

BURIED IN THE RUINS

Thirty People Mangled by Gasoline Explosion.

POOLROOM A PILE OF BRICKS

Interest at Hot Springs, Ark., is Suddenly Diverted From Races by Demolition of Building—Many Deaths Will Result.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Dec. 24.—By an explosion of gas or gasoline this afternoon in the cellar of the Turf Exchange, a clubhouse and pool-room operated by Chambers & Walker, the building was badly wrecked and 30 persons were injured, 16 of whom are in a serious condition. The most seriously injured are: R. C. Chambers, one of the proprietors, both legs and wrists broken. William Helwig, bath house manager, both legs broken, will die. J. S. Meeks, Hot Springs, badly bruised and cut. Joseph Kinney, Hot Springs, legs broken. Joseph Peco, hotelkeeper, Hot Springs, legs broken. Finnegan, plumber, Hot Springs, both legs broken. James Cowan, Hot Springs, both legs broken. William Metzger, a boy, Hot Springs, legs broken and skull fractured, will die. James Coughlin, plumber, Hot Springs, leg broken. C. G. Parker, plumber, Milwaukee, both legs broken. A. F. Hotchkiss, Hot Springs, leg fractured. T. Ozier, engineer, Hot Springs, leg fractured. H. George, New York, legs broken. H. Canfield, Cincinnati, legs broken and ribs crushed. Walter Powers, St. Louis, Mo., arm broken. Eugene Daley, Hot Springs, both legs broken. Thomas Phelan, telegraph operator, Hot Springs, badly injured. R. C. Dornely, Chicago, forearm and knee broken, will die. J. C. Burch, Chicago, leg broken, not expected to live. W. S. McInerney, Louisville, Ky., internal injuries, probably will die. Henry Lindsey, New York, injured about lower limbs. J. C. Crawford, Cincinnati, leg and wrist broken. Twelve others sustained minor bruises.

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LARGE NUMBER OF WRECKES

FOUR STATES ARE SCENES OF RAILROAD DISASTER.

Seven Trainsmen Killed on Colorado Southern - Pennsylvania Limited Crashes Into Another Train.

DENVER, Dec. 24.—A special to the Republic from Trinidad, Colo., says: Seven men were killed in a freight wreck, which occurred one and one-half miles north of here on the Colorado & Southern Railway about 6:45 o'clock this evening. The dead are: J. Fox, foreman on extra freight. McDermott, brakeman on extra. J. W. Goldtrap, engineer on regular freight. King, machinist. Unidentified fireman, on regular. L. F. Richards, brakeman on regular. Elmer Pearce, engineer on extra. Fred Gilbert, who was riding on the extra, was badly bruised.

The cause of the accident, according to a statement by Engineer Pearce, of the extra train, was that the regular train had been overlooked, the extra, running without orders, expecting to meet passenger No. 2 at Bowen, 10 miles north of here. At 6:27 extra northbound freight, in charge of Conductor Bronson, carrying four cars loaded with merchandise and machinery, pulled out of the yards here. Less than 10 minutes later, just as they were rounding a sharp curve not more than a mile from the Colorado & Southern road, he saw regular freight train No. 28 bearing down upon them not more than 100 yards distant. No. 28 was a heavy train of cars loaded with coal. Before any of the seven trainmen could jump for safety the two trains crashed together. Fourteen cars of the regular train were completely wrecked, and seven of the extra demolished. Both of the engines are complete wrecks.

The bodies of the dead are still under the wreckage. The Colorado & Southern officials here tonight gave as the cause of the wreck that Conductor Bronson overlooked his orders.

COLLISION IN COLORADO.

Passenger Hits Freight Train and Eight Persons Are Injured.

DENVER, Dec. 24.—Several passengers and trainmen were injured in a collision between the Colorado special and a freight train on the Union Pacific Railroad at Rogers, Neb. The injured are: Engineer William Bay, Colorado special, Omaha; hips hurt, bruised and cut. W. Cole, Chicago; limbs bruised, head cut. Miss E. M. Murray, Orchard, Cal.; cut and bruised slightly. Mrs. M. J. Wilson, Lyons, Ia., right knee and head bruised. N. F. Reed, druggist, Ottumwa, Ia.; back wrenched. H. A. Walton, train porter, right hip bruised. Flagman of freight train and fireman of special hurt internally and possibly seriously.

