

TWO CENTS.

SCRANTON, PA., MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 7, 1899.

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TROLLEY CAR LEAPS FROM A TRESTLE

Distressing Accident Near Bridgeport on Shelton Street Railway Line.

FORTY PERSONS KILLED

A Loaded Trolley Car Falls a Distance of Forty Feet—Only Two Passengers Escape Without Injury—An Eye Witness to the Accident States That the Car Was Running at a High Rate of Speed. Injured Are Taken to Bridgeport Hospital—The Road Opened for Traffic on Thursday—List of the Victims.

Bridgeport, Conn., Aug. 6.—Nearly forty people were killed by an accident on the Stratford extension of the Shelton Street Railway company at 4 o'clock this afternoon, when a loaded trolley car went off the trestle over Peck's mill pond at Stratford, about six miles north of Bridgeport, and sank in the flats forty feet below. Thus far thirty-eight people are known to be dead and several more injured.

List of the Dead.

- The identified dead are: JOSEPH HOPKINS, Bridgeport, engineer fire department. HENRY C. CORNWELL, Bridgeport, 60; employee of New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, member of board of education. OLLANDO R. WELLS, aged 65; shoemaker. SELECTION ELIAS E. BRADLEY and wife, Milford. WILLIAM OSBORN, Stratford. DANIEL GALVIN, Ansonia. CONDUCTOR JOHN CARROLL, Bridgeport. S. BANKS, Shelton. MISS McDONALD, Bridgeport. WINTON LANTHEAR, motorman, Bridgeport. BESSIE TOOMEY, aged 22; Bridgeport. WILLIAM H. HARVEY, aged 57; Bridgeport. MISS J. H. RUGG, Stratford. MISS FRANK BLEW and two children, boy aged 5 and girl aged 3; Stratford. WILLIAM McCULLOUGH, Stratford. MISS ARTHUR HOLMES, Bridgeport. THOMAS McNALLY, 30; Bridgeport. PETER KING, 28; Bridgeport. JOHN GALVIN, 22; Ansonia. MARGARET FARRELL, New York. PATRICK McDERMOTT, 50. FRANK KRAFFT, 25. MISS PATRICK BRENNAN, 50. ALFRED PITT, 22. WILLIAM COTTER, 23. THOMAS DORRIS, 22. MRS. WILLIAM HARVEY, all of Bridgeport.

Some eight or ten others are seriously injured. Only two persons are known to have escaped unharmed. It is believed that there were forty-four passengers on the car, but the indicator was removed by a conductor of another car and spirited away, so that at present it is impossible to state accurately the number aboard.

Scene of the Accident.

The scene of the accident is midway between Shelton and Bridgeport. The car was northbound, running toward Shelton. It was in charge of Conductor John Carroll, of Bridgeport, who was among the killed, and Motorman Hamilton, of Bridgeport, who escaped by jumping. The trestle is 410 feet long, made of iron, with stone foundations and was not protected by railing guards. South of the trestle is an incline, down which the car ran at a high rate of speed. After it ran onto the trestle for about ten feet the trucks left the rails and then the car continued on the ties for about seventy-five feet, when it went off the trestle and dropped into the pond below, overturning completely and up-ended. When the car struck, the four-ton motor and the heavy trucks crashed into it, instantly killing many of the passengers. Three physicians who were passengers on a car a short distance behind arrived quickly on the scene and rendered all possible assistance to the injured.

Word was sent to Bridgeport and three ambulances and a police wagon were hurried to the scene and the injured were taken to Bridgeport general hospital. A morgue was improvised in the main room of the town hall at Stratford and in a very short time twenty-three bodies were laid out awaiting identification.

The accident was witnessed by Miss Frances Peck, who resides about 400 feet from the bridge. She was upstairs at her home as the car was passing and she says that it was running at an unusually fast rate. Frank Cramer, who was bathing near the bridge, states that the passengers were all singing and in the most joyful mood as they passed him.

The road, which is practically controlled by the Bridgeport Traction company, was opened for traffic last Thursday.

