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TAFT'S LETTER IS POSITIVE IN ITS ORDER

Thirteenth Census Will Be Unlucky One for Ambitious Politicians.

SUPERVISORS MAY GAIN NO PATRONAGE

CHIEF EXECUTIVE DETERMINED THAT ONLY CAPABLE AND EFFICIENT MEN BE NAMED.

BY WILLIAM HOSTER.

Beverly, Mass., Aug. 15.—President Taft today took the thirteenth census out of politics. In a striking letter addressed to Secretary Nagel, the president ordered that the political activities of all census supervisors shall be limited to casting a vote. Any further participation in politics, the president declares, shall be regarded as sufficient cause for immediate dismissal.

The rule had already been laid down by the president that merit alone would be considered in the selection of the supervisors, one hundred and thirty-four more of whom were announced today. In political circles this was regarded in a more or less Pickwickian sense. But now comes the formal order very clearly that the thirteenth census will be an unlucky one for the politicians.

The actual work of collecting the census will begin on April 15 next and will consume about thirty days. About three months' preliminary work devolves upon the supervisors, however, and there will be about six months of work for them after the enumeration has been completed.

The order was issued after long consideration with Secretary Nagel and Postmaster General Hitchcock. The president's letter follows:

President's Letter.

"Beverly, Mass., Aug. 15, 1909.

"My Dear Secretary: The taking of the census involves the appointment of some 300 supervisors, who, in turn, are to appoint many times that number of enumerators. The supervisors are given complete discretion in the selection of enumerators respectively to act under them. The success of the census will depend upon the efficiency and strict attention to duty of the supervisors and upon the application to the business in hand.

"Generally there is a supervisor for each congressional district. It has generally been found to be the quickest and best means of selecting suitable supervisors to consult the congressmen and senators as to competent candidates from their respective districts and states.

"This system can easily be perverted to political purposes if the supervisors are not forbidden to use it as an instrument for influencing local and general elections and primaries in the interests of particular candidates or parties. It is not an unreasonable requirement that any one who accepts an appointment as supervisor or enumerator shall, during the term of his employment and service, avoid an active part in politics.

Instructions Positive.

"I therefore order that in the preparation of regulations for the taking of the census you and the director of the census embody therein a provision that any supervisors or enumerators who uses his influence with his subordinates or colleagues to assist any party or any candidate, in a primary or general election, or who takes any part other than merely casting his vote in politics, national, state or local, either by service upon a political committee, by public addresses, by the solicitation of votes or otherwise, shall be at once dismissed from the service.

"I wish to make this regulation as broad as possible and wish it enforced without exception. It is of the highest importance that the census should be taken by men having only single purpose of reaching a just and right result and that the large amount of money to be expended in the employment of so vast a machine as the census shall not be made to serve the political purposes of anyone.

"Very sincerely yours,
"WILLIAM H. TAFT."

"Hon. Thomas Nagle, secretary of commerce and labor."

Supervisiors Named.

Among the supervisors announced today were:

California—First district, H. R. Julian Wright; fourth, John J. Dean; sixth, Lewis Lincoln Dennett; seventh, George A. Fitch.

Colorado—First district, Albert B. McGaffey; second, Charles F. Hamlin.

Idaho—Jos. Jerrault, jr.

Kansas—First district, Reese Watkins; second, William Smith; third, Charles Yeo.

Nebraska—First district, Frank E. Halvey; second, William L. Saunders; third, Joseph Albert Hayes; fourth, Philip F. Bross.

Washington—Second district, Guy Edward Kelly; third, A. M. Storch.

JAP OFFICIAL HERE.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 15.—Baron Takahira, Japanese ambassador to the United States, arrived in Seattle last night on his way home from Washington. He will remain here three days, spending the greater part of the time visiting the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition.

CRUEL MURDER OF CHINESE GIRL IN NEW YORK

Beautiful Mongolian Is Victim of Her Jealous Sweetheart.

BODY DISCOVERED IN POOL OF BLOOD

FOUR CHINAMEN AND SIX WHITE WOMEN ARE ARRESTED— EVIDENCE IN PLENTY.

New York, Aug. 15.—Chinatown has given the New York Police another Oriental mystery to solve—the murder of a beautiful Chinese slave girl, Bow Kum, victim of a jealous sweetheart, who armed himself with seven daggers, then, stealing into her room at No. 17 Mott street, just before dawn today, stabbed her to death.

