

COLLISION ON THE GRAND TRUNK

Shocking Accident in Which Twenty-Eight Persons Lost Their Lives.

SERIOUS CONDITION OF THE INJURED

It is Expected, However, at the Victoria Hospital That All Will Recover—The Body of Fireman Ricketts Found Covered with Snow in a Ditch—Testimony as to the Cause of the Catastrophe Promises to Be Conflicting.

London, Ont., Dec. 28.—There were no deaths today among the persons injured in Friday night's collision at Wainstead, on the Santa branch of the Grand Trunk railroad, between the west-bound Pacific express and an east-bound freight, in which twenty-eight persons lost their lives.

The body of Fireman Ricketts, of the express train, which was last night believed to be buried under the wrecked engine, was found today covered with snow in a ditch beside the track. One arm was completely torn off and the body was otherwise mangled. Death must have been instantaneous. It is believed that the body was thrown clear of the engine and into the deep snow in the ditch, where in the storm and darkness the wreckers failed to find it Friday night. Snow fell rapidly at that night so that Ricketts' body was covered and was not found. One of the men working at the wreck found the body under the snow. Tonight there is but one unidentified body at the morgue here, that of a woman who was ticketed from Toronto to Duluth. The man's body which was found last night was this afternoon identified as George D. Southern, of Lockport, N. Y.

Directed to "Bust" the Order. "About 9:45, after calling Wyoming and ascertaining that the freight was there, the dispatcher called me rapidly a half dozen times. When I answered he told me to 'bust' the order. I wrote 'bust it' across the order just as No. 5 was coming in. Conductor McLaughlin came in and asked me what the order board was on that line for. I told him that we had had an order for him, but the dispatcher had 'busted' it. He asked me to hurry and write him a clearance order, which I did. After the train had started and was out of my reach, the dispatcher learned that the freight had left Wyoming. I told him I could not stop No. 5 as it had left. He immediately began calling Kings Court Junction, the station between Watford and Wainstead, on the railroad wire, and I tried to raise them on a commercial wire. We both failed to do this, however, until after the express had passed the junction."

Division Superintendent George G. Jones, of Toronto, says that the rule against cancelling or "busting" train orders is the strictest in the company's code. "I do not believe," he said, "that it has been violated since the dispatching rules went into effect. Dispatcher Kerr is one of the best and most efficient dispatchers in our service. He is the operator who accompanied the train bearing the Duke and Duchess of York on the royal tour of Canada a year ago. I have every confidence in him."

A Pathetic Feature. One of the most pathetic features of the wreck is the triple loss sustained by the Bodley family, of Port Huron, in the death of Mrs. J. Bodley, her son, Glen Bodley, and granddaughter, little Lottie Lueder, who died at the Victoria hospital. The bodies of nineteen of the victims have been shipped to their sorrowing families at home. The trunk of the as yet unidentified woman was located by the Grand Trunk officials Saturday and arrived here late tonight. It will be searched in an endeavor to find something with which to identify the woman.

their exposure while pinned in the wreck, is feared by the surgeons. Tonight several of them show some symptoms of the disease.

SIXTY LIVES LOST IN MELACOA STRAITS

News of Disaster Brought by the Steamer Tartar—Sealers Have a Profitable Season.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 28.—News was brought by the steamer Tartar, which arrived today, of a disaster in the Melacou straits, as a result of which sixty lives were lost. The Tokio Ashi publishes a telegram from Hong Kong stating that the steamer Bunsang was in collision with the steamer Kiangyan in the Melacou straits and the Kiangyan was sunk, sixty sailors and passengers being missing.

Dispatches from Hakodate report that an outbreak of fire occurred on board the steamer Bunsang, which was off the coast of Su Tau on December 3, and the vessel was sunk, eighteen of the crew losing their lives.

The Japanese sealers had a profitable season, though for vessels of the fleet of nineteen were lost, three of them, it is believed, with all on board, although there were rumors that the men of one, the Tanya Maru, have been seized by the Russians. The total catch during the season of the Japanese flag amounts to 12,821 skins.

