

AWFUL RAIL CATASTROPHE

Collision, Boiler and Dynamite Explosion and Fire Combine to Destroy Thirty Lives and Injure a Hundred

AT HARRISBURG, ON PENNSYLVANIA

Passenger Plows Into Freight Derailed by Breaking of Air Hose and Engine and Two Carloads of Explosives Blow Up.

Harrisburg, May 11.—The second section of the Cleveland and Cincinnati westbound on the Pennsylvania railroad crashed into a wrecked freight train in the south outskirts of Harrisburg at 2 this morning, killing 20 or 30 people and injuring over 100 others.

AIR HOSE BURST.

The freight wreck was caused by the bursting of an air hose. Some of the cars fell across the passenger track, into which the passenger train plunged. The boiler of the passenger locomotive blew up. The concussion caused the immediate explosion of two cars of dynamite in the freight train.

WRECK TAKES FIVE.

The force of the collision crushed all the passenger coaches and instantly both trains were a mass of flames.

TEN MORE MAY DIE.

Of the 75 injured it is believed 10 will die, and there are many persons of prominence among the passengers. Mr. and Mrs. Tindell, the latter a daughter of Senator Knox, are hurt.

MRS. ALBERT J. BARR AND TWO DAUGHTERS.

Mrs. Albert J. Barr and two daughters, family of the editor of the Pittsburg Post, were among the slightly injured.

MANY BURNED.

The bodies of many of the dead were burned to a crisp and many identifications were almost impossible.

THROWN OUT OF BERTHS.

When the first explosion occurred bodies were thrown clear out of the berths in the sleeping cars, many landing down the railroad embankment, and some even having been hurled into the Susquehanna river.

A SPECIAL TRAIN BROUGHT THE INJURED AND DYING TO THE UNION STATION.

Many of the injured were taken to private houses.

WERE 169 PASSENGERS.

There were 169 passengers. The hospital is crowded and the hotels are being opened for the care of the injured.

TRAIN NO. 19, WHICH WAS WRECKED, WAS WESTBOUND AND WAS KNOWN AS THE CLEVELAND AND PHILADELPHIA EXPRESS.

It left Philadelphia at 11:50 Wednesday night.

OWNERS PROTEST TO THE GOVERNOR

Object to Signing Shot Firers' Bill—Say They Will Close Mines if He Does.

Springfield, Ill., May 11.—More than 100 coal operators met here yesterday to discuss the shotfirers' bill, now before Gov. Deneen for his signature. Besides this number 50 other operators were represented by proxy. The session was secret, but Herman Justi, commissioner of the Illinois Coal Operators' association, stated that a committee has been appointed to wait upon Gov. Deneen and protest against his signing the bill, claim being made that there will be a great increase in the cost of production of coal if operators are compelled to furnish shotfirers as provided under the new law. Instead of miners, as has heretofore been the case. The operators say that if the bill becomes a law it will mean the abrogation of the agreement between miners and operators signed last year for two years, and that they will close down their mines rather than to submit to the added expense.

THIS THE ROSETTI WE KNOW?

Peculiar Germans Put to Sleep for Six Hours by Hypnotism.

Peoria, Ill., May 11.—Rosetti, a French harpist and modern Svengali, worked a hypnotic spell Sunday evening, in which seven Germans, adept in music, were put into an unnatural sleep by his playing. Herman Zanders, tenor, and Herman Bauer, alto, prominent residents, fell under Rosetti's spell, who played an Italian opera, and slept for six hours.

Legislator in Bribe Charge.

Little Rock, Ark., May 11.—C. B. Andrews, representative from Nevada county in the general assembly, is in the Pulaski county jail on the charge

of bribery. Representative Simpson, of Hempstead county, alleged that on April 10 Andrews offered him \$50 for his vote on the Killough levee bill, and that Andrews accepted a bribe of \$100 for his vote on the same measure. Andrews denies the charge.

GOLD OUTPUT IS \$22,000,000

Alaska Production in the Past Winter Estimated by Assayer.

Seattle, Wash., May 11.—F. A. Wing, United States assayer, estimates from information he has received from Alaska and Northwest Territory this winter that the output of gold from the northern country this year will be \$22,000,000, if not more. From the Klondike alone Mr. Wing predicts an output of from \$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000, the rest coming from the camps on the American side.

