

# A RAILROAD HORROR.

### A Fast Freight on the Chicago and Atlantic Railroad Crashes into a Passenger Train—The Wreck Burned to the Tracks—Twenty Persons Said to be Killed and Many Injured.

CHICAGO, October 11. Passenger train No. 12, which left here at 7:45 last night, stopped just this side of Kouts at 9:45 to make some repairs. The freight train, No. 48, which should follow on instructions, received a clear bill at Boone Grove, six miles west of Kouts, and had got up a good speed when it crashed into the rear of the halted passenger train, which was unprotected with lights or fog torpedoes on the track. The night was dark, and the scene during the next half hour was dreadful. The rear coaches of the passenger train were smashed and telescoped so that they occupied less space than one. The live coals from the freight engine ignited the debris under which the wounded and dead were lying. Before substantial assistance could be rendered thirty people had died. Some were mercifully killed by the first shock, but many were slowly roasted to death. No one in the Pullman sleeper was hurt. The conductor telegraphed to his company here that all escaped before the fire reached the car, and none were injured in the collision. No means existed for checking the fire, and only after it had burned itself out was it possible to do anything for the few still alive imprisoned in the debris. Forty per cent were wounded or buried, or both. All were on the train when it left Chicago, but no names were known up to 2:30 o'clock.

General Manager Broughton, with all the clerks and others who could be of any use at the scene, left as soon as he heard of the accident this morning. The way train, due here at 11:30 o'clock from Kouts, was delayed several hours by the block on the track.

W. A. Duncan, of Syracuse, N. Y., arrived on this train. He saw the wreck. Eighteen or twenty is the number at which he places those known to have been killed. A number of these were burned before his eyes. A little Bohemian boy was hemmed in, but not reached by the fire, and saw his father, mother and two sisters slowly roasting before his eyes. He was dying as Mr. Duncan left. There was a doctor on the train, Mr. Duncan said, who lost his wife and daughters in the burning wreck. He could do absolutely nothing, and saw them encircled by scorching tongues of fire and cremated.

The train was not taken over the track on which the wreck occurred, but switched to a siding, the remains of the train being still too hot to move.

### A PASSENGER'S STORY.

Several passengers, who were on the ill-fated train, arrived in Chicago this afternoon. One of them, a gentleman from Taunton, Mass., who was on his way home, was sitting in the first car asleep. "The first I knew," said he, "I heard a frightful crash, and the car seemed shattered, and the pieces were flying past me. The next I knew I found myself almost buried in the ruins and they seemed to keep piling up. I tried to extricate myself and found I was near a window. It was all dark and all around me were yells and groans, and the blackness made it fearful. I didn't seem to be hurt beyond being shaken up, so I called for help out of the window. Some man, I don't know who, helped me out, and then I turned in and helped to get others out. A little while after I got out, though, the whole thing took fire, and we were forced to give up working on it bit by bit and let it burn, with the horrible cries of those held inside in our cars. At one place there were two or three women apparently all together, and we tried to get them out. They were shrieking all the time in a manner to freeze one's blood, for the fire was coming nearer to them all the time. We worked as long as we could, but could not get them out, and the fire came all around them and finally silenced their screams. To hear their desperate cries as the fire came nearer and nearer and finally reached them, was simply appalling. The wreck burned to the tracks, no facilities being on hand to extinguish the fire. A carload of the injured was taken eastward from the wreck this forenoon. They were maimed, bruised and burned, some quite badly."

### LACK OF FACILITIES.

Frank Cramer, the General Western Agent of the Gulon Line of steamers, was on board the wreck train, but escaped uninjured. "The first we who were in the sleeping car knew of the accident," said Mr. Cramer, "our coach was run into from the rear. The forward coaches, it seems, were not scaped by the wreck. There were only seven passengers. I think, in the sleeper, and none of them were killed or injured. I was asleep when the shock occurred. I dressed myself and, when I got off the wreck, I saw that the whole train was ablaze. Many who were killed or seriously wounded must have been burnt up, as the fire broke out as soon as the accident occurred. The trainmen did what they could to relieve the wounded, but facilities were lacking, and many people doubtless perished in the flames because no help could reach them."

