

## PLEASURE SEEKERS DROWN

Electric Train Plunges into Arm of Sea from Draw.

### ONLY A FEW ESCAPED

Most of the Victims Were Bound for the Seashore for a Pleasant Afternoon.

More than fifty persons—the number may reach 75—the majority of them Philadelphiaans out for a Sunday holiday, lost their lives at Atlantic City, when a three-car train on the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's new third-rail electric line from Camden to the sea was whirled off the draw-bridge over the Thoroughfare and sank in 20 feet of water.

The passengers in the two front coaches, with one or two exceptions, were drowned. Up to midnight 44 bodies have been recovered, and it is believed that at least 30 more bodies are in the submerged coaches.

The disaster, the worst that has happened since the terrible Meadowcroft wreck of July 30, 1896, near the same spot, occurred at half past 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The train, made up of three heavy vestibule electric coaches, which left Camden at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, carried at least 80 passengers. The number of tickets are held by the conductor. That official is uncertain, however, just how many passengers were on the train, and until all the bodies have been taken out of the submerged coaches, when the tide goes out, it will not be possible to give the true figures of the dead.

The Thoroughfare is a neck of tidewater which separates Atlantic City from the mainland and the railroads cross it on drawbridges. The draw of the electric road had been opened about half an hour before the express arrived to permit an 18-ounce yacht called the Sinbad to pass. The Sinbad had been abandoned at sea by her crew, and was washed up on Fenwick island shoals. Her owner rescued her and was bringing her back to Atlantic City.

When the bridge closed behind the Sinbad the rails did not lock properly, it is supposed. The flanges of the wheels on the first car of the express struck the outside of the rails and in a moment the whole train had been whirled over and dropped into 20 feet of water.

The third coach struck an abutment, broke its couplings and for a brief time hung suspended over the water. Brief as was this period, however, it gave more than a score of passengers an opportunity to escape by the rear door. Then the car slid off and followed the other two into the water. It is believed everyone in the third coach escaped alive, although all were injured.

The accident was witnessed by many persons on shore and assistance was promptly sent from Atlantic City. Little could be done, however, to save the lives of those imprisoned in the submerged coaches. The water at the point where the train plunged in was not deep enough to cover the coaches at first, but as they tilted they were soon hidden from sight except for the trolley poles. Divers were sent down to try to reach the dead bodies in the coaches, but as darkness set in and as the tide ran more swiftly they were unable for a long time to reach them.

Late in the evening a wrecking crew arrived and with their aid and the use of a derrick the work of removing the bodies began.

### AGREE TO SEPARATE

Report Regarding Duke of Marlborough and His American Wife.

It is reported that the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough have agreed upon a separation, terms for it being already arranged. The duke, it is said, renounces all right to any portion of the money settled on his wife at the time of their marriage, the income of which amounts to \$175,000 a year. The duchess will get Sunderland House. Neglect of his wife is declared to be the cause of the duke's trouble.

### ICE TRUST LOSES

Circuit Court Upholds Decree in Toledo City Cases.

Circuit court at Toledo, O., upheld the decision of Judge Kinkade, of common pleas court, in sentencing Reuben Lemora, Rollin Beard and Joseph Miller, convicted of conspiracy in restraint of trade in the sale of ice.

The sentences given the men were \$2,500 fine each and six months in the workhouse, and if the supreme court affirms the lower courts the ice men must serve their sentences. The circuit court also held the Valentine anti-trust law constitutional.

### Will Prosecute State Board.

State Treasurer Berry, of Pennsylvania, who was elected last year by the reformers, said that he would recommend to Attorney General Carson that criminal proceedings be instituted against members of the Board of Public Grounds and Buildings who contracted for the furnishing and equipping of the new State Capitol at Harrisburg, which cost the State \$13,000,000.

### Fatal Gas Explosion.

Two persons were killed, one is missing, four were seriously injured and 20 more hurt in an explosion of natural gas that demolished five two-story brick business buildings at Coffeetown, Kan. The dead are: Jesse Roos, a negro, Mrs. J. E. McDaniel.

Overcome by his exertions during an amateur football game, Leonard Hammer, aged 15, of Pittsburg, terrified his young companions by suddenly dropping dead.

## REMARKABLE WIRELESS FEAT

Station Keeps in Touch With Vessel During Its Entire Voyage.

A remarkable achievement in wireless telegraphy is reported to the Navy Department from Pensacola station. That plant has been able to keep in constant communication with the United Fruit Company's steamer Preston from the time that vessel left New York until it arrived at Honduras.

The station also received messages from the Preston while that ship was entering New York harbor, where she was undoubtedly bathed in electric waves from other stations and ships.

A curious fact is that the Pensacola station has not been able to repeat this performance with another steamer than the Preston, notwithstanding the fact that the plants are alike on all the United liners.

### BERING SEA TUNNEL

Company Chartered to Connect Old and New World by Rail.

The Trans-Alaska-Siberian Railway Company was chartered at the office of the Secretary of State at Trenton, N. J. It is the purpose of this concern, which is issuing an authorized capital stock of \$4,000,000, to connect the Western Hemisphere with the continent by all-rail route.

