

FRENCH STEAMER POITOU WRECKED

Goes Ashore on Rocks Off Southeast Coast of Uruguay.

Vessel Carried 300 Passengers and 100 Are Said to Have Been Lost—Efforts Made in Spite of Heavy Gale to Reach Those Remaining on Stranded Ship.

Montevideo, Uruguay, May 9.—The French transport Maritime Poitou, from Marseilles April 6 for this port, has been wrecked off San Jose Ignacio, on the coast of Uruguay. She is understood to have had 300 passengers on board, and, according to late reports, nearly 200 of these have been rescued and are on their way to this city. The vessel and her cargo will probably prove a total loss.

The casualty list has been reported at 100, but this has not been corroborated. The government is doing everything possible to succor the shipwrecked people.

San Jose Ignacio is a small rocky promontory surrounded by reefs, 21 miles west of Cape St. Maria, on the southeastern coast of Uruguay and about 50 miles from Montevideo.

The vessel was driven on the rocks yesterday. She lies 30 yards from shore. A heavy gale has been blowing for several days, and is still continuing. This renders the work of rescue very difficult. The efforts to get the remainder of the passengers and crew to land are being continued with untiring energy.

Panic broke out on board the vessel when she grounded, and a number of terror-stricken people jumped overboard. According to a report a number of women managed to swim ashore, but many were drowned. It is known that customs officers at Rincon de Pertero saved 50 passengers.

SAN FRANCISCO CARS RUN.

Heavily Guarded, Two Make Trip of About Six Miles.

San Francisco, May 9.—The police for the first time since the commencement of the streetcar strike furnished actual protection yesterday afternoon for two of the United Railroads' cars manned by 21 strikebreakers, and as a result of this protection these cars were run over six miles of track without the firing of a shot.

Four men, one of them a strikebreaker and the other three members of the Electrical Workers' union were injured. There was intermittent hurling of missiles by union crowds at various points along the route and for two or three miles a mob of at least 1,000 men and boys ran with the cars, yelling, calling epithets, daring the nonunion men to get off the cars and fight and cheering vociferously whenever for one cause or another the cars were brought temporarily to a stop.

After the return to the carhouse at the general offices at Oak and Broderick streets, Mr. Mullally stated that cars will be operated again today. He thought it best not to divulge the starting time or give the route in advance. A majority of the strikebreakers who manned the cars came from Kentucky. Of the thirty odd persons who were shot or otherwise wounded in Tuesday's pitched battles on Turk street, four are expected to die. This would increase the number of deaths to five, as James Walsh died Tuesday night. Many of the others among the injured have been removed to their homes.

A Peace Not Aimed at America.

Paris, May 9.—M. Kurino, the Japanese minister, stated that the series of treaties between Great Britain, France, Russia and Japan, guaranteeing the territorial status quo in the Far East, implied an agreement to prevent other countries from acquiring territory there. He denied that the entente was in any way aimed at the United States, adding: "Japan, in spite of the San Francisco incident, has always been most sympathetic to the United States because she was the first to treat the Japanese people on a footing of equality."

Fire in Kansas City.

Kansas City, May 9.—Fire this afternoon destroyed the five-story University building at the northwest corner of Locust and Ninth streets, causing a property loss of \$250,000. One life was lost, six persons are missing and may be buried in the ruins, and 15 people were more or less seriously hurt. The debris is still burning tonight, and cannot be searched until tomorrow. The building was occupied by Montgomery, Ward & Co., as offices.

Immigration Board's Plans.

New York, May 6.—The committee appointed by President Roosevelt, Vice President Fairbanks and Speaker Cannon to investigate all the phases of the problem of immigration has decided to extend its work to the leading emigration cities of Europe and has made arrangements to sail from Boston May 18 for the Mediterranean on the steamer Canopic.

Omaha Building Collapses.

Omaha, May 9.—A six-story building at Ninth and Leavenworth streets, occupied by Parlin, Orendoff & Marlin company, wholesale farm implements, collapsed this morning, the walls falling inward. The property loss, which cannot yet be estimated, is heavy. The employees had not reported for work and no one was injured.

