

PLUNGED TO DEATH BY FALLING BRIDGE

Workmen Drop Without Warning into St. Lawrence's River.

LONGEST SINGLE SPAN BRIDGE

Terrible Catastrophe Came Just at Time When Men Were Leaving in the Evening.

Eighty men plunged to death when the superstructure of what was to have been the greatest cantilever bridge in the world collapsed and sank into the St. Lawrence river between Silley and St. Ronald, five miles from Quebec.

All that remains of the grand structure are its huge abutments on the shore, and in the river a great mass of tangled, twisted steel work that pins down the men who had been working on it.

A careful estimate places the loss of life at 84.

The bridge fell at exactly 5:37 this evening, just as many of the workmen were preparing to leave.

The bridge was about a mile and a half in length, and half of it from the south shore to mid stream, crumpled up and dropped into the water.

Ninety men were at work on this section of the structure, and the whistle had just been blown at 5:29 for the men to quit work for the day, when there came a grinding sound from the bridge mid-stream. The men turned to see what had happened and an instant later the cry went up, "The bridge is falling."

The men made a rush shoreward, but the distance was too great for them to reach. The fallen section of the bridge dragged others after it. The snapping girders and cables boomed like crashes of artillery. Terror lent fleetness to the feet of the flying workmen as they sped shoreward, but only a few of them reached safety before the last piece of ironwork on the south shore was dragged into the water.

The southern extension of the bridge which collapsed was rapidly nearing the zenith of the immense steel arch which was to span the river. For 800 feet from the shore the massive steel structure reared an arch with no supports save the piers from the shore, and one pier in the river, about 150 feet from the shore, while the outward extremity was 189 feet above the water.

The end of the half bent down a trifle and a moment later the whole enormous fabric began to give away slowly at first, then with a terrific crash which was plainly heard in Quebec and which shook the whole countryside so that the residents rushed out of their houses thinking that an earthquake had occurred.

Of the 92 men working on the bridge, eight so far have been recovered. Two are so badly injured they may die. Of the other 84, 16 have been taken from the water, dead, and it is feared that the great majority of the others have been either drowned or crushed by the falling girders.

The horrors of the situation were increased by the fact that a number of wounded men were pinned in the wreckage near the shore. Their groans and shrieks could be plainly heard by the crowds who gathered at the water's edge.

Near the shore the wreckage of the bridge did not go below the surface of the water, and eight workmen who remained above water were rescued and taken to the hospital at Levis.

MARCHED TO DEATH

Austrian Troops on Maneuver Suffer Heavily.

The long list of casualties among troops engaged in the yearly army maneuvers, now in progress in the neighborhood of Wiener-Neustadt, has focused widespread public indignation and concern. Many deaths from exhaustion have been reported, and hundreds of men have been prostrated.

In the 25th Regiment of infantry alone 150 prostrations have been reported. The overworking of the troops in the excessive heat is responsible for these many casualties. In the case of the 25th infantry, the men were aroused one morning at 3 o'clock and marched steadily for 12 hours, while the 14th Regiment of infantry, which also suffered heavily, marched 32 miles in one day.

DEATH FROM PLAGUE

San Francisco Woman Dies and Two More Cases Are Reported.

The health boards at San Francisco reported an additional death from bubonic plague and two additional cases under suspicion since Saturday. The death was that of a woman in Berkeley, across the bay from San Francisco. This case falls within the limits of the statement by the plague authorities that all ports on the Pacific coast having intercourse with trans-Pacific points are subject to sporadic appearances of the disease.

15,000 HOUSES ARE BURNED

Loss Caused by Conflagration at Hakodate, Japan, is Placed at \$15,000,000.

Advices from the American consulate at Hakodate place the loss caused by the conflagration there at \$15,000,000. About 15,000 houses, varying in value, were burned and 60,000 persons rendered homeless. Former estimates are regarded as being too low.

WILL SELL DAVIS ESTATE.

Land Left Confederate President Goes to Heirs.

Thousands of acres of land deeded to Jefferson Davis during his lifetime will soon be sold in several Southern States to satisfy heirs of the Davis estate.