SECOND TRIAL FOR MACHEN

Man in Penitentiary for Postal Frauds to Face Judge May 22.

Washington, D. C., May 11.—In the district criminal court yesterday Judge Wright overruled the motion of counsel for August W. Machen to quash the bench warrant issued against Machen to bring him to trial in the Crawford-Machen-Lorenz conspiracy case. Machen is at present serving a sentence in the penitentiary, but the effect of the ruling will be to bring him to Washington May 22 to stand a second trial.

Shot in Pool Game.

Pana, Ill., May 11.—Ex-Ald. Frank Peppinghaus shot and fatally wounded Frank Paus over a game of pool here. Peppinghaus surrendered.

PRESIDENT HEARS LABOR PROTEST

Expresses Regret at Language Used and Declares Law Must be Enforced.

Chicago, May 11.—The committee of labor men appointed to call on President Roosevelt and lodge with him the protest against the employment of federal troops during the present teamsters' strike, was granted an audience yesterday afternoon. Outside of the members of the committee, President Roosevelt and Secretary Loeb, no one was present during the conference. The following account of what passed in the room was given out by Secretary Loeb:

Protest is Presented.

President Shea presented the protest, accompanying it with a few words of explanation. The president read the protest at once, and then told the committee that no suggestion had come to him from any source that he should take any action. He said that he was wholly ignorant of the merits of the case and had no knowledge of what the situation is or what steps should properly be taken to end it. In view of the statements made in the letter, he regretted that it should have spoken of the use of the army as it did. He added:

No Action Demanded.

Mr. Quinn, member of the committee, who knew the president in his youth, said:

"Mr. President, what prompted us to come to you with this statement is that for the past two or three weeks there has been a continual howl for a federal army. I have known you long enough to know that you will not respond to a one-sided demand; that you will not respond until you have thoroughly investigated the case."

All Must Obey Law.

The president replied:

"Mr. Quinn, as yet the mayor of Chicago has not made any appeal to the governor, and, therefore, of course, the governor had made none to me; and as yet nothing in the situation has demanded action by me."

President Shea, by way of explanation, said that the employers had re-

TO COST \$500,000

Tomb to be Erected by Nation for McKinley Will Soon Be Begun.

ASSOCIATION HAS A MEETING

Plans Perfected for Mausoleum Resembling That of Gen. Grant.

New York, May 11.—The trustees of the McKinley National Memorial association met yesterday and approved the design for a mausoleum submitted by H. Van Burne McGonigle, consulting architect of the board. It was decided that work should be begun at once.

The body of President McKinley is in a public vault in Westlawn cemetery, at Canton. The association has purchased a tract of land adjoining the cemetery, which will be known as Monument hill. The approach to the hill, which is 74 feet high, called "The Mall," is 600 feet long and will be beautified at an expense of \$50,000. Along the middle of this mall, with a wide walk on either side, will be an artificial lake. A broad flight of steps will form a part of the mausoleum. From the foot of the hill to the top of the mausoleum the height of the stone structure will be about 175 feet.

Like That of Grant.

The mausoleum will in general resemble the tomb of Gen. Grant. The main feature will be a dome about 75 feet in diameter and 100 feet high. The structure will be of granite, but the interior will be finished in white marble. The entire cost will be \$500,000.

The committee which President Day appointed to take charge of the work includes the following: Gov. Franklin Murphy, of New Jersey; William A. Lynch, Canton; William McConway, Pittsburg; Cornelius N. Bliss, New York; E. W. Bloomingdale, New York; and Alexander H. Revell, Chicago. The president and secretary are members ex officio.

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questioned the governor to demand federal troops. Regarding mobs, Shea told the president that every act of violence reacts to the detriment of the union; that acts of violence were condemned by union officials and do not meet with the sympathy of their organization. He declared that union men want to be fair and to preserve the business interests of Chicago, realizing that the prosperity of our employers is our prosperity.

Repeated Statement.

The president said:

"Mr. Shea, I can only repeat what I have said. I am a believer in unions. I am an honorary member of one union. But the union must obey the law just as a corporation must obey the law; just as every man, rich or poor, must obey the law. As yet no action has been called for by me, and most certainly if action is called for by me I shall try to do exact justice under the law to every man, so far as I have power. But the first essential is the preservation of law and order, the suppression of violence by mobs or individuals."