THIRTY-TWO ARE DEAD.

Special Train Carrying Mystic Shriners Wrecked in California.

Santa Barbara, Cal., May 13.—While hurrying northward over the Coast line of the Southern Pacific railroad Saturday afternoon, homeward bound, after a week of fraternalizing and feasting in Los Angeles, 145 Shriners of Ishmael temple, of Buffalo, and Rajah temple, of Reading, Pa., with their families and friends were hurled into the midst of death when their special train, running 50 miles an hour struck a defective switch at Honda, a lonely station on the sand wastes of the Pacific beach, derailling the train, smashing the coaches into splinters, killing 32 almost instantly and injuring more than a score of others. The bodies of 21 lie in the morgues of Santa Barbara and 10 more are at San Luis Obispo. The injured, many of whom are terribly hurt and will probably die, are in two sanitariums at San Luis Obispo.

There was no warning of the impending calamity. The special plunged upon the defective switch, and in an instant the big locomotive, baggage car, diner and Pullman, coupled with it, were hurled together in a heap of wreckage. The engine shot forward on the broken track, tearing up the rails and ties and twisting the huge iron spans into fishhooks. The baggage car half buried itself in the sand on the right side of the locomotive. It was smashed almost to kindling wood.

The dining car, in which were 32 people eating their noonday repast, leaped into the air and was thrown directly on top of the demolished locomotive. Nearly every person in this coach was instantly killed. Scores were scalded by steam escaping from disconnected pipes in the kitchen of the diner. The terror and turmoil of the scene were indescribable. Many of those escaped instant death by the first impact were crushed by the rear coaches hurled upon the wreckage. Others, pinned in the debris, were roasted alive. The wreckage caught fire from the coals of the engine, but was extinguished in a few minutes by the passengers who escaped injury.

EXPECTED MANY SENSATIONS.

Eastern Newspaper Men Disgusted to Find Boise an Orderly Town.

Boise, May 13.—Considerable disgust is expressed by some of the newspaper men who have come from distant points. They appear to have thought they were coming to an armed camp, where sensations were likely to be constant, and they have been both surprised and disappointed to find a community as quiet as one in New England, and so perfectly composed that no one uninformed would suspect anything of great importance was going on here. Some of them have asked to be recalled, and expect to leave after the jury is empaneled.

Sheriff Hodgkin has gathered up 75 jurymen in the country districts and will fill out the panel in town. He keeps the names to himself closely, and nothing is known about the men he has summoned.

Venezuela Paying Off Debts.

Washington, May 13.—The State department has received a dispatch from Minister Russell, at Caracas, Venezuela, stating that the payment to the allied powers, Germany, Great Britain and Italy, agreed upon under the blockade several years ago, will be completed about July 1. After that date the only payments will be on account of the exchanges in the currency of the countries. The deferred claimants, the United States, Mexico, The Netherlands, Sweden and Belgium, will then come in for settlement. Monthly payments will be made to those countries from the customs receipts of Venezuela.

Volcanoes Are More Active.

Messina, Sicily, May 13.—New craters have opened up in Mounts Aetna and Stromboli, whose eruptions are increasing. The observatories of Messina and Catania continue to register earth shocks. The alarm of the population of this island is growing, especially around Mount Aetna. A portion of the main crater of Stromboli has fallen in. It seems to have affected the sea, which is much agitated near the island. Scientists have expressed the opinion that possibly a submarine crater may have opened.

Disaster in New Mexico.

El Paso, Tex., May 13.—Word has just been received here that the west-bound passenger train No. 7 on the Southern Pacific, which left here at 5:45 yesterday afternoon, has been wrecked at Lordsburg, N. M. Five people are said to have been killed and many injured. Particulars have not yet been received. A wrecking train with several surgeons left here for the scene of the wreck. Lordsburg is the terminus of the first division of the Southern Pacific west of El Paso.

Kansas Enforces Corporation Law.

Topeka, Kan., May 13.—Writs of ouster were issued against the Western Union Telegraph company and the Pullman company here today by the Supreme court of Kansas, for not complying with the Kansas corporation laws. The ouster requires that the two companies must pay the charter fees required by the state before they can continue to do business in Kansas. It is expected that both companies will appeal.