Shortly after the close of the Civil War many Southern sympathizers, who had saved some portion of their fortune, deeded property to Jefferson Davis. One of the biggest tracts turned over was by Mrs. Elizabeth Dorsey, a wealthy woman, owning a magnificent plantation near Pine Bluff. This property, amounting to nearly 5,000 acres, is to be subdivided and sold.

BRIBE OFFERED

Governor of Indiana Says the Proposition Was Made to Him.

Winfield Durbin, governor of Indiana, is authority for the statement that an attempt was made to bribe him to cause the return of Wm. A. Taylor, fugitive governor of Kentucky, to that state, to be prosecuted on the charge of conspiracy to assassinate Gov. Goebel.

After the murder of Goebel Taylor came to Indiana, where he has remained since. Durbin says the bribe offered was upward of \$93,000 in cash, the return of Taylor to be accomplished by extradition or any other means Durbin might employ.

GIRL IN FLAMING BALLOON.

Drops Into a Tree from Height of 200 Feet.

Miss Myrtle Rysdike, a 17-year-old girl of Middletown, N. Y., narrowly escaped death in making a balloon ascension at the park. The balloon caught fire when 200 feet in the air. The hot air quickly escaped and the balloon and the young woman fell rapidly.

She landed in the thick foliage of a large tree, the balloon covering her. She was quickly rescued, and save for a few scratches, was none the worse.

EARTHQUAKE SOMEWHERE.

Severe Shock Is Recorded by Instruments at Washington.

A distinct earthquake shock, indicating a very severe seismic disturbance at a far distant point was recorded on the Weather Bureau instrument at Washington. The shock lasted an hour and a half.

The recording first shock was witnessed by Prof. F. Omori, a seismologist of Japan, who happened to be present. Dr. Omori is President of the Japanese Society for the Investigation of Earthquake Causes.

STORK BUSY ON STEAMSHIP.

Seven Babies Born on Kroonland, Just Arrived at New York.

The stork took passage on the Red Star steamship Kroonland which arrived in New York today from Antwerp. Dr. T. E. Schaepkens, the ship's surgeon, had a busy time of it during the voyage. Six babies were left by the stork in the steerage and one in the first cabin.

Among the passengers, first cabin, who came over on the Kroonland was H. T. Morris of Pittsburg.

ROTHSCHILD ROBBED

Thieves Make Big Haul, but Pass Up Americans.

A thief went through one of the principal hotels at Baden, Germany, and stole a large amount of money and jewelry. Baron Goldschmidt Rothschild, of Frankfurt, who is attending the races is reported to have lost from \$2,000 to \$20,000.

Baroness Ephrusi of Vienna lost jewels which were reported to the police as being worth \$18,000. There were many Americans stopping at the same hotel, but apparently they did not lose any thing.

230 DIE DAILY OF CHOLERA

Epidemic Raging With Growing Virulence Among Chinese.

The epidemic of cholera among the Chinese in the lower Yangtze ports is spreading. About 200 persons die daily in the streets of Wu Hu Lu, province of Kiang Si.

Receipts and Expenditures.

The forthcoming monthly statement of the government receipts and expenditures at Washington will show an increase in the receipts for August, 1907, of about \$2,218,000, as compared with August 1906. The expenditures, however, will be shown to have been materially greater, so that the surplus for the present month will be about \$3,451,000, or over \$1,630,000 less than for August last year.

The civil and miscellaneous expenditures will be over \$3,000,000 greater than for the corresponding month last year. The War Department will also be greater by \$2,000,000, and the navy expenditures greater by \$2,500,000. The public works item will also show a marked increase.

The receipts from customs during the last month show an increase over August, 1906, of \$704,332; internal revenues increased \$382,265, and miscellaneous receipts increased about \$1,136,067.

LYNCH NEGRO; RIDDLE BODY

Posse Makes Quick Work of Fiend Who Attacks an Alabama Woman.

News received from Columbus, Miss., says Mrs. Edward Windham, 24 years old, a resident of Pickensville, just across the Alabama line, was attacked by John Gibson, a negro, while alone in her home. The negro was captured by a mob and lynched, after Mrs. Windham had identified him. His body was riddled with bullets.

20 KILLED ON WAY TO FAIR

Trolley Cars Meet and Collide on Steep Grade.

