

### THREE PERSONS KILLED IN AUTOMOBILE CRASH

Motorcar Struck By a Fast Express Train.

### MEMBERS OF THE PARTY DEAD

Charles J. Root, His Mother and Her Sister Dead and Mr. Root's Sister and His Niece in a Critical Condition—The Family Prominent in Connecticut.

### MANY MOTOR DISASTERS.

Auto struck by train; three killed, two injured. Auto goes over embankment; chauffeur saved from burning wreck. Cigarette sets auto ablaze and chauffeur burned while preventing an explosion. Auto dashes into telegraph pole; one man seriously injured. Explosion on motorboat; two killed and five injured.

Great Barrington, Mass. (Special).—An automobile containing a party of five persons from Bristol, Ct., collided with the New York-Pittsfield express at Ashley Falls crossing, near here.

Three of the motoring party were killed and the other two probably fatally injured. The dead: Charles J. Root, 40 years old, an automobile manufacturer, of Bristol; instantly killed.

Mrs. Root, his mother, died from injuries while being removed to Pittsfield by train.

Miss Roberts, sister of Mrs. Root, Miss Mary Root, daughter of Charles J. Root, removed to the hospital at Pittsfield, where her condition was reported as very critical.

Miss Katherine Root, aged 14, niece of Mrs. Root, knocked unconscious and suffering from internal injuries.

The express train was going nearly 80 miles an hour, and the automobile was also running at a rapid rate. The accident occurred on a crossing which is almost at right angles. The driver is deaf, and Miss Root claims he did not hear the car until the crossing was reached. People on the car say that the machine had been racing the express for about half a mile. A part of the automobile was carried 50 feet and the wreckage was terrible.

Bristol, Ct. (Special).—News was received here of the catastrophe at Ashley Falls, Mass., resulting in the death of Charles J. Root; his mother, Mrs. Joel H. Root, and her sister, Miss Candace Roberts, and the probable fatal injuring of Mr. Root's sister, Miss Mary Root, and his niece, Catherine Root.

The party left here at 8.30 A. M. for a trip through Lenox, Lee and the Berkshires. All the members of the party, with the exception of the little girl, were deaf, and it is thought here that the approach of the train may not have been known to them for that reason.

Only one brother (Theodore C. Root) is left here. He is the father of Catherine, and he and his wife are almost prostrated with grief. Mr. Root was a manufacturer of counting machines of all kinds and of registers. He was about 45 years old. Mrs. Joel H. Root was about 67 years old, and her sister, Miss Roberts, two years younger. All were very prominent here, being of Revolutionary stock.

Miss Root is well known about the state through her writings for the Daughters of the American Revolution, of which society she was a member.

Dashes Over Embankment. Atlantic City, N. J. (Special).—Dashed over an embankment by a sudden swerve at a turn in the road between Pleasantville and Mays Landing, a big automobile, in which James H. Hook, of Lancaster, Pa., and his two sons were driving from Atlantic City to Townsend Inlet, turned turtle and threw the three into a gully.

The chauffeur, Charles Young, who was handling the wheel when the accident occurred, was pinned under the overturned car, which caught fire, and was only saved from death by the arrival of Chris Hildebrandt, a farmer, who pried the heavy machine from the injured man's body in time to save him from being roasted. All four occupants of the car were injured, but will recover.

Cigarette Sets Auto Ablaze. Atlantic City, N. J. (Special).—A cigarette butt carelessly tossed into the body of an automobile standing at the foot of Virginia Avenue, ignited a leaking gasoline tank and caused flames to shoot high in the air subsequently destroying the machine, after calling out almost the entire fire department of the city. P. A. Hazel, a chauffeur for a New York automobile, saved an explosion by shutting off the flow of gasoline, and suffered severe burns on the hands and arms in consequence.

Fatal Melon Feast. New Orleans, La. (Special).—The body of an unknown young man, apparently 17 years of age, was found in Pearl River at the mouth of Haldays Canal. The young man had gone into a watermelon patch nearby where strychnine had been put in the melons to stop predated prowers. The stranger got hold of one of these, and when he went to the river to quench the thirst caused by the poison fell over dead. No identification was possible.

### THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Domestic. Officials of the telegraph companies claim that the general strike order did not affect them. The men claim that 5,000 telegraphers walked out. The Western Union and Postal officials say they are handling 75 per cent of their normal business.

J. Warner Hastings, aged 65, since 1884 an official of the United States treasury in Boston, was arrested on a charge of abstracting three \$1,000 bills from a package containing \$105,000.

Criminal and civil prosecutions are to be brought against 18 men accused of graft in the Harrisburg capital scandal by the final report of the investigating commission.

Five persons were killed and 10 injured in the collapse of a two-story frame building at Fray and Chase Streets, Chicago, Ill., during a terrific windstorm.

E. H. Harriman declares he will reveal the inside facts of the Chicago and Alton deal to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

William Waldorf Astor has inherited \$3,000,000 and a Newport villa through the death of Miss Zela Gibbs, an aunt.

A bursted water main shot a stream of water 60 feet high in the streets of Chicago and caused a panic in the Stockholm Hotel.

Tax Assessor Henry Alexander, of Abecomb, N. J., has imposed a tax of \$100 on wealthy bachelors in the community.

Four loaded meat cars fell from the steel arch bridge over the Niagara River Gorge in the Whirlpool Rapids.

Experts for the Southern Railway say that the two-cent rate law of North Carolina is confiscatory.

Forest fires near Hyannis, Mass., have burned over a stretch of nine miles.

A work train on the Long Island Railroad backed into a crowded street car at a crossing on Coney Island Avenue, Brooklyn, hurling the trolley from its tracks and causing the death of 3 passengers and the injury of 16 others.

The Louisville and Nashville Railroad has secured a federal injunction restraining the State of Alabama from enforcing the Two-and-a-half-cent Rate Law.

Winfield Marson, aged 16 years, formerly a clerk in the Chicopee National Bank, of Springfield, Mass., was captured with \$4,700 in notes in a dress-suit case.

While disturbed by a dream, Rose Moses, aged six years, fell out of a third-story window in Philadelphia, breaking nearly every bone in her body.

Samuel V. Hulse, a lawyer, of Newark, N. J., is held under \$1,500 bail to answer a charge of embezzling \$5,500 from the Peddie Institute.

The government will dispatch the cruiser Buffalo to the Pribyloff Islands as the result of the discovery of a plot to raid the seal rookeries.

Over half a hundred hotels and summer cottages in Old Orchard, Me., were destroyed by fire.

The Pennsylvania Railroad will equip its yard locomotives with fire-fighting pumps.

Federal Judge Pritchard has enjoined B. C. Beckwith from bringing suit against the North Carolina Railroad Company to recover penalties for failure to put into effect the 2 1/2-cent fare law.

The Pope Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of bicycles and automobiles, has been placed in the hands of a receiver.

The Public Service Commission's investigation of the Interborough Metropolitan Traction Company was resumed in New York.

General Coxe is planning another pilgrimage.

The submarine Viper has completed her torpedo trials at Narragansett Bay.

Fire and a series of explosions threatened the destruction of the Eastman Kodak Company's plant at Rochester.

The State of New Jersey's gift of a silver service was presented to the battleship New Jersey in New York. An eight-year-old boy was arrested in New York charged with the commission of a series of burglaries.

### FINING A MONOPOLY.



—Cartoon by Triggs, in the New York Press.

### SPYING ON THE CORPORATIONS

Secret Service Agents Employes of Railroads and Trusts.

Chicago (Special).—The Record-Herald says: "Secret Service agents of the United States Department of Justice, working through the Bureau of Corporations, are said to be on the payrolls of all the big railway corporations and trust combines in the country."

"In Chicago alone it is said there are at least 150 special men who are working for railroads and for packinghouse companies and are watching every move that is made with a view of ascertaining whether the corporation laws are observed in letter and spirit. While no proof is obtainable as to the presence of these spying employes, in several instances men who have been suspected have been removed from their positions on the ground that they were in the employ of the Government as secret spies."

