

TERRIBLE RAILROAD WRECK.

Reported frightful calamity on the B. & M. Road.

13 PEOPLE SAID TO BE KILLED.

And a large number seriously wounded—only very meagre reports obtainable—caused by a collision.

A Catastrophe at Dawson.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 28, 2 a. m.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—Shortly after midnight a report reached this city that a terrible accident had occurred on the Falls City branch of the B. & M. railroad. Repeated efforts, however, up to this hour, to learn the full particulars have been unavailing.

According to the report thirteen people are said to have lost their lives and many others are injured.

The frightful calamity occurred at Dawson, and was caused by a collision between a passenger and a freight train. Beyond those meager reports absolutely nothing can be learned.

At the B. & M. offices the employees of the road refuse to say anything.

Telegrams have been sent to Dawson and Falls City, but as yet no replies have been received.

Suicide at Stanton.

STANTON, Neb., Dec. 27.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—Theodore Dolly, city marshal of this place, died by his own hand at 9 o'clock this evening. He had had family troubles, and yesterday afternoon evidently concluded to end his trouble by taking a dose of poison. His purpose was not discovered until too late to overcome the effects of the deadly drug, and all efforts to prolong his life proved fruitless. The coroner will hold an inquest over the remains to-morrow.

A Bequest to Doane College.

CRETE, Neb., Dec. 27.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—The authorities of Doane college received notice to-day that a bequest of \$13,000 had been made by David Whitcomb of Boston. Since the "flyer" began bringing the Ben in the morning it has knocked out all competitors.

The Saco Bank Cashier.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 27.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—There seems now to be no doubt that young Frank McNeally, the Saco, Me., bank defaulter, will escape prosecution. McNeally yesterday told the whole story of the defalcation. He declares that the theft was unpremeditated; that he was pushed financially, and had taken small sums from the bank without detection for several months.

Christmas Calamities.

SUMNER, Ill., Dec. 27.—Miss Belle Smith, residing a mile east of Chauncey, was engaged in sweeping around an open fire-place Christmas eve, when her clothing caught fire. She lost her presence of mind and rushed into the highway. When found her body was burned to a crisp, and she died shortly thereafter. Her husband was married Christmas day.

Business Troubles.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—A deputy sheriff levied this morning on Newton & Leopold, wrapping paper dealers, they having confessed in a sum aggregating nearly \$50,000. The firm says their assets are about \$30,000, and liabilities \$60,000.

A Christmas Stampede.

FARMERS, Ill., Dec. 27.—At the Christmas entertainment at the First Methodist Episcopal church a little cabin was placed on the platform to take the place of the pulpit. It was filled with presents for the children. The cabin, being built of cotton and other inflammable material, took fire from the lights and caused a great stampede among men, women and children. Hundreds were trampled under foot and a good many badly injured, some of them probably fatally. The church was saved by a great effort, but all the windows were completely demolished.

Powder Mill Raised.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Rand & Co.'s powder mill at Pittsford, near this city, blew up this morning, with terrific noise. The workmen were at breakfast at the time and nobody was hurt. The loss to property is considerable.

Sherman Opposed to Lamar.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 27.—In reply to a communication from the Buckeye club of this city, protesting against the confirmation of L. C. Lamar as associate justice of the supreme court, Senator Sherman, in a letter, says: "I take the pleasure of nominating Mr. Lamar as statesman and lawyer, and I am sure you will be sure to do all I can to prevent his confirmation. I regret to say, however, that I fear my efforts will be unsuccessful."

An Ice Gorge at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—The river is lower to-day than it has been before this year. Ice continues to run freely down a gorge formed at Rushburg this morning, but it gave away under pressure. There was another squeeze in the afternoon which, so far as is known, still holds. This will back the ice up to the city by morning and, in all probability, the water will set in tonight, will become a solid and long time blockade.

An Even Dose Injured.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—A dozen persons were injured by a collision between two passenger trains on the Long Island railroad in Brooklyn this morning.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—There was a very quiet market in all departments, with an irregular inquiry for some weights of brown cotton. Agents have made prices as follows: Lodi prints, 5 cents; Berwick prints, 4 1/2 cents; Lodi gray prints, 5 1/2 cents.

