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STARTLING NUMBER OF RAILROAD WRECKS TODAY

Lawrence, Kan., Jan. 19.—Saturday January, 19, appears to be a record day for fatal wrecks on railroads. Aside from the Fowler wreck, where the death list will never be accurately known, three men were killed in this city by the explosion of a Santa Fe freight engine on a bridge this morning. Fourteen cars were hurled into the creek and blown to pieces. The engineer, fireman and a brakeman were killed.

Fortworth Tex Jan 19—A passenger train on the Denver division ran into an open switch twenty-six miles north of here. Fireman Williams was killed and several others hurt.

Hammond Ind Jan 19—The Lake Shore train, crowded with people returning from a night in Chicago was wrecked early this morning and twenty-one are injured.

Merridian Minn., Jan 19—In a head-on collision between the New Orleans and Northwestern last night, the engineer and

firemen were fatally hurt. The engineer jumped into a ditch and trying to follow his example three other passengers were hurt.

Sumpter, S. C., January 19.—There was a head-on collision on the Atlantic Coast line today between a passenger and freight. Wrecking crews, doctors and nurses are on the scene. No deaths are reported.

ACCIDENT AT PEORIA

Peoria, Ill., Jan. 19.—The Rock Island local went into a washout this morning. None were killed but many injured. Rains have made the traffic dangerous in all parts of this state.

THREE KILLED AT OSSEO

Osseo, Minn., Jan. 19.—The Winnipeg Flyer on the Great Northern was wrecked this morning by the spreading of rails. Three passengers were killed.

OFFICIAL REPORTS PLACE FATALITIES AT THOUSAND

(Scripps News Association)
Galveston Jan 19—A Panama cabled reports that the cable breaks register indicates that five disturbances occurred off the shore about twenty-five miles from Jamaica last night. Many believe these subterranean quakes are responsible for the deepening of the water in the Kingston harbor. Ten bodies have been recovered from the bay and it is believed they were persons who fell into the sea during the panic. Kingston is still in danger of sinking into the sea. Measurements today show the sea to be steadily encroaching and advancing, have already several feet. Since yesterday the great fissures at the water's edge have run back several feet and slides of huge portions of the

shore lines are continually dropping into the water and are seen no more.

London, Jan. 19.—Dispatches from Kingston say that seven hundred are buried up to date. One thousand and seventeen victims have been recovered from the ruins.

Havana, January 19.—The steamer Oteri arrived in Santiago today from Kingston with one hundred and fifty-two passengers who were in the earthquake. Thirty-five of them are injured, several of whom will likely die. The Cuban cutter, which was dispatched by Governor Magoon with relief and supplies, returned today, driven back by the high winds.

CANADIAN BANK GROWTH

(Scripps News Association)
Montreal, Jan. 19.—Between the end of 1900 and 1906 the chartered banks of Canada increased paid up capital from \$65,000,000 to \$94,000,000 a gain of 44%. The total deposits in 1900 were \$305,014,000; now they are \$677,300,000 an increase of 83%. Total discounts and current loans in 1900 were \$279,279,000 compared with \$576,000,000 at the present time an increase of 107%. In 1906 the business of the banks increased at a more rapid rate than in any previous year. A year ago the total deposits were \$511,942,499 contrasted with the latest figures \$603,692,906 an increase of 14%.

NEVADA MINES NOW WORKING

(Scripps News Association)
Nevada Jan 19—The Grass Valley Mines reopened today with a full crew of men in every mine. All are working as before the strike. At a late hour last night the miners accepted the proposition to go work on the old schedule with the assurance that an eight hour day be granted in the future.

TWENTY CARS OF CATTLE

Conductor Wyate took a special freight to Elgin yesterday consisting of empty stock cars, and during the afternoon, returned with twenty cars of stock that had been purchased by Mr. Benson, representing the Union Meat Company of Portland. The stock was purchased in Wallowa county and delivered to Elgin.

