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FIFTY ARE BURNED TO DEATH

TRAINS MEET IN HEAD END COLLISION

Ten Cars Wrecked, Caught Fire and Imprisoned Victims Are Slowly Roasted

Nine of One Family Killed, and Man, His Wife and Three Children Burn in Sight of Survivors

Denver, March 16.—At 2:20 this morning the Utah and California express, a double header, on the Denver and Rio Grande, collided in a snow storm with the Leadville local near Florence. According to the report received here, 40 passengers and trainmen were dead.

The wreck occurred at Adobe station four miles east of Florence, and was due to the misarrangement of orders, it is said, by the dispatchers at one division point. Engineers William Hollis and Consettelle and one fireman were killed. The other fireman, J. S. Smith, escaped by jumping, but was badly hurt. The express messenger, McCarthland, was badly hurt, and pinned under the wreck.

coach of the westbound train. How many are dead will never be definitely known, as the car, with ten others, was entirely consumed.

The railroad authorities are preparing a report of the dead and injured. A dozen of the injured were taken to Pueblo. One man badly hurt was pinned under a rod. He begged the others to help him, and they tried in vain. When the flames reached the spot he said, "I'm too badly hurt to want to live; save yourselves." His wife was trying to get out of the window when the rod caught them and they burned to death with three children. The rescuers took the hands of the man and pulled him from the wreckage. The flesh came from the bones, and he died a second later. Dr. Frank Coehms, who was aboard one of the trains, performed heroic services. Alderman Clarence F. Jones, of Florence, and W. W. Davis, of Leadville, were passengers on the fatal car on the westbound, and escaped uninjured, but are unable to account for their escapes. Nothing remains but blackened timbers, twisted rods, and piles of human ashes.

Hugh Sudduth, fireman of the east-bound, is dead. Of the dead, nine are members of the Hewitt family of Lebo, Kansas. Two of the same family escaped badly injured.

All the sleeping cars were saved, the occupants being uninjured. But for the fire it is believed the loss of life would have been small. Three engines, one of the trains being a double-header, were wrecked by the collision, but the survivors say the impact was comparatively slight to the Standard coaches. L. H. Ross, of Denver, a mail clerk, says: "I felt the shock and knew something was wrong. Fire started in the coach in the rear of us before we got out."

Grant Ketter, of Pueblo, engineer of the second engine of the westbound, says: "As I jumped the whole train seemed to be a mass of flames as I touched the ground."

Officials, who were present within two hours of the accident, estimate the dead at 50, and the injured at 25.

(Four O'Clock Edition.) Denver, Col., March 16.—An official statement, made at the office in this city, by the Denver & Rio Grande, says that not over 15 were killed and 20 injured in the Adobe wreck.

The Gans-Sullivan Fight.

Los Angeles, March 16.—The prize fight for the championship between Joe Gans, the colored pugilist, and Mike (Twin) Sullivan, which will take place here this evening under the auspices of the New Arcadia athletic club, is attracting unusual interest. Nobody doubts for a moment the ability as a fighter of Joe Gans, and it is believed that, after his recent confession to two fake fights, with McGovern and Britt, Gans will fight fairly and without faking. The battle will be fought under a canvas tent, which has been erected for this occasion on the baseball grounds. Under the conditions of the fight the two men are to weigh 142 pounds at 6 o'clock this afternoon. The fighters are to receive 50 per cent of the gross receipts. Of that amount the winner is to receive 65 per cent, the loser 35. Those who are in a position to know state that both fighters are in first class condition and that a lively mill is to be expected. Notwithstanding Gans' recent confessions the sporting fraternity seem to have confidence in him. He is the general favorite and the bet against him are made at almost prohibitive odds. Eddy Grasse, who was the referee in the Gans-Britt fight, will also be the referee in this fight.

Four Burned to Death.

Tuzia, Mich., March 16.—William McCrane, proprietor of a hotel, his wife, the porter, and Charles Orkman, a guest, were burned to death in a fire this morning, which destroyed the business portion of the village. The financial loss is small.

Utah Town Burned.

Milford, Utah, March 16.—Driven by a strong wind, fire will probably wipe out the entire town west of the railroad tracks. A hotel, three saloons and several residences have already been consumed.

TAFT WILL NOT ACCEPT

Washington, March 16.—Taft declines the chief justiceship.

The statement was given out at the White House after Taft called. "The President will consider longer. A number of names including Taft's, will be considered, and there will be no announcement in the near future. Taft only said, "that settles it."