EXPERIMENTS ON WESTERN LAND

INVESTIGATIONS BY AGRICULTURAL OFFICIALS.

Assistant Director Allen Makes Report at the End of a Tour of Inspection Through the West—Looking for a Remedy for the Alkaline Evil—Proper Distribution of the Available Water Supply.

Washington, Aug. 6.—Dr. E. W. Allen, assistant director of experiment stations in the agricultural department, has just returned from a prolonged tour of the West, made for the purpose of inspecting the various stations in that section of the country. He states that one of the most interesting lines of investigation which is being pursued in these stations is with regard to the alkaline evil. The station in Wisconsin is taking the lead in this special work, and discoveries have been made there which revolutionize the European theory that the ripening of cheese is due to bacteria. The American experiments demonstrate beyond doubt that the principal change in the alkaline which takes place in the ripening process is dependent upon a ferment which is contained in the milk itself and not to the bacteria. It is believed that this discovery will have an important bearing upon cheese manufactured in the future.

In the station at Berkeley, the semi-arid region much attention is being given to the investigation of excessive alkali in the soil. In many sections, notably in California and Utah, there are large regions of irrigated land which are practically non-productive on account of the presence of alkali. Investigation makes it plain that this is due to irrigation and in many instances to excessive irrigation. The water applied to the soil brings the salt to the surface when it rises. In some instances it has been found that the lower portion of streams had been rendered alkaline by the return of these salts in the water from the irrigated fields.

RENNES ANIMATED.

Public Interest Concentrated on the Dreyfus Trial—Casimir Perier Unable to Conceal His Identity.

Rennes, Aug. 6.—The town is extremely animated today but every-where perfect tranquility prevails. Public interest is concentrated upon the arrival from Paris of various personages likely to figure in the trial of Captain Dreyfus. Among those are Generals De Boleff, Genes and Rogel, M. Godefroy Cavagnac, former minister of war, and M. Casimir Perier, former president of France. A large crowd which had gathered around the railway station, greeted the generals on alighting from the train with cries of "Vive l'Armee." The revisionist specialists responded with "Vive la Republique" but there was no disturbance. M. Casimir Perier was much fatigued by the long railway journey and decided to walk to the hotel, hoping that he would not be recognized but his identity soon became known and a large crowd followed him as he walked in a light summer suit he walked slowly along, chatting with the police and the chief of the secret police, M. Vigour, who met him at the railway station and accompanied him to the hotel. The crowd made no demonstration. The authorities, however, deem it wise to maintain the most stringent precautions for the safety of the former president and six gendarmes now patrol the front of the hotel where he has apartments, while a number of detectives watch the entrance hall closely and scan all arrivals.

BRYAN FOR GOEBEL.

The Boy Orator Will Invade Kentucky.

Chicago, Aug. 6.—William Jennings Bryan passed through Chicago today from Wisconsin to Iowa. He was asked: "Are you going into Kentucky during the campaign in that state?" "I am," he replied. "Are you going to speak for Goebel?" "I am." "And why?" "I do not care to discuss that point." Further than that, Colonel Bryan refused to talk about the Kentucky situation.

STREET CARS COLLIDE.

A Motorman Killed—One Passenger Injured.

Saunderstown, E. I., Aug. 6.—Two cars collided today on the Seaview electric road running between Wickford and Narraugansett pier. Merritt Lyman Abbey, a motorman, was killed. Of the forty passengers, only one was injured, Miss M. E. Brown, of Providence.

Quayites Victorious.

Lock Haven, Pa., Aug. 6.—The Quayites were victorious in the Republican primaries held in this county last night. Returns have been received from a majority of the districts and they indicate the nomination of the following ticket at Tuesday's convention: Delegate to the state convention, Terrence Shearer; sheriff, H. D. Loveland; prothonotary, J. B. Lester; treasurer, F. E. Bickford; commissioners, A. Y. Jones and Robert Myers.

PHILIPPINE CORPORAL'S STORY

Says Otis Lives Like a King and Ignored Aliger's Cablegrams.

