

COLUMN BLOWN TO PIECES

Detachment of 700 Japanese Annihilated by Mines.

HILLSIDES STREWN WITH DEAD.

Victims So Badly Mutilated That Their Number Could Not Be Ascertained.

A Japanese column, numbering approximately 700 men, while marching along at night on a road in the valley between Long Hill and Division Hill, met a frightful disaster through the explosion of an electric mine and September 1.

The mine was carefully laid by the Russians and covered nearly a mile of available marching space. The explosive was placed at the bottom. Rocks were placed next, and on top of these clay was packed so carefully that the ground gave the impression of not having been disturbed.

The indications of Japanese activity in this vicinity put the Russians on guard. Near midnight the outposts rushed in and reported that the Japanese were approaching. The Russians suddenly threw a searchlight up the valley. The Japanese opened with a rifle fire. The Russians waited until apparently the whole Japanese column was in the danger zone. Then the mine was exploded.

The force of the explosion knocked a number of Russians down, and the sight of Japanese rifles, water-bottles, legs and arms hurled through the lighted space made by the searchlight, was a awful spectacle. Some rocks landed inside the Russian lines. There was one appalling moment, during which the garrison itself was stunned, then a deathlike silence. The searchlight coldly lit up the road and hillsides strewn with dead. The following day the Russians buried the dead, but owing to their dismembered and mutilated condition they were unable to accurately estimate the number of killed. A few Japanese escaped, however.

MEAT STRIKE ENDED.

Men Will Apply for their Positions in Packing Houses.

The strike of the butcher workmen, which has demoralized the meat packing industry for two months, was officially declared off by President Michael J. Donnelly of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters & Butcher Workmen. Donnelly this morning telegraphed the members of the National Executive Committee asking their consent, and having received favorable answers from all, he declared that the strike would end.

The strike of affiliated unions at the stock yards in sympathy with the butchers will officially be called off by the conference board of the allied trades. This was decided upon by the central body.

When the packers were notified that it had been decided to end the strike they announced that they would give places as far as possible to the skilled men, but it was stated at the same time that many of the men would be unable to secure their old places, as in many cases the work was being performed in a satisfactory manner by men who had been secured since the commencement of the strike.

HOTEL CLERK MURDERED.

\$250 in Cash and Many Valuables Secured.

After pounding the night clerk, H. S. Butler, to death and leaving him lying on the floor of the office, a thief rifled the safe of the Greek Hotel on Forty-second street, nearly opposite the Grand Central station, New York, securing \$250 in cash and a quantity of valuables which had been left with the clerk for safe keeping. Soon after the clerk's body was found the police sent out a general alarm for Percy Howard, 23 years old, a bell boy, who had been employed at the hotel only about a week, and disappeared before Butler's body was found.

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BUSINESS HAS IMPROVED.

Brighter Outlook in the Industrial World, Many Steel Mills Resuming Operations.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s "Weekly Review of Trade" says: Holiday influence is calculated to check distribution of merchandise, but the past week has brought more encouraging results in the business world. Retail trade in fall lines of dry goods, clothing, millinery and nearly all wearing apparel shows a healthy growth, and for hardware, household utensils and kindred lines there is a broader demand.

The best development of the week was the resumption of work in many industries that have suffered through strikes. Crop progress is better than the average, and high prices promise large profits to the farmers. Half-way freight is heavy, chiefly due to the marketing of grain and cotton, and earnings in August were 2.8 per cent larger than in 1903. Signs of better conditions in leading manufacturing industry multiply as the season advances, and the actual amount of business in sight has increased very materially, despite the indisposition of the railways to place orders freely for rolling stock, rails and other equipment.

At the South there is still trouble on account of the bituminous coal miners' strike which strengthens the coal market. Resumption of work by several prominent Western steel companies put more pig iron furnaces in blast. Restoration of more normal conditions in the packing industry has removed some of the artificial strength from the hide market. Sole leather is dull. Conservatism is still the prominent characteristic of the primary market for cotton goods. Woolens and worsteds are strong and quiet, old business occupying the attention of machinery and shipping departments. Failures this week numbered 20 in the United States, against 172 last year, and 18 in Canada, compared with 19 a year ago.

A TOTAL WRECK.

Freight Train Plunges Over Embankment at Horse Shoe Bend.

One of the most frightful accidents in the history of the Pennsylvania Railroad occurred at the famous Horse shoe curve, five miles west of Altoona, shortly after 11 o'clock at night when a freight engine and 35 loaded cars left the track and plunged hundreds of feet down the steep embankment.

