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FREIGHT HAD NOT CLEARED

And a Passenger Train Crashed Into Rear Coach With Awful Results.

BLAME RESTS ON BRAKEMAN

Men Are Jammed Into a Solid Mass and Wreck Catches Fire and Roasts Them Alive.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 7.—As the result of a collision between a passenger train and the rear end of a freight train on the Monongahela division of the Pennsylvania railroad tonight at Cochran station seven men are dead, one is dying and five others are injured.

THE DEAD.

I. D. STROUD, baggage master. J. E. BOHNER, brakeman of accommodation. JOHN STEWART, passenger, residence unknown. TWO UNKNOWN FOREIGNERS, killed outright. TWO UNKNOWN FOREIGNERS, died on way to hospital. SERIOUSLY INJURED: T. D. Cook, conductor accommodation, will probably die. Sam Sullansky. Peter Kimoski. John Smith.

The West Elizabeth accommodation train from Pittsburgh was on time and had a clear track. At Cochran it ran into the rear car of an extra freight which had taken the switch but had failed to clear the main line.

In the collision the passenger was forced back upon the combination baggage and smoking car with terrible force. Thirteen passengers were jammed against the rear end of the car into a solid mass. Three of the victims were killed outright, two were literally roasted to death and two died on the way to the hospital.

Immediately after the impact fire from the stove in the smoker communicated to the wreckage and imprisoned victims were tortured beyond recognition.

STATEHOOD AND MILITIA BILLS DISCUSSED BY SENATE

House Has Session of Two Hours and Passes a Few Minor Bills.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The senate today discussed the bill for reorganization of the militia and also the statehood bill. Mallory (Fla.) led the democratic senators in opposition to the section of the military bill providing for a reserve force of trained men, the contention being that it not only infringed the rights of several states, but also increased the standing army by 100,000 men.

When the statehood bill came up, Beveridge read a number of resolutions adopted at a recent convention in Oklahoma, favoring single statehood with Indian Territory. Quay, who is leading the fight for statehood, criticized the resolutions, saying the people who adopted them had not acted intelligently, because the single statehood bill had been withdrawn. He further charged that they did not represent the sentiment of a majority of the people of Oklahoma. Nelson (Minn.) continued but did not conclude his remarks in opposition to the statehood bill.

The session of the house today lasted little more than two hours. The senate bill for a redemption of coin silver in the Hawaiian islands and for recognizing in the United States, provides for the adoption of silver coins, either in Hawaii or the United States in payment of dues. Standard silver coins of the United States may be exchanged for coin of Hawaii at face value. Hawaiian silver certificates shall be redeemed before January 1, 1906, and thereafter they cannot lawfully be circulated as money.

Several bills of minor importance were passed. The Philippines' constabulary bill was made a special order for tomorrow.

MRS. TINGLEY WINS.

Newspaper Will Suffer for Its Too Severe Strictures.

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Jan. 7.—When the plaintiff in the Tingley-Times libel suit rested in rebuttal this afternoon Judge Torrence announced that as a matter of law he was satisfied that the

plaintiff is entitled to recover compensatory damages. This statement from the bench is considered by counsel as a tantamount announcement that the court will charge the jury in line with the above remark.

NEITHER WOLCOTT NOR TELLER

So Far the Anti-Republicans and Democrats Succeed.

DENVER, Jan. 7.—After six hours of balloting anti-Wolcott republicans and democrats combined and elected J. B. Sanford, democrat, speaker of the house.

It is said, although the statement is denied, that the agreement gives republicans practically all the patronage of the house, but assure seats to the 12 democratic representatives from Denver. It is claimed that other democrats whose election is contested will be unseated, in which case republicans will have a majority of one on joint ballot.

NONUNION MEN HEARD.

Attempt to Prove that Strikers Created Reign of Terror.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 7.—Nonunion men today continued to occupy the attention of the coal strike commission in presenting evidence of lawlessness in the anthracite coal region during the strike. The testimony included many acts of violence from murder down to plain assault and petty larceny.

SUMMER RESORT DESTROYED.

Spark From Passing Locomotive Starts Fire That Works Ruin.

CASSELL, Col., Jan. 7.—The town of Webster, a summer resort five miles above Cassels, in Platte canon, has been totally destroyed by fire. The fire was started by a spark from a passing locomotive, which set the Webster hotel afire, and soon the flames spread to adjacent barns and outhouses. The wind was blowing a perfect gale and it was not long before the hotel and all the other buildings were in ruins. The total loss is not known.

MAYBE HE'S SCARED.

Jeffries Refuses to Fight Corbett for Purse of \$20,000.

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 7.—"I won't fight for that," said Champion James J. Jeffries today, when shown the offer of the Hayes Valley Athletic club of a \$20,000 purse for a 20-round contest between him and James J. Corbett. Jeffries refused to give any reasons for his refusal. He and Fitzsimmons will remain in Salt Lake for several days in order to give Fitzsimmons' hand, which was badly injured in a recent exhibition bout, a chance to heal.

VERY OLD WOMAN DIES.

"Ancient Sally" Was Born 130 Years Ago.

CRIDLEY, Calif., Jan. 7.—An old Indian woman, known as "Ancient Sally," died at Prattville, in the mountains, a few days ago. She was 130 years of age, and though unable to stand upright, she crawled about her home and cooked her own meals. She was totally blind.

AGREE ON OFFICER.

Multnomah Agrees on President and Speaker.

PORTLAND, Jan. 7.—The Multnomah county delegation to the legislature tonight decided to support R. A. C. Smith of Multnomah for president of the senate and B. Leddy of Tillamook for speaker. One representative refused to concur.

