

# DYNAMITE SHATTERS TOWN

## Twelve Killed and Many Injured by Explosion.

### REPORT HEARD FOR 20 MILES

#### Property Loss Will Reach Million, While Many Who Escaped Death Are Terribly Maimed.

Twelve deaths, the injuring of scores of other persons and \$500,000 damage to property were caused at Jellico, Tenn., when a car load of dynamite standing on a track near the Southern railway depot exploded with a report that was heard for 20 miles.

Buildings were shattered in the business section of the town and nearly every piece of glass within a radius of one mile of the scene was broken.

The explosion occurred at 8 o'clock in the morning. The freight car, one belonging to the Pennsylvania railroad line, contained 450 boxes, or 26,000 pounds of high explosives, consigned to the Rand Powder Company at Clearfield, Tenn.

Two causes are assigned for the explosion. One is that three parties were shooting at a mark on the car and that a bullet entered the car and caused the explosion. The other is that while the car was standing on a side track a carload of pig iron was switched against it, and that the impact caused the explosion.

The dead are: George Atkins, John Cook, Walter Rodgers, John Gordon, James Sharp, James Lovette, Ida Kayne, James Reynolds, John Hochman and Joseph Sellers.

One body remains unidentified, making the total dead 12.

There is a bare possibility that other bodies may be recovered from the ruins of buildings, but this is hardly probable. B. O. Baird, the Mayor of the city, is among the injured.

## AGAINST MORMON PRESIDENT

### Proceedings to Bring Smith to Trial for Polygamy.

Harley S. Christiansen, county attorney of Salt Lake county, was cited to appear in the criminal division of the State district court before Judge Armstrong and show why he should not direct the issuance of warrants for the arrest of Joseph F. Smith, president of the Mormon church, on a charge of sustaining unlawful relations with one of his five wives.

The citation was issued on the petition of Charles Mostyn Owens, who was active in gathering testimony against Senator Smoot in the proceedings at Washington.

On September 11 Owen swore to a complaint making a statutory charge against President Smith. The complaint was based upon the fact that on May 21, last, President Smith's forty-third child was born to Mary T. Schwartz Smith, the Mormon president's fifth wife, at her home in Salt Lake city. As witnesses to the fact, the complaint cited the four other wives of President Smith and several apostles and leaders of the Mormon church, including Senator Smoot and Governor Cutler.

## REBELS NOT FRIGHTENED

### Secretary Taft Sends Gloomy Message to President.

Secretary Taft has sent a gloomy message to President Roosevelt, saying that private reports received by him from the interior are that a state bordering upon anarchy prevails throughout almost the entire island, exception being made of the sections on the coast.

The arrival at Havana of three of the largest United States battleships, the Louisiana and the Virginia, and two cruisers, the Cleveland and the Tacoma, in addition to those already there, has had little effect on the insurgents in the field, and when the leaders of the revolution were apprised of the big squadron now in Cuban waters they greeted the information with Spanish expressions to the effect that "they cannot come to the bush."

It is known that Secretary Taft has decided absolutely not to treat with armed rebel forces. This taken to mean that American intervention and American occupation must inevitably follow.

## EXAMINE TAXATION LAWS

### Governor Harris Appoints Men to Recommend Amendments.

Governor Harris, acting in compliance with numerous requests from business and industrial organizations, appointed the following commission to examine the present taxation laws of Ohio and report to him with recommendations as to needed amendments in time for transmission to the general assembly at the opening of the next session in January, 1908:

Attorney General Wade H. Ellis, Ex-Senator Alfred C. Casant, of Cincinnati; George E. Martin, of Lancaster; Thomas H. Hogggett, of Cleveland, and Allen Pomeroy, of Canton.

### Gets Fifty Years and a Whipping.

Charles Conley, the negro who attacked and seriously injured Mrs. Beatrice Frankish and her daughter, Miss Gusie Leitch, on a public road, in Delaware, 10 days ago, was sentenced to 50 years imprisonment and to receive 50 lashes at the whipping post.

### Year in Jail for Stealing Pies.

For the theft of two cherry pies from the pantry of John Fallon, Frank Price was sentenced at Sidney, to one year in the penitentiary. William Somers, who remained outside, confessed to eating half a pie, and got six months.

John Torrey Morse, the oldest graduate of Harvard university and sole survivor of the class of 1832, died at his home in Boston. He was 93 years of age.

