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A RUNAWAY TRAIN

Beats the Record for Accidents of the Kind.

THE CARS THROWN ON ALL SIDES

Moving Snow by Dynamite in Dakota—A Fuel Famine Threatened in Many Towns.

MISSOULA, Dec. 1.—A runaway train unequalled in the annals of railroading in Montana occurred this afternoon about 4 o'clock, east of the Mullan tunnel on the east side of the main range of the Rocky mountains.

The fatal train was an extra freight which left Missoula early this morning in charge of Conductor John McBean. At Elliston a change of engines was made, with John Flynn at the throttle of the fresh engine.

The train passed through the tunnel all right, and began to make the descent down the winding mountain grade, beset with deep rock cuts and high winding trestles. The distance from the tunnel to the first station, Butler, is about seven miles.

Before the train went far it got out of control and began the descent with lightning rapidly. Long before Butler station was reached the speed and roar of the train were equalled only by a cyclone.

The train broke in two, throwing cars right and left. The front part of the train was ditched in the Butler yard, smashing the cars into kindling wood. Engineer John Flynn of Helena received a broken leg and was badly injured. Reports say nothing about the fireman, but it is supposed he was badly injured or killed outright.

Conductor John McBean of Missoula was badly injured. Ed Jarboe, one of the brakemen, is reported missing.

A wrecking train with Superintendent E. J. Pearson, W. S. Clarkson, master mechanic, and Mrs. McBean, wife of the injured conductor, left for the scene of the smash-up at 7:45 p. m. Reports are meager. At division headquarters it is claimed no one was killed, but all the train crew were badly hurt.

DYNAMITING THE SNOW DRIFTS.

A Fuel Famine Threatened in Many Dakota Towns.

ST. PAUL, Nov. 30.—News from the great blizzard has been meager today. So far as learned only five lives have been lost. Of course nothing has yet been heard from the remote distances beyond the reach of the telegraph, and it may be another week before it can be positively stated that there has not been more serious loss of life.

The streets of the snowbound Dakota towns are being cleared as rapidly as possible. The extremely cold weather has frozen the snow until the immense drifts have reached the proportions of gigantic icebergs, and dynamite is being used to blast these out of the way, ordinary picks and shovels being unable to make any impression on them.

Stock on the ranges has undoubtedly suffered heavily, and a fuel famine is threatened in many of the smaller towns in the Dakotas. This is by no means a trivial matter where the mercury is ranging from 15 to 30 degrees below zero.

The railroads are beginning to get their trains running again. The Great Northern got its first train into St. Paul from the snowbound districts this morning and the Northern Pacific reports that its line is now open from Portland to St. Paul. Delayed westbound transcontinental trains on this road which were being held at Tower City and Fargo left those points at 5 o'clock this evening, and the eastbound trains held at Mandan are moving and will be due here tomorrow. The Northern Pacific officials do not anticipate any further trouble and expect to have trains running on schedule time.

DEATH OF WALLA WALLA PIONEER

Had Lived in the County for About Forty Years.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Nov. 30.—A. S. Van Horn, an old pioneer, died in the hospital in this city last night of congestion of the liver. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1833, crossing the plains in 1849, and settled at Salt Lake. He came to Walla Walla in 1859, and was one of the best known pioneers in eastern Washington.

Joe Tryman, another old-timer, 75 years of age, was found dead in a house five miles west of the city this morning. He lived alone on what is known as the Coe farm. As he had not been seen for several days, his neighbors went to his

home this morning and found him lying dead on the floor. He lay near a stove, an arm load of wood beside him, and his white locks covered with the snow which had drifted on him. He had gloves on his hands and socks wrapped around his feet, indicating that he entered the house just before he died. The supposed cause was heart disease. Tryman had lived in the county forty years, and at one time was well-to-do, but it is said he gave away most of his property to a woman with whom he was infatuated, who abandoned him shortly after she secured possession.

OLD WORLD CROP PROSPECTS.

