

HEAD-ON COLLISION

Twenty-three People Killed at Rockfish, Va.

A Passenger Train on the Southern Railway Crashes into a Local Freight - Two Engineers are Among the Killed - Both Engines Wrecked.

Washington, July 8.—Twenty-three persons were killed and nine persons injured in a head-on collision on the Virginia Midland division of the Southern railway at Rockfish, Va., at 12 minutes after 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

Engineer Davis, of train No. 35, leaving Washington at 11:15 a. m. for Atlanta, Ga., dashed into local freight No. 48, standing on the main line of the road at that point, wrecking both engines and the baggage and express cars of No. 35.

The freight train was in charge of Conductor Brubeck and Engineer Hale and at the time of the accident was on the return run from Lynchburg to Charlottesville. Rockfish station is midway between these two points and the track there is a single one.

Engineer Hale had orders to get out of the way of the fast passenger train, but for some reason which has not yet been explained he had overstayed his time and had failed to take a siding so that the passenger train could pass.

The trains came together with a horrible crash and a fearful scene of panic ensued when the occupants of the cars realized what had occurred.

Train No. 35, which ran into the freight, was made up of an express car, a baggage car, two day coaches and two Pullman cars. The two Pullmans formed an early morning New York connection at Washington for Atlanta and the south.

Train No. 48, which was in charge of Engineer Davis and Conductor Mays, consisted of the passenger cars of the train was a second class day coach and the other a vestibule car.

Engineer McCormick, who was a passenger on the freight train, was going to Charlottesville to take a train south at the time he met his death. The engineer of the freight escaped without injury.

Later advices from the scene of the wreck are that the freight train, which was on the main track, had been there six minutes longer than the orders directed when the collision occurred.

A Cyclone at Chester, Pa. Chester, Pa., July 4.—A terrific cyclone swept over this city last evening, unroofing some small buildings and doing great damage to the telephone, telegraph and electric light systems.

Denver, Col., July 8.—On petition of the American Smelting and Refining Co., a sweeping injunction was granted yesterday by District Judge Walter Dixon, forbidding the striking smeltermen and the officers of the Western Federation of Miners and other labor organizations from interfering with the operation of the Grant and Globe smelters.

POPE LEO'S CONDITION.

Another Operation Has Been Performed on the Aged Pontiff, but His Chances of Recovery are Not Greatly Improved Thereby.

Rome, July 8.—The following bulletin was issued Tuesday afternoon by Pope Leo's physicians:

"The test puncture of the pleura has been made and 800 grams of liquid have been taken off. A rapid examination showed that some mucous was rattling in the lung which was originally affected. The pope underwent the operation with courage. His general condition is now better."

Rome, July 10.—The following bulletin was issued last evening:

"The general condition of the pope having become depressed, a consultation was held at 4 o'clock with the participation of Prof. Rosconi. From objective examination it appears that the liquid is again rapidly gathering in the pleura. The sounds of the heart are weak without any symptoms of valvular lesion. The pulse is easily compressible and it has 90 pulsations instead of 65, which is normal. The breathing is superficial and at long intervals. The kidneys are not performing their regular functions. The state of his holiness is considered grave."

Rome, July 11.—Another operation, performed yesterday, has brought further relief to Pope Leo and by it the possibility of his life being prolonged was increased, but it can hardly be said that the operation improved his chances of recovery.

The extraordinary confusion prevailing at the Vatican outside the immediate vicinity of the pope's sick room is demonstrated by the remarkable neglect to make even the most ordinary preparations for the interment of Mgr. Volpini, the secretary of the consistory and canon of St. Peter's, who died suddenly on Thursday.

BOLD DASH FOR LIBERTY. A Murderer and Bank Robber Escapes from the Jail at St. Louis. St. Louis, July 7.—William Rudolph, of Union, Mo., who has been confined in the county jail for several months on the charge of having participated in the robbery of the bank at Union last winter, and also charged with the killing of Detective Shumacher, who was attempting to arrest him, made a desperate and successful escape from jail late Monday afternoon and is still at large.

Four Deaths from Lockjaw. Philadelphia, July 11.—Tetanus was responsible for four deaths in this city yesterday. Two of the victims, Frank Layfield, aged 31, and John Monroe, aged 12 years, received their injuries during the Fourth of July celebration. James Johnstone, aged 10 years, was shot by a pistol, and wound developing lockjaw, and Joseph Knittel, the fourth victim, had his hand crushed in a paper mill, lockjaw setting in after his arm had been amputated.

Persecutions are Renewed. London, July 11.—The Daily Chronicle's correspondent at Berlin says the Jewish population of Cracow, Galicia, is excited by reports of anti-Jewish persecutions similar to those at Kishineff. In the suburb of Kassimirsch disturbances have broken out between Jews and Christians. It was reported at Kassimirsch that Russians were distributing poisoned candies to Jewish children in Galician towns.

