

A Railroad Holocaust

Explosion of Tank Cars Kills Twenty-five and Injures Forty-five Others

Eye Witness Describes Scene as Most Awful Ever Beheld

The Oil Takes Fire and Victims Run, Burning Like Torches

Olean, N. Y., March 9.—A number of persons were killed near tonight by an explosion of oil. A collision occurred two miles from the city at 9 o'clock. One of the trains in the crash was made up principally of tank cars filled with oil. Some of the cars were derailed and the oil caught fire. The sky was lit up for miles. A large number of people were attracted to the scene of the accident from the city. Several terrific explosions, presumably of oil in the tank cars, followed. The first impact of the collision occurred about 10 o'clock. Soon afterwards a telephone message was received at police headquarters asking for all the ambulances and doctors in the city. Sidney Fish, a prominent business man returned from the scene of the fire at midnight. He said: "I was attracted to the scene of the fire about 11 o'clock. When I was within a quarter of a mile of the scene of the accident, some down to the ground, flames shot outwards and upwards for a great distance. I saw several persons who started to run away from the ground, and they never moved again. Others who stood close to the tank cars were hurled through the air for hundreds of feet. The scene was awful. Half a dozen young boys ran from the track with their clothing on fire. I could hear their agonized screams distinctly from where I stood. They ran a great distance down the track and then threw themselves to the ground, groveling in the ditches in their efforts to escape the flames. Then they lay still, some of them unconscious, others dead. I don't know how many were killed, but I counted twenty bodies before I came away."

Word was also sent to Olean police headquarters by telephone. Every doctor and ambulance in the city was summoned. Wagons carrying blankets, bandages, and everything possible was done to bring the injured to the hospital. The hospitals for treatment. At midnight the first of the wounded arrived at the hospital. They were four young boys whose injuries were frightful. Great patches of their flesh was burned off and hung in shreds from their bodies. A man who returned from the scene of the fire at midnight reports having counted twenty bodies lying along the track after the fire subsided. The latest estimate of the casualties places the number of persons killed at 25. Some of the injured will die.

CHINESE REBELLION SPREADS

Villages Captured in Kwangsi Province and Churches Destroyed. London, March 9.—The Daily Mail correspondent reports that the rebellion in Kwangsi province is spreading seriously. Several villages have been captured and the Chinese Government in that province is practically at an end. The popular Chinese press reports that the rebels, who are now in possession of the province, are displaying in Shan Tung province by the destruction of the churches.

UNDATEDS OF MISSISSIPPI

One Hundred Families Render Homeless in Illinois. St. Louis, Mo., March 9.—One hundred families living below Alton, Ill., have been rendered homeless and may have lost their belongings. The risk of the Mississippi river. Hundreds of farmers in the lowlands about Harrisburg, Mo., have been rendered homeless and their families country trails are inundated.

EMIGRATION TO CANADA

Nearly Four Thousand from England During February. Montreal, March 9.—A special London cable to the witness says that immigration figures for February show that during that month 3,700 persons emigrated to Canada. The number of immigrants from England to Canada to take up their residence in the Dominion was 1,829, an increase of 4,551, and to the United States, 945.

THE BRITISH NAVAL ESTIMATES

Provided for Increase Over Fifteen Million and Nearly 5,000 More Men. London, March 9.—The British naval estimates for 1903 were issued this evening for the first time. The total amount is \$11,150,000, an increase of \$1,000,000 over the estimate for 1902. The maintenance estimates provide for 127,400 officers and men, an increase of 4,000 officers and men. The total expenditure for ship building, repairs and maintenance is \$80,100,000. The new construction includes three battleships, four armored cruisers, three protected cruisers to be used as scouts, 15 torpedo boat destroyers, 10 torpedo boats, two coast guard cruisers, a gunboat and an admiralty yacht. In an explanatory statement which accompanies the estimates, Lord Salisbury, First Lord of the Admiralty, announces the formation of a new squadron to be known as the South Atlantic squadron. It will serve on the Coast of Africa and along the Southwest Coast of America with base at Gibraltar and Sierra Leone.

