

**TWELVE WORKMEN  
ARE SLAUGHTERED**  
**LABORERS RUN DOWN BY A  
PENNSYLVANIA TRAIN.**

They Were at Work Repairing the Roadbed on the Hackensack Meadows—Train Was Behind Time and Was Running at a High Rate of Speed—Fog Shut Off the View of the Track—Imperilled Men Had No Warning—Stepped from One Track to Escape a Train and Walked in Front of Another.

New York, Nov. 18.—Half a hundred men, chiefly Italians, worked all last night repairing the roadbed of the Pennsylvania railroad on the Hackensack meadows. A score were assigned to the track used by eastbound trains. At dawn the first gasoline lamps were extinguished and the men toiled away strapped in a heavy mist. So dense was the fog that the men could not see more than a hundred feet on either side. Just to the north of them was the hor abattoir, the steam from it hanging low and mingling with the fog, making the task of seeing any distance ahead all the harder.

At about 8 a. m., the foreman in charge of the gang heard one long and two short blasts of a locomotive whistle. Then the men heard the labored puffing of a heavy freight train which was approaching them from the east. Those on the westbound track stepped to the embankment, a few stepped to the east tracks, joining the men at work there. The freight passed leaving a heavy cloud of smoke, which enveloped the men and rolled out over the tracks and the bleak meadows. The workmen who had come from the freight tracks delayed for a moment to permit the air to clear before going back; those at work on the east track paused to get the smoke out of their eyes.

**WERE NOT WARNED.**

It was said that the laborers were not warned to be on the lookout—others alleged that the general orders embraced a caution to keep a sharp eye open for trains. Whatever the truth may be, the headlight of a locomotive flashed suddenly upon the men on the east track. There was a shriek of the whistle, the rattle of “down brakies,” cries of fear and horror, crunching of wheels over human bodies, curses mingled with yells for help and the train’s red rear lights were swallowed up in the mist.

The companions of the men who had been run down were paralyzed with fright for a few moments. Then they were rallied by their foreman. The main passengers and train hands of the train which had been stopped a few hundred yards away, hurried up out of the gloom and took a hand in the work of rescue. Out of the twenty workmen who had stood on the track eleven were killed.

Unconscious and dead men were scattered on both sides of the track. When all had been picked up the dead were found to be Michael Lawless, Joseph Cossolo, Angelo Rizo, Frank Rondischi, Frank Dukiski, Thomas Dougherty, Joseph Simenski, Joseph Draski, Nicholas Reach, Joseph Smith, Frank Wangan and an unidentified man.

The injured were Frank Schwasko and Lawrence Hoffman. They were

*Jacob Gandy*

**The Value  
Of Little Things**

We are afraid, has been lost sight of in our many presentations of store news in this column.

We have written largely of our extreme features in wearing apparel and fabrics, until we fear you may presume them our only strong points. Not so. We are extremists in all that is good, new and ultra, yet this extremism never reaches our prices—they are decidedly moderate.

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sent to St. Francis hospital in Jersey City. The bodies of the dead were sent to the city morgue.

**GUARD KILLED.**

Dougherty, who was killed, was supposed to be on guard to look out for approaching trains. He was a considerable distance up the track from the gang of laborers, and he did not see the train for he never heard it coming. His body was buried ninety feet through the air. The unidentified man who was killed had only been put to work yesterday morning. He took the place of one of the men who had not reported.

The train which ran down the workman was a local from Milltown to Jersey City. It was due in Jersey City at 8:20 a. m., but was behind time, and Engineer John Van Ostrand was endeavoring to make up the time by running at a high rate of speed. He did not know that the men were at work in front of him. When his locomotive reached Jersey City its cowcatcher was red with blood. A small boy picked up a hand from it.

The foreman, William Kirk, 40 Steinert street, Jersey City, made this statement to the police:

“I never saw anything or heard of anything so horrible in all my life. The smoke and fog are to blame. My men in the engine house, who were on duty, came up to us. I had Michael Lawless standing about fifty yards ahead of the main gang to give us warning. Lawless was struck first and cut to pieces. My men were mowed down like grass.”

