

WRECK IN MONTANA

Fast Passenger Train Crashes Into Standing Freight.

TWENTY PERSONS LOSE LIVES

Dead Nearly All in One Car—Blinding Snow Storm Prevented Engineer Seeing Ahead.

Butte, Mont., Sept. 26.—In the worst wreck in the history of the Northern Pacific Railroad, 20 persons were killed, 10 seriously injured, several fatally and about 30 more or less injured in a collision between passenger train No. 16, known as the east-bound Burlington flyer, and a west-bound freight train, at 8:10 o'clock yesterday morning, at a siding known as Youngs Point, about thirty miles west of Billings. The fast traveling passenger train crashed into the freight just entering on the siding during a blinding snow storm, the engineer of the passenger failing to see the signal flag of the brakeman of the freight train in time to avert the crash.

A heavy, wet snow which was falling at the time prevented the wreck from catching fire, and undoubtedly held the death list down to the figures given. Every effort is being made by the division forces, aided by volunteers from Livingston and Billings, to clear the wreck, and so far they are able to prevent further loss of life.

None of the passengers from the sleeping car was injured. The train was made up of an engine, baggage car, smoker, a day coach and two Pullman sleepers.

The efforts to prevent fire were successful and that horror was saved the wrecked passengers. On the arrival of the relief train the injured were transferred around the wreck and taken to Billings.

The express car was raised over the platform of the smoker, and swept superstructure, seats and passengers off. Not a passenger in this car escaped death or injury. The other passengers escaped with cuts and bruises.

The scenes around the smoker were beyond description, heads, bodies, legs and arms being interwoven with broken seats and equipment. In one place five bodies were packed on top of each other. In another seven had to be pulled apart. It was almost impossible to succor the injured without trampling on the dead.

Railroad men, while refusing to be quoted officially or allowing their names to be used because of the regulations of the road in connection with publicity as to wrecks, intimating that the freight train was stealing time, that it had no orders to proceed to Youngs Point and should have waited at Park City, about six miles from the scene of the wreck, for the passenger train. This is supposed to explain why the Burlington train was traveling about 50 miles an hour past the siding.

WOULD KILL ROOSEVELT.

Several Plots Uncovered in Different Parts of Europe.

Bayonne, France, Sept. 26.—Evidence of an anarchistic plot against President Roosevelt of the United States was yesterday made public by the secret police of several European countries.

Spanish secret service agents discovered traces of the plot while examining Cantrava, the famous Spanish anarchist, in an effort to connect him with the suspected plot against the life of the king of Spain.

Papers were also found on two Italian anarchists arrested at Sessa, Switzerland, Wednesday, containing the most definite information possible regarding Roosevelt's African trip. They are now being held at Geneva in an effort to obtain further information against them.

There has been much activity noted among the anarchists of Europe during the past few weeks, but this is the first definite information that has been secured as to the nature of their plans.

Hope to Save Stranded Cruiser

Newport, R. I., Sept. 26.—The work of extricating the United States cruiser Yankee from her position on Spindle Rock, where she struck during a fog on Wednesday, was centered yesterday in the construction of a wooden, coffer-dam about the vessel. It is believed it will take almost a week to erect the same, and it may be a week or more before the vessel is finally freed. Should the seas continue smooth during that time it is anticipated that the work will progress without serious danger to the cruiser.

Pauper's Grave for a Gould.

Los Angeles, Sept. 26.—Officials of the county hospital are awaiting the decision of George, Howard and Helen Gould and the Princess De Sagen as to whether their cousin, Melvin A. Gould, shall be buried in the potters' field. Gould died Thursday night at the age of 71. He had been an invalid seven years and had a hard fight to support himself. He appealed to his relatives, but they refused help. Two weeks ago he was compelled to enter the county hospital.

Ruef Jury Half Completed.

San Francisco, Sept. 26.—After a month spent in examining talesmen, half of the jury necessary to try Abraham Ruef, on the charge of bribery, has been secured. After three peremptory challenges had been used on each side yesterday six jurors were accepted and sworn.

RUSSIA BEGRUDGES MONEY.

Bureaucracy Weighs Dollars Heavier Than Human Life.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 28.—The bureaucracy of St. Petersburg is weighing dollars against human life, and as a result Russia is today threatened with one of the gravest cholera scourges in the history of the empire.