"One of the officials of this end of the Department of Justice, when asked if such an army was at work for the Government, said: "If it were so, I could not tell. I know of cases where men have lost their positions unjustly from falling under suspicion. I have heard the statement made before, but I shall neither deny nor affirm it. If such work is done, agents of the Bureau of Corporations are those most likely to be engaged in it."

"The rumor that the Government had placed all of the big railroads and corporations under surveillance was revived forcefully by the alleged rebate case which the Government is investigating against the Schwarzschild and Sulzberger Company. The information, whether disclosing a rebate or simply a clerical error, was given to the department here by an employe of the packing company. Officials of the department refuse to deny that he was an agent. Railway officers declare he was a Government agent and that there were two of them employed by the packing firm. The story is told that the two spies were compelled to draw their revolvers in order to make their escape with the evidence."

"It is thought the Government has grown tired of prying evidence out of corporations and in return giving a contract of immunity. In every way thus far by the departments of the Government the evidence has been given by one of the parties guilty of the alleged crime."

"All railway officials interviewed seemed to be convinced that Secret Service agents were in their employ, one official stating that he understood the espionage extended to station work on the line of his road."

"If the Government is looking for old offenses," said one official, "they may be found, but I do not believe the strictest system of espionage will disclose anything willfully wrong on the part of the railroads now."

for having had him arrested because he annoyed her. He then drew a revolver and fired several shots at his wife, Adeline Langlotz, a widowed daughter, sent her younger sister, Annie, to the next room to bring a revolver. The little girl obeyed and Mrs. Langlotz opened fire on her father.

Wasser ran, his daughter pursuing and firing several shots at him as he fled from room to room. Wasser turned several times in his flight and fired at his daughter. In the parlor Wasser fell to the floor. The noise of the shooting caused a panic in the house and the screams of the tenants caused a large crowd to gather. The police found Mrs. Wasser lying wounded in the kitchen, while the father lay in the parlor wounded in the head.

Adeline Langlotz and the little daughter Annie were taken to the police station after the several thousand scattered a crowd of several thousand around the house. Mrs. Langlotz said her parents had been separated for several years and that recently Wasser had tried to assault Annie. He was arrested, but not convicted. Frequently, she said, her father came to the house and threatened to kill the entire family. Mrs. Langlotz said she believed she had done the right thing in trying to kill her father.

### AT THE NATION'S CAPITAL

Some Interesting Happenings Briefly Told.

There was a decrease of 683 in the number of court-martials in the Army during the year, according to the report of Acting Judge Advocate General Porter, who also points out the evil results of the Anticentennial Law.

The War and Navy Departments will co-operate to maintain wireless service between Alaska and San Francisco.

The two daughters and son of the late Major Huntington, who were shot by their brother in Versailles, are reported to be in a serious condition.

King Edward visited Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria at Ischl, and the two, with their advisers, discussed political affairs.

Admiral Philibert, in command of the French naval squadron at Casablanca, telegraphed that peace seems to be assured.

The House of Commons passed the Deceased Wife's Sister Bill and sent it to the House of Lords.

Joseph Joachim, the great German violinist, died in Berlin.

The strike at Belfast was finally settled.

Charges of gross discrimination were made against the Lehigh Valley Railway Company before the Interstate Commerce Commission by the Reliance Coal Company, of Pittston, Pa.

The records of the Manila Bureau of Health show that not a single contagious disease has been in evidence during the past six months.

Miss Anna M. Humes, an employe in the Government Bureau of Printing, is said to have fallen heir to an estate of \$10,000,000.

The Employers' Association brought nonunion men, who took places vacated by the strikers in the building trades.

Secretary Taft returned to Washington to clear up his desk preparatory to starting on his trip to the Philippines.

### RUSSIA ABIDES BY VERDICT

No War of Revenge With the Japanese.

St. Petersburg (By Cable).—The text of the Russo-Japanese treaty recognizing the independence and territorial integrity of the Chinese Empire and pledging the two countries to the maintenance of the status quo, which was signed on July 30 last, was made public Friday and was well received on all sides. In their estimate of the results the Conservative and Liberal newspapers display remarkable unanimity in agreeing that it establishes the relations between the two papers on a sound basis, guaranteeing unbroken peace for a long period.

