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RAILROAD HORROR

Wreck on the Grand Trunk Railroad.

LOSS OF LIFE WAS VERY LARGE

Trains Took Fire and Many Were Burned to Death—Caused by Disobeying Orders.

LITTLE CREEK, Mich., Oct. 20.—A fatal wreck and holocaust occurred this morning on the Grand Trunk at a mile and a half from this city, in which 35 to 40 lost their lives and scores were injured. An east-bound special train, loaded with returning world's fair passengers, came in collision head-on with a west-bound passenger, causing a serious smash-up. The wreck took place on a sharp curve, and many of the wounded perished in the broken timbers and twisted iron. The fire, which was caused by the collision, was very severe, and many of the injured were burned to death. The responsibility for the accident is said to rest on Conductor Scott and Engineer Gorman of the east-bound train, who disobeyed orders by not stopping at a signal to let the west-bound pass. Twenty-four dead bodies have been taken from the ruins, all terribly mangled and unrecognizable. The killed, as far as known, are all men and women. The coaches of the east-bound train burned completely up, and the bodies of many are still in the wreckage as they have been taken out, and were severely, if not fatally, injured. The east-bound train was a Ray and Whitcomb excursion returning to Chicago, loaded with passengers from New York and Boston. The loss of life was in the west-bound train, not east-bound special as at first reported. Both engines were badly wrecked, also the baggage car of the east-bound train; but the rest of it, made up of sleepers, withstood shock and nobody in them was hurt.

SOME FRIGHTFUL SCENES

The west-bound was made up of thirty-day coaches, four of which completely telescoped each other, and it was here the most frightful scenes were witnessed, as the cars at once caught fire and the lamps and were consumed. The men saved themselves by jumping, except Conductor Burk of the west-bound train, who was caught between the cars and badly hurt. Most of the deaths occurred in one car, which telescoped by those in front and behind in such a way as to open the passengers in like rats in a trap. The accident was a mile from a fire station, before water could be turned on. Firemen got to work the cars were burned. Twenty-five bodies were taken from this car alone as soon as the wreck was out. Nearly all had their arms or legs burned off and were unrecognizable. They were mostly men, but one woman was seen. She was shoved by the telescoping of cars. Only eight or ten escaped this car. A horrible sight was witnessed when Mrs. Charles Van Dusen of Fort Erie, N. Y., who got half way out of the window, but her legs got fastened so that she was unable to get assistance. She was rescued and she was burned to death before her eyes.

THE BODY HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED AS THAT OF

Wirtz, from an unconscious handkerchief found on it. Another body was recognized as that of A. A. Allan of Toronto. Charles Van Dusen, one of the injured, died later. Mrs. J. O. of Toronto is among the badly injured. So far, 26 bodies are recovered from the wreck. The bodies are all so mangled it is impossible to identify them. Wounded were taken to the hotels, and offices and residences, and sent for by all the physicians in town.

TORTURED AND ROBBED.

The Job Put Up by a Mind-Reader.

PORTLAND, Oct. 20.—John Shields, a printer and typewriter in the business office of the Dispatch; Bert Shoemaker, a Western Union telegrapher; and Professor Grant Evans, a reader and hypnotist, were arrested today, charged with robbing and torturing Racheal Logan, a living back of Corapolis, on the burg and Lake Erie railway. It is reported they are the four masked men who broke into her house last Tuesday night. They dragged her from her bed, and to a chair, and at the point of a revolver threatened to burn her feet in a fire if she did not disclose the hiding place of \$20,000 in the house. The woman is 60 years old. She told them she had \$500. The robbers seized the money and divided it among themselves before releasing her. The woman was kept quiet until today. The

police officials got word that Professor Evans was trying to change a \$100 bill in a Smithfield-street store and arrested him. At the police station Evans, to save himself, confessed that the money had been stolen from Mrs. Logan. He said he was one of the four men who robbed the house. Evans gave the names of the others in the robbery and they were arrested. Shields admitted his connection with the affair and said he was hypnotized by Evans, who made him go into it against his will.

NEWS NOTES.

A drizzling rain in Chicago yesterday. The gold reserve has fallen to \$83,000,000.

Lucy Stone, the great woman reformer, is dead.

The senate confirmed the nomination of Van Alen to be minister to Italy, by a vote of 39 to 22.

Mrs. Roscoe Conkling died in Utica, N. Y., Wednesday from an apopleptic stroke, aged 60 years.

Saturday was Manhattan day at the world's fair. The estimates place the number of visitors from New York at 20,000.

At the headquarters of the Pacific Express at Omaha a bulletin was posted, announcing a cut from 8 to 12 1/2 per cent in wages of all employes, effective October 1st.

A telegram to the minister of foreign affairs announces that Rio was under fire all day and great damage was caused. Thousands of people sought refuge in the adjoining towns.