As Referee in Consular Court the American Representative at Shanghai Gives a Decision That Will Have the Effect of Shutting Off Filipino Supplies.

Washington, Aug. 6.—Hon. John Goodnow, consul general of the United States at Shanghai, has rendered a decision in the consular court which will be of far reaching importance during the continuance of the war in the Philippines. The case was in relation to the steamer Abbey, charged with taking arms from Canton to Luzon. It has been in contention for some time. The owners of the vessel gave a bond that the ship should land the arms purchased at Singapore but he did not do so. The bond was demanded by the Chinese customs authorities. Mr. Goodnow holds that it must be paid. The importance of the decision is pointed out by the Shanghai Mercury, which says: "The effect of the decision of Mr. Goodnow reaches much beyond the mere fact of being judgment for the plaintiff with the penalty of the bond and the costs of the suit. Hitherto the American forces at Manila have had to fight against Filipinos well armed with modern rifles and guns, and it is no secret that the majority of those arms have been landed in the Philippines from Chinese ports. When United States Consular officials have received information that cargoes of weapons were about to be shipped from China their urgent protests to the Chinese authorities have been the means of stopping all shipments. But when the United States officials, through lack of knowledge, have been ignorant of such contraband runs, the Chinese officials have likewise been blind to these shipments, though no doubt well aware of such. It is in this respect that Mr. Goodnow has decided on an important point. On the strength of that judgment the officers of the imperial maritime customs much necessarily do all in their power to stop shipments of arms to suspicious destinations. It has been decided on the motion of the customs that China is liable for any shipments of arms which get to the Philippines through lack of diligence or honesty on the part of the customs of the Chinese officials. Therefore, the judgment in the Drew vs. Sylvester case will be the means of checking the chief source of supply of arms and warlike material that the Filipinos have possessed."

SCHELL'S SHOCKING CRIME.

A Pension Examiner Kills a 13-Year-Old Girl.

Washington, Aug. 6.—A horrible murder was committed today in the northeastern section of the city. The murderer was Benjamin H. Schnell, a special examiner in the pension office, a man about 45 years of age. His victim was Liza Weisenberger, a girl 13 years of age, who had been employed in his household until a few months ago when she was taken home by her parents who became suspicious of Schnell's conduct towards her. Schnell seemed to be infatuated with the child and had a great deal of attention which, however, she resented. This morning Schnell went to his victim's house and entering at the front door passed on through the middle room where the girl was sleeping in the dining room door. While standing at the door, Schnell started to go passing again through the room where the child was. He bent over the sleeping child and drew her from the bed. Awakened suddenly she screamed in terror. Treating one hand in the girl's hair and drawing her back her head, Schnell drew a razor from his pocket and swept it twice across her throat. The head was almost severed from the body and both hands were raised as his victim were drenched with blood.

Attracted by the child's screams, the mother ran to the rescue. In a frenzy she grappled with the murderer and was badly slashed on the arm with the razor. The murderer attempted to escape, but was soon captured by the police and locked up in the Ninth precinct station. He refuses to give any explanation of his act, and says he remembers nothing about them. The murderer is a native of Vermont, and was first employed in a bank in Montgomery, Ala. He has a wife and two children.

DEWEY AT NAPLES.

He is Given a Banquet at the Hotel Royal.

Naples, Aug. 6.—Mr. Louis M. Iddings, secretary of the United States embassy, and Mrs. Iddings, who arrived here yesterday from Rome for the purpose of accompanying Admiral Dewey, gave a banquet this evening in his honor at the Hotel Royal. The room was richly decorated with flowers and hung with American and Italian flags.

CUBANS PAY DAY.

Nearly 5,000 Soldiers Assemble at Santiago.

Santiago de Cuba, Aug. 6.—There are nearly 5,000 Cuban soldiers in town this evening, expecting to be paid here tomorrow. The remainder of the Cuban troops in the province of Sancti Spiritus will be paid at the towns of San Luis, Cristó, Songo and El Cane. Colonel Meade, on the United States transport Ingalis, arrived yesterday with the money.

Quiet at Cleveland.