The Novoe Vremya expresses the opinion that the treaty is the turning point in Russia's Asiatic policy, enabling her to shift her attention hereafter to nearest Russia, after having carefully weighed the arguments in favor of waging a return war for the recovery of the lost provinces in Manchuria and having finally decided to accept the situation as it is, abandoning all idea of a war of revenge.

The Russia characterizes the treaty as a link in the chain of international agreements removing the menace of war in the Far East.

Tokio (By Cable).—It is believed here that the Russo-Japanese treaty includes a clause which has not been published, specifically defining the respective spheres of influence of the two countries. Under this clause it is reported that a portion of the Sungari River is placed within Japanese sphere, thereby modifying the exclusive rights of navigating that stream which was conferred upon Russia by the treaty of Aigun.

### OIL TRUST DIVIDEND.

Amount Declared So Far This Year Same As In 1906.

New York (Special).—At a meeting of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey held here a dividend for the quarter of \$6 a share was declared which makes the dividend declaration so far this year \$30 a share. The previous dividend was \$9 a share. At this time in 1906 and in 1905 dividends of \$6 a share were declared, the same as this one, and the amount declared for 1907 to date is the same as for the period in the past two years. In the full year 1906 the company paid 40 per cent; in 1905 the same. Its highest recorded dividend rate was 48 per cent in 1900 and 1901.

### Living In A Treetop.

Worcester, Mass. (Special).—Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Felton have opened a unique summer home in the topmost branches of a willow tree, 30 feet from the ground. The house consists of two rooms, one a sleeping room and the other a sitting and dining room. The roof walls are entirely of duck, so that on particularly warm nights the roof can be drawn up. Both Mr. and Mrs. Felton are firm believers in fresh air treatment as a preventive of all ills.

### Shot Dead By His Wife.

Grand Rapids, Mich. (Special).—James A. Conley was shot and killed at 88 Commerce Street this afternoon by Madeline Conley, his wife. The man came home at 2 o'clock and found the door of the house locked. He was climbing through a window when the woman shot him. Conley ran outside and fell dead. It is said another man was the cause of the trouble. The woman was arrested.

### CRIMINAL SUITS TO BE BROUGHT

Harrisburg Capitol Grafters To Be Prosecuted.

### EIGHTEEN NAMES ARE GIVEN.

Gov. Stuart Says He Will Transmit the Report Immediately to the Attorney General for Action, and Assures the People of Pennsylvania That the Prosecution Will Be Vigorous.

Harrisburg, Pa. (Special).—Both criminal and civil proceedings against all persons concerned in the fraudulent transactions in connection with the construction and furnishing of Pennsylvania's \$13,000,000 capitol are recommended in the final report of the capitol investigation commission just made to Governor Stuart.

Eighteen persons are named in the report as being involved in one way or another in the irregular transactions, and the Attorney General, through the Governor, is urged to act at once.

The persons named and against whom either criminal or civil suits are recommended are John H. Sanderson, of Philadelphia, contractor for furnishings; Joseph M. Huston, Philadelphia, architect, and Stanford H. Lewis, his assistant; James M. Shumaker, of Johnstown, former superintendent of the board of public grounds and buildings; W. P. Snyder and E. B. Hardenberg, former auditors general; W. L. Mathews and Frank G. Harris, former state treasurers; Congressman H. Burd Cassel, president of the Pennsylvania Construction Company, which supplied the metallic casings and furniture; George F. Payne, who built the capitol, and his partner, Charles G. Wetter, Charles P. Kinsman, Wallis Boileau, John G. Neuderer and George K. Storm, who organized the Pennsylvania Bronze Company, which supplied the loaded lightning fixtures to Sanderson; Frank Irvine, an auditor in the auditor's general office; George C. Town, bookkeeper under Shumaker, and the International Manufacturing and Supply Company, which bid against Sanderson for the capitol furnishing contract.

