

RAILROADS BESET BY MUCH TROUBLE

Worst Winter in Decade Is Cause of Brittle Rails, Wrecks and Delays.

FREIGHT TRAFFIC STOPPED

Sidings of Western Yards Full of Trains Delayed by Late Passenger Service—Pullman Equipment Is Also Held Back.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—(Special).—Railroads in the West and in the Central States are experiencing the greatest difficulty of years in operating their trains. Conditions which exist now have not been equalled during any winter for the past decade.

Many Wrecks Cause Fear.

To make matters worse, the difficult operating conditions which have arisen have been accompanied by a long series of wrecks on the various railroads, which have resulted in arousing apprehension everywhere. For most of these wrecks the sudden cold snap is being held responsible by the railroad men, as the marked drop in temperature causes the rails to become brittle.

Freight Traffic Tied in West.

Throughout the West freight traffic is more or less paralyzed. In an effort to get passenger trains over the road, the operating men have been compelled to sidetrack freight everywhere for a long period. The result is that all the sidings are full of delayed freight and the terminal yards are congested to an equal degree.

Steam Will Not Generate.

Passenger trains cannot get out of Chicago on time, because of the non-arrival of Pullman equipment which is in use on delayed trains. Railroad men say one of the greatest causes of delay is the difficulty of steaming engines during severe cold. Another cause is the difficulty of operating coal chutes, trains often being delayed 20 to 30 minutes to one-half hour in securing coal or water.

COLD SNAP BRINGS WOE

North, East and Southwest Are Hit by Swift Blizzard.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—(Special).—Coming from out toward Medicine Hat, that Pandemonium box of the Weather Bureau, Jack Frost today swept from the Rockies to the Great Lakes, leaving death and suffering in his path, with the coldest weather of the winter.

LOWER GRAIN RATES, AIM

Company Organized to Build Elevators in Oregon and California.

LANDMARK IS DESTROYED

Famous McMeekin Place Goes Up in Flames.

TABERNACLE MUST BE SOLD

High School and Presbyterians to Bid for Lumber.

SATOLLI SUFFERS RELAPSE

Weakness Marked and Fatal End Is Feared.

ROOSEVELT IN NEW FIELD

Ex-President Off for Uganda, on Second Stage of Exploration.

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expedition began today what may be termed the second stage of its journey into the interior of Africa. The objective point is Gondokoro, Uganda, which it is expected will be reached on February 17.

With the passage of the lake the Americans will have left behind them British East Africa and entered the Uganda Protectorate, the most interesting field of their explorations.

GIRL DELVES, 2 HELD

DOCTOR AND WIFE ACCUSED OF KILLING HER BROTHER.

Loren B. and Dora E. Doxey Held for Alleged Poisoning of Erder in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 18.—Accused of murder in the first degree, in connection with the death last July of W. J. Erder, Dr. Loren B. Doxey, of Columbus, Neb., and his wife, Dora E. Doxey, are tonight held in the City Jail.

Dr. Doxey's formal incarceration followed the issuance of bench warrants against him and his wife on the application of the Circuit Attorney's office. The end of the grand jury's activities in the case was revealed by the action of the prosecutor.

Miss Kate Erder, sister of the dead man, asserted her efforts to solve the mystery of her brother's death will not cease.

"I will do all in my power to furnish evidence needed by the prosecution," said Miss Erder. "When I first reported the case to the police I was told that the burden of proof was on me. I have produced the proof thus far, and I will still take part in the case."

The information upon which Mrs. Doxey was brought here from Nebraska recently charged that poison was given to Erder in his food. The Circuit Attorney asserts that evidence will be produced showing that Dr. Doxey was in communication with Mrs. Doxey, while she, according to the charges, was ministering to Erder's wife.

BUSINESS MEN CO-OPERATE

East Side Club Works for Speedy Erection of Broadway Bridge.

The East Side Business Men's Club will co-operate with the people of the North East Side in securing the speedy erection of the Broadway bridge.

LOCAL WOMAN'S HURT SLIGHT

Mrs. Eschelbacher Gets Wrenched Knee; Son and Friend Escaped.

Mrs. Bernard Eschelbacher, injured in the Illinois train wreck, is the wife of a seaman, and lives at 133 Sixth street North. Mrs. Eschelbacher and her 4-year-old son were en route to Chicago to visit Mrs. Eschelbacher's mother, Benjamin Bender, an old man, friend of the Eschelbachers, left Portland on the same train with the intention of visiting relatives in Ohio. He lives in University Park.