The girl's body, with two wounds over the left breast, both of which penetrated the heart, and another which had the appearance of having been inflicted by a Jack the Ripper, was found in a pool of blood upon the floor by the side of a richly draped couch, upon which there is evidence that she was sleeping when the assassin approached. By her side was the instrument of death, one of the seven daggers later found, blood covered to the hilt.

Chin Len, an "Americanized" Chinaman, thirty-one years old, who is known to have brought Bow Kum to New York last February, telling that she was his wife, has been arrested and is held in the house of detention in default of $50,000 bail, as a material witness.

Three other Chinamen, Quen Cheng, Wong Sin and Queng Sing, lived in the room immediately under the one occupied by the girl and Chin Len, were also arrested, as were six white women, said to be the wives of Chinamen, who lived in the house.

The three last named Chinamen and the women were released on small bail during the day, after it was ascertained that they could do little if anything to throw any light on the crime.

Blackmail Rumored.

A third mysterious character was brought in the case by Chin Len, who told the police that Bok Kum had known a Chinaman in San Francisco named Leung Donge, who was very much in love with her, and had recently demanded $3,000. The demand, he said, was accompanied by the threat that if this sum was not paid serious harm would come to one or both. Little credence was given the story, as the arrested Chinaman had nothing to support his statement.

In Chin Len the police believe they either have the murderer or the man who can at least solve the mystery. By his own admission he obtained possession of Bow Kum from a Chinese rescue mission at No. 920 Sacramento street, San Francisco, through misrepresentations.

It was he who gave the first alarm that revealed the murder, and it was in a room which he sometimes occupied at No. 22 Mott street that the six additional daggers were found, the seventh having been left in Bow Kum's room.

Other Evidence.

Also in Chin Len's room a Colt's revolver and a Colt's magazine gun were found, hidden behind a trunk which contained the pretty slave girl's wearing apparel and trinkets. This trunk is very much like the one in which the body of Elsie Sigel was found.

It is known to have been removed from Bow Kum's rooms at No. 17 Mott street to No. 22 Mott street, either late Saturday night or early Sunday morning, just before the discovery of the murder.

Another indication that the police already have in their custody the murderer is the imprint of the bloody hand upon the wooden shutter that formed a part of the door to the Mott street house. The measurements of these telltale marks are exactly with the measurements of Chin Len's right hand.

The shutter was taken down today and removed to police headquarters by Captain Carey of the homicide bureau.

AUTO TURNS TURTLE.

Young Woman Is Killed and Driver Is Injured.

Pierre, S. D., Aug. 15.—Miss Helen Klingman was killed and E. A. West, a real estate man of this city, was injured in an automobile accident tonight in Sully county, northwest of Okeboji. The machine balked, turned turtle on a steep hill and pinned Miss Klingmam beneath it.

CALIFORNIA HOTEL IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Santa Barbara, Cal., Aug. 15.—The Hotel Arlington, the largest wooden structure in this county, was destroyed by fire this evening. Several hundred guests from all parts of the country were in the hotel, but all escaped. The alarm was given just as the guests were entering the dining room. The loss is estimated at $75,000.

TOO MUCH COMPETITION IN THE FAMILY.

Theodore Roosevelt, jr., will make a balloon ascension from Pittsfield, Mass., and yearns to be a real aeronaut —News Item (Chicago Inter-Ocean).

PRIMARY LAW TO BE GIVEN TEST

California Voters Will Make Selections Tuesday From Host of Candidates.

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 15.—California's direct primary law, enacted at the last session of the legislature, will be given its first practical test here on Tuesday when voters will make selections from a host of candidates of the men who will carry party standards in the fall campaign. With the exception of superior judges, a full city and county ticket will be elected in November.

The direct primary appears to have brought forward larger classes of candidates than have figured in previous elections.

Registration for the primaries of Aug. 17 closed with 84,500 voters entitled to participate. This is a record for any primary election since the campaign of Eugene F. Schmitz under the auspices of the Union-Labor party. Of this number 17,800 are enrolled as Democrats, 40,000 as Republicans, 8,400 as Union-Labor supporters, while 15,000 refused to make known their party affiliation.

The Republican element is divided on the policy of continuing the prosecution of men indicted in 1907. The effort to elect a district attorney pledged to one course or the other is generally regarded as of more importance than the mayoralty.

After Byron Mauzy had been placed in the field for mayor a committee of business men named a new set of Republican candidates for every office.

