rozman,
 - A. W. Baird,
 - P. C. Butler,
 - J. H. Boisseau,
 - T. J. Busbey,
 - H. C. Rogers,
 - A. C. McWilliams,
 - C. C. Gault,
 - J. K. Wemple,
 - J. Williams,
 - T. T. Tamer,
 - T. Harwell,
 - J. C. Harwell,
 - J. C. Hartrider,
 - T. Hall,
 - T. D. Hudnall,
 - W. V. Robison.

Petit Jurors—

Week commencing Monday, February 23, 1903:

- Wood, J. R. Jr.
- Apples, H. R.
- Manning, D. T.
- Wagner, A. J.
- Wheeler, A. B.
- Caldwell, D. D.
- Greer, T. A.
- Russler, C. W.
- Erwin, James H.
- Pickens, R. B.
- Davis, C. F.
- Prescott, A.
- Harris, John W.
- Adams, R. M.
- Brasher, E. S.
- Tillinghast, Arthur.
- Sparks, J. T.
- Barbour, J. D.
- Keith, C. R.
- Peyroux, C. P.
- Means, P. D.
- Tharp, E. A.
- Agurs, J. M.
- Womack, J. B.
- Paul, F. H.
- French, J. E.
- Kennedy, B. M.
- Clingman, A. B.
- James, C. R.
- Bickham, Taylor.

Week commencing Monday, March 16, 1903:

- Abrams, C.
- McClurg, James.
- Belcher, J. M.
- Kassel, E. J.
- Chink, Charles.
- Bartlett, J. M.
- Daniels, W. J.
- Pool, J. L.
- Loyd, W. R.
- Hudson, W. B.
- Kendrick, William.
- Hatcher, B. L.
- Laenger, Ernest.
- Hinkle, P. A.
- Mitchell, W. H.
- Ahlums, A. J.
- Leo, Thomas.
- Werner, W. H.
- French, Benson.
- Dail, J. H.
- Brockman, Marion.
- Davis, T. B.
- Fullilove, J. H. Jr.
- Darden, Frank.
- Farmer, D. K.
- Fov, Robert.
- Douglass, R. T.
- Copeland, H. E.
- Vatter, Henry.
- Lucar, F. H.

Week commencing Monday, March 23, 1903:

- Boetz, Carl.
- Autrey, A.
- Calloway, Frank.
- Parker, W. B.
- Elgin, T. W.
- Bailey, J. J.
- Baxter, A.
- Bosetto, V.
- Carney, L. B.
- Ogden, Frank.
- Smith, Felix.
- Lee, C. A.
- Barron, Jacob.
- Hatcher, L. J.
- Dell, G. G.
- Hammock, W. W.
- Tilly, James.
- Talbot, G. T.
- Chiles, S. P.
- Thompson, W. M.
- Lindholm, E. T.
- Motes, M. F.
- Rives, H. S.
- Dickson, Orrie.
- Douglass, J. S.
- Dominick, A. J.
- Bertran, H. J.
- Boyer, D. D.
- Langston, A. J.
- Davis, T. F.

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