

MEXICAN ROAD BADLY DAMAGED

Rebels Make Complete Work of Destroying Bridges and Blocking Traffic on Northwestern Line

CREW OF ENGINE TELL EXPERIENCE

Fugitive Women and Children Suffering Want of Food—Heavy Reinforcements Sent to Navarro

EL PASO, Dec. 24.—Engineer Cobble and Fireman Muzoz of the Mexican Northwestern Railway arrived here late tonight and told a thrilling tale of their experience while in the hands of the insurgents. These men were in charge of the engine captured by the insurgents on Thursday, and for four hours they were forced to run the locomotive at the bidding of their captors. With 31 men on board the captured engine was first run as far south as Sabinas, when they started north, burning and dynamiting bridges as they went. In all, eight bridges were burned and one dynamited. About 50 miles of the road is completely prostrated. At 4 o'clock Friday the engine was abandoned at Guzman and the trainmen were released. The insurgents, 75 strong, in command of Captain Francisco Guerrero, of Los Angeles, mounted their horses and rode in the direction of Casas Grandes. The trainmen made their way until they met a work train sent out from Juarez. They declare that they were well treated.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 24.—Official reports concerning the capture of the engine in Presidio county along the Rio Grande frontier, 75 miles from the railroad. Not less than 700 refugees, chiefly women and children, have recently crossed the river from Mexico to this side at Presidio and other points. Assistance on the other side being indispensable, owing to the presence of soldiers and revolutionists, it is said. This mining town of Shafter has made up a purse, which will last about a week.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 24.—A telephone message from Supt. George Rutledge, who went down with the 31 Paso and Northwestern train, was received today, reports that the revolutionists blew up at least six bridges and possibly more after stealing the train on Thursday night. The state department has called upon Alfred C. Sharpe, commander at Fort Bliss, A. L. Sharpe, collector of customs here, and D. J. Alvarez, consul at Juarez for a complete report of the Mexican disturbances along the border. It is stated that complaints received at Washington that the neutrality laws have been violated in a number of instances and an investigation was ordered.

CHIHUAHUA, Dec. 24.—Two big trains carrying 1300 troops left here this morning to reinforce General Navarro. Their first task, a difficult one, will be to take Mal Paso.

MURDERED IN HIS BED

People of Oklahoma Town Searching for Slayer of Physician—Blood-stains Reveal Crime

HENNEPIN, Okla., Dec. 24.—Aroused by the murder of Dr. R. S. Burns, a physician, 35 years old, in his office here last night, a posse of citizens, with bloodhounds, tonight is seeking the unidentified slayer. The physician's skull was beaten in with an axe or iron bar, the authorities believe. The killing occurred while Dr. Burns lay in bed. He slept alone in his office. Following the killing, it is believed the slayer loaded the body into a wagon and hauled it half a mile from the office, but changing his mind regarding disposition of the corpse, drove back. The body was found a short distance from the building in which the murder took place. Traces of blood that had dripped into the road between the wagon tracks led to the conclusion that the body had been hauled away. None knew of the murder until today, when a visitor at the office discovered bloodstains there.

HIGH EXPRESS RATES

Railway Commission Orders Companies to Make Reduction and Abolish Form of Contract

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—Judgment has been given by the Railway Commission on the express rates cases, which declares that rates are too high and orders the companies to file lower tariffs within three months. It also states that express companies are owned by railway companies and therefore there is no occasion for the existence of separate companies to handle the express business of Canada, but that it could be done by the railway

companies, as it is in fact being done now. The judgment declares that the express companies over-pay the railways for accommodation in stations and instances that this is a convenient way of disposing of profits which otherwise might be so conspicuously large as to be inconvenient. It declares that the terms of contract which express shippers are compelled to sign are unreasonable and are designed to enable the companies to escape responsibility for shipments lost or damaged, in spite of the fact that their high charges are supposed to provide for this hazard. The form of contract is abolished through express business, a rate reduced by at least ten per cent is ordered and local rates are to be reduced accordingly.