Dr. McKee stated that only nine bodies had been recovered, and they were so badly charred as to be almost beyond recognition, the most left of any of them being a blackened trunk, and in some cases little beyond a few handfuls of ashes. The nine were as follows: The Miller family of Dundee, father, mother, two brothers and a girl, (their 14-year-old boy Herman will probably die also); Dr. Perry, of North Judson, Indiana; Dr. Perry's wife, Dr. Perry's daughter, aged 11; a young Irish lady.

The killed and wounded were taken from the scene of the wreck to Huntington early this afternoon accompanied by the coroner.

THE KILLED. CHICAGO, Oct. 11.—The Daily News special from Kouts, Ind., says: Twenty passengers are known to have escaped.

only two or three of whom are injured. When daylight came the remains of the ten people were found, and this, the railroad officials claim, is the extent of the fatalities.

No one knows how many passengers were on the ill-fated train. Superintendent Parson claims that the number was very small, but survivors claim that there were fully fifty passengers in the two coaches. How many occupied the sleeper is unknown. The victims, so far as known, are:

- Dr. William Perry, of North Judson, Ind.
- Mrs. William Perry.
- Grace Perry, aged 10.
- Charles Miller, aged 50.
- Mrs. Lena Miller, aged 48.
- Minnie Miller, aged 7.
- Fred Miller, aged 20.
- William Miller, aged 17.

Two unknown persons complete the list of the dead as certainly established.

It is impossible to obtain a list of the wounded on the train, as only two are left behind. They are: Herman Miller, aged 14, skull fractured and right leg shattered; recovery impossible. Joseph McCool, aged 24, of Boston, injured about back and limbs.

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

A few days ago a wealthy coal operator of Pittsburg received a letter from New York inviting his co-operation in a scheme to defraud the Government of \$100,000. The letter was signed C. H. Bedell, but gave no details. The coal operator informed the police, and then made an appointment with Bedell for the 11th, but he did not appear. The police of New York have been notified.

The officers of the Department of Customs at Ottawa, Ontario, have seized a large quantity of rubber shoes and clothing imported by a St. John New Brunswick, merchant named Mullin, at an undervaluation.

In Monroe county, Georgia, on the 9th, A. J. Goin and William Hand between whose families there had been a feud for several years, met each other on the public road. After some words they fired at each other. Hand was killed and Goin mortally wounded.

An express train on the New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio Railroad collided with a freight train on a side track, owing to a misplaced switch, at Warren, Ohio, on the 11th. Both engines and more than a dozen cars were demolished. Engineer Fessenden and Fireman Adst were badly hurt, but the passengers escaped with a severe shaking up.

A despatch from Brownsville, Texas, says reports of another hurricane in the Gulf moving westward create great uneasiness there. Seven inches of rain fell on the evening of the 10th, and the Rio Grande is higher than ever before. The whole country along the river is inundated. In Matamoros the flood has spread greatly. The steamer Aranzas has been two days off the bar unable to communicate with the town on account of the rough weather.

At Bethlehem, Penna., on the 11th a monument erected at a cost of \$4000 to the soldiers and sailors of that town who died in the war for the Union was unveiled in presence of a large assembly. There was a civic and military parade, which included Grand Army Posts from all the towns in the Lehigh Valley and from Trenton, New Jersey, also secret and benevolent societies and clergymen. Governor Beaver, Major A. Wilson Norris and General W. E. Doster made addresses.

Dr. Wall, President of the Health Board, of Tampa, Florida, telegraphs to Surgeon General Hamilton, in reply to an inquiry as to the nature of the disease there: "It is unquestionably yellow fever, though popular sentiment of those remaining here is against me. Albumen in the urine, with the characteristic icteric hue. One death on the 10th. It is all over the place and the city authorities are doing nothing." Three new cases and one death were reported on the 11th. The fatal case was marked by the characteristic black vomit.

A deposit of gold yielding about \$800 per ton is said to have been discovered in Buckingham township, Quebec.

