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REWARD OF \$5500 FOR TRAIN WRECKERS

Keystone Express Narrowly Escapes a 40-Foot Plunge

PLATES REMOVED FROM RAILS

Serious Disaster Averted on the Pennsylvania Only by Speed Having Been Reduced to About Thirty Miles an Hour.

Pittsburg.—The Pennsylvania officials in Pittsburg made an appeal to the county authorities in running down the band of train wreckers who derailed the Keystone Express near Turtle Creek. Rewards aggregating \$5500 have been offered by the company for the arrest of the wreckers. The place where the wreck occurred is within the confines of Allegheny County, and County Detective George Waggoner at once put four men on the case.

At the same time an appeal was made to the Police Department of Pittsburg asking that detectives be put at work in the city, where, it is believed, the wreckers are now in hiding. The railroad officials believe this wreck and that of the Chicago Limited were the work of employees discharged some time ago, and who were known to have made threats against the company.

Train No. 20 of the Pennsylvania, known as the Keystone Express, east-bound, was derailed near Wilmerding, Pa., fourteen miles east of this city. The engine, two mail cars, and a combination baggage and smoker left the tracks, but no one was hurt. The train was derailed by wreckers, and it is believed that the same persons who wrecked the Chicago Limited at Stewart are responsible for this work.

The Pennsylvania officials announced that the company will pay a reward of \$2500 for the arrest and conviction of the persons guilty of wrecking the Keystone Express and \$2500 for the arrest and conviction of the persons responsible for the derailling of the Chicago Limited. In addition, the company offers \$500 for information leading to the arrest of the guilty person or persons.

The same plan was carried out and only the slow speed of the train, thirty miles an hour, saved it from turning over and diving over a steep bank. The work of the wreckers was thorough, for on both the east-bound and west-bound tracks one rail joint was displaced. The displacements were only a few rods apart. Following the derailment the passengers rushed out in their night clothes. When they discovered that there was no immediate danger they returned to the cars. A hasty examination disclosed the fact that the crime had been committed by men so familiar with the signal mechanism that, while the rails had been disconnected, the signals continued to indicate safe. The outside rail held against the grinding of the heavy train and prevented the whole train from plunging over a forty-foot embankment into the river.

Near by, on the tracks, were found a track wrench and a pair of gloves, while in the river below were a crow-bar, nuts, bolts and fish-plates.

JAMES HENRY SMITH DEAD.

Stricken in Kioto While on His Wedding Trip.

New York City.—James Henry Smith, to whom Wall Street had given the name of "Silent Smith," died suddenly at Kioto, Japan. The news of his death reached here in a cable dispatch sent by the Duke of Manchester, who was one of the Smith party.

Mr. Smith was on his wedding trip with his wife, who was Mrs. William Rhineland Stewart. Mr. Smith was born in the West fifty-three years ago and when a boy was taken to London by his uncle, Mr. Smith, whose fortune was estimated at \$60,000,000 at the time of his death, inherited most of it from his uncle, George Smith, a pioneer of the West, at one time a partner of Alexander Mitchell and heavily interested in Chicago real estate. Mr. Smith came into this fortune in 1899.

CENTRAL OFFICIALS HELD.

I. A. McCormack, A. H. Smith and the Company Accused of Manslaughter.

New York City.—The New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company, as a corporation; Ira A. McCormack, General Superintendent of the Electrical Zone, and Alfred H. Smith, a Vice-President and General Manager of the company, were indicted for manslaughter in the second degree, as the result of the investigation of the wreck of the Brewster express at Woodlawn, on February 16 last, when twenty-four persons were killed and sixty-seven hurt.

O'Brien Retires, McClure Named.

After being sworn, in New York City, as one of the commissioners to decide whether Harry K. Thaw, on trial for the murder of Stanford White, is now sane, ex-Justice Morgan J. O'Brien decided that he could not undertake the work. Justice Fitzgerald then named David McClure, a lawyer, to fill the vacancy.

SPRING SIGNS.



—Drawn by Cartoonist Trites for the New York Press.

ODDITIES IN NEWS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD

VORACIOUS ENGLISHMAN ATE 5000 PEAS IN A DAY.

