

## EXPRESS TRAINS CRASH TOGETHER

### Collision on Pennsylvania Railroad Kills and Injures Many.

#### Second Section Crashes Into First While Running at Rate of 50 Miles an Hour—Trainload of Doctors Sent to Scene on Special—News is Suppressed.

Johnstown, Pa., Jan. 23.—Running at a speed of nearly 50 miles an hour, the second section of the St. Louis express, on the Pennsylvania railroad, westbound, which left Philadelphia at 4:40 o'clock yesterday afternoon, crashed into the first section, which had met with an accident at a point between South Fork and Summer Hill, known as "Running Ground," with terrific force early this morning, killing and injuring many persons.

The second section was a double-header with two large engines, and it is said to have plowed its way through the first section. Immediately after the wreck hurry calls were issued for all available doctors and nurses at both places and in less than an hour nearly 50 physicians were on their way to the scene of the accident.

The wreck occurred between telegraph stations and it is hard to gain definite information. When the special train left this city, officers were stationed at the depot to prevent newspapermen accompanying the physicians.

The latest information at this hour is to the effect that five bodies have been taken from the demolished cars and that many injured have also been rescued from the debris.

#### PACKERS' LAWYER LEAVES.

#### Lundberg Suddenly Departs for Portland During Inquiry.

Chicago, Jan. 23.—United States district attorneys who are conducting the investigation of the beef industry manifested considerable interest today in the discovery that Edward A. Lundberg, an attorney who was associated with the defense in the beef case in investigation of 1905, had suddenly severed his connection with his employers and had left Chicago.

For several years Lundberg had been employed by packing concerns. From 1905 until 1907 he was associated with A. H. Veeder, in the employ of Swift & Co. From that time until last Saturday he was employed by Schwarzhild & Sulzberger, a large independent packing concern. At the latter company's offices it was said he had gone to Portland, Or.

The disappearance of Lundberg, together with the report that at least one prominent packing concern had been burning its records, which reached the district attorney's office Thursday, has given a new turn to the beef inquiry.

#### WILL DOUBLE WHEAT CROP.

#### Kansas Professor Breeds a Grain to Add \$50,000,000 to Wealth.

Manhattan, Kan., Jan. 23.—Professor H. F. Roberts, of the Kansas State Agricultural college, has been experimenting in the breeding of wheat since 1906. His experiments have now reached the stage that warning has gone out to Kansas farmers to increase the size of their granaries and to buy more threshing machines.

The result of Professor Roberts' researches is the probable propagation of wheat that will increase the average yield from 14 to 28 bushels an acre. The wheat crop of Kansas for the last five years has averaged approximately 80,000,000 bushels.

"By next fall," declares Professor Roberts, "I will have secured an ideal wheat. Then watch Kansas. Her wheat yield will double, and the farmers of the state will have their annual incomes increased to the extent of nearly \$50,000,000."

#### Longest Single Train Service.

Tacoma, Jan. 23.—The longest single train service in the United States is to be inaugurated by the Great Northern railroad, which on June 1 will begin operating through trains between Galveston, Texas, and Seattle, according to advice just received here. Trains will run via the Colorado Southern and other Hill controlled lines from the Gulf to Denver, over the Burlington system to Billings and Great Falls, and thence over the main line of the Great Northern to the Sound city.

#### Wool Men Plan Lobby.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Jan. 23.—A permanent bureau at Washington for the purpose of opposing measures that may be offered in congress to have the tariff reduced on any Wyoming products, particularly wool, will be maintained by the National Woolgrowers' association. Announcement to this effect was made today by the executive committee. Sufficient money for the purpose has been raised among the membership and others interested.

#### South Dakota Favors Women.

Pierre, S. D., Jan. 23.—The equal suffrage amendment passed the senate today without debate and with but two dissenting votes. The proposed amendment is to the state constitution.

#### CARS JUMP TRACK.

#### Eighteen Injured on a Portland Sub- urban Street Car Line.

Portland, Jan. 20.—Eighteen persons were injured, one fatally, in an accident at Williams avenue and Cherry street at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon when the trailer of car No. 353, of the St. John line, jumped the track in whirling around a curve, hurling both the motor car and trailer a distance of 100 feet.