BLIZZARD NO. 2.

Another installment of Wind and Snow Sweeps Over the Country.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 27.—The stormy weather deep below us at 7 o'clock this morning. Light snow accompanied by wind fell last night. The indications are for some severe weather.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—A telegram has been received from the chief signal officer of the army at Washington predicting that the temperature here will fall 20 degrees or more by 7 o'clock Thursday morning.

SCOTT CITY, Kan., Dec. 27.—A severe snow storm began here about midnight and lasted until 9 o'clock. All traffic on the Missouri Pacific and Santa Fe railroads is up to this evening stopped. A Santa Fe passenger train snowed up at Crosby, the terminus of the road. A west bound Missouri Pacific passenger is snowed up at Healy, twenty-two miles east of here, and passengers were obliged to remain on the train all night. The coal on the train is all exhausted, and that at the station is becoming short. The Missouri Pacific writes as follows:

ST. PAUL, Dec. 28.—During the last twenty-four hours there was a change of 28 degrees in temperature, and at 7 o'clock this morning the thermometer stood at below zero. This is the coldest weather experienced here this winter. It is general throughout the northwest, and the weather is becoming more severe. In Missouri there will be a decided drop. Today the rest of the wave was in the vicinity of Fort Totten, where the temperature was below zero.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 27.—Another cold wave swept over this region to-day. At 8 o'clock this morning the thermometer registered 41 degrees above zero, and the sleet soon commenced falling, with a high wind, driving it about in regular blizzard fashion. A rapid falling temperature soon checked the snow, however, and at 10 o'clock to-night the mercury is 5 above and still falling. No interruption in railway traffic is reported.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 27.—A blizzard has been raging all night in the state. Half a foot of snow fell, and the wind will have piled up on drifts, but no blockades have resulted. Freight trains are delayed but not seriously, and passenger trains are running as usual. The consulting meteorologist at the observatory, the state and the temperature has fallen nearly to zero.

Gladstone's Reply to the Liberals.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Gladstone, replying to the address presented to him at Dover by the Liberal delegates, referred to the uncertain character of Lord Salisbury's declaration of independence to fair trade and said they indicated, as far as the majority in parliament are concerned, that free trade is secure. He relied upon the masses of the people to oppose a return to protection. The coming season did not promise well for the country. If it were true that the great measure of the session, a local government bill, would be introduced in the next session, it would inflict undisciplined mockery on the country. The last was a dark session, but this would be darker unless something was done to alleviate the situation in Ireland. The darkest blot upon the parliament was the act now in operation, effecting the civil rights of the Irish liberals, who were charged with interfering with administration of the law. What he really had to say to do was to regard the government's destructive policy of perversion of law. It was well for them that they were on the right side of the channel. If the Christian Knowledge society, in seeking to promote justice, mercy and truth, were publishing a tract which attacked the government's principles to that unhappy country they would be subject to criminal prosecution. Lord Salisbury talked about the perversion of the empire which was a policy of national disruption. How the speaker asked, could that be a policy of consolidation and content. The speaker intended to remain in Halifax until the next session, when he would be a free man. He states that the institution will be made to the bank, and that the institution will not lose a dollar.

Charged With Corrupting Young Girls.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Rev. Canon O'Mahony, charged with corrupting young girls, was systematically corrupting girls of tender age. The Freeman's Journal to-day indorses and amplifies the charges, and demands that the guilty officials be arrested. The Pall Mall Gazette in an article on the subject says it has been ascertained that an old man, a tried and trusted agent of Dublin castle, is implicated in the matter.

Tidal Wave at Port Rico.

HAVANA, Dec. 27.—Guadilla, a small port of Port Rico, suffered from the high wave which was caused by the northern. Fifty-three houses were swept away. The wave destroyed the solid masonry of a cemetery and eleven bodies were washed out to sea and lost. Many vessels were storm-broken.

A Friend of the Students.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 27.—Count Scheremetoff, a prominent noble of Moscow, in an audience with the czar to-day, protested against the treatment in which the students were being treated. He charged the authorities with making grossly untrue reports regarding the situation of affairs in the universities. The czar has given orders that stringent inquiry be made into the charges.

