

LAPSE OF MEMORY COSTS MANY LIVES

Trains Collide Head-On in Kansas and Thirty-three Are Killed.

MANY BURNED TO ASHES

Operator Forgets to Hold Train at Passing Point, Tells Mistake and Flees—Survivors Burned in Rescuing Injured.

TOPEKA, Jan. 2.—Four white men, a negro train porter and about 30 Mexican laborers lost their lives, and 50 persons were injured when two passenger trains on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad collided head-on four miles west of Voland, Kan., at 5:10 o'clock this morning.

The Dead.

The dead: JULIUS HERMEISTER, Davenport, Ia., aged 38. WILLIAM T. MILLER, soldier, City, Kan. ALBERT LIND, 29, colored porter, St. Louis, Mo. FRANK SATRE, passenger, New London, Mo.

Mexican laborers, numbering supposedly between 25 and 30 persons, were killed. W. H. Osgood, Mitchellton, Ia.

The Injured.

The fatally injured: BERTALLO YARRIS, Mexican laborer, head crushed, left leg fractured, right leg so badly crushed that amputation was necessary. The more seriously injured: R. A. HICKS, Kansas City, Mo., injured internally, knee hurt. WILLIAM DOUGLAS, Nevada, Mo., collarbone broken, right ankle dislocated and fractured, head bruised. G. HARRISON, baggageman, Kansas City, Mo., head cut and hurt internally. E. H. DAUCHY, assistant engineer, left ear badly torn, right eye bruised, right ankle dislocated, head bruised.

W. A. WILLET, Peabody, Kan., arms burned, ribs broken, back sprained. WILLIAM T. MILLER, soldier, City, Kan., baggage and was crushed to death. A man who has just returned from the scene of the wreck says that over 30 persons were burned to death. It is impossible to identify the dead Mexicans. The trains were Nos. 29 and 30, running between Chicago and El Paso. They met on a sharp curve with fearful impact. Adding to the horror of the collision, fire from the lamps in the cars and from the locomotives was communicated to the splintered wreckage and spread rapidly, consuming five of the forward cars of train No. 29, west-bound, and burning a number of the passengers. All but three of those who perished are thought to have been Mexican laborers, who were on their way from Columbus Junction, O., to Mexico.

Operator Forgets Orders. The officials of the company place the blame on John Lynes, the 18-year-old telegraph operator at Voland, who failed to hold train No. 29 at the passing point, receiving orders to hold it there until No. 30 had passed. Lynes is being held by the authorities of Waukegan County at Alma for investigation. By the light of the flaming wreckage, passengers who were uninjured worked heroically to save those who were pinned fast beneath the mass of splintered timbers and twisted iron-work. They used tools to work with in chopping away the sides of the cars was a great hindrance to the early rescue work.

Relief Trains From All Sides. In an hour and a half from the time of the wreck the first relief train from St. Paul, Minn., arrived. It was followed by a relief train from Chicago, and another from St. Louis. In the meantime the rescue work was being pushed by volunteers, while surgeons from the St. Paul hospital responded to the calls for their services. Another relief train from Topeka and two wrecking trains soon arrived and all of the dead and injured that had been taken from the wreck were brought to this city, where the injured were placed in hospitals. The dead were buried in the city. The bodies of the dead were taken to the city morgue. The bodies of the dead were taken to the city morgue. The bodies of the dead were taken to the city morgue.

At 8 o'clock tonight the railroad company completed a track around the wreck and the line was open again. Talks as He Burns to Death. An interpreter for the Mexicans was questioned as to how they were burning to death under the wreckage. He said there were 25 Mexicans in the party going from Kansas City to El Paso to work, and that they were burning to death under the wreckage. Five minutes before the trains crashed together the operators for the two trains were talking. The operator of the Rock Island system knew that the collision was certain, as Lynes had wired from Voland that he had let train No. 29 pass the passing point. He means of preventing the disaster.

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The collision occurred on what is known as the Alta Vista Hill. The two trains were traveling at a high rate of speed, and the engineer had no warning of the approach of the other train. He was killed and the seriously injured died at St. Storm Hospital shortly after being taken there. When Link was rescued it was necessary to tear his leg from the wreckage to extricate him from the wreckage.