Reduced Acreage Between the Vistula and Bay of Biscay.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—The Mark Lane Express today, discussing the crop prospects, says:

"Severe frosts in France and central Europe have stopped plowing and sowing and we anticipate a somewhat reduced wheat acreage in the entire region between the Vistula and the Bay of Biscay. Winter has set in throughout Russia. The Sea of Azov was closed to navigation November 4th, and the navigation of the Baltic is dangerous on the northern and eastern coasts, where there is already much severe weather.

"Owing to the rainfall in India, the deficiency in the wheat acreage is reduced. But, while famine no longer threatens, a scarcity seems bound to be felt until the spring of 1898. English wheat maintains a good price in London, but the country markets are less firm."

The Great Storm in Nebraska.

OMAHA, Nov. 30.—Final details of the great storm that has enveloped Nebraska for six days were received today. Much stock has perished on the extreme western range, where there were few ravines which afforded shelter to the animals. The aggregate is not so large as anticipated, however, and though the severe weather continues, the snow is rapidly disappearing.

A peculiar feature of the great storm is the efficient manner in which delay has been avoided by railroads centering here. Though great quantities of snow fell between Omaha and the mountains, the service was uninterrupted. The Union Pacific's overland limited was not delayed at any point between here and San Francisco. The officials are now confident they have solved the problem of handling fast trains regardless of heavy snows which in former times impeded traffic.

For the Independence of Cuba.

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 30.—United States Senator Bacon arrived in Atlanta this afternoon. He said:

"Unless opinion has changed very materially, and I do not believe it has, there is an undoubted majority in the present house and senate for what some might call radical action—that is, the independence of the republic of Cuba being recognized by the American congress. I am not a member of the foreign relations committee, and do not know whether the Republican majority will prevent action until McKinley is inaugurated, but I am in favor of the independence of Cuba, will so vote, and I believe that the majority will do likewise if the opportunity is presented."

One Bryan Elector in California.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Nov. 30.—Final returns from Santa Clara county, completing the state returns, show that Martin, a Bryan elector, has defeated Flint, a McKinley elector, by 432. This gives McKinley eight electors from California and Bryan one.

Within Striking Distance.

HAVANA, Nov. 30.—It is true that Antonio Maceo is in the vicinity of Consuelo del Norte, as reported then General Weyler should be by the time within striking distance of the insurgents.

Shot by the Spaniards.

HAVANA, Nov. 30.—Quintin Hernandez, classed as a "rebel incendiary," was shot this morning outside the Cabanas fortress.

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CHIPPEWA IS DOOMED

Fifteen Miles of Solid Ice Gorge in the River.

OVER A MILLION DOLLARS DAMAGE

Weyler Continues His Murders in Cuba. His Officers Burn a Number of Women and Girls.

CHIPPEWA FALLS, Dec. 2.—Confusion reigns in Chippewa Falls today. The thoroughly alarmed people are making every effort to leave as little for the incoming waters to destroy as they possibly can. Two hundred teams and drays have rushed hither and thither all day. The streets are littered with merchandise. The water remained stationary until about 3 o'clock this morning, and then began rising rapidly, and inside of four hours an additional rise of eighteen inches had been registered. The river at 10 o'clock is twenty-four feet and rising. Business is abandoned, and the city is in a state of tumult. Thousands of people are anxiously waiting in groups of 50 or more, excitedly discussing the situation on every corner.

Anything is expected and nothing may happen, but the greatest danger lies in the probable changing of the river's course to throw it into the town. The water can never cut its way under fifteen miles of ice gorge formed in the bed of the river. Experts believe the gorge will soon become anchored to the bottom of the river. In this case the river must flow out around it. Its natural course in this event lies directly behind the town.

Three thousand pounds of dynamite arrived this morning, and men have been exploding it at various points along the river. It failed to relieve the situation. All the buildings on River street are today flooded to the second story and the ice around them is doing serious damage to the structures.

The Central depot is under three feet of water, and will be carried away before night. The Milwaukee freight depot is in a similar situation, and the coal sheds near by are wrecked.