There were 66 passengers on the cars. A few jumped as the cars leaped from the tracks in their wild flight; others were hurled through windows and still others were pinned on the sidewalk and in the street beneath the mass of debris. Both motorman and conductor stayed with the cars. They were uninjured.

Accidental breaking of the air pipes is said to have been the cause of the disaster. The break occurred several blocks from the scene and was discovered by the motorman, R. Gove, two blocks away, as the cars approached the down grade leading to the sharp curve at Williams avenue and Cherry street.

A telegraph pole and maple tree were snapped by the impact. Fortunately there is a wide space of street at the intersection through which the cars swept.

As the cars left the tracks some of the passengers began to jump. How so many of the 66 passengers escaped with their lives is remarkable.

Most of the passengers were women, few children being aboard.

#### EXCUSES ARE MANY.

#### New Panel for Calhoun Jury Meets Away Very Fast.

San Francisco, Jan. 20.—Yesterday's proceedings, opening the second week of the trial of Patrick Calhoun upon an indictment charging the offer of a bribe to a San Francisco supervisor, resulted in no addition to the three men who were temporarily passed last week and it was evident that many days would elapse before the taking of testimony was begun. Out of 150 citizens summoned all but 6 escaped service before the opposing attorneys were given an opportunity to test them for bias and prejudice.

The preliminary examination by Judge William P. Lawlor was prolonged until within an hour of adjournment, and of the men whose names were actually placed in the box, but three were questioned. Two of these admitted bias, and the third, a former streetcar conductor, who was discharged by the United Railroads company prior to the first strike, had not been passed by the defense and was under interrogation by Assistant District Attorney Heney when the day's proceedings ended.

Every variety of excuse covered by the statutes was employed by citizens who escaped service. Many depended upon the representation that their business affairs would suffer irreparable injury. Others presented physician's certificates and half a dozen claimed exemption because of previous service in the National Guard. One salesman created some amusement by unfolding his certificate of service in the militia, and he promptly availed himself of the privilege it carried.

The police guard at the courtroom was increased and few spectators gained admittance.

#### ROCKEFELLER GIVES.

#### Adds \$1,000,000 to Chicago University Endowment Fund.

Chicago, Jan. 20.—John D. Rockefeller today added \$1,000,000 to the endowment fund of the University of Chicago. The university founder's latest benefaction was announced tonight by Registrar Thomas W. Goodspeed after the receipt of a telegram from John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

The gift, which comes in the form of the transfer of securities yielding an annual income of \$40,000, raises the total amount of the oil king's donations to the university to \$24,809,666.98, of which \$15,000,000 is for endowment purposes. Of this amount more than \$8,000,000 have been given during the past three years.

For the first time on the occasion of a large gift to the university, Mr. Rockefeller did not add a sum for the payment of an expected deficit. The budget for the coming fiscal year beginning July, 1909, amounting to \$1,350,000, will be covered by the university income. For the first time in the history of the Midway school the institution is practically self supporting.

#### Asia Minor Feels Shock.

Smyrna, Jan. 20.—So far as can be ascertained, eight persons were killed today by an earthquake at Phocaea, 25 miles northwest of this city, and at other neighboring towns. Considerable damage was done to buildings at Phocaea. The population at Chil became panic stricken, though no serious damage resulted. The earthquake was felt here, but there was no loss of life. The American battleships Louisiana and Virginia are here.

#### Mexican Volcano Active.

Mexico City, Jan. 20.—The volcano near the city of Colima is in eruption. It is throwing out a great quantity of ashes and stones. No lava is flowing and the people are not alarmed. Several slight earthquake shocks have been reported, but there has been no damage.

#### Iowa Chooses A. B. Cummins.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 20.—Albert B. Cummins was yesterday elected to a six-year term in the United States senate. The two houses in joint session will today make formal announcement of the election.