It is reported from Brownsville, Texas, that the rancheros in pursuit of the abductors of Senator Berrera, caught and "executed" five of them in Starr county. Berrera, it may be remembered, was recently captured by bandits and held eight days until \$1500 was paid by the family for his release. Before being killed the bandits confessed a plot to capture and hold for ransom a prominent capitalist named Yeurna. A colored man drowned his wife at Ponchatoula, Louisiana, on the afternoon of the 10th, because she refused to live with him any longer. While she was drowning her brother appeared and shot his sister's murderer, who sank with the body of his victim to the bottom of the Amite river.

The dead body of a young woman, supposed to be Anna Zofinski, aged 19 years, who disappeared from Nanticoke three weeks ago, was found on the afternoon of the 12th on a mountain side near Plymouth, Penna. She had apparently been murdered.

For the past four days forest fires have been raging in Sonoma, Alameda, San Mateo and Santa Cruz counties, California, all in the vicinity of the Bay of California. Several fine farms have been completely burned over and the ground is covered with carcasses of all kinds of dead animals. Many families have been rendered homeless. Fire broke out on the 12th in the cargo of the British steamship Hugh Lenden, loading at Savannah, Georgia, for Liverpool, and at last accounts was burning fiercely. The vessel has four thousand bales of cotton on board. The fire was extinguished after seven hundred bales of cotton were damaged by smoke and water.

Snow fell in Utica, New York, on the morning of the 12th. It was the first of the season. The first snow

of the season at Middlebury, Vermont, fell on the morning of the 12th. The tops of the Adirondacks are white. Frost was reported as far south as Gibson, Mississippi, on the evening of the 11th.

R. S. Hicks, cashier of the Stafford Springs National Bank, in Stafford Springs, Connecticut, was arrested on the 12th, on the charge of misappropriating the funds of the bank. It is said the defalcation will exceed \$100,000, but the exact amount will not be known until returns are made from various New York and Boston banks. It was Hicks' method to falsify the books so as to show excessive amounts due from those banks. He confessed to having taken \$73,000. The capital stock of the bank is \$200,000 and the surplus \$24,000, while the undivided profits amount to over \$3000. Hicks gave bail in \$40,000.

A telegram was received in Ottawa, Ontario, on the 12th, saying that five men and a span of horses on McKay and Doherty's Limits have been missing since the 10th, and it is believed they were drowned in Kippewa lake while crossing on a frail ferry boat.

The coroner at Huntington, Indiana, on the 12th, began an investigation of the facts attending the collision on the Chicago and Atlantic Railroad, at Kouts, on the evening of the 10th. It was testified that eighteen passengers were taken out and nine killed and burned. All the trainmen, examined, claimed that the night was foggy, and that danger signals could not be seen until they were right upon them.

The best counterfeit five-dollar gold piece ever seen in the West" was, on the 12th, received at the Government building, in Chicago, from the post-office at Cuba, Illinois. "It was perfect in form, size and weight, and was marked as having been coined in 1855." J. A. Newsome has been arrested in Coleman, Texas, on the charge of being the lone highwayman who several times robbed the stage between Ballinger and San Angelo.

It is reported from Kansas City that during the President's reception there on the 12th one man was killed and several persons were injured by the fall of a crowded platform.

A disastrous storm occurred on the southern coast of Mexico, on the 7th and 8th inst. Quetito, a city of more than 8000 people, was totally destroyed, and many lives lost. No particulars can be obtained, as the wires are down. Despatches state that the supposition is that there were a number of wrecks in the gulf, but the facts cannot be ascertained. It is reported that the entire coffee and orange crop in Simlola is destroyed.

Michael Rogers, driver, was thrown from a chemical engine while going to a fire in Syracuse, New York, on the 12th. The wheels passed over his chest and he died in a short time.

