

AT MORGUE OF A BOY

Are Lives of Passengers on Grand Trunk Road.

VERDICT OF CORONER'S JURY

It Cannot Fix Blame for Wanstend Wreck, but if Company Had Not Green Operators, It Would Not Have Happened.

WYOMING, Ont., Dec. 31.—The coroner's jury, which has been investigating the wreck at the Wanstend station in which 23 lives were lost, brought in a verdict shortly before midnight tonight.

The verdict is as follows: "We find that Arthur W. Ricketts was killed in the collision with Wanstend on the evening of Friday, December 23, 1902; that collision was caused by wrong orders being given No. 5 at Watford. Responsibility for the issuance of wrong orders is not agreed upon as between Operator Carson and Dispatcher Kerr. That after No. 5 had left Watford by the issuance of wrong orders, we consider that the accident could have been averted by the operator at Watford or King's Court Junction, had the railway company had more experienced operators at those points, one being a boy of 16, at each of which places the dispatchers having had ample time to do it and endeavored to get the opposing trains stopped.

The principal feature of the testimony yesterday was the evidence of James Troyer, night operator at King's Court Junction, who said that he was on duty for the first time on the night of the accident, and that his total previous experience as an operator was for two nights at Stratford, where he received only a total of four hours of instruction. He gave as a reason for not hearing Dispatcher Kerr calling him for seven or eight minutes that he was studying the time-table, and did not recognize the office call, which he had heard only once before. Troyer's extreme youth and apparent incompetence made a deep impression upon the jury.

Troyer said that the first call he heard from London was to stop No. 5, the express train, but it had just gone by. He put up the semaphore immediately. Troyer said he was 16 years old. He was in charge at King's Court for the first time on the night of the accident. Prior to his appointment he passed an examination which lasted 20 minutes. He was not familiar with the telegraph call for King's Court, and was in the office for some time before he heard the dispatcher calling him.

Carson, the Watford agent, was called and reiterated the statements made Monday. A number of copies of orders were put on exhibition and were admitted as evidence. All of the cancelled orders had been annulled in the usual way by sending a second order. Carson testified that orders had been frequently cancelled by the dispatcher simply saying: "Just it." Carson said that all papers and books in the Watford office had been taken possession of by the assistant superintendent, leaving him without means of substantiating his claim in regard to this method of cancelling orders.

Carson could not remember the exact date on which he had previously received a cancelling order in the form of "Just it" in addition that six weeks prior to the night of the accident he had been alone, doing the work previously done by two men.

Other witnesses were examined, after which the jury returned to the coroner's office at 8 o'clock. The coroner gave the case to the jury at 8 o'clock.

W. W. Pope, counsel for the Grand Trunk, was interviewed.

"I don't see wherein the fact that a boy of 16, who was in charge at King's Court Junction, had anything to do with the accident," he said. "If we don't employ boys, we will never have men."

Mr. Pope would not speak of probable future action in the matter.

WRECK IN PENNSYLVANIA. Trains Meet Head On, Engineer Is Killed, Many Injured.

SHARON, Pa., Dec. 30.—In a head-on collision on the Pennsylvania road, 13 miles west of Middlesex, tonight, the engineer of the passenger train, Newell Daugherty, of Erie, was killed; four persons were seriously injured, and almost a score were hurt. The wreck occurred by a misunderstanding of orders. Both engines were demolished, and are lying on their sides in the ditch, while the express baggage and smoking cars are badly wrecked in a similar manner.

The dead: Newell Daugherty, Erie; body not recovered. Seriously injured: Engineer Shellenberger, probably fatal. Robert Williams, Erie, fireman of the passenger train. George Gibson, Erie, fireman of the freight train. Samuel J. McDonald, Greenville, express messenger.

EMPLOYEES ARE TO BLAME. Verdict of Coroner's Jury on Byron Railroad Wreck.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—The coroner's jury in the wreck accident of December 29 brought in a verdict tonight that the railway employees did not take full advantage of all precautions which are provided for in the railway regulations. The jury also suggests that further accidents of a similar nature can be avoided by the installation of a block system along the line.