THE CAR COASTED A THOUSAND FEET

Trolley Accident During the Golden Jubilee Celebration of Passionist Fathers in Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Dec. 28.—The Golden Jubilee of the Passionist Fathers in the United States is being celebrated in the monastery of St. Paul of the Cross. The first session was opened this morning at 10:30 with a solemn blessing of a jubilee Calvary group over the altar and a solemn pontifical mass. The blessing of the Calvary group was conducted with much religious pomp by His Eminence James, Cardinal Gibbons, assisted by Rev. William Kitzel and Rev. H. J. Goebel, as deacons of honor.

The great crowds attending the jubilee celebration taxed the capacity of the jubilee cars to and from the monastery, but no one accident of consequence resulted. Nine passengers in a runaway Southern Traction car were badly hurt, but none seriously. Two newspaper men, J. B. Johnson, of the Post, and J. B. Johnson, of the Post, suffered the severest injuries. Eagan had two ribs broken and was cut and bruised all over the body; Johnson's head, hands and legs were cut and torn.

Mine Workers Will Demand Increase. Springfield, Ill., Dec. 28.—W. D. Ryan, secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America, in a statement today says that the mines of the United States will make a demand for a material increase in wages at the national convention at Indianapolis on January 15.

DEATHS OF A DAY.

London, Dec. 28.—The Right Rev. John Wogan Pasling, bishop of St. Albans, is dead. Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 28.—Mrs. Jessie Benton Fremont, widow of General Fremont, died last night at her home in this city, she was 78 years of age. Mrs. Fremont was taken ill on Christmas morning. For more than three years she had been suffering from a dislocation of the hip which had finally become incurable. Mrs. Fremont was the daughter of Thomas A. Benton, for thirty years a United States senator.

FIRE IN A RUSSIAN MINE. It is Feared That Many Men Have Perished Underground.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—A fire has occurred in a coal mine at Baghnat, Ekaterinof province. A hundred miners were underground when the fire started. Twenty of these have been rescued, but it is feared that the others have succumbed.

SCIENTISTS TO MEET.

Annual Convention of American Association Begins Today.

Washington, Dec. 28.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the general council of the American association for the Advancement of Science, final arrangements were made for the fifty-second annual session which begins tomorrow and continues through the week. The local members of the association will give a luncheon to the visiting members on Monday at the Arlington hotel. Friday evening the scientists will attend a reception at the Corcoran Art gallery, and on Saturday morning the members will be received by President Roosevelt. In addition to the regular program on Friday afternoon John Hays Hammond will deliver an address on "King Solomon's Mines."

JOURNEY OF THE HUMBERT FAMILY

Eager Crowds Gather at the Stations And Try to Get a Glimpse of the Prisoners.

Paris, Dec. 28.—The train bringing to Paris the members of the Humbert family, who were arrested in Madrid, was due to arrive at 4:52 o'clock tomorrow morning, but owing to an accident to a brake, it was two hours late at the Spanish frontier, thereby missing connection with the Paris express at Bordeaux.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The Venezuelan insurgents have resumed active hostilities against President Castro. There occurred yesterday morning a lively engagement between 1,200 revolutionists under General Riera and government forces at Cayaruar, in the vicinity of Coro.

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DEATH IN A SNOW SLIDE. Bunkhouse and Its Occupants Swept Down a Mountain Side—Nine Killed and Several Injured.

Nelson, B. C., Dec. 28.—A snowslide struck the bunkhouse of the Mollie Gibson mine, ten miles from Lake Kootenai, Christmas night, razing the building. It is believed to have killed nine men and injured several others. The men had retired after holding an impromptu concert. The snowslide came down, crushing in the roof and sweeping the wreckage and the men down the mountainside, strewn them from 200 feet to half a mile from the site of the cabin. One man was found in the snow, suffering terribly. He died a few moments later.

NOT GOING TO MANILA. Unnecessary for Officers Here to Attend the Glenn Court Martial.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Secretary Root has decided that it was impracticable for General Chaffee, General Smith and other officers to go to Manila to testify before the Glenn court martial, as the purposes of the investigation can be fully served, so far as the testimony of the officers named is concerned, by securing their depositions.

