

THREE ACCIDENTS, TWELVE DEATHS.

Girders Fall On Bridge Workmen Without Warning.

STRANGE FREQUENCY OF FIGURE 4.

Four Boys Drown in the Surf at Long Branch—Four Miners Instantly Killed in Illinois by the Breaking of a Cable Supporting the Cage—In the South Carolina Accident Four Persons Hurt.

Columbia, S. C. (Special).—An accident at the new bridge which the Southern Railway is constructing across the Congaree river caused the death of four men. One other was fatally and two more seriously injured. The accident occurred at 8.30 a. m. and was caused by the falling of two steel girders about seven feet long, weighing 14 tons each. The two girders were hoisted about midway of the river above the bridge. The rains of the night previous probably had caused the ropes holding them in place to slip. The crash came without the slightest warning. There were 75 people on the bridge, spectators and workmen.

Three of the men were pinned to the bridge and killed instantly, four more knocked into the river, two of whom were rescued by a government tug which came up from the Congaree locks, a quarter of a mile away.

The bridge is being built by the Phoenix Bridge Company, of Philadelphia. The structure was not materially damaged by the accident, though some of the ironwork was strained.

Four Boys Drowned at Long Branch.

New York (Special).—Four boys between the ages of 10 and 15 years were drowned at Long Branch, N. J. The boys were on a raft quite a distance from the shore, and were swept into the sea by the waves.

Not long after they entered the water young Bouse, a companion, swam ashore and shouted that his companions had been drowned. The five had reached a raft which was anchored some distance out in front of Cranmer's Beach, and while on it had been swept into the sea by big waves which poured over them. The accident was unseen by the hundreds of bathers who were sporting in the surf, and it was not until Bouse gave the alarm that it became known.

Four Miners Were Killed.

Bloomington, Ill. (Special).—Four miners were instantly killed at a mine in Chenoa, this county, by the snapping of the cable supporting the cage. The men fell 24 feet.

FIRE IS THE PENALTY.

Tennessee Negro Burned at the Stake for His Crime.

Winchester, Tenn. (Special).—Henry Neles, a negro, was burned by a mob for feloniously assaulting and then shooting to death Mrs. Chas. Williams, wife of a prominent farmer who lives near Winchester. Admitting his crime and asking his friends to "meet him in glory," he met his fate without a groan.

He mounted the stump stolidly and laughed as he began his statement. He said: "Tell all my sisters and brothers to meet me in glory. I am going to make that my home. Tell my mother to meet me where parting will be no more."

"Why did you kill Mrs. Williams?" was asked.

"I just done that because I had nothing else to do."

He was taken from the stump, bound to a tree with chains and his body saturated with oil.

At 1.40 P. M. a match was applied and instantly the quivering body was enveloped in flames. Fence rails were piled about the burning body and soon life was extinct.

LAWSON TO BUILD A VENICE.

Owner of the Independence Buying Islands on the Maine Coast.

Boston (Special).—Thomas W. Lawson is going to build a miniature Venice on the Maine coast. He has bought and paid for two islands of Stonington and has an option on twelve others, which he will pay for when the titles are proved to his satisfaction.

The islands are situated in Isle au Haut Bay, about fifteen miles from the mainland. One of them contains over forty acres. They are close together and many of them can be connected by bridges. They are all covered with a heavy growth of spruce and fir balsam.

Bad Wreck on Seaboard Air Line.

Columbia, S. C. (Special).—The Florida and Metropolitan limited train of the Seaboard Air Line was totally wrecked at 10.45 o'clock P. M. seven miles south of Cheraw, S. C., due to a sandbank washout. The killed and wounded: Fireman Rosemond, crushed to death; Engineer Muse, shoulders and leg injured; Tom Cleary, another engineer, injured in knees and legs; postal clerk, name unknown, slightly bruised. The passengers escaped with a severe shaking up. Neither of the conductors was hurt. The engine and four front cars left the track and were turned completely over.

An Engine Wrecks a Factory.

