MR. DEPEW'S DILEMMA

Railroads Cannot Obey the Laws of Connecticut and New York,

REQUIRING DIFFERENT HEATERS.

He Explains His Jocular Remarks on the Tunnel Disaster.

RAILROAD WRECKS ARE VERY COSTLY

CHICAGO, April 16.—Chauncey Depew, accompanied by Cornelius Vanderbilt, H. McK. Twombley, E. V. R. Rossiter and President Ledyard, of the Michigan Central, arrived in Chicago this afternoon on a special train and drove at once to the Auditorium Hotel.

"We shall leave to-night for the West," said Mr. Depew, "going as far as Denver via Omaha. We shall visit Leadville and return via Kansas City—merely a tour of observation, that is all. We shall complete it and be back in New York one week from next Saturday night."

Concerning his arrest in connection with the tunnel accident on the New Haven road in New York City, Mr. Depew said: "The case will be useful in this way: It will settle whether a director of an inter-State road can be convicted for disobeying the laws of a State through which the road runs while he obeys the laws of another.

Hard to Obey Two Masters.

"For instance, the law of New Haven declares that a certain kind of heater shall be used. In New York the law says that roads of 50 miles in length shall not use that kind. Rather hard to obey both. It is the same as if four of the eight States through which the road runs should compel one kind of heater to be used and the other four make it a misdemeanor to use it. A director on such a road would have to be in prison and out of it all the time unless he were cut in pieces."

Referring to his reported jocular remarks about the accident, Mr. Depew said: "It is a mistake to think I made them with reference to the victims. Despite a great feeling that is growing to the contrary, a railroad manager does not like an accident, and he is as sensitive as anybody over the sufferings of the wounded. To judge from what some people say, one would think I like nothing so much as an accident. How foolish! We never have an accident of importance on the New York Central Railroad that does not cost us $500,000. In the first place, there is the destruction of property, then the damages payable to the injured, then," Mr. Depew sighed, "the checks paid to the many suffering from shocks. A railroad shock is the most peculiar injury imaginable.

Cured by a Generous Check.

"In a recent accident a man in a Wagner car was asked if he had been injured. 'No,' he replied, 'and a peculiar thing about it is that of four dozen eggs I had in a basket beside me, not one was cracked.' A little later a mutual friend called and said the man had received a shock in the accident that prevented his collecting his thoughts or sleeping. I related the egg incident, but that did not matter. He gave certificates from two prominent New York physicians, stating the truth of his claim. I gave him a check for $7,500. The man grumbled because it was not enough to yield him a life income. But he took the check, went South, returned in three weeks and resumed business, and has not had a sick day since. Queer what a panacea a check often proves."

INDEPENDENTS ARE MUM.

THEY ARE OATH-BOUND NOT TO REVEAL THEIR SECRETS.

W. L. Mellon Discredits Rumors of His Good Luck on the West Virginia Line—Wildcat Wells in Clarion and Butler Counties—A Boom Expected.

A prominent member, and one of the leaders of the Producers' Protective Association, was approached yesterday by THE DISPATCH scout, but very little information could be gained as to what the independents are doing. He said, however, that they were moving along quietly, increasing their strength and perfecting their organization. "We are fortifying our lines and getting ready for action. We have plans formulated, but, being oath-bound, it is out of the question for me to divulge any secrets."

A Greene County Well.

GREENE COUNTY—It was rumored in oil circles that W. L. Mellon had struck a 150-barrel well in Greene county, near the West Virginia line, which was a wildcat pure and simple. The oil was said to have been found in the "Big Injun" sand, and for a time the report created considerable uneasiness among the producers, owing to the tendency to bear the market. Mr. Mellon was interviewed upon his new find, and disclaims all knowledge of his reported good luck. He said to begin with, he was not drilling a well at all in Greene county, but had been trying to get a well down for the last three years in West Virginia, near the Greene county line. He further stated he had no information that they had found oil in his well, and was inclined to discredit the story.