NEW SCHEDULE FOR PRESIDENT

Mr. Taft Will Arrive in Salt Lake Sept. 24, at 2 O'Clock in Afternoon.

Denver, Aug. 15.—The plan to greet President Taft at a monster banquet given by the Denver chamber of commerce has been abandoned, owing to the requests from the southern part of the state that the president make his trip to Colorado Springs and Pueblo by daylight, so that all who desire to see him may do so.

The president has left all plans in the hands of the local committee. The revised itinerary has, therefore, been decided upon as follows, after the president has spent the 21st in Denver, with a dinner at the home of Senator Hughes and an address at the Auditorium:

President's special train over the Denver & Rio Grande leave Wolhurst at 12:30 noon, Sept. 22, will arrive Colorado Springs at 2:30 p. m., leaving at 3:30 p. m. It will arrive at Pueblo 4:40 p. m., leaving at 6:40 p. m.; arrive Glenwood Springs 6 a. m., Sept. 23, leaving 6:40 a. m.; arrive at Grand Junction 10:15 a. m., leave 11:15; arrive Montrose, 2:45 p. m., leave 10 p. m.; arrive Grand Junction 2 a. m., Sept. 24, leave 2:15 a. m.; arrive Salt Lake City 2 p. m., Sept. 24.

WAR ON VICE IN ALASKA SHOWS RESULTS

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 15.—The first results of the recent efforts of the government to make war on vice in Alaska were shown here when the steamer Senator, arriving from Nome late last night, brought eleven women and four men from Fairbanks, whom the immigration authorities have arrested as undesirable aliens. All are being held at the immigration detention station here.

Efforts will be made to deport the women, who went to Alaska from Montreal, and the men will be prosecuted on the charge of importing women for immoral purposes.

THIRTY KILLED IN EARTHQUAKE

Serious Disturbance in Central Japan Causes Life and Property Loss.

Tokio, Aug. 15.—Reports received today concerning the earthquake in central Japan Saturday show that there was a number of fatalities and that great damage was done to property. The dead at present is said to number thirty, though it is feared that the fatalities will be greatly increased in the outlying districts when heard from.

The number of persons injured is 82. Thus far 562 buildings, including many temples, are reported to have been destroyed and more than 1,000 others badly damaged.

The shock occurred at 3:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon and affected a wide area in the Shiga and Gifu prefectures. The town of Ozaku in Gifu suffered terribly. The banks of the Hida river there broke and the country was inundated. The people of the district fled to higher ground and remained in the open all night. Intermittent shocks were felt throughout Saturday night and early this morning. The mountain Ibuki, a short distance west of Gifu, emitted smoke in the early stages of the earthquake and then collapsed with a thunderous roar.

Slight damage was done at Nagoy, to the southward of Gifu, and neighboring villages.

TWO MEN ARE SHOT IN LIVELY PISTOL BATTLE

Missoula, Mont., Aug. 15.—As the result of a pistol battle in the Montana saloon this evening, a Montenegrin, whose name is unknown, is in a dying condition, and former Deputy Sheriff Pat Callahan is seriously wounded. The Montenegrin and a companion became engaged in a quarrel in the saloon which is run by Callahan, and pistols were drawn. Callahan interfered and the Montenegrin opened fire upon him. Both men then exchanged four shots. Callahan was shot through the side and thumb and the Montenegrin through the lung. Callahan will recover, but the foreigner is expected to die.

DETAILS OF THE OSAKA FIRE

Deaths Number Thirteen and Injured About Three Hundred—Fifteen Hundred Buildings Burned.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 15.—When the Empress of India, which reached port yesterday afternoon, was leaving Kobe, sufferers of the fire that swept over five square miles of Osaka, were strung out over the main road around the bay and making their way by junk and sampan to Kobe for succor. The deaths numbered thirteen and 300 persons were injured.

The fire started at a hosiery factory in Nichomo, Northward, shortly before daylight July 31, and sperad rapidly, licking up the wattle and bamboo houses across six streets, while the firemen from Osaka waterworks were using water drawn with buckets from walls until the soldiers came from the Osaka garrison and began dynamiting houses in the path of the fire.

The main building of the great Tennohi temple was saved. While priests were scurrying to rescue the art treasures, remarkable scenes were witnessed in the temple grounds. Finally, when the rear gate was burned, a priest called upon the spirits of the dead to stay the flames. Soon afterward the wind veered, increasing in force and diverted the flames toward Horikawa, a wide canal connected with the Yodo river, on either side of which Osaka is built.