This will be done by tunneling under Bering strait. It also proposes to install a telegraph and telephone system, connecting these widely distributed sections of the globe by almost instantaneous methods of communication.

### QUITTING BUSINESS

Sale of Bank Follows Disposal of Other Mormon Enterprises.

Reports that the Mormon church, as an organization, is to retire from commercial business were further verified, when it was officially announced that the Utah National bank had been sold to W. S. McCormick. The bank's stock was largely owned by the church.

In the last four months, the Mormon church has disposed of its big holdings in the Utah Light and Railway company, which controls the principal public utilities in Salt Lake City; its Los Angeles and Salt Lake railroad, with its great pavilion at Saltair, and its big retail department store at Ogden.

### TELEGRAPHIC BRIEVITIES.

George J. Gould has announced that work is to be started in the near future on the double tracking of the Wabash system the entire distance between Pittsburg and Chicago.

The strike of grain handlers at Portland, Ore., has been settled. The strikers agreed to return to work, provided that the police were withdrawn from the piers.

The bank of Jamestown, in Monticau county, 35 miles from Jefferson City, Mo., was entered by robbers, who blew open the safe and secured \$2,700 and escaped.

The Illinois memorial temple that cost \$200,000 and was erected as the tribute of Illinois to its soldiers who fought in the siege of Vicksburg was dedicated at Vicksburg National Military Park.

Jacob M. Stout, supervisor of interlockers of the Big Four railway, was instantly killed and M. F. Potter, superintendent of bridges, was badly hurt just north of Milford, O., on the Delaware division.

While the second torpedo boat flotilla was in Newport waters recently its record for torpedo target practice is reported to have exceeded any previous marksmanship by a torpedo boat flotilla of the navy.

Deputy Sheriff John Worthington, shot and killed James Aiken at Five Forks, near Belair, Md., while trying to serve a warrant upon Aiken for wife-beating. Aiken threatened the officer with an ax and then procured a shotgun.

In view of the alarming reports from Morocco the Spanish Government has decided to hold several cruisers ready for dispatch to the West coast for the protection of Spanish subjects.

Major Dreyfus, who was detailed for duty with one of the artillery regiments at Vincennes, has been given an independent artillery command at St. Denis, France.

The Pulajanes in Samar attacked boats carrying supplies on the Surigao river, killed three scouts and wounded one. Five Pulajanes were killed. The supplies were saved. Troops are now pursuing the Pulajanes.

Louis G. Hampton, assistant secretary of the United States Trust Co., of New York, shot and killed Victoria I. Taczow, a beautiful young woman, in the Hotel Griffon in West Ninth street, and then committed suicide.

### Good Fortune Left.

A dispatch from Los Angeles announces the will of George Gregg, who died there a week ago, leaves a fortune of \$100,000 to Bellefonte, Pa., heirs. Mr. Gregg was a native of Centre county, Pennsylvania and for years was associated in business with Frank Thomson, the late president of the Pennsylvania railroad. Later he was connected with the Carnegie Steel Company and 20 years ago went west, where he made a fortune in mining and real estate.

### Sage's Servants Remembered.

Mrs. Preston Sage made several cash gifts to servants of the household out of the fortune left to her by her late husband. Charles Boss, the coachman who has served the family 49 years, received a cash present of \$2,000. William Boss, his son, also received \$2,000. Three female servants each received \$2,000 and the caretaker of the Sage town house on Fifth avenue was given \$1,000. Mrs. Sage is building a \$4,000 cottage for Charles Boss.

## COMPLAINT BY JAPANESE

Secretary Metcalf Sent to San Francisco to Investigate.

### INSIST UPON TREATY RIGHTS

Discrimination Against Merchants and School Children on the Pacific Coast is Alleged.

As a result of alleged discrimination against Japanese children by the school authorities of San Francisco, which, it is charged, constitutes a violation of our treaty obligations with Japan, President Roosevelt has directed Secretary Metcalf of the department of commerce and labor to go to the Pacific coast city as the special commissioner of the President to inquire into the charges. The secretary will confer with the governor of the state, mayor of the city and school officials in an endeavor to learn the exact facts in the case, and will bring back to the President a complete report of the whole matter.

President Roosevelt is determined to avoid any misunderstanding with Japan, and hence the visit of Mr. Metcalf to the coast. Until the President hears from his commissioner he will not attempt to take any action against the schools provided for white children, and that it is the determination of the authorities to place them in separate institutions.

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## SHAW AND MOODY WILL RETIRE

Postmaster General Cortelyou Will Get Treasury Department and Metcalf the Navy.

The following statement regarding prospective changes in President Roosevelt's cabinet was made public at the White House:

"On retirement of Secretary Shaw and Attorney General Moody from the cabinet the following changes will be made:

"Secretary of the treasury—Hon. George B. Cortelyou.

"Postmaster general—Hon. George Von L. Meyer.

"Attorney general—Hon. Charles J. Bonaparte.

"Secretary of the navy—Hon. Victor H. Metcalf.

"Secretary of commerce and labor—Hon. Oscar S. Straus."