## DUNS WEEKLY SUMMARY

### Unseasonable Weather Holds Back Fall Goods and Reduces Stocks of Summer Merchandise.

R. G. Dun's "Weekly Review of Trade" says:

"Unseasonably high temperature in some sections of the country retarded distribution of fall goods, but, with the assistance of special sales, reduced stocks of summer merchandise to a most satisfactory position. High rates for money have delayed mercantile collections somewhat, and there is still complaint regarding the scarcity of labor, but confidence in the future remains unshaken."

"Preparations for winter and spring keep machinery well employed, large crops are being secured, and building operations are very heavy. The volume of domestic trade is beyond all records, and foreign commerce exhibits some striking comparisons."

"Total merchandise exports in August were valued at about \$12,000,000 more than the same month in any previous year, and imports rose \$10,000,000 above the preceding record for August."

"Foreign trade at New York alone for the last week showed gains of \$2,320,567 in exports and \$3,333,344 in imports, as compared with 1905. Traffic blockades are frequent, despite increased facilities that made possible a gain of 11.1 per cent in railway earnings in September thus far."

"Textile conditions have not materially altered the mills operating a large percentage without having much new forward business."

"Footwear jobbers have not been operating in case lots for spring delivery during the past week, which made trade somewhat more quiet, and shipments from Boston fell behind those of the corresponding week last year, but Eastern wholesalers are placing duplicate orders for fall goods, maintaining a strong market."

"Commercial failures for the week in the United States as reported by R. G. Dun & Co., are 209, as against 174 last week, 133 the preceding week and 206 the corresponding week last year. Failures in Canada number 16, against 26 last week, 8 the preceding week, and 24 last year."

## READY FOR A SUDDEN CALL

### Head of Army Desires to Be Prepared in Case of Intervention Being Ordered.

Army orders cabled to Germany direct Brigadier General Thomas H. Barry, assistant chief of staff, and Brigadier General W. H. Duvall, commander of the Department of the Gulf, to return to the United States at once. If it becomes necessary to send an army to Cuba they will be conspicuous figures in the preparation of the expedition force.

Orders directing the battleships Virginia, New Jersey and Louisiana to go to Havana were sent by wireless to the vessels. The Virginia and Louisiana were off Charleston and the New Jersey was off the coast of the State the name of which she bears. It was no trouble to pick them up by wireless.

## TWO WEEKS OF GRACE

### October 1 Fixed as Last Day to Settle Cuban Trouble.

October 1 is the date set by the administration by which Secretary Taft and acting Secretary Bacon are to bring about peace in Cuba. If their efforts are fruitless in the next two weeks the United States Government will intervene forcibly in the affairs of the island.

It is learned on high authority that this is the plan of the administration. Secretaries Taft and Bacon arrived in Havana, September 18 on board the cruiser Des Moines from Tampa. They were met by Mr. Sleeper, the charge d'affaires, and are already going over the latest developments of the situation.

## ONE SHIP BRINGS \$10,000,000

### Carmania Lands 275 Boxes of Gold in New York.

Enough gold to sink a small ship came into port at New York on the Cunard liner Carmania. There were 275 boxes of the precious stuff, each box weighing between 300 and 400 pounds, and the total value of the contents was 10,328,500.

It was the largest gold shipment ever sent to this country in exchange. Most of the gold was in the form of American double eagles, although there were some English pounds and a number of bullion bars.

## Big Four Will Lower Rates.

It is unofficially announced that the Big Four will install its new interstate rates, based on 2 cents in Ohio and 2 1/2 cents in other states traversed by its lines on October 1, thus taking the lead with the Erie in this regard. The Baltimore & Ohio has announced that it will meet the Pennsylvania railroad's reduction to 2 1/2 cents for local one-way fares on November 1 east of Pittsburg, but has made no announcement for the lines west of Pittsburg. The Pennsylvania lines west are not yet ready to announce their intention, but it is expected that this announcement will be that the rate for every mile of road west of Pittsburg will be 2 cents.

Boston was selected as the meeting place next year of the convention of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite Masons of the Northern jurisdiction.

## Eight-Hour Law Extended.

President Roosevelt extended the eight-hour law to apply to all public work under the supervision of any department of the government. This order affects more particularly work on river and harbor improvements.

In an engagement between members of the Mullins-Fleming factions in Pike county, Kentucky, James Anderson, a member of the Mullins' faction was killed, and Hiram Mullins, leader of the faction, mortally wounded. Forty shots were fired.