The engine and one brakeman were killed, the fireman and a tramp were so seriously hurt that they may die, and three others of the train crew are missing and are thought to be dead under the wreckage. The dead are: William Boardman, engineer, lived at Pitscane. Went over the embankment with his engine. Charles Lohr, head brakeman, lived at Pitscane. Went over the embankment with the train.

The train was composed of 35 loaded cars and was going east. As it left the Gallitzin tunnel, it got beyond the control of the trainmen and started down the mountain at terrific speed. All efforts to lessen the speed were useless. As it reached the steep curve just west of the Horse shoe curve, the engine left the track, going over the embankment, carrying a number of cars with it and piling up 18 on the tracks. The engineer and fireman were carried with it. The engineer is buried under the wreckage.

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SEVEN KILLED IN A WRECK

Many Passengers Imprisoned in Splintered Cars.

DAY COACH LEFT THE TRACK.

Heavy Dining Car Fell on Top of Day Coach Where Most Passengers Were.

The southbound Wabash passenger train which left Des Moines for St. Louis at 6:49 a. m., was wrecked near Pendleton, Mo., killing seven passengers and injuring more than 30. The dead: J. E. Nichols, Macon, Mo.; Mrs. Henry Folch, Huntington, Pa.; Mrs. C. H. Graves, Laplata, Mo.; Edna Patterson, Laplata, Mo.; Mrs. Henderson, Laplata, Mo.; Mrs. Anna Brenner, Macon, Mo.; Miss Hebler, daughter of A. F. Hebler, Macon, Mo.

The train, which was composed of an engine, baggage and smoking car, day coach, diner and Pullman sleeper, was well filled, it being estimated by Wabash officials that there were about 500 passengers on board. The train was running at its scheduled speed when the accident occurred. The day coach left the track and plunged down an embankment, dragging the diner with it. The heavy diner crashed on top of the coach, and the majority of those killed and injured were passengers in the latter.

TWO KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK.

Four Others Are Seriously Injured. Freights Clash Together.

On the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburgh Railroad near Carman, 10 miles below Brookwayville, Pa., two freight trains came together, killing two trainmen, seriously injuring four others and piling up the engine and several cars in a shapeless mass of wreckage. The killed: Fireman Clyde Osterback, of train No. 42, crushed and scalded beneath engine No. 233 and buried beneath a pile of ore and coal. Resided at Bradford.

Head brakeman James Welsh, of train No. 42, riding in cab with Osterback. Met death in the same manner as the fireman. Lived at Salamanca. The injured: Engineer Gardner, scalded and crushed in cab of his engine, No. 233. Taken to Bradford hospital. Home at Salamanca. Engineer McCord, of No. 282, slightly injured by jumping. Lives at Bradford. Fireman C. G. Volk, of No. 282, injured by jumping through cab window. Slightly scalded and head and face cut. Lives at Bradford. Brakeman Wilson, of train No. 53, badly cut about head and face, and legs injured in jumping. Lives at Clearfield.

The wreck occurred on a curve and the trains came together before the brakeman realized the situation. The cause is charged to the misunderstanding of orders on the part of northbound train No. 42 drawn by engine No. 233.

VERMONT'S VOTE.

With only two small towns missing the Republican plurality of 31,500 in the State election is believed to be within a few votes of the correct figures. Four years ago it was 21,312. The total vote for Governor without the two towns is: Bell (Rep.), 47,991; Porter (Dem.), 18,492; a Republican plurality of 31,499. The missing towns gave a Republican plurality last year of 68. The returns from 221 towns show that the Senate will be solely Republican.

The State officers chosen are: Governor, Charles J. Bell, Welden; Lieutenant Governor, Charles H. Stearns, Johnson; Treasurer, John T. Bacon, Hartford; Secretary of State, Frederick G. Fleetwood, Morrisville; Auditor, Horace P. Graham, Craftsbury; David J. Foster, of Burlington, was elected to Congress from the First district, and Kittredge Haskins, of Brattleboro, from the Second district.

John Grier Holmes, banker and capitalist, of Pittsburg, died on board the steamship Teutonic in the Atlantic ocean September 5 of heart disease.

TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE.

Plumed Knights March in Fine Order Through San Francisco.

The twenty-ninth triennial convocation of the Order of Knight Templars was inaugurated at San Francisco with a parade which marched over seven miles of the city's streets. A striking feature of the parade was the presence in the line of the Earl of Euston and several other officials of the Templar order, representing the Knight Templars of England and Wales. Their distinctive uniforms attracted special attention and much applause.

