

VICTIMS WERE ROASTED ALIVE IN BIG WRECK

Fifty Persons Lost Their Lives In Collision On the Denver & Rio Grande R. R., Near Portland, Colorado, Last Night.

FEW OF PASSENGERS ESCAPED DEATH

In the Midst of the Wreckage Gas Tanks Blew Up and Flames Broke Out, Making Terrible Scenes--No Help Was Near.

Pueblo, Colo., March 16.--A head-on collision of passenger trains on the Denver and Rio Grande railroad near Portland, Colo., shortly after midnight, resulted in scores of lives being lost.

Denver, March 16.--The latest reports from the wreck on the Denver & Rio Grande railroad near Portland, Colo., this morning, say that between forty and fifty were killed or roasted alive.

Both the engineers and one fireman were killed, one fireman escaping by jumping, although he was badly hurt.

Express Messenger McCarland was caught under the wreckage and was burned to death, while a number of persons attempted to stop the flames by throwing snow on him.

A dozen of the injured were rushed to Pueblo on a relief train. The scenes at the wreck after the cars began to burn were too horrible to describe.

One man, who was badly hurt, was pinioned under an iron rod. He begged for help, but when the flames reached him he said to his rescuers:

"I am too badly hurt to want to live. Save yourselves and let me die." A man and wife were trying to get out of a car window when an iron rod caught them.

Another man begged to be taken from the wreckage. When his rescuers took hold of his hands all the flesh came from the bones. He burned a moment later.

A majority of the dead were passengers in the forward coaches of train No. 5. How many met their fate will never be known.

This car, together with ten others, was entirely consumed. Every person killed in the wreck was partially or wholly roasted.

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New York, March 16.--The alleged plot to assassinate the Rev. Dr. Charles Parkhurst, the noted divine and reformer, was all a hoax, according to a confession made yesterday by Lawrence Rogers, the man who told the story.

According to the story upon which proceedings were begun, Rogers, a former prison guard, alleged that he had been approached with an offer of \$500 if he would plot to assassinate Dr. Parkhurst.

When Rogers was taken into court yesterday to testify against two policemen who had been named in his story, he made the confession.

And Called New York Life Trustees Curs and Traitors.

Albany, N. Y., March 16.--Andrew Hamilton appeared before the insurance investigating committee yesterday afternoon after the silence which he has maintained (except for his statement brought from Paris by John C. McCall) ever since his name was first mentioned during the investigation.

Prominent Milton Man. Ted P. Clark Died Today at Age of 80 Years.

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Yarn Mill Destroyed. Franklin, Mass., March 16.--The mill of the Franklin Yarn company here was destroyed by fire last night.

In the "Twilizer." First Lady--And is this the first time you've been in Paris? Oh, dear, no; I'm quite a Parisienne--London Sketch.

WONT ACCEPT JUDGESHIP

Secretary Taft Rejects President's Offer

ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY

Returned to Washington Last Night After Conference With Hos Brothers--President Will Take Time Now.

Washington, D. C., March 16.--Secretary Taft has declined the proffer of a place on the United States Supreme court bench.

VOTED TO OUST PRESIDENT DOLAN

International Executive Board of the United Mine Workers Had a Heated Session of Three Hours Last Night.

Indianapolis, March 16.--The international executive board of the United Mine Workers of America last night followed a session of the national convention approved the findings of President Mitchell in the ousting of Patrick Dolan from the presidency of district number five, western Pennsylvania.

After a heated session lasting three hours behind closed doors, in which Dolan's claims were argued by himself and by Uriah Bellingham, vice president of the district who was also ousted from his office, the board voted unanimously to sustain the action of the president and the district convention.

Trooper Shot in Hand. Sergeant Davis of Fort Ethan Allen Expected to Recover.

Burlington, March 16.--Sergeant John E. Davis, Troop G, at Fort Ethan Allen, was the victim of a painful accident yesterday.

Saw Body Hanging. Soldier Awoke in Time to Prevent a Suicide.

Fort Ethan Allen, March 16.--The prompt action of Louis Berger, formerly a corporal in Troop G, now in the guard house, saved the life of Thomas A. Gillis, late quartermaster sergeant, Troop F, who was arrested at Bellows Falls on March 8, by the military authorities on charges of desertion, larceny and irregularity in his accounts.

Requisition Refused. Colorado Governor Declines to Honor Massachusetts Request.

Denver, Col., March 16.--Governor McDonald yesterday refused the requisition from the governor of Massachusetts for Mrs. Isabel Fenwick, charged with kidnapping her niece, Reita Sully, from the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Bishop of Malden, Mass.

Woman Burned to Death. Body Found in Ruins at Stonington, Conn.

Stonington, Conn., March 16.--The residence of Mrs. William C. Ide, aged 72 years, was burned to the ground yesterday, and Mrs. Ide's body was found in the ruins burned almost to a crisp.

