Baltimore and Ohio Train in Frightful Crash.

DUOUESNE LIMITED IN RUINS

Rau Into Timbers Left by a freight Train - Steam From the Locomotive Gushes Into the Smoker, Scalding All the Passengers in a Terrible Manner-Every Occupant Killed.

Connellsville, Pa .- One of the worst wrecks in the history of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad occurred at Laurel Run, eight miles west of Connellsville, on the Pittsburg Division of the Baltimore and Ohio. The "Duquesne Limited," the fastest train on the road, was wrecked, killing sixty, fatally injuring eighteen and slightly injuring more than fifty.

The wreck was caused by the breaking of the casings on a carload of bridge timber on a freight train that passed Laurel Run not more than fifteen minutes before the arrival of the Duquesne Limited. The freight proceeded without noticing the accident, and the express train, running at a speed of more than sixty miles an hour, erashed into the timbers before the engineer even had time to apply the emergency brakes.

The baggage car was thrown over the embankment into the Youghiogheny River, and the smoker, which contained more than forty passengers, was thrown over the engine. The steam come of the engine was broken, and the escaping steam and water filled the

car, scalding the passengers. Every occupant of the car was dead before the rescners reached the scene of the wreck. The train contained six cars, one baggage, one smoker, one sleeper and a dining car, all of which were badly wrecked. Engineer William Thornley and Fireman Cook were caught under the wrecked engine. The tracks are completely torn up, and traffic over the road cannot be entirely resumed for at least a day.

Nearly all the passengers in the smoker were bound for Philadelphia. Many of them were to take passage on an ocean liner for the old country. Not one of these escaped alive.

The known dead are; Engineer William Thornley, of Hazelwood, Pa.; Division Engineer'S. G. Heater, of Hazelwood; Fireman Thomas Cook, of Hazelwood; Herbert Holmes, or Emmelton, Pa. Jesse Hines, of Tarborough, N. C.; Charles Lindford, of Confluence, Pa.: - Edwards, Pittsburg; J. W. Martin, Hancock, Md.; Richard Duckett, Baltimore; Edison Goldsmith, Connellsville.

The other dead are nostly foreigners and negroes who were riding in the oking car. The smoker was packed to Ats utmost capacity and all the passengers were cooked alive.

For more than 500 feet both the east and west bound tracks are torn up. The engine was completely demolished and the big 7000-gallon tank on the tender was thrown 100 feet ahead of the other wreckage. The baggage car was thrown into the river, but was only slightly wrecked.

All the cars were derailed, and the trucks of all except the diner were torn completely from underneath the cars. Few people were badly hurt in the Pullman cars, and the diners, although few escaped without at least

some injury. As soon as the wreck was reported in Connellsville all the available physi-cians were summoned, including Balti-more and Ohio Railroad physicians.

So terrific was the force of the wreck that nearly every passenger suffered a moment's unconsciousness, and many of the men unburt were unable to assist in helping the injured from the wreck on account of having fainted.

### BANK'S MONEY IN SPECULATION,

Charges Cause a Receiver to Be Appointed

Hartford, Conn.-Upon the application of Mrs. Ella S. Russell, of Killingwife of the late Congressman Charles A. Russell, Judge Gager, of the Superior Court, appointed a temporary receiver for the Windham County National Bank of Danielson. All parties in interest consented to the apdeny the allegations of speculating with the funds of the bank, as charged

in the complaint, In the complaint it is charged that Comfort B. Burlingame, president of the bank; Charles P. Backus, cashier, and James Perkins, John A. Paine and Abort Putnam, directors, formed a syndicate in 1899 to speculate in stocks upon borrowed money, and that they used money of the bank to a consider able extent. Later, it is said, other partnerships or syndicates formed, all of which borrowed and used money of the bank.

### CAN. OT GET YOSEMITE WATER

San Francisco \$39,000,000 Plan Vetoed by Interior Department.

Washington, D. C .- The Secretary of the Interior refused the application of the city of San Francisco for permission to begin the necessary construction toward obtaining a water supply from the Yosemite National Park. The city proposed to expend about \$39,000, 000 on the water works,

The action of the department is based on the fact that the organic act creating the park requires the Government to keep it in its natural condition.

# NEWS OF THE WEEK

WASHINGTON ITEMS.

