

FATAL REAR-END COLLISION

Ohio Organizations Going to the Inaugural Meet Disaster.

THE WRECKAGE CAUGHT FIRE

Flames Spread With Great Rapidity and Several Coaches Were Completely Destroyed.

In a rear-end collision at Clifton, seven miles below Pittsburg, on the Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne and Chicago railroad, between a train carrying a battalion composed of companies A, B, C and D of the Engineer corps of the Ohio National Guard under command of Maj. J. R. McGee, and a train carrying 200 members of the Tippecanoe club, of Cleveland, on their way to Washington, seven persons were killed and 10 others were more or less seriously injured.

Among the victims of the disaster at Clifton are the following: The dead: Lieut. Donald C. Scofield, of Company D of Cleveland, Corporal James T. Kohoe, 25 years old, Company C of Cleveland, Frank Binney, 12 years old, son of Capt. O. C. Binney, quartermaster, Engineer Battalion, Harley R. Held, 22 years old, Company C, lived at Cleveland, Richard Bunker, private, 19 years old, Company C, 207 West street, Cleveland, Dr. William R. Hendry, Cleveland, surgeon in engineer's battalion, 38 years old, unknown man, supposed to be C. T. Scott, of Chicago, a Pullman car conductor, from papers found in his pockets; buttons on uniform had letter "D" on them.

PEOPLE TO HAVE A VOICE

Czar Decides to Convene Assembly to Consider Legislative Measures.

The Emperor has issued a rescript to the Minister of the Interior, stating that he has decided to convene an assembly of elected representatives of the people to elaborate and consider legislative measures.

Dynamite Kills Six

At the railroad camp of A. H. Calligan a Chesapeake & Ohio railway contractor at the mouth of Grosby Creek, 10 miles south of Pikeville, Ky., four workmen were instantly killed today, two were fatally hurt and four dangerously injured by an explosion.

HITTING THE TRUSTS

Kansas Senate and Nebraska House Pass Stringent Measures.

The Kansas Senate unanimously passed Senator Noflinger's bill to prevent the operation of trusts within Kansas. The measure, patterned after the Texas law, provided \$20,000 fine for each attempt to stifle competition in any business. Provision is made for the expulsion from Kansas of any firm persistently violating the law.

The Nebraska House passed an anti-trust bill by a vote of 72 to 19. The bill has still to be considered by the Senate. The bill exempts domestic corporations. Its author, Representative Jenkins, said it is aimed specifically at the beef trust and the Standard Oil Company.

Station Agent Kills Burglar

A. A. Burham, station agent of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, at Unionville, Conn., shot and killed one of a gang of burglars who had broken into the station. A complete burglar's kit was found on the body. His companions escaped after a running fight with the station agent during which several shots were exchanged. Nothing was stolen from the station, as the burglars were surprised by the agent before they had had a chance to open the safe.

LITTLE IDLE MACHINERY

Improvement Follows Settled Weather Conditions and Encouraging Reports are Coming in.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s "Weekly Review of Trade" says: Trade reports are still somewhat conflicting, but on the whole improvement has followed more settled weather and the outlook is considered favorable, even in sections where current business is irregular. Mercantile collections are not as prompt as in the East and elsewhere, but the liabilities of commercial failures in February were much smaller than a year ago.

Traffic blockades have been lifted, restoring a normal distribution of merchandise, and railway earnings in February were only 5.1 per cent. smaller than last year, despite the severe weather at the start. Little idle machinery is noticed in the iron and steel industry, textile mills are increasingly active, and New England shoe shops are shipping more freely than a year ago.

Commercial failures for the week in the United States are 245 against 252 last week, 258 the preceding week and 236 the corresponding week last year. Failures in Canada number 55 against 29 last week, 32 the preceding week and 27 last year.

STAMPING OUT YELLOW FEVER

Panama Authorities Have the Disease Well Under Control.

Dr. Charles A. L. Reed, of Cincinnati, a member of the joint commission appointed by the United States and the republic of Panama to adjust boundary claims in dispute between the two countries, and who has just returned from the isthmus, said that in his opinion the sanitary conditions in Panama are being improved as rapidly as could be expected under the circumstances.

TO MOVE THE CAPITOL

Plans for Extension and Completion of Building Reported.

