

A DEADLY CRASH.

A Frightful Disaster on the Reading Railroad.

A TRAIN IS TELESCOPED.

At Least 25 People Killed and Probably 50 Injured.

OCCURRED AT EXETER, PA.

An Excursion Train Returning from Harrisburg Crashes Into an Express Train and an Appalling Scene Follows—A Partial List of the Dead.

Reading, Pa., May 13.—Shortly before 10 o'clock last night a collision of passenger trains occurred on the Philadelphia & Reading at Exeter station, six miles below Reading.

The number of dead is fully 25 and the injured 50. The last train plowed through three cars of the forward train, completely wrecking them.

The second relief train left Exeter at 2:50 a. m. It brought to Reading 29 additional bodies.

The identified killed are: N. O. Leaf, Montgomery county, William Staler, Norristown, George Shaw, Norristown, John Slingluff, Norristown, John Johnson, Mt. Clair, William Lewis, Norristown, Harry Hunchbinger, Norristown, George Sowers, Norristown, George H. Andis, Norristown, Harry Wentz, Norristown, Samuel Barry, Conshohocken, Harry Thompson, Norristown, Hiram Shely, Harboro, Philadelphia, May 13.—The Pottsville express, which was run into at Exeter, arrived here at midnight with a few of the injured.

Shortly before midnight a train bearing nurses and doctors was sent to the scene of the wreck.

Senator Penrose and E. B. Grubb were passengers in the Pullman car of the wrecked train.

Miners Gain a Victory. Pana, Ill., May 13.—Representatives of the Pana mine owners, including Banker Schuyler and Operator Penwell, who returned Friday from Chicago, where a meeting was had with members of the state arbitration board and representative miners of the southern Illinois district, confirmed reports that an agreement had practically been reached.

Reviewing Stand Collapses. Paris, Tex., May 13.—About 9:30 o'clock last night the reviewing stand on which were seated 4,000 persons witnessing a display of fireworks, fell with a crash.

Veteran Journalist Dies. Cincinnati, May 13.—Moritz Albert Jacobi, for 25 years president of the Cincinnati Frieze Presse, died of apoplexy yesterday at his residence in Fort Thomas.

Fast Mail Wrecked. Utica, N. Y., May 13.—The fast mail on the New York Central was in collision here this morning and seven passenger cars filled with passengers are burning.

AN ASSAULT REPULSED.

Rebels Made an Unsuccessful Attempt to Capture San Fernando—Filipino Are Massed in the Trenches near Bacolor.

Manila, May 11.—Reports received from the insurgent line, which, however, have not been confirmed, say a meeting of the Filipino congress was held at San Isidro.

Filipino riflemen to the number of 8,000 are entrenched on three sides of Bacolor.

The Filipino general Mascardo's army, inspired by wine taken from the store houses of Bacolor and by the general's oratory, on Monday evening attacked San Fernando.

Prisoners who were brought into the American lines said that Gen. Mascardo distributed barrels of wine among his soldiers, telling them that he expected to capture the city of San Fernando.

The United States Philippine commission has been considering a constitution for the island of Negros, which was framed by Col. Smith and leading natives.

PLANS FOR A NEW TRUST. A Proposal to Unite Under One Head All the Stove Foundries of the Country Seems Likely to Succeed.

Cincinnati, May 11.—A consolidation of the stove manufacturing interests of the country may result from the meeting of manufacturers now being held here.

Mr. Baker outlined a plan for the stove manufacturers, first to co-operate mutually and then prepare a proposition for the consideration of the parties he represents.

Island Treasurers Appointed. Washington, May 13.—Orders issued by the war department yesterday announce the appointment of Eugene F. Ladd (captain Ninth United States cavalry) as treasurer of the island of Cuba and the appointment of Capt. James A. Buchanan, Eleventh infantry, as treasurer of Porto Rico.

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DIED SUDDENLY.

Ex-Gov. R. P. Flower's Life Journey Is Ended.

WAS A FINANCIAL KING.

Accumulated Millions by Speculation in Wall Street.

A GREAT POWER IN POLITICS

Was Associated with Samuel J. Tilden in Many Political Triumphs and for Years was Prominent as a Leader in the Democratic Party.

New York, May 13.—Ex-Gov. Roswell P. Flower died last night at 10:30 at the Eastport Century club at Eastport, L. I.

R. P. Flower was born in Theresa, Jefferson county, N. Y., August 7, 1835. Roswell was the sixth of nine children and when his father died he was 8 years old.

Mr. Flower owned a great many railroad and other stocks and before his death he spent much time instructing Mr. Flower about them.



ROSSELL P. FLOWER.

gained an insight into Wall street and its methods. Mr. Flower formed in 1870 the firm of Benedict, Flower & Co., in which he joined E. C. Benedict and H. H. Truman.