Lawrence O. Murray, of Chicago, Ill., has been chosen Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

Attorney-General Knox has approved titles for the property on the square selected as the site for an office building for the House of Representatives. Secretary Cortelyon has ordered the deportation of the skilled glassblowers from Stourbridge, England, who were detained at Ellis Island under the Allen Contract law

Dr. Sheldon Jackson, United States

The State Department has recognized Nathaniel Brandon as Vice-Consul of Panama at New York, and Juan Francisco Arias as Consul of Panama | ror on the Sound in a leaky boat. at Mobile, Ala.

Senator Daniel spoke in support of e Honr Panama resolution.

A resolution authorizing the Committee on Expenditures in the Postoffice Department to call for papers connected with the postal investigation was adopted by a vote of 109 to 100.

Representative Morrell, of Pennsylvanis, has introduced a bill granting a rebate of fifteen per cent. of tariff duties on goods brought to and from the Philippine Islands in American

Elihu Root, Secretary of War, testified before the Senate Committee on Military Affairs that General Leonard Wood's acts in Cuba had been approved by the War Department,

### OUR ADOPTED ISLANDS.

Ladrones recently looted the municipai treasury in Bosoboso, in Luzen, P. I. They captured the presidente and cut the tendons of his heels. The constabulary pursued them and recovered

part of the funds, Major-General MacArthur, who has been studying the defenses of the Hawailan Islands, sailed for the United States on the Pacific Mail steamship

Governor Taft has left Manila, P. I., for the United States. He will visit Tokio en route to meet the Mikado at the request of the latter. He will be tendered a reception by the citizens upon his arrival at Honolulu,

The agreement for the sale of the friar lands in the Philippines has been time being allowed for surveys. and examination of titles.

Alonzo Cruzen, the Puerto Rican Collector of Customs, resigned as the resuit of the smuggling scandal.

The Philippine Commission has named Beekman Winthrop as a Judge of the Court of First Instance. He has been assistant executive secretary.

An agreement has been reached between General Taft and the friars by which the United States will acquire the friar lands for the sum of \$7,210,-900 gold.

A record-breaking trip from Manila to Washington has been arranged for Governor Taft.

A number of friends of ex-President Woz y Gil landed at San Juan, P. R., and expressed the opinion that the United States would be forced soon to intervene in the island,

### DOMESTIC.

Ten persons, none of them union officials, who took part in the recent car strike, were indicted for assault at Chicago, III.

By a premature explosion of dynamite at the Union Iron and Steel Furnace at Ironton, O., one man was killed and two hurt, one fatally.

Because a union engineer was discharged 250 employes of the International Salt Company, at South Chicago, Ill., struck, tying up the works,

Jealous of his common law wife, Marie Raasch, Albert Altenhofen, a saloonkeeper, killed her on a crowded street in Chicago, Ill., and then killed

Mayor Fleischmann, of Cincinnati, Ohlo, conferred with the Humane Society regarding putting to death dogs running at large. The Mayor was in-formed that there are 20,000 stray dogs infesting the streets.

Breeders of Arabian horses have organized and will establish the first stud book in existence for the courser of the desert.

Cleveland's typhoid epidemic has started public agitation for a filter plant like that now being built in Phil-

Federal Commissioner Hall, in Binghamton, N. Y., concluded that the pos-tal laws had been violated in the sale of time recorders, and held Senator G. E. Green for trial on all five indictments. Mr. Green got a stay.

### FOREIGN.

The marriage of Princess Alice, daughter of Don Carlos, and wife of Prince Frederick of Schoenburg-Wald-

enburg, has been dissolved. The Second Chamber of the Dutch Parliament voted \$1,750,000 to buy new Krupp quick-firing guns for the army.

The Governor of Alexandretta, Syria, formally apologized to United States Consul Davis for the indignities he suffered.

Russians in Korea were reported to be inclined to resent American activity in Koren.

The British armored cruiser King Alfred was commissioned at Portsmouth for the China station.

Sound Steamer Quickly Sinks After Striking Reef

Thrilling Experiences of Party in a Lifeboat That Reach Shore After Hours of Suffering.