Janesville, Wis. (Special).—A Northwestern locomotive and box car plunged through the Janesville canning factory plant. The building was of brick, just finished at a cost of \$150,000. It is now in ruins. The engine struck the big water tank, which fell lengthwise of the building and crushed it. Thirty million tin cans were smashed and all the costly special machinery and engines and boilers were crushed. The loss will reach over \$100,000. The plant was just finished. No one was injured.

Suicide of a Postmaster.

Washington (Special).—The Postoffice Department was notified by Inspector Vickery, at Cincinnati, of the suicide of Postmaster Wm. Price, of Baltimore, Ohio. He had been found short in his money order accounts.

Six Thousand Birds Drowned.

Carbondale, Ill. (Special).—A storm approaching a cloudburst struck this city, doing much damage. In this city fully 6,000 birds were drowned by the rain. In the Illinois Central Railroad Park over 1,500 dead birds were found.

SUMMARY OF THE LATEST NEWS.

Domestic.

Gen. Robert Williams died at a hotel near Plainfield, N. J., at the age of 75 years.

Daniel Francis Foley, a painter, killed himself in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia.

Women suffragists will hold a convention in Buffalo during early September.

W. B. Maupin, one of the first settlers of Roanoke, Va., died in that city.

Charles Heiser, a telegraph operator at Bridgeport, Pa., killed himself.

Joseph Matthews, a quartermaster in the United States Navy, who dislocated the vertebrae of his neck while diving before he died he wedded his fiancée, Miss Salm, of Philadelphia.

Jacob Wildner, living at New Lisbon, Wis., has acknowledged that he was with John Brown's raiding party at Harper's Ferry in 1859. He is believed to be the only survivor of the party.

Francis Schlatter, the "divine healer," was arrested in New York for drunkenness and disorderly conduct and was sent to the workhouse for three months.

L. C. Merriweather, a baggage master on the Georgia Southern and Florida Railroad, shot and killed William Freeman, a colored porter on the train.

At Minneapolis, United States District Attorney Evans dropped dead at his home from heart disease.

Kathryn Cameron, of Camden, N. J., was burned to death, her clothing having caught fire from a cigar.

At Cleveland the coroner's jury held the chief engineer responsible for the disaster at the crib to days ago, in which a dozen lives were lost.

A baby was found by a newsboy in a swamp near Perth Amboy, N. J., nearly tortured to death by mosquitoes. The infant's face was terribly disfigured by the bites of the insects.

Col. and Mrs. C. Post, alias Helen Williams, and Charles F. Johnson, mental scientists, have been arrested in Florida, charged with using the mails for fraudulent purposes.

Owing to the unsettled condition of the European market, the National Plate Glass Jobbers' Association has made a cut of 25 per cent. on glazing quality plate glass.

Benjamin Finn, alias "Diamond Dick," was arrested in Philadelphia on the charge of robbing Abe Brophy, a jockey, of Washington.

P. Woodfin, governor of the National Soldiers' Home, at Hampton, Va., died of Bright's disease, after an illness of some duration.

At Cripple Creek, Col., the coroner's jury decided that the killing of Sam Strong, the millionaire, was without premeditation.

The British steamer King, just arrived in New York, ran into a waterspout near Fire Island lightship.

A cloudburst near Montvale, Va., caused much damage on the Norfolk and Western Railroad.

Lloyd Mowbray, a farmer, was drowned in Cedar Creek, near Marlboro, Va.

A third victim in Havana has succumbed to the bite of a mosquito infected with yellow fever.

It is said that Charles M. Hays, of the Southern Pacific, will go with J. P. Morgan.

The National Bar Association, in session at Denver, Col., would not admit women as members because of lack of authority given by the constitution.

Congressman Littlefield, of Maine, delivered the annual address.

The Governor of Mississippi has issued a statement declaring that he examined the State Treasury and found a shortage of \$162,621; five days later he made another examination and the books and cash balanced.

