



UNDER TONS OF ROCK

Appalling Fatality Caused by a Premature Blast at Spokane.

Fifteen Men Known to Have Been Killed, and Possibly More.

The Accident Occurred in the Yards of the Northern Pacific.

All in Confusion, and It Is Impossible to Identify Victims.

SPOKANE Falls, Wash., Sept. 6.—At five minutes before 6 o'clock this evening, a premature blast in the Northern Pacific yards killed fifteen men and possibly more. The full extent of the disaster is unknown. It was just before the hour of quitting work. A large force of men were engaged in blasting out a huge rock pile in the Northern Pacific freight yards in the eastern part of the city. From fifty to seventy-five men were at work in the cut at the time. Fifteen have been taken out dead, a number injured, and still others come out alive. All in confusion, and it is impossible yet to get names or particulars. As rapidly as the mangled bodies are taken out, they are carried to the hospitals. Some of the workmen were preparing blasts to be touched off after the workmen and teams had departed for the night. One blast had been prepared. In putting in the second, it was exploded. The jar also touching off the first blast. Twenty-five thousand cubic feet of rock was thrown over upon the unsuspecting mass of humanity, with terrible results. Hundreds of people gathered at the scene, and the work of taking out the dead and injured has since been going on. The scenes at the hospital are heartrending. The wives and relatives of the workmen are crazed with grief and suspense.

SAYS IT IS SPIRITOUS. Expert Carvalho Takes No Stock in the Davis Will.

HELENA, Mont., Sept. 6.—Henry A. Root, of New York, who represents himself and other Eastern heirs of the late Andrew J. Davis, has been in Butte for several days examining the will in the probate court here by John A. Davis making Davis heir to the Davis millions. D. W. Carvalho, a well known expert in handwriting, accompanied Root, and after a thorough examination pronounced the will to be a forgery and the document itself spurious. This conclusion of the expert will cause still more litigation. Root and Davis are at the Butte court.

Close of Lyon County's Fair. TRACY, Minn., Sept. 6.—The most successful fair ever held in this county closed today. The programme has fully carried out from first to last, and credit is due to the managers. A notable feature has been the absence of fakirs, and all disturbing elements. The rain of last night put the track in fine shape for the races, which were the best of the season. In the free for all trotting race, Ned, owned by Cole, won by a neck. The second money was won by Little Joe, in straight heats. Hon. Alex. coming in for second money. The free for all pacific race was won by Tremont, owned by J. A. Craig, of Tracy, in heats. The second money was won by Little Joe, in straight heats. Hon. Alex. coming in for second money. The free for all pacific race was won by Tremont, owned by J. A. Craig, of Tracy, in heats. The second money was won by Little Joe, in straight heats. Hon. Alex. coming in for second money.

Bonds for Irrigation. ELLENDALE, N. D., Sept. 6.—The citizens of this county have decided to vote at the ensuing general election on the question of issuing bonds for irrigation purposes. There is no law enabling counties to bond for such a purpose, but it is believed that such a measure will be passed at the next session of the legislature. The proposition here is to issue bonds for \$120,000, and have the issue legalized by the legislature. This plan is favored in order that no time shall be lost in securing a system of irrigation by artesian wells.

Rescued From a Life of Shame. ASHLAND, Wis., Sept. 6.—Len Listen, keeper of a disreputable house, arrived here in the parlor to-night with his wife and two children. He had been represented that they were going to a boarding house. When two of the girls were in the parlor to-night they begged to be released, and the officers getting wind of the affair, secured the girls and their mother. They gave the names of Barbara Krenz and Abbie Dregna, of Milwaukee.

With Morphine. WINONA, Minn., Sept. 6.—An unknown woman was found dead in her bed at the Mission house at 12 o'clock this afternoon. A box of morphine lying beside her showed her death had resulted from suicide. She applied for a room last evening, and she was not seen until found dead. She was about sixty years of age, scantily dressed. A postal card of her name was addressed to Mrs. H. Thompson, Sparta, Wis.

One Wife Too Many. ASHLAND, Wis., Sept. 6.—Edward E. Madden was arrested this morning for bigamy. On the 7th of last month he married a widow here named Olive Genery. A letter received from Clinton, Mo., said he married a Mrs. Sarah Fryer there Aug. 20, 1888, and had not since divorced her. When officers went after Madden he endeavored to escape by jumping out of an upper-story window, but was caught.

