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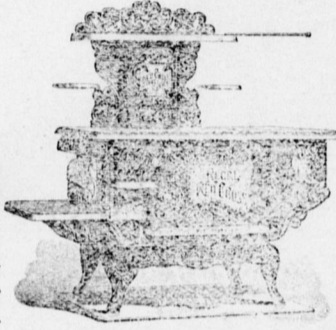
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OVER TWO SCORE KILLED IN WRECK

As Many More Are Hurt in Crash
Near Marshalltown, Iowa,
Some Mortally

THE TRAIN WAS TELESCOPED

Double Train Thrown in Heap in Narrow Cut When Engines Hit Spreading Rail—Girl Who Won Prize for Beauty Loses Life.

Marshalltown, Iowa, Mar. 29.—Forty-five persons were killed and forty were injured, many of them fatally, in a wreck four and a half miles north of Green Mountain, Iowa, of a Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific passenger train.

Running at about thirty miles an hour, in a cut north of Green Mountain the head locomotive struck a spread rail, it is believed, and jumped the track into an embankment of soft clay. A second locomotive just behind the first rolled over and the sudden stop crushed the freight cars together. The wreck did not take fire.

Uninjured passengers began removing the dead and injured. The dead were taken to an adjoining pasture and laid on the grass. A relief train from Marshalltown carrying surgeons and Coroner Jay arrived two hours after the crash. The sight that met the eyes of the surgeons was horrible. The dead were crushed and mangled in many cases beyond recognition. Heads were severed from bodies, arms and legs were cut off. A second rescue train relieved the first, which brought a load of injured to Marshalltown.

All of the dead, except John Banbridge of Hartford, Ont., were West-erners. The bodies of ten men, two women and two girls have not been identified.

More of the dead hailed from Waterloo, Ia., than from any other point. So far as known they were George P. Bunt, Mrs. Walter Davis, H. W. Eggers, Mae Hoffman, F. D. Lyman and Anthony Phillips. Others from Iowa were: L. W. Parrish, Cedar Falls, professor Iowa State Teachers' College; Mrs. Lewis, Valley Junction; N. C. Heacock, West Liberty; Fred L. Colton, Washington; Thomas G. Betts, Cedar Rapids, C. G. Eves and F. F. Fisher, West Branch; William Fleck and Jennie Young, Vinton, and Ingebrigt L. Tansen, Northwood.

Other identified victims were: Earl T. Main, banker, Williamsfield, Ill.; H. L. Pennington, Galesburg, Ill.; Milton Parrish, Cedarville, Mo.; G. W. Blair, Sedalia, Mo.; Lauren Altschewer, Ogden, Utah; Caesar C. O. Hoff, Minneapolis, and Andrew J. White, colored, St. Paul. One of the dead is supposed to be A. P. Adams, Wilmar, Minn.

Of the train crews, these met death: R. A. Robinson, engineer; A. Ross, fireman; Jacob Naubal, conductor; Ross Charter, brakeman, and Archie Price, colored, porter.

Miss Mae Hoffman, who was regarded as the most beautiful woman in Waterloo, was one of a party starting out on a pleasure trip. She was horribly crushed. Several months ago she took third prize in a national beauty contest.

GRAFTERS GO TO CONFESSION.

Ten Men Appear in Court and Plead Guilty.

Pittsburg, Mar. 28.—The first day of the general roundup of the grafters and bribers of Pittsburg was a great success.

Obedying the call of District Attorney William A. Blakely issued to all grafting Councilmen and bribe givers to come forward and make full confession in open court on pain of being railroaded to prison on information got through the confession of Councilman John Klein, ten men came to the bar of justice. These ten Councilmen and ex-Councilmen confessed before Judge R. S. Fraser and Judge Josiah Cohen that they had at some time in the past sold their votes in City Councils for money.

Forty other Councilmen and business men of Pittsburg are expected to come to confession.

Ninety "White Slaves" Coming.