## A BRIEF DAILY REPORT ON THE WORK OF CONGRESS

Saturday, January 23.

Washington, Jan. 23.—A large number of pension bills were passed by the house today and by the decisive vote of 42 to 103 the house refused to increase the pension of Julia B. Coghlan, widow of Rear-Admiral Coghlan, U. S. N., from \$50 a month, as recommended by the committee on pensions, to \$100, as proposed in an amendment offered by Olcott, of New York. Olcott made an impassioned appeal for the increase.

"It is," he said, "for the widow of the man who fired the first shot at Manila, and that is only one instance in his life of his being prepared for every emergency."

Strong opposition to the increase was made by Hull, of Iowa, Loudenslager, of New Jersey, Campbell, of Kansas, and Sims, of Tennessee, on the ground that there was nothing unusual in the case to demand this special consideration.

Consideration of a bill to prohibit the importation of opium except for medicinal purposes was prevented by Payne, of New York, on the ground that such action would reduce the national revenue \$1,000,000 a month and would not lessen the use of the drug.

Washington, Jan. 23.—The confidential information concerning expenditures from the \$3,000,000 war deficiency fund, which was sent to the Senate by President Roosevelt in response to the Foraker resolution, was obtained by the Ohio senator today for examination at his home. The report was conveyed to the senator's house by a messenger from the office of the secretary of state, whose messenger was instructed to return the document to the secret files of the senate when Mr. Foraker had finished his examination.

Senator Gallinger has undertaken to provide a retirement roll in the navy department for all the surviving officers of the navy or marine corps of the Civil war, with a provision that each shall receive three-fourths of the pay allowed him for the highest rank held by him, and has introduced a bill to that end.

Friday, January 22.

Washington, Jan. 22.—February 12 was today declared to be a special holiday, and a survey and plans for a highway from Washington to Gtysburg, to be known as "The Lincoln Way," as a memorial to Abraham Lincoln, were provided for by a joint resolution passed by the senate after an extended debate. The resolution did not commit congress to the construction of the highway when surveyed.

Some time was also devoted to consideration of the Japanese question.

Washington, Jan. 22.—Exactly as reported by the committee, the naval program for the fiscal year 1910 was today adopted by the house and the naval appropriation bill was passed. The opponents of the navy increase feature of the bill found themselves in a hopeless minority. The only alteration made was the striking out of provisions restoring marines to naval vessels. The aggregate amount appropriated is \$135,000,000.

Thursday, January 21.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Debate on the propriety of increasing salaries of Federal Circuit and District judges consumed nearly the entire time of the senate today, with the result that the compensation of the 29 Circuit judges was increased from \$7,000 to \$9,000, and that of the 84 District judges from \$6,000 to \$8,000.

Senator Raynor thought the expenses of the Roosevelt expedition to Africa should be paid because "it will be conducive to the peace and general welfare of the nation, temporarily, at least."

Washington, Jan. 21.—Strictures upon the efficiency of officers of the navy in the care of machinery of war vessels were uttered in the house today during the consideration of the naval appropriation bill, with the result that an amendment was adopted requiring the secretary of the navy annually to report to congress the instances where more than \$2,000 is expended for repairs.

Wednesday, January 20.

Washington, Jan. 20.—The Brownsville affray was taken up by the senate today, Frazier, of Tennessee, speaking in opposition to the passage of any measure for the re-enlistment of the discharged soldiers of the Twenty-fifth regiment. He insisted that the guilt of some men of the regiment had been established beyond doubt, although the individuals who had committed the crime had not been determined. Foraker announced that he would move next Monday to take up his bill to reinstate the soldiers unless an agreement on a time to vote for the measure was made sooner. The legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill was under consideration today.

Washington, Jan. 20.—After adopting without opposition a resolution by which Governor George F. Lilley, of

War Department Asks More.

Washington, Jan. 21.—An increase of nearly \$10,000,000 is asked for in the estimates of the War department for the fortifications bill, which was taken up by the subcommittee of the house on appropriations today. Of this amount \$3,000,000 is wanted for fortifications in the Philippines and the estimate for the armament of fortifications is increased from \$2,000,000 last year to over \$4,000,000 this year.