American's Pagan System.

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—The Prussian and German departments of justice have commissioned Judge Assrott to study and report upon the American penal system with a view of bringing it to the basis of a new system in Germany.

A Grecian Blizzard.

ATHENS, Greece, Dec. 27.—A fierce hurricane from the west, accompanied by a severe snow storm, prevailed over the whole of Greece last night. Twenty-five vessels were driven ashore and wrecked in the gulf of Patros.

Lord Lansdowne Falls on the Ice.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 27.—Lord Lansdowne, while skating to-day, fell on the ice and received painful injuries to his head.

Killed Kinist and Family.

MACON, Ga., Dec. 27.—In ice country in this state last Sunday night a man named Reed, who did not live happily with his wife, brutally murdered his whole family and then committed suicide. He sent a half-grown boy who lived with him after a doctor. When the doctor and boy returned they found the cabin a scene of horror, and in the charred bodies of Reed's wife and her six children. Further search of the cabin disclosed Reed's body in a well with his throat cut.

The Visible Supply Statement.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—The visible supply of grain for the week ending December 24, as compiled by the secretary of the Chicago board of trade is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Quantity. Includes Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, and Barley.

THE STRIKE DECLARED OFF.

Traffic Once More Resumed on the Reading Road.

FURTHER TROUBLE THREATENED.

Pottsville Employes Find Their Places Filled and Appeal to Other Assemblies to Stand by Them—Pitiful Scenes.

Arbitrating the Reading Strike.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27.—The executive committee of the Reading railroad employes assembled early this morning and after a secret session decided to lift the great strike on the Reading system, pending arbitration with the company. The five crews over whom the trouble originated are to be supported in the meantime by financial aid from the employes. This decision was reached after a conference with Superintendent Sweigart. All trains are moving on the Reading railroad this morning and no further trouble is anticipated. Nearly all employes reported for duty promptly at 7 o'clock this morning. The various unions, including the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, as well as those employed at the coal wharves at Port Richmond. The work of moving coal trains, transferring coal from cars to vessels at the wharves, and once begun, and there was very little evidence of the great strike which for the past few days has threatened to paralyze the business of the entire Reading railway system. Quite a number of employes in the various branches failed to report, but officials state they have perhaps been elsewhere, and that they are as enthusiastic, and that their places will be kept open for them a few days.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27.—[Correspondence of the Bee.]—Christmas in this locality was appropriately observed. Christmas eve exercises were held in the Lutheran church at this place by the Sunday school children, consisting of recitations, dialogues and songs, in which all did their part nobly and well, when one considers the amount of patience and tireless labor for the older folks connected with the same. The bird was elaborately decorated. At the residence of Mrs. K. K. King, the joy of the little ones, made his appearance as of yore, and laden the children down with a bounteous supply of candy, nuts and popcorn. The church was crowded to its utmost, standing room being at par. Christmas night the children of the M. E. church had services, and they performed their part well.

The first invoice of goods for the new store which J. Weldon & Co., of Sioux City, will open Wednesday with a \$100,000 stock of general merchandise, and will be quite an acquisition to our town.

The first time in its twenty years of solitude, is about to take on itself a new role in the shape of a "boom." We will, in the near future, have another drug store, and a new building for a general warehouse, feed mill and saloon.

D. J. Ryan, of Jackson, has opened another of the same, and will strive to make it one of the best and most commodious hotels in the northeastern Nebraska. As Mr. Ryan has an excellent land, and is a very capable and an excellent landlord. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Donham will assist him this winter in taking care of the wayfarer.

Rev. J. H. Oosterling, county superintendent, and until lately, editor of the Argus of this place, will leave on the expiration of his term of office, and will be succeeded by Mr. J. H. Oosterling, who has an interest in the new stock yards, and is a very capable and an excellent landlord.

A circular was issued from the general office of the Reading company this afternoon addressed to General Manager McLeod and the various officials of the company. It says in part: "The fact that many 'old and faithful' employes have been compelled by others to join the organization known as the Knights of Labor, is a matter which we must regret. We see fit to join, it will protect them in any cost from being forced into any union where their own wish would be to remain out of it. The new union is a mere pretense or improper influence to force men to join any society against their free will, will, upon proof furnished, be instantly dismissed from the service and never allowed to return to it."