ENGLISH SUNDAY PAPERS

Do Not Violate Lord's Day Law According to Recent Court Decision. London, March 9.—English newspaper proprietors are manufacturers, and as such do not infringe Lord's Day Observance Act by publishing Sunday papers. This decision is made in a suit by Lloyd's Weekly to recover payment for Sunday papers delivered to a country agent who had refused to pay under the pretext that the Sunday laws forbade the claim. Judge Renton held that the Sunday papers do not come under the head of "works of necessity," but as the Sunday Act only refers to the sale of newspapers by a "tradesman, artisan, workman or householder," the proprietors are exempt. The court also held that the Sunday laws do not apply to the sale of newspapers by a "tradesman, artisan, workman or householder," and as such do not infringe Lord's Day Observance Act by publishing Sunday papers.

SNOW AND GRIPPE

Westminster, March 7.—(Special)—The spell of abnormally fine weather is broken, and a heavy snowstorm is now covering up the country. Grippe is almost epidemic here.

MORE MONEY FOR SCHOOLS

Montreal, March 9.—The Roman Catholic and Protestant school boards today decided to make a joint demand on the City Council for higher school tax rates. The rate now is only 25 mills, and both boards are desirous to make both sides meet.

WILL RUN AGAIN

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GRAND LODGE OF A. O. U. W.

Will Convene on Wednesday at Westminster—Delegates From Victoria. The Grand Lodge of the A. O. U. W. will convene on Wednesday at Westminster. Delegates from Victoria will be present. The lodge is holding a special session and will discuss the affairs of the order.

ST. ANDREW'S YOUNG PEOPLE

Successful Entertainment Given Last Night by Holding of the Church. A very enjoyable programme was rendered last evening at the church by the Young People's Guild of St. Andrew's. The programme consisted of songs, recitations, and a play. The entertainment was a great success and the church was filled to capacity.

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CHINESE ELECTION

Result of the Vote for Reform Association. Vancouver, B. C., March 7.—(Special)—The first election ever held by Chinese according to Occidental methods, took place today for the province for Vice-president and superintendent of the Chinese Empire Reform Association. The result of the vote was as follows: Law Yam (New Westminster), 200; Victoria, 222; New Westminster, 170; Total, 592. Chung Lun (New Westminster), Vancouver, 142; Victoria, 14; New Westminster, 120; Total, 276. Mr. Lam Yuen (Vancouver), Vancouver, 150; Victoria, 8; New Westminster, 2; Total, 160. Mr. Sun Yee (Victoria), Vancouver, 101; Victoria, 24; New Westminster, 1; Total, 126.

Strike Leads To Bloodshed

Unfortunate Incident at Vancouver Through an Altercation With Special.

Vancouver, B. C., March 9.—(Special)—The Vancouver Jockey Club has decided to withdraw from affiliation with the North Pacific Fair Association, owing to the latter's action in fixing dates for their meet to the great disadvantage and pecuniary loss of the local organization. The public meeting was held in the Chinese Opera house, when the famous reformers, Leung Kai Chu, a former member of the advisory council of the Emperor of China, and Wong Wei Jee, a millionaire Chinese merchant, addressed the meeting.

Court of Revision Decides It Just to Tax Local Agencies.

Vancouver, B. C., March 9.—Mr. Major, acting as Justice of the Court of Revision and appeal, confirmed the assessment made by Mr. Fagan, tax collector, on Ogilvie Milling Company, profits of business done in the province through their agents here. Each firm was assessed for \$4,000. The tax collector, Mr. Major, said it was a question of domicile, and he considered that the Ogilvie Milling Company was doing business in the province through their agents. There are ten manufacturers' agents in Vancouver who will now come within this assessment, to say nothing of a number throughout the province, which will largely increase the Provincial Government's revenue.

VEVUSIVUS AGAIN ACTIVE

Naples, March 9.—Venusinus has again become active. The volcano is throwing up ashes and explosive incandescent matter, presenting an imposing spectacle. Twenty-two special timber licenses were applied for today, which is the record. The revenue to the Government on one day from this source in Vancouver alone, is \$2,900. A great deal of feeling was aroused because of the circumstance that Zionites (the name given to the Zionites) were being widely distributed in Victoria. A longer named Dan Robertson was arrested on suspicion of having been in the investigation into the matter yesterday, and found that there is a disposition among the Zionites to make trouble in secret societies in Victoria. The Zionites are few in number—more than fifty at most. It is thought if the Zionites were to take any action in the matter they might stir up the local Zionites to refrain from distributing their literature. The Zionites are few in number—more than fifty at most. It is thought if the Zionites were to take any action in the matter they might stir up the local Zionites to refrain from distributing their literature.