MRS. NATION DOES GOOD WORK

Ardent Temperance Reformer Starts Philanthropic Home.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 7.—Mrs. Carrie Nation, temperance reformer, today closed negotiations for a large residence at Kansas City, Kan., to be used as a home for drunkards' wives. Money to establish the home was raised by Mrs. Nation on her recent trip east.

PERKINS OF CALIFORNIA.

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Jan. 7.—Geo. C. Perkins was tonight renominated United States senator to succeed himself by the republican caucus.

ENGLAND IS DISSATISFIED

Germany Is Blamed for the Prospect of Long Delay in Settlement.

TIME IS GIVEN FOR AWARD

Any Resentment on Part of the American Press May Result in Some Serious Disensions.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—A growing feeling of impatience at Berlin over the prospect of a prolonged delay in regard to a settlement of the Venezuelan claims is, according to the Tribune's London correspondent, noted conspicuously by a good many writers of the press. The German embassy in London is reported as reflecting the opinion of the Berlin foreign office that an award must be made within three months from the opening of the proceedings of The Hague tribunal.

The slightest indication of resentment on the part of the American press over German strictures on the Monroe doctrine would be a signal for a vigorous denunciation of the British foreign office for persevering in an alliance which has been disliked from the outset even with evidence of a lack of excitement in America.

There are warnings from the provincial press that Lord Lansdowne must make strenuous efforts to remove the obstacles which Germany is placing in the way of a speedy settlement, and there are also elaborate arguments in demonstration of the position that British interests will be served best by a frank acceptance of the Monroe doctrine as a safeguard against European schemes of annexation or of a partition of the western hemisphere.

The fate of the Balfour government would be sealed if Germany, with Great Britain supporting her, were involved in complications with the United States.

DEMANDS OF POWERS

Specify amount of Guarantee Payment Required.

BERLIN, Jan. 7.—That portion of the joint reply of the powers to Venezuela suggesting a settlement without arbitration only goes so far as to offer to treat for a settlement out of court after the payment of cash or the giving of a sufficient guarantee for the payment of \$25,000 to each power. This revision remains as the fixed and only precedent to arbitration or negotiation direct for a supplementary agreement. The German government would much prefer to close up the matter by negotiations through Minister Bowen, while the blockade continues, than withdraw the blockade and adjust the claims through The Hague arbitration court.

POWERS SEND ANSWERS.

Meeting of Castro's Cabinet is Called to Consider Matter.

CARACAS, Jan. 7.—The answers of the powers to President Castro's last proposal relating to arbitration was delivered to President Castro this afternoon by United States Minister Bowen. A meeting of the cabinet was called to consider these communications. It is expected that answers will be handed to Minister Bowen tonight.

NAVAL FLEETS DISPERSE.

Admiral Dewey Has Done His Work and Sails for Home.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—According to the Herald's correspondent at Culebra Island, Admiral Dewey, having decided that the purpose of the concentration of the warships has been accomplished, has issued orders that the squadron disperse to their former stations.

Admiral Dewey and his staff on the Mayflower and the Dolphin will sail Thursday for Washington. The cruiser Albany has sailed for Boston, where she will be re-sheathed, and the cruiser San Francisco and Nashville have left for Norfolk to undergo repairs.

Rear-Admiral Sumner has transferred his flag to the cruiser Newark and will return to the south Atlantic station. The torpedo boat flotilla has sailed north and the Pacific will start today with patients who became ill during the maneuvers.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

Chicago Was Founded and Now They Are Going to Celebrate.

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—Through its executive committee the Chicago Historical society has expressed itself in favor of the commemoration and cele-

ARE ALARMED AT PLAGUE

Fear Is Felt in Arizona That the Disease Will Spread in That Section.

MORTALITY RATE 50 PERCENT

Physicians Make Earnest Appeal to the Government to Quarantine Threatened Points.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 7.—A special from Tucson, Ariz., says:

The spread of the bubonic plague towards the United States has caused such great alarm in Arizona, that at a meeting of prominent citizens here today it was decided to appeal to the government authorities for aid, and to secure, if possible, a quarantine against the infected portions. Rumors that the plague is spreading north to Guaymas have been confirmed, and fear is felt that the plague may be carried to Yuma by boats coming up the Colorado river and Gulf of California from ports on the western coast of Mexico.

The physicians assembled here today sent the following dispatch to the surgeon-general of the marine hospital service:

"Reliable reports from Guaymas indicate that an epidemic of bubonic plague at Topolobampo and Guaymas is extending north. Cargoes from infected ports are unloading daily at Guaymas and other ports, with no precautions whatever. The mortality rate is over 50 percent, and the epidemic is spreading rapidly. It is a great menace to southern Arizona, and should be investigated immediately and a quarantine against the infected ports should be established."

The dispatch was signed by six of the most prominent physicians of southern Arizona, who, previously to the meeting, had been corresponding regarding the impending danger.

WILL INCREASE CAPITAL.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 7.—The call for the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Pennsylvania Railroad company to be held March 10 contains a notification that the shareholders will be asked to authorize an increase in the company's stock of more than \$400,000,000, or nearly double the amount now outstanding. The increased capitalization is deemed necessary because of important improvements contemplated.

PROMINENT CITIZEN SUICIDES.

DANVILLE, Ky., Jan. 7.—A. C. Bayles, a prominent citizen, leading merchant and one of the best known men in this section, committed suicide at his home seven miles south of here, by cutting his throat with a razor.

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