

EIGHT PERISH IN COLLISION

TRAINMEN BURIED UNDER WRECKAGE

Fire Follows Wreck and Bodies of Several Victims Are Cremated.

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 15.—Eight men are known to be dead as a result of one of the worst wrecks in the history of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railroad to-day, when passenger train No. 4, travelling at a high rate of speed, crashed into a freight at Pegrarn, 25 miles west of here. A number are also missing.

The following are known to be dead: Will Morgan, travelling engineer, body buried; George Greer, passenger engineer, body buried; Jesse Tarkington, freight engineer, body buried; Jos. Roach, messenger; Sam Whitten, freight brakeman; Wm. Stanley, mail clerk; L. T. Bailey, mail clerk, body buried; Ellis Martin, freight conductor.

Following the collision the engines, which met head-on, were overturned and the mail coach and baggage car of the passenger train was demolished.

While the panic-stricken passengers, many of whom were injured from flying glass, rushed from the cars, flames burst from the front box of the engines and caught in the splintered wreckage, incinerating the bodies of the trainmen caught underneath.

While the train crew and male passengers worked heroically to stay the progress of the flames and rescue the bodies of the unfortunate victims of the wreck, dispatches had been flashed to Nashville for aid.

Men are now working in the wreckage attempting to clear it away in the hope of extricating the missing who are imprisoned under the cars.

AMERICAN BANKERS

Chicago, Sept. 15.—The American Bankers' association will this afternoon elect its officers for the coming year.

All business was suspended by the bankers at the morning session to-day and the work of the clearing houses and trust companies was discussed. Edward Perine, of New York, will be the principal speaker at the meeting. His topic will be "trust company resources and revenues."

Vice President Sherman, who was scheduled to speak last night, was unable to do so, being called away on business.

MURDER AT POLITICAL GATHERING IN JAPAN

Tragedy Marks Celebration of Founding of Constitutional Party.

Tokio, Sept. 15.—A large assembly which had gathered to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Seiyukai constitutional party was thrown into a panic to-day when a well-known member of the Sochi Kawakami became infuriated, and with one blow of his dagger murdered another man, a member of the Sochi Taya, who had entered into a heated political discussion with him.

It was some time before the people could be quieted so that the ceremonies could begin.

The principal speaker at the celebration was Marquis Saonji, who has led the party since 1903. In his address he said that a constitutional government in Japan would be useless without a strong political party with noble, unselfish principles to support it.

FIVE ARE INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Machine Turns Turtle, Pinning Three of Occupants Under Car.

Aberdeen, Wash., Sept. 15.—Two women and three men, composing an automobile party, are suffering from serious injuries to-day as the result of an accident which befell them yesterday near Junction City, when the large touring car in which they were riding turned turtle, and pinned three of their number under the heavy car.

The party consisted of A. Townsend, owner of a large bakery here, and his wife; C. V. Loy, manager of the West Coast Advertising Bureau; A. E. Willson, manager of the Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company, and Mrs. Crow.

When the accident occurred Townsend and Mrs. Crow were thrown clear of the machine. This undoubtedly saved the lives of the others, who, pinned beneath the car, were unable to release themselves. Townsend and Mrs. Crow, although themselves injured, finally managed to extricate the others.

TUNNEL UNDER THE DETROIT

Windsor, Ont., Sept. 15.—The final section of the Detroit river tunnel was lowered into place yesterday, thus connecting tubes in the river bed with the shore on this side. The contractors say the tunnel will be ready by October 1st for a preliminary trip from one side to the other.

VESEVIUS AGAIN ACTIVE

Rome, Sept. 15.—Mount Vesuvius is again active. Guides report rumblings, followed by slight tremors. The small craters have been unusually active in the last few days.

ARE RUSHING ALL CITY WORK

GANGS ON STREET IMPROVEMENTS INCREASED

Much Activity Prevails in the Vicinity of the Causeway.

The city engineer's staff is taking full advantage of the present fine weather and is rushing work on all the civic improvements in hand with the utmost dispatch, so as to make all the progress possible before the wet weather sets in. Mr. Topp has during the past few days put a large number of extra men at work.

No less than sixty men are employed in the construction of the big surface drain on Cook street, which is to be about a mile in length and cost in the neighborhood of \$45,000.