There was great excitement at the headquarters of the executive committee when the "President" of the company, Mr. McLeod, addressed the committee at one of the latter assemblies at once to consider the matter.

The Knights and the Brotherhood.

READING, Pa., Dec. 27.—The strike has developed the existence of an unpleasant sentiment between the Knights of Labor and Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. The latter, it is reliably stated, offered to furnish the men that might be taken out of the trains. All other engineers, who were discharged by the former president of the Reading road, Franklin B. Gowen. Their places were taken by non-union men, who now belong to the Knights of Labor. The latter were then known as the "subs" and for a long time there was bitter feelings in the minds of the members of the Brotherhood who suffered and their sympathizers, have never forgiven the men who took the places of the Brotherhood Engineers. All engineers employed on the Reading road prior to trouble of 1877 are being held from their homes, and are being taken on to Port Richmond and unloaded that night the first empty coal trains passed through Reading toward the city.

The most exciting scenes of the strike were witnessed this afternoon when about twenty-five old brotherhood engineers who were discharged by the former president of the Reading road, Franklin B. Gowen. Their places were taken by non-union men, who now belong to the Knights of Labor. The latter were then known as the "subs" and for a long time there was bitter feelings in the minds of the members of the Brotherhood who suffered and their sympathizers, have never forgiven the men who took the places of the Brotherhood Engineers. All engineers employed on the Reading road prior to trouble of 1877 are being held from their homes, and are being taken on to Port Richmond and unloaded that night the first empty coal trains passed through Reading toward the city.

A Rich Claim in New York.

DOVER, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Dr. W. W. Weber states that the claim of the father, Wilhelm Weber, as one of the heirs to the plot of land, sixty-six acres in extent, located in New York city, south of Canal street, has been proven. The plot, now studded with massive blocks of buildings, was bought in 1630 by Wilhelm Weber, a German, who settled on Manhattan island a short time previous. In 1874 Weber leased the land to a kinsman, Wilfred Weber, Jr., for two hundred years. On the expiration of the lease in 1874 the land naturally reverted to the descendants of the original Wilfred Weber. Now that it is proven there will be a meeting of the heirs at points south as far as Philadelphia, and will be a rich claim in New York.

The New Manitoba Cabinet.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 27.—Joseph Burke, M. P., for St. Francis Xavier, has been taken into the new Manitoba cabinet as provincial secretary. The new members were sworn in by the lieutenant governor last night as follows: Dr. Harrison, premier, president of the council, provincial treasurer and minister of agriculture; Dr. Wilson, minister of public works and general manager; Mr. Burke, provincial secretary. The cabinet is considered a weak one. Mr. Ormiston said to-day that he would vacate the premiership at once, but would remain in the legislature and give the new government hearty support. He says that after fourteen years as a cabinet minister, he goes out of office without a dollar.

A Dividend of 3 Per Cent.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railroad has declared a dividend of 3 per cent on preferred stock payable January 20.

DRUMMED OUT OF TOWN.

The Sad Ending of an Aged Iowa Lothario's Love Affair.

GILMORE'S PARTING GREETING.

The Strange Sight Which Passengers on a Fort Dodge Train Witnessed—Petitions to Postpone—Schmidt's Hanging.

A Cruel Community.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 27.—[Special Telegram to the Bee.]—Passengers on the Fort Dodge train from Ruthven were rather surprised to hear sounds of festivity at the usually quiet town of Gilmore. Looking out of the window their eyes rested upon a unique procession that approached the depot. At its head walked a hard looking citizen of about fifty years of age, and at his side was a rather fresh looking, black-eyed young woman of twenty, who was not the least embarrassed by her rather unusual situation. Behind them was a band composed of a fife, a bass drum, a man with a horn and a boy with a big piece of sheet iron on which he made an unearthly noise. The passengers first supposed that this rather festive affair had followed the wedding of the young man and his bride, but they were soon undeceived. The bride was a rather fresh looking, black-eyed young woman of twenty, who was not the least embarrassed by her rather unusual situation. 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