Want Tariff Deal With France.

Paris, May 13.—American merchants here, fearing a tariff war between France and the United States, have forwarded to the State department at Washington a petition, asking for the immediate appointment of a tariff commission to come here and negotiate.

HAPPENINGS GATHERED IN AND AROUND WASHINGTON, D. C.

JUDGE GRAY POSSIBILITY.

Conservative Democrats Favor Him for Presidential Candidate.

Washington, May 9.—A senatorial syndicate having for its object the control of the next Democratic national convention is in process of formation. William J. Bryan might call it a conspiracy, for it is decidedly anti-Bryan in character, while the work preparatory to launching the movement that is contemplated has been conducted with well guarded secrecy. Something tangible, however, is likely to transpire in connection with the movement within a few days, when the country will be let into some of the details.

Some of the plans of the senatorial syndicate are merely tentative, but at this time the candidate favored for the presidential nomination is Judge Gray, of Delaware. Unless something unforeseen happens, it is believed that Judge Gray will be the sure-enough conservative Democratic candidate for presentation to the national convention.

AFTER THE WATCH TRUST.

Its Goods Are Sold Abroad for Less Than at Home.

Washington, May 8.—Charles E. Keene, of New York, president of the Independent Watch Dealers' association, today conferred with Assistant District Attorney Purdy concerning an investigation which the department is making into the methods of the so-called "watch trust." Mr. Keene presented to Mr. Purdy, he said, evidence concerning the operations of the alleged watch trust. He asserted that American-made watches could be purchased in various European countries for much less than they could be bought in this country, and that the alleged watch trust sold watches to foreign dealers at a much less price than they quoted to American dealers. He exhibited American watches which he had purchased abroad for less than he could buy them in this country.

AMBASSADOR FROM JAPAN.

Will Visit Portland and Seattle on Behalf of His Countrymen.

Washington, May 11.—T. Takahashi, of Seattle, has been in frequent consultation with the Japanese ambassador the past few days regarding the Japanese situation in the far Northwest. The ambassador is greatly interested in Takahashi's statement that business men of Oregon and Washington generally are not hostile to Japanese and has promised to visit Seattle and Portland in a few weeks for the purpose of making personal investigation. The exact date of his trip cannot be fixed until the ambassador has concluded the ceremonies in connection with the entertainment of General Kuroki and party in this city and Jamestown. Takahashi will participate in the Kuroki reception here and start for home in about ten days via New York and Boston.

May Sever Relations.

Washington, May 9.—Although the actual news of the severance of diplomatic relations of Guatemala and Mexico has not reached here, officials have no doubt that Mexico has taken the action that will result in giving to the Guatemalan minister in Mexico passports for his withdrawal. The American minister in Guatemala is now preparing to return home, and the American charge, Philip Brown, secretary to the legation has been instructed to look after Mexico's interests in the Guatemalan capital.

Express Rate Too High.

Washington, May 7.—The Interstate Commerce commission has rendered its first opinion in a case involving the reasonableness of an express rate. The case was brought by the society of American florists, who claimed that the rate charged by the United States Express company on cut flowers from New Jersey points to New York city was unreasonable. This rate, until July, 1906, was 50 cents per hundred pounds, and at that time was raised to \$1. Commissioner Lane, who delivered the opinion, holds that the rate could be reduced to 60 cents.

Fine Berth for Wood.

Washington, May 8.—The order assigning various officers to command department proposed by the general staff was issued today by the adjutant general of the army. It provides that Major General Wood shall be relieved from the command of the Philippine division and shall assume command of the department of the East at Governor's island, relieving Major General Grant, who is ordered to assume command of the department of the Lakes at Chicago, relieving Brigadier General Carter.

Another Attempt on Cabrera.

Washington, May 8.—Another attempt to assassinate President Cabrera, of Guatemala, according to a dispatch received today by Minister Toledo, was made yesterday. In this instance, what is described in a general way in the advice as a "mine" was placed not far from the mansion of President Cabrera, apparently with the intention of exploding it at a time when it would be most destructive. The mine was discovered.