"This closed the interview and the committee withdrew."

NEWSPAPER CHANGES HANDS

Swedish Tribune Transferred to Charles F. Erickson.

Chicago, May 11.—The Swedish Tribune, for many years first among the Swedish weekly newspapers of the United States, yesterday passed into the hands of Charles F. Erickson, who has purchased the property and good will from J. E. Norling for \$30,000. The sale includes the Postersland, a weekly church paper. Mr. Erickson, who is a native of Sweden, was in the business department of the Chicago Herald and since has been doing newspaper work in Omaha, Rockford and Chicago. In 1897 he went as an American commissioner to the exposition at Stockholm.

Rosseau is Sane.

New York, May 11.—Gessier Rosseau, the Chicagoan who sent an infernal machine to the Cunard dock two years ago, just before the Umbria was about to sail, is sane, according to the commission composed of former Judge D. Cady Herrick, Dr. Charles F. MacDonald and Alexander M. Hadden. Rosseau was convicted in March. He will be sentenced by Recorder Goff Monday. In his examination Rosseau said he would rather go to prison for seven years than to the asylum for life.

TOGO WAITING ABOVE FORMOSA

Japanese Commander Chooses Ground for Naval Battle.

RUSSIANS AT DISADVANTAGE

Unable to Secure Pilots Who Know Channel and May Be Beached.

Hongkong, May 11.—Admiral Togo's whereabouts is not accurately known except to the highest officials in Tokio. He has been reported at various points from the Pescadores to Sasebo, where he is said to be at present. The Japanese admiral is not likely to leave his base.

Will Have Advantage.

He will have every advantage in fighting between Formosa and Japan. The Rukku islands that form a considerable stretch in the northeast of Formosa will prove a dangerous trap for the Russians. The navigation there is peculiar, owing to the many deceptive currents. There is every chance that the Russians will not be able to get pilots who are thoroughly acquainted with the channels and Togo will endeavor to drive some of the Russian ships on the islands.

Will Pay Pilots Well.

Meanwhile Rojstvenky is offering large sums to pilots who know the waters around the islands. His transports are discharging their cargoes into smaller vessels, which will follow the fleet. When the Russians leave the French Indo-China coast they will enter hostile seas. They will find that the Japanese have strongly fortified and amply provisioned the Pescadores for two years. The strategic points on the islands are defended by heavy guns and the forces in garrison number 5,500.

Big Jap Fleet Waits.

Hongkong, May 11.—A Japanese merchant captain, arriving here, states that there are 85 Japanese warships between the Pescadores islands and the Formosan port of Keelung.

The Pescadores islands have been supplied with stores, provisions, and ammunition sufficient to last the Japanese two years. Heavy guns have been mounted at all strategic positions.

Consuls Arrested.

The ports of Keelung and Tamsui, on the island of Formosa, have been closed and strongly defended. Shipping entering there must have a naval pilot. Troops have been stationed 10 miles up the railway from Tamsui. The men are old, but there is a sprinkling of recruits, who appear to be reservists. The total number of Japanese troops on the island probably exceeds 15,000. The German and American consuls recently strolled accidentally into the fortified zone of Keelung and were arrested. They were released after half a day's detention when they explained how they came to be within the forbidden zone.

HIGH AVERAGE FOR WHEAT

May Shows 92.5 as Against a Ten-Year Average of 83.7.

Washington, D. C., May 11.—Returns to the agricultural department show the average condition of winter wheat on May 1 was 92.5, against 91.6 April 1, and 83.7 the mean May average of 10 years. The average condition of winter rye is 93.5, compared with 81.2 a year ago, and a 10-year average of 88.5.

"GOLD DISCS" ONLY COPPER

Missouri Stockman Has Narrow Escape From \$20,000 Swindle.

Omaha, May 11.—Police have discovered that the supposed gold discs which were sent here to be sold to J. A. Bilby, a wealthy stockman of Quindary, Mo., for \$20,000 are made of copper alloy. Swindlers at South Omaha took Bilby to a fictitious government assayer, who said the discs were stolen from the Omaha plant of the American Smelting & Refining company. The assayer issued Bilby the discs were pure gold and worth \$37,400.