Field hospitals were established by the militia and many injured were brought in for treatment. The proprietor of the hosiery factory where the fire started and his wife were stopped by police from throwing themselves into the flames, shouting that they did so to atone for the catastrophe.

The fire destroyed in all about 1,500 buildings.

STOCK MARKET KEPT KEYED UP

Financial Outlook Developments Result in Suspicion and Watchfulness.

New York, Aug. 15.—The developments bearing on the financial outlook were of sufficient importance last week to keep the stock market in a state of constant suspicion and watchfulness. The freedom with which this suspicion was acted on in the way of selling stocks short, only to be compelled to buy them in at higher prices, accounted for part of the recurrent strength of the whole market.

The skepticism manifested by the professional operators in the market was not due to any unsatisfactory news affecting values, but solely to the technical position. The present level of prices, while still somewhat below the averages for the picked active stocks touched in 1906, is held to represent a higher absolute range than ever before reached.

One ground for the opposition of the habitual traders to the advance is the number of important happenings which have come to pass after having long served their purpose as factors in the speculation. It was this element which attacked the market when the tariff bill was passed, arguing it was not possible for results following the bill to be brighter than speculators expected while buying stocks. The same procedure was followed after the publication of the government crop report.

While there was some momentary disappointment over the sharp deterioration in the condition of the corn crop, the government corn report, on mature consideration, served to clinch the argument that agricultural prosperity was assured for the season.

WILL DISCUSS MANY SUBJECTS

Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress Will Have Much Business to Transact.

Denver, Colo., Aug. 15.—Every subject that in any way can be connected with the commercial, industrial and agricultural growth of the west, from the Panama canal to scientific dry farming, will be discussed in Denver this week at sessions of the twelfth annual convention of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial congress.

Between 5,000 and 7,000 delegates are expected. The congress will begin Monday morning, although the real work will not be taken up until Tuesday.

One of the features of the congress probably will be a renewal of the struggle between Secretary of the Interior Ballinger and Chief Forester Pinchot, begun, publicly, at Spokane last week. These two men and 1,800 delegates from the National Irrigation congress at Spokane are expected tomorrow.

Among the multitude of subjects to be discussed and acted upon are: Railroads and transportation, commercial problems, closer relations with southern republics, national defense, conservation of natural resources, irrigation and reclamation, parcels posts, postal savings banks, mining, immigration, good roads, beet and cane sugar industry, reform of the consular service, drainage of submerged lands and separate statehood for Arizona and New Mexico.

DEFEAT IS PREDICTED.

Alexander Fairgreaves May Not Be Chosen.

Helena, Mont., Aug. 15.—According to information gathered from local delegates who will attend the annual convention of the Montana Federation of Labor, which is to be held at Butte this week, Alexander Fairgreaves, president of the federation, will very probably be defeated for re-election. They say that strong opposition to his re-election has developed and that his opponents claim they will be able to muster enough votes to insure his defeat.

DEDICATION ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL MARKS GOAL OF MANY YEARS' LABOR

Magnificent Temple of Worship in Salt Lake Is Impressively Consecrated by Sacred Rites of the Roman Catholic Church.

Cardinal Gibbons Pronounces Solemn Blessing for the Pope by Orders From Holy See.

With the pomp and grandeur of the glorious, solemn pontifical high mass, with the simple tenderness of the hymns sung by 200 little girls, with the impressive chanting of two score of the most prominent Catholic prelates in America, with the deep, rich music of the great organ accompanying a matchless choir, and with the solemn blessing of his holiness, Pope Pius X, pronounced for the pope by His Eminence James Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore, acting under special orders from the Holy See, the cathedral of St. Mary Magdalen, one of the most magnificent temples of worship in the entire west, was impressively dedicated to the Lord.

From the first note of the pretty hymn from 200 baby voices to the disappearance of the last tiny acolyte in the closing dedicatory procession the event was a profound exemplification of the sacred rites of the Roman Catholic church such as is displayed only on rare occasions.

It was the only time in the history of the west that a service as profound as this was ever celebrated, and it will undoubtedly be generations before such another ceremony is ever seen in Salt Lake.