In an interview in the Chicago Inter-Ocean, Dr. T. G. McLure, of Boone Grove, who was active in aiding the sufferers at the wreck at Kouts, on the Chicago and Atlantic Railroad, says: "Those remains which were removed are of persons who were sitting on the seats near the windows, and fell outwards when the charred frame-work fell to pieces, but those who were sitting inside, and whose remains fell on the rails, were burned to powder, and not a vestige of them, except, perhaps, a few pieces of bone would be found. The heat between these rails was sufficient to have destroyed all the remains. In such a heat, when the charred mass cooled, it would go to powder by embers falling on it and nothing would ever be known of them." Dr. McLure states the number burned to death as "at least sixteen or eighteen." He says that at Miller's Hotel, in Kouts, after the accident, there were seventeen injured persons—seven women and ten men. The porter of the rear Pullman car on the wrecked train stated that the tickets in the possession of the conductor showed that nineteen passengers were missing. The porter himself counted fifteen bodies.

Minnie Demor, 17 years old, the adopted daughter of James Henderson, of Manistee, Michigan, has confessed that she smothered the baby which died suddenly a few weeks ago, because she did not want a nurse. She poisoned the cows so she would not have to milk them, and set fire to Henderson's house five times. Carlos Perca killed a man in Los Cruces, New Mexico, some months ago. He was tried and condemned, but was granted a new trial, and in the interval was released on bail. He fled and was living under an assumed name, at Yuleta, when arrested on the 12th by two officers, while in a hack riding to El Paso. Perca fatally stabbed Officer Trajillo, and then made an attack on Officer Gaskie, but the latter was too quick and shot Perca dead. Alcaide Pino, a Mexican, and Thomas Wright, a cowboy, quarrelled about the ownership of a cow at Grant, New Mexico, on the 13th. Pino shot and killed Wright, whereupon a young man named Bell, who was working for Wright, shot and killed Pino.

An accommodation train on the Missouri Pacific Railroad was run into at a station near Independence, Missouri, on the morning of the 13th, by an express train. A woman standing on the platform of the station was killed by flying debris, and three persons on the train were severely injured. Many others suffered slight injuries by trying to break through the windows. The collision was caused by the failure of the dispatcher to notify the express conductor that the accommodation had preceded him.

One more body, making seven in all, has been found in the ruins of the chapel and laundry connected with the Northern Ohio Insane Asylum, near Cleveland, which were burned on the night of the 12th. It is thought all the injured inmates will recover. Three escaped patients were captured on the 13th, and only two are now unaccounted for.

A prairie fire was started by a threshing machine, near Lake Benton, Minnesota, on the 13th. At last accounts it was spreading rapidly, and

had consumed much grain and several farm houses.

A despatch from Havana says a cyclone swept over the southwest portion of the city on the 13th, moved in a westerly direction. It was raining heavily throughout the island.

The money taken from the Pacific Express Company by Messenger John B. Owen has all been recovered. It was found on the 12th concealed in a barrel of oil in the rear of Owen's residence in St. Louis. The amount found was \$33,000. Owen told the detectives where he had hidden the money. A burglar entered a dwelling on the outskirts of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, occupied by Mrs. William Koehne and her four daughters on the morning of the 13th. Upon being discovered he attacked the five women with a club, seriously injuring all of them, and then made his escape. He secured \$3 as booty. A reward has been offered for his arrest.

A telegram from Nogales, Arizona, says that all attempts to get news of the storm on the southern coast have failed. It is believed, however, that the cities of Mazatlan and San Blas "have been wholly or not partially destroyed by the tidal wave."

The deficit in the account of the National Bank of Stafford Springs, Connecticut, according to an estimate by the bank examiner on the 13th, reached \$84,000. "Aside from the above, the bad debts amounted to \$70,000, in addition to what is recorded in the books in the way of notes, making an aggregate of over \$159,000. The Comptroller of the Currency said on the 13th that he did not expect to receive a report in the case of the Stafford Bank for several days, but from what he knew he was satisfied that the depositors will sustain no loss. The Cleveland Drug Company, of Cleveland, Ohio, made an assignment on the 13th. Liabilities, \$50,000; assets, \$60,000.

Dr. Joseph Y. Porter, President of the Health Board of Key West, who is also an army surgeon, having gone to Tampa to investigate the epidemic, the order to Surgeon Gutierrez to go there has been revoked. Six new cases and two deaths were reported in Tampa on the 13th. A death from yellow fever in Palatka, Florida, was reported on the 13th.