Joseph Leath, of Couer de Leon commandery, Knoxville, Tenn., dropped dead during the parade from apoplexy. The parade was one of the finest ever seen in San Francisco. It occupied nearly three hours in passing a given point. The advance along the line of march of the more largely represented eastern commanderies was signaled by continuous cheers and when the band heading the Kentucky contingent struck up "Dixie" the enthusiasm of the spectators was unbounded. New York, Pennsylvania and Illinois made a fine showing.

DISCOVER PREHISTORIC ANIMAL.

At a depth of about 14 feet laborers excavating for the Spearman avenue sewer at South Sharon, Pa., uncovered the tusk or horn of some prehistoric animal. It is semi-circular in shape, six feet long and five inches in diameter at the base. Those who have examined it say it is the tusk of a mammoth.

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JALOUSY WOMAN'S DEED.

Family Quarrel Ends in Death of Man and Wife.

Mrs. Henry Toler of Butte, Neb., in a quarrel inspired by jealousy of her husband, went to her room and saturated her clothing with kerosene. Coming out she seized him and held him tightly which she set fire to her skirts with a match. Struggling to break from her, the man tore from the house, but his wife held to him, communicating the flames and oil to his clothing.

When she was so badly burned that she became unconscious her husband broke from her grasp and with his clothing a mass of flames, rushed to a deep cistern some distance from the house and leaped into it. His cries had attracted the attention of neighbors, who rescued him in a dying condition.

Mrs. Toler was found horribly burned and in agony. She was wrapped in heavy clothes and the fire extinguished and she recovered enough to tell the story of her attempt to burn herself and her husband to death. Then she became unconscious and the physicians say she will die.

STEEL WAR BEGUN.

Steel Plate and Structural Associations Make Reductions.

Members of the Steel Plate and Structural Steel Associations, at conferences held in the Waldorf-Astoria and in Jersey City, agreed to make important reductions in the prices of their manufactures. In this way they implicitly obeyed the expressed wishes of the United States Steel Corporation. It is believed that this ends finally the uncertainty that has menaced the steel market for weeks, so far as these lines are concerned.

Representatives of the Lackawanna Steel Company were present at the meetings. The pools received the assurance that the Lackawanna joined hands with them and would live up to the agreements that were made. Despite the protest of several smaller independent firms, who were outvoted, harmony practically prevailed among the associated manufacturers. Dominated by the Steel Corporation, they virtually opened the long threatened war upon the Republic Iron and Steel Company.

Prices were reduced in some cases \$4 and in some \$6 a ton on the advice of the corporation officials, who argued that if rock bottom rates were adopted there would be no secret cutting and the agreements would be effective.

WAR MOVEMENTS.

Kuropotkin Reaches Mukden—Will Carry War Into Korea.

The Russian commander has arrived at Mukden, and it is given out in St. Petersburg that the bulk of his army is now near there, while a dispatch from Mukden filed Tuesday, says that the main Russian army is pushing northward and evacuating that place. It is indicated that the Japanese are still harassing the Russian rear. Further than this nothing is known.

Russian preparations indicate movement of the main Ham-Hung covering the occupation of Chien-Pien and Yung-Hung, will soon be made. The Russian commander officially has notified the Korean magistrates of these towns they must prepare quarters for a large body of troops for immediate use.

GOVERNMENT TOTTERING.

Paraguayan Revolutionists Capture Town of Encarnacion.

The revolutionists of Paraguay have captured Villa Encarnacion, with its garrison and their arms. The position of the government of Paraguay is becoming weaker daily and its ultimate surrender or complete defeat is inevitable.

The report from Uruguay of the defeat of General Vasquez, Minister of War, in the recent battle between the Uruguayan government forces and the revolutionists at Cuchilla Negra has been published. The casualties of the revolutionists in killed and wounded were 170 officers and over 600 men. The government casualties were 11 officers killed and 53 wounded; men, 82 killed and 345 wounded, and 24 missing.

WILL SOON RESUME WORK.

Railroad Shops at Altoona Will Resume on Full Time.

Superintendent of Motive Power R. N. Durborow, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, issued orders placing all the company's shops on his division on full time, 10 hours a day, and five hours Saturday. About 15,000 men will be benefited, most of whom have been employed but 32 hours a week since spring.

The orders apply to Altoona, Pittsburg, Harrisburg and West Philadelphia shops. Regarding the employment of the suspended men no orders have yet been issued. It is expected that most of them will be taken back at an early date.