The improvements will be much appreciated by the residents along that thoroughfare, as the low-lying section which has long been a source of complaint will now be drained. The brick portion has been completed along Cook to Moss street, and work is now progressing on the balance from Moss street to the water front, near the cemetery on Dallas road.

Much activity also prevails in other sections of the city, especially where permanent pavements are in progress. A very busy district is the eastern end of James Bay, where all the streets in the vicinity—Wharf, Humboldt, the Causeway, Belleville and Douglas—are being treated to permanent pavements.

In about a week's time a start will be made on the laying of the vitrified brick across the Causeway. The cement driveway on the west side, in which the wires will be placed underground, has been completed, and the sidewalk on this side will be taken in hand and finished within the course of a week.

The southern end of Gordon street has now been graded down to preparatory to the laying down of the block pavement will be undertaken. On Belleville street, east of Government street, the laying of cement walks has been completed. The area surrounding the Empress hotel will have been transformed from one which presented many eyesores to one of the prettiest and most attractive in the whole city—quite in keeping with the palatial buildings which rear themselves at the gateway to the city.

The management of the Empress has elaborately planned for the beautification of the grounds surrounding the hotel and ultimately the scene presented to the eyes of visitors as they emerge from the steamers landing at the C. P. R. wharves will be one of impressive beauty.

JAPANESE FIRE ON CHINESE

TROOPS BEING RUSHED TO NORTHERN KOREA

Chinese Preparing to Defend Themselves Against Neighbors.

According to advices brought from Japan by the steamer Kaga Maru there have been unpleasant disturbances at the island of Chientao between the Japanese and Chinese.

The Japanese have been rushing troops on to the island and have re-arranged all the forts along the frontier. Over one thousand men in northern Korea, and after landing they marched in a northerly direction, their destination supposed to be Chientao.

A law quarrel which took place on the island a few weeks ago resulted in the Japanese firing on a Chinese yamen and killing one man and wounding others. The affair has caused a good deal of unpleasantness, and is one of many similar cases in which the Japanese are said to be overbearing in their dealings with China and the Chinese. The latter country is not taking any active steps openly but is steadily arming and preparing for the defense of themselves against their aggressors. In the meantime the Chinese have very little trade relation with the Japanese, this being their method of reprisal for the present. In this way they remain a thorn in the flesh of their enterprising neighbors.

GIRL KILLED

Livermore, Cal., Sept. 14.—Two children of Frank Bargman, a rancher living here, are suffering from broken hearts while the third, a girl of 14 years, is dead at the morgue, as a result of the overturning of a header on which the children were playing. The machine was standing on the side hill when the children climbed to the driver's seat, twelve feet above ground. Their weight was sufficient to cause the heavy machine to topple and crash to earth on its side.

Dora, the oldest girl, struck on her head and was killed instantly, while Bargman's youngest daughter and son each sustained broken limbs.

An hour after the accident the injured children were found lying in the field by a passing farmer.



OH, JOY! CANADA CLAIMS IT.

AMERICAN GIRL CREATED PRINCESS

EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA HONORS MISS A. STEWART

Marriage to Prince Miguel de Braganza Solemnized in Scotland.

Dingwall, Scotland, Sept. 15.—Miss Anita Stewart, the New York Heiress to the millions of the late "Silent" Smith, of Wall street, to-day became a princess in her own right by the special patent of Emperor Franz Josef of Austria, when she married Prince Miguel de Braganza, of Portugal, at high noon, at the great castle recently leased by her mother, Mrs. James Henry Smith.

The services were held in the St. Lawrence Catholic church and the Bishop of Aberdeen, Franz Joseph Highland piety played "The Stars and Stripes" and then the Mendelssohn wedding march, as the bride entered with her brother, Wm. Rhinelander Stewart, of New York.

The prince, who met the bride at the altar, wore a resplendent scarlet uniform, with gold decorations. The church was elaborately decorated. The pergola leading to the main entrance was draped with the flags of America, Austria and Portugal. Over the portals was the following inscription in Portuguese: "God bless the emperor, the prince and the beautiful bride."