Antwerp, Belgium, March 22.—The American Consulate here is trying to trace two New York white slave importers who are believed to have shipped ninety women from Paris on outgoing steamers. British and Continental ports are watched, and the American and Canadian authorities have been notified.

Kansas City, Mar. 24.—The case growing out of the attack made by J. P. Cudahy, the packer, upon Jere Lillis, the banker, was dismissed in the Municipal Court here by Daniel Howell, assistant city attorney.

MADMAN SLAYS TWO MEN ON FAST FLYING TRAIN

J. H. Bethea, Angered at B. & O. Porter, Shoots Him and Conductor—Killed by Police.

Wilmington, Del., Mar. 29.—The Royal Blue Limited on the B. & O. Railroad, which left Washington at 2 o'clock in the afternoon for New York, was the scene of a triple tragedy under dramatic circumstances, unparalleled in the history of modern passenger traffic.

A frenzied man shot down and killed the negro porter and conductor of the train while it was running at a rate of sixty miles an hour, just south of this city, and held the remainder of the crew and passengers at bay with an automatic pistol of heavy calibre.

Trapped in the car which his shots had emptied, except for the dying negro porter, whose body was stretched in a chair with his face pressed against the window, the desperate man, either mad or crazed with liquor, was brought into the station here.

Using the car as an armed fortress he fought an hour's battle with a squad of twenty police, led by the chief, the fire department, which poured a heavy stream of water in the car in an effort to drown him, and a number of citizens, until his wounds brought him close to death.

With the few remaining cartridges out of a hundred which he carried in his pockets in the magazine of his revolver, he made a final rush to escape.

A charge from a shotgun in the hands of the chief of police, fired at short range, halted him in the vestibule and a blow from the butt of a police revolver sent him to his knees, his pistol empty and his body torn with wounds. He died in a few minutes.

The supposed madman was J. H. Bethea, of Dillon, S. C., a prosperous contractor and a member of an old South Carolina family. He was forty years old.

The dead are: O. E. WELLMAN, forty, of Philadelphia, conductor of the train.

J. H. BETHEA, forty, of Dillon, S. C.

SAMUEL WILLIAMS, fifty, colored, Pullman porter.

JOHN J. WILEY, forty, a Wilmington Park guard, shot in the groin and hand.

MATHEW HALEY, a citizen, shot in the leg.

Others were grazed by flying bullets.

The bodies of the conductor, porter and double murderer were sent to the morgue. The Pullman car was switched off and the rest of the train proceeded to Philadelphia and New York.

SAW MOTHER BURN.

Children Danced About Her, Thinking It Fine Spectacle.

Hagerstown, Md., Mar. 29.—Two of her little children danced about her, apparently thinking it a fine sight, while Mrs. Howard Myers, twenty-six years old, burned to death in the yard of her home at Snoketown, this county.

Mrs. Myers was burning rubbish and her three children played near by. The mother's dress caught fire and in a moment she was ablaze from head to foot. The oldest child, with some realization of the situation, ran for help, but Mrs. Myers was dead before the first of the neighbors reached her.

CAUCUS PICKS SIX REGULARS.

No Insurgents on the New House Rules Committee.

Washington, Mar. 28.—Six regular Republicans were selected to represent the majority of the House on the new Rules Committee that was created by the Norris resolution, passed last week after one of the greatest fights ever waged in the lower branch of Congress. They were Representatives Dalzell of Pennsylvania, Smith of Iowa, Boutell of Illinois, Lawrence of Massachusetts, Fasset of New York and Smith of California.

The insurgents have no representation on the committee, but they left the caucus satisfied with the result.

TO RENEW TARIFF FIGHT.

The Next Step to Be Taken by Insurgent Senators.

Washington, Mar. 28.—A re-opening of the tariff debate in the Senate will be the next step taken by the Republican Insurgent Senators. This step more than any other will aggravate the serious situation now confronting the Republican leaders in regard to next fall's election. It will add new life to an issue that already is giving Administration forces a good deal of concern.

INDICT NATIONAL PACKING CO.