London.—John Cotton, who lives in Dewsbury, Yorkshire, is believed to possess the most voracious appetite of any man living. Within the past few days he has consumed a meal at which a van horse would have jibbed in despair. The contest which has just ended lasted fourteen days. The condition was that he should eat two peas on the first day, double that number on the second, and continue to double it day after day for fourteen days. The peas which were used for the contest were the ordinary green marrowfat. During the first week the man simply swallowed them like pills, in the dry state; afterward they were steeped and boiled. On the tenth day the number was 1024; on the eleventh, 2048; on the twelfth, 4096; on the thirteenth, 8192, and on the fourteenth, 16,384. Owing to a little hitch in the proceedings he refused to consume the total on the last day; but on the thirteenth day he disposed of 8192, which is believed to be a world's record. The only condiment he took was a little pepper. On the thirteenth day operations were commenced about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. He disposed of 500 without the slightest inconvenience, and calmly rested until 7 o'clock in the evening before recommencing operations. At that hour he faced the enormous mass, which filled the largest household bucket, with a determination not to surrender. Just before 11 o'clock he cleared the last of the dishes, and was greeted as the world's champion. During the thirteen days he had eaten 16,384 peas.

FROGS AND BUGS IN A MICHIGAN CLOUDBURST.

Kalamazoo, Mich.—A shower of insects of a kind never seen in this vicinity, large in size and greenish in color, together with very small frogs, fairly covered the territory between Kalamazoo and Battle Creek. The storm broke quickly in a cloudburst. Frogs began falling slowly at first and increased in number until catch-basins became clogged with them. The bugs followed after the frogs. Professors and students carried large numbers of insects home for examination. Scientific authorities assert the specimens are not known, but claim they would not have reached earth had not an unusually heavy thunderstorm prevailed. Most of the bugs were dead when picked up.

SEA TRIP TO JAMESTOWN FOR LIBERTY BELL.

Philadelphia.—For the first time in its history Liberty Bell will have a sea trip. In July it will be taken to the Jamestown Exposition on board the battleship Pennsylvania. All that is required is the indorsement by President Roosevelt of the plan, and it is understood he favors it. While the Jamestown Exposition will be open before July the bell will not be sent from Philadelphia until after July 15, when the Elks' convention in Philadelphia adjourns.

ASHES DEPOSITED IN VAULT OF BANK HE FOUNDED.

Boonville, Ind.—The Boonville National Bank received a novel deposit when the cashier accepted a box containing the crematory ashes of Dr. Charles Keegan, who died recently. Dr. Keegan founded the bank in 1874 and continued to be a large stockholder. It was the request of Dr. Keegan that his ashes be kept in the vault of the bank he founded.

NURSE FINDS HUSBAND ON DISSECTING TABLE.

Kansas City.—By means of a deformed foot Mrs. William E. Turner, a trained nurse, was able to identify the body of her husband as it lay upon the dissecting table in the Hahnemann Medical College. The head had been removed. Mrs. Turner is now exerting every influence to have it found and restored, so that she may have the body decently buried. Turner had died at the City Hospital while his wife was attending a patient, and under the law the body had been turned over to the medical college. When the woman applied for admission to the dissecting room she was refused, but she soon displayed authority for her presence and was then allowed to enter. The moment she saw the deformed foot she cried out: "It is Will! Oh, my poor husband! The hospital authorities and city officials are silent as to the case. It is said there will be an investigation."

BLACKSMITH SHOCKED TO DEATH CLIPPING HORSE.

Chicago.—Frank Tesmer, a horse-shoer, was killed while clipping a horse by electric power. He was holding the steel clippers in his hand, when suddenly there came a blue streak from the ceiling. Tesmer was thrown against the wall of the shop and died instantly. The horse was also knocked down and killed. Linemen were at work on wires across the street, and in some way a wire charged with electricity of high voltage was thrown across the wire which furnished electricity for the clippers.

AGED WOMAN'S HAIR SHOWS REMARKABLE CHANGE.

Greenfield, Ind.—"Grandma Clayton is growing a full suit of black hair," was the announcement made concerning Mrs. Ruth Clayton, the oldest resident of Hancock County, 100 years old, and many of the pioneer's friends called upon her and were astonished to see the change that had come over her. Following a short spell of illness a few weeks ago Mrs. Clayton lost her hair, which was silvery. A few days ago her hair began to grow again.

FIFTEEN CENTS A DAY TOO MUCH FOR RICH MAN.