Mr. Flower was a democrat. In the early 70s he helped Samuel J. Tilden to develop the famous organization which exposed Tweed and enjoyed many other triumphs.

Mr. Flower took up Brooklyn Rapid Transit less than two years ago, buying from 20,000 to 30,000 shares at about 25 when the capital stock was only \$25,000,000.

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MANUFACTURED EGGS.

Common Shell of Gypsum Is Used, Which is Carefully Colored and Marked.

From recent observations of an expert collector of birds' eggs it became apparent that there was in existence a person who made a living by imitating nature in the production and coloring of birds' eggs, says the London Penny.

It was traced to a Parisian dealer, and some interesting details as to the methods used have come to light. The unscrupulous but ingenious Frenchman was at one time an assistant in a large museum, and here he learned the value of many rare eggs.

He generally uses the shell of some

THE SIGN OF THE BOOT.

A Familiar Emblem That Usually Hangs Over the Door of the Shoemaker's Shop.

The sign of the boot seen hanging out in front of the shoemaker's shop may be made of wood or zinc or of copper.

Sign boots are made in two or three standard sizes and of other sizes to order. They are most commonly seen gilded, but sign boots are occasionally finished in some bright color, as, for instance, a brilliant red.

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HERBERT GLADSTONE, LIBERAL WHIP.



The Liberal party of Great Britain has just conferred a distinguished honor on the son of the Grand Old Man, who was its leader for so many years, by appointing him the party whip, a position second only in importance to the actual leadership.

common egg, chosen for its likeness in size and shape to the one desired, but when that is impossible gypsum is used, this, when properly colored, being indistinguishable from nature's handiwork.

Nightingales' eggs, which are finely marked, are worth good prices, and knowing this the dealer finds no difficulty in obtaining larks' eggs and coloring them to resemble the genuine article.

Specimens of this undoubted but misplaced skill have found their way to collectors in all parts of the world, and yet so completely and carefully has the work been done not one of the buyers has ever discovered them to be "manufactured."

The Naked Man's Prayer. Hastings, England, has a free circus every day at noon. At that hour an old gentleman parades in the front garden

AT THE END OF HIS ROPE.



of his fine residence, perfectly naked, except for a loin cloth, a turban and sandals. The turban and sandals blaze with jewels. He prostrates himself before a little pagoda, wherein squats an ugly idol with diamond eyes.

Mixed Emotions. "How did you feel when they read your letters in court?" asked the friend whose intimacy was great enough to warrant impudence.

Not a Bad Scheme. At the railway stations in Russia books are kept in which passengers may enter any complaint they wish to make.

CZAR'S DAILY LIFE.

Personal Details About Nicholas by a French Author.

He Speaks Many Languages with Ease and Quickness and is a Student of Newspapers—The Imperial Dinner.

A volume dealing with the private life and mode of existence of Nicholas II. has been issued in Paris. The author is M. Maurice Leudet, a distinguished member of the staff of the Figaro, who some time back published a successful book dealing on similar lines with the German emperor.

"Nicholas II. Intime," as the present work is called, is a quite unpretentious production. With the exception of the preface, which discusses the disarmament proposals, and one or two chapters devoted to the present condition and destinies of Russia, its pages are occupied exclusively by minor details relating to the personality of the czar, and by well-informed and entertaining gossip.

The czar, it appears, has an excellent memory, and acquired the numerous languages he speaks with remarkable ease and quickness. M. Leudet assures us that he talks English without an accent, but it is noteworthy that he does not venture to say as much with regard to French. Mr. Heath, his English master, is credited with a cordial dislike for Mr. Gladstone, and a pronounced fondness for boxing, but whether he transmitted these tastes to his pupil is not recorded.

"There was no end to the tricks the hosts and their small guests played on



THE CZAR OF RUSSIA. (His Home Life Is Said to Be Pure and Pleasant.)

one another. From end to end of the table there used to be continuous firing of bread pellets, which were perpetually striking princely noses or landing in royal mouths. Another favorite joke was to jogg your neighbor's elbows while he was drinking or to baptize him with a glassful of wine.

The czar rises at eight, takes tea with the empress at nine and 9:30 retires to his study to read the principal European newspapers. This task accomplished, he goes out for a short walk, and at 11 is ready to receive his ministers and attend to his correspondence.

Output of Postage Stamps. During the year 1898 the United States bureau of engraving and printing issued 2,500,000,000 of the common red two-cent stamps—enough to go almost twice around the earth, says a Scientific American contributor.

Marvelous Musical Record. The record of the greatest number of notes struck by a musician in 12 hours is said to have been made by Paderewski, who struck 1,030,300 notes. The remarkable fact about this statement is not that the great pianist should have so diligently pounded the piano, but that anyone should have wasted his brain tissue in compiling such a ridiculous calculation.