The ceremony proper was simple, lasting altogether about 15 minutes. After the wedding a feast was served to the guests in Tulloch castle. There was a great array of wedding presents, valued at several hundred thousand dollars. Among them were the diamond tiara from Empress Franz Joseph, and the crown of the Austrian emperor made it possible under the rules of royalty, for the marriage to be a regular wedding and not a morganatic alliance as it has been reported at various times that it would be.

Mrs. Smith, the mother of the bride, recently settled a million dollars on the prince. It is expected that the bride will come in for a large share of the fortune left by the late "Silent" Smith.

It is expected that the royal couple will go to Austria on their wedding trip, where they will be received as the special guests of the emperor, and the American girl will formally take her place in the ranks of European royalty.

A large party of guests, including many notable Americans and members of the European nobility, were entertained at the castle last night by Mrs. Smith at an elaborate dinner. The wedding breakfast this afternoon was also an elaborate affair and altogether the presence of important personages, the pomp and ceremony, and the excitement and thrill of the wedding, this countryside has not seen such activity in many a long year.

J. T. Blackshaw, of Derbyshire, Eng., and G. N. Blackshaw, of Salisbury, Rhodesia, spent a few hours in the city Wednesday, guests at Diard.

They are professors of agriculture and are taking a holiday tour through America and incidentally inspecting the government farms in Canada and the United States. Coming west from Montreal they looked at all the experimental stations and on returning to the Atlantic coast prior to debarking for their homes will take a similar glance of inspection at the districts on the other side of the line.

They express themselves as delighted with what they have seen of Victoria in their brief visit. Before sailing for Seattle this afternoon, they took an auto drive around the environs of the city.

CANADIAN CLAIMS TO POLAR REGIONS

Government Will Not Make Formal Declaration of Exact Limits.

London, Sept. 15.—In the House of Commons to-day Col. Seeley, under secretary for colonies, answering Lord Balcarras, said that the secretary of state understands that the Canadian government will not make a formal declaration of the exact limit of their possessions between the American horizon and the North Pole, but it was believed they considered themselves entitled to claim all lands within those limits.

LORD TWEEDMOUTH IN CRITICAL CONDITION

London, Sept. 15.—Lord Tweedmouth, former lord president of the council, is reported to-day to be at the point of death.

PORTLAND FLOUR MILLS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Loss is Estimated at \$300,000—Outbreak Followed Explosion in Plant.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 15.—After destroying the Portland Flouring Mills, the largest plant of its kind in the northwest, and spilling thousands of dollars worth of grain, a fire which started from an explosion at the mills early to-day was brought under control shortly before noon. For a time it was thought that several employees had lost their lives and that a section of the manufacturing district of the city would fall a prey to the flames. The estimated total loss will exceed \$300,000.

As far as could be learned none of the seventy employees of the mills were killed, although a search of the ruins will be made.

A general alarm was sounded shortly after the fire started. In spite of the score of engines and two fire boats the mill was soon a mass of flames and only desperate work on the part of the firemen kept the fire from spreading to adjoining manufacturing plants.

The blaze was spectacular from the fact that the flames ate their way downward, floor by floor. When the engines responded to a general alarm the sixth and seventh floors were almost consumed. Then the flames traveled to the third and second floors, seizing the grain and inflammable materials in the building.

The plant was the largest in the northwest and had a capacity of 4,500 barrels daily. The building was supplied with modern machinery and an automatic water sprinkler. It is believed that the force of the explosion disconnected the sprinkler attachment.

EARNINGS OF RAILWAYS OF UNITED STATES

Chicago, Sept. 15.—According to figures compiled by the bureau of railway news and statistics from the monthly reports of the interstate commerce commission, the gross earnings of the railroads of the United States for the year ending June 30th, 1909, were \$2,437,388,841. The operating expenses were \$1,611,927,768; taxes, \$81,475; and net operating income, \$744,985,608.

STEAMER SENT TO MEET PEARY

PLACED AT HIS DISPOSAL BY CANADA

Scientists Comment on Explorer's Refusal to Give Additional Information.

Point Richie, Nfld., Sept. 15.—(Marconi Wireless, via Cape Bay.)—The Canadian cable steamer Tyrian, en route to meet Commander Robert E. Peary at Battle Harbor, arrived here to-day bearing a large delegation of reporters.