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Operator Explains Blunder.

Lynes says a message was sent him to hold train No. 14 at Voland. He was told to take the message. After No. 14 had passed, No. 29 backed down upon the main line and passed the station at a terrific speed. He tried to stop, but it was too late. Both went out. He says he had no orders to hold No. 29 for No. 30 until No. 29 got on the main line, and then it was too late. Lynes fled to the country, but afterward gave himself up.

Exact Number of Dead Unknown.

The exact number of dead will probably never be known, as the bodies of a number of Mexicans were completely destroyed by the flames and the charred

bones crushed, as ashes by the removal of the wreckage. Jack Slater, of Herrington, Kan., the engineer of train No. 29, saw the other train's headlights as the engine came around the curve, and jumped after applying the brakes, escaping practically uninjured. His train had been brought to almost a standstill before the crash came.

Conductor William G. Riley, of train No. 29, was sleeping in a seat in the smoker when he felt the emergency brake applied. Divining the cause, he hurled himself through a window and escaped with a broken collar-bone. Rock Island engine No. 1234, which pulled train No. 29 this morning, is the same locomotive that drew the Rock Island passenger train which was wrecked at Willard, Kansas, in January, 1904, resulting in the loss of nearly 50 lives. The two wrecks occurred at points less than 50 miles apart. The same engine has been in three wrecks in the same locality. It is not known to a certainty that the engine was at fault in the collision, but there is practically no chance that he is alive. He was one of a party of eight homesteaders from Davenport who were riding in the chair car. Shortly before the collision he had gone into the smoker and since the wreck his companions have been unable to find any trace of him or his body. It is thought that he was burned to death and the corpse was charred beyond recognition.

At the local hospitals tonight all of the injured are reported to be doing well with the exception of Berta Yarris, who is dead, but there is practically no chance that he is alive. He was one of a party of eight homesteaders from Davenport who were riding in the chair car. Shortly before the collision he had gone into the smoker and since the wreck his companions have been unable to find any trace of him or his body. It is thought that he was burned to death and the corpse was charred beyond recognition.

Nurse Renders Good Service. Miss Sadler of McIntyre, Iowa, a professional nurse, was on the ill-fated train at the time of the collision. She was only slightly bruised and rendered service of incalculable value caring for the injured before the arrival of the surgeons.

The people of Waukegan County are all in sympathy with Lynes, and an effort to convict him of manslaughter, if made, will probably fail. Twelve bodies which were burned beyond recognition are in the hands of the county. They will be buried tomorrow.

A charred body, supposed to be that of a woman, has been taken from the wreck. Various pieces of jewelry, blackened by the flames, were found, together with a few long hairs sticking to the charred bones. Two inquests will be held, one at Topeka and one at Alma. An inquest at Topeka will be held tomorrow.

Coroner's Jury Begins Work With Railroad Officials' Evidence.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—An investigation to ascertain the cause and fix the responsibility for the disaster at the Rock Island and Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad at Voland, Kan., on Jan. 2, last, Sunday, was begun here before a Coroner's jury today. The principal witnesses in the case are the railroad officials, the engineer of the train, and the operator of the telegraph. The investigation is being conducted by the coroner, who is assisted by a jury of men. The investigation is being conducted by the coroner, who is assisted by a jury of men. The investigation is being conducted by the coroner, who is assisted by a jury of men.

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The principal point of contention developed is whether the proper signals were displayed at Voland, a station in the middle of the line, in which the accident happened. The operator in charge of this station says his signals were set red, which if they had been observed by the engineer, would have prevented the collision. Hildebrand maintains there were no signals at Voland.

BODIES ALL MIXED TOGETHER. Parts of Men, Women and Children in One Mass.

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COTTON EXCHANGE DECLARED FRAUD

Southern Men Ask Postmaster-General Cortelyou to Bar It From Use of the Mails.

