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IN TRAIN WRECK.

**FIFTEEN PERSONS KILLED
AND OVER FIFTY INJURED**

**Train Carrying Football Team Col-
lides With Coal Cars—Young
Women Act Like Heroes
—Stout Hearts Are
Made to Weep.**

Indianapolis, Oct. 31.—Fifteen persons were killed and 51 injured, some fatally, at 10:20 today in a collision between a special passenger train on the Big Four Railroad, and a freight engine with a cut of coal cars. The accident happened in the edge of this city. The passenger train of 12 coaches was carrying 954 persons, nearly all of whom were students of Purdue University and their friends from Lafayette, Ind., for the annual football game between the Purdue team and the Indiana University squad for the state championship, which was to have been fought this afternoon.

In the first coach back of the engine were the Purdue football team, subplayers and managers. Three players, the assistant coach, trainer and seven subplayers of the university were killed, and every one of the 53 other persons in the car were either fatally or seriously injured. Of the 51 persons injured in the wreck, 39 are seriously hurt, nearly all having broken bones.

From the 12 coaches were coming the joyous cries of a thousand rosters for Purdue, clad in gala dress with colors streaming, while in the front coach sat 20 great muscular fellows, trained to the hour, on whom the hopes of a brilliant victory on the gridiron were confidently placed. Rounding a curve at the Eighteenth-street out, Engineer W. H. Schumaker found directly in front of him the freight engine and coal cars moving slowly from a switch leading to a gravel pit. He reversed his engine and jumped. The crash hurled the passenger engine and the front coaches against the steel freight cars loaded with coal, that ploughed their way through and buried under a pile of wreckage weighing many tons fully 60 human beings.

The first car in which were the players, was completely demolished, the roof being torn away and falling across a car of coal, while the body of the car was reduced to kindling wood against the side of the steel freight cars. The second coach, containing a brass band, was partly telescoped, and the third coach was overturned and hurled down a 15-foot embankment. The other coaches did not leave the track. President Stone, of the University, with his family, was in the fifth coach, and was not injured.

Immediately after the shock, the passengers, men and women, began the frantic work of tearing away the wreckage and pulling out the dead and dying classmates and friends. The young women, dressed in bright colors for the holiday, performed heroic work. Though the bodies were in several instances horribly mangled, one completely and one partially beheaded, they took upon their laps the heads of the dying and injured and soothed their sufferings as best they could until the surgeons arrived. Their bloodstained and grimy garments were gloomy witnesses of their heroism.

A general alarm was sounded, and every assistance that could be afforded was rushed to the wreck, which was three miles from the business center. Big muscular students wept aloud as they stood over the bodies of their dead friends and saw them writhing in pain. To add to the horror of the situation, the wreckage caught fire, but the flames were extinguished.

Of the surviving members of the football team, who lived in all parts of the country, C. W. Zimmerman has the muscles of his right leg torn at the knee; L. Y. Young, of Louisville, is badly bruised on the head; F. Miller is out on the head; Fullback Thomas received a bad cut on the right leg, and McCormick, the sub-end, was injured about the legs. C. O. Tansman, of Cincinnati, is probably fatally injured, and is being cared for at the home of Dr. Cunningham.

All day the streets have been filled with silently moving bands

of students, but no colors were displayed. No music sounded from the bands that came to help celebrate. All were anxiously awaiting news from the injured. This evening, the trains bore them back, leaving behind the dead and injured.

Surgeons are still working over the injured. It is believed the death list will be swelled to 20. The wreck has been cleared away, and traffic resumed.

The governor and other state officers hurried to the wreck this morning, and have been busy all day assisting in the relief. Coroner Tutweiler is at work on an investigation of the accident.

Superintendent Van Winkle, of the Big Four, said tonight he had not had time to investigate the cause, as his time had been devoted to helping the injured. Each engineer says he had the right of track and knew nothing of the other train. The coal train was backing northward to one of the company's switches.