The massive structure on the commanding site on Brigham street has been nine years in the course of construction. Those whose generosity and energy made this occasion possible have looked forward to the day of its dedication as the goal of their life work. The importance of the occasion may be judged from the fact that the Roman Catholic church sent from every part of the United States scores of its leading prelates. It was this occasion that brought Cardinal Gibbons for the first time in his life across the great divide, coming to the west as the first Roman Catholic cardinal ever to visit the western part of the United States.

New Era Is Marked.

A new era in religious worship of the west is marked by this dedication.

A new chapter in the Roman Catholic history of the world has been written.

The cathedral itself is a monument to the progress of the west and of America.

The profound dedication has awakened in the Catholic breast a greater religious fervor and formed an incentive for even greater piety and devotion.

To the others whose privilege it was to witness this unusual display of pomp and ceremony the dedication was a service of wonderful and awe-inspiring grandeur. To them it gave a suggestion of the oldest, and in point of numbers, at least, the greatest church in the world. The profound adoration of the Lord by cardinal, archbishop, bishop, priest and people in the glorious celebration of the most solemn ceremony in the Catholic ritual was a sight that can never be forgotten.

Added to all this was the stately and solemn procession of scores of prelates in the rich robes of their priestly station, the marching of 200 little girls and 100 acolytes with crosses, censors and beautiful vestments, in brilliant ensemble.

McCauley's Essay.

From the dedication of the cathedral of St. Mary Magdalen some thought of the wonderful organization of the Roman Catholic church may be gleaned; some suggestion of the tie that binds millions of souls together in their aim to secure eternal salvation through the devotion prescribed by the ceremonies of the Roman Catholic church. Too, the ceremony recalled the essay of McCauley, not always a friend of Catholicism, in which he said:

"The Roman Catholic church saw the commencement of all the governments and all the ecclesiastical establishments that now exist in the world, and we feel no assurance that she is not destined to see the end of them all. She was great and respected before the Saxon set foot on Great Britain; before the Frank had passed the Rhine, when Grecian eloquence still flourished at Antioch; when idols were still worshipped in the temple of Mecca, and she may still exist in undiminished vigor when some traveler from New Zealand shall, in the midst of a vast solitude take his stand on a broken arch of London bridge and sketch the ruins of St. Paul's."

The dedication of the cathedral of St. Mary Magdalen on yesterday may be construed in a sense as a fulfillment of the fanciful prophecy of McCauley's lines. When they were written the future site of Salt Lake was as desolate a wilderness as even the pen of McCauley could picture. Yet even at that time there was the evidence of the Roman Catholic religion in the valley of Salt Lake along the missionary trail of Father Escalante.

A prophecy by McCauley that some day in the midst of the wilderness of the unknown region between the Rockies and the Pacific, at the dedication of a massive cathedral, a prince of the church of Rome would pronounce the blessing of the pope on thousands of devout Roman Catholics would have appeared just as fanciful as the suggestion that when London was a wilderness the Catholic church would be just as powerful as in the centuries of the past.

Thousands Attend.

And yet on Aug. 15, 1909, the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, beneath the towers of the great cathedral of St. Mary Magdalen, which has risen like magic from what a few decades ago was a vast solitude, nearly 2,000 people bowed their heads as James Cardinal Gibbons, archbishop of Baltimore, pronounced the pontifical blessing of Pius X.

The long dedicatory ceremony and the pontifical high mass that followed it attracted thousands. Hundreds of those who sought to attend the ceremony were unable to get in, so crowded was the great cathedral. Those who were turned away saw only the beginning of the consecration of the great temple, when the procession of priests and children moved about the edifice, blessing the exterior of the structure.

The ceremony began with the procession of little girls marching from the old cathedral to the new. Two hundred pretty little girls, whose juvenile voices gave utterance to hymns of praise as they marched, formed a long procession reaching nearly from the old church to the new. Each little girl was dressed in white, with a white veil and a wreath of daisies.

Held's band preceded the little children as they marched. The blatant notes of the band instrument were softened as they played "Adeste Fidelis," by Novello, and the "March of the Priests," from Athalia.

Just at the new cathedral, as the children marched around the residence of Bishop Laurence Scanlan, the band played, at the urgent request of Bishop Scanlan, one of his old favorites, "Home, Sweet Home."

