



PILED IN A MASS

TERRIBLE WRECK OF THE WALTER MAINS CIRCUS TRAIN.

Five Men Killed, Twelve Badly Injured and Others Hurt—Savage Beasts Escape.

The worst railroad disaster in this section of the state for many years occurred at 5.30 o'clock Tuesday morning. The Walter Mains circus train was wrecked on the Tyrone and Clearfield branch of the Pennsylvania railroad at Vail station, about five miles north of Tyrone. So far as ascertained five persons were killed and 12 injured.

The circus was en route to Lewisburg from Houtzdale. The engineer lost control of the train in going down the mountain, and the cars dashed away at terrific speed. While going at the rate of 40 miles an hour the train jumped the track, throwing 14 cars over a 30-foot embankment. The train was demolished and most of the animals were badly hurt. To add to the horror and excitement a number of the animals escaped to the woods.

After rendering what aid they could to the injured people a number of the circus people started after the animals that had escaped. After an exciting experience with the ferocious beasts, during which some of the men were scratched and bitten, they were recaptured and put back in the cages that had escaped destruction. The engine and three coaches remained on the track. The lunch car got across the track, thus saving the coaches and probably a score or more of lives.

Nothing is left of the cars but old iron and firewood. The whole train was considered by those in the business as the best equipped on the road. The loss of so many lives is awful and the destruction of valuable stock enormous.

The names of the dead are: Frank Train, treasurer and ticket seller, Indianapolis; James Strayer, Houtzdale, Penna.; William Mutherly, Geneva, Ohio; William Heverly, brakeman, Tyrone; Charles Lock, Lexington, Ky.

The injured who are being cared for at the hospital in Altoona are: Willis O'Brannon, Chambersburg, Pa., wounds of the scalp and face; David Jones, Harrisburg, sprain of right thigh; Frank Morse, Rochester, N. Y., eye brow and scalp wounds; William Evans, Williamstown, Pa., laceration of right ankle and probably injured internally, condition critical; William Patchell, Dubois, Pa., contusion of left knee; James Haney, Albion, Pa., right ear torn off and several scalp wounds; Louie Champagn, Rochester, N. Y., fatal internal injuries, poor hope of recovery; John Chambers, colored, right thumb bitten by a lion; Arthur Richards, Butler county, Pa., laceration of left upper eye lid; George Corteen, Hollidaysburg, contusion of chest; Frank Barnett, Tarentum, Pa., contusion of left arm, hand and laceration of thumb; William Jenks, keeper, left knee cap bitten off by a lion.

For a few moments after the wreck all was quiet, then came cries and shrieks of the wounded men and animals broke the quiet of the morning. The scene was indescribable. A relief train was dispatched for soon as possible and came to the assistance at once. Two hours were passed before Frank Train could be reached. He was conscious all the time. Several times he urged his rescuers and when the last timber was removed from his body, he breathed his last. James Strayer, who was instantly killed, only joined the show Monday night.

There were 125 people sleeping in the three coaches, which escaped. Forty-nine horses were killed outright including the valuable ring horse, Poor Flake. The white leader, Joe of Berries, of the six horse team, died at noon moaning like a human being. He was valued at not less than \$1,000. All the horses ridden by Tony Towanda, the principal rider of the company, are also dead. Two sacred cows also met instant death. All the animals escaped from their cages, causing terror in the neighborhood.

The birds, monkeys, two "gravediggers" from Austria, a black panther, a silver tigress from Asia and a lion all got clean away, and there is little hope of capturing any of them. One elephant was somewhat injured, but the rest of them escaped; also did the camels and they seemed to be enjoying themselves as if nothing had happened. Within a radius of sixty feet square nothing hardly could be noticed but dead animals and piles upon piles of debris.

One of the escaped tigers made his way to farmer Alfred Thomas' home and entered the yard where Mrs. Thomas was engaged milking her two cows. The tiger leaped upon one of the cows and killed it instantly. The terrified woman screamed, whereupon Mr. Thomas appeared on the scene with his shotgun and sent bullets through the tiger's head and body ending its career almost instantly.