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FOURTEEN DIE IN NEW YORK

Fire in Tenement Results in Awful Disaster.

FIREMEN MAKE MANY RESCUES.

Scores Leap from Upper Stories or Are Carried Down by Falling of a Balcony.

Fourteen persons were killed and nearly a score injured in a fire in a five-story double tenement in Attorney street, New York city. It was one of the worst fires in the loss of human lives that has occurred on the East side in several years, although the property loss was slight. The dead include four women, one man, and nine children ranging in age from three months to 12 years.

Many of the injured were taken to hospitals, and it is thought that several of these will die. Among the injured were five firemen who were on a fourth floor balcony when it fell with them.

The small number of men among the killed and injured was due to the fact that most of the men who lived in the building, following the Attorney street entrance in hot weather, were asleep on the roof, while but few of the women and children were there. Those on the roof were unable to escape, but the members of their families who had remained in their rooms found escape cut off and panic reigned throughout the structure.

The fire started about 3 o'clock in the morning and there was considerable delay in sending in an alarm, although the district is one of the most thickly populated in the crowded East side of New York.

When the firemen reached the scene some of the women were jumping from the windows and from the ends of fire escapes that reached only to the second floor; others were crouching in the smoke in the small rooms and narrow halls. Several ambulances were called, and the surgeons were kept busy caring for the injured.

A number of daring rescues were made by firemen and police, and the conditions under which they worked were unusual and difficult. The loss of life was due chiefly to the fact that alterations were being made in the tenement building. The basement and first floor, the latter about six feet above the sidewalk level, had both been cut through, the front and rear walls having been removed, and the upper floors being supported by steel beams. The exit from the upper floors was by way of a small step ladder.

FIVE DROWNED.

Naphtha Launch Capsizes on Lake Erie Near Cleveland.

Five men were drowned in Lake Erie as the result of the capsizing of a naphtha launch in which they were en route from Cleveland to Vermilion to attend yacht races at the latter place. The dead: John D. Bogley, of 551 Scovill avenue; Albert G. Treiber, of 28 Avondale street; Paul Hartner, 200 Root street; Max Hurlig, a traveling salesman for a New York firm; Jules Hurlig, draughtsman employed by the Garry Iron and Steel Company, Cleveland.

The first that was known of the drownings was when the launch floated to the beach near Edgewater Park. Cries for help had been heard by campers along the shore, but no assistance could be given in the darkness. The launch is believed to have been caught in a trough of the lake, a heavy wind prevailing during the night. The body of John D. Bogley was found on the beach to-day.

KILLED AT WORLD'S FAIR.

Six persons were killed and 19 were injured, two probably fatally, and nine seriously, by the collision of a Wabash World's Fair shuttle train with a suburban electric car at the Sarah street crossing, St. Louis. There were 25 passengers in the car, and none escaped injury.

STEEL STOCK SOLD.

Receiver for U. S. Shipbuilding Company Disposes of 300,000 Shares.

Three hundred thousand shares of stock of the Bethlehem Steel Company, the entire capital stock of the company, were sold for \$7,500,000 by former United States Senator James Smith, Jr., receiver for the United States Shipbuilding Company, acting as a special master under direction of Judge William M. Lanning, of the United States district court. The par value of the stock is \$15,000,000. The stock was bought in by William C. Lee, the only bidder, President of the Standard Trust Company, of New York, which held the stock as trustee, and the shares become subject to an agreement between Charles M. Schwab and the reorganization committee for the United States Shipbuilding Company.

MOB VENGANCE.

Wash Bradley, the confessed negro murderer of Mrs. N. B. Barrow, was strung up to a tree and his body riddled with bullets after his ears had been severed from his head and his body, otherwise mutilated at Brunson, Fla.

OFFICE HOLDERS WARNED.

Acting Secretary Oliver of the War Department has issued a circular warning against political assessments and partisan activity of office holders. This circular embodies the provisions of the civil service act of January 16, 1883, making political assessments of federal officers and employes a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years, or by fine and imprisonment both, in the discretion of the court.

FIVE KILLED.

Accident Occurred While Lowering Nitro-Glycerin in Well.

Five are dead and an equal number injured as the result of a premature explosion of a quantity of nitro-glycerin near Upper Sandusky, O. The dead: Malen Lookabaugh, Findlay; Lefe McKay, Findlay; Joseph Fox, Lima; Corine Wise, aged 11, Upper Sandusky; Emanuel Urban, Cincinnati.