TO RESENT THE INSULT

Secret Societies Not Disposed to Meekly Bear Zionite Attacks. Allusion was made in the "Society Notes" in the Victoria Colonist to the fact that much indignation exists in the city because of the circumstance that Zionites (the name given to the Zionites) were being widely distributed in Victoria. A longer named Dan Robertson was arrested on suspicion of having been in the investigation into the matter yesterday, and found that there is a disposition among the Zionites to make trouble in secret societies in Victoria. The Zionites are few in number—more than fifty at most. It is thought if the Zionites were to take any action in the matter they might stir up the local Zionites to refrain from distributing their literature.

ANOTHER MATTER OF STRIKE

The Up is Inevitable in New York State. Schenectady, N. Y., March 9.—Commissioners of the State Board of Education yesterday held a meeting this afternoon at which the latter gave the information in the hands of the board for 55 cents an hour and return to work at the old scale of 40 cents an hour. The board of education is now in a complete state of strike. The board of education is now in a complete state of strike. The board of education is now in a complete state of strike.

ARRESTED ON SUSPICION

Disappearance of Money Causes Postmaster Trouble. Dalhousie, N. B., March 9.—J. A. Johnson, postmaster at this place, has been placed under arrest on suspicion of having been connected with the mysterious disappearance of \$800 last August. The death occurred yesterday at noon of Isabella Stewart, one of the oldest residents in Dalhousie. She was born in her 77th year, and a native of Scotland. She came to Dalhousie in 1858. Her husband, James Stewart, died in 1888. She was survived by her son, James Stewart, and her daughter, Mrs. Stewart. She was a member of the Presbyterian church and was a devout worshiper.

FOUR THOUSAND STRIKERS

Brick Makers Strike For Eight Hours and an Increase of Wages. St. Louis, Mo., March 9.—Between three and four thousand union men of the allied brick making trades struck today in St. Louis. The strikers are demanding an eight-hour day and a five per cent. increase. The brick makers are now in a complete state of strike. The brick makers are now in a complete state of strike. The brick makers are now in a complete state of strike.

MORE LUMBER MILLS

Another Capitalist Looking Over the Situation. Vancouver, March 9.—Mr. W. E. Huntley, who is associated in the lumber trade here, is looking over the situation preparatory to building a mill. Mr. Huntley is a prominent lumber merchant and is well known in the trade. He is looking over the situation preparatory to building a mill. Mr. Huntley is a prominent lumber merchant and is well known in the trade. He is looking over the situation preparatory to building a mill.

BOILER MAKERS ASK INCREASE

Prospects of Another Strike in New York Shipyards. New York, March 9.—Demands were made today in all shipyards in the vicinity of New York by the boiler makers' union for a general increase in wages and shorter hours of work. The boiler makers are now in a complete state of strike. The boiler makers are now in a complete state of strike. The boiler makers are now in a complete state of strike.

HOMER BIRD HANGED AT SITKA

The Klondike Murderer Meets Doom Protesting His Innocence. Seattle, March 9.—A special to the Times from Sitka, says: "Homer Bird was legally executed here Friday. The murderer of the Klondike miner, Bird, was hanged by the gallows. He protested his innocence. Thirty minutes before the execution, Bird made a short speech without visible emotion, in which he protested his innocence. Thirty minutes before the execution, Bird made a short speech without visible emotion, in which he protested his innocence. Thirty minutes before the execution, Bird made a short speech without visible emotion, in which he protested his innocence."

CHANGING CREWS

Ship's Company of H. M. S. Egeria Leave for Home Today. For the third time since she came to the coast of the Yukon river, the crew of the Egeria will leave by the Charmer and the E. R. for home today. The crew of the Egeria will leave by the Charmer and the E. R. for home today. The crew of the Egeria will leave by the Charmer and the E. R. for home today.

WITH THE HUMORISTS

Private Casey walking very lame, and looking very nervous, four steps. Officer—"Are you seriously hurt, Casey?" Private Casey—"Oh, dunno, sir. Flannigan hit me with his rifle, and I don't know if it was serious or if it was only his jokes."

AN ONTARIO DECISION

Interesting Case Connected With Trial for Manslaughter. Toronto, March 9.—The first conviction recorded in Ontario under clause 213 of the Criminal Code was today reported to the Attorney-General's Department. It was a case of manslaughter. The defendant was a young man who had been convicted of manslaughter. The defendant was a young man who had been convicted of manslaughter. The defendant was a young man who had been convicted of manslaughter.

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