Wildcat Wells in Clarion.

CLARION COUNTY—At Upper Hillville, on the Valley road in Clarion county, there is a likelihood of considerable work being done this season. Thomas Moore & Co. are starting a rank wildcat on the J. H. Buzzard farm. They are hunting for the Queenstown and Armstrong run fourth sand. Two and a half miles west of this venture Meldren & Co. are starting another experimental well on the Rupert farm. Queene Brothers are just finishing a fair fourth sander on the Isaac Steele farm, between Petrolia at Six Points, Butler county. McKee & Co. will finish a third sand well the first of the coming week on the Campbell farm. This is regarded as an important well in this old pool.

A Boom Booked for Mansfield Valley.

MANSFIELD VALLEY—The outlook in the McCurdy field is such as to keep the blood of the leaders warm with anxiety. The three dry wells were not considered test wells, while the production of the other gushers exceeded the hope of the most sanguine. McCurdy No. 3 averages 50 barrels an hour, Eben Riddle's well of Gillespie Brothers is gushing about the same, while the Fisher Oil Company's Jane Riddle is good for 60 barrels an hour. Vandergrift's William Adams is one with a good showing for oil. Oil was found in the 30-foot sand on the Stewart farm.

The prospects for the spring opening of this field, after the roads become fit to use (for they are now simply impassable) are for a boom unprecedented in the history of oildom. Big machinery is being at the depot here by the carload, being dumped off by the railroad folks to get more room. The lumber dealers have stocked up enough to build derricks by the hundreds.

Doing Better Than Expected.

McDONALD—The Royal Gas Company's No. 1, Gauttus well has turned out better than was at first expected. The President of the company stated to a pipe line official that the new venture during the first 14 hours made 36 inches in a 250-barrel tank and was holding up at this rate. The pipe line people are laying a line to the well and will make connections as soon as possible. The best informed scouts, however, claim that when the well settles to its normal condition, from 20 to 30 barrels will be its gait, unless all signs fail.

Operations at Wildwood.

WILDWOOD—Griffith, of the Forest Oil Company's No. 13, was doing nine inches an hour yesterday. They are rigging up at Nos. 14 and 15, and the same company will start Nos. 8 and 9, Ringheisen. Guffy & Queene, on the Heidlebergen, and Duva & Co., on the Colbar, are both drilling in the slate above the sand. The Roth Oil Company's well on the Pepple's No. 2 was reported as doing 25 barrels an hour last night.

Some Activity at Coraopolis.

CORAOPOLIS—The McFadden well, owned by Hervey Brothers, in the Moon annex, is holding up well. W. L. Mellon has a rig up on the same farm and will soon bounce the drill. On the Logan farm, Coraopolis field, he has No. 7 drilling at 600 feet. No. 3 Petticord is at 1,200 feet, and No. 1 Parry is down 600 feet. No. 2 Beggs has just nicely got started to drill, while Nos. 5 and 6 Cassidy are rigs about ready for the drill.

Progress of the McCurdy Wells.

McCURDY—Sill, O'Dell & Co.'s well on the Adams farm is two bits in the sand, and they were looking for the pay last night. W. L. Mellon is drilling Nos. 3 and 4 Palmer at 1,650 and 150 feet respectively. His No. 2 Riddle has reached a depth of 1,430 feet; No. 2 Dougherty, 1,000 feet; No. 3 Scott, 1,400 feet, and No. 4 Scott, 1,000 feet.

A Buster Balanced by a Good Well.

THORN RUN—Yesterday the Orion Oil Company scored a duster on the Swartz farm, but evened up to-day with a good well on the Dotey farm, which joins the McCutcheon on the east. The Forest Oil Company's No. 6 Neely is in and will make about a 20-barrel pumper; it is located about 400 feet west of Beggs No. 1.

Another Big Sale of Oil Property.