HAD CIGARET PAPER; JAILED

Police Arrest Vagrant, and Sentence of 47 Weeks is Imposed.

Marion, Ind., May 11.—John McCormick was fined \$37 last night by Judge Williams for having one cigarette paper. Being unable to pay he was sent to jail for 47 weeks. McCormick had been arrested for vagrancy, when the single cigarette paper was found a charge under the anti-cigarette law was filed.

La Follette's Veto Ignored.

Madison, Wis., May 11.—For the first time in the Wisconsin legislature since 1897 a bill was passed over the governor's veto, the vote upon whether Senator Martin's bill giving the state board of control power to parole prisoners should pass over the veto being 21 to 9, no party or factional lines being drawn.

FIVE HUNDRED DIE IN TORNADO

ARMOUR OUSTED

Hold on Michigan Fruit Trade Appears to Have Been Broken.

ROAD WILL OWN THE CARS

Proposed Reductions of 30 Per Cent on Icing Charges Declared to Be Ridiculous.

Chicago, May 11.—The monopolistic grasp which the Armour Car lines for some time have had on the Michigan fruit trade was effectually broken yesterday when the announcement was made before the interstate commerce commission that the Michigan Central road would hereafter use its own refrigerator cars and would charge the shippers exact cost for the icing service.

Case Dismissed.

This pledge was made by Attorney A. D. Shaw, representing the Michigan Central before the commission, and resulted in the case being dismissed by the commission as to that railroad. According to Mr. Shaw the uniform charge for icing on all shipments of fruit from the Michigan territory hereafter will be \$2 per ton, and a proportional rate for less or greater amounts of ice.

Reduction Ridiculous.

The split between the Michigan Central and the Pere Marquette roads came after an ineffectual attempt to induce the commission merchants, and later the interstate commerce commission, to accept a new schedule of tariffs making reductions of between 15 to 30 per cent in icing charges. Such reductions Attorney Plummer for the commission men declared to be ridiculous in view of the fact that former testimony showed that since the advent of the Armour exclusive contract icing charges had been advanced between 300 and 400 per cent.

Blue and Gray Fraternalize.

Manassas, Va., May 11.—A campfire last night, in which the veterans of the society of the Army of the Potomac fraternized with their wartime foes, terminated the first day's session of the reunion of the society. Speeches were made by Gen. Sickles, Black, King and Corporal Tanner.

BANQUETTED BY THE IROQUOIS CLUB

Extraordinary Demonstration at Democratic Feast for President.

Chicago, May 11.—Honoring and honored by his political foes, but personal friends, President Roosevelt was last night the chief guest at a magnificent banquet tendered to him by the Iroquois club, the leading democratic organization of Illinois. Surrounded by men who have fought against him in two national campaigns, who deplore many of his avowed policies, and who have frowned upon some of his political actions the president was cheered to the echo as he entered and left the banquet hall, was applauded with enthusiasm throughout his address at its close, was given to understand that in his case political differences were not a personal issue.

Ovation by Democrats.

The banquet which was from first to last an ovation, was given entirely by democrats to the leader of their political opponents, and many of the kindly personal references made by speakers of the evening, the majority of whom are men of the democratic faith, deeply touched the president. In his manner and words, he evinced throughout the evening a deep gratification of the warmth of his reception from men who have fought him in political battles before and are ready to fight him again tomorrow if they consider it necessary. Throughout the entire evening, however, ran a dominant note of admiration of the character and friendship for the man himself.

Upholds Party.

The opening portion of the president's speech was a discussion of the fact that under existing circumstances our country can be governed only under the party system.

He said that the longer he is in political life the more firmly he is convinced that the great bulk of questions of the most importance before the people are questions which we can best decide, not from the standpoint of republicanism or democracy, but from the standpoint of the interest of the public or democratic. He urged non-partisanship in matters of great public importance and cited instances where this policy had been successfully carried out.

"Among the most vital questions that have come up for solution because of the extraordinary industrial develop-

Terrible Disaster Overtakes Town of Snyder, Oklahoma. Wind and Rain Wrecking Place and Killing Many.

WIRES DOWN AND DETAILS MEAGRE

Storm Broke About 11 at Night—Relief Trains Go From Surrounding Places and Little Will Be Known Till They Return.