Sheriff North, of Asheville, Ala., and his deputies fired upon a mob that tried to take from the courthouse a negro convicted of rape and sentenced to be hanged. Two men and a boy were wounded.

Foreign.

Prince Chun, brother of the Emperor of China, who is on the way to Bern to apologize for the murder of Baron von Kettler, is now ill at Basel, Switzerland.

Commander Delarey has issued a counter proclamation to that of Lord Kitchener, in which the Boer leader declares that they will continue the struggle.

Holbein, who attempted to swim the English Channel, collapsed after being in the water 12 hours and 46 minutes, and was nearly drowned.

It is believed in London that the czar's visit to France means another Russian loan.

The Sultan of Turkey has settled the Quays Company question in accordance with the demands of the French Government. In view of the coming visit of the czar, the French officials are delighted over the early settlement of the difficulty.

Severe electrical storms have occurred throughout Southern France and Spain, and at Vigo, Spain, a church was struck by lightning and one person killed and several injured.

The German steamer Liban, from Merel for Stettin, sank, and eight of the crew were drowned.

The King of Denmark and the new Cabinet here decided to sell the Danish West Indian Islands.

King Edward used a somber-looking automobile in his outings around Homburg.

Prof. Edward Suess, the noted political philosopher, in a survey of international relations, warns Europe of the American trusts, and urges a movement of the central European states against them.

Brussels newspapers report, in a dispatch from Copenhagen, that the czar will broach to Emperor William and President Loubet intervention in South African troubles.

BOER LEADERS ARE DEFIANT.

De Wet, Steyn and Botha Say Men Will Fight On.

SIXTY-EIGHT BRITISH CAPTURED.

Botha Acknowledges the Receipt of Kitchener's Proclamation and Protests Against It, Stating that the Boers Intend to Go On Fighting—The Surrenders Lately Have Increased Considerably.

London (By Cable).—A dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated at Pretoria, says: "Three officers and 65 men who were sent north of Ladybrand, in the Orange River Colony, on the right of Elliott's columns, were surrounded on unfavorable ground and captured by a superior force August 22. One man was killed and four wounded. The prisoners were released. Am holding an inquiry."

"Have received a long letter from Steyn containing an argumentative statement of the Boer cause and saying he will continue to fight; also a short letter from De Wet to the same effect. Botha writes acknowledging the receipt of my proclamation, protesting against it and stating that the Boers intend to go on fighting. On the other hand, the surrenders lately have increased considerably."

"Since August 19, 32 Boers have been killed, 139 have been made prisoners and 185 have surrendered, including Kruger, a nephew of the ex-President."

"The columns are meeting with no appreciable opposition in Cape Colony. The rebels and armed bands are hiding and avoiding our columns with some success. General Beaton's column has been in contact with the command of Scheepers, whom he is driving north."

The Daily Telegraph publishes a long interview with President Kruger at Hillversum on Lord Kitchener's latest proclamation. The correspondent says:

"Mr. Kruger, who seemed greatly improved in health, spoke vehemently and with intense feeling, rejecting the idea that anything had been changed except the attitude of the British Government. He insisted that the tactics of the Boers were still as regular as at the beginning of the war. Their forces, he said, were smaller and were split up into small parties because the British had split their own forces into innumerable small columns."

"He declared that ever since the capture of Bloemfontein the British had trampled upon the code of international law."

SAFE-BLOWERS ROUSE A TOWN.

Many Citizens Respond to Alarm, but the Robbers Escape With Plunder.

Petersburg, Ind. (Special).—Six burglars broke into the Citizens' Bank here and stole about \$250. Two men discovered the burglars at work, and when they attempted to sound the alarm they were confronted with loaded revolvers in the hands of two men who stood guard, while two others were doing the work inside.

The burglars broke into a carhouse, secured tools, and broke into the bank. Nitro-glycerine was used for wrecking the safe. The explosion attracted a large crowd of citizens, but the robbers escaped with their booty.

COUNTRY'S RAILWAY MILEAGE.