TRAIN WRECKED IN OLD COUNTRY

Scottish Express on Northwestern Railway Runs Into Pilot Engine and is Completely Derailed

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A railway disaster marked Christmas in the Old Country, the victims being chiefly Scotch people bound homeward to spend the festive season in the north. A London and Northwestern Railway express bound for Glasgow was wrecked near Carlisle and ten lives were lost. At least twenty other persons were more or less seriously injured. The train, running at a high rate of speed, crashed into a pilot engine and was completely wrecked. The coaches caught fire, and many of the injured were burned to death before any effort could be made to rescue them. Many of the injured, however, crawled into safety while the cars were burning, and the shouts and groans of the dying rose on every side. Those who were uninjured lent their aid and the bodies of two passengers killed outright were taken from the blazing ruins of the cars before the flames reached them. The dead and injured were brought to the nearest station, and doctors and nurses were quickly at hand to relieve the suffering of the injured.

WAGE ADVANCE FOR ENGINEERS

Settlement With Companies Reached and Strike Averted—Concessions Made by Both Parties to Dispute

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The wage dispute between the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and 51 railroads north and south of Chicago, was settled today. There will be no strike. Instead, the engineers got an average increase of 10-1-2 per cent. of their 1910 wage schedule, giving them a Christmas present of an average of approximately \$192 for each of the 35,000 men involved for each subsequent year. Specifically the agreement provides for a raise of 40 cents a day for all engineers, with a differential advance of 25 cents for 125,000 pound engine, an added differential of 35 cents a day for the smaller Mallet engines, and a differential of 18 s day for the heaviest Mallets.

C. N. R. TRAFFIC MANAGER

Mr. George H. Shaw to Have Control of All Traffic of the Company—Affect and Affect

WINNIPEG, Dec. 24.—George H. Shaw, traffic manager of the Canadian Northern Railway, returned to the city today. He confirms the report that he is to be transferred to Toronto as fourth vice-president. His promotion is regarded in railway and business circles as a recognition of his capabilities as traffic manager. He has been connected with the railway business in Winnipeg for the past 25 years, always in the traffic department. As Mr. R. Kerr's right-hand man, he has had a very extensive and valued experience. Mr. Shaw will have control of all Canadian Northern traffic business ashore and afloat in east and west and on the two oceans.

CHRISTMAS TREES BLAZES

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Blaze between the hours of 6 o'clock and midnight, the San Francisco fire department was called out to ten fires in different sections of the city, caused by Christmas tree blazes. In most cases the damage was slight, the total being about \$4,000.

TEN ARE KILLED AND MANY INJURED

People Caught in Wreckage While Fire Overtakes Them—Bystanders Unable to Effect Rescue

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UNIQUE RECORD FOR CORRUPTION

Adams County, Ohio, Attains Bad Pre-Eminence in Matter of Selling Votes—Indictments by Wholesale

PORTSMOUTH, O., Dec. 24.—With a total of 51 indictments and 114 pleas of guilty to charges of vote selling during the recent election, Adams county, Ohio, presents a condition unique in political history. A vigorous campaign of investigation carried on by a grand jury, acting upon the instigation of Common Pleas Judge A. Z. Blair, of Portsmouth, has resulted in the indictment of nearly ten per cent. of the voting strength of the county and today predictions were made that the number would reach 2,000. Judge Blair says the vote-selling in every township will be probed. Where pleas of guilty have been made the offender has been fined a nominal sum. Workhouse terms have been given to practically all, but most of the prison sentences have been suspended. An editor who denounced the investigation has been punished for contempt.

TEXAS CONVICTS PARDONED

AUSTIN, Texas, Dec. 24.—Seventy-five convicts of the state penitentiary were pardoned at midnight today, having had executive clemency granted by Governor Campbell. It is believed the holiday pardon will reach a hundred before New Year's.

HUSBAND AND WIFE DYING

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—"Send for Mary, I'm dying," said Thomas Cooley, 73 years old, to the watchers at his bedside in Jersey City this Christmas eve; but the watchers only made a faint to tell Mary, who in the next room was too busy dying. Both husband and wife had been stricken with pneumonia and both were so ill

CHINESE SUFFER FROM FAMINE

Three Million People Starving in Kiang Su and Anhui Provinces—Crops Destroyed in Large Area

