

Bellefonte, Pa., May 17, 1907.

Thirty-one Killed in Disaster in Lower California.

SIXTEEN FROM READING, PA.

Santa Barbara, Cal., May 13.—Thirty-one dead and a score injured comprise the casualties of the wreck at Honda of the Ismaelia special train of New York and Pennsylvania Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, who were returning home from the annual meeting of the Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Los Angeles.

The train, carrying 145 Shriners and friends from Ismaelia Temple, Buffalo; Rajah Temple, Reading, Pa., and neighboring cities, was rushing northward 50 miles an hour on the Southern Pacific coast line when the locomotive struck a defective switch at the sand-swept seacoast siding of Honda, near the waters of the Pacific ocean, along which the railroad runs for 100 miles north of Santa Barbara. The locomotive turned a somersault into the yielding sands. The cars swirled through the air and landed on the fiery mass of wrecked steel. The coaches were crushed to debris and took fire. The flames were soon extinguished by uninjured persons from the two rear coaches. The bodies of 26 victims now lie in Santa Barbara, and five more are at San Luis Obispo. The injured, many of whom are terribly hurt, and some of whom may die, are in two sanitariums at San Luis Obispo.

The Dead.

Following is the list of the dead at Santa Barbara:
J. Douglass Hipple, potentate Rajah Temple; H. K. Gittelman, A. L. Roth, C. Gilbert Steffe, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Snyder, George Hagenman, W. Benton Stoltz, Harrison Hendel, Mrs. William W. Essick, Miss Nora Stoltz, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Brumbach, Mrs. E. Kahler, Richard Essick, Oliver F. Kaufman and Henry Miller, all of Reading, Pa.
Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Ellengoben, Allentown, Pa.
Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cutler, Binghamton, N. Y.
Mrs. Henry J. Fisher and Miss Cora Young, Cleveland.
Howard Moyer, Hazleton, Pa.
A. D. Wasson, Buffalo.
Charles S. Henry, Lebanon, Pa.
Charles M. Lowing, Pullman conductor, Buffalo.
C. W. Austin, New York, tourist agent.

The Injured.

Among the injured at San Luis Obispo are:
Former Mayor Howard A. Hartzell, Easton, Pa., not serious.
Mrs. Hendel and daughter Helen, Reading, Pa., not serious.
J. Calvin Hoffeditz, Reading, Pa., left leg fractured, scalp wound.
Martin Henry, Shamokin, Pa., scalped.
William Boyd, Reading, Pa., seriously scalped.
Mrs. Fred Greenwood, Binghamton, N. Y., leg broken.
The wreck occurred an hour and 40 minutes after the conclave visitors, forming a merry party, had left Santa Barbara, where they had spent all the morning sightseeing. The locomotive in leaving the rails tore up the track, twisting the huge steel rails into fish hooks. The baggage car half bruted itself in the sand on the right side of the locomotive. It was smashed almost into kindling wood.

The dining car, in which were 31 persons eating luncheon, leaped into the air and fell directly on the demolished locomotive. Nearly every person in the dining car was instantly killed. Scores were scalded by steam escaping from disconnected pipes. The rear coaches rushed on the first wreckage, jamming it on those who might otherwise have escaped. Several, pinned in the debris, were roasted alive.

A last call for luncheon had just sounded only a few minutes before the disaster.

Rajah Temple, of Reading, Pa., occupied the last car on the train, and Rajah Shriners were the last ones to go forward to the dining car. The car was thus filled almost entirely with Reading people when the wreck occurred.

An instant after the smash the injured jumped from the train to render aid, but they were unable to do much besides extinguish the fire, and they had to await long hours before relief arrived.

Frightened women, peering through the windows of the undamaged sleeping cars, fainted when they saw the bodies of their friends strewn along the roadside, blood from the wounds staining the sand drifts all about. Men who tolled hard at the task or rescue collapsed.

Mrs. John W. Cutler, of Binghamton, N. Y., was in the baggage car at the time of the crash to rearrange her trunk. Her body was driven through the floor and the wrecked car had to be jacked up before the body could be released.

George Hagenman, of Reading, Pa., refused the aid of his brother nobles after they had dragged him, fatally hurt, from the wreck. "I am dying," he said, "go help the women."

Sander Deabold, of Cleveland, worked heroically, but unavailingly, to save the lives of two women pinned beneath. Burrowing his way down into the smouldering, splintered wreck, Deabold, with a hose he had wrenched from a car, spouted water from an adjacent tank and extinguished the flames. He then reached down and,

after cutting away the broken timbers that held her feet, took Mrs. William W. Essick, of Reading, from the ruins. She was begging piously for relief when Deabold reached her. As he lifted her from the wreckage a stream of boiling water poured over her, and the women passengers sought to remove her outer garments, but fainted when the flesh came off with the clothing. Mrs. Essick expired a few minutes later. Deabold was unable longer to endure the harrowing sight.

"It was the most horrible sight I ever laid eyes on," he said. "Whenever I touched her the prints of the fingers remained in the almost fluid flesh."

A. D. Wasson, of Buffalo, was eating at a corner table, within six inches of the hot-water tanks. When the rescuers neared him he yelled encouragingly. Dragged from the range of the scalding steam, he murmured: "Thank God," and died. His wife and baby were with him, and they escaped injury.

Walter M. Tyson, of Reading, Pa., is ill at the Potter Hotel, unnerved by his experiences. He faced death many times while dragging from the debris the bodies of friends. He finally collapsed under the strain.

It was some time after the wreck occurred before a word of it reached the outside world. As soon as one of the uninjured trainmen could make his way to the station word of the wreck was flashed to San Luis Obispo. Immediately special trains were arranged. Physicians and nurses, gathered hurriedly, were quickly on the way to the wreck.

