

TWO CENTS.

SCRANTON, PA., TUESDAY MORNING, MAY 23, 1899.

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ACCUSED OF ROBBING THE DEAD

Startling Is the Testimony Brought Out at the Reading Inquest.

PENNINGTON'S CHARGE

A Witness States That He Saw Men in Uniform Rifling the Pockets of Dead Victims of the Wreck at Exeter—Placing the Responsibility for the Awful Slaughter—It Is Proven Beyond Question That There Was Not Over Two Minutes Between the Running Time of the Trains.

Reading, Pa., May 22.—Important facts were established today at the opening session of the coroner's inquest over the Reading railway wreck at Exeter which will go far toward fixing the responsibility for the appalling list of twenty-nine deaths in that disaster. While the most important witnesses are yet to be examined, it is already proven beyond question that there was not over two minutes at Exeter between the running time of the fatal cannon ball express and the second section, which crashed into it. According to the statements made on the witness stand by Engineer Wildemuth and Conductor Brommer, who were in charge of the cannon ball express, "if the company's rule of five minutes between trains had not been violated the accident would not have happened."

That this fact is realized by the officials of the road is evidenced by an order which has been issued since the Exeter wreck, making it imperative that there shall be at least five minutes between trains by obliging tower men along the line to display danger signals for that length of time after the passage of every train. It was testified today that had this rule been enforced before May 12, the calamity at Exeter station would have been prevented. Heretofore it has been customary for signalmen to display red lights only as long as the passing train is in sight.

One of the secondary causes that led to the wreck and the responsibility therefore, was apparently unearthed in the examination of Telegraph Operator Swartz as to the reasons for the delay of the coal train at Birdsboro which led to the orders holding up the cannon ball at Exeter. Swartz declared that the coal train stood on the tracks twelve minutes without moving or doing any of the switching that it was stopped for. This unexplainable delay, he said, was because the engineer of the coal train claimed he did not see the signals of his conductor and brakeman. Apparently, had this delay not taken place, the coal train could have moved away in ample time to leave a clear track for the express. It was not until some time after the breaking of a brake gear on one of the cars of the coal train which delayed it ten minutes more, was discovered.

VERY LIVELY DAY AT THE ASSEMBLY

Democracy Asserts Itself—Colonel Hitchcock's Report to Reduce Representation Is Frowned Upon.

Minneapolis, May 22.—Democracy asserted itself in the Presbyterian general assembly this afternoon. With a great majority of the members of the general assembly was for two large bills to reduce the membership, one by a third and the other by more than a half. The committee on reduced representation appointed a year ago and denied given courteous treatment, pronounced with the feeling against getting farther away from the people.

Violations of Rules.

While the testimony taken today seemed to exculpate the train crew of the cannon ball express, from any blame for the accident, the point was brought out that it was a technical violation of the rules of the company for the engineer to back his train after being stopped at Exeter, although both he and the conductor claimed justification for it. Had the express not been run back a distance of over 200 to 300 feet between the curve in the railroad and the second section would have had a better chance in which to stop at Exeter, which was so great that even the president of the board that five feet from the track wheels, its speed did not materially slacken before striking the rear of the cannon ball.

Another point of considerable importance that was developed was that there was no necessity to stop the cannon ball express at Exeter. When the train was held up by a red semaphore light and ran back to the station the telegraph operator gave a "clearing" card to the engineer on which was stated that there was no interfering train, the order to stop having been countermanded. The express could have been allowed to proceed, it was testified, without any danger, as the engineer was on the lookout for the coal train that had been delayed at Birdsboro. Had the coming of the second section been delayed 20 seconds the express would have again been in motion and the accident would have been averted.

Opinions as to Speed.

Conductor Edward Seimann, Engineer William H. Longaker and Brakeman John Ryan, John Becker and John J. Kennedy, the crew of the freight train that was on the siding at Exeter when the collision occurred, were examined as to the speed of the second section of the express train. Their testimony agreed on the point that it was running at a speed of from 40 to 50 miles an hour and that the brakes were applied so hard that fire flew from the wheels of the train. They were all positive that the second section of the train was at a standstill at Exeter and that Brakeman Miller ran back on the track waving a red and white lantern.

SOME COUNTY CONVENTIONS

Preparations Made for the State Gathering.

Northumberland Republicans Eliminate the Quay Fight—Monroe Democrats Condemn Governor Stone for Cutting School Appropriations—Other Conventions.

Sunbury, Pa., May 22.—At the Republican convention of Northumberland county held here today, the following ticket was nominated: Thronator, Gilbert S. Burrows, of Sunbury; treasurer, Daniel D. Helm, of Shamokin; commissioners, J. R. Sharrless, of Tushtown township, and George Rausenbush, of Mt. Carmel; auditors, J. M. Snyder, of Shamokin, and E. B. Reed, of Chillisque township; coroner, Dr. Isaac Goodman, of Mt. Carmel; state delegates, Harry A. Reed, of Sunbury; H. C. Taggart, of Northumberland, and A. G. Haas, of Shamokin. Resolutions endorsing the administration of President McKinley and Governor Stone, and declaring in favor of the expansion policy were adopted. The Quay fight was eliminated from the convention, and delegates to the state convention, although uninvited, are friendly to the expansion.