Telephones Along the Line Every Two Miles for Transmission of Orders to Cars.

Fifteen persons were killed and about 50 injured in a head-on collision between an interurban express train, consisting of a motor car and a trailer, and a traction car, on the Mattoon & Charleston electric line, at a sharp curve, one mile west of Charleston, Ill. A confusion of orders received over the telephone is said to have been the cause of the accident.

The cars approached each other at high speed, and the impact was so terrific that the motor car and trailer were telescoped by the traction car. Few passengers had time to escape by jumping. Most of the passengers were going to the Coles county fair at Charleston.

Mattoon sent special cars to the wreck, and the dead and injured were brought to the morgue and hospital. Several of the injured may die.

The dead: Nell Fulgate, Gays, Ind.; Thos. Weakley, Mattoon, Ill.; Wm. Nelson, North Okawa, Ill.; Chas. Nelson, young son of Wm. Nelson; Howard Cole, Cooks Mills, Ill.; Zack Vandevanter, Mattoon; Edward Reynolds, Paradise, Ill.; Albert Smith, Mattoon; W. A. Price, Mattoon; Douglas Logan, Humboldt, Ill.; Edna Walbalm, Cooks Mills; three unidentified.

Doctors and citizens hurried from Charleston to the disaster, dragged dead and injured from the broken mass of timbers and seats, and gave first aid to the maimed. The dead were laid beside the tracks.

The victims could not be taken to Charleston, because the track was blocked in that direction, and the relief car from Mattoon was awaited.

The line on which the disaster occurred is 12 miles long, running between Mattoon and Charleston, Ill., and has but a single track. Telephones are placed every two miles for orders to be transmitted to the cars passing over the road.

FIVE KILLED IN WRECK

Cars Plunge Down Embankment, Carrying Passengers to Death.

Chesapeake & Ohio passenger train No. 66 was derailed a mile below Kenawha Falls as a result five are dead and 11 injured.

The dead are: Wm. Campbell, Veneta, W. Va.; Walter Saunders, Wendell, W. Va.; Silas Vaught, Gauley, W. Va.; Allen Leving, expressman, Hinton, W. V., and an unidentified white man.

Injuries to others are so slight that they will continue on their journey. Spreading rails is supposed to have been the cause of the accident. The track was torn up for several hundred yards. Trains were delayed several hours.

BALLOONIST DROPS 300 FEET

Gas Bag Takes Fire in Mid-Air With Amateur Aeronaut.

Myrtle Rysdike, 17 years old, of Middletown, N. Y., narrowly escaped death in making a balloon ascension at Midway park.

She fell 300 feet to the ground. The balloon caught fire, and the hot air quickly escaped. The balloon and the young woman fell rapidly toward the earth.

Several thousand people expected the young woman to be dashed to death, but she fell into a large tree. Save for a few scratches she was none the worse for her fall.

Mustn't Use Government Cars.

The announcement is made at the war department at Washington that disciplinary measures will be used if necessary to put an end to the use by families of army officers of cars chartered by the government for the transportation of troops. It is stated that persons of a non-military character should not occupy the cars without authority, as it is considered detrimental to the best interests of the service and a misuse of government transportation.

Half a Million Fire in Houston.

Planes licked up half a million dollars' worth of property and reduced three squares of business and residence section of Houston, Tex., to ashes. The biggest loss was to the plant of the Standard Milling Co., valued at \$306,000.

Death of Richard Mansfield.

Richard Mansfield, the foremost American actor of this generation, died at his summer home, Seven Oaks, in Ocean avenue, New London, Conn., Aug. 30, after an illness of five months. His demise was due directly to a disease of the liver, aggravated by complications brought on from extreme nervous debility. The end was not unexpected to his family, although a few days ago Mr. Mansfield's brother announced publicly that he expected the player to resume his career soon.

Harriman Wants Suit Dismissed.

E. H. Harriman, through his counsel, has asked the United States circuit court to dismiss the suit brought against him and 27 other defendants by Henry M. Walker of New Jersey for \$500,000 for his services in organizing the Portland, Nehalem & Tillamook railroad of Oregon before Harriman purchased it.

