

RIVER TOWBOAT BLOWS UP, KILLING SIXTEEN MEN

Fearful Disaster on the Fred Wilson at Louisville.

ENTIRELY DESTROYED

All But One of the Dead Members of the Crew.

Louisville, Ky., May 26.—Thirteen persons were killed, three fatally injured and five hurt by an explosion of boilers which totally demolished the towboat Fred Wilson today.

The dead include Capt. Joseph Price, the pilot, steward, second engineer, first cook and an unknown passenger from Pittsburgh.

Had Just Arrived. The Wilson had just arrived from Pittsburgh and was about to tie up when the explosion occurred. The cause is unknown.

The unknown passenger proved to be William Holland, of Bradlock, Pa., a business man and the guest of the captain.

THUG SHOTS TWO IN PENITENTIARY

Then Kills Himself—No One Knows Cause of the Tragedy.

Columbus, O., May 26.—Frank Green, a convict at the Ohio penitentiary, is dead; Henry Gearhart, a guard from Lawrence county, is dying, and Albert Hubler, another guard, from Summit county, is suffering severe injury as the result of a tragedy at the prison. The shooting was all done by Green, the convict, who shot the two guards, and then committed suicide.

Green was a desperate character, having been sent up for participation in the Somerset bank robbery a few years ago. Gearhart is shot through both lungs, and cannot live long. Guard Hubler is shot in the arm and will recover. No one knows the cause of the tragedy or where Green procured the revolver. He laid in wait for the men and without a word or without any trouble or fight began to fire.

INDICT PRESIDENT OF STORM LAKE BANK

W. E. Brown Accused of Embezzling \$74,000 and Making False Reports.

Sioux City, Iowa, May 26.—W. E. Brown, president of the failed First National bank of Storm Lake, has been indicted upon two counts by the federal grand jury, which charges the embezzlement of \$74,000 of the bank's funds and making false and fraudulent reports to the comptroller of the currency concerning the condition of the bank.

SNOWSTORM GENERAL THROUGHOUT MONTANA

Helena, Mont., May 26.—The snowstorm which began in the morning lasted twelve hours and was general over Montana and the northwest territories. The snowfall ranged from one to six inches and the lowest temperature was 27 degrees at Marysville. The moisture will prove of great benefit, as the ground was very dry. Sheep men do not report any loss.

POSTOFFICE TO ELIMINATE NEWSPAPER MEDICINE ADS

Washington, May 26.—In connection with the decision of the postoffice department to take steps to eliminate objectionable patent medicine and other objectionable advertisements from the newspapers it is stated that all these cases will be taken up individually on their merits.

NO CORRESPONDENTS WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE FRONT

Washington, May 26.—The secretary of state has received the following cablegram from Ambassador McCormick at St. Petersburg: "I am informed by the foreign office that foreign correspondents will not be admitted to the front, by order of the general commanding. They remain at Mukden or New Chwang."

TRUESDALE TALKS

Feature of the Day's Work at the Investigation of the Anthracite Trust.

SAYS THERE WAS NO COMBINE

Prices, However, Were Informally Talked Over, and Were Generally Uniform to Consumers.

New York, May 26.—After a number of contracts had been produced the interstate commerce commission, which is investigating the alleged anthracite coal combine, called President Truesdale, of the Lackawanna system, to the stand. He said the price of Lackawanna coal at tidewater was fixed by the officers of the company under his general direction. There was no agreement as to price circulars, and the fact that prices were uniform he explained by saying that one company would follow the lead of another as a question of policy.

Declares There's No Agreement. Truesdale said the prices and discounts were determined in advance of the issuing of the circulars by the various companies, but insisted they were not determined by formal agreements. He said he had discussed coal prices informally with President Baer, of the Reading, and President Thomas, of the Lehigh Valley. He said that prior to the 1904 price schedule he had talked with officials of other roads about prices for the year, but there was no agreement and no understanding, moral or otherwise.