FIVE DEAD, RESULT OF WRECK

Ten Others Injured in Accident in Cleveland Yards.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 18.—Five persons are dead as the result of a collision between a Lake Shore passenger train and a switch engine at East Twenty-sixth street, early today. Ten passengers were injured.

MEMELIK REPORTED DEAD

No Confirmation of Rumor Is Received in Rome.

ROME, Dec. 18.—A rumor was circulated here today that King Menelik of Abyssinia was dead but no confirmation has come.

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THREE CARS TOPPLE

Two Portland Persons Hurt in Illinois Wreck.

INJURIES ARE NOT SERIOUS

Mrs. Bernard Eschelbacher Receives Bruised Knee, and Frank Bishop Is Injured on Head and Body. Victims Given Aid.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—More than 20 persons were injured, but none killed, when the Oriental Limited on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad was wrecked by a "snake" rail near Western Springs, Ill., at 4:30 A. M. today.

It is supposed a rail, split by the intense cold, threw the heavy limited off the track. Part of it plunged down an embankment about 15 feet high. The whole train leaped the track and plowed along the ties for more than 100 yards.

Three sleepers broke their couplings, rolled down the embankment and turned on their sides; the two day coaches swung sideways across the track, and the engine and baggage car straddled one rail.

Most of the injured were from the Northwest. Among them are: Injured Are From Northwest.

Mrs. O. A. Lovall, wife of O. A. Lovall, a mining engineer of Wilmer, B. C., severely injured.

Mrs. Bernard Eschelbacher, of Portland, Or., knee injured. K. L. Lane, of Seattle, body bruised and cut.

Mrs. J. P. Payseur and son, of Seattle, both cut and bruised. S. R. Steine, of Spokane, head and face cut.

F. W. Kilaby, of Spokane, collarbone broken. Frank Bishop, of Portland, Or., side injured, head and body bruised.

R. E. Johnson, Spokane, Wash., back injured. Edward Strout, Seattle, Wash., scalp wound and hands cut. Chester Thorne, Tacoma, Wash., body bruised.

Crowded Day Coach Stays on Track.

Although the temperature was near zero, the passengers suffered little from the cold, as relief was prompt and the passengers were able to dress before leaving the cars, notwithstanding that the coaches were in the ditch. At the scene of the wreck the embankment is comparatively low. Had the broken rail been 30 yards west, the cars might have precipitated 25 feet into a deep ditch.

There were some 50 passengers in the forward or day coach, which was not overturned, and there were 20 occupants of the sleeping cars which were overturned. The broken rail, termed by railroaders a "snake rail," instead of piercing one of the cars and carrying death with it, coiled up beneath the cars and was in a confused tangle beneath the second car when the cars swung across the tracks and stopped.

The sleepers were stripped of their trucks as they rolled down the embankment and windows and doors were shattered. Physically unimpaired, but with their heads made up and a quick run to Chicago was begun.

Wounded Rushed to Hospitals.

Scarcely a passenger on the train escaped injuries, and as the relief train neared the city, the injured persons, ready to leave Portland on the same train, became more aware of their hurts. The more severely injured were taken to hospitals.

Limit of Players Changed.

The resolution changing the by-laws so that no club may carry more than 25 players during the "playing season" caused some confusion. The magnates did not specify the dates of the "playing season." President Ebbetts, however, declared "the playing season" would be from May 10 to August 20, and that the

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to the injured. Not one of the girls was hurt.

Broken Rail Ditches Train.

EAST LAS VEGAS, N. M., Dec. 18.—Eastbound passenger train No. 8 on the Santa Fe was wrecked early this morning near Fulton, N. M., 55 miles west of here, by a broken rail. Although three cars plunged down a steep embankment into a ditch, where they turned over, no one was killed or seriously injured. The escape of the passengers and trunks is considered marvelous, and the first reports from the wreck were that many had been killed. The broken rail was due, it is believed, to the intense cold that prevailed last night in the mountains.

Hoodoo Follows Train No. 8.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18.—The Santa Fe having had luck with its No. 8 trains. The No. 8 wrecked near Fulton, N. M. today, left this city on Thursday, the day on which the preceding No. 8 was ditched in Arizona, with the loss of one life and the injury of many passengers. It is the regular eastbound passenger train carrying tourist cars.

Thirty Reported Hurt in Minnesota.

MONTICELLO, Minn., Dec. 18.—Thirty persons were reported injured in a great Northern train wreck near here tonight.