## TRAINS GO THROUGH BRIDGE

### Many Killed, Injured and Missing in Rock Island Wreck.

### TRAIN DROPS INTO RIVER

#### Many Thrilling Scenes Attend Rescue—Some Float Fourteen Miles Down the Stream.

Eight persons are dead, 20 more or less injured and as many more missing as the result of the wrecking of a Rock Island passenger train three miles from Dover, Okla.

The engine, tender, baggage and mail cars, smoking car and day coach of passenger train No. 12, northbound, left the high bridge that spans the Cimarron river and plunged into the stream which is flanked by treacherous quicksands. The locomotive disappeared almost immediately. The mail and baggage clerks escaped from their cars and swam to the shore.

The accident was due to driftwood, which piled against the bridge and swayed it out of line.

The train was an hour late and was running at high speed. The engineer did not see the condition of the bridge until he was within a few yards of it. He shouted to his fireman and jumped. He landed on the verge of the river and escaped unhurt. The fireman sustained severe injuries.

When the engine struck the bridge the structure collapsed, precipitating the engine, smoking car and day coach into the water. Two Pullmans remained on the track. The current whirled the day coach down stream and lodged it against a sand bank. The occupants were helped out through the doors and windows. The smoking car floated to a sandbar and four men were seen to clamber through the windows and pull themselves to the top of the car, calling loudly for help. Those on shore were unable to reach them on account of the high water, and while they were begging for assistance a mass of driftwood swept them away. Three other men crawled through the rear door of the smoking car. They were rescued.

The most authentic accounts place the number of passengers in the smoking car at between 25 and 30. With few exceptions they have not been accounted for.

One man was fished out of the river at Cashlow, 20 miles from the disaster. He was almost dead. Others have been reported floating down the river.

The injured were hurried to Kingfisher, where the residents have turned their homes into temporary hospitals.

It may be impossible to ascertain the exact number of dead for several days. Many of those reported missing may turn up safe at some point down the Cimarron.

## TUBE TRUST IS SUSPECTED

### Pneumatic Mail Service Will Necessarily Be Delayed.

Postoffice Department officials appear to be up against a trust in the matter of pneumatic tube service in the larger cities of the country. Bids were asked for on July 27 for continuing the service in New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Brooklyn and Boston. Bids for establishing the service in Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Baltimore, San Francisco and Kansas City and extending it in St. Louis were asked for. None was received, however.

The bids for the maintenance of the service in the cities that already have it were so high that, if they are accepted, the service cannot be established in any of the others. For instance, the contractors who own the tubes in New York asked \$467,000, which is more than one-third of the amount appropriated for the whole country, which was \$1,250,000.

The bids for the maintenance of service now in existence are all on the basis of \$17,000 per mile. The present contracts run from \$13,500 per mile to \$15,000.

When these contracts were made there was no competition and a company believed to be independent of the combination, now suspected, got the contract. But the Philadelphia company turned up with a bid identical with that of its supposed competitors.

## TRAIN JUMPS BRIDGE

### Accident Near London Fatal to Ten, With Injury to Sixteen.

The crowded train on the Grand Northern leaving London was wrecked outside of Grantham at midnight. The train should have stopped at Grantham, but failed to do so. Shortly after passing the station it left the rails and jumped a bridge. The engine and several cars were dashed over the embankment, the engine tumbling. Several coaches immediately took fire.

Ten dead and 16 injured have been taken from the debris. The fire has been extinguished.

At the spot where the express was derailed there is a curve and it is supposed the brakes failed to act. The train appears to have gone upon a siding, smashing the parapet of the bridge.

The ordnance bureau of the Navy Department awarded to the Crucible Steel Company of Pittsburg the contract for 32 sets of three-inch gun forgings.

## ZION TURNS FROM DOWIE

### Voliva Elected Spiritual Leader by Overwhelming Majority.

Ashen pale and with death hovering over him John Alexander Dowie was badly beaten in the election ordered by the Federal Court to determine the spiritual head of Zion. Wilber Glen Voliva won easily in a tidal vote approximating 2,500. Propped up by pillows on a couch at an open window in Shiloh House Dowie occasionally pleaded with or cursed his once faithful followers.

## WHEAT CROP BEATS RECORD

### Cereal Harvest of 1906 One of the Greatest Ever Produced.

The London Economist, in a long review of the wheat harvest this year, asserts that "the world's cereal harvest of 1906, cannot fail to prove one of the greatest ever produced." It remarks that "oats alone, among the cereals in England, seem likely to turn out below the average in productiveness."