A number of snakes, a bear, a hyena and a savage water buffalo escaped, but were afterward captured. Among the bushes a person walking around was apt to run across a bear or some fierce beast tied to a tree.

The whole populace for miles around came to the place in droves in most every kind of vehicle imaginable. Sixteen cages belonging to the circus were crushed. Twenty five vehicles met with a like fate.

Mr. Main could not make any exact estimate of his loss or insurance. A valuable new calliope was also destroyed.

The wounded were taken to Altoona and attended to by a corps of leading physicians. The scene in the sleeping cars was a frightful one. Everything was tossed in all directions, indicating a complete smash up. None in the coaches were injured. The loss is estimated by those in authority at \$150,000.

The coroner of Blair county, Michael Post, was summoned to the scene but it is improbable that any evidence will be given before to-morrow owing to difficulty of getting witnesses together. The engineer Steve Cresswell was badly scared and has not as yet showed up around the scene of the accident. The real facts of the cause of the wreck will most likely be ascertained at the inquest.

The cars were sixty-five feet long and very solidly built. Visitors to the scene witnessed many pitiful sights. The most pitiful was a little week old Shetland pony whose mother was killed. The little thing was wandering disconsolately among the horses looking for its mother.

Frank Train will be taken to his old home for burial where he was well liked and a member of a large number of secret societies. It is likely the others will be interred in a cemetery at Tyrone.

The show exhibited at Bellefonte last Saturday, and proceeded from there to Houtzdale where they showed on Monday, Lewistown was the next stand on Decoration day, and to this point they were proceeding when the horrible accident occurred.

Tragedy at Mapleton.

Chief of Police John D. McDonald, of Mapleton, Huntingdon county, was shot and mortally wounded by his brother Henry at a late hour Sunday night. The latter, with several companions, all of whom had been drinking, became engaged in a noisy street fight, when Chief McDonald arrested his brother and conveyed him to the lock-up. The chief here released his brother on the latter's promise to go home, but instead of doing so Henry went to a neighbor's, borrowed a revolver and hastened to the scene of the disturbance just as Chief McDonald has arrested another of the combatants. With a profane threat Henry hastily drew the revolver and fired three shots at his brother, Chief McDonald, one of which penetrated his right side above the hip and tore its way through the intestines. The wounded officer is reported as sinking rapidly. Henry McDonald was at once arrested and taken to the county jail. He was foreman at the Mapleton tannery and has a grown up family.—Altoona Tribune.

A Mighty Storm of Applause.

A sensational incident occurred at the Euclid Avenue Presbyterian church, at Cleveland, Ohio, on Sunday morning. The pastor, Rev. Dr. Sprecher, was defining his position in regard to the errors of the Bible. He declared that he would not be a slave and say that the scriptures are without error. As this last sentence fell from the speaker's lips, the congregation who had been hanging upon every word with rapt attention, burst out in a mighty storm of hand-clapping. Where it started, no one knew. It came at once from no one quarter in particular, and was carried to the remotest corners of the church. It continued unceasingly for nearly a minute.

Failure of a Banking Company.

Ex-Secretary of the Treasury, Chas. Foster, of Fostoria, O., and the banking house of Foster & Co. failed making an assignment to J. B. Gornley, of Bucyrus. Mr. Foster said his liabilities would amount to \$600,000. The failure of this banking company involved a number of manufacturing concerns in which Mr. Foster was interested, and the town of Fostoria is much alarmed in consequence.

THE PRESBYTERIAN Assembly at Washington, by a vote of 409 to 145, decided to entertain the appeal in the Briggs case. This decision is averse to Dr. Briggs' contention. The vote was preceded by a four-hour debate upon the motion.

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OPEN LAST SUNDAY.

125,000 Visitors at the Fair on the First Sunday Opening.

The following is the report of last Sunday's opening of the fair: One hundred and twenty-five thousand people, after a week of toil, came to the World's fair grounds on Sunday and with souls freed from care, drank in the inspiring music and feasted their eyes upon the artistic and natural beauties of the White City, while their minds were improved by studying the works of genius and industry. It was the first open Sunday and it was a success.