McLane Bars the Fighters. Baltimore, July 11.—Mayor McLane announced last night that he would not during his term as chief magistrate of the city issue a permit for a boxing or sparring contest. This means that there will not be any authorized prize fighting here during the next four years.

Double Tragedy in a Hotel. Washington, Pa., July 8.—A. B. Young, a member of the Allegheny county bar, with an office at 433 Fourth street, Pittsburgh, shot his wife and then committed suicide at the Hotel Stegel here some time Monday night.

Sued for a Million Gets \$500. St. Paul, Minn., July 11.—The state supreme court yesterday upheld the verdict of the lower court awarding Herbert W. Pearson, of Duluth, \$500 for services rendered the Great Northern Railway Co. in the location of coal mines in Montana.

MANY STRICKEN.

Long List of Fatalities Caused by Intense Heat.

Thirty-Six Deaths and 83 Prostrations in and Around New York and Brooklyn in One Day - Many Other Cities Also Suffer Severely.

New York, July 11.—Thirty-six deaths and 83 prostrations in and around New York and Brooklyn tell the story of Friday's heat. It was the hottest July 10 in the history of the local weather bureau, the highest previous record being 91 degrees, recorded July 10, 1880.

Thursday's record of 94 degrees at 4 o'clock, the high weather mark of the year, was reached Friday at 20 minutes past 1, with no signs of relief. But by 2 o'clock the temperature had fallen two degrees, where it remained during two hours. The humidity was only 64 per cent, when the temperature stood at 94 and increased but slowly from that time during the afternoon as the heat subsided. At 8 o'clock last night it was 65 per cent, but by that hour the temperature had fallen to 83 degrees, six degrees lower than at the same hour Thursday.

During the two or three hours when the heat was most intense the wind averaged about nine miles an hour. Later the wind shifted and increased in velocity. In the streets men, women and children were suffering greatly.

Daniel Lewis, a heat-crazed negro, attacked with a club two girls who were carrying a large piece of ice. A mob quickly gathered and shouted "Lynch him." Lewis was rescued by detectives and sent to a hospital.

Pittsburg, July 11.—Two deaths and two prostrations from the heat were reported yesterday.

Baltimore, July 11.—The heat was very oppressive here Friday, the thermometer reaching 95 degrees, one degree higher than Thursday.

Boston, July 11.—Sweltering heat conditions prevailed here Friday. Ninety-two degrees was the record.

New Haven, Conn., July 11.—Friday was the hottest of the year thus far in this city and vicinity. The temperature reached 94 degrees.

Springfield, Mass., July 11.—Thermometers in the shade yesterday registered 102 degrees, the highest record since July, 1901.

Philadelphia, July 11.—The hot weather which prevailed here during the past week continues and there is no cooler weather in sight. Philadelphia was one of the hottest cities in the country yesterday, the maximum temperature registering 96 degrees at 4 p. m. The mean temperature for the day was 86 degrees, the highest in two years. Several deaths due to the heat and a large number of prostrations were reported.

Detroit, July 11.—Detroit has experienced another day of intense heat. The mercury has hovered near the 90 mark for the past 24 hours and many people in the downtown districts suffered severely.

Louisville, Ky., July 11.—Friday was the warmest day of the season, the government thermometer registering 97. There were several prostrations.

CENSURED FOR MISCONDUCT. A Railroad Company Objects to Paying for the Outings of a Jury that Tried to Plunder It.

Baltimore, July 11.—In the case of the exceptions of the Western Maryland railroad to the award of \$79,500 as the compensation for 28 acres of land which the company desired in reaching tidewater at this point, Judges Fowler and Burke, in the Baltimore county court, yesterday severely censured the jury for misconduct and ordered that a new jury be summoned to hear the case over again.

It was in evidence that the jury of award was considering the case for 14 days and that during that period the jurors were taken to the circus, to the theatre and to suburban resorts and entertained at a hotel at a total expense of \$1,200, which sum was rendered as a bill of costs against the railroad. It was also shown that the land for which the owners were awarded \$2,500 an acre had been bought by them for \$300 an acre.

Refuses to be Evicted. St. Louis, July 11.—During the recent flood a houseboat occupied by the Gamachee family was left stranded on the river Des Peres bank, near the foot of Utah street. Since then the husband has been lying ill in the boat. A brewing company claiming the land endeavored to have the houseboat removed, but Mrs. Gamachee met the movers yesterday with a revolver, and declaring that the land whereon the houseboat rested was left by accretions from the river and was government land she laid claim to it. The movers are fired. Mrs. Gamachee said she has found that the land is not recorded as belonging to any one.

Unearthed a Conspiracy. Chicago, July 11.—A conspiracy to defeat justice and interfere with the prosecution of the election judges and clerks who are under indictment for frauds perpetrated at the recent judicial balloting in the Eighteenth ward was blocked Friday by State's Attorney Deenen. The conspiracy involved the names of two of the state's witnesses, and as a result of information which reached Mr. Deenen, Leander Goodrich is in jail and John Barrett was subjected to a searching examination by the prosecution.

CROP BULLETIN.