Chicago, Mar. 28.—Indictments were returned this afternoon against the National Packing Company and ten subsidiary concerns by the Federal Grand Jury which has been investigating for the last three months alleged violations of the Sherman anti-trust law.

RUTH WHEELER MURDER VICTIM

Body Bound with Wires, Wrapped in Burlap and Placed Outside Window of Flat

REVOLTING NEW YORK CRIME

Albert W. Wolter, Having Been Arrested on Charge of Abducting Child, Rearraigned and Accused of Murder—Victim First Strangled.

New York, N. Y., Mar. 29.—Ruth Amos Wheeler, 15 years old, blue-eyed and auburn-haired, started out eagerly on Thursday morning from the Merchants' and Bankers' Business School, No. 605 Madison avenue, in search of her first position as a stenographer. She found death instead. Her body was discovered on a fire escape outside the fourth floor rooms of Albert Walter Wolter, eighteen years old, in the rear of No. 224 East Seventy-fifth street. She had been murdered, and the body, partly burned, doubled up and bound with wires, was wrapped in newspapers and packed in a burlap bag. The package looked so much like a bundle of waste paper that it was tossed off the fire escape to the yard. Then John R. Taggart of No. 222 East Seventy-fifth street, who tossed the bundle to the ground, became suspicious, opened it and discovered the body.

Investigation showed that the girl was seized by her murderer, strangled to death by a rope knotted about her throat and doubled up and bound with thin wire. The body was soaked with kerosene, placed in a small grate in Wolter's apartment and burned. Then it was wrapped in newspapers and thrown on the fire escape, where it remained for almost two days. The murderer, apparently in his efforts to get the body into the grate, had broken the bones of his victim. His first intention evidently was to dispose of the body entirely by burning it.

The murderer burned part of the girl's clothing and her hair in a stove in another part of the building, and sought to dispose of her hat and the rest of her clothing with the body in the grate. Parts of the arms and the legs evidently were burned to ashes, for the bones of fingers and the toes were found in the ashes in the grate. With them were the girl's hat pin, one garter buckle and the steel ribs of her corsets.

Further facts obtained by the police indicate that the body was left in the fireplace for several hours, and that the murderer, to hide any hint of a fire in the grate, had painted the grate cover black. Presumably, while the body still lay in the grate, under the cover, Pearl Wheeler, the victim's sister, entered the flat and was alone for several minutes with Wolter, seeking information concerning her sister's whereabouts. He denied all knowledge of the missing girl, it is alleged, locked the door on Pearl and kept her from going away for several minutes, until her threats of a policeman waiting below compelled him to open the door.

Wolter is now locked up on the charge of abducting the girl. He admits having written the postal card which lured the girl to her death, and says he has been in the habit of asking business colleges to send to him their students.

\$215,000 FARO LOSS.

How Coleman Gambled Away \$180,000 of Cambridge Bank's Money.

Cambridge, Mass., Mar. 29.—In a confession, first made public, George W. Coleman, the young man charged with embezzlement from the National City Bank of Cambridge, admitted that he took \$180,000, and that practically every cent of it was lost in trying to "break a faro bank" in New York. Coleman stated that he was introduced to the game by a Boston man several years ago and lost \$35,000 of his own at that time. Two years later he met the other Boston man who interested him in the same game, he said, and between last May and February he made at least fifty trips to New York, taking with him each time sums varying from \$2,000 to \$5,000, all of which he lost. Those men, said Coleman, knew where the money was coming from, as he had told them he "was getting it wrong."

The alleged disclosures were made at Coleman's home in Cambridge.

KILLED BY MONSTER KITE.

Tangled in Cord, is Dragged Over Hill and Falls 350 Feet.

San Francisco, Mar. 29.—Entangled in the cord of a monster kite, which he was flying, William Fletcher, seventeen years old, was dragged over a steep declivity on Telegraph Hill.

He fell 350 feet to his death. Mr. Taft's two battleship plan is favored in a bill reported by the House Committee.