Premier Stolypin, into whose hands the work of enforcing imperative sanitary reforms was recently placed, is meeting with discouragement from those in authority on every hand. They are protesting vigorously against the enormous expense involved in cleaning up the city, and as a result of their opposition the work will probably be only half done.

One of Premier Stolypin's proposals is a complete new system of sewerage, the estimated cost of which is \$40,000,000.

It is being pleaded that the advent of cold weather will put an end to the cholera spread, whereas the history of all cholera plagues has been that cold weather is but a temporary check, being followed in the ensuing spring by a recurrence of the scourge.

Had as conditions are in St. Petersburg, they are hardly to be compared with the menacing aspect of the disease in other parts of the empire. In scores of towns the wretched poverty of the people, covered with the ignorance and superstition against remedial measures, makes the work of guarding against the fearful outbreak in the spring an utter impossibility. Doctors are appalled at the prospect, and say that whatever the outcome in St. Petersburg, there is no hope of improvement elsewhere.

It is estimated that throughout Russia there have already been 18,000 deaths from cholera. In many towns 75 per cent of the cases have terminated fatally.

ABOLISH COLONIST RATES.

Plan Almost Unanimously Approved by Western Railroads.

Chicago, Sept. 28.—The colonization of the western country is going to be materially retarded if railroads between Chicago and the Pacific Coast carry out a plan which has been advanced by executive officials. A proposition has received the approval of nearly every railroad in the Western Passenger association to abolish all low or reduced rates after January 1, 1909. This determination has been reached because of the alarm felt over the reduction in net passenger revenues of western roads. This reduction is laid at the door of reduced rates, and genuine alarm is felt for the future. Railroad officials declare that with the 2-cent rate generally there can be no reduced rate without passing the margin of profit.

It is estimated that western roads have lost this season several millions of dollars in passenger revenues, compared with what they would have enjoyed had they maintained a minimum 2-cent rate west of Chicago. This conclusion is based upon careful statistics prepared by the Alton and other railroads, which show that the railroads have carried more passengers than ever, but at a loss net revenue than accrued from a smaller movement. This can mean only one thing, it is said, and that is the return of a minimum 2-cent rate everywhere.

It is not expected that this change can be brought about until the first of the year, but it now seems certain that, if the public desires reduced rates, they can have only by a return to the 2-cent basis.

CHINESE AVOID HEAD TAX.

Hundreds Admitted Into Canada on False Statement.

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 28.—A scheme has just been laid bare by the controller of Chinese immigration at Ottawa, which is believed to be the most elaborately conceived fraudulent device for effecting the Chinese "invasion" of Canada ever perpetrated.

By means of this device hundreds of young Celestials have been flocking in at the eastern ports of the Dominion and escaping the \$500 head tax by passing themselves off as merchants or other privileged classes. Canada has thus been victimized through honoring certificates of the charge d'affaires at the interim and consul general at the imperial Chinese legation in Mexico.

Statistics in the trade and commerce department here show that 280 Chinese immigrants were admitted into Canada recently at the ports of Montreal and Halifax alone, without paying the head tax and that not more than 15 Chinese should have been so favored.

Land Grab Thwarted.

San Francisco, Sept. 28.—State Mineralogist Aubrey after a long fight has compelled H. H. Yard & Co., speculators associated with the Western Pacific, to release their hold on 13,000 acres of rich mineral land in Plumas and Butte counties. This land was located by Yard and his associates some years ago. Later Aubrey filed an action in the land office on the ground that while it had been taken as mineral land and was known to contain minerals, the land was desired for railroad purposes. The land office has now cancelled the filing.

Russia Seizes Yankee Gold

Nome, Alaska, Sept. 25.—Apparently without warrant and with no explanation given, the gunboat Chika, belonging to the Russian government, with the Russian governor aboard, seized \$10,000 from American miners who had been working in Anadir, Siberia, on September 15. The miners were working under an agreement made by John Rosenc, of the North-east Siberia company, with Czar Nicholas II.

Work for Young Teddy.

Hartford, Conn., Sept. 28.—Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., is to begin service with the Hartford Carpet Works at Thompsonville today. It is thought he will enter the operating department.

