

DEATH IN WRECK.

Head-On Train Collision in Michigan Costs 18 Lives.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 29.—Eighteen are dead and 31 injured, several of them fatally, as the result of the collision early this evening of two passenger trains on the Pere Marquette railroad, one-half mile west of East Paris, about six miles east of this city. The collision, which was head on, was caused, according to a statement issued by the officials of the road at the general offices in Detroit, by the high wind blowing out the red signal lamp at McCord's, where the west-bound train, No. 5, should have stopped and received orders to pass the east-bound train at Fox. The officials deny the report that a misunderstanding of orders on the part of one of the engineers was responsible for the collision.

According to the statement of the officials, the trains were originally to have met and passed at Oakdale Park, but to help the east-bound train the dispatcher issued new orders, fixing Fox as the meeting place. The east-bound train received this order, and the west-bound train should have received the same order at McCord's. Instead it rushed by this station, and the operator there, after reporting this fact, found on going out on his platform that his red light, which had been burning two minutes before, was out, presumably extinguished by the high wind that was blowing.

The trains met with a terrible crash, the baggage and smoking cars behind each locomotive being instantly reduced to a pile of kindling wood. The engines were completely wrecked, the boiler of the engine which had pulled the east bound train being torn completely torn from the running gear and standing perpendicularly in a ditch at the side of the track.

JAPAN AFTER WARSHIPS.

Negotiations for Two Chilean Vessels are Under Way.

London, Dec. 29.—Japan is negotiating for the purchase of two Chilean warships, the armored cruiser Esmeralda and another, probably the battleship Capitan Prat, which are for sale. It is now only a matter of price. Negotiations with other South American governments for the purchase of warships are also in progress.

Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister to Great Britain, said to a representative of the Associated Press today, relative to these negotiations:

"We want more ships. Of course, this is only a precautionary measure, and it may be a lot of expense all for nothing. I have no indication of the nature of the Russian reply. Personally I scarcely expect it will be delivered for some little time. There is no truth whatever in the report that Japan's last note stipulated a time limit."

Asked anent the dispatch from Berlin saying the British government reported to the czar that Great Britain "deemed Japan's demands just, and earnestly expected that Russia would grant them," Baron Hayashi, while he was not aware of the precise action taken by Great Britain and St. Petersburg, said:

"The British government is well aware that Japan will be obliged to go to war unless Russia modifies the position she has taken in her last note."

At the foreign office here nothing is yet known of the probable nature of the Russian reply.

FIRE LAID TO MOB.

Small Blaze to Destroy Jail Causes Loss of \$35,000.

Pineapple, Ala., Dec. 29.—In their efforts to hide the lynching of Arthur Stuart, a colored prisoner, whom they secured from the jail here last night, a mob is thought to have fired the jail, which was not only destroyed by fire, but caused the loss of eight stores, two warehouses and the postoffice, valued at \$35,000. On Wednesday, P. Melton, a prominent white man, had a quarrel with some negroes, and one of them shot him. On Christmas day a negro said to be his accomplice was arrested and placed in jail, and the friends of Melton, it is alleged, swore vengeance. This morning at 4 o'clock a mob broke into the jail, and after knocking the negro in the head poured kerosene over his body and set it afire. The flames spread to adjoining buildings.

Troops Cannot Enter.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The following cablegram reached the navy department today from Rear Admiral Coghlan, at Colon: "Atlanta did not allow an armed force in Colombian territory at any time for any purpose. Two officers landed as usual with swords at invitation of Colombian generals." Admiral Coghlan also cabled the department that he would proceed to Cartagena with his flagship, the Olympia, for the purpose of bringing Minister Beaupre to Colon, on his way to the United States from Bogota.

Ex-Governor Sharp Dead.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Ex-Governor Isaac Sharp, of Kansas, died here today of an affection of the stomach, aged 71 years. He was a native of Pennsylvania, but went to Kansas in the early fifties.

EVENTS OF THE YEAR.

1903 LEAVES DARK RECORD IN MANY RESPECTS.

Deeds of Rapine and Violence and Far- Reaching Natural Disasters Over- Shadow Its Showing of the Fruits of Industry and Peace.

