

# INDUSTRY'S TERRIBLE DEATH ROLL

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## Peace, 2; War, 1; Is Score in Fearful Carnage

*In the United States Loss of Life Is Almost Beyond Mind's Power of Conception—How the World Figures Line-up with Those of This Country.*

**O**LD FATHER TIME in depleting the population of this planet to make room for coming generations is using two great scythes—war and industry. He wields the latter with his right hand and the former with his left, consequently the carnage of the battlefield is outstripped by the number of lives snuffed out by railroads, mines, mills, workshops, etc. The actual ratio is two to one in favor of peace.

By that statement is meant that, the average deaths each year for 20 years having been figured, the dogs of war have done only one-half the damage accorded to times of peace.

In New York city alone each year sees an average of 3,467 persons bundled into eternity by violence. It is declared that a person a minute is hustled to the morgue, undertaker's or hospital. Supposing hostile nations should swoop down on a city,

each year meet violent deaths from causes other than war. Of this number the United States lays claim to 100,000. Few of the states keep track of the injuries which are suffered by inhabitants. Only a record of deaths is secured. Hence the number

not include mills, mines and workshops and so forms less than half of the havoc which is played with the inhabitants of the United States. The casualties in the United States, according to a recent report of the census bureau, amounts to over 500,000 killed and injured. In figures embracing the world that represents the killed alone and only in times of peace.

of our telling element than the land of the lily. The crimson carnage of industry is not brought into the public notice to any large extent and the reason for this is because the deaths take place within the borders of the Atlantic and Pacific and not at any one chosen spot such as would a battle. The horrors of mines are told every

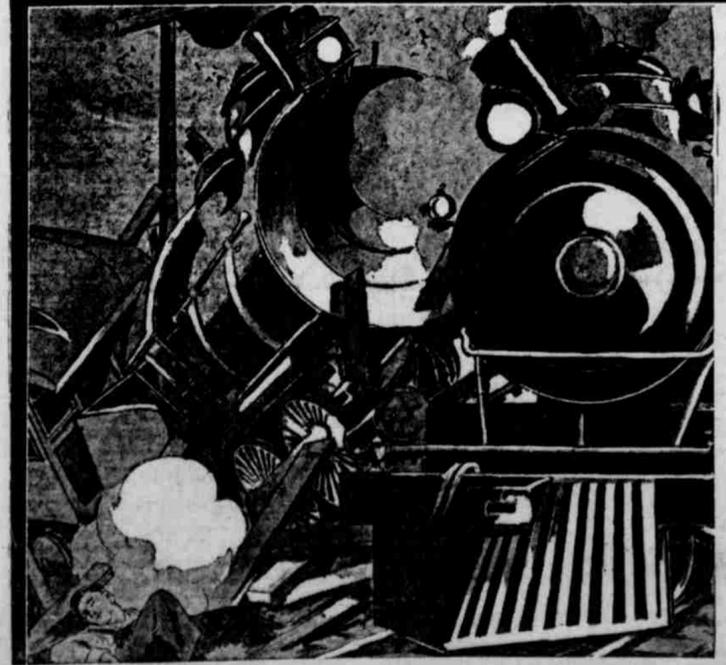
mand of the American for more speed. "Faster, faster," cries the business man and the same is true of people in every walk of life.

We are willing to take a chance on a dangerous machine because it accomplishes work quicker and we toss the thoughts of probable fatalities to one side. The proportion of workshop accidents attributed to persons being caught in the machinery is 30 per cent., and to-day men who are toiling for the benefit of the man who derives his living from that sort of work are perfecting measures which they want enacted into laws.

Gen. Sherman said ghastly things about war, but Gen. Sherman never worked in a mine, in a power house or for a railroad. Even had he done all those things he perhaps would never have realized the comparison of the two, for the harvest of death is reaped in many spots at the same time. It is not so congested as the



**MINES DISASTERS SUPPLY A LARGE QUOTA OF FATALITIES**



The nearest comparison in the way of war which we have at hand is the Russo-Japanese conflict in which a crimson total of 336,786 of killed and wounded was rolled up. The hurry, hustle and bustle of America gives this country a standing all over the globe as being in the front rank in the list of casualties. Splendid precautions are taken by the government and every year these are increased, but at the same time the merciless scythe continues to reap just as bountiful a harvest in the maris of industry.