### A Supplemental Report.

The name of Governor Pennypacker who by virtue of his office was a member of the board of public grounds and buildings which let the furnishing contracts, and those of former Governor Stone and his associates, who made up the commission which constructed the capitol, are not mentioned in the list of persons against whom the investigators recommend that action be taken.

Senator A. G. Dewalt and Representative R. Scott Ammerman, the Democratic members of the commission, presented a brief supplementary report in which they specifically named most of those already mentioned as criminally and civilly liable for the frauds against the state. They are in entire accord with the report of the Republican members, and presented their supplement as a further expression of their individual views.

The commission says that it was able to ascertain by testimony that goods costing \$1,574,399 were sold to the state by Sanderson and the Pennsylvania Construction Company for \$6,434,748, a profit of \$4,860,349.

The report was presented to the Governor by Chairman Fisher in the presence of the commission. After receiving it Governor Stuart issued a statement, in which he said:

"I will transmit the report to the Attorney General for his action, and I can assure the people of Pennsylvania that there will be a vigorous prosecution of every person whom the evidence may show to have been guilty of any criminal offense in connection with the construction and furnishing of the state capitol. "Wherever the evidence submitted shows that there has been any money wrongfully or fraudulently taken from the state treasury civil suits will be commenced to compel restitution."

### Too Much Coal.

Reading, Pa. (Special).—It is reported here that the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company will order its collieries on half time next week, and that they will work but three days a week for some time. The matter will be decided in a few days. The company has an unusual quantity of coal in its storage yards for this season of the year.

### Another Yellow Fever Victim.

Havana (Special).—Private Roland Shepherd, of the Hospital Corps of the American Army, died of yellow fever at the military hospital at Cienfuegos. There has been another case of the fever among the American soldiers. Three new cases have been reported in the city of Cienfuegos, where conditions are serious.

### Octogenarians Marry.

Lancaster, Pa. (Special).—Amos S. Miller, aged 83 years, and Susan B. McClay, aged 80, were married here. They walked to and from the home of the justice who married them, four miles. Each one was married three times before. Miller lost two wives by death and one by divorce. Mrs. Miller's former husbands are dead.

### Reppudiated By Canada.

Montreal, Canada (Special).—The report that Capt. S. C. Young, a Canadian, contemplated seizing Isle Royal and raising the British flag over the island, apparently has reached the English colonial office. A cable message reached the Canadian Secretary of State from the Earl of Elgin, colonial secretary, requesting a statement on the case. The report that Captain Young had any designs against Isle Royal, or that Canada in any way questions the title of the United States

### SHOT HER FATHER TO AVENGE MOTHER

Now Daughter Does Not Care What Happens.

### FATHER ACCUSED OF CRUELITIES.

George Wasser Opens Fire on His Wife and Kills Her—Married Daughter Sends for Revolver and Fires Four Times, Driving Parent Before Her as He Returns Shots.

New York (Special).—George Wasser, a German, 57 years of age, murdered his wife and was in turn slain by his daughter at the home of the women, in Harlem. Wasser fired upon his wife and then exchanged shots with the daughter. The latter was not wounded. Mrs. Wasser soon succumbed to her injuries and her husband died a little later. The daughter was arrested. She asserted that the father had persistently practiced cruelties upon his family. On entering the flat in Third Avenue where his wife and daughter lived Wasser upbraided the former

### Her Body In A Box.

Chefoo, China (By Cable).—W. H. Adsett, formerly a sergeant in the United States Marines forming the guard of the American Legation at Peking, was arrested here on suspicion of robbing and killing a woman whose body was discovered in a box on board the British steamship Montague at Hongkong. Adsett was arrested by the British sheriff, after a violent resistance. Several thousand dollars and a quantity of jewelry were found in his clothes.

### IN THE FINANCIAL WORLD.

Selling of Lehigh Valley recently has come mainly from New York, which last winter bought quite a lot of it. The street expects Morgan to be a doctor for the sick market. If he can cure it his prestige will be greater than ever. Right or wrong, the impression exists that the Standard Oil party has done about all it could to support the market.