The report reached here this morning that the gorge at Little Falls dam, eighteen miles above the city, had broken away, permitting a rush of water upon the town. If this report is authentic, the entire town will be inundated as soon as the water arrives. Fifty of the largest business firms have abandoned their structures entirely and every resident has made preparations to seek a place of safety in case the worst occurs. The damage already done this city and the rich farming country above it is estimated at \$1,000,000.

A special from Durand, Wis., says: "The ice gorge below the city forced the water to within four feet of the great flood of 1884 last night, filling cellars and overflowing streets. Should the Chippewa Falls gorge break, Durand will be in great danger, as the bluffs at Round Hill will not hold the gorge there."

WEYLER'S TACTICS.

Carrying on a Campaign of Destruction in Cuba.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 1.—A special to the Commercial Tribune from Key West, says:

Weyler's threat that he would starve Maceo out seems likely to be carried out, as from all reports from Mariel, near where Weyler is now, the work of destruction is being carried out fully. The Spanish army sweeps everything before it, killing bees that it cannot use, burning cane fields and small stores with their provisions and leaving a wide waste of ruin and desolation in its wake.

People vainly implore Weyler to leave them provisions to keep them alive, but his brutal officers refuse with oaths and insulting words, if not worse. Over 300 refugees have come into Mariel since Weyler went out this last time, all giving the same story of rapine, plunder and murder of the Spaniards.

A Spanish guerrilla captain named Colzaso is accused of murdering over 100 persons in the valleys south of Mariel during the latter part of November. In one instance he is accused of confining a number of women and girls in a church, and after they had been repeatedly abused and maltreated by his men, burned the building with them in it. Many other outrages, all as horrible, are charged to him and his companions.

Another American Arrested.

KEY WEST, Fla., Dec. 1.—Letters received from Cuba say that young Oscar Cespedes, an American citizen and cor-

respondent of a Key West newspaper, who has been confined in prison at Matanzas for several months, will be tried by court-martial. Young Cespedes is accused of being a filibuster, and although an American citizen, his friends here fear he will be condemned to death by the Spaniards and executed.

The case of Cespedes is similar to that of Ona Melton, a newspaper correspondent, who has been confined in the Cabanas fortress for the last nine months. Both cases have been reported to Secretary Olney, with the request that he intervene in behalf of American citizens. Melton has just had an attack of yellow fever, and is very weak. It is feared he will die unless speedily released.

A PHOSPHATE MINE.

A Rich Discovery Has Been Made in Tennessee.

NASHVILLE, Dec. 1.—The richest and most extensive discovery of rock phosphate in the history of the world has been made in Tennessee. The deposits underlie four counties in the vicinity of Nashville, Davidson, Williamson, Rutherford and Maury. The rock lies in a vein averaging from 3 to 12 feet in thickness, and is but 10 feet below the surface.

The commercial value of the discovery it is impossible to estimate, but the output will be worth more than that of the richest gold-mining territory in the world. The discovery of the phosphate was made by a Mr. Clark, of a well-known chemist firm in Atlanta, Ga. Among those who it is said have bought up large tracts of land in the above-named counties are George W. Scott, a capitalist of Atlanta; Phil D. Armour, of Chicago; James Mattison, of Lasalle, Ind., and the Northwestern Fertilizing Company of Chicago. Representatives of Europeans are now in the field.

Carloads of rock have already been shipped to New York and Chicago, and several steamers have cleared from Florida ports with rock from Tennessee. Large consignments have been shipped to Atlanta, and it is stated upon reliable authority that several fertilizing plants will be erected there. James M. Stafford, state geologist of Tennessee, says the rock is the richest ever discovered, and that the increased value to the state cannot be estimated.

SOLDIERS FOR CUBA LIBRE.

One Hundred and Fifty Men Enlisted in Missouri.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 2.—It has developed that there was an enlistment of 150 men here for the Cuban service, and others are expected to join when means of transportation have been arranged for by the Cuban junta of New York.