Passenger Cars Telescoped.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 24.—The Pennsylvania Limited, running almost an hour behind, crashed into the rear end of the Leetdale accommodation train at Quaker Valley Station at 11 o'clock tonight. The big engine of the limited plowed into the rear of the other train, and the latter was pushed through the one ahead of it, making the two cars the length of one. The crash was heard for a mile, and the limit, running at the rate of 25 miles an hour, carried the train from Quaker Valley to Edgewater, a distance of almost half a mile, before it could be stopped. Many were injured, some of them probably fatally. The seriously injured are: Charles Hopkins, Leetdale; John Carson, Sewickley;

WAS STABBED TO DEATH

FATE OF ITALIAN SALOONKEEPER ON FIRST STREET.

Incurred Enmity of Fellow Countryman Who Tried to Steal Whisky—Assassin Escaped.

Joseph Guglielmo, proprietor of the Sunnyside saloon, 335 First street, was stabbed five times in the region of the heart at 1 o'clock this morning in his saloon, by an unknown Italian, who escaped.

The saloon was just about to be closed for the night. Frank Peets, of 370 Front street, the bartender, was behind the bar, and Guglielmo was at the end of the long counter, near his son Frank, when a stranger came in, and began to smash at the clear machine. "Don't strike the machine. You'll break it!" yelled Guglielmo, and the unknown man gave him a sneering answer and attempted to steal a bottle of whisky from a shelf under the counter. To protect his property, Guglielmo ran up to the stranger, took the bottle of whisky from him and led him to the door.

The three men inside the saloon thought that the incident was closed, when the stranger suddenly rushed in with a knife or dagger in his right hand, and plunged the sharp instrument into Guglielmo's breast, again and again. Then, before the other men could prevent him, he escaped up Market street.

Three or four physicians were called up by telephone, but none responded. The wounded man lingered, half-speechless, for half an hour, and died. His friends say if he had received medical aid in time his life would in all probability have been saved.

Policemen Smith and Thompson and Detective Kerrigan were working on the case at 3 o'clock this morning. The dead man leaves a widow and one son. Frank, who resided at 588 Front street. The murder has caused intense indignation in the Italian colony.

CONFEDERATE OF BURGLARS.

Policeman Stood Guard While They Robbed Jewelry Store.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Policeman Patrick Mahoney was found guilty and Daniel Curran codefendant, not guilty of burglary by a jury which returned its verdict in a locally sensational case, in Judge McEwan's court today. The burglary of Hagemann's jewelry store, with which the defendants were charged, netted the robbers \$10,000, of which \$500 was recovered. James Clark and an accomplice were convicted and served terms in the penitentiary. Upon his release Clark told a story to the State's Attorney which ranked in the area of Curran, a saloonkeeper, and Mahoney, a policeman, well known and respected among his fellows. Clark testified that Mahoney, in full uniform, stood guard, while the jewelry store was being looted.

Woman Kills Her Assailant.

BRADFORD, Pa., Dec. 24.—At Olyvedale, a small hamlet near here, yesterday, Mrs. Edward Burdick shot John Ryan dead in defense of her honor. Ryan entered the woman's house during her husband's absence. She saw him coming and fearing to trouble get the pistol out of a drawer and held it under her apron. When he attacked her she fired once, killing him instantly. A coroner's jury returned a verdict of justifiable homicide. Ryan, who was a laborer employed about the place, had been drinking heavily for several days.

Must Spend Life in Prison.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 24.—The Court of Pardons today decided to take no action in the case of Libbie Garabrant, who is serving a life sentence for murder. She has been in prison about 30 years for killing a man in Paterson when she was 18 years of age. At the time of the murder she was sentenced to be hanged, but her sentence was commuted to life imprisonment.

Degenerate Not to Be Prosecuted.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 24.—At the request of the District Attorney, Judge Morse today dismissed the case against Clyde Felt, the self-confessed killer of aged Samuel Collins, and it is probable the case will never be heard in court.

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Lipman, Wolfe & Co. TOMORROW WHITE CARNIVAL GREATEST SALE of Muslin Underwear. EVER KNOWN IN PORTLAND. A splendid gathering of Muslin Underwear from the best manufacturers. The best possible garments at the most remarkably low prices. MUSSED HANDKERCHIEFS. All Handkerchiefs used in Holiday Displays will be closed out at a sacrifice, as follows: 12c, 15c, 18c, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25. At 7c, 9c, 12c, 17c, 23c, 37c, 49c, 68c, 89c.

