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WRECKED BY DYNAMITE

Train Consumed by the Flames
—Known Dead Number 19.

Horrible Accident at Harrisburg, Pa. Caused by Disconnecting of Air Hose on Freight—Rescuers Are Driven Back by Explosions and Fire, Which Consumed Men and Women—Injured Number Over a Hundred.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 12.—Nineteen persons are known to be dead and more than 100 others were injured in the railroad wreck and dynamite explosion which occurred early yesterday on the Pennsylvania Railroad in the southern part of this city. That as many persons were killed is considered remarkable, as a full boxcar of dynamite exploded directly at the middle of the heavy express train. The train carried many prominent persons, most of whom escaped with only slight injuries.

The wrecked train was the second section of the Cleveland and Cincinnati express leaving Philadelphia at 11:05 Wednesday night. It consisted of a combination baggage and smoking car, one day coach and six sleepers. There are various stories of how the wreck occurred, but the official version is as follows:

At 1:40 o'clock the engine on an east-bound freight train was flagged by the crew of a shifting engine ahead on the same track. The engineer quickly put on his airbrakes and the train, an unusually long one, came to a sudden halt. The strain on the air valves was a severe one and a connecting air hose in the middle of the train blew out. This caused the middle of the train to "break" and the damaged cars fell over on the passenger tracks.

Just as this happened the Cleveland express came thundering up and "side wiped" the wreck. The express was stopped within its own length and the third sleeper was opposite the wrecked cars. Before any one could leave the passenger train, which was not very badly damaged, a few slight explosions occurred, and then there was one great flash and roar that shook the earth. The whole affair occurred within a period of a few seconds. Men and women came tumbling and climbing from the car windows, or crawled from under the wreckage. No one for the moment seemed to know what to do, and many of the passengers momentarily seized with terror, ran wildly about the fields on the north side of the railroad or waded into the shallow waters of the river. Realizing their safety and the danger still threatening the frightened passengers turned in and began the rescue of the living.

As they approached the wreck another explosion occurred. During this time the entire freight train might be loaded with dynamite, no one dared go near the wreck. Finally the railroad men, who knew the contents of the burning freight train, the way and the unfortunates followed.

Advancing fire drove the rescuers back as they were about to take others from the wreck and unfortunate men and women were seen enveloped in the flames.

W. B. McCaleb, superintendent of the Philadelphia division, said he was unable as yet to fix any responsibility for the accident. A thorough investigation, he said, is now being made.

COLES ARE POSITIVE

That Willis Passed Their House Between 6 and 7 o'clock.

Rodney, May 12.—Rigorous examination and cross-examination failed yesterday at the preliminary trial of Alexander Willis and Elizabeth Covell for murder to shake the evidence of William Cole and little Bessie Cole. Their stories, to the effect that they saw Willis passing their house between 6 and 7 o'clock on the morning after the murder, was attacked at every point, but it still stands intact, the most damaging evidence against Alexander Willis.

Other witnesses were F. A. McCullum, editor of the Rodney Mercury; F. B. Kennedy, a druggist; Rodney, and A. J. Lieberman, undertaker. His chief testimony was of a conversation he had had with Willis in the afternoon. As Willis came across the yard Lieberman remarked the nasty bruise on his forehead, "I've worse than that," said Willis, showing another wound in the hair at the side of his head. He said he had received both bruises and a slight discoloration around the left eye from a blow from his barn door. Mrs. Covell had told him three times the story of the murder, but any variations in the stories were additions in the second and third tellings. The hearing was then adjourned till Friday morning.

RELIEF FOR THE JEWS.

Measure to Give Unhoped for Concession to Jews in Russia.

London, May 12.—The Jewish Chronicle yesterday announced: "We are informed on high authority that important developments may be anticipated in the situation of the Jews in Russia. We are informed that a measure is more than under consideration, which will give unhoped for relief to Jews. Absolute freedom of movement and residence will be granted in all cities and towns, but not in villages, as the authorities are not willing to run the risk of a repetition of the Kishinev affair."

"We understand that the murder of Jews causes the Government more anxiety than of persons of other nationalities, because of the reputation it arouses in Europe."

NON-PARTISAN AND HONEST ADMINISTRATION OF THE LAW

East Kent License Commissioners Put Themselves on Record—Thousands of Dollars in Improvements Going on in Hotels—Will Consider Two Harwich Cases—A Bothwell Transfer—Phil. Bowyer's Interpretation of Premier Whitney's Policy.

An interesting incident, revealing the strength of Premier Whitney's license policy and the determination of his Government to bring about a non-partisan administration of the license laws, was one of the significant features of yesterday's meeting of the East Kent Board of Commissioners. Moreover it led Commissioner Gifford to give publicity to the definition of these principles and the absolute freedom of the Board to carry them out, communicated to him by Phil. H. Bowyer, M. P., at the time that gentleman urged his acceptance of the duties—statements that do infinite credit to the esteemed member for East Kent, the Government and the Commissioners.