Omaha, Neb.—"Tax Title" Seaman, the eccentric Omaha man who has a fortune of about \$200,000 and has boasted that it cost him only fifteen cents a day to live, has decided that his living expenses are too high for a man of his means and that he must cut them down. He never buys any but second hand clothing, but he says that this year he shall buy none at all. "I have figured on it," he said, "and I find that I can live well on twelve and a half cents a day, and I'm going to do it. Fifteen cents is too much."

SHARK BITES OFF SAILOR'S FINGER USED TO PLUG LEAK.

Washington, D.C.—A curious story illustrating the number and ferocity of the sharks that infest the harbor of Manila is reported in the mail just received at the insular bureau from the Philippines. As one of the boats of the little gunboat El Cano was being rowed out to the ship the plug in the bottom came out and J. J. Dunlap, a sailor, thrust a finger into the hole. The finger was immediately bitten off by a shark as it amputated by a surgeon. As the lost finger was used to pull the trigger of the rifle the sailor will have to be retired.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC TRAIN WRECKED BY OPEN SWITCH

Many Passengers Killed and Injured at Colton, Cal.

EXPRESS NINE HOURS LATE

Westbound Train of Fourteen Coaches Running at High Speed Left the Track and Were Crashed Together With Frightful Loss.

Colton, Cal.—A disastrous wreck on the Southern Pacific occurred one and a half miles east of here, when a west-bound train from New Orleans for San Francisco known as the Sunset Express, ran into an open switch at forty miles an hour. Ten of the fourteen coaches were derailed. Twenty-six persons are known to have been killed, and the final list will probably total much higher. The injured number about one hundred, many of whom may die.

Four of the wrecked coaches were smashed to splinters. Most of the dead were immigrants en route from New York and New Orleans for San Francisco. They occupied the smoker and day coach. The dead were terribly maimed and mangled.

The Florence Roberts Theatrical Company occupied one coach, which was hurled from the tracks and both ends of it crushed in by impact against the others. Two of the twenty-two members of the company were injured. Miss Roberts was unhurt. The escape from death of the occupants of this car was remarkable, considering the manner in which the coaches were splintered and torn. The men and women were hurled from one end of the coach to the other.

Miss Roberts and her chorus were first to render aid to the victims. Two cars of the troupe's scenery were destroyed, and as a result the company will be compelled to abandon the remainder of its circuit and return East at once.

The train was more than nine hours late, and making time. The blame rested with a switch against the switch engine had just pushed a string of freight cars on to a side track. Fireman M. J. Morrison, the only man of the crew that has been seen since the accident, called attention to the open main line switch.

Only two Americans are known to have been killed, although several of them are among the injured. Half of the cars were old-fashioned day coaches. They were smashed into a shapeless mass by the seven heavy Pullman sleepers which made up the rear of the train. In the Pullman coaches were eighty passengers. Not one of them was injured.

Engineer Wormington stuck to his post and was seriously injured. Among the injured passengers are Milton Hill, of New York, and Fred Ackerman, of Utica, both slightly, and E. V. Giroux, of New York, manager of the Florence Roberts troupe, cut on arms.

George L. Sharp, of Muncie, Ind., was instantly killed.

INVITATION TO RAILWAYS.

Interstate Commerce Commission Discusses the Existing Conditions.

Washington, D.C.—A general invitation has been extended to railroad officials by the Interstate Commerce Commission to come to Washington and confer with it with a view to deciding on a policy of legislation for more governmental control, to save them from the adverse action of State legislatures, and to restore public confidence in railroad investments. "The commission will be glad to see railroad officials from any section of the country or from all sections," said Commissioner Lane, "for the purpose of discussing with them proposed legislation for a greater measure of governmental control of such a character that it will not be injurious to the interests of the railroads. The whole Commission feels this way."

This statement virtually comes from President Roosevelt, as Commissioner Lane has conferred with him every day for a fortnight.

TRAMPS HOLD UP TRAIN.

Beat the Engineer and Are Captured by New Jersey Sheriff.

Morristown, N. J.—Five tramps were arrested by Sheriff Judson A. Gunn, of Sussex County, for holding up a train on the Lehigh and Hudson Railroad near Huntsville and seriously injuring the engineer, Edward A. Shaeffer, of Phillipsburg.