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

CANADIANS SEAL POACHERS.

Captain of Revenue Cutter Bear So Declares in Report.

Washington, Sept. 26.—That Canadian fishermen have been engaged during the past summer in seal poaching in Alaskan waters in violation of the agreement between the United States and Great Britain, is the substance of a report of Captain Bertholf, of the United States revenue cutter Bear, to the treasury department yesterday. Captain Bertholf mentions the schooner Thomas H. Bayard as the alleged offender in this report, and an investigation has been started.

According to Captain Bertholf's report, the information was obtained from fishermen at Sanborn Harbor, Alaska. They allege that the Bayard had 28 seal skins aboard in July of this year.

Captain Bertholf has been patrolling the sealing waters with the Bear all summer. He captured about 30 Japanese a few weeks ago for alleged seal poaching in American waters. His report was made the subject of a conference between the members of the state and treasury departments yesterday, and it is likely that Great Britain will be called upon to take action.

Vorys Was Reinstated.

Washington, Sept. 30.—The Interior Department has made public a letter of Secretary of the Interior Cornelius N. Bliss dated November 5, 1897, revoking the disbarment of A. I. Vorys, of Ohio, from practice before the department. Mr. Vorys is a member of the political staff of Mr. Taft. The letter states that Mr. Vorys was disbarred for having withheld pension money and violating the law relative to compensation for services in pension cases in connection with the prosecution of a claim. In revoking the order Mr. Bliss stated that at the time of the disbarment Mr. Vorys was a law student and disclaimed any intention of violating the law.

Guard Fleet From Cholera.

Washington, Sept. 26.—Secretary Metcalf sent today the following dispatch to the naval station at Cavite, to be delivered to Admiral Sperry when the battleship fleet reaches that place: "The cholera has appeared in the Philippines. If you find it appearing on board ship, restrict visiting the ship, except on business, or prohibit altogether the officers and men, and permit no visitors aboard while at Manila or Cavite until return from Yokohama."

Colonel Stewart Reports.

Washington, Sept. 30.—Colonel W. F. Stewart, of the coast artillery, commanding the ungarisoned post at Fort Grant, who is to appear before a retiring board, to determine his physical fitness for further service on the active list, has reported to the War Department. No date has yet been set for a meeting of the board. Charles Stewart, a lawyer of San Francisco, and brother of Colonel Stewart, is here looking after the latter's interests.

Cholera May Spoil Reception.

Washington, Sept. 25.—Communication between shore and the vessels of Admiral Sperry's fleet when they reach Manila will be governed entirely by cholera situation. If it is believed that serious danger of communicating exists, shore leave for the men will be prohibited.

Minnesota's Loss Heavy.

Washington, Sept. 26.—W. P. Pullman, the government expert, who has been devoting much of his time recently to an investigation of losses growing out of forest fires, declared today the losses in Minnesota alone will be about \$10,000,000. He has made no report on fires in other parts of the country.

Ask Roosevelt to Decide.

Washington, Sept. 26.—To President Roosevelt will be left the decision whether the Washington monument is to be used as a wireless station for the purpose of conducting experiments with ships at sea and possibly across the Atlantic ocean.

Straus Sniffs at Guarantee.

Washington, Sept. 29.—Secretary Straus today said he thought an examination should be made of the failure of the National Bank of Coalgate, Okla. Straus declared this case furnished the only illustration of the guaranteed bank deposit scheme.

Cholera in the Philippines.

Washington, Sept. 29.—Governor Smith at Manila reports 36 cases of cholera for the 24 hours ending at 8 o'clock yesterday morning. From then until 4 o'clock 16 cases were reported as against 29 at 4 o'clock the day before.

Loss Is \$1,000,000 Daily.

Washington, Sept. 24.—Dr. W. J. McGee, of the federal survey, who has returned to this city from the Adirondacks, says the damage being done in that section by the forest fire is \$1,000,000 a day.

Wright Still Improving.

Washington, Sept. 25.—Orville Wright, the aviator, who has been at the Fort Myer Hospital since the aeroplane accident, in which he was injured and Lieutenant Selfridge killed, continues to improve.

GOMPERS WILL ANSWER

Decides to Reply to Questions, but Under Protest.