TOOK WIFE'S ADVICE

Albany, N. Y., March 16.—Hamilton says his wife advised him at lunch yesterday to go before the committee, and he says: "I took her advice, and I guess it was good."

Court Stands by Labor.

Cincinnati, O., March 16.—Judge Ferris today refused to grant an injunction to the Campbell Perkins Company against their employees, members of the Leather Workers' Union, he declaring that, while the employer had the right to hire or discharge whom they saw fit, the employees had the right to quit with or without reason. He also said the law gave men the rights of organization for anything they can lawfully do as individuals. He said that even picketing, under certain restrictions, was legal.

Move to Quash Indictment.

Boise, Idaho, March 16.—In the district court at Caldwell this morning attorneys for the Western Federation of Miners filed a motion to quash the indictment against Mayer, Haywood and Pettibone, who are charged with the murder of Steunenberg. The pleading is a lengthy document, giving numerous reasons for setting aside the indictment. Attorneys for the prosecution asked time to prepare an answer to the motion and the case was continued until tomorrow. The health of Mayer has greatly improved. All of the defendants appear cheerful.

Police Scattered Mob.

Omaha, Neb., March 16.—There is great excitement over the large number of holdups and murders here, 12 having taken place recently. A mob gathered at the jail shortly after midnight and demanded three groggers, who, it is alleged, confessed to the hold-up and shooting of Edward Flury, the street car conductor, who died yesterday. A riot call brought 40 policemen, who quickly dispersed the mob. There were some sore heads, but no arrests.

After the Storm.

Salt Lake, March 16.—The Salt Lake route hopes to have the washouts in California and Nevada negotiated by tomorrow 60 miles of track being involved. Trains caught east of Caliente were released and arrived here today. Last night the regular limited for Los Angeles was sent over the Southern Pacific via Ogden and Sacramento.

A Diamond Thief.

New York, March 16.—Clifford Jones is in the custody of Los Angeles police officers. He is wanted in California for stealing diamond pins. He is held here today awaiting extradition. He was arrested in Buffalo, in company with his alleged wife, Stella Murray. The man and woman will be taken West.

Competitive Examination.

Company M. O. N. G., of this city, will hold a competitive examination for the promotion of non-commissioned officers next Monday. The examination promises to be particularly interesting since 14 applicants will strive for honors. The company now numbers 65.

BINGER HERMANN TRIAL

(Four O'Clock Edition.)

Washington, March 16.—The criminal court this morning overruled the demurrer to the indictment charging Representative Binger Hermann of Oregon, with destroying 35 press letter copy books of the land office, while acting as commissioner general. An appeal was asked for.

INSURANCE ROBBERS UNEASY

New York, March 16.—Jerome, when questioned about Hamilton's speech, and his probable action, says: "I have nothing to say on the situation." There is a panicky feeling among insurance officials. They are afraid of what Hamilton will tell if he is pressed.

For a Greater West Point.

West Point, N. Y., March 16.—The purchase of Constitution island, in the Hudson, as an addition to the military reservation of West Point, has been recommended by the secretary of war in a letter to congress. Secretary Taft at the same time submitted reports from officers of the war department and from General Mills, superintendent of the academy, to show that the academy needs more room. He recommended that an item be incorporated in the military academy bill for 185,000 to purchase the island. He island is at the head of the Hudson, opposite from here and only about 300 yards distant. Its area is 250 acres and it has long been the property of the Warner family. On the island are the remains of ironworks begun in 1775 and completed later by Koscisko.

General Bates, chief of staff, in a report says, "There is every reason for the government making a purchase of the island, and none for not making it. The present owner is an aged woman who, for sentimental reasons has always refused to sell an acre of her property to private parties, preferring to live undisturbed in her home; and now, as the property must soon pass into other hands, her one wish is to have it go to the government."

It is proposed to use the island, if purchased as a drill ground in practical military engineering, and especially in exercises in pontooning, rowing across the river to the pontoon site on the east bank, according to the war department authorities, will afford useful and additional practice for the troops.

Must Obey Nature's Laws.

Cincinnati, March 16.—Johann Most, the anarchist, is dangerously ill at the home of a friend here.

Chicago Markets.

Chicago, March 16.—Wheat, 78 1/2 @ 78 3/4; corn, 43%; oats, 24 1/2 @ 25.

All He Wanted.