The man who has been active in securing this number of men for the cause of Cuba is David Berensberg, at one time a lieutenant in the regular United States army, and prior to that a soldier in the German army during the Franco-Prussian war. At the present time he holds a commission as captain of a company of state militia located at this point.

Berensberg just now is a member of the police force of the city, and the drillmaster of the force. A number of his old associates in the regular army are down on the list, and all of them expect soon to be serving under the Cuban flag.

Hanna Goes to Washington Tomorrow.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 2.—National Chairman Hanna, who has been visiting President-elect McKinley in Canton since yesterday, wired this morning that he will return to Cleveland this evening and start for Washington Friday afternoon.

While Hanna ostensibly went to Canton to talk over inauguration plans with the president-elect, it is generally known that when he returns tonight the cabinet slate will be practically completed. In addition it is stated that Hanna will bear [to] Washington McKinley's expressed views in regard to immediate legislation, especially in reference to the Dingley bill.

Hanna for the Treasury.

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—A special to the Times-Herald from Canton, O., says: The Times-Herald correspondent was given authority tonight to state that the cabinet question was fully discussed yesterday. Before leaving for home today Mr. Hanna was formally tendered the treasury portfolio by the president-elect. Mr. Hanna did not accept nor refuse, but told Major McKinley he would take the matter under advisement. This information is authentic, but the correspondent was informed under promise that the source of knowledge would not be given.

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WATER STILL RISING

Otherwise the Situation Remains Unchanged.

TRAMPLE ON THE AMERICAN FLAG

Turks Tear Down Old Glory and Then Tear it Up—Italian Officers Murdered in Africa.

CHIPPEWA FALLS, Wis., Dec. 3.—With the water again climbing, the outlook for this threatened valley is still rather uncomfortable. For fifteen miles between Chippewa Falls and Eau Claire, and nearly the same distance at Durand, the river is massed with packed ice and timber and is hourly becoming worse. The water has been backed up, flooding part of Durand and the lower levels of this city. Lumber mills are surrounded and partially engulfed by the water, which has frozen. Near by business places and dwellings are in the same predicament, although being a little farther away from the river channel, their situation is not so serious.

The railroads are not suffering as much as might be expected. The Omaha runs along high bluffs, and has not been in the least hampered. The Wisconsin Central tracks are covered with water and its trains use the Omaha tracks. The river branch of the Milwaukee & St. Paul has stopped business for the present.

Colonel W. A. Jones, of the United States army of St. Paul, in charge of the government works in this section, will confer with the authorities in regard to another attempt to break the ice dam here. It is feared that a break in the Little Falls dam, thirty miles above here, would carry nearly everything away here. The people of Eau Claire fear the result if the ice gorge here breaks too suddenly, while those below Durand are entertaining fear for the outcome there.

Yesterday the water touched 24 feet 8 inches, the highest yet, and later dropped a foot, but at 8:30 o'clock this morning again had risen to the highest figure, and was still rising slowly at 9 o'clock. Mayor Irvine drove down the river to Gravel, six miles from here, where an attempt will be made to break the gorge. The people are still moving from their houses today. Many offers of relief have been received from various quarters, and relief will be necessary before the end of the trouble comes.

MASSACRED BY SOMALIS.

An Italian Consul and Officers Murdered in Africa.

ZANZIBAR, Dec. 3.—The massacre of Senator Cechi, the Italian consul here, the captains of the Italian warships Volturno and Stuflet, and about six other Italian officers by Somalis, at Magadoxo on the coast of Somaliland, East Africa, occurred on November 28. The party was accompanied by 70 Askaris on a trip into the country outside of Magadoxo, when Somalis attacked them, killing all the whites and 30 of the Askaris.

ROME, Dec. 2.—Additional details of the massacre of Senator Cechi, the Italian consul, and the Italian officers who were with him at Magadoxo, Somaliland, state that 14 Italians were killed. The caravan was attacked in the night by Somalis. They were repulsed, but rallied and continually attacked the retreating caravan. The Italians and their escort of Askaris fought desperately, but were eventually overcome.