Stroudsburg, Pa., May 22.—The Monroe county Democratic committee at its regular May meeting elected delegates to the state convention.

Gettysburg, Pa., May 22.—The Adams county Republican convention today named George D. Thorn, chief clerk in the office of Secretary of the Commonwealth, as a delegate to the state convention.

FOR HOME MISSIONS.

Grants Made at the Meeting of Presbyterian Board.

Philadelphia, May 22.—Today's session of the board of home mission and church extension of the United Presbyterian church were devoted to the consideration of the remaining applications for aid under the 15-year limit and receiving the reports of the sub-committees. The following grants were made: Mercer Presbytery, Sharon, \$200; Mercer Presbytery, Dalton, \$200; Muskingum Presbytery, Caladonia, amount asked for \$200, amount granted \$250. The One Hundred and Nineteenth street church, New York, was refused aid after discussion. The decision of the committee on special missions and special work, the committee on resolutions and the committee on new work were also brought in and discussed. Tonight there will be an open parliament to discuss the whole question of the 15-year limit.

PEACE JUBILEE.

The Return of Peace Will Be Celebrated at Washington.

Washington, May 22.—The national peace jubilee with which Washington will celebrate the return of peace will begin tomorrow and continue for three days. Incoming trains are bringing many strangers to the city, particularly from the north. A national salute at 7 o'clock tomorrow morning from the dispatch boat Dolphin, the Washington barracks and Fort Meyer, the ring of chimes and church bells and the tolling of steam whistles will start the "three days" celebration. The chief feature of the day will be the military and naval parade, which will move from the peace monument at 2 o'clock and be reviewed by the president and his cabinet. In the evening there will be a display of fireworks at the monument grounds.

TRYING TO SAVE WIREBACK.

An Effort to Introduce the Insanity Dodge.

Lancaster, May 22.—Counsel for Ralph W. Wireback, sentenced to hang June 7 for the murder of Bank President D. R. Landis, this afternoon made application to the state department for an appointment of a commission in lunacy under the act of assembly of May, 1883. The petition stated that nine physicians, including several prominent ones, had examined Wireback and found him insane.

MR. BUCKALEW'S FUNERAL.

Services Held at Bloomsburg Yesterday Afternoon.

Bloomsburg, Pa., May 22.—Funeral services over the remains of Hon. Charles Rollin Buckalew, whose death occurred on Friday last, were held at the late residence in this city this afternoon. The religious services were conducted by Rev. B. C. Connor, of the Methodist Episcopal church, and were of a very simple character.

The Immunes Will Parade.

Washington, May 22.—Arrangements were completed at the war department today for the participation of the Fourth regiment of immunes in the military parade of the anniversary of June 30, 1898. They will leave Camp Meade near Middletown in time to arrive in Washington tomorrow.

Pennsylvania Pensions.

Washington, May 22.—Pension certificates: Release—Emerson Sweet, Factoryville, 82; Reisch and Ingersoll—Edwin Barrett, North Jackson, Susquehanna, \$5 to \$12.

SIXTY DAYS FOR METCALFE.

Convicted of Using U. S. Mail for Fraudulent Purposes.

M'KELWAY'S ENTERTAINED.

Washington, May 22.—President and Mrs. McKinley entertained a dinner at the White House tonight Mr. St. Clair McKelway, of the Brooklyn Eagle and Mrs. McKelway, who are visiting the city for a few days. Invited to meet them were the cabinet circle and Mrs. Hobart. The table set in the private dining room, was beautifully decorated and a section of the Marine band played during the evening.

MANGLED BY A TRAIN.

Terrible Fate of Joseph Patrick at Forest City—His Body Torn to Pieces.

Forest City, May 22.—Joseph Patrick, a Lithuanian, about nineteen years of age, met a terrible death in front of the Erie depot about 4 o'clock this afternoon. He and some companions were about to board a north-bound freight train when the accident occurred. While in the act of getting on, the unfortunate young man had a foot on the car and was running along the track, when he came in contact with one of his companions who had stooped to pick up his hat. Patrick rolled under the truck and a four freight cars, a caboose and an engine passed over him. His body was dragged for some distance along the track, and, with the exception of the head and shoulders, was literally torn to atoms.

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RULE FOR FILIPINOS

American Plan Submitted to Representatives of Aguinaldo.

PROF. SCHURMAN'S PAPER

A Governor General to Be Appointed by the President, with a Cabinet. A Popular Advisory Council to Follow—General Otis Reports Continued Disintegrating of the Rebels—General Luna's Force Much Diminished—The Native Commissioners in Manila Enjoying Themselves.

Manila, May 22.—3.15 p. m.—Prof. Schurman, head of the United States Philippine commission, has substituted the following written propositions to the Filipinos: "While the final decision as to the form of government is in the hands of congress, the president, under his military powers, pending the action of congress, stands ready to accept the following form of government: "A governor general to be appointed by the president, a cabinet to be appointed by the governor general, all the judges to be appointed by the president, the heads of departments and justices to be either Americans or Filipinos or both, and also a general advisory council, its members to be chosen by the people by a form of suffrage to be hereafter carefully determined upon. "The president earnestly desires that bloodshed cease and that the people of the Philippines, at an early date, enjoy the largest measure of self-government compatible with peace and order."

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