Endorsers Caught by a Failure. ASHLAND, Wis., Sept. 6.—A. Weed & Co., lumbermen of this city, today gave a bill of sale of their lumber

UNDER A JUGGERNAUT

Frightful Accident at a Railroad Crossing in the Forest City.

A Locomotive Runs Down a Motor Train Crowded With Passengers.

Thirteen Persons Maimed and Mangled, One Dying of Her Injuries.

Railroad Navvies Killed and Crushed in a Collision in a Cut.

CLEVELAND, O., Sept. 6.—A frightful accident at the Willcox avenue crossing of the New York Chicago & St. Louis railroad, in this city, about 7:30 o'clock to-night, by which at least a dozen persons were terribly injured, some of them fatally. The crossing is an hour dashed out from behind the electric street railroad line. At the time the accident occurred a freight train was standing close to the crossing on the east side of the track. An electric motor drawing one car was approaching from the south. The safety gates were up and the road apparently clear. Just as the motor had crossed the railroad track a locomotive running about twenty miles an hour dashed out from behind the freight train. The pilot of the engine struck the motor and trail car, tearing them apart and hurling one side of the track. At least a score of persons were on the trail car, and they were tumbled about in all directions, some being hurled a distance of about 100 feet. The street railroad cars were crushed to the scene of the accident, and a rescue party was soon on hand. The victims were taken from the wreck and hurried away in ambulances to hospitals. About 100 persons were on the motor and trail car, and of these were so badly injured that they had to be carried from the wreck. An eye witness of the accident described the scenes that followed as terrible. He says the locomotive was traveling at the rate of twenty-five miles an hour. There was no warning whistle and the bell was not rung. The engine ploughed right through the street cars, and the screams of the frightened passengers were heard above the noise of the wreck. The engine was stopped as quickly as possible, but it was too late. The motor and trail car were on one side and the open trail car over the edge of the embankment on the other. The injured passengers were groaning in agony. Two sisters, Louisa and Minnie Merk, were in the car. They both lay under the wreck, and were rescued tenderly and carried into a neighboring saloon. Both were unconscious, but were revived after some time. The body was terribly crushed and blood trickled from an ugly wound in the head. She was taken to St. Alexis hospital and died in half an hour. Her sister, Louisa, was badly hurt about the chest, the muscles of the neck and forearm being torn away from the bone. She will doubtless recover. The rescuers, who responded promptly, did a noble work, several of the unfortunate victims being carried in the arms of men a hundred rods to the nearest hospital. The wrecked cars were splattered with blood, and the hands and faces and clothing of the rescuers were covered with the crimson fluid. Following is a list of the injured as obtained from the various hospitals: MINNIE MERK, 53-year-old, crushed; J. A. MOORE, 39-year-old, leg crushed; J. W. MOORE, 39-year-old, leg crushed; EDWARD WATSON, 19-year-old, right foot crushed; CHARLES WOODS, 19-year-old, right foot crushed; GEORGE SOMERS, leg cut; GEORGE NEFF, 31-year-old, Alexander avenue, leg crushed; LIZIE CABLE, 67-year-old, badly crushed; ELIZA WATSON, 134-year-old, Peoria street, cut on head and hand; MRS. MOONEY, 142-year-old, Peoria street, leg crushed; FRANK ROSE, Kent, Ohio, crushed about legs and head; LEONA HOWELL, Kent, Ohio, cut about legs and head.

TRAINS COLLIDE IN A CUT. Five Railroad Laborers Killed and Thirty-seven Injured in a Collision.