As soon as the news of the fighting reached Magadoxo a detachment of sailors and a force of Askaris were sent to the assistance of the caravan, but arrived too late to save the Italians. The rescue party recovered 27 bodies, and arrested many Somali tribesmen, who were punished in an exemplary manner.

FLAG IN THE SULTAN'S DOMAIN.

Old Glory Grossly Insulted by the Turkish Soldiers.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—A letter from an American missionary, for nearly twenty years a resident of Constantinople, has been received by Rev. Dr. Strong, secretary of the American Evangelical League, which confirms the recent statement of Rev. Dr. Cyrus Hamlin with relation to the status of Americans and the American flag in Turkey, especially with regard to the occasion when the flag was torn and trampled upon in an Armenian village. The letter is dated September 30th, and says:

"The rascally police officer, Hassan Chaoush, who tore down and tore up our flag, was caught the Sunday following the massacre, with \$800 upon him,



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merely obtained from the Armenians on his promise to save their lives, and whom he had treacherously given up to death. Everybody is asking whether Mr. Terrill will do anything to vindicate the honor of our flag, but as yet we hear of nothing being done."

Another letter from Constantinople dated September 30th, only five days after the occurrence, says:

"Haseky, the house which Miss Gleason and Mrs. Seelev occupied, was looted and the servant left in charge doubtless lost his life. Men wearing uniforms headed the mob which attacked the house and pulled down and tore to shreds the United States flags that had been hung out."

HAPPENINGS IN SOUTH AMERICA.

Venezuelan Government Ratifies the Orinoco Concession.

CARACAS, Venezuela, Dec. 3.—The Venezuelan government has published a decree ratifying the Orinoco concession. This means the success of an American enterprise. The Orinoco concession referred to doubtless means a grant of territory supposed to embrace 10,000,000 acres of the Manoa country, which was transferred to the Orinoco company.

The grant includes territory extending from near the western or upper limit of the Orinoco delta to the coast, including by its northern boundary several of the delta islands, and extending southwest to the crest of the Inuitica mountains. It is said to have been indicated by Humboldt as the most promising and favorable region for colonization he had seen in his travels in South America.

A dispatch from Lima, Peru, says the Comercio prints a leading article bitterly attacking the new treaty between Chile and Bolivia. The paper says that Bolivia, by the terms of the treaty, practically surrenders her sovereignty to Chile. The authors of the treaty are called traitors, and the agreement is denounced as a disgrace and a menace to the autonomy of the nation.

Insurgents Were Victors.

Particulars of the Cuban Attack Upon Guanabacoa.

HAVANA, Dec. 3.—The insurgent attack on Guanabacoa, on the outskirts of this city, Tuesday, was much more serious than at first stated. Guanabacoa was attacked simultaneously at several points, while another insurgent force fired upon the Spanish outposts at Bucaracas, on the coast. A garrison was left at that place to resist the attack on the town, but was ambuscaded between stone walls and farm fences by about 300 insurgents, and in spite of a gallant defense, all the Spaniards were killed. The exact number slain is not known. The insurgents are said to have burned 74 houses in Guanabacoa, instead of one house, as the official report stated.

Prizefight in a Hospital.

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—It has leaked out that an eight-round prizefight has taken place in the county hospital between Eddy Santry, of Chicago, and Jimmy Carroll, of Omaha, feather-weight pugilists of note. A purse was made up by about twenty-five employees and doctors, who gave a reception to Chief Clerk M. R. Mandelbaum. The pugilists were brought together in a large carpeted room. The fighting was warm from the start. Santry knocked his opponent out in the eighth round. Among the spectators were three women.

England to Aid Egypt.

CAIRO, Dec. 3.—Lord Cromer, the British agent here, has informed the Egyptian government that he is authorized to state that in the event of that government deciding to reply to Calise of the Egyptian debt the \$2,500,000 advanced to meet the expenses of the Anglo-Egyptian expedition upon Dongola, Great Britain is prepared to advance such a sum as the Egyptian treasury is unable to provide for that purpose.