SHANNOPIN—C. W. Schofield, of Jamestown, N. Y., has sold his property at Shannopin, consisting of 22 pumping wells, with a total production of 118 barrels a day, 300 acres of territory, to H. T. O'Neil and I. E. Ackerley, of Olean, N. Y.; consideration, $75,000.

A Promising Well at Dambach.

DAMBACH—In the 100-foot Beers & McKee are 30 feet in the sand on the Garvin farm, and a special last night from the well says there is a good showing of oil in the hole. McC.

LATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

—A fine World's Fair exhibit is promised from Ireland.

—The wheat prospects in Northern Indiana are immense.

—A committee of bankers reports that there is no danger of a Brazilian financial crisis.

—The postoffice at Piedmont, Md., was robbed of $10 in cash and stamps Wednesday night.

—The Canadian Government will ask its Parliament to renew the modus vivendi as to the fisheries.

—A band of Cheyenne river Indians is reported to be camped on Wounded Knee creek near the battle ground.

—One of the largest tunnels in the world was completed in mines near Centralia, Ill., Wednesday. It is 6,000 feet long.

—Michael Posz, ex-Treasurer of Shelby county, Ind., has been indicted for embezzling $13,000 of the county funds.

—Serious religious disturbances have taken place at Benares, India, caused by the proposed demolition of a temple there.

—The French and German Governments will probably ask their respective Parliaments before August to suspend the duties on grain.

—A pretty Chicago woman named Cora Coupland was arrested Wednesday for wearing male attire. She was looking for work with her husband.

—Indiana coal operators will resist the eight-hour movement announced for May 1, and refuse to pay for mining before the coal is screened.

—A 13-year-old Montgomery, Ala., boy, Willie Mendheim, in a fit of rage against his widowed mother, hanged himself in her presence with a rawhide, Tuesday.

—Congressman Mills notifies his political friends that if they desire to keep him in public life after the expiration of his present term they must elect him to the Senate.

—The Cumberland (Md.) Brewing Company's safe was cracked yesterday morning, and the burglars secured between $40 and $50. A watchman and a fireman were asleep in the building.

—The executors of the will of the late Prince Napoleon have formally asked the French Government's permission to bury his remains at Ajaccio, the capital of Corsica, where Napoleon I. was born.

—The Dutch steamer P. Caland, from New York, and the British steamer Glamorgan, from Antwerp, met in collision in the English channel Wednesday night. The Glamorgan sank, but all hands escaped.

The State's Attorney at Elkton, Md., has telegraphed the Mayor of York, Pa., to release the two men held there on suspicion of being the burglars who assassinated Mrs. J. Granville while in bed Sunday night.

—A Chatfield, Minn., family named Marsden ate what they supposed to be artichokes Tuesday night. The food turned out to be poisonous wild parsnips, and consequently Mrs. Marsden died, while two others are in a critical condition.

—Owing to the immense quantities of logs being rafted from the Canadian pineries on Georgian Bay to be converted into lumber in the United States, there is a possibility of the reimposition of the duty on logs during the next season by the Dominion Parliament.

—Hundreds of land seekers are pouring into Ashland, Wis., on every train, waiting for the new public lands to be opened for settlement. An order has been issued that violence on the part of any of the liners will forfeit his rights, and that in case of rioting the office will be closed to all applicants.

—Dr. Henry B. Baker, of Lansing, Mich., ex-President of the American Health Association, thinks he has discovered the cause of the grip. He says the meteorological conditions necessary to develop the germs of influenza were the prevalence of north and northeast winds and the excessive amount of ozone during past three months.

—Miss Phoebe Cousins, the deposed Secretary of the Women's World's Fair Executive Board, protests to a St. Louis newspaper as follows: "Inform the citizens of St. Louis that a most high-handed measure has been attempted to-day in the Executive Committee, by declaring my office vacant upon charges of the most unfounded character."

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