

STEEL TRUST SECRETS LAID BARE MAN IS ELECTROCUTED; INSTANT DEATH

DEATH DEALT SUDDENLY AT TOP OF POLE

Man Dies Without a Quiver When he Touches Wire—Was Making Connection for Motor at Opp Mine—Came Suddenly.

NO CRY WAS HEARD:
COMPANION AMAZED

One Instant is Talking to Man and Next he Casts His Eyes Skyward to Find Town Dead.

Without even the flutter of an eyelid, or the quiver of a muscle, James McLaugherty, a line man in the employ of the Rogue River Electric company, was killed Saturday afternoon while at work at the top of a high power electric line pole near the Opp mine on Jackson creek. Death was instantaneous, coming so suddenly as to give the man no time to make an outcry. In the twinkling of an eye he was snatched into another world. How he came to come in contact with the high power line will never be known. So suddenly did death come that a companion who was working with him, knew nothing of what had happened until he happened to cast his eyes heavenward and noticed that McLaugherty had fallen over a cross arm and was motionless. Later examination showed that only the palm of the man's hand was burned. In some way he had grasped the wire and the high voltage has snuffed out a life.

McLaugherty was connecting up a motor at the Opp mine and was being assisted by Fred Whitsett. Whitsett was on the ground while McLaugherty was at work at the top of a pole. Whitsett threw McLaugherty a coil of wire, made some remark to him, turned and walked about 20 feet from the foot of the pole, looked upward again, only to observe that McLaugherty was dead. His body had fallen across a cross arm and was supported by that and by his belt which was clasped about the pole.

Whitsett immediately summoned assistance and Robert Blaine and H. Crouch climbed the pole and lowered the body to the ground. The only marks upon it was a burn in the palm of the right hand and a small bruise on the right breast where he had struck the cross arm.

Assistant Coroner Perl of this city was immediately summoned. He responded taking his ambulance over and bringing back the body. An inquest will be held Monday morning in this city at 10 o'clock.

McLaugherty had been in the employ of the Electric company for the past year. He has a large number of friends in this city and was a member of the National Protective Legion. He came here nearly two years ago from Texas where his parents and sisters are living. He was 20 years old and resided with R. J. Simmons at 835 South Central avenue.

HIS SWEETHEART GOT COIN; HE GOT JILTED

CHICAGO, Ill., May 27.—As proof of a promise of marriage had obtained from Miss Lodaivine Miller in return for \$11,000 he had spent in wooing her, Thomas Foulkes of Danbury, Iowa, today produced an unsigned postal card addressed to "Dear Tommy" and referring to the writer as "Your Loving Wife." The card was introduced as evidence against the woman and her brother, J. M. Miller, a Chicago lawyer, who are charged with swindling Foulkes. Miss Miller characterized Foulkes as "an old flirt" and the latter admitted Chicago was "a trifle fast for a man from Danbury."

Nebraska's Senator



GILBERT M. HITCHCOCK
Gilbert M. Hitchcock, who has been an aggressive member of the house for several terms, is taking a leading part in the fight in the senate for reciprocity and tariff reduction.

UNBILLED SHOW AT CONEY ISLAND

Three Millions of Dollars Loss in Big Fire—Annually Roam at Large at Large in Streets—Police Hunt Them and Shoot Them Down.

NEW YORK, May 27.—Roaring, screaming and howling as though a legion of fiends had broken loose while they charged madly through its crowded streets, a horde of wild animals early today gave Coney Island such a sensation as it never saw before, while flames surrounding them on every side licked up \$3,000,000 worth of flimsy buildings of Dreamland early today and the lives of thousands in danger.

Nearly 150 of the animals, freed from Bostock's show in Dreamland, were created by the flames, which started in the Hill Gate scenic railway at 2 o'clock. Thousands who packed the streets of the resort were in grave peril through the trainers and caretakers of the beasts opening their cages and allowing lions, tigers, leopards and baboons, maddened by their burns and the light of the flames, to race through the narrow streets.

One fireman shot a leopard and a deer within one block of where they were liberated. The police chased a lion for blocks and split his head with an ax after they had emptied their revolvers into the animal. In the height of the excitement a huge baboon, his fur afire, was slain as he rose on his hind feet to do battle with the firemen.

To add to the terrors of the scene, thousands of small cartridges in the shooting galleries of Dreamland exploded during the fire and it is considered remarkable that a score of fatalities were not occasioned by their discharge.