Washington, Sept. 29.—That he would reply to the questions certified to the supreme court of the District of Columbia in connection with the contempt proceedings against President Gompers and other Federation of Labor officials before the examiner, as directed Saturday by Chief Justice Claiborne, was announced by President Gompers on resuming the witness stand.

"I will answer the questions," he said, "but I will answer them under protest."

The objectionable questions were not presented immediately, but Mr. Davenport, attorney for the Buck company, asked regarding the publications concerning the company in labor papers. Mr. Gompers sought to curtail the inquiry by accepting responsibility for many of the utterances copied into those papers.

Upon the reading of one of the newspaper clippings, Mr. Gompers reiterated the charge that President Van Cleave of the Buck Stove company and of the National Association of Manufacturers is employing detectives in connection with the contest with the Federation.

Mr. Davenport protested against the charge, but Mr. Gompers persisted, declaring with emphasis that it was true.

MAY SURPASS ALASKA.

Mining Expert Says Philippines Are Rich in Gold.

Washington, Sept. 24.—The Philippines may surpass Alaska in gold production within the next few years. "There is a surprise in store for those disposed to look upon the Philippines as a 'useless acquisition,'" says A. Heise, a mining engineer of Manila, who is now in Washington. "Before the Spanish conquest gold dust in considerable quantities was exported from the Philippines to China, and since American occupation the work of prospecting has made wonderful strides. Next year gold to the value of \$1,000,000 will be taken out, and the installation of improved machinery will soon make possible a production of at least \$5,000,000 annually. "Ore bodies now in sight will yield \$100,000,000. There is every reason to believe that as mining operations progress greater and richer deposits of the precious metal will be uncovered. It will not be long before the Philippines will take a leading position in gold producing."

President Off for Washington.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Sept. 24.—President Roosevelt has abandoned his "summer capital" and returned to Washington for the work of the winter, much to the regret of the townspeople. President and Mrs. Roosevelt were accompanied to the depot by a large crowd of people, and the president made a little speech from the rear platform of the train. This is probably the last time that Roosevelt will ever reside at Oyster Bay as president of the United States.

Gompers Back at Van Cleave.

Washington, Sept. 30.—Testifying in the contempt proceedings against him and other labor officials, Gompers declared the fund of \$1,500,000 raised by President Van Cleave of the Employers' association for "educational purposes" had been used in an effort to bribe labor officials and in employing spies to follow labor leaders. Gompers said he had been shadowed everywhere by detectives.

Pacific Fleet Is Scattered.

Washington, Sept. 24.—The cruiser California, of Admiral Swinburne's Pacific fleet, is expected at Suva, Java island, today. Near Pago Pago the cruiser Tennessee, in command of Rear Admiral Sebree, and the destroyers Wasp, Whipple and Hopkins will leave the fleet for a visit to Apia for two days, in response to an invitation from the German authorities there.

Gather for Tuberculosis Congress.

Washington, Sept. 25.—The delegates who are gathering here for the international congress on tuberculosis, whose sessions begin on Monday next, are taking great interest in the exhibits which are open to the public at the National museum. All day yesterday there were demonstrations by those in charge of the different state exhibits. These were accompanied by moving pictures and lectures.

Wright Asks More Time.

Washington, Sept. 30.—In order to give Orville Wright time to recover from his injuries recently received in the accident to his aeroplane at Fort Myer, the Wright Brothers have made application to the signal corps for an extension of nine months' time, or until June 28 next, in which to make the official tests of their machine.

Cholera Cases Increase.

Washington, Sept. 30.—The cholera epidemic in Russia is increasing, says a cablegram to the marine hospital service from a European report of that bureau. The principal centers of infection are St. Petersburg, Astrakhan, Curjev, Juban, Rostow and the Don valley.

New Postmaster at Enterprise.

Washington, Sept. 25.—Ben Wethers has been appointed postmaster at Enterprise, Or., to succeed W. T. Bell, resigned. This is a presidential office.

New Rural Carrier at Hood River.

Washington, Sept. 25.—William H. Raichew has been appointed regular, Mary A. Raichew substitute, rural carrier, route No. 2, at Hood River.

TWO MEN BURNED.

Fatigues Follow Forest Fires Near Eureka, California.