Cleveland, Aug. 6.—It is announced tonight that all the military will be withdrawn from Cleveland perhaps before tomorrow night. This has been one of the quietest days since the beginning of the strike. Violence has ceased entirely and there is no apprehension of a fresh outbreak.

Steamship Arrivals.

Fire at Glens Falls.

Glens Falls, N. Y., Aug. 6.—Fire entailing a loss of about \$200,000, totally destroyed the works of the Glens Falls Portland Cement company this evening. The buildings which were of wood burned like tinder and in one hour the entire plant was in ruins.

GOODNOW DECIDES AGAINST FILIPINOS

AN OPINION THAT WILL BE FAR REACHING IN RESULTS.

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"ANARCHY IN HAWAII."

Ex-Queen Liliuokalani Says There is No Such Thing as Justice.

Washington, Aug. 5.—The Post prints an interview with Liliuokalani, ex-Queen of the Hawaiian Islands, who is residing here. The former queen receives many letters from home, and says that the people here there is some head to the government. She adds: "Reports to the contrary notwithstanding, the islands are in a state of practical anarchy. We (I say we because I count myself one of my people) have no laws, but those which have been obtained for many years, and a few which have been foisted upon us by the Hawaiian republicans. There is no such thing as real justice. The native has not the same standing when he goes to law with the white man, and even some of the foreigners find that they cannot obtain their dues. Laws are administered in a capricious fashion. The government is an oligarchy instead of a republic. Caprice dictates the administration of affairs. I speak with no bitterness whatever. I am merely endeavoring to give a correct picture of the conditions. The inhabitants of the islands know nothing whatever of their fate, or what sort of government will be placed over them."

FEARS A MAN WHO LAUGHS.

Mrs. L. O. Cole's Reason for Asking a Divorce from Her Husband.

Bellefonte, O., Aug. 6.—Mrs. L. O. Cole, now living in Hagerstown, Md., wants a legal separation from her husband, a farmer's assistant in this county, as she complains that he is known as "the man who grins." She says that when he laughs his facial distortions are fiendish to witness. His mouth, she says, slides from ear to ear, his skin wrinkles and his eyes are turned up, the eyeballs roll in a grotesque manner. His appearance on these occasions, she says, is so repulsive that she fears for her life.

To Test Yellow Fever Serum.

New York, Aug. 6.—Health Officer Doty has made arrangements to have a test made of the yellow fever serum among patients suffering from that disease at Bahia, Brazil, where much yellow fever has been reported. The serum with the apparatus for its use was sent on the steamer Hevillus, which sailed yesterday for Brazil.

An Audience with the Emperor.

Ansee, Austria, Aug. 6.—Prince Von Hohenlohe was given an audience at the railway station today by Emperor Francis Joseph, of Austria who was passing through. His majesty left the railway carriage to welcome the German chancellor and invited him to enter the train where they had a long conversation.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING

- Weather Indications Today: FAIR; MODERATE TEMPERATURE.
- 1 General-Fatal Trolley Car Wreck at Bridgeport, Conn.
- Score of Persons Killed by the Collapse of a Gang Plank.
- Investigation on Western Land. Decision Shutting Off Filipino Supplies.
- 2 General-Bass Ball Results.
- Financial and Commercial.
- 3 Local-Sermon by Rev. G. P. Eckman. Elliott Is Now on.
- 4 Editorial.
- News and Comment.
- 5 Local-Mention of Some Men of the Hour.
- Central Labor Union Approves the Boycott.
- 6 Local-West Scranton and Suburban.
- 7 News Round About Scranton.
- 8 Local-Live Industrial News.

STRIKE ON THE SUN.

More Than One Hundred Compositors and Others Go Out—A Circular Calling for Non-Union Printers from Philadelphia Precipitates the Trouble.

New York, Aug. 6.—One hundred and eight compositors, ten stereotypers and eight boys employed in the composing rooms of the Sun went on strike at 10:45 o'clock last night. This number of men and boys constituted the whole force of union representatives of the various allied printing trades in the office, and crippled the work in those departments of the Sun. The possession of the office was not in the hands of the Allied Printing Trades Council, but most of them belong to various unions. It is said that the force at work on the press at the time the strikers went on strike decided to quit work as soon as the paper rolls on the presses were run off.