Natural Gas Kills a Girl. DELAWARE, O., Dec. 30.—When Miss Helen Kurry went to the cellar this morning to start the fire for breakfast, a terrific explosion of natural gas occurred from her lighted lamp, and wrecked three sides of the house. Five members of the family were blown through the house. Miss Kurry was fatally injured and her mother seriously hurt. The other three were slightly injured. Gas had leaked into the cellar and filled the house during the night.

Street-Car Takes a Leap. MARION, Ind., Dec. 30.—A West Marion street-car jumped from a 20-foot embankment at Lenoxville avenue to the railroad tracks below this morning. Out of the 25 passengers aboard 16 were more or less injured, one fatally. A number of girls employed in factories were on the car. When the car jumped it stood on one end, and the passengers were thrown in a heap against the front door. The vestibule was smashed. Miss Anna Kiger will probably die of her injuries.

Three Trainmen Are Killed. LA FAYETTE, Ind., Dec. 30.—In a wreck of a freight train on the Monon Railroad at Quincy, Ind., today, Engineer Albert R. Barker, Fireman Joseph J. Englin and Trainman Hiram Perry, all of this place, were killed, and the engine and 13 cars loaded with hogs and cattle were piled up in a ditch. The switchlock had been broken, supposedly by tramps, and the switch turned.

President of Western A. A. U. ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 30.—The Western division of the Amateur Athletic Union

held its election here today. Henry C. Garneau, of St. Louis, was elected president.

THREE ASIATIC SQUADRONS

Admiral Stirling, of Bremerton, Will Have New Command.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The Navy Department has decided to divide the Asiatic squadrons into three divisions instead of two, as at present, and to send out another flag officer. The heavy battleships will be under command of Rear-Admiral Evans, who also will be in command of the entire squadron; the cruisers under the command of Admiral Cooper, who is to succeed Admiral Wilde; and a new division, composing the light gunboats, will be created, under the command of Rear-Admiral Yates Stirling, now commanding the Puget Sound navy-yard. The latter will raise his flag on the gunboat Rainbow, and will have his headquarters at Cavite.

PROGRESS OF MANEUVERS.

Admiral Taylor Says They Have Taught Fleet Many Things.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The Navy Department made public the following extract of the letter of Rear-Admiral Taylor, Admiral Dewey's chief of staff, under date of December 19, relative to the Caribbean maneuvers: "If the drills go well, we shall probably have done all that Admiral Dewey wants to do some time in the week beginning Monday, January 5, and ending Saturday, January 10.

"The tactical drills by division were much needed. The fourth division has made considerable progress. The division of our battleships, when they worked together, did not require much drilling, as they had previously had a good deal. "The plan now is to begin work from the center fleet under Admiral Dewey in person during the week beginning Monday, December 29, and, if their improvement justifies, we will take up some battle evolutions, with the cruiser divisions dispatched on the fleet's second section. There will likewise be a blockade problem, and then I think it will be time for the dispersal. "One-half of the task was done when we had the vessels assembled. A large fraction of the remainder was done when we perfected the fleet organization and taught the individual ships to look to their divisions and their commanders. These commanders in turn look to the commander-in-chief. This has not been easy, for we have practically never had a fleet organization, but have worked three ships and 20 ships under the same squadron organization."

MORE OFFICERS FOR NAVY.

Senate and House Committees Agree on Allowing More Cadets.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The members of the Senate and House naval committees, after conferences with the Secretary of the Navy, have practically decided on a plan for the increase of the personnel of the Navy. It contemplates an additional naval cadet for each Congressional district, two for each Senator, and 10 annually to be appointed at large by the President. The difficulty in connection with the inequality in classes which would result from the sudden injection of the increased allowance is to be solved by giving the Secretary of the Navy the discretion of determining the times at which new appointments are to be made.

PLAGUE IS DECREASING.

Few More Deaths at Mazatlan—Sanitary Measures Effective.