DENVER, Col., Sept. 6.—The most serious accident which has happened on the Rio Grande railway for years occurred four miles east of Florence at 5 o'clock this morning. Sections No. 1 and 2 of the freight No. 61 left Pueblo at 4 o'clock for the west. The first section had attached a passenger coach loaded with forty-seven laborers bound for Tennessee Pass and some of the western extension of the road. The first section had either stopped in the cut near Florence or had greatly reduced its speed, when the second section, the engineer of which was prevented from seeing the head section by a sharp turn in the cut, dashed into the coach, tearing it into thousand pieces, and throwing the debris, wounded and dead into the Santa Fe track, a few feet away. Twelve persons were killed instantly and thirty-seven were derailed and completely wrecked. None of the trainmen were injured. Those who escaped from the wreck were injured together with some of the citizens of Florence, were soon at work tending the injured and dead from the wreck. As the coach was being pulled out and under any other cars, it was with little difficulty that the men were rescued. The cut and conveyed to the depot, which was turned into a temporary hospital. Of the forty-seven men known to have been sleeping in the car, five were killed instantly and thirty-seven were wounded. Physicians from Canon City and Pueblo arrived in a very short time on special trains and gave the wounded all the attention possible. The injured were taken to the company's hospital at Salida to-night, and two of the men are not expected to live until morning. The dead are: H. L. WINTERS, Idaho Springs, Col.; A. M. MEXER, Pueblo; JAMES BROWN, Pueblo; C. B. WILLIAMS, Leadville. The most seriously injured are: JAMES FAUST, fractured thigh; J. FORENTI, both hips fractured; ED BROWN, hips dislocated; JOHN WELCH, head badly cut; J. A. KEL, severe internal injuries.

Hart Gets First Money. DETROIT, Sept. 6.—The six-day night and day race was finished to-night. Only three men made the limit of 475 miles. Hart did 478 miles and got first money; Moore, 479; second money, and Cox 475, third money.

Hanlan and Teemer Matched. TORONTO, Ont., Sept. 6.—Arrangements have been concluded between Hanlan and Teemer for a single scull race to take place on Thursday, Oct. 28. The course has not yet been selected.

THESE ARE THE ELECT

Democratic Conventions Held in Many Counties in the North Star State.

Harmony and Enthusiasm Features at All of These Gatherings.

The Delegates Chosen Are Prominent in Councils of the Party.

They Are Expected to Nominate a Ticket That Will Be Elected.

Yesterday was a great day for the Democrats of Minnesota. Conventions were held in a great many counties and the electing of delegates to the state convention practically completed. Harmony and enthusiasm were the prominent features at all of these gatherings, and many of the delegates are prominent and well known party workers, in whose hands the work of selecting a state ticket that will prove a winner at the polls may well be left. While many of the counties instructed their representatives, others left them free to vote as they may think best for the interests of the party. Special dispatches from those counties holding conventions yesterday follow: YERGEN, Sept. 6.—The Moulton river has fallen eighteen feet and the danger is considered over at Prague. The lumber commission has dissolved. The Danube is still rising and threatens to flood the Freudenauer race course and stop to-morrow's meeting. The lumber with \$300 swept from his pocket. Many houses were submerged, and families have to shelter elsewhere. VINA, Sept. 6.—The Moulton river has fallen eighteen feet and the danger is considered over at Prague. The lumber commission has dissolved. The Danube is still rising and threatens to flood the Freudenauer race course and stop to-morrow's meeting. The lumber with \$300 swept from his pocket. Many houses were submerged, and families have to shelter elsewhere. YERGEN, Sept. 6.—The Moulton river has fallen eighteen feet and the danger is considered over at Prague. The lumber commission has dissolved. The Danube is still rising and threatens to flood the Freudenauer race course and stop to-morrow's meeting. The lumber with \$300 swept from his pocket. Many houses were submerged, and families have to shelter elsewhere. VINA, Sept. 6.—The Moulton river has fallen eighteen feet and the danger is considered over at Prague. The lumber commission has dissolved. The Danube is still rising and threatens to flood the Freudenauer race course and stop to-morrow's meeting. The lumber with \$300 swept from his pocket. Many houses were submerged, and families have to shelter elsewhere.

WEBB ON THE ALERT. Determined to Discover Who Wrecked the Central Train.

NEW YORK, Sept. 6.—Vice President Webb, of the New York Central, is determined to find out who wrecked the Montreal express on Thursday night. The freight car, which was rigorously prosecuted at the Grand Central depot this morning it was said that the officers of the road are confident that arrests would be made shortly. The reward of \$5,000 was offered for the wreckers has aroused the police at all points along the line. The train was wrecked at the crossing of the road between Albany and Poughkeepsie. Every foot of the track between the wreck and the point is guarded by Pinkerton men, who are on the lookout for obstructions.