Twenty-five bodies lay on the sand beside the track. The injured, many of them unconscious and dying, were scattered about on piles of bedding and plush seats, brought from the Pullmans.

Dr. Ware, of Cincinnati, who was the first physician to reach the scene, told a graphic story of the terrible scenes that he witnessed. The most pathetic incident was the death of a bride and groom at almost the same instant, each believing that the other still lived. L. N. Ellengoben and his bride, of Easton, Pa., were members of the excursion party, and were thrown from the coach on opposite sides of the track as it reeled over on the ground. Both were mortally injured, but retained consciousness and exhibited remarkable bravery. The wife's first thought was for her husband, and the husband's first thought was for his wife.

"Tell my wife that I am all right," murmured Ellengoben to the physician. "Give my love, and let me know how she is."
Mrs. Ellengoben, in return, sent a message of love to her husband, with the assurance that she was all right. Before the physician could carry another message both had passed away.

KILLED HIS DAUGHTER

Despondent Philadelphian Then Attempted Suicide.
Philadelphia, Pa., May 14.—Francis M. Schultz, aged 55 years, shot and killed his 5-year-old daughter, Hazel, in Fairmount Park, and then attempted to end his own life by cutting his throat. Schultz, who is a furniture salesman, went into West Park, and, lying down on the grassy slope of Lansdowne Valley, near Horticultural Hall, took his child in his arms. As he held the girl to his side he shot her in the temple. He then gashed his throat with a sharp knife. Persons strolling in the park who were attracted by the pistol shot saw the man gash his throat. When they ran to the scene the little girl was dead. Schultz was taken to a hospital, where he is in a precarious condition. He has suffered with acute heart disease, and was made despondent by his incurable illness.

HEAVY ORDER FOR RAILS

Harriman Lines Place Contract For 150,000 Tons.
New York, May 11.—One of the largest individual orders for steel rails placed with a single steel company has been given to the Tennessee Coal & Iron company by the Harriman lines. The contract calls for 150,000 tons of steel rails, representing a business of close to \$5,000,000. Of this order 110,000 tons of steel rails are for the Union and Southern Pacific systems and the balance for the Illinois Central. The contract calls for delivery in 1908 at the rate of 15,000 tons a month. The rails are to be of the open hearth variety.

NINETY DEAD IN MINE FIRE

Flames Raging in Big Mexican Copper Mine.
Mexico City, May 13.—Ninety men are supposed to have lost their lives in a fire which started in the Tenares copper mine at Velardena, in the state of Durango. The fire is still raging and is said to be beyond control.
Thirty-five bodies have been recovered. Seventeen miners are known to have escaped. This information has been conveyed in a dispatch to the Associated Press office in Mexico City. The burning mine belongs to the Gugenhelms.

Asleep For Forty Days.

Kansas City, Mo., May 13.—T. C. Webster, 60 years old, who was taken from an east-bound train on April 2, unconscious, and removed to the city hospital, has slept constantly for 40 days and is still asleep. Physicians say he is suffering from acute melancholia.

New Commissioner of Patents.

Washington, May 11.—The president appointed Edward B. Moore, of Michigan, to be commissioner of patents, to succeed Frederick I. Allen, resigned. Mr. Moore has been assistant commissioner for several years.

The Suffering Sea-Turtle.

"Gentle woman" has a hard time in keeping that title, and at the same time achieving the more important object of being well dressed. If she wears aligrettes she is responsible for starving broods of young herons to death. Ostriches are subjected to keen discomfort when their feathers are pulled out. The process of obtaining seal-skins is brutal, and the Persian-lamb industry is most revolting. Now a report from Consul James C. Kellogg, of Colon, describes the atrocious way in which much of the material for tortoise-shell combs is obtained. The San Blas Indians of the Isthmus of Panama catch the hawkbill turtles which have the misfortune to be the original wearers of the shells and roast them alive. Under the application of intense heat the shells peel off in thin plates. Apparently this does not kill the turtles, which are thrown back into the sea. Whether they raise new shells for another roasting is not stated. Fortunately, not all the tortoise-shell of commerce comes in this way.—*Colliers.*

Blood Tells.

The old saying may have many applications. When the face is blotched with pimples, the body vexed with eruptions or eaten by sores, the blood is telling of its impure condition. Just as we put out a red or yellow flag in the front of the house where a dangerous disease is rampant, so Nature puts out the yellow flag of saffron skin, or the red flag of rash or eruption to indicate the diseased condition of the blood. Whenever symptoms of a disordered condition of the blood appear, the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery should be begun at once. It purifies the blood perfectly. It removes the poisonous substances which cause blotches, pimples and sores. The result is a smooth skin, clear complexion and healthy blood.

—Lawyer—Well, what was done in the interim?
Witness—I don't know, sir. I didn't go into the interim. I staid in the interim.

Household Notes.

Fruit stains may be removed by pouring boiling water over the article, then washing.
Spot may easily be swept from carpets by sprinkling liberally with salt before sweeping.
Lay in the sunlight articles that have been scorched in ironing and the scorch will disappear.
Soak ink stains in sour milk and should a stain remain rinse in a weak solution of chloride of lime.
To prevent wooden pails or tubs from shrinking when not in use, paint them over with glycerin.
Mix with your stove polish a teaspoonful of pulverized alum to give your stove a brilliant and lasting luster.
To remove mildew, soak the article in a weak solution of chloride of lime for a few hours, then rinse in cold water.

Considerable Difference.

The young man had gone to Greenby for the summer for the purpose of securing piano pupils. When at last he gave a "recital" in the town hall he sent tickets to the Greenby Clarion, the editor of which promised him a good notice.
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The musician thanked him; but, owing to a slight mistake on the part of the type-setter, he found it hard to be as grateful the next day when he read:
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