Kansas City, Mo., May 11.—A dispatch to the Star from Oklahoma City says:

"Every building in Snyder, with the exception of two, was destroyed. It is estimated 200 persons were killed and 500 injured."

Guthrie, Okla., May 11.—A special from the agent at Hennessy of the Frisco railway at Chickasha says a message was just received from the operator at Snyder saying there are 75 dead bodies and 350 injured. The entire business portion of the town is destroyed. The residence portion is not badly damaged.

Guthrie, Okla., May 11.—Reports received here indicate that between 300 and 400 lives have been lost in the partial destruction of the town of Snyder, Kiowa county, Okla., by a tornado. Relief trains have been sent to the scene from neighboring towns.

DETAILS LACKING.

Details of the disaster cannot be learned until the trains return, all telegraphic and telephonic communication with the stricken town being interrupted.

Snyder has about 2,500 inhabitants.

UNDERTAKERS AT CONVENTION. Oklahoma City, Okla., May 11.—Ten undertakers attending the funeral directors' convention left here this morn-

ing with a carload of caskets for Snyder.

Report From Fort Worth. Fort Worth, Texas, May 11.—Reports over a railroad wire say that dispatches from Snyder, Okla., to the train dispatcher of the Frisco at Sapulpa, I. T., reported 500 killed at Snyder. The wires are all down and details cannot be secured.

Vin Guthrie.

Guthrie, Okla., May 11.—Telephone reports from Hobart, Okla., indicate that the entire town of Snyder, Okla., has been destroyed by a tornado. It is rumored that 400 people have been killed or wounded.

Dead Number 500.

Guthrie, Okla., May 11.—Late reports place the dead and injured at Snyder, Okla., at 500. The storm broke over the town at 11 o'clock last night, completely demolishing it as nearly as reports can be obtained.

Relief Sent to Snyder.

Oklahoma City, Okla., May 11.—The telephone operator at Hobart, 32 miles north of Snyder, states that it is believed there that 500 people have been killed and injured. Special trains with physicians and nurses are being rushed to the scene.

Wind Strikes Quinlan, Okla.

Fort Worth, Texas, May 11.—A special to the Record from Guthrie, Okla., says: A tornado has struck the town of Quinlan, in Woodward county, which destroyed a number of dwellings and killed two small sons of Mrs. O. W. Cox. It was followed by a heavy rain throughout the country surrounding Quinlan, many buildings being destroyed. Additional loss of life is feared.

EQUITABLE CLERK PUT UNDER ARREST

Held to Have Had Part in Scheme by Which \$27,000 Was Obtained by Fraud.

St. Paul, May 11.—Emil H. Neumir, a clerk employed by the Equitable Life Assurance society and Thomas Lobley, were arrested charged with complicity with Samuel Lobley, who is charged with fraudulently obtaining a \$27,000 loan on a policy alleged to have been stolen from the society's vaults.

PRICE OF WHISKY IS PUT UP

Trust and Independent Distillers Get Together After Fight.

Peoria, Ill., May 11.—The trust distillers and the independents have formed a compact and the price of spirits for basis has been advanced from \$1.20 to \$1.26 per gallon. The new price went into effect last night and notices to the trade were sent out from Peoria. The war between the two factions has existed for nine months and was the bitterest in history.

HATCHERY FOR STURGEON

Government Will Propagate Once Numerous and Despised Fish.

Fishermen along the Mississippi river and in other rivers in Illinois and Iowa will be surprised to hear that the fisheries commission of the government has established a hatchery for the propagation of that seemingly worthless fish known as the sturgeon. It appears that this fish because of its great numbers used to be a nuisance and cause fishermen many a cuss word for tearing nets in a now almost extinct.

Millions of the fish were destroyed in the east and also in the west merely for their eggs, from which bogus "Russian Caviar" was manufactured. At the bureau of fisheries it was said that the fish had become almost as extinct as the alligator in Florida. "Not more than a dozen years ago," said an officer of the bureau, "I have seen sturgeon eggs in numbers so great that they were cured in hogsheads. This of course meant the destruction of the fish. In those days none but the poorer class cared for sturgeon steaks. Now it is well liked because it is scarce."