Capt. Dickson immediately sent the following message to the explorer: "I have been ordered to meet you at Battle Harbor. Please accept my congratulations. My ship is at your disposal if you care to return to Sydney aboard it."

When it was announced that the Roosevelt was making but five miles an hour, and that it would be compelled to lay in Battle Harbor until Friday for repairs, the Canadian government rushed the Tyrian to Battle Harbor to be placed at the disposal of the explorer in the event of his wishing to use it. The Tyrian is expected to arrive at Battle Harbor to-night.

Criticism Peary's Statements

New York, Sept. 15.—Scientists are to-day commenting on Commander Robert E. Peary's statement of last night in which he declined to give out more information regarding his discovery because "it might be used by others." Peary also declared that Whitney is the sportsman whom Dr. Cook declares is holding some of his data, but Peary maintains that he did not discuss Cook's claims with Whitney. The explorer also refused to discuss Whitney's reason for leaving the steamer Jeanie.

Dr. Hansen, a noted specialist, who has been in the north studying eye diseases, declares that Whitney was ousted from Dr. Cook's house at Anaktook by Peary's giant Norwegian guard, and "treated like a dog." The specialist says that Whitney had no love for Peary.

Replying to a question as to why no white man had accompanied him to the Pole, Commander Peary is quoted as saying that after a life-time of trying he wanted all the honor of the discovery for himself.

TAFT STARTS FOR WEST

Boston, Sept. 15.—President Taft left here on the first lap of his Western trip at 10:08 o'clock this morning. President Taft was on the rear platform and waved goodbye to the thousands that had gathered to see him off on his long journey.

Chicago, Sept. 15.—Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock arrived to-day to arrange for numerous conferences for President Taft to-morrow. The postmaster general leaves for Seattle at midnight to-night. The police are taking unusual precautions to see that no harm befalls the president while he is Chicago's guest.

Santa Rosa, Cal., Sept. 15.—The men who have been fighting the forest fires in this region for the past week are now making some headway against the encroaching flames owing to the abatement of the wind.

The fires are still burning freely, but with the great amount of back firing which has been done it is believed to-day that the situation is well in hand. Should the wind rise again it is difficult to estimate the damage that will be done by spreading the fire into the forest again.

Thousands of acres of timber have been burned over and a number of homes destroyed, and until each individual loss can be ascertained no estimate of the damage done can be made.

School Destroyed. Santa Cruz, Cal., Sept. 15.—The forest and brush fire which has been burning seven miles from here for the past two days, last night consumed the school house of the Hill school district, in spite of the desperate efforts of fire fighters to save it.

Napa, Cal., Sept. 15.—The forest fire in Napa valley to-day are abating and the situation is much improved. Many of the smaller fires have been extinguished and the shifting of the wind has saved thousands of acres of timber lands from the flames of larger conflagrations.

At St. Helena further serious damage is anticipated from the forest fires, which at Calistoga and Camano hills are practically extinguished.

Crops Damaged. Ventura, Cal., Sept. 15.—Damage amounting to more than \$60,000 has been done to avaries and crops in this section by the forest fires that have swept Las Posas and Camano hills and Tapo canyon during the last three days.

Between the villages of Piru and Simi, 1,500 stands of bees have been destroyed, according to conservative estimates, and it will be years before the bee fields of this section, which are blackened wastes to-day, will yield another honey crop. Thousands of tons of hay, in addition to valuable fruit crops, are total losses.

INCREASED WAGES FOR CHICAGO CARMEN

New Schedule Will Be Ratified by Street Railway Employees.

Chicago, Sept. 15.—The new scale of wages submitted to the street car men by the companies will be ratified at meetings of the unions called for Friday night. The new scale calls for an increase of wages and the victory seems to be with the street car employees who have stood out for their demands during the long drawn out negotiations with the traction companies.

RIOT LEADERS ARRESTED

Gasppe, Que., Sept. 15.—Matters are quiet at Fox River. Thirty of the ringleaders in the recent fishery riot have been arrested and lodged in jail, awaiting preliminary trial.

COAL RIGHTS CASE DECISION

FULL COURT DECIDES AGAINST FIDDICK

Local Company Interested—Appeal Will Go to Privy Council.