According to J. J. Ferrell, the president of "Big Six," the cause of the strike is an effort of the Sun to break away from the rules and scale of wages of the allied printing trades and to employ union or non-union men, as it suits the heads of the paper. This strike will also affect the Evening Sun, in which office more than seventy union compositors and others are employed.

The story of the men who went out on strike was to the effect that it was learned some days ago that the Sun was making efforts to replace the union men. It was learned about the same time that John William Edwards, who wanted to be state printer some time ago, but failed to get the place had caused to be scattered broadcast in Philadelphia a circular calling for non-union men to come to this city to begin work in the Sun office. The circular was signed: John William Edwards, superintendent of printing for the Sun.

The members of the typographical union in this city obtained copies of the circular, and were unable to learn when Mr. Edwards became an employee of the Sun, or why he was interested in the alleged effort of the newspaper to make their office what is known as an "open office." A close watch of Mr. Edwards and his work among printers in Philadelphia was at once begun, with the result that it became known yesterday morning that Mr. Edwards with eighty-seven printers, most of whom were non-union men, had left Philadelphia in the day on board the excursion steamer Hevillus, for this city for the purpose of accepting the Sun's offer.

About thirty members of Typographical union No. 6, reached Philadelphia before the boat sailed, and boarded the boat as members of Mr. Edwards' band of printers. According to reports, it was the time that Mr. Edwards had to have the boat touch at Newcastle, where the printers on board were to go ashore and then proceed to the city by train. This plan was evidently changed, for the boat did not stop at Newcastle at the time it was expected to arrive there, and it is now thought that it is bound directly for this city.

The action of Mr. Edwards and the reported plans of the Sun were discussed at length by the officials of the Allied Printing Trades Council yesterday, and about 9 o'clock last night they visited the Sun office to acquaint the heads of the paper with what they had learned and demand that an agreement be signed that no non-union men be employed in the office. The officials were told at the time they called that there was no person in the office with authority to sign or to take into consideration such an agreement.

The press and composing rooms were in darkness but the editorial room presented the usual appearance. The Sun appeared this morning with only four pages in its news section.

In an editorial the Sun of this morning says that it may be impossible for the paper to be published tomorrow morning.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

New York, Aug. 6.—Colonel Azor Smith Marvin, for many years president of the Marine Corps, died at his home in Brooklyn, aged 71 years.

Cleveland, Aug. 6.—Rev. George W. Pepper, D. D. died early this morning at his home in this city. Dr. Pepper was ordained a Methodist minister in 1850. In 1859 he was appointed United States consul at Milan, Italy. He is survived by four children.

Hollidaysburg, Pa., Aug. 6.—James Pank, one of the commissioners of Blair county, a lime manufacturer and the owner of the two largest lime kilns in the United States, died at his home at Dunsmuirville last night of Bright's disease, aged 58 years.

Towanda, Pa., Aug. 6.—Isaac C. Blight, superintendent of the Lehigh and Susquehanna railroad and the Berne mines, the Berne railway and the Long Valley Coal company, died suddenly at his home today. Mr. Blight was born in Philadelphia in 1830 and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1849.

Hanover, Pa., Aug. 6.—At the dedication ceremonies at Hostetters meeting house, four miles west of here, today, Rev. Samuel B. Meyers, pastor of the Monmouth congregation, died on the pulpit platform immediately after finishing a sermon on the uncertainty of life. He was 78 years old.

COLLAPSE OF GANG PLANK

Score of Persons Are Drowned at Mount Desert Ferry.

MANY BODIES ARE LOST

Train Loads of Sunday Excursionists Who Had Gathered at the Coast to View the United States Battleships Rush for the Steamer Sappho and the Gang Plank Gives Way Under the Weight of the Human Freight—One Hundred and Fifty Struggle in the Water.