Washington, Oct. 31.—The president today issued his annual Thanksgiving proclamation in the following terms:

By the President of the United States of America—A Proclamation:

"The season is at hand when, according to the customs of our people, it falls upon the president to appoint a day of praise and thanksgiving to God. During the last year, the Lord has dealt bountifully with us, giving us peace at home and abroad, and the chance for our citizens to work for their welfare unhindered by war, famine and plague. It behooves us not only to rejoice greatly because of what has been given us, but to accept it with a solemn sense of responsibility, realizing that under heaven it rests with ourselves to show that we are worthy to use aright what has thus been entrusted to our care.

"In no other place, and at no other time, has the experiment of government of the people, by the people and for the people been tried on so vast a scale as here in our own country in the opening years of the 20th century. Failure would not only be a dreadful thing for us, but a dreadful thing for all mankind, because it would mean loss of hope for all who believe in the power and the righteousness of liberty.

"Therefore in thanking God for the mercies extended to us in the past, we beseech Him that he may not withhold them in the future, and our hearts may be aroused to war steadfastly for good and against all forces of evil, public and private. We pray for strength and light, so that in the coming years we may, with cleanliness, fearlessness and wisdom, do our allotted work on earth in such manner as to show that we are not altogether unworthy of the blessings we have received.

"Now, therefore, I, Theodore Roosevelt, president of the United States, do hereby designate as a day of general Thanksgiving, Thursday, the 26th day of November, and do recommend that throughout the land people cease from their wonted occupations, and in their several homes and places of worship render thanks to Almighty God for his manifold mercies.

"In witness whereof, I have heretofore set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done at the City of Washington, this 31st day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and three, and of the independence of the United States the one hundredth and twenty-eighth.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

"By the President:
"JOHN HAY, Sec. of State."

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KILLED HIS BOYS.

**IT WAS DONE IN ORDER TO
SPITE HIS WIFE.**

**McClure Tells How He Gave the
Little Fellows Candy to Go
With Him—Other News-**

Marion, Ind., Oct. 28.—Jesse McClure, a farm hand, murdered his two sons, aged five and seven, this afternoon and left their bodies in a fence corner. While a mob was forming to capture and lynch him McClure drove rapidly to this city and gave himself up.

McClure lived near Franklin. His wife left him a year ago and returned with her children to her father's home.

At noon today McClure hired a rig at Elwood and drove to the Kilgore farm, the owner being Mrs. McClure's father. He found the children playing in the front yard and induced them with candy to take a ride with him. He drove a mile up the road and then carried the children to a fence corner and shot them with a revolver. The older one was found dead a few minutes later and the younger was dying with a piece of candy in his mouth.

McClure was pursued by a crowd of young farmers bent on vengeance. They were joined by others from all surrounding towns.

McClure told the jail turnkey that he killed the children because his wife had left him and refused to see him.

"When she refused to see me," he said, "I decided to be revenged. I drove down the road to a little clump of small trees. My two children were asleep in the buggy. When I stopped, the jolt awoke my little boy, Dae. He looked up to me and said:

"Papa, what are you going to do?"

"I put my hand over his eyes and took my gun from my pocket and shot him in the forehead, killing him instantly. The shot awoke little Homer, and I took him by the shoulder and fired a shot into his head. They both fell to the bottom of the buggy. I drove the horse to the side of the road and laid both bodies out and laid them out on the grass. I then drove here.

"The neighbors will lynch me when they find out what I have done. I don't care what you do with me. I am ready to die and expect to hang for this. All I ask is to see my dear little ones buried."

Late this evening it was learned that a mob was being formed to come to Marion tonight and lynch McClure. Deputy Sheriff Williams then started with McClure for Indianapolis.