South Norwalk, Conn.-While two or three miles out of her course, the Ernstus Corning, of the Starin line, from New Haven to New York, struck a jagged reef known as Copp's Rocks. just outside Norwalk Harbor, and sank concerning slavery in the Aleutian Isl- twenty passengers on board and twelve members of the crew. All of these were saved, but not until six of the passengers, four of them women in scanty attire, had spent a night of ter-

The steamer lies in the midst of the group of jagged rocks constituting Copp's Reef, with a hole eight feet square on her starboard side just beneath her pilothouse, and a sharp rock, which penetrated her ancient hull, protruding into her hold, which is filled with water.

How the boat could get so far out of her course on a night which was com- in Detroit; paratively clear and with the guiding beacons in plain view both ahead and astern has not been explained. The steamer had just left behind her the light on Pendleton Reef, one of the leading lights of the Sound. Scarcely for. a mile ahead from the point where she struck is the Norwalk light on Smith's Island, with tell-tale flash of red and ple, white to warn the mariner of danger. All the passengers and most of the crew, except W. W. Daboll, the pilot, who had the watch; Frederick Stevens a deck hand, who was on lookout, and the engineer and a fireman, were in their berths asleep.

Suddenly there was a tremendous crash and a grinding noise from the bottom of the steamer, and the next moment she began to settle. Several of the passengers were thrown from their berths by the force of the collision. Others who were awakened by the shock and by the cries of the crew who were sent below to rouse and warn the sleepers jumped out of their berths, only to find themselves waist deep in the fast incoming water.

There was no time to dress, and the passengers made a wild r sh for the deck. Here in the darkness they heard the grating sound of the rocks against the hull of the ship and felt her reeling signed, to take effect in six months, and continuing to settle, and a wild panic ensued.

Three lifeboats were lowered. All were leaky, and one of them filled completely with water shortly after it had been launched, and in this and one capes from being drowned

One of the lifeboats had broken the painter with which it was secured to the Corning, and drifted away in the darkness. In it were six passengers. four of them women. All were bare-foot, and two of the women wore nothing but their nightgowns.

which, like the other boats, was so leaky that it was necessary to keep bailing the water out all the time to prevent it from sinking, spent a thrill-ing night before they were rescued shortly before daybreak the following morning. Borne by the strong tide and the southwesterly wind the boat drifted eastward until it struck on a sand reef a mile and a half west of Frost Point, seven miles from the scene of the wreck. Here it was discovered by William Matthias, a farmer, who was driving along the shore road.

When the passengers were brought ashore they were benumbed with cold, and what little clothing they had on their bodies was frozen stiff. They were utterly unable to walk, and were driven in a carriage to Mr. Mitchell's lodge on the Sooysmith estate, where they were thawed out, fed and given clohing enough to enable them to proceed to their homes.

The other passengers who had remained on the wreck were taken off by the Addie V., a tiny Norwalk tug. which made several trips to the wreck. The Erastus Corning is of 250 tons burden and about 117 feet long: She was one of the oldest bonis on the

MILLIONS FOR INSULAR NEEDS.

Secretary Root Asks For \$2,526,100 For Defense.

Washington, D. C .- Secretary Root has forwarded to the House of Representatives, through the Treasury Department, a supplemental estimate of \$2,526,100 for the defense of the insular possessions of the United States. In his request, the Secretary says:

Defenses for Porto Rico, the Hawaiian Islands. Guam and the Philippines are urgently needed to protect the newly acquired territory of the United States and Government property to be stored there; also to prevent interruption of cable communication between San Francisco, the territory of Hawaii and Manila. This estimate is submitted with the object of beginning the construction of these defenses at once at such insular localities as are now the property of the United States, or may become so before the appro priation is exhausted, and of acquiring additional land needed as sites for de-fenses of the territory of Hawaii."

### Robbers Repulsed.

Two masked burglars, heavily armed, made an attempt to enter the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Wilmington Railroad tower at Linwood, Pa., but were repulsed by the operator, A. C. Coslett, after a fusillade of shots had been exchanged. The robbers were captured two hours after the attempt to enter the tower and taken to Chester.