The Sabbath sun was but two hours old when the people began to come into the grounds. All modes of transportation brought their quotas and from the steamer piers and the railroads came long lines of people. But the masses did not begin to arrive until afternoon. Beginning about two o'clock the multitudes flocked into the grounds at every gate and by four o'clock 60,000 people were inside the enclosure. The people kept on coming the entire afternoon and overflowed into midway plaisance, whose every show was crowded, until the attendance mark had been elevated to 100,000.

After dark the grounds were lighted up and this, together with other features of illumination, attracted still more, and when the crowds were about ready to go home a conservative estimate placed their number for the day and evening at 125,000. It was an orderly, well dressed crowd, which evidently was of the opinion that it had already been kept away from its property altogether too long, and they took possession in the name of "toiler's day."

Soldiers' Orphans' Industrial School.

The bill providing for the erection of the Pennsylvania soldiers' orphans' industrial school has become a law, having been approved by the governor on Saturday. It appropriates \$150,000 for the erection, furnishing and fitting up of the building, together with \$10,000 for the education and maintenance of the children admitted to the school for the year ending May 31, 1894, and \$50,000 for the year ending May 31, 1895.

The present soldiers' orphans' school commission is empowered by the act to purchase not more than 100 acres of ground and to erect buildings thereon, equipping the same with shops, etc., for industrial training, as well as for the educational course and for the maintenance of the soldiers' orphans.

The act provides that the commission as now constituted, shall continue until 1897 when the presiding officer of the senate shall appoint two members and the speaker of the house three members of that body to serve for two years and the Grand Army department commander five honorably discharged soldiers for two years. The governor shall be a member ex-officio of the commission. The commission is given full power to continue the soldiers' orphans' schools as now constituted, or if necessary, change either, any or all of them to other localities until such time as the school shall be completed, when the schools shall all be closed. Preference in admissions will be given to full orphans, to those whose mother may be living; to children of honorably discharged soldiers and sailors whose parents may be either or both permanently disabled.

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A GENIUS of Posey, Indiana, thus computes the expense of a day at the Chicago Fair grounds: Street car fare, ten cents; admission, fifty cents; milk at milk exhibit, free; fresh rolls at yeast exhibit, free; buttered crackers at butter exhibit, free; total, sixty cents. This is the ingenuity of economy. Now then if any one desires to bum his way through, there you have it.

THE CHINESE government has already brought the state department that if anything is done under the Geary law all relations with China, diplomatic, commercial and otherwise may be considered as terminated. The Americans now in China will be ordered to withdraw and "hat trade we have with China will stop. Mr. Gresham has already been 'noticed' of this, as the diplomatic phrase goes. There is nothing further to be said on the part of the Chinese government.

CAPITOL GOSSIP

DISSATISFACTION OVER RETAINING REPUBLICANS.

Republican Chiefs Being Retained Causes a General Grumble.—Hoke Smith Does Some Repealing.

WASHINGTON, MAY 29.—Why should democratic Senators and Representatives insist upon having Republicans retained in office? That is a question that has puzzled the President, the members of the cabinet and the heads of the important bureaus of the Government, and also at times very much embarrassed them. For instance, a democratic Senator or Representative goes to the head of a department or bureau and asks that a republican chief of a division be asked to resign and one of his constituents, a democrat, be appointed to the place. He is confronted with a letter from a democratic Senator or Representative, sometimes with letters from several of each, insisting and in some instances demanding that the republican chief be kept in office. You may imagine the embarrassment that follows. If this practice is kept up some sensational disclosures may be made when Congress meets, by those democrats who believe that positions as important as chiefs of divisions ought to be held by democrats, if democratic ideas of economy and reform are to be thoroughly carried out in the work of the Government in all its branches. They claim that democratic Senators and Representatives have no right to allow personal friendships for republican officials, which is supposed to be the reason for their endorsement, to stand in the way of filling important offices with democrats, to say nothing of the bad effect the retention of these republicans will have on the working democrats who have applied for these places, believing themselves entitled to them. These men make no complaint when a place they are after is given to another democrat, but they do not like to see republicans retained in the places they think ought to be filled by democrats.