THROUGH A WEAK BRIDGE. Disastrous Freight Wreck on the Richmond & Danville.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Sept. 6.—The engine and thirty-six cars of a north-bound freight train on the Richmond & Danville railroad went through a bridge over the Salisbury river last night. The caboose was saved, and conductor Scott unscathed. It just in time to prevent its going down with the rest of the train. The engine was slightly hurt. Brakeman Arlington went down on a car, but came to the surface of the water. The loss to the company is estimated at \$100,000, and it is not known how long it will take the road over experienced.

IT WAS HIS DAY. Policeman Sweeney, Crazy Drunk, Fires Into a Crowd.

NEW YORK, Sept. 6.—Bleecker street was crowded with pedestrians at 1 p. m. today when Policeman Edward J. Sweeney, crazy drunk, ran out of the barroom of the Madeira house and sent five bullets in succession into the throng of people. People fled in all directions, and the policeman was taken to St. Vincent's hospital. A policeman ran up and Sweeney, turning hastily to flee, fell heavily and broke his leg. The policeman was taken to the hospital prisoner. It was Sweeney's day off. He went to the Madeira hotel to find his revolver and attached a mirror and shattered it. He then rushed into the street and fired at random in his crazy fit.

Sash Factory and Foundry Gone. PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 6.—Nicholas F. Hoffman & Co.'s sash factory, at 1414 Wood street, was totally destroyed by fire last night. The main hall was badly damaged, the rear portion of the three dwellings, Nos. 1416, 1418 and 1420 Wood street were burned, and the rear portion of Charles E. Scull's iron foundry, at Fifteenth and Wood streets, was also destroyed. The loss to Hoffman & Co. is estimated at \$40,000. All is covered by insurance.

Yelled at Every Stroke. TORONTO, Ont., Sept. 6.—William J. McLeod, who was sentenced to forty lashes to be given in two installments, and two years' imprisonment for criminally assaulting a little girl, received the first installment of the "cat" today. He took his punishment bravely, yelling for mercy at every stroke.

Seventeen Hundred Short. CONCORDIA, Kan., Sept. 6.—The investigation committee appointed to investigate the defalcation of W. B. Harvey, city clerk of this city, has disclosed a shortage of \$1,700 so far. It is expected to reach \$2,000. Another city officer is implicated in the report.

Coolican and Paramour Indicted. BOSTON, Sept. 6.—The grand jury for the September term of the superior court today returned indictments against James Coolican, of Chicago, and Mattie Stevens, of Milwaukee, who were arrested at the Quincy house recently under alleged compromising circumstances.

LOOKS LIKE THE LAKE FRONT

The World's Fair May Be Held There After All.

CHICAGO, Sept. 6.—It now looks as though the major part of the world's fair may be held on the lake front after all. Heretofore the difficulties in the way of an agreement being reached between the exposition directors and the Illinois Central railroad people have seemed insuperable. These in the opinion of some of the directors have been overcome at last. The Illinois Central officials have sent to the committee on grounds and buildings a letter in which the company agrees practically to all the conditions laid down at the meeting of the committee. In this note, on which it is understood the Central people are all agreed, the company consents to the use of the lake front east of the city for the purpose of the fair, and agrees to the piling and filling in of the lake and to a satisfactory arrangement of the lake front on the east of the city. It is further stipulated that should the supreme court decide the suit before it regarding the lake front and riparian rights in favor of the company the latter will reimburse the exposition company for the cost of the work. In such a case the company will give the exposition corporation the use of the ground rent free and to allow on \$500,000, no part of which will be applied for the removal of the buildings.

Nearly a Million Paid In. Speaking on the subject of sensational reports and unfounded charges bearing on the financial status of the world's fair organization, Treasurer Seeger stated today that not only was the first \$500,000 of stock fully subscribed, but the surplus of these securities was \$1,000,000. He also stated that the original subscription which has covered all the expenses of the fair, including the cost of the North side site. It is confidently expected that when work is actually commenced, a large proportion, if not all of the \$5,000,000 will be paid in. Of the first \$5,000,000 over \$800,000 have been paid in, and on account of the second \$5,000,000 over \$200,000 have been paid in, and there still remain \$3,000,000 to be raised. The treasurer expected that when work is actually commenced, a large proportion, if not all of the \$5,000,000 will be paid in. Of the first \$5,000,000 over \$800,000 have been paid in, and on account of the second \$5,000,000 over \$200,000 have been paid in, and there still remain \$3,000,000 to be raised. The treasurer expected that when work is actually commenced, a large proportion, if not all of the \$5,000,000 will be paid in. Of the first \$5,000,000 over \$800,000 have been paid in, and on account of the second \$5,000,000 over \$200,000 have been paid in, and there still remain \$3,000,000 to be raised.

