Train Stalled in Tunnel on "Dead Centre."

COAL SMOKE FILLS THE CAB

Two Brakemen Firemen Jump from Train-Attempt to Run Out-Fall Unconscious-Engineer Opens Trottle, Faints-Engine Crashes Into Another.

New York, Dec. 23-. With the throttle wide open and the engineer unconscious on the floor of the cab a heavy New York Central locomotive drawing six cars laden with stone ran wild through Harlem early on Thursday morning and finally came to a standstill, wrecked, when it crashed into a locomotive of the Herlem division in the Motthaven yards.

Details of the accident became gen erally known for the first time last night through friends of the engineer, Elvy Devo of Poughkeepsie, who is now in Lebanon Hospital, dying from burns and scalds. Three men who jumped from the train in the tunnel were lying unconscious at the track side when found.

What happened to them is a matter of conjecture. The accident is said to have been due to a lack of ventilation in the tunnel. A work train of sixteen cars left the New York Central station soon after daybreak. It was drawn by a gigantic "Ping Pong" engine. The top of its short smokestack clears the roof of the Park avenue tunel by only a few inches.

At Fiftieth street the big engine became stalled on a "dead centre" Engineer Deyo tried to get the piston moving by starting the exhaust but in spite of his efforts he could not get the big machine to turn a wheel,

The fireman and two brakemen in the cab with Devo began to cought as the hard coal gas from the locomotive firebox came pouring down upon them, deflected by the roof and walls of the tunnel.

As the engineer, still working with might and main at the throttle lever to get his engine moving, looked at his ! three companions he saw them slowly and painfully crawl down off the locomotive cab into the tunnel.

They tried to run back out of reach of the deadly coal gas, but before they had gone a dozen steps fells unconscious in the ditch. Devo's train was stalled on the main track a peril to traffic, and he dared not leave the cab for a moment.

Conscious of the danger that he too might succumb to the fumes of the coal gas, he wet a big bunch of cotton waste at the tank and platsered it over his mouth and nose. But the waste was little protection. Devo was still trying to get the engine off the "dead centre" when his head began to whirl. With a last effort of consciousness he pulled back the throttle lever. Just then a pushing engine came up behind and struck the long train and the impact started the locomotive. The shock knocked Deyo, weak and dizzy, off his balance, and he fell to the floor of the cab unconscious. With the throttle wide open the locomotive gathered speed. Deyo's body rested close to the open door of the firebox and the flames open dor of the firebox and the flames began to scoreh him as they leaped out of the furnace.

All the way through the long Park avenue tunnel the train flew. The switches were right and the drawbridge over the Harlem river was fortunately closed.

The train dashed into the Motthaven yard of the New Haven Road, and ran into a light engine on the main track Both loc notives were wrecked and Deyo was removed unconscious from the debris,

STOCK MARKET FIRM

Higher Prices and Broader Tone Chief Features of Week's Stock Market.

New York, Dec. 23.-Higher prices and a broader tone were the chief features of this week's stock markt. The failures at Chicago caused only a mild flurry here. Union Pacific was the feature of the railway list on rumors of a transcontinuental deal. An event of great local interest was the transfer of control of the traction companies by the so-called Ryan interests to those already in control of the Subway and elevated lines. In the industrial group the purchase of control in Tennessee \$ Coal & Iron, by Republic Iron & Steel was a feature. Movements in the commodity markets kept pace with those for securities and railroad returns con-

tinued satisfactory. Reports from the leading industrial centers indicate no ce-sation, but rather an increased demand. Money to call as well as on time showed a hardening tendency, but exercised practically no effect in market operations. It is confidently predicted that monetary conditions will ease appreciably with the beginning of the new year,

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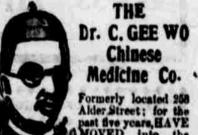
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