LAREDO, Tex., Dec. 30.—A Mazatlan dispatch says: "Confidence is being restored among the inhabitants of the city, and less fear is being felt on account of the supposed epidemic of plague. There has been marked decrease in the disease, and few new cases are reported. The energetic measures taken by the authorities to stamp out the epidemic have given excellent results. There have been a few deaths in addition to those already reported."

Colombia Reduces Army.

PANAMA, Dec. 30.—The Colombian army, by the recent national decree, has been reduced to 60,000 men. The government commissioners received up to date from the surrendered revolutionists 23 field pieces, 833 rifles and over 1,000,000 rounds of ammunition, not counting what is on board the steamers. The censorship on cable messages has been abolished.

Another Dispute to Be Settled.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—France and Guatemala have agreed to submit to the International arbitration court at The Hague the French claims against Guatemala. They are similar to those against Venezuela.

Brazil at St. Louis Fair.

RIO JANEIRO, Dec. 30.—The Brazilian government has accepted the invitation to be represented at the St. Louis Exposition and has made an appropriation of \$300,000 to defray the necessary expenses.

FREE BEEF AND COAL.

Free Trade League Demands Repeal of Duties on them.

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—At a meeting in Faneuil Hall today, called by the American Free Trade League, the following resolutions were adopted: "Whereas, the tariff duties upon beef and coal by assisting the extortion of monopoly or impeding relief from them have proved a serious hardship for our people; and "Whereas, such abundant evidence is easily accessible to Congress that investigation need not cause delay in the removal of this hardship;

"Resolved, that, as American citizens, we urge that the tariff duties upon beef and coal be now removed. "Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to each United States Senator and member of the House of Representatives."

SECOND IN ONE YEAR.

Advertisers Again Hard Hit by Fire in Newspaper Office.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Dec. 30.—In the destruction tonight of the big building occupied by the Review and Herald printing company, the Seventh-Day Adventist colony sustained its second reverse loss by fire within a year here, the Adventists' sanitarium having been burned only last February. Tonight's loss is estimated by officials of the Review and Herald Company at \$250,000, with insurance amounting to \$150,000.

The fire was discovered at 7:20 P. M., when only 25 of the 75 employees were at work. One of the 25 has not been accounted for at a late hour tonight, but the others got out by way of fire-escapes. James H. Wilson, a billing clerk, was seriously injured while saving books and valuable papers in the office.

The fire is supposed to have originated by spontaneous combustion in a pile of rags in the pressroom.

Portland-St. Louis-Memphis.

If you are thinking of going to St. Louis, Memphis and other Southern points, call up O. R. & N. Third and Washington, and learn about the new tourist car service. Route takes you via Denver and Kansas City.

Olds, Wortman & King

All Goods Bought on Credit Today Will Be Charged on January Bill

Our Great 25th Annual Clearance Sale

Greatest opportunity for economical buyers—our great annual colossal price-cutting has commenced. Everything marked so far down that a dollar counts for much more. All our choice Undermaslins—garments matchless in daintiness and fine quality. Men's and women's furnishings, gloves, handkerchiefs, notions, ready-made suits and wraps, china, glass and kitchen ware—clear sweep from basement to attic. Here are a few of the bargains:



Ladies' Knit Underwear Great Clearance Offerings

In the snug-fitting, soft, warm, comfortable kinds

- LADIES' UNION SUITS—Oneita style, cream or silver, Angora fleeced, reg. price \$1.25 per suit—clearance special 79c
- LADIES' UNION SUITS—Wool plated, gray or white. Oneita style, value \$1.75 per suit—special \$1.07
- LADIES' WOOL VESTS—Black Jersey ribbed, high neck and long sleeves, \$1.00 quality—special 69c
- LADIES' PANTS—Natural wool, fine and warm, value \$1.25—special 74c
- LADIES' COTTON VESTS—Jersey ribbed, slightly fleeced, values 50c—special 39c
- LADIES' VESTS AND PANTS—Oxford gray, Jersey ribbed, wool plated, excellent 65c quality—special, each 49c
- CHILDREN'S COTTON HOSE—Broken lines 25c qualities—special 17c
- LADIES' HOSE—Medium weight, fleece lined—special, per pair 12c

Ladies' Shoes—Clearance Prices

Odd and small lines of very desirable kinds, at genuine sacrifice prices. Not all sizes of each kind, but all sizes in the lots from which to choose.