The engineer, Van Ostrand, made this statement to the railroad officials:

“I felt sure that the track was clear, and had no idea that in that cloud of smoke and fog just ahead of me were two hundred laborers. I got within 100 yards of the gang when my locomotive struck the outpost, Michael Lawless. I put on the brakes at once, but in another second I was upon the main gang, and my locomotive cut them down before I could stop the train.”

Supervisor Gerald Holsman, of the Railroad company, said after an investigation of all the circumstances surrounding the accident:

“Nobody was to blame except the fog and smoke. I do not believe Van Ostrand or any other official is to blame.”

It was one of those deplorable accidents that cannot be charged up against any human being.”

**NOT ROHLFING’S FAULT.**

Wilkes-Barre Mountain Disaster an Unavoidable Accident.

“One of the train dispatchers on the Lehigh Valley road said he didn’t take much stock in the newspaper stories making Engineer Rohlking the scapegoat of the wreck on the Wilkes-Barre mountain,” says the Allentown Leader.

“There he was,” said the dispatcher, “an hour or two late and he knew that making time was an imperative necessity. He had to hurry to get to Siding No. 7 to get out of the way of the express coming in the opposite direction. So much for running fast. He didn’t know and never dreamed that his train would run away. But wet leaves as bad as grease, and it wasn’t his fault they were on the track. He didn’t lose control of the machinery. He had it under excellent control.”

“The express messengers and all the members of the crew assisted him nobly. With their combined efforts they locked the wheels on the entire train. Human efforts couldn’t have done more. But the train went on. It just slid down the mountain like a boat going down a shoot the chute. They knew that an express hauled by two engines was hurrying up the mountain and they knew there would be a collision. In the face of certain death they stuck to the train and awaited the inevitable. They were heroes.”

“The crew was heroic and the express messengers were more heroic, if possible. The messengers could have remained in their cars if they had been cowards. But they heard the engineer’s whistle for help and they also ran to the brakes, knowing it meant death.

“Oh, yes, of course, if Rohlking had known the train was going to run away he would have crawled down the mountain. But that isn’t railroading these days. If he had gone so slowly that particular night, he would have been late, and he would also, in all probability, have been twisted for not making the run on time. It wasn’t Rohlking’s fault, according to the stand of railroading these days. It was an unavoidable accident.”

**OLD FORCE.**

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Hoffecker, of Jermyn, were visiting with relatives in town the past week.

Master Henry, the 4-year-old son of Mr. Henry Edwards, who was run over by a wagon on Saturday last, is improving.

Mr. Charles Dolph and son, Herbert, returned home on Thursday morning from the Adirondacks with a fine deer, which was shot by Herbert.

A pink social will be given by the members of council, No. 55, Degree of Pocahontas, of this place, in Naylor’s hall, Tuesday evening, Nov. 22, Admission, 25 cents. Everybody is invited.

Misses Berti Biesecker and James Taylor left on Wednesday for Huntington, Ala., where they will join the regular army.

The chrysanthemum show at the new Methodist Episcopal church on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, was a grand success. Florist Macdonald had some fine flowers and palms on exhibition. A nice programme was carried out each evening.

**PRICEBURG.**

The employees of the Johnson Coal company collieries will receive their wages today.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sampson and sons were visitors in Peckville the fort part of the William Wilson legs gone to Alabama, Sunday evening, Nov. 27. The scholars and teachers will hold a harvest festival in the Primitive Methodist church. There will be singing, dancing and speaking to the young—any evening of engagement. It was decided that every scholar should take on Saturday night, Nov. 28, any kind of fruit or vegetables to decorate the church with. The next week there will be a committee appointed to distribute these articles to the poor.

## HAPPENINGS OF DUNMORE BOROUGH

### FUNERAL OF MISS EDITH CRAWFORD YESTERDAY.

George Johnson Rifled the Money Drawer in the Store of Mrs. Marcus Pleigman—Programme of Services to Be Conducted in Some of the Churches Tomorrow—Two More Young Men Have Enlisted in the Army—Entertainment Conducted by the Men’s Guild.

would come near him. Masters Sam Willis and Fred Webber proved too much for him, however, and succeeded in wresting the knife away from him, but could not find the cash box or its contents.