Explanation of a Discrepancy. Asked how it was that if there was a Lackawanna dividend of 7 per cent. last year it is necessary to make an average increase of 50 cents a ton for coal this year, President Truesdale said: "Conditions of other business as well as our own affect the price of coal. I cannot go into details, but the conditions in a comparative sense are the same as might affect prices in other lines."

Can Carry Some Coal at a Loss.

President Truesdale said it was true that at a basis price of \$4.00 for coal at tidewater, as prevails today, with a provision in the selling contract for 65 per cent. of the selling proceeds to go to the operator, his road handled coal from the independent colliers at a loss. He explained, however, that the tonnage involved represented but a small proportion of the Lackawanna road's tonnage. Coal might at times be carried at a loss to preserve the railroad's established tonnage, or to meet existing conditions of trade.

Denies the No Competition Charge.

He denied that there was no actual competition where the circular prices are maintained. There is competition for producing fields, sales fields, and for other advantages, he said. After Theodore Vrooman, first vice president of the Philadelphia and Reading, had been questioned briefly regarding the cost of operation the commission adjourned for the day.

HAYTIANS DO NOT LIKE FOREIGNERS

Placards Posted Denouncing Them Without Regard to Nationality.

Washington, May 26.—The situation politically in Haiti is undoubtedly bad, according to reports received at the state department. It is said that the animosity against foreigners, almost without regard to nationality, is steadily increasing, and the last advices are that in many places throughout the republic placards have been posted denouncing foreigners.

While the reports give no specific reasons for the development of this anti-foreign feeling it is supposed here to be the result of some of the disciplinary measures threatened by the German fleet recently in connection with the imprisonment in Port au Prince of foreign officials of the Haitian National bank on charges of unlawful practices.

YOUNG SOLDIER WEDDED

TO HIS DYING SWEETHEART

Bay City, Mich., May 26.—Mrs. Ida Reincke, aged 19, a bride of but a few months, is dead at her home here. Corporal Herman Reincke served three years with the Twenty-third United States infantry in the Philippines. At the expiration of his term of service he returned to his native city and took up the duties of a civilian. He was engaged to a young lady of this city, and although the young man was reaching out for the bright young life, the lovers were married and the young soldier remained faithful to the end.

CORTELYOU OUT ON TRIP

TO INSPECT DEPARTMENT

Washington, May 26.—Secretary Cortelyou, of the department of commerce and labor, accompanied by Frank E. Sargent, commissioner general of immigration, has left for New York on a trip of inspection of various bureaus of the department.

FIGHTING AT PORT ARTHUR

Sanguinary Battle on the Neck of Peninsula Yesterday.

TAKE ANOTHER TOWN

Japs Appear to Be Slowly Pushing Russians Back.

London, May 26.—A Central News Tokyo dispatch says the Japanese attacked Nan Qwan Ling, on the narrowest part of Kwan Tung peninsula yesterday and drove back the Russians by main force. The dispatch adds the attack on Kin Chou was begun at dawn today and by noon Kin Chou was in the hands of the Japanese, who occupied the castle. Fighting of a most desperate character continued during the afternoon. It is believed the casualties are heavy.

Driven From Second Position.

After the occupation of Kin Chou the Russians retired in good order to the heights further south, which were attacked by the full Japanese force and carried after a stubborn resistance.

Hear of Severe Fighting.

St. Petersburg, May 26.—The war office is inclined to believe severe fighting is in progress in the southern part of the Liau Tung peninsula above the narrowest point.

Are Near Port Arthur.

Chefoo, May 26.—A rumor is current here among the Chinese that the Japanese are within 10 miles of Port Arthur.

Japs Take a Town.

London, May 26.—A Central News Tokyo dispatch says the Japanese have stormed and captured the town of Kin Chou, 32 miles north of Port Arthur.

Alexieff Hears of It.

St. Petersburg, May 26.—Viceroy Alexieff reports an unconfirmed rumor is current that Port Arthur was bombarded May 24.

Fine Hospital Train Leaves.