Pipestem, W. Va., Oct. 30.—Mrs. Rachael Bailey, a follower of Dowie, held a meeting here, and like the Doughty Elijah II, who is now in New York City, she left nothing undone to insult the intelligence of her hearers. The crowd finally tired of her abuse, and a free-for-all fight followed, which soon resulted in the precipitate flight of Mrs. Bailey and her followers. They finally took refuge in a house, which was quickly besieged by a howling mob, all anxious to make an example of the Dowieites. Bricks, rocks, pieces of iron and other missiles were thrown through the windows, and when the town constable put in an appearance the house had been badly wrecked and several of the followers of the "prophet" were in a serious condition through being struck with the flying missiles. The crowd was soon dispersed, and medical attention secured for the injured. No arrests were made.

New York, Nov. 1.—Fire early this morning in the tenement at 426 Eleventh avenue, known as the "House of All Nations," caused the death of 20 persons. At 3 o'clock 12 bodies had been recovered, and the greater number of those are of Irish nationality. Most of them died from suffocation. Among the number were several women and children. The fire is supposed to be of incendiary origin, and although it burned but a short time, the smoke was so dense that whole families were overcome. On the fifth floor eight bodies were recovered, the stairway leading to this floor having been burned away. In

the dense darkness, a terrible panic prevailed among the tenants of the house, many of whom evidently had fallen over the furniture in their apartments and met their death by suffocation.

Crestline, O., Nov. 1.—Crestline and vicinity was turned into a panic tonight by a terrible explosion at 8 o'clock. Many buildings were shaken and in some instances the walls fell. Church congregations were thrown into screaming masses of humanity. People who were at home were terrified by the fearful roar that was heard.

Two cars of dynamite which exploded in the Pennsylvania yards was the cause of the excitement.

Hundreds of Pennsylvania employees are at work searching for the dead or injured. The entire west yard of the road is a complete wreck. Officials of the railroad have said the loss is about 45 cars. Where the explosion occurred a hole 20 feet wide and twice as long was torn in the ground.

Men at work a mile away were thrown from the track. In the down town portion of the city there is not a building that has not suffered considerable damage. Many persons who were on the street were cut and otherwise hurt by flying glass and numerous women are in a serious condition from shock and concussion.

All of the physicians of the city are at the scene of the explosion to assist those who may be found injured. The sidewalks are littered with glass from the shattered panes.

All the churches were holding services when the explosion occurred. Doors were blown off and windows smashed in many of the buildings but the full extent of the loss to property will not be known for many days. It cannot be learned until daylight whether there has been any loss of life.

The wrecked cars are burning. The explosion was plainly heard 50 miles away.

All the switching crews of the Pennsylvania yard have been accounted for. There are thirty tracks in the Crestline yards, all of which have been more or less damaged. The main tracks are piled ten feet high with dirt, bent rails, cartrucks and other railroad machinery.

Portland, Nov. 1.—Portland Oregonian: A brilliant specimen of the aurora borealis was seen in Portland early yesterday morning. Its presence had already been noticed by its effect upon the telegraph wires, and while a privileged few were admiring its beautiful glory, the operators were hurling anathemas at the electrical force which was playing havoc with their messages.

As a consequence of the visit of a stranger from the northern sphere a number of messages accumulated over all the lines from Chicago to San Francisco. Around St. Paul and Winnipeg in particular, the electrical force of the aurora borealis was felt. South of Portland's latitude, it was not felt to any marked degree.

The spectacle witnessed by a few late travelers is said to eclipse any celestial display ever seen in this city. The whole northern heavens were lit up with the glow, while the vari-colored aurora sweeping over the sky looked like a rainbow seen through a prism. The phenomena lit up the heavens for fully twenty minutes. It was nearly 4 o'clock when the last rays died out, after a parting burst of splendor.

Just how the aurora borealis generates enough energy to send ticks which sound much like those of another instrument, is something which as yet to be explained. But every operator in Canada and the northern part of the United States fears the coming of the borealis. The only method used by the telegraph companies is to form a round circuit, similar to a telephone line. But as the electrical ticks and taps do not come with any regularity it is difficult to counterbalance the effect of the dreaded borealis. The result is similar to the crossing of two wires.

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