All telegraphic communication with Charleston, South Carolina, was suddenly interrupted at 25 minutes past 12 o'clock on the morning of the 15th, and no definite explanation of the cause is given. Associated Press despatches report a high wind in that city on the afternoon of the 14th, and also a large fire raging at Magnolia, one of its suburbs. United Press despatches report that an earthquake shock occurred in Charleston at midnight, and that it was felt slightly in Augusta, but the Associated Press telegrams say that "no earthquake symptoms have developed at Augusta or Savannah, which are the nearest points to Charleston with which communication is open."

Later in the morning telegraphic communication was opened with Summerville, twenty miles from Charleston, "but the telegraphers there have no explanation to offer for the sudden interruption of the Charleston wires. They report no atmospheric or terrestrial disturbance." A still later telegram says the interruption may have been caused by a fire among the large phosphate factories.

The verdict of the coroner in the Kouts disaster was made public on the 14th in Valparaiso, Indiana. It was found that the collision which caused the death of nine persons "resulted from carelessness or negligence on the part of the train dispatcher and the engineer of the fast freight, No. 48, and censuring the company for allowing a crippled engine, pulling a passenger train to be on the road a few minutes in advance of a fast freight, and by the negligence of Engineer Dorsey in not providing his engine with sand and his recklessness in running at such a rate of speed through the fog."

The boiler in a saw mill in Centreville, West Virginia, exploded on the evening of the 13th, killing three men and completely wrecking the engine and mill.

The Marine Hospital Bureau on the 14th received a telegram from Dr. Porter, President of the Key West Board of Health, announcing his arrival in Tampa, Florida, on the morning of the 13th, and saying: "Have seen cases indiscriminately. The disease is undoubtedly yellow fever, presenting the characteristic tests." There were three deaths from the fever on the evening of the 13th, and several new cases reported on the 14th. The case of yellow fever reported in Palatka, on the 13th, did not originate there. The victim was a refugee from Tampa. The house where he died was quarantined and the bedding and effects were burned.

## THE MARKETS.

PROVISIONS—		
Beef city fam bl.	8 50	9 00
Hams.....	15	16
Pork Mess.....	16	17
Prime Mess, new.....	16	17
Sides smoked.....	10 1/2	10 3/4
Shoulders smoked.....	7	7 1/2
do in salt.....	6 1/2	7
Smoked Beef.....	14	16
Lard Western bls.....	6 1/2	7 1/2
Lard, new.....	6 1/2	7 1/2
FLOUR—		
West. and Pa. sup.....	3 25	3 45
Pa. Family.....	3 40	3 75
Min. Clear.....	4 00	4 25
Pa. Wht. Wht.....	4 30	4 60
Rye Flour.....	3 25	3 50
GRAIN—		
Wheat No. 1 red.....	86	87
do No. 2.....	85	86
Corn, No. 2 White.....	60	61
do No. 3.....	58	59
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## BRICKS WITHOUT STRAW:

Or, Perseverance Must Conquer.

Minna was getting discouraged. Everything seemed to be going wrong, from the time the coffee came up cold and the toast had been burnt at breakfast, which had given Ferdinand an opportunity to stick up his nose. Ferdinand was her cousin, and considered himself a great swell, so she did not like to give him an opportunity to find fault with her housekeeping. She was wondering how all the money was to be found to pay for the luxuries her mother had ordered to tempt his aristocratic palate, for she was only allowed so much to set the table and pay expenses with.

"It's like trying to make bricks without straw," she said to herself as she paid the cook and found that she had only \$4 left to finish the week on. "I do wish mamma was something of a housekeeper." Then she sat down and had a good cry. She was glad to see her cousin Cuthbert Craig drop in an hour later when she had composed her nerves somewhat. "Cuthbert," he had said, deliberately, "is a man who will never make any money as long as he lives." Mrs. Barney had suggested that he had his profession. "His profession!" echoed Ferdinand, contemptuously. "What is the profession of a young doctor without money or influence? If Cuthbert keeps himself in shoeblack for the next ten years it will be as much as he can do."