## THE CORNING WRECKED A TALE OF HORROR A FURIOUS BATTLE.

Injured in Railway Accident

TRAINS COLLIDE AT FULL SPEED

Awful Experience of Holiday Visitors While Returning On Saturday From Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Grand Rapids.-Special.-An east-General Agent of Education in Alaska, just outside Norwalk Harbor, and sank Grand Rapids.—Special.—An east-denies the statement attributed to him in fifteen feet of water. There were bound and a west-bound passenger train on the Pere Marquette Railroad met in a head-on collision, six miles east of this city, about 6 o'clock ... day evening, west of East Paris. Seventeen persons are known to be dead and it is expected several more bodies will be found under the wreckage. More than 30 people were fnjured, which was in the bank. some of whom will probably die. The known killed are:

Engineer Charles A. Stoddard, of the east-bound train, whose home was

Baggageman William Helmrich. west-bound train, Grand Rapids; Baggageman Wagar, of Detroit; Fireman Ed. Burns, not accounted

The injured were all Michigan peo-

The two trains were running at full speed and the engines were reduced to tangled bits of wreckage. The first cars were also demolished and the entire trains left the track, except the last coach on each, so great was the force of the collision.

The east-bound train was due to leave here at 5:20 bound for Detroit and was a little late. The west-bound train was due from Detroit at 5:15. It was also late. The latter was supposed to be in Grand Rapids before the other leaves this city, but on account of being late was sent out before the other arrived. The wreck is said to be due to a misunderstanding of or-

The east-bound train was crowded with passengers when it left Grand stroyed by explosion. Rapids. It carried scores of Christmas visitors returning to their homes along the Pere Marquette line, after spending the holiday here. The train was much heavier than usual on account of this extra rush. It is reported that the incoming train was also heavily loaded. It, too, bore a holiday crowd as well as the regular Saturday rush of passengers. As usual, the smokers were damaged more than any of the The occupants of this tiny craft, other coaches and in the smokers every seat was occupied. The wreck took place about half a mile west of East Paris. There is a curve at that point, and a long grade extends from half a mile east of East Paris to near the scene of the wreck. The westbound train had just descended the grade when the collision occurred. The speed of the train must have been high, because of the velocity given by the descent of the grade and of the fact that the train was trying to make

A relief train was dispatched from here, a second train being made up to go out as soon as the relief train re-

The trains met with a terrific crash, the baggage and smoking cars behind each locomotive being instantly reduced to a pile of kindling wood. The engines were completely wrecked, the boiler of that which had pulled the east-bound train being torn completely from the running gear and standing perpendicularly in a ditch at the side of the track.

The engineer says he never saw the east-bound train. Assistance was at once rendered to the injured and the dead were released from the wreck. Many heartrending scenes were withessed.

For Constitutional Convention,

Panama, By Cable.-Elections for members of the constitutional conention took place in every part of the republic. The results are not yet known, but telegrams from the interior report the apparent triumph of the candidates proposed by the popular junta, composed of Liberals and Conservatives. For the first time in the history of the isthmus the elections in the Isthmus of Panama have at bribery or otherwise illegal action.

Has Twenty-four Children. John Lawyer, living at Daviess coun-

ty, Indiana, is the father of twentyfour children. He has been married a number of times, the second time to his first wife's sister. His son Fred was married, and after the death of his first wife married her sister. Now comes John Lawyer, Jr., who has married his first wife's sister. Three in one family have married sisters of their first wives.

## Seventeen Killed and Thirty-One Are Thrilling Experience With a Band of

Armed Bank Robbers

DESTROYED MUCH MONEY

Demolished Safety Vault of the Bank With Dynamite and Escaped Men in Hot Pursuit,

> Fort Worth, Texas, Special .-- A special from South McAlester, I. T., to The Record, says:

"A bold bank robbery, attended by a desperate battle between a posse of citizens and robbers, occurred at Kiowa, a small town 16 miles south of this city Sunday, the robbers securing and destroying about \$28,000

"The men gained entrance to the bank building through a rear window. The first charge of hitro-glycerine made no impression on the safe but the noise aroused residents of the town and soon a posse, composed of 50 men, was congregated in the stockyards at the rear of the bank.

"A volley of shots was fired at the building and it was at once returned by the sentinels of the robbers secreted on the outside of the structure. An almost incessant fire was kept up for half an hour, during which time the robbers continued their effort to

open the safe. "It required three discharges to force the door. The third explosion was terrific and almost completely demolished the safe as well as the inner part of the bank building. The paper money was blown to shreds, large quantities of mutilated bills being left by the bandits. After looting the safe the robbers left the bank by the front and backed off into the darkness, keeping up a fire on the

"The men went in a southerly direction and were followed quite a distance. It is said that one of the robbers was injured.

