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TRAIN IS WRECKED

FATAL RAILROAD ACCIDENT OCCURS NEAR SPRING VALLEY, MINN.

ONE KILLED, SEVERAL INJURED

CARS BREAK AWAY ON STEEP GRADE AND CRASH INTO ANOTHER TRAIN.

CAUSED BY DEFECTIVE BRAKE

TRAIN CREW AND PASSENGERS SAVE THEMSELVES BY JUMPING.

Spring Valley, Minn., April 24.—E. C. Stublefer of 290 East Sixth street, St. Paul, was instantly killed and several other people were injured in a railroad accident near here yesterday.

The afternoon train, a mixed freight and passenger, from Spring Valley to Woodville, was stalled on a hill two miles west of town. The coach and two cars were left standing while the balance went over the hill. A defective brake let them get away and they ran down the hill with great speed and crashed into another train just starting up the track. In the collision the coach was almost completely telescoped between the engine of the colliding train and a car load of slabs. When the cars ran back most of the passengers jumped, and the train crew, after doing all they could to stop the runaway, also jumped. Only two passengers, Stublefer and another man, were in the coach at the time of the collision. Stublefer was killed and the other was badly injured. Those who jumped were also hurt more or less. Adolph Simonson, a brakeman, had an arm cut off under the wheels; B. H. Joslin of Moline, Ill., arm broken and badly bruised; James Mullen, pumpman, foot and head bruised and torn; Joslin and Mullen jumped just before the collision. Simonson was knocked off the rear car of the train by the shock. No blame attached to train crew, as owing to the absence of air brakes and a defective hand brake the cars could not be held. The grade is the steepest on the whole Northwestern road. A jury sat on the body of Stublefer and a verdict returned in accordance with the facts. A special train took Joslin, Mullen and Simonson to the hospital at St. Paul and the body of Stublefer to his home. Some of the injured will die.

MINERS WILL GO TO WORK.

But They Must Put in Full Time Saturdays.

Pottsville, Pa., April 24.—Announcement was made here yesterday that the 30,000 miners who were locked out by the Reading company because of their refusal to work nine hours Saturday, will be permitted to return to the mines to-day providing they pledge themselves to work full time Saturdays. General Superintendent Luther says the company insists on compliance with this regulation. Following the instructions issued by President Mitchell the miners employed by the Reading company at Mahanoy City, Ashland, Mount Carmel and other towns in the Schuylkill region reported for work, but were told by the superintendent that no orders to resume operations had been received. At Shenandoah none of the locked-out men appeared at the collieries. They announced their intention of remaining away from the mines until the return of the district officials from Wilkesbarre. It is expected, however, that they will accept the company's terms and return to work to-day to await the result of the conciliation board's action.

PREVENTED A CLASH.

President of Guatemala Thanks Minister Combes for Preventing War.
Washington, April 24.—United States Minister Leslie Combes was the means of preventing a war between Guatemala and Salvador. A letter from President Manuel Estrada of Guatemala, transmitted to the state department by Mr. Combes, reads in part:

"There is no doubt whatever that the good offices offered by you had a great influence toward restoring peace between us, and I have the satisfaction of tendering you in the name of Guatemala my most heartfelt thanks for your work."

The minister in his response declared that anything the United States diplomatic representative might accomplish toward conserving the peace would be done.

Completes Tour of Yellowstone.

Ginnabar, Mont., April 24.—President Roosevelt has completed his tour of the Yellowstone Park. He arrived at Fort Yellowstone about noon yesterday from Norris, and to-day will inspect that post. Secretary Loeb reports that he is in the best of health and enthusiastic over his trip through the park.

Woman Held for Trial.

Grand Rapids, Wis., April 24.—At the conclusion of the examination of Mrs. Walter Harroun, charged with the murder of her husband she was bound over for trial in November. An application for bail will be made next week.

DREYFUS BOBS UP

WRITES A DRAMATIC LETTER ASKING FOR REOPENING OF THE CASE.

GREAT AGITATION IS PROMISED

SAYS COURT WHICH CONDEMNED HIM WAS IMPROPERLY INFLUENCED.

ESTERHAZY THE REAL CULPRIT

APPEALS TO MINISTER OF WAR AS SUPREME HEAD OF MILITARY JUSTICE.

Paris, April 24.—Alfred Dreyfus has submitted to Minister of War Andre a lengthy letter in which he asks for a reopening of his case by means of an investigation by the minister, as the supreme head of military justice.

The letter, which is dated Paris, April 21, confirms the reports that Dreyfus has been living quietly here for some time. It promises to cause a tremendous agitation among the various elements of the political groups for and against Dreyfus.

The first part of the letter is an earnest plea that the court which condemned him at Rennes was improperly influenced, first by the annotated document ascribed to Emperor William, and second, by the false testimony of one of the witnesses, Czernuski.

After arguing on the extent to which these contributed to his condemnation, Dreyfus recalls in graphic terms the long series of horrors to which he had been subjected.

The letter throughout is couched in a highly dramatic style, which is likely to make it one of the notable papers of the case.

Dreyfus refers to Esterhazy as "one who stands before the entire world as the culprit."