By which it will be seen that Ferdinand did not appreciate his distant relationship to Dr. Cuthbert Craig. This young doctor, whom Ferdinand had condemned to the perpetual bondage of poverty, settled himself more comfortably in his chair and looked at the fire, then at Minna. "How pretty your rooms are," he said at last. "Oh, do you think so?" Minna drew a long breath that was almost a sigh. "Yes, they are very pretty. You have made them artistic." "Artistic, Cuthbert? With a carpet that slaps you in the face?" "The carpet is bad. It might be worse, however. You did not choose it?" "Oh, never! It was already here." "You have used your materials skillfully, Minna."

"There was so little to use, said she despondently. "Therein lies the merit, doesn't it? There are no heroes ready made. There never would be a victory, if there never was a fight."

Minna did not answer. Those provoking tears would come back again! Cuthbert's eyes had a flash in them, which she did not see, owing to those same troublesome tears. "By the way, Minna," said Cuthbert, presently, "will you go to Thomas's Concert with me this evening?"

Cuthbert having announced his departure, seemed in no haste to go. He walked around the room, regarding first one object of art, then another. "Don't examine everything so closely, Cuthbert," said Minna, laughing. "You must merely glance at the general effect. I do not want things looked at in detail."

"And does that rule extend to yourself?" said Cuthbert, turning suddenly upon her. "Yes," said Minna, though she colored. "You did not tell me in time," said he, quietly. "What was it Minna?" he continued. "Won't you tell me what caused all those tears?"

"The old story, Cuthbert. Trying to make bricks without straw." "Perhaps you try to make too many bricks, Minna?" "The house must be built you know."

"What represents straw in the present instance?" "Oh, many things. A little more strength, and a little more time and—"

"And a little more courage and perseverance," added Cuthbert with a smile. "That is easy for you to say, Cuthbert. You are so strong in both."

"Am I, indeed? I was thinking of borrowing straw from you. Perhaps you can effect a profitable exchange of commodities. Think it over, will you? Good-by."

Dr. Craig came for his cousin that evening in the cosiest of coupes. He brought her, too, a bunch of freshest lilies-of-the-valley. Minna fastened a handful in her dress, and through the evening their heavenly odors linked itself with every tender strain that rose.

When they reached home the fire was out and the room cold, yet Cuthbert lingered. "Minna," he said abruptly, "did you know that I had got that place in the life insurance?"

Her voice, in reply, was quite low: "The place of examining physician? Was not that the one you wanted?" "Yes," said Cuthbert, with a sudden fervor. "I did want it, and I worked hard for it with one purpose, with one end in view. He bent over her chair. "You know what that was—my one love." She spoke not. He went on, passionately.

"Have I been trying to make my bricks without straw? Have I been working and hoping in vain?" "No, Cuthbert," she answered, softly, placing her hand in his, "not in vain."

Soft wood compressed by hydraulic machinery is reported to be a useful substitute for box-wood for the manufacture of loom shuttles.

## Gazing Into Shop Windows.

One young man was walking reflectively along, and the class of articles that seemed to interest him were very peculiar indeed. He stopped in front of a large display of laces and read with great satisfaction the sign, "Prices completely wrecked. Only five cents a yard." "Cheap enough," he muttered, and passed on by window after window of smokers' articles, beautiful paintings, gentlemen's canes and hats, till he came to a display of ladies' gloves. Here he tarried a long time. A while after he was standing in front of a display of wall paper. What was he thinking about and why was he alone? Was he on the verge of some mental Rubicon, the crossing of which was connected in some way with the prices of laces, gloves and wall paper?

Perhaps the most interesting observation of human nature that can be taken during a walk by the shop windows, and one requiring no very keen powers of perception, is afforded by stepping up in front of any deserted window. It is not necessary that there be anything on exhibition. Let there be nothing inside but a bare shelf. Stand there a moment gazing within and soon somebody else will step up beside you, then another, and within a minute or two there will be several. The experiment can be repeated again and again with uniform success.

Drinking Buk.

The reason commonly given by ladies why they do not like beer is that it is "so bitter," but the real reason is that women are rarely enabled to drink beer under favorable circumstances. The essence of beer lies in its aromatic gas, if that is allowed to escape the beer tastes stale, flat and bitter, and