**MEN’S GUILD ENTERTAINMENT.**

At the parish house of St. Mark’s church, Thursday evening, the Men’s Guild gave a musical and literary entertainment.

The programme which was rendered in an excellent manner was as follows: Solo, Miss Martha Matthews; solo, Professor Joseph Gray; solo, Miss Bessie Powell; recitation, Miss Margery Edmon; selection, Arlington double quartette; flute solo, Mr. Eugene Hamm, of Scranton; song, Thomas Matthews; solo, L. Jones, of Scranton; selection, Arlington double quartette; flute solo, by request, Mr. Eugene Hamm. Following the programme refreshments were served to all present.

**SHORT PARAGRAPHS.**

The Women’s Guild of St. Mark’s church will conduct their Thanksgiving dinner in the parish house next Thursday from 12:30 until 2:30 p. m.

E. D. Ludwig of Erie, Pa., will entertain the members, after the regular session of Dunmore Heptachords. All members are requested to be present.

Miss Lena Stewart, of East Drinker street, is able to be around again after an attack of diphtheria.

Mrs. Getts, of Taylor, has returned home after a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. Barker Milner, of Harper street.

The High School Foot Ball team will play the St. Thomas team at Athletic park this afternoon.

The funeral of Miss Edith Crawford will take place from her late home this afternoon at 2 o’clock. Interment is Dunmore cemetery.

The class of 1901 recognize in the departed their deceased friend and classmate, Miss Edith Crawford, daughter of Dr. and Emily Low. His wife decree, offering their sympathy to her parents in the loss of their daughter, Misses Helen, Lues, Bessie Carroll, Agnes Gilligan, Hattie Foster and Mr. George Kellam, committee.

The employees of the A. D. and F. M. Spencer collieries received their monthly wages Thursday.

George Winterdale, of North Blakely street, is spending a few days with friends in Binghamton, N. Y.

The Bon Ton Social club ran their first annual masquerade ball and social in Keyston Hall, Thursday evening. At midnight the masques were taken off. The affair was pronounced a grand success. About one hundred couples were in attendance. Music for the occasion was furnished by an orchestra.

Two more of our boys have enlisted in the army. James McGill and Friend Biesecker. Mr. McGill is well known throughout the town, having been in the employ of several business men around the “Corporation.” Mr. Biesecker was a foreman in the employ of the Pennsylvania Coal company. Both joined the heavy artillery and will leave at 10 a. m. today.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Fred Russell, of North Blakely street, to Miss Jessie Isabelle Stone, of Forest City, Nov. 28, at 7:30 p. m. in the Methodist Episcopal church.

The high school only had one session yesterday. They turned out to attend the funeral of their late classmate, Miss Edith Crawford. The attending physician said there was no danger of catching the disease.

Mr. James Wilson, of Spencer street, entertained a number of ladies at her home yesterday afternoon.

James Dunn will deliver an address on temperance in Washington Hall Sunday evening, Nov. 20, under the auspices of St. Mary’s Cadets. All persons interested in the cause of temperance are invited to be present. No admission or collection.

Private John Connolly, Company A, Thirtieth regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers, who has been confined to bed since his arrival home on a thirty-day furlough with typhoid fever, is able to be around the house again for a short period every day.

**JERMYN AND MAYFIELD.**

Miss Alice, Agnes and Master Thomas are spending a few days with friends in Avoca.

Dr. Manley, of South Scranton, was the guest of his brother, Dr. Peter C. Manley, at Mayfield Wednesday.

The Rev. Edward Howell, of Scranton, will preach in the First Baptist church next Sunday morning and evening.

Miss Anna Rymer entertained a few friends at her home on South Main street last evening.

Miss Dorothy Tonks was a Scranton visitor yesterday.

Mrs. George Lovett, of Avoca, was visiting at the Davies residence yesterday.

Miss Mary Moore is visiting at the home of her uncle, M. H. Cavanaugh, of Carbondale.

Mrs. Theodore Spetigae and daughter, Mary, of Cemetery street, are visiting relatives in Wilkes-Barre.

J. J. Roche has accepted a position with the Metropolitan insurance company as local agent.

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