Connecticut, ceases to be a member of congress, the house today proceeded with the naval appropriation bill. Four amendments were offered to the measure. Foss, chairman of the naval affairs committee, had charge of the bill on the floor and Tawney, Fitzgerald, Gaines, Macon and others spoke. Mann occupied the chair during the consideration of the bill, which probably will have the attention of the house on Friday.

Tuesday, January 19.

Washington, Jan. 19.—The salaries of the president, vice president and speaker of the house were again under discussion in the senate today, when the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill was taken up. Amendments were adopted increasing the president's salary to \$100,000, that of the chief justice of the Supreme court to \$15,000, and those of associate justices to \$14,500. An amendment was also adopted providing for an under secretary of state at a salary of \$10,000 a year.

Washington, Jan. 19.—Disposing of the speech of Willett, of New York, yesterday, attacking the president, by referring it to a special committee to report what disposition should be made of it, the house proceeded today to take up the various appropriation bills.

Butler, of Pennsylvania, occupied the chair during the debate on the pension appropriation bill, which abolishes all but one of the 18 pension agencies throughout the country. The bill, which carries a total appropriation of \$160,869,000, was passed virtually as reported by the committee on pensions.

The urgent deficiency bill, which carries appropriations amounting to \$1,062,402, was passed after a roll call and several votes had been called for on an amendment offered by Helin, of Alabama, providing for an appropriation of \$300,000 for further distribution of seeds by the department of agriculture.

Monday, January 18.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The provisions for an increase of the salary of the president to \$100,000 and of the salaries of the vice president and speaker of the house of representatives to \$20,000 each, contained in a senate amendment to the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, were taken up in the senate today and the point of order made against them by Borah was further considered, resulting in the adoption, by a vote of 34 to 32, of another amendment, fixing the speaker's salary at \$15,000.

Senator Fulton has offered an amendment to the Interstate Commerce commission suspends a proposed higher rate the rate then in force shall continue in force until the complained of rates have been settled by a hearing; also, that several roads may enter into agreements as to rates.

Senator Fulton's bill to create Saddle Mountain National park was favorably reported today. The lands included lie in townships 5 and 6 north, range 8 west.

Senator Fulton has introduced a bill to include in the Blue Mountain National forest, sections 17 to 24, township 13 south, range 25 east of the Willamette meridian.

Washington, Jan. 18.—When Representative William Willett, Jr., of Far Rockaway, N. Y., representing the Fourteenth New York district, was in the midst of a bitter attack on the president today, the house of representatives by a vote of 126 to 78 refused to allow him to proceed on the ground that he was "villifying the president." The question was raised on a point of order.

Although Roosevelt's name was not mentioned by the speaker, innuendo left no possible doubt as to the person designated.

President Roosevelt today sent to congress a special message requesting that Lincoln's birthday, February 12, be made a national holiday.

Among the measures passed by the house today was that extending the provisions of the Carey act to the Territories of Arizona and New Mexico.

Provide Enough Officers.

Washington, Jan. 20.—"I am convinced that the only remedy for the absence of officers is to provide enough officers on the active list of the army to perform all of the duties required of it." This is the substance of the reply which Secretary Wright today made to the house, which recently passed a resolution seeking information with a view to having a number of retired officers perform duties of active officers detached from the various commands.

Newberry Cuts All Red Tape.

Washington, Jan. 19.—Secretary Newberry was at his desk today completing as fast as possible the general administration program for sending to Italy building material for the construction of a large number of small houses to shelter earthquake sufferers. All red tape has been waived so that vessels may be sent off at the earliest possible moment with their loads of material.

Big Fine Declared Legal.

Washington, Jan. 21.—The Supreme court of the United States today affirmed the decree of the state courts of Texas imposing a fine of \$1,623,000 on the Waters-Pierce Oil company, of St. Louis, ousting it from the state on the charge of violating the Texas anti-trust law.