Vancouver, Sept. 15.—By a majority decision the Full court yesterday decided that the crown grants under the Vancouver Island Settlers' Rights Act of 1905, giving not only surface rights, but rights to the coal beneath the land, are inoperative and reversed the decision of Chief Justice Hunter in the case of Fiddick vs. the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway. Mr. Justice Irving and Mr. Justice Clement found for the appellants, the railway company, and Mr. Justice Morrison dissented, dismissing the appeal.

Notice was given that the case would be taken to the Privy Council. The Full court held that the crown grant could have no operation until it had been issued according to the formally prescribed in the statute; that although the crown grant could not be set aside in an action to which the crown was not a party, still the holder could be restrained from taking any rights under it, and the court could declare that the crown grant was inoperative. Having that jurisdiction the Full court held that there was no jurisdiction to issue a grant without calling upon the railway company and without giving them the opportunity of contesting the claims.

Mr. Bodwell, K. C., of Victoria, was for the railway company, and L. G. McPhillips, K. C., Vancouver, for the respondent. The latter obtained leave to carry the case direct to the Privy Council.

This case is one involving the right to part of the lands which the Pacific coast coal mines acquired for coal mining purposes. The land is situated at South Wellington, and was acquired from the Fiddick interests by John Arbutnot's company some years ago, after the acquisition of the lands by the Fiddick interests under the settlers' rights case.

JAPAN'S REVENUE EXCEEDS ESTIMATE

No Increase in Expenditure for Maintenance of Army and Navy.

Tokio, Sept. 15.—In a speech to be delivered before the Bankers' Club of this city to-night, Premier Katsura will outline the financial policy of the government for the coming year in anticipation of the annual budget which will be adopted soon by the diet.

It is generally understood that there will be no increase in the expenditures for the maintenance of the army and navy. In the adjustment of last year's budget the estimate of actual expenditures over receipts shows that the prediction that the income would be underestimated by 20,000,000 yen (\$30,000,000) was realized.

STETSON ON ROCKS

Greer Tug Met With Serious Accident at Swanson Narrows.

Tug Stetson, of the Greer fleet, met with a serious accident a few days ago, going on the rocks in Swanson Narrows at Beryl Island. She was taking a light scow to load with coal when the accident happened. Finally she was got off by the aid of the tug Albatron and towed to port, and is now on the ways at Turpe's yards. The scow also was badly damaged and will have to be repaired.

POLICE UNABLE TO SOLVE MYSTERY

ARE WITHOUT CLUE TO UTICA MURDERER

Officers Believe Girl is Afraid to Reveal Identity of Kidnapper.

Utica, N. Y., Sept. 15.—Despite the fact that rewards aggregating \$5,250 have been offered for the murderer of Teresa Percoppa and little Freddie Infusino, the police admit to-day that they are no nearer a solution of the case than they were on the day that the children were kidnaped.

Late Sunday Teresa, Freddie and Fannie Infusino were kidnaped in the vicinity of their home by a stranger who professed to be the God-father of little Teresa. Following an all-night search for the youngsters, a milkman while making his round early last Monday, found the dead body of Teresa and Freddie Infusino lying under a culvert in an isolated section of the city. Fannie, who was suffering from a revolver wound in the arm, gave to the police a detailed account of the kidnaping and told how the stranger had deliberately shot the children.

The police to-day say that they believe that Fannie knows the identity of the murderer of Freddie and Teresa, but is afraid to tell who he is. When the victims of the kidnaping were laid to rest to-day the funerals were attended by many thousands of angry Italians, and it was necessary to send a detail of police to the cemetery to prevent a demonstration.

The Italians are wrought up to a high pitch of excitement, and the murderer of the children is certain to be summarily dealt with in case of his apprehension.

The father of Freddie Infusino was indignant this afternoon when he was told that the police suspected that his daughter knew the identity of the murderer and was afraid to reveal it. He declared that he intended to join in the hunt himself for the man.

NEW YORK CENTRAL

New York, Sept. 15.—Although the New York Central directors met this afternoon they failed to elect a successor to fill the vacancy in their number caused by the death of E. H. Harriman. It is expected that the vacancy will be filled at the next meeting of the directors.

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