The year 1903 has been marked by massacre, murder, disaster and violence that are in sharp contrast with the underlying spirit of progress that is steadily making for friendliness and better mutual understanding between individuals and nations. Religious intolerance, political intrigue, class hatred and convulsions of nature are the causes upon which the dread responsibility rests.

The events of the year 1903 are briefly summarized below.

January.

1. Opening of Pacific cable between San Francisco and Honolulu. Asiatic plague at Mazatlan, Mexico.
2. Death of ex-Premier Sagasta of Spain in Madrid.
3. Death of J. I. Case, of Racine, Wis.
4. Death of Gen. Samuel Thomas, prominent railroad man.
5. Congress votes tariff off coal.
6. German gunboat attacks Fort Carlos, and is repulsed by Venezuelans.
7. Death of ex-Mayor A. S. Hewitt of New York.
8. President Roosevelt and King Edward VII. exchange greetings by wireless telegraphy. Forty-four Chicago coal men indicted by Grand Jury.
9. Death of Julian Ralph, war correspondent.
10. Germans recommence bombardment of San Carlos.
11. Canal treaty with Colombia signed.
12. Treaty for arbitration of Alaskan boundary dispute signed in Washington. Senator Teller re-elected in Colorado after hard fight.
13. W. R. Day appointed to United States Supreme bench.
14. Fifty perish in burning of Colney Hatch insane asylum in England.
15. Killed and many injured by collision on New Jersey Central railway near Cranford.
16. Train wreck at Valdo, Ariz., kills and burns 20 persons, injuring many others.
17. Army of Sultan of Morocco routs that of Pretender in battle near Fez.

February.

1. Earthquake shakes felt between St. Louis, Mo., and Louisville, Ky. More than 1,000 lives destroyed by hurricane in South Sea Islands.
2. William Hooper Young pleads guilty to murder in New York and gets life sentence.
3. One million five hundred thousand dollar fire at Rock Island, Ill., arsenal.
4. Allied powers sign protocols for raising of Venezuelan blockade.
5. Venezuelan blockade raised.
6. Extreme cold and storm over United States.
7. Eighteen lives lost by sinking of river steamer near Edenton, N. C.
8. Eight children killed by train in Newark, N. J.
9. Many injured in fire that destroys Clifton House at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Pope's silver jubilee.
10. Four miners killed and many injured in battle with United States officers at Stannford City, W. Va.
11. Pike Opera House in Cincinnati burns with half a square of other buildings; loss \$2,000,000. Albert Knapp, of Hamilton, O., confesses five murders. Death of R. J. Gatling in New York.

March.

1. President Roosevelt issues message calling Senate in special session March 5.
2. Two Senators elected in Delaware, after long fight.
3. Pope Leo celebrates 25th anniversary of his pontificate.
4. Special session of Senate meets.
5. Nineteenth lives lost by capsizing of ferry boat at Spier Falls on Hudson River.
6. Six burn to death in hotel at Letten, W. Va.
7. Death of Hawaiian Commissioner Blount at Macon, Ga.
8. Twenty-two lives lost by oil fire and explosions at Olean, N. Y.
9. Cuban reciprocity convention ratified by Senate in Havana.
10. Czar proclaims religious freedom through empire.
11. Tax riots at Coimbra, Portugal.
12. Strike Arbitration Committee files report. Senate ratifies Panama canal treaty.
13. Floods along Ohio and Mississippi rivers.
14. Senate ratifies Cuban reciprocity treaty and extra session is adjourned sine die.
15. Finding of Coal Arbitration Committee made public.
16. Death of Very Rev. F. W. Farrar in London.
17. Six miners killed by explosion at Athens, Ill.
18. Irish land bill introduced in Parliament.
19. Death of N. K. Fairbank.
20. Reciprocity treaty with United States ratified by Cuban Senate.
21. Death of Gustavus F. Swift, Chicago packer.
22. "Young Corbett" defeats Terry McGovern at San Francisco.

April.