- LADIES' HOUSE SLIPPERS—Warm felt, velvet, satin or plush—high cut, Juliette styles, fur trimmed, with flexible soles, wonderful bargains and particularly useful at this season—values to \$2.00, only 98c
- LADIES' SHOES—Button or lace, kid or box calf, heavy or light soles in great variety of styles. It is worth while to take a few moments to see what big bargain chances there are here—values to \$4.00 for, pair 98c
- MISSIS' AND WOMEN'S SPRING HEEL SHOES—Kid or calf, button or lace, most comfortable house and school shoes, sizes 11 to 6 1/2, big bargains—values to \$1.08 \$3.00 for, pair
- BOYS' AND YOUTHS' SCHOOL AND DRESS SHOES—Box or calf, fine vici kid, shoes that show their quality in wear, thick, stout soles and your choice of toes and lasts, two pairs for the price of one. Sizes 11 to 2, values to \$2.50, special \$1.28. Sizes 2 1/2 to 5 1/2, values to \$3.00, special \$1.38

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OREGON BADLY BATTERED BY STORM IN PACIFIC.

Chinese Rebels Gain Strength and Threaten to March on Peking—Have Set Up New Government.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 30.—The steamer Glenochee reached port this morning from Yokohama and the Orient. She brought news that the United States steamship Oregon arrived at Yokohama December 13, three days overdue, after a very rough passage from San Francisco. All her boats were lost, and the stormy seas which swept her decks carried all deck gear away and resulted in the death of one man. She was ordered into dock.

Leutenant Hino, of the Japanese infantry, has invented an automatic pistol which will fire 80 cartridges a minute. The cartridges are loaded and empty shells thrown out by automatic reaction after firing. The range is more than 1000 metres. The invention has been taken over by the Japanese government.

The Japanese budget for 1903 has been submitted to the diet. The revenue for the year is 233,987,787 yen and expenditure 226,443,751. The balance of 7,544,036 yen has been set aside for railway construction and extraordinary expenditures. An estimate of 16,800,000 yen is made, spread over 10 years, for the naval expansion programme.

Japanese papers print dispatches from General Tsao in Moukden saying that Kan Fow Pu, a rebel leader, has collected a force numbering 100,000 men at Koto, north of Chin Liang, and that the rebels have erected fortifications, coined money and created a new state. General Tsao says the imperial civil and military officers in Moukden are powerless to deal with the rebels.

The steamer Enseigne Henri, running between Cherof and Wei Hai Wei, has been wrecked. Her passengers were saved, but the mail and freight was lost. She was a vessel of 250 tons.

The disaster to the Hoshu colliery, near Fukukoku, which was reported to have caused the loss of 200 lives, in the Associated letter received by the Tartar a few days ago, did not cause heavy loss of life, for the majority of the imprisoned miners, numbering 300, were rescued.

News was received from Wei Hai Wei of a gold mining boom there. A number of quartz properties have been taken up by British and Japanese.

CHINESE COOLIES FIGHT.

They Capture Policemen and Kill Them to Prevent Rescues.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 30.—The steamer Iyo Maru, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha Line, reached port this afternoon with 2000 tons of general cargo. She brought news of a tragedy resultant from a riot of Chinese coolies detained at Singapore in immigrant sheds. Two of the police were captured and held by the Chinese on

the top floor of the immigrant depot and when the police attempted to rescue them the Chinese fired upon them, killing two and wounding one. Thirty Chinese were wounded before the police were rescued.

Hong Kong dispatches to Japanese papers dated December 10 state that one-half of Kwang Si Province is now in the hands of bandits. General Ma, of the imperial army, has been called.

MISSIONARIES MUST LEAVE.

Sian Fu Region of China Again Unsafe for Them.

PEKING, Dec. 30.—The missionaries in the Sian Fu region have been officially notified to be prepared to leave if necessary. It is recommended that the women and children be sent to safe ports.

IMPERIAL TROOPS DESERT.