Bar Harbor, Me., Aug. 6.—A score of persons were killed today by the collapse of a gang plank of the Mount Desert ferry. Following is a list of the dead:

- MRS. WILLIAM MURRAY, of Brewer.
- IRVING BRIDGES, of West Hancock.
- ALBERT COLSON, of Levant.
- MISS ALANZA P. HANCOCK, of Bangor.
- MISS GRACE SUMNER, of Bangor.
- JOSEPH MURPHY, of Otisville.
- MISS HOLLIS W. ESTEY, of Ellsworth.
- MISS FREDERICK C. SHIMAN, of Cornish.
- MISS LIZZIE WARD, of Bangor.
- CHARLES W. DOWNES, of Ellsworth.
- MISS STEPHEN, of Portland.
- MISS M. LARKIN, of Danforth.
- C. H. BENNETT, of Brewer.
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- MISS CHARLES STAPLEY, of Ellsworth.
- MELVIN McVARD, of Cornish.
- MRS. A. H. BILLINGS, of Bangor.
- MISS GEORGE DEWEENT, of Bangor.
- MISS LEWIS, of Bangor.
- MRS. GEORGE WAGMAN, believed to be a schoolwoman for a Boston publishing house.

The Maine Central railroad today ran excursionists to Bar Harbor from all sections of its line in Maine, the attraction being the warships which were expected today.

All the morning long trains packed with excursionists were rushing to Bar Harbor. The train which left Bangor at 8:25 consisted of twelve cars jammed with people. At Mount Desert ferry, the terminus of the line, the train is left for the boat for an eight-mile sail to Bar Harbor. From the wharf a slip or gang plank forty feet long and ten feet wide led up to the boat. The slip was hinged at the inner end, the outer end being supported by struts by which it was raised or lowered to suit the tide. The wharf extends on both sides flush with the end of the wooden gang plank. Five timbers, four by twelve inches, set vertically ran the length of the plank and these were crossed by two-inch planking. It is said that there was no support for the plank between the hinges at the outer edge.

The Plank Gives Way.

When the excursion train from Bangor arrived at the ferry there was a rush for the steamer Sappho. The first few passengers had crossed the gang plank safely and it is estimated that two hundred people were massed on the plank. Suddenly they fell, the plank giving way beneath them. The long mass appearing on the plank broke in the middle. The hinges held one end and the chain the other, while the broken ends of the plank dropped, and a struggling, screaming mass of humanity was plunged into the water. Fifteen feet below the wharf, a few clinging to the inclined sides of the plank, but at least one hundred and fifty were struggling in the water. The piling of the wharf partially penned them in on three sides and the boat lying at the wharf closed the outer end of the opening. After the first moment of stupor, the work of rescue began. Ropes and life-preservers were thrown to the crowd, but in the panic the people in the water clutched one another and many sank thus in groups in a death struggle.

Many taken from the water were unconscious and were revived with difficulty. Doctors were summoned from all directions, but it was half an hour before the first arrived. The freight house at the ferry was turned into a morgue, the bodies being taken there for identification as fast as recovered. Seventeen were recovered, and three other persons who were taken on board the Sappho died on the way to Bar Harbor.

Work of Rescue.

The awful nature of the accident was not comprehended at once by those who were the last to leave the train although the scene changed instantly from one of holiday gaiety to a death struggle. When the first moment of the calamity had passed, a panic seemed to seize those who were safe and they drew back from the edge of the water but only for a minute, as then the cooler heads in the crowd, more especially among the officers and crew of the steamer, asserted themselves and the work of rescue began.

In the course of the next half hour several bodies were recovered from the water and these were taken to the nearby freight house and laid out awaiting identification. It was a great scene sight and a painful sight. The steamer Cymbrin from Bar Harbor four physicians and a special train was hurried from Bangor with physicians and nurses. The sufferers from injuries will not be so numerous as those who suffered from shock and exposure due to the immersion in the water. Of these several were reported tonight to be in a critical state.

WEATHER FORECAST.

- Washington, Aug. 6.—Forecast for Monday: For eastern Pennsylvania, fair, light winds; Tuesday, with moderate temperature; fresh, northerly wind.