In France, statistics from Washington say that 222,124 laborers alone lost their lives

day in dispatches from the mining districts of the north, west, east and south of the United States. The number of men killed in mines in the United States averages in the neighborhood of 20,000 for each year and experts are employed by the government in hordes for no other purpose than to study underground gases and learn the best way in which the safety of the lives of America's workmen who are hauling wealth out of the earth may be insured.

Every time a life is lost production of the article which that man, woman, or life is engaged in giving to the public is curtailed. Insurance companies, which have put accident clauses in their policies, are perhaps the best medium, outside of government reports, to gain an insight into the number of deaths which industry furnishes each year. The English—perhaps it is their deliberate methods—kill only one-third the number of persons each year, in proportion to the population, which America does. The railroads of America are declared to be the incarnation of Old Father Time himself.

Even E. H. Harriman, the best known railroad magnate of the country, has openly declared that upon going on journeys over his own roads, he wonders whether it is to be his last journey. And arriving at the cause of this depletion of the population on railroads, it is found that the results are brought about by the absolute de-

work of the grim reaper in war and hence the eye cannot see the horror of it all in the short time which it takes to sweep the battlefield and count the dead.

Men who work in mid-air—and there are lots of trades which are conducted hundreds of feet above the earth—are depleted nearly as rapidly as in other destroying modes of industry. The Structural Workers' union, which has its headquarters in Chicago, reports that in 1906 it had over 1,300 members and at the end of that year this number was reduced to something like 1,160. Those men as they worked high about the common habitation of mankind little thought that their vocation was far more hazardous than that of the straight-backed man in blue uniform with U. S. A. stamped on his cartridge belt.

But aside from this great carnage. Brains are being put to work every day devising methods of succor for the families of the men, women and children whose lives are snuffed out for the cause of industry. Perhaps the greatest of present-day plans which has been put into effect was that statute, known as the employers' liability law, which the last congress gave the people of the United States. This should make living a more safe occupation for the workman. The measure provides that where the toiler is slain while under the directions of his employer, the concern, firm, corporation or institution is held liable for his death and that his family shall be provided for in coin of the realm. A man's carelessness or irresponsible condition at the time of the accident, of course, debars his widow and fatherless children from the benefits which they might have reaped had the case been otherwise.

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### CARRIED GESTURE TOO FAR.

Boy's Action Possibly Appropriate, But Somewhat Unnecessary.

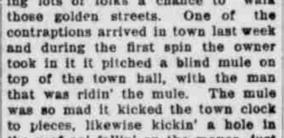
Vivian Burnett, the original of the still-remembered Little Lord Fauntleroy, at the Chicago convention discussed with a reporter a certain party maneuver.

"They went too far there," said Mr. Burnett. "They made themselves ridiculous by their excess. Do you know what they reminded me of? They reminded me of a juvenile euclyptist my mother often tells about."

"This lad, at a school treat, got up to recite the first piece of his life. He was ambitious; he wished to make a great success of his piece; and he had been told by his teacher that the secret of elocution was the gesture—for every phrase its fitting gesture."

"The opening line of the boy's recitation was 'The comet lifts its tail of fire.'"

### AN OPTICAL ILLUSION.



The Professor—How remarkable! I can distinctly see a man in the moon. What an exceedingly plain person.

### No Automobiles There.

"There are no automobiles on the golden streets of heaven," says the Whitsett Courier, "but they're giving lots of folks a chance to walk those golden streets. One of the contraptions arrived in town last week and during the first spin the owner took in it it pitched a blind mule on top of the town hall, with the man that was ridin' the mule. The mule was so mad it kicked the town clock to pieces, likewise kickin' a hole in the roof an' fallin' on the mayor, just as he had took his seat an' called council to order. Having landed in the midst of them, the mule walked slow and dignified to the front door an' then took to the woods."

### Didn't Know Frogs.

A dignified army captain was once stationed in quarters near a pond in which were many bullfrogs.

The captain had never heard bullfrogs, and in the middle of the night, fairly distracted by their continuous bellowing, he descended the stairs in his robe de nuit, and said to the sentry:

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