Treasury Statement.

Washington, May 9.—Today's treasury statement shows: Available cash balance, \$255,288,079; gold coin and bullion, \$99,555,988; gold certificates, \$43,325,960.

CHINA SENDS GRATITUDE.

Viceroy Thanks America for Gifts to Relieve Famine.

Washington, May 10.—A dispatch received today from Consul General Rodgers at Shanghai says: "The viceroy of Liang Kiang province requests me to offer his sincere thanks to the American people and government for magnificent gifts sent to relieve the suffering Chinese of the Kiang Peh famine district. In addition to this request of the viceroy, have received similar expressions from all the ranking Chinese officials of this section of China."

Special arrangements are being made by the viceroy to assist in the landing and handling of the cargo of the army transport Buford. The news of the coming of the Buford has spread throughout the whole empire. The Red Cross today decided to remit \$1,000 additional by cable at once to Mr. Rodgers for famine relief.

HAS POWER TO REGULATE.

Railroads Are Creatures of Nation, Says Judge Farrar.

Washington, May 7.—That the United States has full power under the constitution to govern and control railroad corporations is declared by Judge E. H. Farrar, of New Orleans, in a letter addressed to President Roosevelt. The railroads, he says, are creatures of the Nation. This fact places them under the rule of the nation, and has the dual result both of regulating the roads and protecting them from an unjust exaction by the states. The roads can be protected, he says, against the prejudice of the local jury by giving them the right to sue and be sued in the Federal courts. The national government should provide the manner and extent through which the roads should be taxed by the states.

Investigate Artesian Wells.

Washington, May 8.—Representative Jones has just received assurances from the director of the United States geological survey that the request for an investigation on artesian water possibilities in the Yakima valley will be complied with. The region specified is Gold Creek valley, in the vicinity of township 12 north, range 24 east. From a superficial investigation of this region it appears that artesian possibilities are excellent. The investigation contemplated will develop all the facts possible.

Henry M. Hoyt Will Quit.

Seattle, May 9.—Henry M. Hoyt, United States attorney for the Second division of the judicial district of Alaska, tonight confirmed the report of his resignation of office. He admits the possibility of continuing in the government service, but declares he knows nothing of any plan to prosecute alleged Washington land frauds. His successor has not been selected, but his assistant, George B. Grigley, is thought to be the most probable choice.

Wants Experts for Land Office.

Washington, May 7.—Commissioner Ballinger, of the general land office, has asked Secretary Garfield to assign to duty in his bureau two of the business experts who are to be engaged by the secretary to suggest improved plans for the betterment of the service of his department, to assist in developing certain reforms now in progress in his bureau in order that particular attention may be paid to the divisions of mail and files and accounts.

Northwest Postal Affairs.

Washington, May 8.—Postmasters appointed: Oregon—New Pine Creek, Benjamin F. Griffith, vice H. M. Fleming, resigned. Washington—Lamar, Albert S. Gross, vice M. L. McNelly, resigned. John J. Rezek has been appointed regular, Samuel P. Soule, substitute, rural free delivery carrier, route 1; Roy M. Cowles regular, Whitney H. Cowles substitute, route 2, Wenatchee, Wash.

Cruiser Tacoma Leaves Santiago.

Washington, May 8.—The cruiser Tacoma, by orders of the Navy department, has left Santiago, the scene of the recent collision between the sailors of that ship and the police, and gone to Guantanamo, thus removing the possibility of further friction.

Surgeon Noble Sent to Canal.

Washington, May 9.—Captain Robert E. Noble, assistant surgeon, is relieved from duty at Fort Casey to take effect upon arrival at that post of First Lieutenant John R. Bosley, assistant surgeon, and will then repair to this city for duty with the Isthmian Canal commission.

Opens Actors' Fair at New York.

Washington, May 8.—At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon the president touched a button at the White House which opened the fair for the benefit of the actors at the Metropolitan opera house in New York.

Awards Carrying Contract.

Washington, May 8.—Secretary Garfield awarded the contract for transportation of supplies from Seattle to Reindeer stations and schools in Alaska for the coming season to Captain Michael White, of Ballard, Wash.