1. President starts on long Western trip.
2. Republicans gain in elections in Ohio cities. Republicans carry Michigan election.
3. General strike in Holland declared off.
4. Erie train wrecked at Red House, N. Y., and six persons burn to death.
5. Eight hundred thousand dollar fire in La Crosse, Wis.
6. Riot in Illinois House of Representatives. Russia demands Manchuria of China.
7. Negro lynched for assault near Santa Fe, N. M. \$600,000 fire in Columbus, O.
8. Killed in railway wreck near Buffalo, Kansas.
9. Forest fires in Northern Wisconsin and Michigan. Burning of Melbourne, Iowa.
10. Dedication of St. Louis Exposition. Death of Stuart Robinson. 2,000 lives lost in earthquake at Melazgher, Asiatic Turkey.

May.

1. Death of Luigi Arditi.
2. Eight persons killed and 40 hurt by Grand Trunk train at Detroit.
3. Steamer Saginaw sunk off Virginia coast; over 20 lives lost. 15 persons drowned in wreck of Gloucester fishing boat Gloriana on Nova Scotia coast.
4. A. W. Machen, superintendent free delivery, ousted by Postmaster General Payne.
5. Discovery of plot to blow up steamer Umbria in New York harbor.
6. Great fire in Ottawa, Ont.
7. Death of Post R. H. Stoddard.
8. Great massacre of Jews in Kishinev, Russia.
9. Falling elevator in Pittsburgh kills five persons and injures 12.
10. Death of Max O'Rell (M. Paul Blouet). Eight persons killed and six injured in Paris-Madrid automobile race. Severe storms in Kansas, Iowa and Oklahoma.
11. Nineteen persons killed and as many more injured by tornadoes near Hastings, Neb.
12. New York City celebrates 250th anniversary of incorporation. British steamer Huddersfield sunk in collision and 22 lives lost.

27. Eight trainmen killed in wreck near Bryan, Ala.
28. Foulies attack jail at Jackson, Ky., and are repulsed. Presbyterians general assembly votes for revision of confession of faith.
29. Great floods devastate Kansas, Nebraska and Iowa. Big fire in Racine, Wis.

June.

1. Cyclone near Gainesville, Ga., kills 85 persons.
2. Santa Fe train wrecked near Stillwell, Kansas; nine persons killed and 28 injured.
3. Heavy flood losses near Spartansburg, S. C.
4. Negro hanged by mob at Belleville, Ill.
5. One hundred lives lost in collision of vessels off Marseilles, France. Flood at its height at St. Louis.
6. Marriage of Gov. W. J. Bailey of Kansas and Mrs. Ida B. Weede in Kansas City.
7. King Alexander, Queen Draga, two brothers of the queen, Premier and two Cabinet members assassinated at Belgrade, Serbia. Prince Peter Karageorgievitch proclaimed king.
8. Death of Gen. Alex McCook.
9. Prince Peter Karageorgievitch chosen king of Serbia. Waterspout destroys Heppner, Oregon.
10. American Derby at Chicago won by The Picket.
11. End of Lowell (Mass.) textile strike. Death of Major James B. Pond.
12. Negro burned at stake near Wilmington, Del.
13. Peter Karageorgievitch takes oath as king of Serbia.
14. Million-dollar fire in Milwaukee.
15. Two hundred and thirty-four men lose lives by explosion in mine at Hanna, Wyo.

July.

1. New Department of Commerce started in Washington.
2. American Pacific cable from San Francisco to Philippines completed.
3. Fifty to 100 persons lose lives by breaking of dam near Jeannette, Pa.
4. Rites at Evansville, Ind. Hammond packing plant at St. Joseph, Mo., burns, causing loss of \$1,500,000.
5. Seven killed in race riot at Evansville, Ind.
6. Twenty-four killed in railway collision near Charlottesville, Va.
7. Death of Mrs. James G. Blaine.
8. Son born to Grover Cleveland and wife.
9. Death of Pope Leo XIII.
10. Great financial storm in Wall street.
11. Death of Gen. Cassius M. Clay.
12. Entombment of Pope Leo.
13. Negro lynched and burned and public buildings defaced by mob at Danville, Ill.
14. Twenty-five persons killed and 30 injured by powder explosions at Lowell, Mass.