Eureka, Cal., Sept. 25.—A strong wind fanned forest fires to the north of this city that wiped out the town of Luffenholtz from the map last night, and that were again raging with added force, and the greatest destruction during the progress of the fire was recorded during the day. The plant of the Little River Redwood Lumber company is burning, and all that protects the town of Fieldbrook is 100 yards of green timber, which may ward off the flames, although the residents are preparing to flee with their household goods.

The fire devastated a stretch of timber over 30 miles long and from four to five miles wide, burning houses, mostly squatter settlements, thousands of cords of wood and many thousands of acres of timber land. The plant of the Little River Redwood Lumber company, now reported burning, is valued at \$1,000,000, exclusive of timber, of which there is several thousand acres.

Two deaths have been recorded. A body found, at first thought to be that of A. Carlson, has now been identified as that of Frank White-more, while another charred corpse found at Trinidad has not been identified.

Fire is now going inland up Little River at a furious pace. At noon the wind was blowing the flames through sparse timber that was once logged off or denuded of its big trees, but so fast are they traveling that there is no doubt they will again get into thick timber at the head of Little river, when the damage will be hard to estimate. If fire once gets into this timber, there will be no stopping it until it reaches the Trinity county line, unless the wind changes or a heavy rain falls.

ROCKEFELLER AS AUTHOR.

Oil King Makes Denial of Accusations Against Him.

New York, Sept. 25.—John D. Rockefeller appears for the first time in the role of an author in a series of articles on "Some Random Reminiscences of Men and Events," the first of which will appear on Friday in the October issue of "The World's Work."

Mr. Rockefeller gives as a reason for speaking now that "if a tenth of the things that have been said are true, then dozens of able and faithful men who have been associated with me, many of whom have passed away, must have been guilty of grave faults. For myself, I had decided to say nothing, hoping that after my death the truth would gradually come to the surface and posterity would do strict justice; but while I live and can testify to certain things, it seems fair that I should refer to some points which I hope will help to set forth several much discussed happenings in a new light. I am convinced that they have not been fully understood. "It has been said that I forced the men who became my partners in the oil business to join with me. I would not have been so short-sighted. If it were true that I followed such tactics, I ask, would it have been possible to make of such men life-long companions?"

Mr. Rockefeller speaks of the development of the Standard Oil company and says that the plan of selling direct to the consumer and the exceptionally rapid growth of the business "bred a certain antagonism which I suppose could not have been avoided."

STORM DAMAGES PROPERTY

Severe Results from Rainfall and Electrical Tempest in California.

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 25.—A storm of unprecedented extent and duration for this time of year visited this city and the surrounding counties the past 48 hours, the rainfall amounting to several inches in some places and the electrical display which accompanied the storm resulting in considerable property damage, particularly at Bakersfield, where a ranch-house was struck and destroyed.

A cloudburst in the Kern river oil fields caused the loss of a great quantity of oil, which escaped to the irrigation ditches. At San Luis Obispo a barn was struck by lightning, destroying it and so terrifying the horses that six had to be shot.

Local Option Wins Point.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 25.—Local optionists made a stand in the house yesterday, and won a signal victory over their opponents, who have been working persistently to gain an advantage over the anti-liquor forces. The bill was advanced to a second reading after a vote which showed 51 to 49 in favor of the local optionists. The close vote does not fully signify the full extent of the victory, for there were many powerful influences exerted against the anti-liquor men. An effort was made to kill the bill by indefinite postponement.

Wright Makes Good Trip.

Le Mans, France, Sept. 25.—Wilbur Wright made a successful flight yesterday afternoon against a wind that was blowing at the rate of about 15 miles an hour. He remained up for a fraction more than 54 minutes, covering officially 39 kilometers (24 miles), which is about half a kilometer more than the distance made for the Michelin prize on Monday. In reality Mr. Wright covered about 35 miles, the force of the wind obliging him to make wide turns.

Carnegie's Gift \$1,250,000.

London, Sept. 25.—Encouraged by the success that has attended the establishment of his "house of food" in America, Andrew Carnegie has decided to found a similar fund in his native land. To this end he is about to hand over to trustees the sum of \$1,250,000.