New Register at Hailey.

Washington, May 7.—Alvin McMahon was today appointed register of the land office at Hailey, Idaho.

ONE DEAD, THIRTEEN HURT.

San Francisco Scene of Bloody Conflict Over Car Strike.

San Francisco, May 8.—Rioting by streetcar strikers and their friends and repeated fusillades of bullets from strikebreakers yesterday marked the first attempt to run cars on the United Railroads since the strike began. The movement of a freight car from one barn was the signal for obstruction of the track by a mob and for a shower of missiles aimed at those who operated the car. After running only half a block the car was taken back to the barn.

Having thus made a test, the company at 2:30 p. m. sent a string of seven passenger cars out of the Turk and Fillmore street barns, manned by armed strikebreakers. Their appearance was the signal for renewed rioting. Brickbats, paving stones and all manner of missiles were hurled at the cars by a pursuing mob of several thousand. One of the guards on the cars retaliated with a shot, which hit its mark. The assault on the cars became more furious and the guards retaliated with several fusillades, which caused the death of one man, wounded one fatally and 12 less seriously. After running a few blocks the cars were returned to the barn and the attempt to operate the lines was abandoned for the day.

Union pickets went among the mob, imploring them not to throw stones. They were jeered by union men and sympathizers. The police with one exception did not even draw their clubs.

The police did little to check the lawlessness. They attempted to disperse the mob from violence, but only two of them used force and they did it so effectively that they cleared the way for the cars for the time being. The police arrested 13 of the strikebreakers for shooting, but made no arrests among the mob.

That the many bloody events of yesterday may be repeated with even more tragic results was the fear expressed last night when it was made known that the United Railroads' program for today includes another attempt to resume the operation of its system. This attempt, according to General Manager Mullally, will be made some time in the forenoon. He declined to state at what hour or to discuss the company's plans in this respect.

TRAINROBBERS ARE FOILED.

Engineer Loses Life in Saving Passengers From Destruction.

Butte, May 8.—The North Coast Limited east bound train of the Northern Pacific Railroad company was held up early yesterday morning by two masked men near Welch's spur, a siding 18 miles east of Butte, and Engineer James Clow shot dead and Fireman James Sullivan shot through the arm. Without making an attempt to blow up the express car, as was evidently intended, the two robbers jumped from the cab and ran down the mountain side, disappearing in a gulch several hundred yards from the track. On the tender of the locomotive was found a telescope grip full of giant powder, intended for use in blowing up the express car.

The two bandits thus far have managed to elude about 15 officers scouring the mountains in the vicinity of the hold-up. Officers returning from the spur state that the trail was lost by the spoor dogs on a road leading to Butte, where the bandits had sprinkled a quantity of red pepper. The officers have a number of fresh hounds in reserve and the hunt will be resumed.

Give Back Their Coal Lands.

Denver, May 8.—Through the instrumentality of officials of the department of Justice here, certain persons in a state farther east have surrendered to Assistant United States Attorney General Burch the patents for and deeded back to the government voluntarily between 1,000 and 2,000 acres of very valuable coal lands in Routt county, Colorado, for which nearly \$100,000 had been offered them, the probable value being two or three times that amount. This was done after careful consultation with eminent counsel.

Trains Crash in a Fog.

Wheeling, W. Va., May 8.—In a dense fog early today the New York-Chicago express No. 7, upon the Baltimore & Ohio railroad crashed into an east bound freight train as it was taking the siding at Rosby's Rocks, 20 miles east of here, killing four of the railroad men, seriously injuring three others, and slightly injuring five passengers. The engine, baggage, mail and express cars were demolished, but the passenger coaches and the sleepers were uninjured.

Telephone Girls Weakening.

San Francisco, May 8.—Despite the enthusiasm shown by several hundred girls at the meeting of the striking telephone operators today, the indications are that, unless the linemen go out and complicate the situation, the company will have practically a complete force at the switchboards within the next few days. A committee of linemen waited on President Scott of the telephone company to intercede for the striking operators today.

2,000 Hodcarriers Join Strikers.