O'CONNELL IS INSTALLED.

Succeeds Conaty as Head of the Catholic University.

Washington, April 24.—Mgr. Denis J. O'Connell was installed yesterday as rector of the Catholic University of America in succession to the Rev. Thomas J. Conaty. Dr. Conaty has been rector of the university since January, 1897. He was appointed recently bishop of Los Angeles, and after a brief rest will proceed to that city, where, some time in May, he will assume his new duties. His successor was for several years rector of the American college at Rome.

ROBBERS USE DYNAMITE.

Blow Up Safe in a Postoffice and Escape After Battle With Citizens.

Frankfort, Ind., April 24.—The safe in the postoffice in Michigantown was blown to pieces with dynamite and the contents stolen. The robbery was committed by two masked men after they had held up Dr. Zinn, who was passing the postoffice. The men bound Zinn and threw him into the corner of the room ten feet from the safe. Citizens fired on the robbers, but they escaped. Dr. Zinn was not injured by the explosion.

ROOT DEFEATS M'COY.

Bout Was a One-Man Affair From Beginning to End.

Detroit, Mich., April 24.—Jack Root of Chicago was given the decision over Kid McCoy at the end of the end of the tenth round last night before a crowd that packed Light Guard armory to its capacity. The bout was a one-man affair from beginning to end, McCoy never having a chance. Root landed at will with left and right to face and body, and generally without return. Bat Masterson was referee.

FAILED TO ANSWER.

Order of Default Is Entered Against Members of Packing Combine.

Chicago, April 24.—A formal order of default was entered by Judge Grosscup against the packers who have failed to answer the government's anti-trust bill. The final order of injunction was not entered against the defendants owing to the absence of District Attorney Bethea from the city. It is expected that the packers will appeal when the final order is entered.

Burlington's Mines Tied Up.

Omaha, April 24.—Two hundred coal miners at Sheridan, Wyo., struck for recognition of the union. The mines are tied up. The mines are owned by the Burlington railroad.

Earthquake Shocks Felt.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, April 24.—Two earthquake shocks were felt here yesterday. The first was slight and the second heavier.

STREET RAILWAYS FAIL.

Receivers Appointed for Three Chicago Lines.

Chicago, April 24.—R. R. Govin of New York, James H. Eckels and Marshall E. Sampson of Chicago have been appointed receivers of the Union Traction company, the North Chicago Street Railway company and the West Chicago Street Railway company. The receivership was ordered by Judge Grosscup in the United States Circuit court late yesterday afternoon upon the return unsatisfied of judgments aggregating over a million dollars in favor of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York.

CANNOT INCREASE WAGES.

Arbitration Board Finds That Textile Operators Cannot Afford It.

Boston, April 24.—According to the report of the state board of arbitration and conciliation presented to Gov. Bates yesterday, the textile corporations in Lowell involved in the present strike of 17,000 operatives, with a single exception, cannot afford to pay their help the 10 per cent increase in wages demanded by organized labor. The exception is the Lawrence Manufacturing company, the books of which, according to the report, show that it is able to grant the advance asked for.

NOW WEARS CROWN.

Sultan's Brother Has Been Proclaimed the Ruler of Morocco.

Madrid, April 24.—A special dispatch from Melilla, Morocco, says Mulley Mohammed, the sultan's brother, has been proclaimed emperor at Fez. A dispatch from Tangier, April 27, said the sultan had again offered the crown to his brother, who had refused it. It was added in a dispatch from Melilla the same day that the sultan, accompanied by his brother, had started for Taza, the headquarters of the pretender, and that great excitement prevailed at Fez.

SENTENCED TO DEATH.

British Soldiers Who Created a Riot in Barracks Must Die.

Pretoria, April 24.—Five private soldiers belonging to the Leinster regiment were sentenced to death in the supreme court in connection with a riot which took place at the barracks March 28. When the military police attempted to arrest a number of drunken soldiers the latter, reinforced by some of their comrades, fired on the police. One of the latter, a member of the Leinster regiment, was killed and sixteen men were injured.

IS NOT WITHDRAWN.

British Minister to Cuba Merely Goes Home on Vacation.

London, April 24.—The report in circulation in Havana that Mr. Carden, the British minister to Cuba, will be withdrawn because of Cuba's preferential treatment of imports from the United States, are declared at the foreign office to be quite unfounded. Mr. Carden is merely coming home on a vacation.

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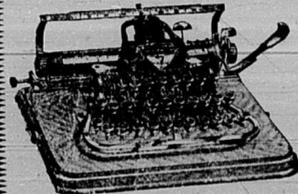
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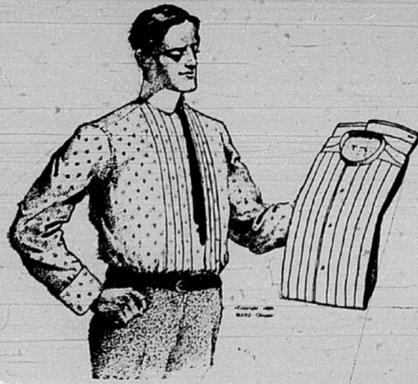
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