IMPERIAL PATIENTS

Cholera Breaks Out in Palace of Emperor's Cousin

MANY CORPSES ARE UNBURIED

Dead Arrive at Cemeteries Faster Than Sextons Can Inter Them—Court Councillor Stricken.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 24.—Asiatic cholera is spreading so rapidly that it has invaded the families of the aristocracy and merchants, and one case has been discovered in the palace of Prince Alexander of Oldenburg, a cousin of the emperor. Schools have become infected and the deaths are so numerous that the sextons cannot bury the bodies as fast as they arrive at the cemeteries.

Twenty-four cases have been reported in the town of Peterhof. The imperial family is expected to return soon to Peterhof palace from its cruise in Finnish waters.

The disease has broken out among the cadets at Pavlovsk military academy, one of the most important higher military schools in the empire. Forty students have been sent to hospitals, and two deaths already have been announced. Several attendants at the academy also have been stricken. The academy has been closed and the remaining cadets sent into camp at Krasnoe-Selo.

Among the cases reported in St. Petersburg yesterday was that of Court Councillor Nechiporenko, who was stricken while entertaining a party of guests.

Two prominent merchants, several officials of the various ministries and other members of the better classes in the capital are down with the disease. A servant in the second military school has developed the cholera, and measures are being taken to prevent an outbreak in this institution. The disease was conveyed to these two schools in the rations served to the students.

The accumulation of corpses at the graveyards continues. There were 92 unburied bodies at the Preobrazhenskoe cemetery yesterday morning, and the regular mortuary train brought down 146 more. The sextons are able to inter only 120 bodies a day.

The report for the 24 hours ending at noon yesterday shows 436 cases and 157 deaths in St. Petersburg, an increase of 19 cases and a decrease of 18 deaths, as compared with Tuesday's statistics.

TUGBOAT MEN CURED.

Captain of Star of Bengal Says Crew Could Have Been Saved.

Wrangle, Alaska, Sept. 24.—One hundred and ten whites and Chinese were swept to death when the cannery bark Star of Bengal broke to pieces on Coronation island. Twenty-seven, including Captain Wagner, were rescued, and are now here, physical and mental wrecks from the terrible exposure and hardships which they underwent.

The seafaring annals of the Pacific coast have no more horrible record than the destruction of the ill-fated bark and the deaths of the men who were carried away while two tugs stood by.

"Those tugboat captains should be sent to prison for cowardice," gasped Captain Wagner as he was brought ashore. Unable to sit up and with voice sunk to a hoarse whisper, the captain of the wrecked bark cursed the masters of the Hattie Gage and Kayak as cowards, who, he said, stood by and saw human beings perish by the score when they could have saved every one of them.

Sobbing like a child, the captain of the Bengal told how his vessel was allowed to drift on the rocks while these tugs stood by without making an effort to rescue her until she broke into three pieces.

"They cut loose from us and ran like the cowards they are and let us go to certain death. We were in 10 fathoms of water. The wind was not blowing hard, and they could have held on to us as well as not. We were in plenty of water for four hours while they were standing by, and we hoped every minute that they would come alongside. For four long despairing hours we burned blue light, hoping against hope, and those cowards hung off in fear and saw good men swept away. We blew upon the rocks and pounded to pieces. Something hit me and when I came to I was on the beach."

Kansas Warns Rail Magnates.

Topeka, Kan., Sept. 24.—Alleging that the Missouri Pacific tracks in this state are in such poor condition that the line is unsafe, the state railway commission has notified George J. Gould and E. H. Harriman that repairs must be made immediately. The commissioners remind Gould of promises to repair the road which have been made in the past by his company, and warn him that mere words will not be acceptable in future. The board threatens to send inspectors and publish weekly reports of the defects found.

Cuban Attacks Diplomat.

Havana, Sept. 24.—J. Cornell Tarler, charge d'affaires of the American legation, in the absence of Minister Morgan, was assaulted by a Cuban in a restaurant in this city last night. The assault was unprovoked, and several Cubans were concerned in it. One of them, without giving Mr. Tarler a chance to rise from his seat, struck him in the face, cutting him severely over the right eye. The assailant escaped, but his arrest is expected.

Plague Again Raging.

Willemstad, Curacao, Sept. 24.—Letters received here from Caracas announce a fresh outbreak of the bubonic plague in the Venezuelan capital. Several deaths have occurred among people of the better class.