"I want to put a personal in the paper to recover a horse and buggy I lost," said the man. "Ah," said the clerk, "you want an ad for the 'Lost and Found' column." "No, I want to say: 'If the man who stole my horse and buggy to slope with my wife will return said horse and buggy suitable reward will be paid.'" —Philadelphia Press.

His Crime.

"My poor man, what are you in for," asked the kind old lady, passing before a cell. "Coarse work, mum," replied 1164; "got ketch'd in de same crime twict." "Was it murder or robbery?" "Worse, mum. Matrimony." —Milwaukee Sentinel.

Terrible.

"Now, Johnnie, pray that your teacher will get well." "But mamma, if I do he might." —Houston Post.

THE GANS-SULLIVAN FIGHT

Los Angeles, Cal., March 16.—The action of Mayor McAleer in vetoing the ordinance prohibiting boxing contests, excepting in certain sections of the eighth ward, removes all legal barriers against holding the Gans-Sullivan fight, and the match will be pulled off at the Chutes baseball park, as scheduled. The fighters weigh in at 6 o'clock, both will probably make the 142-pound mark. The referee has not been selected.

Intercollegiate Fencing Tourney.

New York, March 16.—The intercollegiate fencing tournament between the crack teams of Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Cornell, Pennsylvania, West Point, Princeton and Annapolis will open tonight at the New York athletic club gymnasium. The tournament will be concluded tomorrow evening. It is by far the largest and most important event of that kind which has taken place in this country, and is attracting considerable attention. The work of the fencers will be closely watched by the experts of the United States army and navy.

The tournament which will begin this evening will be conducted under a new plan, which will cause a considerable decrease in the number of bouts to be fought for first honors. Under the former system every man entered was obliged to fence every other man, and the result was an entirely too large series which would have been larger than ever this year owing to the admission of Princeton to the league, a compromise between the old style and the diminution method has been effected.

There will be eight teams competing for the championship. Each team will consist of three fencers, and instead of each man meeting every other, the 24 contestants will draw for positions and be divided into three squads of eight men each. In the first day's meet each team will meet every other man in his squad, and the three teams having the lowest totals of victories will be dropped. The others will advance to the finals. In this way only 144 bouts will be fenced, with eight teams entered, as against 180 of last year, with one team less. The judges this year will be graduates of the competing colleges, together with three judges selected from the New York clubs.

Flood Threatens Fresno.

Fresno, Cal., March 16.—The lower portions of Fresno are threatened by the waters of the Empire canal. A force of workmen is strengthening the embankments, but the flow is increasing through the torrents from the hills, and already the water is coming over the bank. Many portions of the county are flooded, but no serious damage has yet been done. Kings river is very high.

To Play Eugene.

The Willamette University basketball team left this morning for Eugene to meet the University of Oregon in their gymnasium tonight. The personnel of the team is: Whipple, center; Gray and Simpson, forwards; Fisher and Nelson, guards; Johnson, Moore and Winans, substitutes. Manager Matthews accompanied the team, and will referee the game.

Brought No Troops.

San Francisco, March 16.—The transport Thomas arrived this morning from Manila, by way of Japan and Honolulu. She brought few troops, but many passengers. The Thomas is scheduled to sail again for the Philippines in ten days with troops.

Miners Did Nothing.

Indianapolis, March 16.—In the miners' convention there was no work this morning. The fight are being made in the committee. The scale committee decided to reply to the anthracite operators with a refusal to yield to their demands.

Plague in Australia.

(Four O'Clock Edition.) Sidney, N. S. W., March 16.—The black plague has appeared here, there being five cases.

CHICAGO STORE PEOPLES BARGAIN HOUSE The Always Busy Store IS NOW READY FOR SPRING BUSINESS. EVERY DEPARTMENT THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE STORE SPARKLES WITH NEWNESS. ONLY GOODS OF MERIT AND HIGH CLASS QUALITY FINDS PLACE IN OUR ESTABLISHMENT. LITTLE PROFITS AND A BIG VOLUME OF BUSINESS IS WHAT WE ARE AFTER. WE WANT TO MAKE SIX SALES TO OUR COMPETITORS' ONE. THAT'S WHY WE CAN SELL OUR GOODS AT SUCH LITTLE PRICES. READ OVER CAREFULLY OUR PRICES. THERE IS NO STORE ON THE PACIFIC COAST CAN BEAT THEM.

Salem's Greatest Growing Store McEVoy Bros. Corner of Commercial and Court Streets