BEN GOES TO A DANCE. The Harrisons Attend a Saturday Evening Hop.

CRESSON SPRINGS, Sept. 6.—After dinner on Saturday evening Sept. 6, partially cleared up, the president, accompanied by his niece, Mrs. Dimmick, went for a walk to the celebrated Iron spring, and spent about two hours rambling among the picturesque spots about in this vicinity. Mrs. H. Darlington, of Pittsburg, gave an informal tea this afternoon in honor of Mrs. Harrison. Over nine-tenths of the first \$5,000,000 subscribed for by substantial business men, firms and corporations, who have, as yet, not made any payment, promptly received the outside delegates early Monday morning. Gen. R. W. Johnson was elected chairman of the committee.

EXPECTS TO BE ELECTED. Autocrat Reed Closes His Campaign With a Whoop.

PORTLAND, Me., Sept. 6.—The campaign in Speaker Reed's district closed this evening when more than 3,000 attended a mass meeting in City hall, under the auspices of the Young Men's Republican club, whose banner hung above the platform, where sat seventy-five members. President Walter C. Emerson, editor of the Portland Evening Charge, Mr. Reed's entrance with Maj. McKinley was greeted with long applause, and cheers by the audience, which was largely made up of enthusiastic than any other during the campaign. He was introduced by Mr. Emerson. He referred to the fact that he was compelled to abandon the contemplated visit to Toledo, O., on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Society of the Army of the Cumberland.

THE SWEDISH MISSION MAY FOUND A UNIVERSITY. GALESBURG, Ill., Sept. 6.—The vital question before the convention of the Swedish Mission union is whether it shall found a university of its own or continue to educate the young men of the Swedish department of the Chicago Theological seminary. Thirty-nine of its young men are now taking the course in the latter institution. The union was organized in 1852, and has since that time shown the sentiment about evenly divided. Rev. C. A. Bjork, president of the union, was authorized to travel the whole year through this country in the interests of the denomination. Rev. J. A. Hultman and Rev. F. M. Johnson were chosen to evangelistic work. The reports show the mission church generally to be in a flourishing condition.

DEATH OF A FAMOUS JURIST. BALTIMORE, Md., Sept. 6.—George William Brown, an eminent jurist, ex-chief judge of the supreme bench of Baltimore, seventy-five years old, died today in Mohawk, N. Y. Mr. Brown was mayor of Baltimore during the time of the Massachusetts regiment's

ALL FOR THE MAYOR

Ramsey County Democrats Declare for Hon. R. A. Smith for Governor.

Judge Flandrau Will Present His Name to the State Convention.

Gen. R. W. Johnson Chosen Chairman of Ramsey's Delegates.

Hon. John W. Willis to Be Presented for the Temporary Chairmanship.

Ramsey county will present the name of Mayor Robert A. Smith to the Democratic state convention as her candidate for the nomination for governor of Minnesota next Tuesday. This was decided upon at a target attended meeting of the fifty-eight delegates who will represent this county in the state convention. The meeting was held in the municipal court room at 7:30 last evening and promptly organized by the election of Gen. R. W. Johnson as chairman and George H. Allen as secretary. An informal ballot was taken to allow the delegates to express their choice in the matter of candidates for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination. Judge William Flandrau was selected to present the name of Mayor Robert A. Smith to the convention, and George H. Allen, Dan Aberle and Robert B. Hires were named as delegates to the convention. The meeting was held in the municipal court room at 7:30 last evening and promptly organized by the election of Gen. R. W. Johnson as chairman and George H. Allen as secretary. An informal ballot was taken to allow the delegates to express their choice in the matter of candidates for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination. Judge William Flandrau was selected to present the name of Mayor Robert A. Smith to the convention, and George H. Allen, Dan Aberle and Robert B. Hires were named as delegates to the convention. The meeting was held in the municipal court room at 7:30 last evening and promptly organized by the election of Gen. R. W. Johnson as chairman and George H. Allen as secretary. An informal ballot was taken to allow the delegates to express their choice in the matter of candidates for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination. Judge William Flandrau was selected to present the name of Mayor Robert A. Smith to the convention, and George H. Allen, Dan Aberle and Robert B. Hires were named as delegates to the convention.