Is a man who is able to earn a living at manual labor and who suffers from no wound or disability incurred while in actual service entitled to a pension from the Government? Sec. Hoke Smith has decided by repealing a ruling of the last administration as to the construction that the Pension Office shall put upon the "disability not of service origin" clause of the pension act of 1890, that he is not, and common sense would seem to be on the Secretary's side. In future no man will be granted a pension under that law unless he establishes the fact that he is unable by reason of his disability to earn a support by manual labor. There will, of course, be a concerted howl from the pension sharks over this ruling because it will reduce the pension payments something like \$20,000,000 a year, and their fees in a corresponding ratio; but the taxpayers will not object to this saving, particularly when it is made without depriving any old soldier who is unable to earn a living because of his disability of a pension.

Senator Voorhees, who has just returned from his constituents, says there is no complaint among the democrats of Indiana because of the slowness of President Cleveland in making appointments; that they are perfectly satisfied that he is doing his full duty in a wise and patriotic manner, recognizing the fact that there are other things requiring his attention besides patronage.

Sec. Lamont, Attorney General Olney, and P. M. G. Bissell left Washington on flying visits to their respective homes on Saturday, but they will all be back at their desks early this week.

The trial of Prof. Briggs for heresy, which is now going on before the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church, in session here, is attracting the greatest public interest. It seems to be generally believed that he will be found guilty, but there is much doubt as to the punishment the assembly will decide to inflict upon him.

Ambassador Bayard has received his last instructions from Sec. Gresham and he will start from New York next Saturday for London.

Among the new democratic officials who will assume their duties this week are Solicitor General Maxwell, U. S. Treasurer Morgan, and Commissioner of Customs Pugh.

The demand for gold for export has again brought the gold reserve fund several millions below the \$100,000,000 line, but Sec. Carlisle is serene and says he sees not the slightest indication of any financial breakers ahead, at least not for the immediate future.

Arrived in Montana.

A telegram from Missoula, Montana, announces that the Harpster family reached there safely, last Saturday. They left here over a month ago, stopping off with friends on the way out.

LANCASTER IS LOUSY.

Heroic Measures Necessary to Stamp out the Plague.

The lice plague has extended to within two miles of Manheim borough, a distance of ten miles west from where it originally appeared. Eli Hershey, a farmer of Penn township, said he thought they were in his house. Dr. Weber, who represents the state board of agriculture in the matter, made an investigation and found the place actually alive with lice.

As the insects are strongly partial to wearing apparel and as Hershey and other persons whose homes are infested come to Lancaster city and mingle with the people, the lice will undoubtedly be taken there, unless some immediate action is taken to quarantine the infested sections and exterminate the vermin.

They are spreading very rapidly and now appear in a strip east and west of that city fifteen miles long, and in some places five miles wide. They were noticed in great numbers on rail fences in East Earl township, and are supposed to have been blown there by Tuesday night's storm. Dr. Weber reports the situation as serious in the extreme, and thinks heroic measures are a necessity.

Dr. D. S. Weber has discovered that the lice which have been a plague for the past eight months in the eastern end of Lancaster county, are wool lice belonging to equatorial countries. How they got there is a mystery. Dr. Weber is greatly alarmed over his discovery and telegraphed Secretary Edge of the state board of agriculture to invoke state aid at once and requesting the secretary to go there.

The doctor says the lice are undoubtedly the forerunner of a plague which he fears will be cholera. They are not affected by cold, as is shown by the fact that they survived the intense cold of last winter, the thermometer going down to twenty-four below zero in the vicinity of the infested places. With the coming of the warm weather the lice will multiply with alarming rapidity, and the result must be disastrous if no means are found to exterminate them.

How at Chicago.

The action taken by the commissioners of foreign countries, who threaten to withdraw their exhibits from competition at the World's fair, increases the difficulties of the managers. This fair is perhaps unequalled in point of discord and jarring among those who are in any way identified with its management. There has been a constant succession of jealousies, quarrels and bickerings, made all the worse by the arrogance and the dictatorial manner of some of the officials. Misunderstandings with exhibitors have been frequent, but none of these has assumed the proportions of the dissatisfaction of the commissioners of the seven countries which are dissatisfied with the neglect of the department of awards. As an exposition of progress in the arts and sciences, the World's fair is incomparable. In other matters it is behind other fairs.