LYNCH IS MADE PRESIDENT

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know the game about as well as any one and I think I have a pretty good reputation. The public, the players and the umpire will get nothing but a square deal from me, and everything will be above board and open to the newspapers.

"I want to add that I refused to take the presidency until I was assured that my old friend Heydler, whom I broke in as an umpire, was to be elected secretary and treasurer, as I could not get along without him."

Heydler's speech was laudatory of Lynch as an umpire and then several old-time baseball reporters made speeches lauding the new president. "Pop" Anson, whom Charles W. Murphy had brought from Chicago, believing he would be elected, remained at the Waldorf to the last and then departed, silent but sorely disappointed.

Lynch Famed as Umpire.

Lynch the new president, was an umpire in the National League from 1888 to 1901, with one or two years of retirement during that period. His honesty and fairness became a byword with fans, who continued to remember him with respect even after he retired voluntarily in 1901, to manage the theater he owns at New Britain, Conn.

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OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

SALEM WOOLEN MILLS SEVENTH AND STARK

resolution would permit clubs to carry not more than 25 players from August 20 to May 10. Before May 10 and after August 20 the clubs are usually trying out new players and their staffs are larger. The American League adopted a similar resolution, but it specifically stated the "playing season" to be from May 10 to August 20.

The Spring meeting of the league will be held in New York instead of Chicago, as heretofore. This is the meeting at which the playing schedule is arranged and announced.

Will Play 168 Games. The National League has directed its schedule committee to prepare a 168-game schedule for 1910. The National and American Leagues will confer on the schedule, so as to avoid, as much as possible, conflicts in playing dates.

The waiver rule was amended so that a club need not dispose of a player to an intending purchaser, even after waivers are secured, unless the terms are finally deemed satisfactory.

Pupils Give Recital.

An enjoyable song recital was given by the pupils of Mrs. Edward Alden

Beals at her home, 156 North Sixteenth street, last night. The following pupils took part: Mrs. Risley, Mrs. Nicholas, Misses Myrtle Thomason, Eva Thomason, Louise Backus, Florence Gilman, Winnie Lewis, Agnes Harwas, Lottie Banfield, Eileen Teux, Florence Jackson and Winnie Trainey.

SWITCHMEN GET \$5 A DAY

Strikebreakers Recruited in Los Angeles for Northwest Points. LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18.—Many strikebreakers are being recruited in Los Angeles and shipped to points in the Northwest, where the switchmen are on strike.

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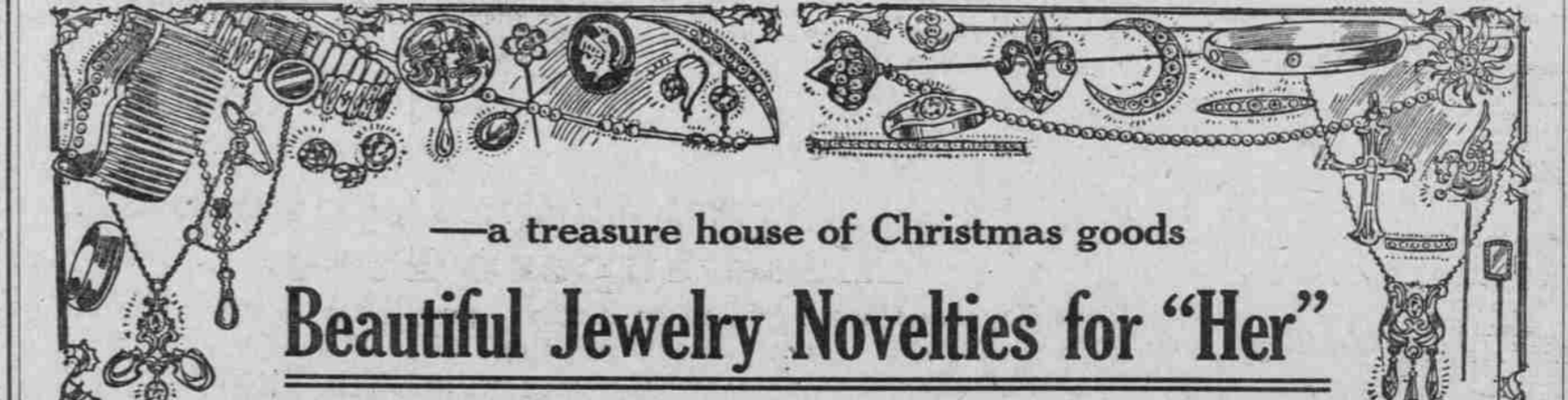
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