It was first reported that six babies in the incubator near Dreamland entrance had been burned alive, but after the fire was controlled at 8 o'clock this morning it was learned that the show infants had been rescued in the nick of time. In all, the fire swept 15 acres, Dreamland and 20 other shows being entirely destroyed, not one of which had insurance of any considerable amount.

The great tower of Dreamland, the lights of which have been a landmark in New York harbor, today is a heap of ruins; Balmar's bathing pavilion near by is also gone, and the fleet of steamers at Dreamland pier are badly seared, their charred sides showing plainly the narrow escape they had as they pulled out to escape the hell of flame which roared down upon them.

MEMORIAL DAY TO BE OBSERVED

Mayor Canon Issues Proclamation Calling Upon the Citizens of the City to Join in a General Tribute to the Fallen Heroes.

SUITABLE PROGRAM HAS BEEN DRAWN BY POST

Everything is in Reading for Suitable Observance of the Day.

PROCLAMATION

Medford, May 27, 1911.
Once more Memorial Day approaches. The custom of decorating graves seems each year to grow more beautiful and fitting. A few hours out of each busy striving year is a small tribute to pay the memory of these brave men. I therefore call upon the people of Medford between the hours of 1 p. m. and 4 p. m., of May 30th, to lay aside their customary vacations close their places of business and join with the veterans in our midst in decorating the graves of their fallen comrades.
W. H. CANON,
Mayor.

All preparations for a proper observance of Memorial Day next Tuesday have been made by the members of Chester A. Arthur Post G. A. R. and the only thing which can now mar the day will be a change in the weather. Mayor Canon today issued a proclamation calling upon all residents of the city to join in the honoring of the departed heroes and to the few who remain.

The following program has been arranged: Parade will start from G. A. R. hall, Main street, promptly at 2 p. m., May 30th.

A special invitation is given by this post to all ex-Confederates to march in this parade.

All citizens are invited to participate in observance of Decoration day. The post will meet at G. A. R. hall promptly at 9 a. m. Preparatory to decorating graves at the different cemeteries.

A special request by the post and Relief Corps respectfully ask the citizens of Medford and vicinity to contribute flowers to decorate fallen heroes.

A luncheon will be served at the hall for all old soldiers, Relief Corps, Sons of Veterans and their families. You are requested to bring full baskets. Post will meet promptly at 1:30 p. m. to march to city park.

The B. P. O. Elks will also assist in the ceremonies of the day.

G. A. R. memorial services will be held in the Presbyterian church at 2 p. m. Services conducted by Rev. Higgs of the M. E. Church (South). The Post and Relief Corps will march from G. A. R. hall promptly at 1:30 p. m.

FATHER STEALS HIS CHILD WHILE MOTHER EATS

SAN JOSE, Cal., May 27.—Mrs. Walter A. Cressman of Sunnyvale is frantically searching today for trace of her four year old boy, who was kidnapped from her side by her husband while seated in a crowded restaurant here. Crossman suddenly entered the cafe and, clasping the child in his arms, made a dash for an automobile and drove away. Mrs. Husted, his mother-in-law, clung to the side of the machine for more than a block before she left the car.

MADERO TASTES VICTOR'S FRUITS

Destiny Having Transformed Him From a Timid Rebel into Diaz's Master, He Discovers Anew the World Loves Winner.

CAPITALISTS COOL THEIR HEELS IN HIS ANTE-ROOM

Gains Victory in State Legislature—Diaz Flees From His Native Shoes.

EL PASO, Texas, May 27.—In Juarez, where destiny has transformed him from a timid rebel into Diaz' master, Francisco Madero junior, today is tasting the fruits of victory and discovering a new truth of the saw that all the world loves a winner.

The citizens of Juarez last night paid a general tribute to Madero, hundreds of men and women, weeping with joy, crowded to wring the hand of their country's deliverer. On Monday night, the citizens of El Paso will give a great banquet to the rebel chief. Three months ago he fled from this city to escape a United States warrant for conspiracy against a friendly power.

Today the warrant was quashed. Guest in El Paso.

On Tuesday Madero will be a guest here of a big banquet to the officers of the United States army, and to crown it all, capitalists who are seeking special privileges in Mexico are still flocking to his quarters, quite content to cool their heels in the ante room of the man whose efforts only a few days ago they openly peep-pooched.

Officials of the Mexican North Western Railroad, today advised Madero that it will employ all Mexicans applying for work, and, if the tax is removed from beans, will import them and sell at cost. This offer is made in view of the fact that during the insurrection planting has been neglected and suffering is feared next winter if the food supply of the country is not increased by importation.

Madero Shows Power.