Interstate Commerce Commission Gives Interesting Statistics.

Washington (Special).—The total mileage of railways in the United States at the end of the fiscal year 1900 was 193,345, an increase of 4051 in the twelve months immediately following July 1, 1899. In 1899 the railway mileage of the country was 163,597, and the gain in the following ten years was, therefore, 29,748 miles. The 1899 record of mileage does not include the railroads of Alaska, which are about twenty-two miles in length. These are the figures of the Interstate Commerce Commission, whose annual report has just been completed.

Thirty Pairs of Teachers Married.

Carbondale, Ill. (Special).—Of the 400 American teachers who sailed on the transport Thomas from San Francisco to Manila 60 of them on reaching Honolulu were married. The teachers had been chosen from the many normal universities of the country, and were strangers to each other. The acquaintance and courtship extended over a period of less than ten days. The captain of the Thomas refused to permit their wedding while at sea, and the 30 couples upon the arrival of the transport at Honolulu sought out a clergyman and were married.

Millionaire Shot in Gambling House.

Cripple Creek, Col. (Special).—Samuel Strong, the millionaire mine owner and former proprietor of the famous Strong mine at Idiot, was shot and killed by Grant Crumley, proprietor of a gambling house. Strong and three friends had visited the place, where John Neville, Strong's father-in-law, became engaged in an altercation with Crumley. Believing his father-in-law's life was endangered, Strong drew a revolver. Crumley stepped back of the bar, grasped a shotgun and discharged it at Strong's head. The millionaire fell dead and Crumley surrendered to the police.

A Battle in a Cell.

Greeneville, Tenn. (Special).—James Ross and Walter Pierce, negroes, were committed to the Greene county jail on trivial offenses, being placed in the same cell. The jailer had scarcely left the cage when the men drew knives, which they had hidden about them, and engaged in a deadly fight. Quickly a posse of men was called out, and Pierce, who was dragged from the cell, but not until he had fatally stabbed Pierce, who sank back on his bunk dead. Ross was only slightly cut.

Wanted to Die Together.

Denver, Col. (Special).—Beulah Lamb and Letta Law, of Canon City, yet in their teens, drank carbolic acid with suicidal intent owing to an infatuation for each other. Their cries after the poison took effect aroused passers-by and help came. Miss Law will die, while the fate of the other is in doubt. Letters on the bureau told the story. Both girls had been reading novels of the sentimental order and had expressed the greatest admiration for each other, often declaring that if they could not live together they would pass into the spirit land together.

MANILA GUARD TO BE INCREASED.

Four Companies to Be Added to the Present Force—City Is Now Orderly.

Manila (By Cable).—In the city of Manila there are now less than 1000 effective soldiers, and it has been decided to increase this number by four companies of infantry. The official reason for the increase is that guard duty is too heavy for the present force. As a matter of fact, however, there is a feeling that, although there is no apparent prospect of trouble nevertheless, in the event of an uprising in the future—such as is always possible among the Malays—it would be better to have a sufficient body of troops available for such an emergency.

General Chaffee says he considers the city of Manila to be perfectly orderly, and he can see no prospect of an uprising. Commissioner Wright thinks the people "extremely peaceable." He is satisfied that although among a certain class there is some discontent on account of the land tax, which is not understood, this class is not likely to foment trouble.

Many army officers express themselves as gratified at the increase in the military force. They think that, with the military guard withdrawn from the prison, another uprising there might result in the release of some 1800 prisoners. This possibility is regarded as a menace to the city by those who take that view of the cases as they regard the white guard as insufficient.

Civil officials look upon this contingency as unlikely, inasmuch as the 600 white police could mobilize at the prison before any of the prisoners could escape and become dispersed throughout the disaffected district.

TENTS TORN BY HIGH WIND.

New Town in Oklahoma Swept by a Storm—Two Killed.