In most of the countries of Continental Europe the harvest is a good one. The wheat crop is above the average in the great producing provinces in the north of France, but it has suffered from drought in the south and west. It is thought that France will need to import very little, if any wheat. Spain has reaped a good harvest generally, while Germany has good crops of barley and oats, as well as of wheat and rye. According to the latest official estimate, Austria-Hungary will produce a much larger wheat crop this year than last. From Russia reports vary greatly. The winter wheat crop has been officially reported to be a good one, while the more important spring wheat crop is a poor one in all but a few provinces. Roumania is now expected to produce a record wheat crop, and Serbia and Bulgaria have good crops of wheat.

The Canadian wheat harvest of the whole will not prove a very abundant one. In Australia the crops, sown under favorable conditions generally, have yet to undergo the hazards of the spring and summer seasons. India's wheat crop harvested last spring was the greatest but one ever known.

## WILL CONTROL B. & O.

### Union Pacific Interests Have Acquired P. R. R. Holdings.

E. H. Harriman and his associates, it is said in quarters usually well informed, have acquired control of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, and propose using it, with probably the Chicago & Alton as the connecting link in forming with the Union Pacific a through line from ocean to ocean.

Mr. Harriman and James Stillman have for some time been directors of the Baltimore & Ohio, and presumably, with other members of the Union Pacific party, have been extensive holders of its stock.

It is now said that the \$40,000,000, in round numbers, of Baltimore & Ohio stock recently sold by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to Kuhn, Loeb & Co., has been disposed of by the banking house to the Union Pacific interests.

The Pennsylvania at the beginning of the year owned directly \$30,000,000 common and \$21,480,000 preferred stock of the Baltimore & Ohio, and held, through its controlling companies, \$19,006,000 more of that stock, taking common and preferred together. These holdings aggregated \$71,379,000, or nearly 90 per cent of the total stock of the Baltimore & Ohio.

## YANKEE SWINDLES BRITON

### Obtains Loan on Strength of Pretended Donation from Alleged Uncle.

A man calling himself Gerald Morgan, and representing himself to be a member of the Harvard rowing club and a nephew of J. Pierpont Morgan, has been getting for trial at the Greenwich Police court, London, Eng., on the charge of obtaining fraudulently a small amount of money from Dr. Dickey, resident surgeon of the Miller hospital.

Morgan signed orders on an express company directing the payment of \$5,000 to the hospital and promising an annual payment of \$125, to the institution, saying these were donations from his uncle, J. Pierpont Morgan, himself. Then Morgan told Dickey he had lost his purse and obtained a loan. He is probably the same young American who victimized several West End tradesmen out of several hundred pounds sterling last month by posing as a member of the Harvard crew.

## WOOD EXPECTS TROUBLE

### General So States in Reports of Operations in Mindanao.

Two reports of the operations of the Mindanao department, Philippine Islands, were made public at the war department. One was by Major General Leonard Wood, who commanded from July 1, 1905, to April 12, 1906, and the other by Brigadier General Tasker H. Bliss, who succeeded General Wood. General Wood devotes considerable attention to the battle of Mount Dajo, defeating his course there.

General Wood says that it is not expected that the disturbances are at an end, but thinks that there will be some troubles from time to time.

## ELEVEN SMACKS WRECKED

### Fishermen Off Labrador Coast Have Hard Time.

The Government of Newfoundland dispatched the cruiser Fiona with provisions and other supplies for the fishermen who were shipwrecked in the Strait of Belle Isle during Friday night's gale and later sought temporary refuge with the keeper of the lighthouse on Belle Isle.

In all 11 fishing vessels returning to St. Johns from Labrador with the season's catch, were driven ashore and the 140 men, women and children aboard barely escaped with their lives. The smacks, with their cargoes, are total losses.

## Churchill Defeated.

After one of the most wonderful fights in the history of New Hampshire politics, Winston Churchill was defeated for the Republican gubernatorial nomination by Charles M. Floyd, of Manchester, by a narrow margin.

## Dowie to Quit Zion City.

John Alexander Dowie announced a farewell service at Shiloh House for next Sunday. Immediately after this service Dowie will leave for Mexico, and it is not expected that he will ever see Zion City again.