Prominent Polo Player Dead. Lawrence, Mass., March 16.--Esmund H. Davis, a well known polo player, died this morning as the result of accidental poisoning.

FRISKY RUBE "VICKERS" GETS WORDY BUMPS

Secretary of Connecticut Base Ball League Explains Why ex-Burlington Pitcher Is Placed on the Blacklist.

Holyoke, Mass., March 16.--Secretary James H. O'Rourke of the Connecticut league has offered his explanation for the blacklisting of "Rube" Vickers, and he does not hesitate a minute to condemn the capers of the frisky "Rube."

Following is what Secretary O'Rourke has to say regarding the Vickers matter: "Rube" Vickers signed a contract with Holyoke for the season of 1905, played part of the season, jumped to Burlington, Vt., and returned later to the Holyoke club.

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Now the Bank Is Sued--Motion Yesterday to Have Case Continued as Lowe Cannot Be Located.

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APPOINTMENTS NEXT WEEK.

Mayor Barclay Will Try to Complete List Tuesday.

Since entering upon his third term of office Mayor Barclay has given almost all of his time to city affairs, leaving the management of his granite interests to his two sons, William, Jr., and Douglas. For the first time since the city was organized the room marked "Mayor's Office" in the City Hall, is occupied nearly all the day.

The Mayor stated today that he will present the remainder of his appointments to the board of aldermen next Tuesday evening, including those of assessor and city engineer, which were last meeting. The position of assessor is troubling him the most as he realizes that it will take a strong man this year and he thought he had a strong one in H. W. Scott, whom the aldermen rejected. On Monday evening there will be a special city council meeting to hear the report of the committee on salaries.

FINED ON OLD CASE.

A. Scampini and C. Zanleoni, Former Licensees, in County Court.

In Washington county court at Montpelier yesterday afternoon, two old Barre cases against Charles Zanleoni and Angelo Scampini were resurrected and disposed of. Attorney General Fitts appearing in behalf of the state in place of State's Attorney Jackson, who was disqualified to appear through a former connection with the cases, Zanleoni and Scampini took out wholesalers' licenses to sell liquor and began selling by the small quantities as well as large. This was held to be an infringement on the second class license. Yesterday afternoon the men pleaded guilty to selling contrary to their license, and the fine of \$300 was imposed.

WILL NOT RECOMMEND SUCCESSOR TO ALLEN

Central Labor Union Executive Committee Will Not Ask Mayor Barclay to Name a Man of Their Choice.

A committee from the Central Labor union met last evening and discussed the matter of recommending to Mayor Barclay whom they thought best qualified to have the mayor appoint for first constable to fill the vacancy in that office on account of C. J. Allen having decided not to qualify for the office. The committee decided, however, that as a committee they would not recommend anyone.

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CAUSE OF DEATH IS PUZZLING

Fred Batchelder Died Today After Short Illness

HIS ROOMMATE ALSO ILL

It Is Thought That They Were Poisoned by Eating Candy--Relatives of Deceased Called for Autopsy.

From a cause which is yet to be determined and with symptoms which were unusual, Fred Batchelder, a young man rooming at 31 Jefferson street, died this morning after being ill less than 40 hours. His roommate, Roy Sykes, went Wednesday to his home in Windsor, suffering from the same trouble. A post-mortem will be held this afternoon on the body of Batchelder. It is thought that both young men were poisoned by candy, as it was known that both had eaten a quantity of it. Mr. Sykes is recovering from his attack and will return to Barre Monday.

Batchelder first complained of not feeling well when he returned from Montpelier Wednesday evening. During the night he was taken very ill and called to Roy Mullen, a trained nurse, who roomed next to Mr. Batchelder. Mr. Mullen found the young man suffering apparently from acute indigestion, and he did all he could for him. Dr. Lazelle was summoned, but was unable to come some time. When he arrived he did not think that Batchelder was in a very serious condition.

During Wednesday night and yesterday the patient had several violent fits of vomiting, throwing off a greenish substance, and being in great pain. Dr. Lazelle called this morning at seven o'clock, and at that time he was asked to indicate a serious change for the worse. Yet within three-quarters of an hour he died. The nurse started to lift him and the man passed away in his arms.

At seven o'clock the relatives of the young man, who reside in Plainfield, were notified by the illness and called to come to Barre. A short time later a telephone message reached them that death had ensued. It was a very great shock to them, as the first message was the first intelligence they had received of the sickness. Two brothers, Aldo and Henry, arrived at nine o'clock and decided to have an autopsy performed to determine the cause. Besides the two brothers the deceased is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Batchelder, and a sister, Alice, all of whom reside in Plainfield. The deceased was 21 years of age.

The young man came to Barre several years ago and followed his occupation of plumber. He then went to Northfield and on returning to Barre entered the employ of C. W. Averill & Co., for whom he was working at the time of his death. He was a member of the plumbers' union and of the Pleasant Valley Lodge, Odd Fellows, of Plainfield, and attended the Baptist church in this city.

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