DEWEY AT PONCE. The City is Decorated in Honor of the Admiral's Arrival.

Ponce, Porto Rico, Dec. 26.—Admiral Dewey arrived here yesterday evening overland from San Juan and received an ovation. He was warmly greeted by a committee of native officials and citizens, and was escorted by them from Juana Diaz to Ponce.

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Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—Dollie Earle, the actress, who last night committed suicide in her dressing room at a burlesque theatre, was today identified as Dollie Allen, daughter of Mrs. T. Allen, of Rochester, N. Y. The identification was made by Mrs. F. Meyers, of this city, who said she had known the actress since childhood. Mrs. Meyers stated also that Mrs. Allen was married to a Mr. Howanith, a New York business man.

GENERAL MILES AND THE EMPRESS

Flattering Speeches Exchanged at Peking Audiences—The Emperor Cynical.

Peking, Dec. 28.—The dowager empress and Lieutenant General Miles exchanged flattering speeches at yesterday's audience, the dowager assuring the general that the success of the American army was assured under a commander so celebrated. The emperor never spoke, but listened with a cynical smile.

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MOORISH REBELS VICTORIOUS. The Imperial Forces Abandon Their Guns or Ammunition.

London, Dec. 28.—The complete rout at Tasa of the Moorish Imperial soldiers under the leadership of the pretender to the throne, which was reported Dec. 23, has been officially confirmed. The imperial forces abandoned their guns, rifles, ammunition, tents and beds in disorder and fled precipitately to Fez.

Tangier, Morocco, Dec. 26.—On December 22, ten thousand Sherifian troops, commanded by a brother of the sultan's minister of war, received orders to concentrate at Tasa. The pretender, the sultan's minister of war, received orders to concentrate at Tasa. The pretender, the sultan's minister of war, received orders to concentrate at Tasa. The pretender, the sultan's minister of war, received orders to concentrate at Tasa.

CALEB POWERS AGAIN APPEALS FOR AID. Asks Friends Outside of Kentucky to Furnish Funds to Conduct His Third Trial.

Georgetown, Ky., Dec. 28.—Ex-Secretary of State Caleb Powers, who has had two trials and now awaits in jail here his third trial for complicity in the murder of the late Governor William Goebel, today issued the following appeal to the public: "I have recently written a number of letters to my friends asking for financial aid in my coming trial for alleged complicity in the Goebel murder. A portion of the press has, through a misunderstanding of the facts, attempted to discredit my plan for raising the much needed money with which to defend myself, by circulating a report that these letters were not genuine; because signed by different persons for me. It is true that many of the letters were signed by different persons because it was impossible for one person to send them out in the limited time before my next trial, but all of these letters are genuine. I have been continuously in the jails of this state for nearly three years. My means are exhausted. The generosity of Kentucky has been taxed to the utmost in my former so-called trials. In a few weeks I am again to be tried for my life, hence my appeal now to my friends outside of Kentucky."

PELEE IN VIOLENT ERUPTION. Clouds of Smoke and Dust Pouring Out of the Crater.

St. Thomas, Danish West Indies, Dec. 28.—The cable ship Newington, which arrived at St. Lucia, British West Indies, yesterday, reported having passed Mont Pelee, island of Martinique, at 10:30 in the morning. The volcano was then in violent eruption. Dense clouds of gray smoke and dust were pouring out of the crater and ascending to an enormous height. Other advices say that the cone was luminous during the night.

Vanderbilt Improving. New York, Dec. 28.—Cornelius Vanderbilt continues to improve. His temperature is slowly dropping toward normal. The attending physicians are well satisfied with his progress.

WEATHER FORECAST. Washington, Dec. 28.—Forecast for Monday and Tuesday: Eastern Pennsylvania—Increasing cloudiness and warmer Monday, rain or snow at night; light to fresh south to east winds.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER. Local data for Dec. 28, 1902: Highest temperature, 35 degrees; lowest temperature, 20 degrees; relative humidity, 81 per cent; wind, S. by E., 3 to 5 m.p.h.; precipitation, 24 hours, none.