At the rear of the new cathedral the dedication procession, headed by a cross bearer and two acolytes, was formed. Then came the white-robed little girls, singing Haydn's "Te Deum." Following them came the lace-surpliced acolytes, some in scarlet and the rest in purple cassocks. After the acolytes marched the censor bearers and all the ecclesiasts of the church at the dedication, save Cardinal Gibbons. Each prelate wore the robes of his order in the distinguishing colors of his rank in the church.

Dedication Prelate.

At the rear of the procession came the Right Rev. James J. O'Donnell, coadjutor archbishop of San Francisco, vested in the gorgeous robes of the dedication prelate. He wore the golden cope and the great mitre and carried the bishop's crook.

As the distinguished ecclesiast pro-

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PRELATES AND LEADING MEN GATHER AT BANQUET BOARD

Distinguished Assemblage of Prominent Figures in Religious and Civic Life are Entertained.

At the banquet board at the Commercial club last evening were gathered as the guests of the Salt Lake council of the Knights of Columbus many of the distinguished clergy of the Roman Catholic church from all parts of the United States and the officials of Salt Lake, of the state of Utah and the representatives of the state in the congress of the United States. Seldom has a more distinguished assemblage of leaders in the religious and political world been seen here.

Among the more prominent guests of the Knights of Columbus last night were His Eminence James Cardinal Gibbons, archbishop of Baltimore; His Grace Most Rev. J. J. Glennon, archbishop of St. Louis; His Grace Most Rev. J. S. Foley, archbishop of Detroit; the Right Rev. Laurence Scanlan, bishop of Salt Lake; Reed Smoot, United States senator from Utah; Joseph Howell, congressman from Utah; William Spry, governor of Utah, and J. S. Bransford, mayor of Salt Lake City.

At this banquet there were addresses by all of the distinguished guests. His eminence, James Cardinal Gibbons, said that a man's first allegiance was to his God, and next came his allegiance to his country. Cardinal Gibbons praised the American institutions that permitted to man the free worship of the Creator in whatsoever manner he saw fit. The sentiments of the eminent prelate were heartily indorsed by Senator Reed Smoot, who said that the loyalty to country of the man who loved his God was far greater than the allegiance of the man who refused to acknowledge his Creator. The senator expressed the belief that the time would some day be reached when all mankind would unite in a common brotherhood of belief and that one creed broad enough for every man would be adopted.

Feature of the Banquet.

A pretty feature of the banquet was the presentation to Bishop Scanlan of a handsomely bound volume of the work of Dean Harris, "The History of the Catholic Church in Utah." In a feeling response Bishop Scanlan thanked the Knights of Columbus for the beautiful token of esteem. He disclaimed the entire credit for

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NUMBER OF DEAD IN HUSTED WRECK INCREASED BY ONE

C. M. McCreary, of Dallas, Texas, Succumbs to Injuries in Colorado Springs Hospital.

Colorado Springs, Colo., Aug. 15.—With the death of C. M. McCreary of Dallas, Texas, at the St. Francis hospital this morning, the number of fatalities resulting from the Huston wreck on the Denver and Rio Grande yesterday morning was increased to ten. None of the injured, numbering close to two score, in the local hospital is believed to be in a critical condition.

Engineer Lessig, driver of the lead engine hauling the northbound train, whose passengers alone suffered death or injury disappeared immediately after the wreck and it was feared for a time that he had committed suicide. He was found at his home in Denver today. He appeared greatly worried and offered no reply to questions regarding the cause of the accident.

John Gossage, fireman for Lessig, was the only one among the six enginemen to meet death. The wreck occurred within sight of his home, and his wife, who was standing in the doorway watching the train go by, witnessed the accident. She was among the first to reach the scene and her grief was pitiful.

Of the many features of the accident, which served to prevent even greater loss of life and death under the most agonizing circumstances, none was more fortunate, as it turned out, than that the collision occurred on a curve. This served to throw the engines to each side of the track and the forward coaches of the two trains, which were the only cars derailed, were thrown to the inner side of the curve.

The immense clouds of hissing steam escaping from the battered hulks of the three huge engines as they lay in the deep ditch, east of the track, and the heat of the unquenched fires in the engine boxes wasted their destructive force on the grass and weeds. The distance between the engines and the combination car in which dead and wounded lay, was sufficient to remove all danger of fire, otherwise many of the victims of the wreck, helplessly entangled in the ruins of the car, would probably have been caught by the flames before they could be extricated.

The loss to the Denver and Rio Grande railway company, aside from the claims for death, will amount to about $75,000. Traffic was resumed within a few hours after the accident.