## TYPHOON AT HONG KONG

### Hundreds Killed and Many Ships Are Destroyed.

### ONE AMERICAN SHIP WRECKED

#### Generally Believed That Bishop Hoar Is One of Victims—Dead Bodies Strew Coast.

It is now estimated, conservatively, that the property loss caused by the typhoon at Hong Kong, will approximate \$20,000,000. Thirty steamships are known to have been wrecked and 30 more were seriously damaged. Among the latter are the American vessel Hitchcock and two Philippine steamers.

It was reported at first that the United States gunboat Callao had been damaged, but this proves to be untrue. She is unharmed and has done gallant work in the rescue of the unfortunate natives.

The loss of life among the Europeans was insignificant. Not more than six are believed to have been killed. The native fishermen suffered worst. The wrecks of their little craft are everywhere along the coast, which is strewn with hundreds of dead bodies.

It seems to be established that Dr. Hoar, the bishop of Victoria, is dead. The searching expedition that was sent out has returned and report that no trace of the bishop could be found.

Three steamers, with over 400 passengers, are reported lost, and out of all the passengers and crew but eight are known to have escaped.

Business in the city is at a standstill and the confusion is such that it has been impossible to obtain an accurate idea of the extent of the damage. It is known, however, that the hospitals are overcrowded and temporary morgues have been established to afford shelter for the bodies of the dead.

Several churches and many dwellings in the residence section have been wrecked. The loss of life has been the heaviest in the native quarters and the junk and other native craft in the path of the typhoon also suffered most heavily.

Pearl river and the surrounding waters were filled with native craft and it is believed very few of these escaped.

The Empress of Japan, which was in the harbor when the storm broke, was among the few ships to escape damage. This was due to her partly sheltered position, as well as to the strength of her engines which enabled her to resist the fury of the wind and sea and avoid being driven ashore.

Latest advices from Hongkong state that 5,000 lives were lost during the typhoon and that the damage to property, public and private, will amount to millions of dollars. Twelve ships were sunk, 24 were stranded, seven damaged and one-half of the native craft in port were sunk. The shipping trade has been paralyzed through lack of lighters. Only a few Europeans are missing.

## UNVEIL SHAFTS TO SOLDIERS

### Governor Present to See Honor Paid Pennsylvania Reserves.

About 500 veterans of the Civil War, survivors of the Third, Fourth, Seventh and Eighth regiments, Pennsylvania reserves, assembled on Antietam battle field, September 17 which marks the forty-fourth anniversary of that conflict, for the purpose of dedicating monuments erected to the memory of fallen comrades. Following the unveiling ceremonies the monuments were formally transferred to the United States Government.

Governor Samuel W. Pennypacker, of Pennsylvania, who attended with his staff, first received the memorials and in turn handed them over to the care of the Government, which was represented by Chief Clerk Schofield of the war department.

Members of the Philadelphia brigade and Picketts' division of confederates, who had been at Gettysburg, attended the ceremonies at Antietam.

## CUBA BUYS GOULD'S YACHT

### Government Purchases the Aileen, Which Sails for Island.

It was announced and confirmed by the Cuban consul that Edwin Gould's steam yacht Aileen has been sold to the Cuban Government.

The Aileen is a steel yacht built in 1899. Her dimensions are 154 feet over all, 125 feet water line, 20 feet beam and 9 feet draught. She is equipped with triple expansion engines.

Agents of the Cuban Government have been offered the Tarantula, owned by William K. Vanderbilt. No reply has been received to the proffer and the commissioners said it was their belief that the republic would make no more purchases at the present time.

## Connecticut Republican Ticket.

The Republican convention in New Haven, adopted a platform endorsing Roosevelt and dealing with State issues. Following is the State ticket: For Governor, Rollin S. Woodruff; Lieutenant Governor, Everett J. Lake; Treasurer, Freeman F. Patton; Secretary of State, Theodore Bodeinwin.

## Cloudburst Works Havoc.

Water from a cloudburst rushed down the valley of Elk creek, Nebraska, sweeping away hundreds of tons of hay, drowning hogs, flooding cellars, washing away railroad tracks and doing other damage, aggregating \$100,000. The wave of water in the creek when it struck Jackson was seven feet high.

Several men have been killed in a mutiny on board the Turkish troopship Assari-Tewfik, at Port Said. Quiet has been restored.