#### JAP AFFAIR IMPORTANT.

#### Outweighs All Others, is View Taken by Roosevelt.

Washington, Jan. 22.—In conversation with some of his visitors, particularly Senators Flint, of Colorado, and Fulton, of Oregon, President Roosevelt today went so far as to say he thought nothing pending in congress or any of the differences between himself and congress were of half the importance of the Japanese-California question. He urged the necessity of California's congressional delegation using its influence as freely as possible against what might be resented by Japan.

Mr. Flint and other Californians have told the president plainly that, while they are willing to help him, they do not place much confidence in the figures of the government as to the decreasing number of Japanese in this country. The facts dispute the figures, they declare, and add that the Japanese are taking possession of whole towns.

The president advised his California visitors that he would like to see a fair trial given to the promise of the Japanese to decrease the number of their citizens in this country and, if this trial shows that there is no decrease, then he will no longer use his influence, even after he goes out of office, to prevent hostile legislation.

Mr. Fulton, after his talk at the White house, said that the feeling as to the Japanese in his state was not as acute as in California.

#### WISELY REVEALS PLAN.

#### Studied Bank's System and Then Juggled Books and Checks.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 22.—Don Carlos Wisely, after telling of having "planted" over \$8,000 in the safety vaults of the Portland Trust company, dictated a confession of how he robbed the Old National bank, of Spokane, to raise money to learn the plumbing trade.

"In August, 1908, I obtained a position at the bank as blotter clerk for the paying teller," said Wisely in his statement. "I worked overtime at night to study the bank's system of handling money. It took me just six weeks to find out there was a loophole in the bank's dealings with the clearing house through which I could obtain a large amount of money."

"First of all I stole \$1,000 in silver from the vault and covered up the shortage by making a fictitious entry in one of the books. Then, when a check for \$10,000 had passed through my hands and from the bookkeeper to the cashier and then to the statement clerk, I got it again and made another entry of it. After it passed through the various hands a second time I stopped it again. Later, when another \$10,000 reached the bank from another institution, I took the first one to the clearing house and got gold certificates for it."

"I left Spokane immediately after getting the money and went to Portland, where I opened an account under the assumed name of Harry Moore."

#### PACKERS BURN EVIDENCE.

#### Chicago Meat Men Destroy Papers Sought by Government.

Chicago, Jan. 22.—Smoke and ashes have put an unexpected limitation upon the government's investigation of the beef industry. Though the government's attorneys had been expecting to spring a new sensation in the near future by turning their batteries of investigation upon other prominent packing concerns than Morris & Co., the news reached the district attorney's office today that thousands of documents, claim files and letters had been burned at the stock yards by the packers, who did not relish the idea of a Federal investigation.

There was quick action on the part of the Federal authorities when they learned that valuable evidence had been burned. Secret service men who work under the supervision of the department of justice were hurried to the stockyards to learn what employees had sorted the claims and burned the undesirable ones found on in the files. It is proposed to subpoena witnesses before the grand jury to investigate the burning.

#### Recall Mayor Harper.

Los Angeles, Jan. 22.—Two hundred and fifty prominent citizens of Los Angeles, at a meeting today at the instance of the Municipal league, voted to prepare and circulate petitions demanding an election for the recall from office of Mayor A. C. Harper. It will require the signatures of about 8,000 voters to call the election. The allegations of misconduct in office made against Harper are based principally upon his recent appointment of Chief of Police Kern as member of the board of public works and upon allegations of vice protection.

#### More Lights for Pacific.

Washington, Jan. 22.—For the light-house establishment throughout the United States, Secretary Straus today sent to congress estimates amounting to \$406,000. He asked among other things \$150,000 for a first-class steam light vessel to mark Orford reef, Oregon, a group of rocks extending two and a half miles east and south and one and a half miles east and west, and \$41,600 for six light and fog signals in Puget sound.

#### Only One Passes Muster.

San Francisco, Jan. 22.—A single talesman ran the gauntlet of inquiry yesterday in the trial of Patrick Calhoun upon an indictment for bribery, and 11 others, whose examination occupied the entire day, were challenged or excused. The proceedings were almost monotonous and there was not a single clash between opposing attorneys.