The incident in question arose out of an amusing personal experience related to the Board by Barrister J. M. Pike, who appeared in the interests of Harwich applicants. In the course of his address the clever counsel took occasion to congratulate the Board on the policy they had adopted in enforcing licenses to keep hotel and ruling against the cross-road houses that had become mere drinking booths. By way of illustration Mr. Pike related an experience which befel him while stumping through the country during the recent political campaign.

After a meeting he was called upon to put up overnight at one of the so-called country taverns. He intended to ask the proprietor to notify all hotel men that it must be stopped, or regarded by the Commissioners as a direct violation of the law, to be so dealt with.

THE HARWICH CASES.

The Board met yesterday afternoon in the town hall at Bothwell. The chairman, ex-Warden W. C. Sifton, presided, and there were also present Commissioners ex-Warden Frank Gifford and Robt. L. Jarvis and Inspector Thos. Boon.

J. M. Pike appeared for Arthur Walker and Alex. D. Forbes, of Charing Cross and Cedar Springs, respectively, to ask for a reconsideration of their cases. Mr. Pike made a strong plea on their behalf. There was no local option law in force in Harwich; these applicants held long and unblemished records; they were supported by strong and influential positions; they had good houses and kept them well, and it was not fair to punish them for the misdemeanors at the McKay's Corners and Fargo taverns, which had been so largely the cause of the Harwich vote.

A SPLENDID RECORD.

Inspector Boon, who had been asked to furnish a special report on these places, reported that they were all that had been represented on their behalf—good houses and well kept. Mr. Walker had kept his hotel for 29 years and never once had a complaint been lodged against him.

WAS IT THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE?

Chairman Sifton—The by-law was quashed because the clerk hadn't performed all his technical duties. Had he done so, there is no question that local option would be in force. If it had been carried by five votes, even by 50, it would have been a matter for consideration, but if every unpolled vote had been recorded against it, the by-law would still have carried by a large majority. I compliment Mr. Walker and Mr. Forbes on their houses and congratulate them on their records, but can we with justice go in the face of the clearly expressed will of the people of Harwich?

DESIRES VS. DUTY.

Commissioner Gifford—Let me say I have received visits and letters earnestly urging favorable consideration to Messrs. Walker and Forbes from scores of my most esteemed friends—men whose opinion I respect, who are not awayed by faulty considerations. I can tell you I never faced anything that so worried me as my course in this matter and I regret to give offence to these ex-

"This," added Mr. Gifford, "was the

standard set up by our member himself, and I believe our Board is prepared to carry out to the best of its ability."

MAKING HOTEL.

The new era of activity and obedience to the law has dawned among the license holders in East Kent. Inspector Boon says he never knew so much doing. In almost every licensed place in the constituency plumbers, masons, carpenters and paper-hangers are—or have been—at work. Thousands of dollars are being spent by the owners in making hotel in accordance with the decree of the Commissioners and a wonderful improvement is already noted.

Moreover, the hotel men themselves are rigidly observing the closing laws. The statement of Chairman Sifton at the inaugural meeting that the Board purposed making every first offence a last offence and not renewing the license of any man who broke the law, has had a tremendous effect as no doubt is evidenced that the Commissioners will strictly enforce their declaration.

SHAKING DICE.

Commissioner Gifford pointed out that it had come to his attention that in some bars young men had been permitted to shake dice for the drinks. This was, he believed, completely illegal, and, moreover, encouraged the most undesirable element and conduct. Young men then continued to drink more for the sake of the game than from desire. He intended to ask the Inspector to notify all hotel men that it must be stopped, or regarded by the Commissioners as a direct violation of the law, to be so dealt with.

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Mr. Pike—But there is no by-law in force.

Chairman Sifton—it is not the fault of the people.

Mr. Pike—There is no legal barrier to the course I ask.

Chairman Sifton—No legal barrier has entered into our consideration.

Commissioner Gifford—I am told there is a revolution of feeling in Harwich. Why not ask the Council to submit the by-law again?

Mr. Pike—The places at McKay's Corners and Fargo would have an influence.

Chairman Sifton—They need not. If local option were defeated in Harwich by 500 I wouldn't consent to those places having licenses, I inspected them myself and saw enough of them to know they were dives of a most discreditable character.

At the same time I admired the conduct and places kept by Messrs. Walker and Forbes.

Mr. Pike—And doesn't it look like injustice to them?

Chairman Sifton—It is a hardship, but we are servants of the people, with our duty to perform.

Commissioner Jarvis—I have been waited on by a great many respectable people, but it is wise to change our decision.

Chairman Sifton—Oh, I have no hesitation on that score. If I've done wrong, or decided unjustly I want to change it—and right it—at once.

TO RECONSIDER ON 27TH.

Commissioner Jarvis — Then, Mr. Chairman, I would favor a reconsideration of the decision on these two

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