INSTRUCTED TO SUPPORT SWEENEY. MASON CITY, Ia., Sept. 6.—A Republican county convention was held here today to select delegates to the congressional convention to be held at New Hampton on the 18th inst. The delegates were instructed to vote for J. H. Sweeney for congressman.

ST. LOUIS ALLIANCE IN LINE. DULUTH, Minn., Sept. 6.—The Alliance county and Fifth district convention was held here this afternoon and night. The delegates were instructed to vote for J. H. Sweeney for congressman.

ENGLAND'S PARLIAMENT WILL REOPEN IN NOVEMBER. LONDON, Sept. 6.—There is no doubt at all that present the government will adhere to the resolve to call parliament together in November, and Conservative members, who have made private inquiries during the past week on the subject in the hope that there might after all be a chance of the extension of the holidays, have been positively told that any modification of the ministerial plan is out of the question. At present the government does not appear to anticipate that there will be any serious party fighting before Christmas, and no difficulties will be met by the first meeting of the session. As it so happens, however, the members who seem most desirous for a long Christmas holiday are the Unionists, and they cannot hope for pairs. The explanation in official quarters is that the Christmas holiday will extend from about the 18th of December to the beginning of the second week in January, an arrangement which will give members who wish to so spend a week or two in the Riviera. A great deal will depend, however, on the manner in which the government intend to proceed. The certainty that this will be the case is one of the reasons why the difficulty is found among the Conservative members in believing that Mr. Smith will really resume his duties as far as the treasury is known that the first lord of the treasury is of the opinion that the house of commons cannot well be forced; but it is equally well known that the chief of his colleagues take a different view, and believe that the disappointments of the session have been in a large degree due to a too sparing use of the whip in the management of the house. Next session the disciples of "thoroughness" will be expected to have their whip until at all events their views have been tested.

WHISTLER ON HIS MUSCLE. THE FAMOUS ARTIST CAMES A LONDON JOURNALIST.

LONDON, Sept. 6.—Harris and Pettit's new play "A Million of Money," which was successfully at the Lyceum theatre to-night. During an "entr'acte" Mr. Whistler, the artist, met the actor Moore, editor of the "Lancet," in the lobby, chastised him with a cane until bystanders interfered. When the men had separated Mr. Moore declared that he had been ordered to go behind. To this Mr. Whistler replied, coolly, "So does Hawk." Whistler's "entr'acte" was a good service to Moore's face. According to an account of the scuffle, Moore knocked Whistler down after receiving a blow from the latter's cane. It is said that Hawk recently printed an article reflecting upon a distinguished deceased friend of Whistler's, subsequently Horace Lingham questioned Moore about this article in Hawk, and another fighting and wrestling scene ensued.

INDICTED FOR KILLING HIS BROTHER. DOVER, N. H., Sept. 6.—The grand jury for Stratford county this morning reported among other indictments, the following: The state vs. Isaac B. Sawtelle, indicted for murder in the first degree in this state; second count, as accessory before the fact of the murder of Isaac B. Sawtelle, committed in the state of Maine, by some person to the jury unknown; third count, as accessory before the fact of the murder of Isaac B. Sawtelle, committed in the state of Maine, by some person to the jury unknown.

TWO DEAD AND ONE DYING. LEXINGTON, Mo., Sept. 6.—A Missouri Pacific passenger train this afternoon ran into a passenger car which was being run upon the main track. There were but a few passengers in the car, which was nearly totally demolished. William Whitsett, of this city, was killed outright. Mrs. Law, also of this city, was fatally injured, and her baby was instantly killed. F. M. Andrews, F. Slingerland, O. Phillips, H. C. Rand.

SIXTY THOUSAND TOLLERS IN LINE. LIVERMORE, Sept. 6.—The number of men participating in the labor parade this afternoon, on the occasion of the close of the trades-unions' congress, is estimated at 60,000.