EL PASO, Texas, May 27.—Francisco Madero gained his first victory in the state legislatures today when the Coahuila legislature, acting under orders from Provisional President De La Bara, elected Senor Carranza, the Madero candidate, governor of the state to succeed the deposed Diaz governor.

Diaz Flees.

VERA CRUZ, May 27.—Foresaking forever the country of which he has been absolute dictator for forty years, Former President Porfirio Diaz today sailed from this port for Coahuila aboard the Hamburg-Liner Ypiranga. He will return here on Wednesday and then will sail for Spain.

Woman Shoe Shining Parlor Is Failure

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 27.—After running a month, a shoe shining stand with women employees is closed today. Women customers were few and men would not patronize the girls. "Pretty girls will look straight into your eyes while your shoes are being shined," was the sign over the door but it failed to draw.

He Buncoed President Roosevelt



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SOLONS MAY PROBE M'NAMARA CASE

Rappaport Declares to House Committee on Rules That Fake Telegram to Governor Johnson of California Did the Trick.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 27.—Appearing to endorse Congressman Victor Berger's resolution proposing a congressional inquiry into the kidnapping of John J. McNamara, secretary of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, to California by Detective William J. Burns, Leo M. Rappaport of Indianapolis, attorney for that union, today declared that McNamara had been taken out of the state by fraud.

Rappaport declared to the house committee on rules that a fake telegram from Burns to Governor Johnson of California did the trick. He said Burns sent this dispatch a week before McNamara was arrested, saying in it that he then had McNamara in custody and that in this way the extradition papers were obtained.

Money Gone.

President Ryan of the structural iron workers' union told the committee how the police had raided the headquarters of the union in Indianapolis after the McNamara arrest. Asked if the police found dynamite in the union's safe, he answered: "No; but there was \$422 in the safe which mysteriously disappeared and which we have not seen since that day."

Body Is Found.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 27.—The coroner of San Mateo County today began in investigation into the

MORGAN, MONEY CZAR, BUNCOED T. ROOSEVELT

Literally Choked Rich Tennessee Coal and Iron Company Out of the Embarrassed Trust Company of America

JOHN W. GATES TELLS OF DEAL TO COMMITTEE

Reveals Many of the Inside Deals of the Men Who Juggle Wall Street's Millions.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 27.—How J. Pierpont Morgan, money czar, formed the steel trust, how he literally choked the rich Tennessee Coal and Iron Company out of the embarrassed Trust Company of America and how the steel trust magnates, H. C. Frick and E. H. Gary, "buncoed" President Roosevelt into allowing the steel trust to swallow the Tennessee Corporation was vividly told today to a congressional committee by John W. Gates.

Answering questions by Congressman Stanley of Kentucky, on whose motion the committee was appointed to probe the steel trust, Gates revealed many of the inside deals of the men who juggle Wall Street's millions. How dog eats dog was plainly set forth, and when asked by Stanley whether he believed the steel trust had profited, by the Tennessee absorption, Gates raised a broad smile by the characteristic reply: "I've never heard that Morgan has made an assignment. Have you?"

Tells of Deal.

Gates' testimony before the congressional committee today was principally regarding the absorption of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company by the trust. He said that Grant Schley and Charles Guthrie, president of the Republic Steel Company formed a syndicate to acquire a majority of the Tennessee Company's stock. "I took 200 shares," said Gates. "There were ten, fifteen or twenty in the syndicate. Guthrie and Schley were empowered to sell certificates of the stock at any time provided they get a profit. When Guthrie died, he was succeeded by L. C. Hanna.

"In 1907 I returned from Europe and found negotiations pending between Henry C. Erick, E. H. Gary, J. P. Morgan and Schley, Hanna and their associates. Morgan, Frick and Gary sought to buy our Tennessee stock in exchange for an equal of United States Steel second mortgage five per cent bonds. Each ten shares of the Tennessee security they would exchange for one bond. Next day the trade, we resigned as directors and the steel corporation took charge."

Only Preferred Stock.

Gates declared that the steel bonds represented only preferred stock of the corporation, while the Tennessee stock represented real value. He declared the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company the best steel property in the world, with a coal acreage of from three to seven hundred million tons.

Gates asserted that the steel trust manipulators had buncoed President Roosevelt with a fake statement that the absorption of the Tennessee Company by the steel trust was necessary to avert a panic. He described the birth of the steel trust as occurring at a meeting between himself, Morgan and Schlaw in Morgan's New York home.

Price Demoralized.

"In 1897 and 1898," Gates continued, "the price of steel was demoralized and for this Andrew Carnegie was held responsible. Frick and W. H. Moore conceived the idea of buying