United States Circuit Judge Pritchard decided that the North Carolina railroad rate case is within the jurisdiction of the federal courts.

TRAGEDY AT FAIR

Balloonist Falls 2,000 Feet, but Was Not Killed.

Nearly 5,000 people at the Barnstable (Mass.) county fair saw Balloonist Maloney drop 2,000 feet to the earth, strike the top of a cedar fence and escape probably with his life.

Maloney made the ascent late in the afternoon, and as the visitors at the fair grounds gazed upward they saw that his attempts to cut his parachute were fruitless. A sharp easterly wind had blown the rope which connects with the knife amongst the mass of cords higher up and out of reach of the balloonist.

For fully two miles Maloney floated along. The gas was rapidly leaking from the big bag above him, and he prepared for the long drop. Maloney and the balloon came earthward rapidly. As it neared, the canvas fell about the body of the aeronaut and prevented him from seeing where he was falling. He struck in a half standing position on the top of a big cedar post used by a farmer to mark off his field. His back was terribly torn and his left arm badly injured.

A long line of automobiles, headed by one carrying Gov. Curtis Guild, a visitor at the fair, rushed to the spot. The man was picked up in a semi-conscious condition and hurried to his hotel in Barnstable Center. Physicians who attended Maloney say that he is not internally injured and will recover.

COLLECTIONS SLOW

Financial Conditions a Handicap to Iron and Steel Trade.

The Iron Age says: The principal anxiety of producers of iron and steel is that of collections, and these appear to be the more unsatisfactory the closer the buyer is to the railroad interests. The financial situation is dominating the industry, yet there are surprisingly few cancellations, and deliveries of material are taken right along, and many cases of urging shipments are cited. Current consumption is still very heavy and promises to continue so for many months to come, but in those branches of the trade which have enjoyed the greater advances there is a deadlock between buyers and sellers over prices for future delivery, and the markets are decidedly weak.

There is little doubt that \$19 for No. 2 foundry iron at Lehigh Valley furnaces would be accepted for good sized lots of satisfactory customers. This has attracted some little buying and has brought out some fair inquiries.

Some Southern makers have reduced their selling prices to \$19 at furnace for the balance of the third quarter and to \$19.50 for the fourth quarter, but we cannot learn of any transactions of consequence.

RAILROADS ENJOINED

Express Companies Also Made Defendants in Suit by Creamery Companies.

Judge Kohlsaat in the United States circuit court at Chicago issued a temporary injunction against 14 Western railroads and five express companies, restraining them from establishing on Sept. 1, a new rate on shipments of cream, milk and butter.

The complainants were 14 creamery companies of the Middle West, who charged the railway and express companies had combined to fix an excessive rate that would drive the creameries out of business. A protest against the proposed action of the railway and express companies has been filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission, but according to the creamery companies, it could not be considered by the commission within a year.

Judge Kohlsaat set Oct. 8 as the date for the hearing on the application for a permanent injunction.

KING REBUKES PLAYERS

Calls Performance in Music Hall "Horrible."

King Edward uttered a "cave at Marlborough, and after listening to one or two items on the program he walked out as a protest against the scandalous nature of the performance. A Venetian company was playing. His majesty was followed by the Duke of Teck and all the Americans and Englishmen present.

"This is horrible, appalling," said the King to a member of his entourage, and the accuracy of his description of the performance is admitted on every side.

Another Step Toward Arbitration.

The British proposition before the Peace Conference regarding obligatory arbitration, has been so modified that it will lead to a general understanding on the subject. It leaves each nation to bind itself to submit to arbitration cases, a list of which is furnished, which may arise between that nation and any other country or countries the signatory nation may select.

Packers' Telegraphers Return.

About 40 telegraphers, who have been handling leased wires in the packing houses of East St. Louis, returned to work, after having been out for two weeks. It is understood they will get the old scale, pending an adjustment of the strike.

Bill for Increased Pay.

The joint board composed of Acting Secretary Newberry, representing the navy; Maj.-Gen. Ainsworth, representing the army, and Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Beekman Winthrop, representing the revenue cutter service, has concluded its labors and made public the text of a bill to be laid before the next Congress providing for a general increase in the pay of the officers and men of the three services.