As the train neared Huntsville the five men jumped into the cab and ordered Shaeffer to stop the engine. When he refused to do so the tramps pulled him from the cab and beat him. It is believed he will die. Attracted by his cries for help, the train crew climbed into the cab, and the tramps fled to the woods. They were next heard of in Andover, where they robbed a jewelry store of \$35 and a grocery store of \$50.

The men were caught in a barn on the Cranberry Lake road.

Hill's Road Wins.

The Supreme Court of Minnesota found for the Great Northern in the State suit involving the issue of \$60,000,000 new stock.

THE MARKETS

Wholesale Prices Quoted in New York

The Milk Exchange price for standard quality is 3 1/4 c. per quart.

MILK.

Butter.

Cheese.

Eggs.

Fruit and berries—fresh.

Live poultry.

Dressed poultry.

Hay and straw.

Hops.

Vegetables.

Grain, etc.

Live stock.

Maple sugar.

Good Southern Crop Prospects.

April Dividend Disbursements.

Soap Millionaire a Suicide.

Aged William A. Procter's Grief Over Wife's Death Caused His Act.

Cincinnati, O.—William A. Procter, aged seventy-three, multi-millionaire president of the Procter & Gamble Company, committed suicide by shooting himself in the bathroom from a suburban home in Glendale.

To Coroner Otis L. Cameron members of the family attributed the act to failing health and continued grief over the demise of his wife almost four years ago.

GIRL POISONER ACQUITTED, BUT GOES TO ASYLUM

Jennie Burch Consolated by Woman Whose Baby She Killed.

JUDGE PRAISES JURY'S FINDING

Alienist Declares Girl May Commit Crime Again Under Unfavorable Conditions—Tells of Fault in New York State Law.

Carmel, N. Y.—On the ground of insanity Jennie Burch, the fifteen-year-old poisoner, was acquitted in the Supreme Court of having murdered an infant son of Herbert Winship, a wealthy farmer of Patterson, in Putnam County. Immediately after the filing of the verdict Justice Mills committed the girl to the State Asylum for the Insane at Matteawan.

Jennie Burch did not comport herself as an insane person throughout the trial. It was certain when the jury retired, however, that under Justice Mills' charge and the summing up by the State, the verdict which was found would be returned. When the girl heard Justice Mills make the commitment to Matteawan she began to cry again. One of her attorneys said to her:

"You will be treated kindly there, Jennie, and the doctors will help to recover your mind. Be of good cheer and keep your nerve."

"That's all very well," she replied, "but how is any one to keep her nerve in a place like that, with lunatics all around?"

When the girl was taken from the court room to the quarters of Sheriff Barry and his family she found awaiting her Mrs. Winship, who met her with outstretched arms and told her to pray to forget the past, as she was praying she might be able to do.

"You have my entire forgiveness," said Mrs. Winship, "and do please, try to keep your mind off the terrible things that have happened and grow up to be a good woman."

After this visit Jennie seemed to welcome the news that she would be taken immediately to Matteawan. After the jury had been discharged it was learned that on the first ballot one man wanted to find the girl guilty of manslaughter in the first degree, which would have meant an imprisonment of from a day to twenty years. This juror was reminded of the unfortunate birth and antecedents of the girl. So he was won to join in the finding that was made.

In making the commitment to Matteawan Justice Mills said that he believed the jury had found strictly on the evidence. He added that from personal observation in court he believed Jennie Burch to be insane and also from the results of the investigations made by Dr. Granger.

"Therefore," he declared, "I am going to commit her to Matteawan on the ground that her freedom would be a menace and a danger to the peace of the community."

"What would prevent this girl from being liberated a year from now?" Dr. Granger was asked by a reporter.

"Nothing. To all intents and appearances she may recover her mental health two or three months or a year from now, and all that would be necessary would be for some lawyer to release her on a writ of habeas corpus. That is the one hole in the laws of the State of New York through which much misery has flowed out upon the citizens of this community. I would not trust her in my household. She might be led to commit a similar crime at any time."

The mother of the unfortunate girl was not in court on the last day, and it remained for the broken old grandfather to comfort her.

A remarkable phase of Jennie Burch's abnormality has been her rapid growth since September last. At the time of her arrest she weighed less than one hundred pounds. Her height was only five feet four inches. She has grown three and a half inches and gained more than forty pounds.