Dr. Briggs' New Venture.

It is learned from authentic sources that Prof. Briggs, now on trial at Washington on the charge of heresy, has been corresponding with E. D. Morris, of Lane Seminary concerning the best method of forming a new church. Dr. Briggs wants to raise the banner of a new theology.

Professor Morris has replied to the letter attempting to discourage the scheme. He told Briggs that very few Presbyterian ministers would desert to a new standard.

The movement has not been squelched, however, as it is known that four well known liberal Presbyterians, of Cincinnati, have gone to Washington with the avowed intention of assisting Dr. Briggs' new church project.

NEW FEE BILL.

Justices of the peace throughout the country will hail with pleasure the new fee bill which went into effect last week. According to the new bill justices can now charge for oath and information 50 cents, docket entry 25 cents, warrants 50 cents, transcript 50 cents, entering discontinuance of assault and battery cases 50 cents, entering action 25 cents, summons or subpoena 25 cents with 10 for each additional name, return of summons 25 cents, entering satisfaction 15 cents, execution 50 cents, return of proceedings on certiorari or appeal \$1, receiving or paying over where the amount is over \$100, \$1 per hundred.

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THE FREE TEXT BOOK.

Provisions of the Bill Signed by the Governor Last Week.

The free text book bill, which was signed by the governor, provides:

Section 1. Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania in general assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that section first of an "act, entitled an act, authorizing school directors to purchase school books out of the district funds," approved June 25, 1885, which reads as follows:

"That school directors or controllers may purchase text books, for use in the public schools of their respective school districts, and, when so procured, the necessary books shall be supplied, free of cost, to each pupil for use in the schools of said district, subject to the orders of the directors thereof, whose duty it shall be to provide for the safe keeping and care of the books which shall be returned at the close of the annual school term in each year, or as the board may direct," so as the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 2. That school directors or controllers shall purchase text books and other necessary supplies for use in the public schools of their respective districts, as such new text books and supplies are required, in addition to those at present in use in the hands of pupils or owned by the school districts, out of the school fund of the district, and, when so procured, the necessary books and school supplies shall be furnished, free of cost, for use in the schools of said district, subject to the orders of the directors or controllers thereof, whose duty it shall be to provide for the return of and for the safe keeping and care of the books, which shall be returned at the close of the annual school term in each year, or as the board may direct.

The appropriation committee has decided to report affirmatively a bill appropriating \$1,000,000 with which to carry out the Farr free text book bill, which was signed by the governor.

THE PRIME object of every trust is to rob the people. The trusts themselves were originated and fostered by laws that had been obtained in questionable ways. Their object was to destroy competition and make undue profits from the people. Those who bought the stocks desired to participate in the robbery. They preached the doctrine that these trusts were "private affairs" with which the Government had nothing to do. They knew that every one of these trusts was daily violating the laws of the United States. The people to be pitied are the masses of the country, whose expenses have been increased by these illegal organizations. And there have been the greatest losses, too. There is no way in which the figures can be reached with exactness, but it is very certain that no \$400,000,000 will measure what "industrials" have cost the consumers of the country.

Dr. M. J. Davis is a prominent physician of Lewis, Cass county, Iowa, and has been actively engaged in the practice of medicine at that place for the past thirty-five years. On the 26th of May, while in Des Moines, en route to Chicago, he was suddenly taken with an attack of diarrhoea. Having sold Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for the past seven years, and knowing its reliability, he procured a 25 cent bottle, two doses of which completely cured him. The excitement and change of water and diet incident to traveling often produce a diarrhoea. Every one should procure a bottle of this Remedy before leaving home. For sale by J. D. Murray, Druggist.

IMPORTANT PENSION DECISION.

The decision of Secretary Hoke Smith, in the question of disability pensions, which will save fifteen to twenty millions of dollars a year, is right and proper. Under the Raum administration anything and everything that would give a pension to the faithful was construed as disability within the meaning of the law. The secretary says disability must be so great as to preclude earning a living by manual labor. To-day there are thousands of pensioners who are well able to earn a living but who are receiving pensions. They will doubtless soon be off the list.

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