TWELVE DEAD FOUND IN CHICAGO FIRE RUINS

Men and Girls Trapped in Building with but a Single Fire Escape—Wires Balk Firemen.

Chicago, Mar. 29.—With the bodies of twelve victims already taken from the ruins of the Fish Furniture Company's plant, at 1905-1908 Wabash avenue, which was destroyed by fire, further search for bodies was discontinued at 3.30 o'clock p. m., owing to danger from tottering walls. While earlier estimates placed the number of victims, all of whom were trapped on the fourth and fifth floors of the building, as high as twenty, later and more thorough investigation indicates that there were but fourteen, with only two to be accounted for. There was only one fire escape.

One of the twelve bodies has not been identified yet. Those who are known to be dead are: ANDERSON, ETHEL, 18 years old; stenographer.

BELL, MINER W., advertising manager.

BRUCKE, ROSIE, 17; stenographer.

BURDEN, MRS. HANNAH, forewoman folding department.

DARLINGTON, HARRY, painter.

GREEN, WILLIAM, clerk.

LICHTENSTEIN, ETHEL, 18; stenographer.

McGRATH, VERONICA, 17; stenographer.

MITCHELL, HARRY M., auditor of company, member of firm, brother-in-law of Simon Fish.

QUINN, GERTRUDE, 20; folder.

SULLIVAN, LILLIAN, 16; folder.

The two still missing are: ST. CLAIR, BERT, confidential clerk.

WARGO, MARY, 20; folder.

The identification of the victims was accompanied by heartrending scenes. Florence Sullivan identified her sister, Lillian, by a shoe taken from one of the bodies, which she recognized as one that had been worn by her sister. Florence, who is 18 years old and a switchboard operator, was to have gone to work for the furniture company at noon, taking the place of another girl.

Alexander Bush, a street car conductor, who identified Rose Brucke, was to have married her on Easter Sunday. He recognized her through a number of trinkets, including an engagement ring, which he had given to her.

Leo Stoeckel, a clerk, apparently started the fire accidentally.

FAMILY SAVED FROM BUTCHERY.

Boys Were on River Bank Prepared for Death with Maniac Father.

Hartford, Conn., Mar. 29.—An insane father was prevented from butchering his four little children on the banks of the Connecticut River by the timely arrival of the police. When located back of the bushes his four boys were partly undressed and were lined in a row, the maniac father standing over them with the uplifted axe. A boy of four was to have been the first victim.

The poor child was standing beneath the shining blade with a crucifix in one hand, calmly awaiting its fate. The others, under orders of the madman, had partly removed their clothing and were terrified spectators. The police dashed through the undergrowth, threw the madman aside and gave their immediate attention to the children. The father was then taken to the police station and locked in a padded cell.

He is a Pole, Valente Chongle. He had been dispossessed by his landlord and the occurrence made him desperate.

200,000 MEN PROTEST TO TAFT.

Ohio Federation of Labor Objects to Smith for Federal Judge.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 28.—The Ohio Federation of Labor, representing 200,000 union men throughout the State, to-day sent a strong protest to President Taft against the proposed appointment of Alexander L. Smith, of Toledo, as Federal Judge for the northern district of Ohio. The protest is on the ground that Mr. Smith is a corporation lawyer, and follows a similar communication forwarded to Washington yesterday by the organized railroad men of the State.

MAJOR SLOCUM'S WIFE KILLED.

In An Automobile Accident with Major-Gen. Bell.

Washington, Mar. 28.—Mrs. Slocum, wife of Major Herbert L. Slocum, of the Seventh cavalry, U. S. A., Inspector General of the Department of the East, stationed at Governor's Island, was killed and Major General J. Franklin Bell, Chief of Staff, U. S. A., was seriously injured when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by a trolley car and hurled for five feet, landing bottom side up with Mrs. Slocum under the wreckage.

Fall Kills Ball Player.

Monticello, N. Y., Mar. 29.—Resulting from a fall caused by stepping on a piece of coal, Thomas White, one of the best ball players of Sullivan County, is dead at his home in Livingston Manor, near here. He was a minor league player.