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Private advice received here says the famine in China has far exceeded three millions of people, and that \$1,000,000 is urgently needed for their relief. Rev. Dr. Arthur J. Brown, chairman of the committee on conference and council, representing the boards and societies of foreign missions in the United States and Canada, made public the following cable message from the inter-denominational committee of foreign missionaries in Shanghai: "The famine in Kiang Su and Anhui provinces. Three million people are starving. Chinese government and people generously contributing relief. According to report of missionaries in district affected, relief is insufficient. International committee organized in Shanghai proposes that missionaries co-operate with generous Chinese to raise funds. A million dollars needed. Help must be carried on small ships. Please communicate this to missionary societies, church papers and Christian Herald, urgently requesting contribution." The combined population of the two provinces named in the cable is 37,400,000. In great extent of the famine here. The past years have been marked by repeated floods, and this year both of the spring and fall crops have been almost total failure in large sections. "A region thirty-three miles wide by nearly sixty miles long has been swept by the greatest flood within the memory of men. The people lost everything they had. The imperial government has sent 1,000,000 taels for the twelve devastated counties, but it is a mere drop in the bucket. "Taking China as a whole, this particular district flooded is a small one, but there also are famine conditions in other parts of China, and the imperial government is in such straits financially that it is very much to be feared that adequate assistance cannot be given. "At the best, it will be only temporary relief and strike at the real difficulty. The people are desperate. It is hard to preach a gospel of love to those who are starving or on the verge thereof, unless at the same time one can help their physical needs." The reference committee refers contributions to the treasurers of the various boards of foreign missions of the Red Cross Society.

GOVERNMENT AID IS INSUFFICIENT

Missionaries Send Out Appeal To Christian Countries For Relief—Million Dollars Is Needed in Work

SEARCH IN MAIN FOR AVIATOR

No Tidings Received of Cecil S. Grace, Who Disappeared While Attempting Return Flight Across Channel

LONDON, Dec. 23.—With the approach of midnight and no tidings yet of Cecil S. Grace, the intrepid young aviator, who disappeared on Thursday afternoon while attempting a return cross-channel flight from Calais to Dover in an aeroplane, the belief generally prevails in London that the old North Sea holds somewhere in its turbulent boom the story of a tragedy. Every nook and corner—on shore and inland—where it was thought young Grace might have landed, was searched today, but unavailingly; and the boats that churned the channel and portions of the North Sea on the look-out for the youth or wreckage of his machine, likewise reported that their search had been in vain. Grace carried with him petrol sufficient for a flight of about five hundred miles. His airplane was not fitted with pontoons. Grace wore a cork jacket, but in case of a fall into the water, he would have been encumbered by his heavy, fur-lined top boots. The treacherous landing it will be impossible for his machine to float for any great length of time, and that unless the aviator was rescued by a ship bound for some distant port, there is slender hope that he escaped death in the sea.

ELEVEN KILLED IN TWO WRECKES

Fatal Train Collisions in Ohio And West Virginia—One Smash Costs Six Lives, the Other Five

ROANOKE, W. Va., Dec. 24.—Four mail clerks were killed and several passengers were injured in the wreck of passenger train No. 16 of the Norfolk and Western at Tunnel No. 6, near Williamson, this afternoon. The train left Columbus, Ohio, this morning. The cause of the wreck has not been ascertained. The locomotive and the tender and the baggage and mail cars were thrown from the tracks. The mail car was badly wrecked. None of the passengers were killed. A telegram received at midnight from Bluefield, says that Express Messenger Edwards, of Roanoke, had succumbed to his injuries, making the number of dead five.

STRIKES IN FRANCE

Text of Proposed Government Measure For Their Protection Is Made Public

PARIS, Dec. 23.—The text of the government measure for preventing general strikes, with particular reference to the employees of public service corporations, was made public today. The measure constitutes a comprehensive plan for ending the strike evil on the principle being introduced that by means of an organized conciliation commission, composed of representatives of the men and the companies. The commission will meet at regular intervals, and when conciliation fails, compulsory arbitration is provided for the principle being introduced that where the arbitral sentence imposes an additional charge, the corporation can deduct the amount from the rates or by other means.

MINNESOTA WOMAN GIVES BIRTH TO CHILD IN PARTIALLY ROOFLESS CABIN

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 23.—While wolves howled around the cabin, Mrs. Walter Darrak, 34 years old, gave birth, six days ago, to a baby in a partially-roofless shack near Pelee Lake, in this county. With the woman in the cabin was only her four-year-old daughter. Mrs. Darrak claims she was deserted by her husband some weeks before. It was only today that the woman, her baby and her little girl, were found. All were temporarily removed to a farmhouse. For a week previous to the birth of the child, Mrs. Darrak had been critically ill, and only the services of the four-year child were extended to her during this time, and up to date, when business came across the shack, the weather had been extremely cold. There had been no food and no fire in the cabin for a week, and the woman and children were nearly starved. The little girl was going to a spring for water barefooted when found. Mrs. Darrak and her baby have taken charge of the family.

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