August.

1. Cardinal Sarto chosen Pope.
2. Circus trains wrecked at Durand, Mich.; 21 persons killed.
3. Fall of balcony at Philadelphia baseball park causes nine deaths.
4. Crowning of Pope Pius X.
5. Fire and panic on Paris underground railroad causes 100 deaths.
6. Jeffries whips Corbett in San Francisco.
7. Russia sends fleet into Turkish waters.
8. Turkey accedes to demands of Russia.
9. Death of Lord Salisbury, former premier of England.
10. Death of Chas. C. Bonney of Chicago, originator of World's Fair Congress.
11. Lou Dillon trots mile in 2 minutes at Readville, Mass. 50 persons burned to death at Budapest.
12. War game off Maine coast and Portland harbor.
13. United States Vice Consul Magelssen assassinated at Beirut, Syria.
14. Heavy rain storm sweeps Western States.

September.

1. Reliance wins International cup race from Shamrock III.
2. Town of San Miguel, Yucatan, destroyed by hurricane.
3. Rain, snow and frost injures crops in Northwestern States.
4. Severe storm on Atlantic coast.
5. Joseph Chamberlain and two others resign from British Cabinet.
6. Four more members of British Cabinet resign.
7. Curtis Jett convicted of Cockrell murder at Cynthiana, Kentucky.
8. Death of ex-Senator Chas. B. Farwell of Chicago.
9. Big riot in Saint Ste. Marie, Canada.
10. Death of Sir Michael Herbert, British Ambassador to Washington.

October.

1. Tornado sweeps Northwestern States. Village of St. Charles, Minn., razed. Twelve lives lost by sinking of steamer in Green Bay.
2. Peter Elliott, armed anarchist, tries to force his way into President's room in White House. New British ministry announced.
3. Death of former Postmaster General Wilson S. Bissell.
4. Heavy rainstorm causes losses of lives and property in New York City, New Jersey and vicinity.
5. Marriage of United States Senator Thos. C. Platt of New York.
6. Death of Archbishop Kain of St. Louis.
7. Million-dollar fire in Aberdeen, Wash.
8. Decision of Alaskan tribunal announced.
9. United States Senator Wm. M. Stewart of Nevada marries at Atlanta, Ga.
10. Mrs. Emma Booth-Tucker killed in train wreck at Dean Lake, Mo.
11. Members of Purdue College football team killed in train wreck at Indianapolis. 25 persons burn to death in New York tenement fire.

November.

1. Death of Prof. Theodor Mommsen. Fire in Vatican in Rome destroys priceless literary treasures. New Irish land law goes into effect.
2. Elections in several States.
3. Revolution in Panama; new Republic proclaimed.
4. Colombian troops evacuate Colon.
5. United States extends recognition to new Republic of Panama.
6. Fifty-eighth Congress meets in extra session.
7. Big strike on lines of Chicago City Railway Co. begins and rioting occurs.
8. Treaty with Panama signed.
9. Cuban reciprocity treaty passed by House of Representatives. 31 men killed in wreck on Big Four near Tremont, Ill.
10. Death of Novelist Henry Seton Merriman.
11. Thirty men cremated in fire at Lilly, Pa. Mine explosion at Connellsville, Pa., destroys 12 lives.
12. Gustave Marx, in Chicago, confesses car-burn robbery and several murders by "Automatic Trio."
13. End of Chicago street-car strike.
14. Bandits Niedemeier, Van Dine and Roedel captured after fierce battles in Lake County, Indiana. Grover Cleveland announces he is not a candidate for Democratic nomination for Presidency.

December.

1. Receiver appointed for John Alexander Dowie's Zion City and industries.
2. Canal treaty signed at Panama.
3. Congress meets in regular session. American Consul assaulted at Alexandretta, Turkey.
4. Death of Herbert Spencer.
5. Frigid wave covers Middle West; thermometer registers 13 below zero in Chicago.
6. Senate passes Cuban reciprocity bill.

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