"The bank officers place their monetary loss at \$28,000. It is believed that the bandits made away with only a small part of this sum, the paper money being almost altogether de-

"A posse of United States marshals

### is in pursuit of the robbers. Ominous Sign of War.

London Cable,-The Daily Mail's Kobe correspondent asserts that the Japanese army authorities have quested the newspapers to refrain publishing news concerning the movement of troops or other 'war-like preparations. In an editorial, the Daily Mail says it regards this as a practical censorship and an ominous sign. Editorial articles in other morning papers express concern over the movement of foreign war-ships toward the far East and particularly over the statement that the United States marines have been ordered to Corea, fearing some unforeseen incident may precipitate

events. On the other hand, the speech delivered by M. Delcasse, the French For-eign Minister, in the Senate Saturday, (saying that nothing had occurred to make him place faith in the reports that were being published daily), is looked upon as reassuring and it is believed that efforts of the powers may still be successful in preserving peace.

### Exploit of Safe Blowers.

Philadelphia-Special-Two white men with revolvers blew open a safe, held up several persons and otherwise caused considerable excitement last night in the suburbban towns along the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Two men were held up at Haverford, Several hours later the men appeared at Straford, covered an aged watchman with revolvers and blindfolded him. The men then blew open the safe in the railroad station, which also is used as a postoffice, and took about \$1,000 in money and stamps. The police have a good description of the burglars but up to today they have been unable to find any trace of them.

### Church Choir on a Strike.

Montreal, Special.-Melville church, the leading Presbyterian place of wee ship in West Mount, the fashionable residential suburb of Montreal, was without the services of a choir Sunday. In his sermon on Christmas morning Rev. T. W. Winfield, pastor of the church, severely criticised the members of the choir for eating candy during the service. As a result of the criticism, a deputation from the choir walted upon the reverend gentleman on Saturday and requested a retraction. This he refused to make and as been conducted without any attempt a result the choir, without an exception, went out on strike.

### Marines Go to Panama,

Colon By Cable.-The marines from the converted cruiser Prairie, who have been stationed at Yaviza, have gone to Panama and are now located at Ras Obispo, station on the Panama Railroad, occupying the houses of the canal company. The election of delegates to the constitutional convention took place Sunday. The United States gunboat Castine has arrived here.

### LABOR WORLD.

An effort is being made to organize cooks and waiters at Albany, N. Y. A new Allied Printing Trades Councif has been formed at Minneapolis,

There are more than 2,009,000 members in the Trades Union Congress of England.

Every province in the Dominion is represented in the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

The Cigarmakers' International Union has \$750,000 in the treasuries of

its subordinate unions. San Francisco, Cal., Allied Provision Trade Council is considering the catablishment of a defense fund.

The recent ten per cent, reduction in wages of New England's cotton textile operatives affected 88,000 men. Union bakers at Milwaukee, Wis, will induce State authorities to investigate the conditions of bake-shops in

that city. Locomotive Engineers' Society, of England, has decided to federate with the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants.

Recently the Photographers' Union was formed in Sau Francisco, Cal., the first of this craft to be organized in the United States.

Six per cent, of the membership of the United Machine workers of the United Kingdom are in receipt of outof-work donations. The report of the Labor Commission

which has just been signed at Johannesburg, South Africa, approves the employment of Asiatics in the mines. Mine owners in South Wates have given notice of a claim for a reduction of five per cent. in wages. It will be

passed upon by the Concillation Board. Coal miners in Scotland have begun crusade against non-union workers, with the object either of compelling them to join the union or driving them from the mines.

### Wild Animals are Cheap.

Among the genuine bargains at the Glasgow animal sale were a brown bear which brought \$15, and a performing elephant which went for \$500, and a number of wolves which averaged only \$7.50 apiece. Animal dealers say that twenty years ago these animals couldn't have been bought for twice these sums. .

Although once the animal market of the world, London now has comparatively few large dealers. Most of the British steamship lines have abolished the practice so common years ago of allowing captains to bring a few wild animals from foreign ports as a sort of perquisite, and now charge high freight on what they term "risky cargo." These new arrangements have diverted importation to continental ports, where no such restrictions exist, and the big dealers of today are to be found principally in Hamburg and Antwerp. Pumas which now cost \$200 to import into England can be picked up at Antwerp for \$50. A fine rhinocerous is worth \$5,000, a white specimen \$10,000, giraffes from \$1,500 to \$2,000.

Women Butchers. England has nearly 4,000 female

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