It is announced that "Lucky" Baldwin is to soon retire from the turf and to dispose of his racing stock, except some 2-year-olds and a few others, which he will retain for breeding purposes.

Peru establishes gold as the currency of the country and prohibits the importation of silver coins. The country has been flooded with Spanish and Mexican silver, and this action, it is expected, will put a stop to their importation.

The cabinet announces that the body of Marshal MacMahon will lie in state at the Church of Madeleine and afterward will be taken to the Invalides; also decided to give the remains of Gounod a public funeral.

At the W. C. T. U. convention Mrs. Thurber, a colored delegate from Jackson, Mich., moved that a department of colored work be established, with a colored woman as superintendent. The motion carried.

In an engagement between the Matabele and British troops 100 Matabeles were killed. Only one British officer was seriously hurt. The British force numbers between 2,000 and 3,000. It is estimated King Lobengula can muster 10,000 to 20,000 warriors. The forces are advancing with great caution to guard against surprise.

The Illinois Central limited train from New Orleans, loaded with passengers for the world's fair, was wrecked by colliding with a coal train at a crossing near Kanakee, Ill., Thursday night. A number of cars were derailed and smashed. It was almost miraculous nobody was killed. Eight passengers were seriously hurt, and a number of others suffered from bruises which did not require surgical aid.

Great progress is being made in the progress of the midwinter fair buildings. The mechanics' arts building is expected to be finished and ready for occupation by December 1st. The brick walls of the fine arts building are two-thirds up, and the interior finishing will commence in a few days. The agricultural and horticultural building is now being roofed, and the walls of the manufacturers and liberal arts building are rapidly approaching completion.

Dropped Dead While at Work.

BAKER CITY, Oct. 21.—Last evening Mrs. L. W. Meier, residing near Express, Baker county, fell dead while doing her housework. Deceased had been in the best of health, and had not even complained of feeling sick. The funeral occurred at Express today. She leaves a husband and three children. It is supposed that death was caused by the bursting of a blood-vessel.

The Baker City Pottery Company will soon begin the erection of a large kiln here for the purpose of manufacturing all kinds of pottery.

Outside the Pale of the Church.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 21.—A private dispatch received in this city yesterday states that the New York synod of the Presbyterian church has not only refused to reopen the case of Professor Briggs, but declined to send a visiting committee to Union seminary, thereby ignoring the institution altogether and placing it outside the pale of the church. No such action was ever before taken against a seminary.

TWO MORE NEEDED

Managers of the Compromise Measure Confident of Its Passage.

AMENDMENT OF VOORHEES' BILL

The Silver Men See in it an Excuse to Prolong the Discussion.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—When the democratic steering committee of the senate had completed its sittings today, 37 democratic senators had pledged themselves to support the committee's compromise repeal measure, and the managers felt assured of a sufficient number to bring the total up to 41, leaving only two more necessary to insure the passage of the bill by democratic votes. The senators holding out against the bill are said to be Mills and Vilas, of the repeal bill side, and Irby, of the silver side. Some of the repeal men have not as yet actually attached their names to the pledge, but the committee expects to secure the names of all democratic senators, and will rush the bill through as a party measure and without calling upon the republicans for help. Most of the republicans hope the democrats will succeed in this, for the bill is one which does not commend itself to either the repeal or silver faction in the republican ranks. The repeal men are pleased only with the clause limiting silver purchases to a year, while the silver men find in this a reason of hope for a further extension of silver purchases, and think it better than an unconditional repeal.

AS AN AMENDMENT.

The committee's recommendation will be put in the shape of an amendment of the Voorhees bill, and will probably receive the support of most of the silver republicans as an amendment, while the bill will, as amended, be opposed by them. This is a probability against the passing of the bill. It seems more than probable that if the democrats secure the concurrence of their entire party in the senate, the republicans will make no effort at united action. The silver men, if all parties are pleased, will accept the bill. As at present arranged, the bill will expire in the midst of the next congressional election, and probably there will be an effort to amend the amendment extending the purchasing time a year. The silver men think it possible they may secure sufficient republican support to put this through; but, all circumstances considered, it is scarcely probable. One of the advantages which the silver men find in the committee's amendment of the original bill is that it gives them ground to stand on while the silver fight shall be waged in the future. They say the entire silver fight in reality has only begun; that the present bill is only a stipulation for a brief time, and that it will be presented vigorously in the regular session.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

"If the Republicans Offered the Lord's Prayer the Democrats Would Oppose."

From our regular correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20, 1893.