St. Petersburg, May 26.—The finest hospital train ever constructed, equipped with every appliance and adjuncts for the care and comfort of the ill and wounded, started for the east today. The express not only furnished the entire train, which consists of two sections, but has given \$500 monthly for purchasing delicacies for the sick.

Loss Was Not Reported.

Details of the official report of Viceroy Alexieff of the torpedo boat destroyer light March 9, in which the Stereguchy Chui was sunk by Japanese cruisers, positively and officially affirm on the next day a Japanese torpedo boat was sunk by a torpedo. The loss of the latter has not been admitted by the Japanese.

Hear Firing at Port Arthur.

Chefoo, May 26.—Heavy firing was heard in the direction of Port Arthur Tuesday, indicating that the land attack had begun, as the Chinese fleet was not thought to leave Port Arthur. This may be a mistake, however, as a Frenchman who left Dalny the night of the 22nd has arrived here, and says that eight large warships circled before the entrance of Port Arthur harbor for one hour, firing broadsides at intervals of 10 minutes. He also says that the attempt made about a fortnight ago to destroy the docks and piers at Dalny was not successful. The Japanese are in force at Pitsevo and Kin-Chou, and are ready to march down either side of the peninsula toward Port Arthur.

Kuropatkin Makes His Report.

St. Petersburg, May 26.—Emperor Nicholas has received the following telegram from General Kuropatkin, dated May 24. "There has been no change in the general situation in the direction of Feng-Wang-Cheng or the gulf of Liau-Tung with regard to the position of the enemy. It is established that 40,000 Japanese troops have been concentrated at Feng-Wang-Cheng, and that there are four-line regiments and fifty guns at Pian-Min. The advance of small detachments of Japanese towards Sin-Yen has been observed. It was carried out very slowly and with great precaution."

Another Japanese Advance Noted.

"A force of 3,000, including infantry of the line and guards and."

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TEN MEN VICTIMS

Fatalities From an Unusual Cause in Pennsylvania Mine.

LOCOMOTIVE GAS IS DEADLY

Fifty Others Taken Out Unconscious, But All Will be Saved.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., May 26.—A telegram received at the Susquehanna Coal company's offices in this city states that ten miners were suffocated by gas and sulphur fumes from a small locomotive in a tunnel of the Summit Branch Coal company at Williamstown, Dauphin county. The tunnel is one mile in length and is used by the coal company to convey the coal mined in the workings in the Bear valley to the breaker in the Williams valley. The men who were the victims include General Inside Foreman Golden, and about fifty miners.

Engineer Notified.

About half way through the tunnel some of the men attracted the engineer's attention, and he stopped the train to find that nearly every man in the party was overcome by the gas that came from the tunnel of the engine, something that never happened before, and the mine managers cannot account for it, as the tunnel is so well ventilated that there is a strong current of air through it all the time.

Doctors were summoned and it was found that ten men had been killed by the fumes. These are: Michael Golden, general inside foreman; Geo. Raldis, master mechanic; John Kurney, Joseph Punch, Enoch Morgan, Albert Nau, Ired James, Adam Scoppeheimer, John Fredenich and Samuel Fredenich.

BISHOP FORCED TO ACCEPT MORE

Chicago Episcopalians Vote Salary Increase Despite Protest.

Chicago, May 26.—Delegates to the sixty-seventh annual convention of the Chicago diocese of the Episcopal church who have been in session two days at 88, Peter and Paul, Washington boulevard and Peoria street, have finished their business and adjourned. The convention adopted a coat-of-arms and an official seal for the diocese. The salary of Bishop Conductor C. P. Anderson was increased from \$5,000 to \$6,000 a year.

Bishop Conductor Anderson protested against the proposed increase. The convention ignored the protest. For the first time in several years the committee on legislation recommended no changes in the canons of the church. The afternoon session of the convention was given up to the election of officers and delegates to the national convention.

SUN WORSHIP FAST RESULTED IN DEATH

Eloise Reusse Expires in Elgin Hospital—Tortured With Lotus Oil.