FOUR KILLED AT CROSSING

Automobile Party Struck by an Electric Car.

MACHINE CAUGHT ON TRACK

Levers Failed to Work and Auto Did Not Move as Driver Expected It To.

Dr. Geo. Waldron, a physician of Rochester, N. Y., Mrs. Catherine Farnsworth of Rochester, and Mrs. Edith Scandling and Mrs. Jane Hobbs both of Hopewell were instantly killed in a collision between an automobile in which they were driving and a Rochester & Eastern trolley car, near Canandaigua, N. Y.

Dr. Waldron went to Hopewell in the morning with his daughter with his daughter to visit at the home of William Scandling, and had taken the three women, all of whom were more than 65 years of age, for an automobile ride. They were on their way to the Freshour Crossing to meet another friend of the Scandling family.

Witnesses of the accident say that as the machine approached the trolley tracks it was seen by the motorman. According to them, the motorman gave a signal, and Dr. Waldron slowed up. Then, apparently thinking that he could cross before the car reached him, he started on again. It is thought that the automobile did not respond readily to the levers. It was caught on the tracks and the occupants thrown out with great force. The bodies were frightfully crushed.

Dr. Waldron, one of the oldest medical men in Rochester, numbered among his clientele the richest and best families of the city and the countryside for miles around.

As one of the older school of medicine, he believed in the "fresh air" cure as much as in drugs, and frequently took his patients driving through the rural districts to add the "fresh air" to his treatment.

A month ago he bought an automobile, and thinking he had mastered it, he invited the three aged women to ride with him to Canandaigua and back.

The machine balked on the crossing and before it could be moved the trolley car crashed into it.

PRESIDENT CRITICIZED

Resolution Offered at Meeting of Bar Association.

A resolution criticizing President Roosevelt for commenting upon the trial of the Beef Trust case in Chicago a year ago and adversely criticizing the presiding judge and his rulings, was introduced at the final session of the American Bar Association at Portland, Me., by George Whitlock of Baltimore.

It was met with instant disapproval from all parts of the hall, and President Alton B. Parker repeatedly asked Mr. Whitlock to withdraw it, but Mr. Whitlock insisted that it be acted upon. A motion to lay it on the table was carried.

During the attempt to dispose of it, Joseph R. David of Chicago, who failed to secure recognition, shouted: "Some one has said the American Bar Association has no right to criticize the President of the United States. I hold that when the President of the United States violates his trust, it is the duty of the American Bar Association to criticize him."

BOMB MAILED CORTELYOU

Accidental Explosion in Mail Bags in Philadelphia May Have Foiled Death.

A package addressed to George B. Cortelyou, secretary of the treasury, exploded in a substitution of the Philadelphia postoffice just as it was being prepared for shipment to Washington. Fortunately no one was hurt.

The police are investigating, and the United States secret service has been called in.

So far as can be ascertained the package was in a bulky envelope about four inches long, three inches wide and half an inch thick. There was nothing left of it after the explosion.

The bundle was brought in by a Germantown mail carrier. It was put with the other mail. The package, on being thrown toward a bag, exploded as it struck the pouch.

Shoots Wife, Child and Self.

In the presence of a number of boarders in the New Jersey House, at Ocean Grove, N. J., a hotel of which he was the proprietor, Robt. S. Gravit, aged 46 years, shot and perhaps mortally wounded his wife, Irene, seriously wounded Mollie, his 6-year-old daughter, and then killed himself. Domestic trouble is said to have been the cause of the tragedy.

State Sues Western Union.

Attorney General Bird started suit in the Indiana court (Mich.) circuit courts against the Western Union Telegraph Company to recover \$75,000 in penalties for failure to file articles of incorporation as required by the state law. The act fixes a penalty of \$1,000 a month.

Demand Increased Wages.

A demand for an eight-hour day and a 20 per cent increase in wages was decided on by the metal polishers, buffers, platers, brass molders and brass and silver workers' union at their national convention at Cincinnati. The executive committee will determine the date on which the demands will be presented.

By the will of the late Henry L. Farney, a pioneer real estate dealer, \$110,000 is left to various charitable institutions of Chicago.