Senator Wetmore presented to the Senate the report of the joint commission to report on plans for the extension and completion of the Capitol building, in accordance with the original plans by the late Thomas H. Water, with modifications.

NEWS NOTES

The action of the senate killed legislation for the Panama canal at this session of congress.

FOUR DEAD; 10 INJURED

Two of Victims Blown to Atoms; One Hurled Across River.

Four men were killed and 10 persons were probably fatally injured by the explosion of about 500 pounds of dynamite on the Big Sandy extension of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad near Palatka, Va. The dead are: John Mullins, boss; Henry Kirk, Giovanni Marchetti, "Tony" Mariani.

WILL ENLARGE TUBE WORKS

It is officially announced by the United States Steel corporation that plans have been made for the improvement and enlargement of the National tube works at McKeesport, Pa. It is probable that the capacity of the plant will be doubled. It is expected, too, that the company will expand on this work considerably more than \$10,000,000. Work will begin very shortly and it will probably take two or three years to complete it.

FIGHTING IN THE FAR EAST

Big Guns Pouring Out Shot over Long Line of Battle.

JAP FORTIFICATIONS DESTROYED

Russians Retake Bridge Across the Shakhe River and Claim Many Japs Were Killed.

A message from General Oku's headquarters says: The Japanese left wing is driving back the Russian outposts.

The Japanese have occupied a line from Shatzeman, two miles west of the Hun river, in a northwesterly direction to Kallia, on the east bank of the Liao river.

Reports to the Russian Army headquarters say: After an all-night battle, the Russian forces, which seized the railroad bridge across the Shakhe river, retired after having destroyed the Japanese fortifications at the further end of the bridge and thrown the Japanese forces there into consternation.

HEAVY LOSSES ARE REPORTED

Russians Are Stubbornly Resisted and Have Seized Head of Bridge Across Shakhe.

A report from Mukden dated February 28 says: Fighting is in progress along the whole line, the Japanese attacking everywhere. All attacks this morning were beaten back, and the Russians made counter attacks at many places.

ILLINOIS MAY FIGHT TRUST

The method by which the twine trust has been fought in several States is possibly to be utilized in Illinois against the alleged meat trust.

ANTI-CIGARETTE BILL SIGNED

Gov. F. W. Hanly, of Indiana, has signed the Parks anti-cigarette bill, which will go into effect in June. It prohibits any person to manufacture, sell, or keep for sale any cigarettes, cigar paper or cigar wrappers.

ICE GORGE WRECKS BOATS

The huge ice gorge extending more than 40 miles up the Ohio river from Cincinnati for several weeks past, broke, carrying with it river steamers, tugs and coal barges, valued at \$400,000.

COLOMBIA BACK IN LINE

President Reyes Appoints a Minister to the United States.

The state department has received a cablegram from Mr. Russell, the American minister to Bogota, announcing the appointment of Diego Mendoza as minister from Colombia to the United States.

RAILROADERS' PAY INCREASED

The employees of the Delaware, Susquehanna and Schuylkill railroad which handles the coal output of the Coxo and other collieries have been granted a 10 per cent. increase in wages, effective February 1. No demand had been made for the advance.

LARGE FIRE LOSS

Six Fine Buildings in East Liverpool Destroyed.

The third destructive blaze this winter and by far the worst fire in the history of East Liverpool, O., broke out at 7 o'clock Tuesday night, and by midnight, when the flames had gained control, six fine buildings and many smaller ones were in ashes.

CHURCH WAS DEATH TRAP

Floor Collapsed During Funeral Services, Killing 11 Negroes.

Others are expected to die. Pastor and people were awaiting the coming of the corpse when crash came.

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NAVY BILL PASSES SENATE

Amendment Directing Inquiry into Cost of Armor Plate Plant Was Accepted.

The naval bill passed the senate including the provision for two new battleships of the largest size. The test came on an amendment offered by Senator Carmack to provide for one battleship instead of two and on this the only yeas and nays vote of the day was taken.

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KEYSTONE STATE CULLINGS

KILLED A YOUNG WOMAN

Did Not Know Rifle Was Loaded and the Bullet Struck Victim in Neck.

Alma Anderson, 20 years old, employed as a domestic at the home of Stanley Loomis, manager of the Citizens Electric company of Oil City, was accidentally shot and killed by the 11-year-old son of Mr. Loomis.

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