Chicago, May 16.—Eloise Reusse, of St. Paul, Minn., who became insane here while undergoing the ordeal of the so-called "sun worship fast," is dead in a hospital for the insane at Elgin. Superintendent Whitman says death was due to acute mania induced by starvation during a fast which lasted 41 days. Deceased is said by the hospital authorities to have been subjected to torture by means of needles and the application of lotus oil.

ALLEGED IOWA FORGER ARRESTED IN THE WEST

Everett, Wash., May 26.—W. T. Allen, a sewing machine agent, is under arrest here charged with forgery at Oskaloosa, Ia. Allen admitted forging notes to the amount of \$7,500. He says he dabbled in stocks and forged to make good his losses.

FEARS TO JUMP FROM UPPER STORY AND IS BURNED

Greenwood, S. C., May 26.—Fire which started in the Central hotel caused the death of Mrs. Anna Moseley, the proprietress of the hotel. She feared to jump, and was burned to death. Eighteen stores and the First National bank were burned. The loss is \$125,000; insurance, \$75,000.

WARSHIPS ARRIVE AT AZORES: ONE TO BE SENT TO TANGIER

Washington, May 26.—Rear Admiral Barker has reported the arrival of the Warsage, Alabama, Maine and Iowa at Horta, Azores. One of these vessels will probably be ordered to Tangier in connection with the kidnapping of the American, Perdicari.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY DEMOCRATS SOUND THE KNELL OF LOONEYISM

Self-Styled Leader Beaten at Every Turn in Effort to Run Today's Convention.

COMMITTEE 32 TO 13 AGAINST HIM

Meeting in Progress at Turner Hall One of the Most Harmonious Ever Held Here.

The Rock Island county democratic convention was called to order at 2:50 o'clock this afternoon by Chairman J. P. Sexton.

On motion of H. A. Barnard, of Moline, the reading of the call was suspended, and J. W. Cavanaugh, of Rock Island, was elected unanimously for temporary chairman. Andrew Olson, of Moline, was chosen for temporary secretary.

The chairman was instructed, on motion of E. C. Berry, of Rock Island, to appoint four committees, on credentials, resolutions, permanent organization and selection of delegates to the state convention. Following were the committees appointed:

Resolutions—F. W. Colkins, W. H. Lamont, E. C. Berry, Rock Island; A. Barnard, S. E. Hicks, Fritz Muench, Moline; John Schaffer, John Vandeburgh, William Coyle, country.

Permanent organization—Carl Naab, P. J. Lee, Robert Kuschmann, Rock Island; C. S. Trevor, G. W. Delaney, W. R. Moore, Moline; Andrew Donaldson, S. L. Woodburn, James Baker, country.

Credentials—Frank Blochinger, S. R. Kenworthy, J. E. Larkin, Rock Island; C. C. Coyne, M. W. Battles, E. H. Putnam, Moline; E. L. Marston, C. C. Swisher, T. E. Cole, country.

Naming of delegates to state convention—John P. Sexton (Fourth ward), Louis Funkenstein, C. C. Wilson, Rock Island; Charles Paul, Benton Davis, Andrew Olson, Moline; Cornelius Donovan, J. H. Foster, D. W. Matthews, country.

Credentials Presented. It was ordered, on motion of T. J. Medill, of Rock Island, that the credentials committee as the name of each precinct chairman was called by the secretary of the convention.

The committee on credentials reported recommending that in Rock Island the delegates selected at the primaries held last Tuesday be seated. There were two contests before the committee, there being two delegations from the Second and Fourth wards in Moline. It was recommended that the Second contesting delegation headed by F. E. Samuels and the regular caucus delegation headed by M. J. McEniry be seated. There was a minority report for the seating of the delegation from the Second ward, Moline, headed by Patrick Mullane. The majority report of the credentials committee was adopted on motion of T. J. Medill, of Rock Island.

The temporary organization was made permanent, W. R. Moore, of Moline, putting the motion.

Resolutions Adopted.