It is expected Attorney General Moody will retire on January 1, 1907, and Secretary Shaw on March 4, 1907. The new appointments, except those of Cortelyou and Meyer will, accordingly, be made the first of the year, and theirs on March 4.

Mr. Meyer, who will become postmaster general, is ambassador to Russia to which place he was appointed on March 6, 1905, having been promoted to that office following his service as ambassador to Italy from 1900 to 1905. He is a native of Massachusetts, and has been well known as a business man.

The appointment of Mr. Straus will be the first of a citizen of the Hebrew race to a cabinet position. He was born December 3, 1859, and is well-known as a merchant, diplomat and author. He represented the United States as minister to Turkey on two different occasions, and was appointed by President Roosevelt to fill the vacancy caused by the death of ex-President Harrison as a member of the department of the permanent court of arbitration at The Hague.

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The explosion occurred in heading 2, off what is known as the Mill Creek dip, about one mile from the Mill Creek shaft, and two or three miles from the scene of the disaster in the Klondike section of the mine four years ago. The surface above the explosion chamber is in Somerset county.

Unusual excitement in connection with the reopening of the British Parliament was caused by the presence of about 100 woman suffragists, many of whom, despite the protests of the police, managed to find their way into the outer lobby of the House of Commons with the intention of buttonholing the members in support of their movement.

A number of the suffragists mentioned vacant chairs in the lobby and began to harangue the few members of Parliament present in that part of the House.

The police, after being reinforced, made a strategic advance against the invaders, taking the women singly and gradually ejected them, one by one, from the House.

The most militant of the women struggled so desperately that two officers were required to remove them. Their hysterical shouting and screaming brought crowds of members from the House, and the unwonted scene created temporary excitement such as has seldom been witnessed in or about the House.

Every Railroad in the United States Will Be Asked to Increase Wages.

It is officially announced at the headquarters of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers in Cleveland, O., that requests have just been made not only to the lines of Chicago, but also to a number of the big eastern systems for higher wages and better working conditions, for all classes of train men. Similar requests will probably be made to every railroad in the United States.

The requests made by the engineers include a revised and higher wage scale for the men in all classes of the service, passenger, freight and yard engines, and better working conditions looking toward shorter hours for a day's work.

Three Persons Killed and As Many Injured at Grade Crossing.

Three persons were killed and three seriously injured in a collision at Woodside, L. I., between a railroad train and a coach which was returning to New York from a funeral at Calvary cemetery. The dead are: Patrick Healy, Anna Healy and Eleanor Healy. The injured: Mrs. Patrick Healy, Thomas Lynch and Edgar J. Griffin.

Griffin drove the vehicle directly in front of the approaching train. The coach was demolished, the horses killed and the occupants hurled in all directions. Healy and his two children were instantly killed.

Army Officers to Test Balloons.

Fort Omaha, Neb., is to be the scene of many interesting balloon experiments with the next few months. French manufacturers shipped to the signal corps of the army a new spherical silk balloon which will be thoroughly tested at the Nebraska post.

Flyer Wrecked.

The Cleveland flyer, train No. 310 of the Cleveland & Pittsburgh railroad, due in Pittsburg at 12:10 o'clock, p. m. ran into an open switch directly in front of the Bellevue station, near Pittsburg, severely injuring six people and partially wrecking the train. The entire passenger train left the track and sidwheeled a freight train that was standing on a siding to the right of the track on which the flyer was running and wrecked the caboose and a refrigerator car next to the caboose.

Moody Against Oil Men.

Attorney General Moody is about to bring proceedings against the prominent members of the Standard Oil Company under the terms of the Sherman anti-trust law, which provides penalties of fine or imprisonment for persons guilty of the misdemeanor constituted by conviction of its violation.

The Variety iron works of Cleveland, one of the bridge companies ousted from Ohio for violating the anti-trust laws, has filed a motion asking a new trial.

## SEVEN KILLED IN EXPLOSION

Disaster Occurred in Mine Near Johnstown, Pa.

### FOUR WORKMEN HAD LEFT

Men in Adjoining Heading Knew Nothing About the Accident Till Quitting Time.

Seven men were killed and two injured, one very seriously, by an explosion of gas in the Cambria Steel Company's coal mine at Johnstown, Pa.

The first alarm of the disaster was given by John Gilbert, a driver, who was not in the chamber where the explosion occurred, but who, as an experienced miner, felt the earth tremor which followed. The disturbance was so purely local that men working in a heading adjoining the scene of the explosion knew nothing of the accident until quitting time.

The dead are Sampson Luther, aged 30, shot firer; Constant Fish, aged 45, loader; Adam Pavlovsky, aged 25, cutter; Joseph Kamelsky, aged 34, loader; Frank Gavick, aged 30; Mike Sulada, aged 19, loader; Joseph Patrick, aged 24, scraper.

The injured are Joseph Flack, laborer, and Mike Borovochit, Slav. Both were overcome by afterdamp. The explosion occurred in heading 2, off what is known as the Mill Creek dip, about one mile from the Mill Creek shaft, and two or three miles from the scene of the disaster in the Klondike section of the mine four years ago. The surface above the explosion chamber is in Somerset county.

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