Senator Sherman truly represented the position of the republican senators when he said in the great speech he made this week: "In times past we never shrunk from responsibility. We were republicans because we believed in republican principles and men and measures. But whenever a question came up that had to be decided, we never pleaded the baby act, or said that we could not agree. We met together in conclave and there agreed, and in that way we passed all the great laws which have marked American history in the last thirty years. Of course democrats opposed us. I think that if the republicans were to offer the Ten Commandments or the Lord's Prayer, the democrats would oppose them. Now we do not stand in that attitude. We ask our brother senators on the other side to meet together and consult with each other. If they do not like the president's plans let them give us some other, in God's name, and let us settle this important question, and then we will take it into our consideration. If we can agree with you we will do so. If we cannot agree with you we will not follow your example, but will give you a manly 'No.'"

"We must decide this silver question one way or the other. If you cannot do it and will retire from the senate chamber we will fix it on this side of the chamber, and do the best we can with our silver friends who belong to us and who are blood of our blood and bone of our bone. But yours is the proper duty; and, therefore, I beg of you, not in reproach

or anger, to perform it. You have the supreme honor of being able to settle this question now; and you ought to do it. That is all that I can say."

The silver democratic senators thought Senator Sherman's advice to "meet together," good, and prepared a call for a democratic caucus decision. The administration senators mostly refused to sign, knowing that a majority of the democratic senators are opposed to the Voorhees bill and that the caucus decision would consequently be against that bill, but a sufficient number of signatures were secured to compel Senator Gorman, who is chairman of the caucus committee, to call a caucus. But there can be nothing definite about its action, because the democrats who do not attend will not be bound. It may, however, result in getting the silver democrats to agree upon some sort of compromise, which they have not yet done.

If Mr. Cleveland had not called off the administration senators, a compromise would have been reached early this week. How this affected the democrats may be judged by Senator Morgan's criticism of him in his speech. He said: "I am disposed to say to the president, 'When you leave the executive mansion and come here to guide us in legislation, you must not feel at all affronted if we take up the veto power and use it on you. You shall not interfere with us.'" How the two wings of the democratic party can be got together is not at this time apparent.

Many people have been puzzled at the non-action of the state judiciary committee on the nomination of Mr. Hornblower to the supreme court vacancy, which has been costly and inconvenient to lawyers and litigants in cases which the chief justice insists shall only be heard by a full bench, but the secret is now out. It is another case of Senator Hill's peanut politics. Mr. Hornblower was one of the democratic lawyers of New York who openly condemned the criminal acts of Judge Maynard, who heads the recently-nominated democratic state ticket, and Senator Hill is a member of the senate judiciary committee to which Hornblower's nomination was referred. The New York boss thought he saw an opportunity for revenge, both on Hornblower and on the administration, by hanging up the nomination and making a pretense of being able to defeat it. He then sent word to Deputy President Dan Lamont that if the administration would in some public way endorse the candidacy of Judge Maynard he would withdraw his opposition to Hornblower's confirmation. That is the whole story as far as it has gone.

The democratic members of the house ways and means committee say that the imposition of an income tax has been decided upon and that it only remains to determine where it shall begin—the lowest income that shall be taxed—what the rate of taxation shall be and how it shall be collected.

Slowly but surely the democrats are carrying out the threat of Senator Blackburn to repeal every vestige of war legislation. The house this week passed a bill amending the Revised Statutes so that proof of loyalty shall not be necessary in any application for bounty land where the proof otherwise shows that the applicant is entitled thereto.

Sounds a Warning.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 24.—[Special to THE CHRONICLE.]—In the senate today Senator Stewart has the floor. He arraigns the senators for not agreeing on a 20 to 1 ratio and says the reason they do not is due to the obstinacy of the gold bugs. Another senator thought that the present session would be another billion dollar congress, and said that they are frittering away their time and accomplishing nothing. He believes it will sound the death knell of the democratic party.

Marriage in the Ferris Wheel.

CHICAGO, Oct. 24.—[Special to THE CHRONICLE.]—A marriage took place at the top of the Ferris wheel today. The event excites much interest.

Yellow Fever Increasing.

BRUNSWICK, Ga., Oct. 21.—Four deaths and 49 new cases of yellow fever were officially reported today, the record-breaker of the epidemic.

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ALL WERE DROWNED

A Sunken Vessel Discovered in Lake Erie.

A WOMAN WALKED TO DEATH

Her Terrible Tramp Across the Continent—She Was Picked up Unconscious.

CLEVELAND, O., Oct. 23.—The sunken vessel discovered a few miles off this port is thought to be undoubtedly the schooner Riverside, missing since the big storm of the 13th. Those on board the vessel were: Captain D. G. Farrington and wife; Joseph Hargreaves, mate, and his son John; John Paige, seaman, and two other sailors. All were undoubtedly drowned.

WALKED HERSELF TO DEATH.

A Woman's Terrible Tramp Across the Continent.