NEW AMERICAN PROPOSAL

Arbitration Court of 15, Four to Be From This Continent.

Joseph H. Choate and James Brown Scott, for the American delegation to the peace conference at The Hague, have drawn up a new proposition with respect to the allotment of judges for the International High Court of Justice. In this proposal the United States announces the willingness of all the countries of the American continent, including the United States, to have four judges appointed for the countries of the continent, on the understanding arrived at through diplomatic channels that this will reduce the number of judges to 15. It is understood the Americans hope the other continents will take similar action, that Asia will be allotted two judges, and Europe nine.

WOMAN KILLED BY A LION

Beast Sprang Into Crowd at Pittsburgh Amusement Park.

A Nubian lion, roaring with rage, broke from the Hippodrome at Luna Park, Pittsburg, and leaped into the midst of a thousand pleasure seekers.

Mrs. Anna R. Huckle, a widow, 63 years old, of 75 Van Buren street, was the first victim of the beast's rage. She was taken to the hospital suffering from frightful lacerations from the lion's claws and teeth, her hands all but pierced by the fangs of the huge beast.

Before the brute could attack any of the hundreds of panicking people at the park, he was dispatched by four policemen. Nearly 100 shots were fired at the brute; more than 20 took effect in its body.

Boy Aeronaut Drops 400 Feet.

At Greenville, O., Earl Hess, a boy aeronaut, escaped death by a miracle when his big Knabenshue airship was plucked 400 feet to the earth by the bursting of the big gas bag. A crowd of 15,000 Darke county fair visitors watched the downward career of the machine in horror, which changed to relief when they saw the youthful operator swing the gas bag around by sheer strength when near the ground, making of it a parachute which slackened the speed of the descent sufficiently to permit him to leap to safety.

PLOTTERS ARE SENTENCED

Death Penalty for Some of Those Who Seek Czar's Life.

The court martial which has been trying the 18 persons accused of plotting against Emperor Nicholas and the government last May, has found three of them, Mikitenko Simashev, alias Purkin, and Naumoff guilty of conspiracy and sentenced them to death by hanging.

Four others were found guilty and were sentenced to eight years' imprisonment, and one to four years' penal servitude. Five of the prisoners were convicted of having supported a conspiracy, and were condemned to banishment and the loss of all civil rights, while six persons, including Fedosiev, a lawyer, and his wife, were acquitted.

Salvador is Agreeable.

The acceptance by Salvador of the good offices of the United States to bring about peace in Central America, was received at the state department. The notes of President Figueroa were not made public. The acceptance of the other Central American countries is confidently expected.

CURRENT NEWS EVENTS.

Nelson Morris, the millionaire meat packer died in Chicago.

A quarantine against all vessels coming from Cuba has been declared and is being enforced at all Costa Rican seaports.

Pipe broke out in the flimsy native structures of Hakodate, Japan, and nearly 70 per cent of the city is in ashes.

A doe in the Adirondacks sought from a farmer first aid, or her injured fawn, and is tickled to death over the splints provided by the amateur veterinarian.

The monthly meeting of the Illinois Central directors in New York broke up in a fist fight. Stowessant Flash hit President James T. Farahan, and Mr. Farahan hit the floor.

It has been officially announced that the French commander at Casablanca will be supplied with all the troops he may require to hold that place and drive the Moors besieging it to a safe distance from it.

Ex-President Grover Cleveland has given up all hope of leaving his home for his customary summer vacation in New Hampshire, because of the state of his health. His trouble is acute indigestion.

In daring wild west fashion, Bernard Cohen, a merchant at 9 Bond street, New York, was held up and robbed of \$300 in the doorway of his own place of business while hundreds of people were hurrying past.

Gov. Magoon will soon take the public health and quarantine service out of the hands of the local officials in Cuba and turn it over to officers appointed by the national government of the island.

The governor of British Guiana has sent an apology and expressions of regret to President Castro for the invasion of Venezuelan territory by soldiers, who removed a quantity of rum claimed to have been collected on British territory.

Gardner C. Lillibridge, a farmer, of Plain Hill, Conn., who was known to be possessed of considerable wealth, died Aug. 27, and already 45 cousins have put in a claim for a share of the estate. The estate is worth about \$150,000.