Anadarko, Okla. (Special).—Two persons were killed, two seriously and a number slightly injured in a heavy wind and rainstorm which visited this place recently by the city of the Kiowa-Comanche Indian reservation. After the draw had been concluded thousands of homesteaders, many of whom failed to win in the drawing, rushed thither and purchased town lots which were being auctioned off by the government. In less than 30 days the town had reached over 6000 in population.

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ANOTHER PLAN TO SETTLE STRIKE.

Reports of an Effort to End the Conflict With the Trust.

NOTHING LOOKING TO ARBITRATION.

Conciliatory Committee to Present Certain Propositions of the Amalgamated Association to the Steel Corporation—The Proposals Said to Contain Concessions by the Strikers—Direct Negotiations.

Pittsburg, Pa. (Special).—In furtherance of the "peace" program, which is said to have been in the course of preparation for several days, it is now given out by one on the inside, and one who should know, that the Amalgamated executives have consented to have certain propositions made to the officials of the United States Steel Corporation through the members of the conciliatory committee of the National Civic Federation, which proposals are expected to bring about a settlement of the great strike. Those interested in the matter are waiting for word to proceed with the program as outlined at the conference of Amalgamated executives and the conciliatory committee of the Civic Federation. The propositions, which are to be taken to New York, carry certain concessions by the Amalgamated officials which it is hoped will pave the way for the reopening of direct negotiations between the association and the company.

The proposition carries the terms under which President Shaffer and his advisors stand willing to settle. What these terms are and the mode of their presentation are carefully guarded secrets. There is alone the implication that they contain concessions of such importance that those in interest expect the corporation to drop its adverse attitude and reopen negotiations.

The proposal contains nothing looking to arbitration. This mode of settlement was waived on the advice of the Civic Federation men.

While the conferees were discussing peace plans the Amalgamated men were shown the impracticability of sympathetic strikes by the miners and other organized men affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

SULTAN GRANTS FRENCH DEMANDS.

Imperial Trade Issued in Constantinople Concedes Everything to France.

Constantinople (By Cable).—The Quays Company question has been settled, as expected, in accordance with the desires of France.

An imperial irade has been issued ordering that the company shall be allowed to exercise freely all the rights granted by the concession.

Paris (By Cable).—The official communique announcing the granting of the French demands is as follows:

"In consequence of the declaration made to the Porte by the French Ambassador that he acts under instructions from the Minister of Foreign Affairs, an imperial irade has been issued declaring that no obstacle shall be opposed to the free exercise by the Quays Company of the rights resulting from their concession."

The Foreign Office officials do not conceal their delight at the settlement of the Turkish difficulty. During the last few days it was evident that some anxiety was felt lest the affair mar the festivities on the occasion of the czar's visit.

M. Constans' dispatch was very brief, but it leaves no doubt that the Sultan has yielded all that was wanted in the matter of the Quays by issuing an irade recognizing the full rights claimed by the French company.

THE CZAR AND THE BOERS.

Russian Report That Nicholas is About to Propose Intervention.

Brussels (By Cable).—The Independence Belge prints a despatch from Copenhagen, which says:

"It is currently reported in Russian circles that the czar has decided to broach South Africa intervention to Emperor William and President Loubet. He considers the time opportune for friendly mediation."

The paper adds under reserve that the czar during his stay in France will receive Mr. Kruger in private audience and obtain from him a direct statement of the Boer position with the view of formulating a plan for action.

"Jointist" Smashed by Law.

Topeka, Kan. (Special).—George Klauer, a "jointist," received the most severe penalty for violation of the prohibitory liquor law ever visited upon an offender during the 21 years since the constitutional amendment was adopted. Justice Disney fined him \$7,500, sentenced him to 1,350 days in jail and placed him under \$10,000 bond to appear in the District Court. He was found guilty on 15 counts.

187 Villages Burned.

London (By Cable).—"The total losses from the recent forest fires, which have partially destroyed several towns, are estimated at £10,000,000," says a despatch from St. Petersburg to the "Daily Mail." "The fires have been mostly incendiary and are attributed to the Jews. It is estimated that 250,000 acres