NEW YORK NOT A MARKET

Formal Charges That Exchange in Metropolis Is Merely Gambling Place Used to Depress Price of Cotton.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Charges of fraud were filed today with the Postmaster-General Cortelyou against the officials and members of the New York Cotton Exchange by Representative Livingston of Georgia, and Harvey E. Jordan, president of the Sun Cotton Association, Atlanta. On the charge they filed they base a request that the Post-office Department issue a fraud order against the officials and members of the New York Cotton Exchange in order to bar them from the use of the United States mails in conducting what the charges term fraudulent practices.

The Postmaster-General referred his call to Judge Goodwin, Assistant Attorney-General for the Eastern Department. It is likely a hearing on the charges will be held by Judge Goodwin before a determination of the questions is reached. Purely Gambling Market.

Following is a summary of the charges presented to Mr. Cortelyou: 1. We charge that New York has ceased to be a commercial spot cotton market and that the New York Cotton Exchange, operating under its present charter, is a fraudulent and illegal organization. 2. We charge that the New York Cotton Exchange has developed into a purely speculative and gambling organization. 3. We charge that the New York Cotton Exchange has developed into a purely speculative and gambling organization.

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Tooth Brushes, a special lot of assorted styles; regular value 35c each; sale— 15c

Photo Albums, with fancy celluloid covers, that sell regularly for 35c each; clearance sale price, only— 20c

Regular 75c Albums for— 60c

Regular \$1.25 Albums for— 65c

Solid Back Hair Brushes, all bristles, regular price 75c each. Clearance sale price, 55c each.

Writing Paper, odd lots, regular values to 35c, for— 10c

Dress Shields, light weight, white only; medium sizes; regular price 25c the pair; clearance sale price— 10c

Shell Horn Hairpins, in assorted shapes; regularly 25c the dozen; sale— 15c

Fancy Dress Buttons, all colors; regular values to 35c, for— 10c

Nickel-Plated Scissors, 7 inches long, and splendid value at 50c each. Special for clear— 30c

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WOMEN'S WALKING SKIRTS, all this year's styles; come in navy, black and brown, and they are regular \$10, \$12 and \$15 values. Your choice of any in this immense lot of over four hundred to choose from— \$5.95

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Women's White Cashmere French Band Pants and Tights, ankle length, medium weight; a splendid \$1.50 value; spe— 98c

Women's Natural Merino Vests, long sleeves, medium weight; 75c value. Special, each— 55c

Women's White Cashmere Union Suits, long sleeves, ankle length, half open front; \$3 value; special— \$1.98

Fine Hemstitched Sheets 76c Each

BEST QUALITY HEMSTITCHED SHEETS, made of good material, and nicely made, too; size 72x90 ins.; clearance price— 76c

Size 81x90 for 82c Size 90x90 for 93c

BLEACHED BATH TOWELS, large size, very special for the clearance 21c

ROUND THREAD PILLOW CASES, extra special for this sale, 12 1/2c each, only.

OUTING FLANNEL, extra heavy and the best quality; special for this sale, 10c yard.

UNBLEACHED BATH TOWELS, large size, special for the clearance 16c

PILLOW CASES, made from nice soft finish sheeting; size 45x30 inches; special at, each— 10c

HALF WOOL CHALLIES, medium dark colorings; special clearance sale, yard— 25c

LINEN TABLECLOTHS of an extra heavy quality of fine damask, warranted to wear; a good-sized one, 2 yards square, that sells regularly for \$3.00; clear— \$2.40

2x2 1/2 yards, worth \$3.75, for— \$3.00

2x2 1/2 yards, worth \$4.00, for— \$3.25

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BEDSPREADS, Marcellies pattern, with hemmed edges, good sizes and extra heavy; splendid special; sale price— \$1.25

LINEN NAPKINS— Three good specials, priced like this, make a big linen business assured. The regular \$5 grade for \$3.75; the regular \$4.50 grade for \$3.60, and the regular \$3.25 grade— \$2.50

500 dozen of them for the sale. Special, 48c the dozen.

BLEACHED BATH TOWELS, 20x40 inches; a splendid clearance special— 12 1/2c

able, the American Mining Congress will be held in St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 10-12. The American capital in Mexico is much more safe than in America. He says the Mexican mining laws are much more liberal in treatment of mining than the laws of the United States. The Congress hopes by introducing Mexican ideas in mining into this country gradually to make the American system as effective as the Mexican.