## CUBANS RESPECT TRUCE

### Palmas Agents Confer With the Insurgents About Peace.

A message from Havana, September 17 says: The only results thus far of President Palma's order for the suspension of hostilities have been that Liberal leaders, who hitherto have had every reason for anticipating arrest, are circulating openly in Havana again, and even conferring with members of the government with regard to peace, and that such insurgents in the field as have been consulted, while they express themselves as agreeable to settling matters amicably, at the same time assume an independent attitude which cannot be said to bode particularly well for a prompt settlement of existing difficulties.

In the meantime Cienfuegos is in a state of siege, communication by telegraph being severed not only in the direction of Havana, but to Santiago as well. It is known that Cienfuegos had not been attacked up to midnight Sunday, but what has transpired since that time is not known.

## KILLED BY BOILER EXPLOSION

### Parts of Engine Scattered Half a Mile as Boiler Blows Up.

Through the explosion of the boiler of a Pittsburgh, Virginia & Charleston freight engine two men were killed, four others severely injured and the engine and caboose reduced to scrap iron. The explosion occurred near Houston run, four miles below Monongahela City.

The dead: Amos Wilhelm, engineer; killed instantly; Lawrence Patterson, fireman; died in the Memorial hospital two hours later.

The injured are T. J. Hagan, conductor; Ed. Morris, flagman; C. W. Horwener, brakeman, and Alfred Devore, brakeman.

## PROTECT BRITISH PROPERTY

### State Department Makes Answer to an Inquiry.

In answer to an inquiry the State Department has responded that, in affording protection to American interests in Cuba during the revolution, the United States will also give protection, as far as possible to British interests and property.

Subjects of Great Britain have large interests in railroad properties in Cuba, and these have suffered by the operations of insurgents. Other property on the island is held by British subjects, and anxiety is expressed as to its security.

## Chinese Coolies Can't Remain.

Chinese laborers taken to Panama for work on the Panama canal must be deported at the conclusion of their service. To insure their deportation the Panamanian government will require the contractors who furnish the Chinese laborers to give a bond of \$50,000 for the first 2,000 men and \$20 each for laborers in any number in excess of 2,500.

## Want to Tax Hindus.

Delegates from all parts of Canada, now in session at the Dominion Trades Congress, will bring forward resolutions seeking legislation for the imposition of a tax on Hindus, large numbers of whom have been entering Canada within the last few months. Other legislation sought includes the abolition of the Senate.

## CURRENT NEWS ITEMS

Congressman Robert R. Hitt, of Illinois, died at his summer home at Narragansett Pier, R. I.

San Francisco reports that there is plenty of work there for thousands of men at high wages.

Warren Riggs, 26 years old of Littleton, W. Va., was accidentally drowned through a skiff capsizing while crossing the Allegheny river at Henrys Bend.

Twelve Japanese, arrested for poaching on St. Paul island, off the Fribyoff group, and convicted at Valdez, have been sentenced each to three months in the jail at that place.

Two men were shot dead and another man was severely wounded in a saloon in Hammond, Ind., as a result of an argument over the merits of Battling Nelson and Joe Gans, prize fighters.

The bureau of yards and docks awarded the contract to the Westinghouse company of Pittsburg for supplying the electrical equipment for the Norfolk navy yard, at \$91,995.

O. B. Stollard, cashier of the Peoples State bank of Sedan, Kas., disappeared, leaving a note saying he was a defaulter and had fled. The safe is time-locked and the amount of money missing is not known.

Contracts for all the structural steel required for the new Palace Hotel in San Francisco, have been awarded with the assurance that the materials will be delivered within four months after the specifications have been placed in the hands of the Eastern manufacturers.

An International & Great Northern extra freight train from St. Louis, was derailed at Prices switch, near Houston, Tex. A car of matches ignited and flames spread to 14 cars of the 23 derailed. The merchandise destroyed was valuable.

Maj. Gen. John F. Queson, commander of the department of Luzon, Philippine Islands, in his annual report says 41 stations have been abandoned during the year and there are 28 stations garrisoned by 7,369 American troops and 2,488 native troops.

The recently elected President of the republic of Chile, Don Pedro Montt, was inaugurated into office, with the usual ceremonies. Members of the diplomatic corps and prominent representatives of the army, the navy and the bench were present.

## 200 Condemned to Die.

Arraigned for trial before a military court composed of officers who recently organized the terrible massacre at Siedle, 200 persons arrested while the outbreak there was in progress were condemned to death for alleged acts of violence committed during the massacre.