MONTREAL, Oct. 23.—Left destitute in San Francisco, Mme. de Lavalie started for Montreal several months ago with a horse and buggy. She reached here last evening on foot, and is in the Notre Dame hospital in a dying condition from the hardship and exposure of the journey. Mme. de Lavalie's husband died about a year ago, and her three children were also carried off by the smallpox. Having relations here, she started on her journey. At the end of a fortnight her horse gave out, and from that time the widow pursued her long walk over the prairies and mountains until Detroit was reached, where she rested awhile. Sometimes she was given a ride by trainmen. For food she depended entirely upon charity, and her shelter at night was as often under a tree as in a shed or farmhouse. When Montreal was reached her clothes were in tatters and her shoes worn out. Still she persevered, and was leaving here for her home in Longueuil when she broke down entirely, and was picked up in an unconscious condition on the wharf near the ferry landing and taken to the hospital. Her skeleton-like appearance and her wandering mind attest her complete physical and mental breakdown.

OVER THE ATLANTIC.

Professor Hazen, of the Signal Office, Will Attempt It in a Balloon.

In Monday's Oregonian is a two-column profoundly interesting article, of a balloon trip across the Atlantic contemplated by Prof. Hazen, of the United States weather bureau.

The balloon will be a small one comparatively speaking. An envelope containing 100,000 cubic feet should be plenty big enough for a voyage to Europe. The material used is goldbeaters' skin, which is obtained from a part of the intestines of the ox, called the "caecum." It is somewhat more costly than cotton or even silk but it is superior for the purpose in many ways. The main point is that a tight balloon can be made of it, which is not practicable with any other substance hitherto tried. The goldbeaters' skin comes in small sheets, the biggest obtainable being 22x10 inches. It looks somewhat like oiled tissue to the eye, but is not porous. Six layers put together make about the thickness of letter paper, with nearly the same weight as silk. However, four thicknesses will serve for a balloon, the sheets being overlain upon each other in such a way that there are no joints or seams. The balloon will be filled with hydrogen, which has a lifting power of 70 pounds for each 1,000 cubic feet, will thus have a total lifting power of 8,000 pounds. After loading with passengers and necessary equipments there will be a margin of 5,500 pounds, which would be taken along as ballast in the shape of sand in bags.

Speed could be best obtained by traveling as high as 6,000 feet, because the currents at that elevation are two or three times as fast as those near the ocean. It is most important that the aeronaut should be able to place his balloon at any level of the atmosphere he pleases. There may be an unfavorable wind at 1,000 feet, and at the same time just the

right breeze may blow at 10,000 feet. The currents at the latter altitude are always blowing from west to east across the Atlantic, and for that reason there should be no difficulty in accomplishing the trip quickly. Professor Hazen thinks of taking with him a small pilot balloon, which may be run up to the height of a mile above the great gasbag, so as to ascertain the direction of the breeze at a higher level without taking the trouble to ascend in order to find out.

It is an extraordinary circumstance about ballooning that when a man has gone up many times he forgets danger and becomes careless. At the same time, the danger of ballooning has been very much exaggerated. The accidents which occur are invariably caused by mismanagement or carelessness. With proper control there is no more peril attached to navigating the air than in riding on a railway.

NEWS NOTES.

Specials report a storm of snow, hail, rain and sleet extending over eastern South Dakota and into North Dakota. Fargo, Huron and Sioux Falls report one or more inches of snow, and the storm is still prevailing.

A dispatch to the Times from Calcutta says money is daily becoming scarcer in India. In this connection an Englishman suggests a gold loan of £5,000,000, and declares this is absolutely necessary to avoid a panic.

Thirteen visitors to the fair fell in an elevator 200 feet from the landing under the great roof of the manufacturers building. Their lives were saved by the brakes on the car, which caught and held it 30 feet from the floor.

Marshal MacMahon was buried Sunday in the Hotel des Invalides, the resting place in death of distinguished sons of France. La Madeleine was draped with mourning, presenting a peculiarly sad appearance amid so much fete decoration. Minister Dupuy and General Loizillon delivered stirring orations over the dead soldier's grave.

Daniel J. White, for some months employed as car repairer by the Monte Cristo railroad at Everett, Wash., locked himself in one of the company's cars at the depot and blew his brains out with a revolver Sunday. He was an Englishman, about 30 years old, and his family resided at Whatcom. No reason can be assigned for the act.

A bad wreck occurred on the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago road in a dense fog about 6 o'clock Sunday morning between the second section of a west-bound vestibule train, which was standing at a switch near Monroeville, and the second section of an east-bound passenger. Engineer Cowan was frightfully scalded and Fireman Daly badly hurt. Brakeman Hunt is suffering from wounds which may result fatally. The first car from the engine was not damaged, but the two following were smashed and some of the passengers seriously hurt.

A marriage license was granted today to Mr. Frank Blaker and Miss Eva Hendrickson, both of The Dalles.

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