Did He Aid Prisoner's Escape?

CANYON CITY, Colo., Dec. 24.—Thomas J. Prescott, Marshal of South Canyon, was arrested today on information filed by District Attorney Locke, charging him with aiding in the escape of Frank Cook from the state penitentiary. Cook, who was serving a life term for murder, had a large sum of money on deposit with the prison authorities and a few days before his escape it was given to Prescott on an order from Cook.

Bignall Must Stay in Prison.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 24.—A clerical error in the commutation of Rev. Rowland Hills, bigamist, will prevent his getting his liberty until April, 1924. A mistake of one year was made in calculations. It is probable Governor Savage will not shorten the sentence. Hills had arranged to marry his second wife after release. He was pardoned yesterday on the supposition that his term ended April, 1923.

Robbers Blast a Nebraska Bank.

SURPRISE, Neb., Dec. 24.—Robbers last night blew open the safe of the Surprise State Bank and secured \$3000 cash. The men worked a hole into the vault from the rear of the building and placed an explosive in the aperture which blew open the side of the safe and tore a large hole in the side of the building. Bloodhounds have been following the fleeing robbers all day.

Another Postoffice Robbed.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 24.—The gang of bank and postoffice robbers which has been at work in this vicinity for the past year, cleaned out the postoffice at Towanda last night. Money, stamps and registered mail, estimated from \$500 to \$1000, were taken. The safe was blown, but no one awakened.

Shoots Policeman, but is Caught.

WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 24.—While attempting to arrest an unknown negro today Officer Bowen was fatally shot. The negro then fled across the bridge to Ohio, but the Bridgeport officers awaited him, and after a pistol fight he was overpowered and taken back to Wheeling.

Ten Years for Fish's Slayer.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Thomas J. Sharkey, the private detective who was convicted of manslaughter in the second degree for having killed Nicholas Fish, the banker, on September 27, was today sentenced to state prison for 10 years.

EASTERN MAILS ARRIVE.

Delayed Christmas Presents to Be Distributed—One Delivery Today. The Eastern mail, which has been delayed since Saturday by snow in the Rockies, arrived yesterday in a bunch. Most of the Christmas presents that were in the blockade came in at 2 in the afternoon, and Postmaster Croasman thinks that it will all be distributed by Friday afternoon at the latest. Many homes will now be happy, and a great burden is no doubt off the minds of many fond relatives and parents.

Wagoner Asks for Account.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—Attorney for George C. R. Wagoner, contestant in the Wagoner-Butler contest, will on Friday make formal application to the Board of Election Commissioners for a recount of the ballots cast in the 4th precincts of the Twelfth Congressional District for candidates for Congress at the recent election.

Mrs. Dockery May Recover.

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New York Journal of Commerce. The more closely the proposal to establish a ninth executive department of the Government of the United States is examined from a practical point of view, the more impossible it is found to be to separate from other departments the bureaus necessary to give it a reason for its existence. It would be an absolutely meaningless proceeding to create an office to be known as Secretary of the Department of Commerce without attaching to it any jurisdiction over those branches of the government which are related to foreign trade, manufactures or shipping. But it has already been found that it is not expedient to divorce the Navigation Bureau from the Treasury Department, the Patent Office from the Interior Department or the Consular Service from the Department of State. The few bureaus which have been admitted to be transferable by their present chiefs are of too little account to furnish the basis of so ambitious a scheme of Government co-operation with commerce and industry as the advocates of the new department have prepared to expect. In fact, there would be something not a little ridiculous in the assembly of half a dozen petty, unrelated bureaus by way of recognition of the commanding claims which the country's commerce and industry have on the attention of the Government. The wisest course to pursue in dealing with an enterprise which can only end in failure is to drop it, and let the interests of commerce in their relation to the executive arm of the Government take care of themselves, in the best way they can, under existing conditions.

Isaac Stratton Married.

OSHKOSH, Wis., Dec. 24.—Isaac Harry Stratton and Miss Josephine A. Larabee were married at 11 o'clock today at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Josephine Larabee. Rev. H. E. Smith, pastor of the First Congregational Church, performed the ceremony. The groom is a son of the late Colorado millionaire.

Maria Schommer, a St. Louis woman unable to read or write, died there the other day, leaving an estate valued at \$200,000.

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