The report of the resolutions committee was read by Secretary Stauduhar, and was adopted, as follows:

We, the democrats of Rock Island county, in delegate convention assembled, renew our allegiance to the principles of government laid down by Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson, and other great fathers of democracy. We view with alarm the encroachments of the trusts under the protection and patronage of the republican administration, and believe that the time has come for a decisive national battle with these unlawful combinations that arrest the spread of real prosperity.

Recognizing in Congressman William Randolph Hearst, of New York, the qualities of a great leader, and because of his unceasing warfare in his newspapers and in congress against the aggressions of criminal trusts we see in him the most available democratic candidate for president and the man around whose standard all democrats can unite. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the delegates to the state convention from Rock Island county be and are hereby instructed to vote for delegates to the democratic national convention at St. Louis, pledged to the nomination of Congressman William Randolph Hearst for president of the United States.

W. W. Hurst Mentioned. Resolved, That in view of the high

compliment that has been paid Hon. E. W. Hurst, of this county, through the well defined consideration of his name by democrats in various parts of the state in connection with the office of governor of Illinois, that this convention, representative of the democracy of Rock Island county, bear testimony to the sincere pride and high appreciation that is shared by all democrats of the county, that such a distinguished honor should have been paid their fellow democrat, and believe it to be the sense of the democrats of the county that the congratulations hereby extended to their fellow democrat be accompanied by an expression of the regret that is felt that he has hesitated to cooperate with the sentiments of so many democrats.

Resolved, That the greetings of this convention be extended to the democracy of Rock Island in its successful efforts to purify the methods of conducting politics, and that it be the sense of this convention that every move whose purpose and tendency is to insure fairness in the conduct of party affairs and the elimination of all that tends to disrupt and discredit the party be approved.

The State Delegates.

The following delegates were chosen to the state convention: Ben T. Cable, J. P. Sexton (Fourth ward), W. Cavanaugh, W. H. Lamont, Louis Funkenstein, Rock Island; Benton Davis, Henry Albrecht, J. W. Day, W. R. Moore, Moline; Cornelius Donovan, South Rock Island; R. S. Woodburn, Coe; William Baker, Edgington, Al. C. Berry, Moline; E. C. Berry, Moline; George Simpson, A. C. Hanson, J. Britton, Rock Island; Carl Witt, Drury; J. R. Saddoris, Canoe Creek; William Kale, Black Hawk.

Looney Takes No Part.

Looney did not participate in the early proceedings of the convention. When he observed the manner in which events were shaping themselves he retired with a quartet of his sub-chiefs and held a council of war at his office.

CITY PRIMARIES ARE LEGALIZED.

Committee Sustains County Committee Officers in Calling New Ward Meetings.

The democratic county committee, at a meeting held this morning at the Rock Island house, by a vote of 32 to 13, sustained the action of Chairman J. P. Sexton and Secretary G. P. Stauduhar in calling primaries in the city of Rock Island last Tuesday evening for the selection of delegates to today's county convention, thereby rescinding the former call of the committee as to the city of Rock Island for the holding of caucuses.

Mr. Sexton explained that the primaries were called in response to a petition from 800 democrats in the city, representing 60 per cent of the party members here, who believed that a great many voters of the party would be disfranchised under the caucus arrangement and hence refrained from taking part in the various meetings held in the wards prior to last Tuesday. These meetings were conducted under the direction of John P. Looney. The action of the committee in sustaining the action of Chairman Sexton and Secretary Stauduhar seats the delegates elected Tuesday in this afternoon's convention from the city of Rock Island. The 13 votes cast against the motion to approve, which was made by Cornelius Donovan, of South Rock Island, represented the strength of Mr. Looney, who was supported by several of the committeemen from Moline, including W. R. Moore and Patrick Mullane.

Contest in Third Ward.

An hour of the time in which the committee was in session was occupied in setting a contest in the Third ward, from which credentials were presented by two sets of committeemen, one composed of George W. Henry, M. J. Mulcahy and John Ainsworth, and the other John Noonan, Thomas Carney and M. T. Free, the latter the Looney committeemen. It was decided to refer the question for investigation to a committee, and T.

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