GRAIN MARKETS

(Scripps News Association)
Chicago, Jan. 19.—Wheat opened at 76, closed at 77½; corn opened at 45, closed at 45½; oats opened at 38, closed at 38½.

GRUESOME ACCIDENT OCCURS

(Scripps News Association)
Fowler, Ind., Jan. 19.—Twenty are killed and forty injured in a wreck of the fast Big Four passenger train, running between Chicago and Cincinnati, and a freight here this morning. Twenty of the injured will die. Immediately after the accident, the wreckage caught fire.

The passenger was on the main line of the Big Four railroad and running at five miles an hour. The dispatcher at Fowler, on account of the dense fog, knew that the engineer could not see the signals directing him to stop as the West bound freight had the right of way.

The dispatcher waved a lantern and fired several shots from a revolver in an effort to attract the attention of the trainmen, but the train rushed by, and the moment it reached a half mile east of the station the crash came. Both firemen were killed, but the engineers escaped by jumping. Twenty of the dead died instantly.

No sooner had the terrible accident occurred than flames began to lick up the wreckage and within a short time twenty bodies had been cremated. Two passengers escaped from the smother.

Greatest of all was the list of casualties in the combination car. Mrs. Schaff, the wife of the vice president of the road was in her husband's private car and was not injured.

The official report of the number of dead will probably never be known. Conductor Hiddenger was killed and with his body, burned the records of how many passengers there were on the train.

A relief train was on the scene within an hour. Later a train arrived with Dr. John Oliver, the Big Four surgeon and other officials. At least six burned to death after they were pinned under the wreckage. The rescuers gave their first attention to the injured and loaded them on the relief train which returned at once to Cincinnati. This done, the work of recovering the dead and charred bodies was commenced.

Kankakee, Ill., Jan. 19.—Seven survivors of the injured in the Fowler wreck have been brot to this city. W. E. Harris of Indianapolis died soon after his arrival.

DUE TO THE FOG

Indianapolis, Jan. 19.—The General Superintendent Dougherty says "Fog caused the wreck."

TROUBLE IN WASHINGTON LEGISLATURE

(Scripps News Association)
Olympia, Wash., January 19.—Chairman Paul Hamus of the senate committee, this morning personally demanded the resignation of railroad commissioner S. McMillan, on the grounds that the majority of the legislature opposed him and stated that prompt resignation would save trouble.

CENTINNEL OPEN AGAIN

Mrs. Shaw has renovated the Centennial hotel and is now ready to accommodate those desiring board and room, or either separate.

FOR A NEW COUNTY

The proposition to divide Union county and create a new county, with Union as the county-seat, is now fairly before the people, the petitions being circulated and details looked after. The fight is practically the same as was up two years ago, the lines of the new county being precisely the same as at the contest in 1905. The following map, used two years ago, will give the public an idea of the territory which it is proposed to include in the new county. The outlook for the creation of this new county seems better than in 1905, and the reason for its establishment seem stronger than two years ago.—Union Republic.

The map referred above was run in the Observer two years ago.

PORTLAND EXPECTS A DISTURBANCE

(Scripps News Association)
Portland, Jan 19.—Labor unions of the federated trades will participate in a parade tonight in a demonstration in favor of the striking street car employes. There is a new plan to tie up the city system and violent demonstrations are expected and to this end, the strike breakers are arming themselves and the police increasing its force in preparation for the trouble that it looks for tonight.

THE HINDO PROBLEM IN CANADA

(Scripps News Association)
Quebec Jan 19.—The Hindu problem in this country will be finally settled in the near future as Commissioner of Immigration Obe Smith who has been looking into the condition of British Indians today reports that the Hindus in British Columbia and all parts of Canada are in a starving condition and are not acclimated to the northern climate. It is expected that the government will act on this report immediately and stop further Hindoes from landing in the country as up to the present have been a complete failure.

SISTER VISITS PRISONER

(Scripps News Association)
New York Jan 19.—Countess Yarmouth, a sister of Thaw visited her brother at the prison this morning.

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