Rebels Eager to March on Peking and Expel Foreigners.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 30.—A military officer has arrived here from Kan Su Province to procure munitions of war and supplies of the commander of the imperial troops here. He reports that all the imperial troops enlisted in Kan Su, together with the majority of the Mohammedans there, are only awaiting Tung Puh Siang's signal to march on Peking, expel the foreigners and uphold the Dowager Empress. Prince Tuan is expected to co-operate with Tung Puh Siang with a force of Mongolians.

CHINESE STUDENTS' STRIKE.

All Leave College Because Forbidden to Read Reform Newspaper.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Students at the Nanyang College, of Shanghai, recently went on strike because several of their number were suspended for reading a reform newspaper called the Hsin Min Ching, or "News for Renovating the People," edited by the reformer, Liang Chi chao, the chief disciple of Yan Fu. This paper, according to mail advices from China, is merely an up-to-date newspaper, but as such is tabooed in Mandarin circles.

The students were forbidden to read it, and when several of them were caught with the paper in their rooms, they were dismissed by the president of the college. When they started to say farewell to their college-mates, the entire student body appeared to the president for remission of the punishment. The request being refused, every student at the college collected his belongings and left the place. There was no disorder.

Consternation has been caused in Mandarin circles by the students' action.

Penalty for Striking in China.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Punishment of 10 blows and two weeks' imprisonment was the sentence of a Shanghai court in a recent case of an engineer who left his employers without due notice. Because other employees of the company profited by an advance in wages, in which the engineers were omitted, the defendant, in company with several other engineers,

struck. The company prosecuting the case contended that, as the men were employed by the month, they should have given a month's notice of their intention to leave, a position which was upheld by the court. Warrants are out for the other strikers.

New Chinese Minister's Titles.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Peking advices received here state that Sir Chen Tung Liang Cheng, K. C. M. G., decorated with brevet court button of the third degree, expectant taotai of the first class and Minister designate to the United States, has been appointed a metropolitan expectant officer of the fourth grade. This rank puts Sir Chen Tung in line for promotion to high posts in the Ministry in the future. The Minister designate, who succeeds Wu Ting Fang in the Washington mission, is expected here some time in January.

Bids for Alaska Barracks.

SEATTLE, Dec. 30.—Specifications calling for bids to furnish 518,421 feet of lumber were received from Washington, D. C., today. The material is required in the construction of 13 officers' quarters at Fort McKinley, near Manila. The bids

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REFUSES TO PAY GOLD.

First Hitch in Regard to Payment of Chinese Indemnity.

PEKING, Dec. 30.—Confirmation was obtained here today in dispatches from the Consul at Shanghai to the Foreign Ministers here of the report that the Viceroy at Shanghai had refused to pay the January installment of the indemnity on a gold basis, owing to the recent great fall in the price of silver. The Ministers will insist upon the payment being made on the gold basis.

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will be opened at 12 o'clock noon Thursday, January 1, 1903. The lumber is to be delivered on a wharf accessible to ocean-going steamships either at Portland, Seattle or Tacoma.

MASCAGNI GOES FREE. His Former Manager's Charge Is Promptly Dismissed.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Signor Mascagni, the Italian composer, was arraigned in court today, on a charge of embezzling \$5000 from his former manager, Richard Heard, of Boston. After hearing both sides, Justice Hurley immediately dismissed the case. The courtroom was filled with Italians, who applauded vigorously, as Mascagni, thankful and smiling, left for his hotel.

THREAT TO KILL HEARD. Admirer of Mascagni Writes Angry Letter to His Manager.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Richard Heard, ex-manager of Pietro Mascagni, the Italian composer, has made public a communication warning him to desist from his "persecution" of the maestro, and closing with the phrase, "A word to the wise is sufficient." The epistle was in a woman's handwriting, and was dated Boston, December 27, and had been posted at Back Bay Station.

Tonnage Through Sault Canal. OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 30.—The total freight carried by the two Sault canals for the season of 1902 was 35,961,146 tons, an increase of 7,558,081 tons compared with 1901 and of 10,318,073 tons compared with 1900.

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