Chicago, May 8.—Two thousand hodcarriers and building laborers today joined the strike of the bricklayers. A speedy settlement is predicted. The total number of men now out is about 10,000.

LABOR WAR NOW SEEMS CERTAIN

San Francisco Fears Bloodshed in the Streetcar Strike.

Authorities Ready for Any Emergency—Situation Is Much Complicated by Strikes in Other Lines—United Railroads May Ask for Federal Injunction.

San Francisco, May 7.—An air of nervous expectancy hangs over the city of San Francisco. It is such a quiet, suppressed sentiment as bespeaks approaching conflict. The situation is serious with a gravity born of uncertainty. The United Railroads proposes to resume the operation of its lines with non-union men. Two thousand union men are on strike, and, while neither side will discuss the possibility of violence, the situation has been carefully canvassed by the police, the militia and the officers of the regular army.

There is a settled feeling in the city that the cars cannot be operated without violence of some sort. Wherever the subject was discussed, the opinion was expressed that trouble was inevitable. While still hoping that no outbreak will attend the running of the cars, the authorities have made preparations for any emergency. General Funston arrived last night and assumed command of the department of California. The militia armories are being guarded and the police force has been given emergency orders.

The situation is complicated by the telephone strike and the vast industrial army made idle by the ironworkers' strike. Among the unions the feeling prevails that the defeat of the carmen would be the heaviest blow the unions could receive.

Reports are current that, if trouble attends the attempt of Mr. Calhoun to run the cars, he will force the issue upon the government, either through a request for a receiver or through injunction proceedings in the Federal court.

PREDICTS COAL FAMINE.

Union Pacific Official Says Road Will Sell No More Coal.

Cheyenne, Wyo., May 7.—"I look for a greater coal famine next year than ever before, and the Union Pacific, which has always taken care of the people along its line, will no longer be able to do so on account of the Hepburn bill," is a statement attributed to W. L. Park, general superintendent of the Union Pacific railroad, by the Wyoming Tribune today.

"The small dealers," Mr. Park is further reported to have said, "have in a way depended upon the railroad for the supply of coal to help them out, and, unless they store their own coal during the coming summer, they will face a famine in the winter. Coal consumers along other lines where a similar arrangement has been maintained by coal-carrying roads will meet the same emergency. The Union Pacific will store coal as usual this summer, but will have none to sell."

TORNADO WASTES PRAIRIE.

Wrecks Villages and Kills People in Northern Texas.

Fort Worth, Texas, May 7.—A storm of wind and rain, which was general throughout a considerable area in Northern Texas and which at some places assumed the proportions of a tornado, according to meager reports received here tonight, has resulted in the loss of at least three lives, the injury of many other persons and great damage to property and crops.

Several villages were wiped out, but because of the prostration of both telegraph and telephone wires details are almost impossible to obtain. At Deport, one of the largest villages in Lamar county, 20 miles from Paris, the storm passed northeast, cutting a path about 200 yards wide.

Record Trip Around Horn.

Los Angeles, May 7.—A special to the Herald from San Diego says that the steamer President, one of the vessels afloat, now engaged in an effort to break the existing record for a voyage around Cape Horn, is reported to have passed San Diego yesterday afternoon. The message was received by wireless telegraph and stated that the President, which left Philadelphia March 23, would arrive at San Francisco tonight or Wednesday morning. If the estimate is correct the President will make the trip in 46 days.

Shots Fired in Labor Riots.

Coonesville, Pa., May 7.—Benjamin Carter, a negro strike breaker, was stabbed in the back, two negroes were arrested for carrying firearms, and patrolmen and members of the state constabulary were fired upon tonight during a riot between white men and negro strikebreakers at the plant of the Sligo Iron & Steel company. The mills have been closed since April 13 until a few days ago, when several carloads of negroes were imported from Pittsburgh.

Relations Not Severed.

Mexico City, May 7.—Diplomatic relations between Mexico and Guatemala have not been severed. Tonight, the sub-secretary of foreign affairs, Jose Alegria, emphatically denied the report emanating from Washington to the effect that Minister Gamba had been recalled.