## MANY WORKMEN BURNED IN TRAP

### Sixty Men Meet Death on Lake Mich- igan Tunnel Crib.

#### Many of Survivors Freeze to Ice, Glad Only in Night Clothes, and Are Badly Injured—Remains of Vic- tims Gathered Up in Sacks—Many Suffocate in Tunnel.

Chicago, Jan. 21.—Sixty men were killed and 48 terribly injured in an explosion at the crib, one mile out in Lake Michigan yesterday. The men were isolated on a narrow ledge without boats, and the survivors had the choice of remaining and burning to death, leaping into the lake, which was thickly filled with ice hummocks, or smothering in the tunnel leading to shore and which was immediately filled with deadly gas.

Those who were not too badly stunned sprang into the lake and fought with the ice until tugs arrived. Some were saved but others perished. Many men were thrown out of bed by the explosion and clung to blocks of ice, their only clothing being thin night-shirts. The rescuers found them benumbed and insane and some of them fought their rescuers in their delirium. Some of the escapes were marvelous. Those who could not swim swung by ropes over the sides of the crib, but the flames ate through the ropes and they dropped to death. Many were made unconscious by the force of the explosion and burned to death inside the crib.

The horror was increased 15 minutes after the fire broke out by an explosion of dynamite used in blasting the intake tunnel. The result was seen when the bodies were brought in. Many of them were but chunks of charred flesh and bones. One gunnysack contained five human heads, while another contained many arms and legs. Identification of these pitiful remnants was utterly out of the question.

Of the injured who were rescued many will die, as their burns and exposure were so severe that they cannot rally. Tonight fully half of the rescued men suffered amputation of arms or legs. Until the rescuers are able to enter the water tunnel, it will not be known how many persons perished below the surface of the lake. Air pressure was kept in this portion of the work and, as the air generating plant became disabled soon after the fire started, those in the tunnel must have perished.

#### DELAY ANTI-JAP BILLS.

#### Governor of California Asks Legisla- ture to Wait.

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 21.—Consideration of the bills denying to Japanese the right to own American land or to be directors of corporations, was delayed for one week by the assembly yesterday at the request of President Roosevelt and Governor Gillett.

When these measures came up on a special order, Preston, of Mendocino county, offered a resolution requesting the president to furnish the legislature with all documents and data in possession of the Federal authorities bearing upon the Japanese situation. This was declared to be out of order. Then Drew moved that his bill denying Japanese the right to own land be made a special order for the same day next week.

Grove L. Johnson, author of the directors' bill, opposed postponement in an impassioned speech, declaring that the request of the president for delay meant nothing to the legislature, as the governor had not seen fit to transmit it to the assembly through a special message and no such request was before the house. He said that at the Japanese were increasing in numbers, instead of decreasing, as stated by the president, and there was urgent demand all over the state for action at once. He, for one, would not give up the fight against Washington's intervention.

#### Three Hundred Houses Go.

Smyrna, Jan. 21.—Another earthquake was experienced here at ten minutes past 2 o'clock this morning, but no damage was done. The American battleships Louisiana and Virginia are still in the harbor. News of the effect of the shock of yesterday comes in slowly. Over 300 dwellings were destroyed in villages in the Phocaea district, but only a few persons lost their lives.

#### Quietus for Affinity Craze.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 21.—The "affinity" business will not be popular in Kansas hereafter. It is certain that the law making it a felony will pass the legislature, and Governor Stubbs has promised to sign it, if it comes to him. Senator Travis, of Iola, introduced the bill. It makes it a felony for a married woman to run away with another man, and vice versa. Even a temporary "affinity" is punishable by jail sentence.

#### Prohibition Bill Stands.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 21.—Over the veto of Governor Patterson this afternoon both houses of the legislature passed the senate bill which prohibits the sale of intoxicating liquor within four miles of a school house in Tennessee, and is in effect a statewide prohibition act. It is effective July 1, 1909.