CHARGED WITH TWO CRIMES

Suspected Murderer of Frisbie May Be Trainrobber.

PUEBLO, Colo., Jan. 2.—A special to the Chief of Police, Denver, says: "The authorities here believe that the man captured at Asilo, Kan., who gives the name of Thompson, is not only one of the men who murdered Marshal Frisbie here, but Andrew Hanson, one of the men who held up the Denver & Rio Grande train at Malta Junction recently."

As evidence of this the authorities have possession of a hat which was picked up in the alley near the Union Hotel on the night of the murder and which contains the trademark of a leading Leadville clothing house. A description of the murderer was wired to the Leadville authorities and a prominent citizen of that city is expected to arrive tomorrow to identify the man.

There is no talk of lynching the prisoner here tonight.

COULDN'T BEAR HIS DEFEAT

Falling in Re-election, Aged Registrar of Deeds Kills Himself.

BOSTON, Jan. 2.—Depressed, it is believed, over his defeat for re-election as Registrar of Deeds, an office which he had held for 25 consecutive years, Thomas Temple committed suicide today by inhaling illuminating gas. He was 70 years old.

Crushed to Death by Train.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Elmer Dinn, Charles Bennett, William E. Casey and William Bell, all of Newark, N. J., were killed last night by the breaking of a coupling pin on a Lehigh Valley train at South Plainfield, N. J.

The boys were standing on a pile of freight train and stepped off the train directly in front of the Chicago-bound flyer.

HUGHES HITS HARD

Denounces Convention Fixers and Transit Trust.

GIVE RECOUNT TO HEARST

Would Allow Expelled Delegates Appeal to Court and Permit Direct Primaries—Hapid Transit System of New York Bad.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 2.—Last night's caucus settled the possible controversies which might have made the opening of the Legislature today other than uneventful; and, when the two houses convened at noon, there was less public concern in ceremonies and a smaller attendance than last year.

When the hot contest for the speakership had just closed, interest centered in the message of Governor Hughes.

Lieutenant-Governor Chanler, the first Democratic President of the Senate in many years, was cordially received. Speaker Wadsworth, assured of re-election, also was heartily welcomed.

After the organization of the two houses, J. W. Wadsworth being re-elected Speaker of the Assembly, the first message of Governor Hughes was submitted. The Governor made the following recommendations:

The Governor's Message.

A recount of the votes cast for Mayor in the New York City election in 1906, when, on the face of the returns, W. R. Hearst was defeated by George E. McClellan; that the courts be empowered to order a recount summarily in the future and that the power to bring an action to try a title to office be taken from the Attorney-General and conferred upon the Supreme Court.

Adoption of a new ballot whereon the name of a candidate will appear but once. That the amount of money which a

candidate may expend to procure his election be limited.

That the courts be empowered to review the acts of political state conventions and state committees in expelling delegates and members.

That any general committee of a party may adopt rules for direct nominations of candidates at primaries.

That the State Board of Railroad Commissioners and the commission on gas and electricity be abolished and a new board be constituted with power to enforce orders through the courts. On the Hearst recount matter the Governor said:

Square Deal in Elections.

"It is a matter of grave concern that the view should be taken through stridently held that one who has been elected to office has been deprived of his position through irregular returns. The failure to obtain a summary recount through a defect in the law has aggravated the sense of injustice."

Referring to the lack of any limitation on the number of times a candidate may be nominated or re-elected by the party conventions and state committees arbitrarily to exclude honestly elected delegates and members and the fact that the fraudulent cornering of the market in gas and electricity be abolished and a new board be constituted with power to enforce orders through the courts. On the Hearst recount matter the Governor said:

Colorado Legislature Organized.

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 2.—The 16th General Assembly of Colorado organized this afternoon. It consists of 70 members. The session of the assembly was no contest over the organization, officers having already been agreed upon in the Republican caucus. Representative Robert G. Brockbridge, of Rio Grande County, was elected Speaker of the House, and Senator M. E. Lewis, of Frem