Wheat Reported Up to the Average - Corn Crop Smaller - Acreage of Potatoes Less than That of Last Year.

Washington, July 11.—Preliminary returns to the department of agriculture show the acreage of corn planted to be about 59,800,000 acres, a decrease of about 4,200,000 acres, or 4.5 per cent, from the area planted last year.

The average condition of the growing crop on July 1 was 79.4, as compared with 78.5 on July 1, 1902.

The average condition of winter wheat on July 1 was 78.8, as compared with 82.2 last month, and a ten-year average of 78.2.

The average condition of spring wheat on July 1 was 82.5, as compared with 95.9 last month and a ten-year average of 85.9.

The average condition on July 1 of spring and winter wheat combined was 80.

The amount of wheat remaining in the hands of farmers on July 1 is estimated at about 42,500,000 bushels, equivalent to about 6.3 per cent, of the crop of last year.

The average condition of the oat crop on July 1 was 84.3, as compared with a ten-year average of 87.3.

The acreage of flax is about 500,000 acres, or 13.5 per cent, less than that of last year, and the condition is 86.2. The average of tobacco is about 7 per cent, greater than that of last year, and the condition is 85.1.

The acreage of potatoes, excluding sweet potatoes, is about 49,000 acres, or 1.6 per cent, less than that of last year. The average condition of potatoes on July 1 was 88.1.

DUN'S WEEKLY REVIEW.

Business Again Responds to an Improvement in Conditions.

New York, July 11.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says:

Business again responds to improved conditions. Retail distribution of merchandise is accelerated by more reasonable weather and fewer labor controversies, while wholesale and jobbing trade, especially at the interior, shows the encouraging effect of brighter agricultural prospects. There is the customary excessive demand for farm hands. Reports of holiday traffic and trade in holiday goods indicate no diminution in purchasing power, and the semi-annual inventory show a gratifying situation.

There is less than the usual midsummer idleness in manufacturing, except in the cotton industry. Commodity prices advanced steadily during June.

Railway earnings for June are 13.1 per cent, larger than last year. Installation of new converters and other repairs interfere with work at some prominent steel mills, which explains in part the quiet condition of the market. Bessemer pig delivered at Pittsburg can be bought for \$18.75, which is the lowest point thus far of the recent decline. Structural material is again an active feature, especially for large buildings and railway bridges at the west.

Failures this week numbered 194 in the United States against 193 last year, and 24 in Canada, compared with 19 a year ago.

AFTER MANY YEARS.

A Woman Returns to Her Home in Illinois, After Being Mourned as Dead.

Rockford, Ill., July 11.—A woman in the role of Enoch Arden returned to Rockford yesterday after an absence of 21 years.

The chief figure in this history is Mrs. Louise Olson. Twenty-one years ago Mrs. Olson was injured in a rail road wreck near Buffalo, N. Y. She was taken to a hospital, but recovered. Her mind was not quite clear however, and she wandered to France. Another victim of the wreck died in the hospital and by mistake was buried as Mrs. Olson.

When Mrs. Olson returned to Rockford she found the two babies she had left, Hilda and Frank, full grown and surprised beyond measure at her return. Alexander Olson, her husband, she found living with his third wife, the second Mrs. Olson, whom he married while believing fully in his first wife's death, having died some years ago. Mr. Olson fully identified the returned one as his first wife. The latter will recognize the rights of the third wife and will live with her children.

The Whist Congress.

Detroit, July 11.—The American Whist league congress is drawing to a close. Although the weather is extremely hot, there has been no break in the program. In the battle for the Minneapolis trophy the Knickerbocker or Whist club, of New York City, tied in the number of matches won with the Baltimore Whist club. In the third preliminary round in the contest for the American Whist league challenge trophy the Chicago and Baltimore Whist clubs won out and engaged in the finals.

Murderer Kruger Is Jailed.

Greensburg, Pa., July 11.—Charles Kruger, the alleged murderer of Constable Henry F. Berer, on Thursday now occupies a cell in the county jail here. He confessed to Sheriff Trescher and Coroner Wynn that he had fired the shot that caused the death of Berer. The only reason that he would give for his crime was that he did not want to go to jail. He has refused counsel, saying that no attorneys could aid him. He expects to be hanged.

Refuses to Receive the Petition.

London, July 11.—The Russian ambassador in London according to the Catholic Herald, has refused to receive a petition relative to the treatment of negroes in the United States and forward it to the czar, as requested by the Catholic Herald. The petition draws attention to the "increasing outrages on negroes, accompanied by appalling brutality," and urges the Russian government to make representations to Washington asking the authorities there "to take steps, in the interests of civilization and humanity, to suppress the growing evil."

Pennsylvania RAILROAD. PHILADELPHIA AND ERIE RAILROAD DIVISION. In effect May 24, 1903. TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM EASTWARD

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Time Table taking Effect June 23, 1902.



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Office over Taggart's Drug Store, Emporium, Pa. SPECIALTY - Preservation of natural teeth, including Crown and Bridge Work.