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LOCOMOTIVE BOILER EXPLODES

Occurred on New York Central, Engineer and Firemen Losing Their Lives.

TRAIN THROWN FROM TRACK.

A Passing Train Stopped So Suddenly That Passengers Were Thrown From Berths.

CAUSE OF EXPLOSION UNKNOWN.

Probably Never Will be—An Hour Devoted to Extricating the Injured.

THIS, N. Y., Feb. 4.—Two trainmen lost their lives and a score or more of passengers were injured in a wreck on the New York Central railroad at Whiteboro, three miles west of here, at an early hour today. None of the injured was dangerously hurt, but several were badly cut and bruised.

The dead are: John Allen, engineer, and John Brennan, fireman of the locomotive on the western express.

As this train was passing the Buffalo special eastbound, the boiler of the locomotive of the westbound train exploded. The force of the explosion threw the entire train of 13 cars composing the "special" from the rails. The westbound train did not leave the track, but stopped with a suddenness and shock which threw the occupants of the berths backward with great force, in some cases tossing them out on to the floor.

An hour or more was devoted to extricating passengers from the interior of the westbound train, sleeping cars, but while many were found to be cut and bruised, no one was killed.

Among the injured was State Supreme Court Justice Warren B. Hooker of Fredonia. He was severely bruised, but with assistance came to his feet and was able to leave the car, which was lying on its right side with its rear end splintered.

Others injured included the following: Walter L. Brown and William J. Robinson of Buffalo and Robert Wells and Sidney J. West of New York. All were bruised and cut, not seriously.

From the New York, again wounds and suffering severely from shock.

Mrs. Bell of Buffalo, wife of superintendent of Pullman Car company, arm broken and other injuries, not dangerous.

From the fact that fireman Brennan was instantly killed and that Engineer Allen lived but a few minutes, the cause of the explosion probably will never be known. Both men lived in Albany.

The strangest feature of the accident, as it appeared to an onlooker, was that the boiler of the westbound locomotive was resting midway between the rails of the eastbound track at a point where the eastern train had passed. This suggested the theory to trainmen that the boiler had struck the second car of the eastbound train as it rushed by at the rate of 50 miles an hour, the blow causing all the following cars to be hurled from the track.

Cold is Moderating.

Kansas City, Feb. 4.—The weather today in Missouri and Kansas had moderated, while lower temperatures were recorded in Oklahoma, Indian Territory, Nebraska, Texas, while the temperature at Kansas City was eight degrees below zero and at Concordia, Kan., 12 below early today, it had risen 12 degrees by noon, with prospects of still warmer weather by the end of the day.

Superior, Wis., Feb. 4.—The backwash of the cold wave which held the head of the lake in a relentless grip for 60 hours seems to have been broken. The temperature remained stationary at 5 below zero throughout the night, and today the local forecasters announced that the mercury probably would continue during the next 24 hours.

SIXTEEN BELOW AT OMAHA.

Omaha, Feb. 4.—The severe cold of the last few days in Nebraska shows degrees below is the official reading at the weather bureau this morning.

At North Platte, in the central part of the state, 27 degrees below zero is reported.

THIRTEEN BELOW AT TOPEKA.

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 4.—Thirteen degrees below, at 8 a. m., was the temperature according to the government weather bureau service. The day is clear, without wind.

THE WILLIAMS MURDER.

Murderer May be Geo. H. Wood, Iron Structural Contractor.

New York, Feb. 4.—A physician who examined George H. Wood, the iron structural contractor, before he was given over to the police last night in connection with the mysterious murder of Groverman George Williams, of New York, said that while there were certain symptoms suggestive of a long and careful examination before the fact that Wood was suffering from a mental disease could be established.

Wood, when tested by the physicians, said at first that he could read the headlines in a newspaper put before him. Later he read the words, with some difficulty. He could write his name without difficulty.

Until recently Wood was engaged in contracting for putting up fire escapes and doing other iron work in this city. Business troubles are said to have placed him in need of money as he was in the story of his movements since the day of the murder.

WOOD IS MAN WANTED.

New York, Feb. 4.—George H. Wood, an iron worker who was arrested here last night as a suspect in the Plainfield, N. J., murder mystery, has been identified by the Plainfield officers as the man for whom they have been searching.

AN INSURRECTION BREAKS OUT IN ARGENTINA

Buenos Ayres, Argentina, Feb. 4.—An insurrection has broken out in this province. Several police posts have been attacked by bands of about 30 men each, but the insurgents retired everywhere they were repulsed.

Two posts which were surprised were recaptured by the police. An attack on the arsenal was also repelled. It is reported that two regiments of troops have mobilized and are marching on the capital.

The Argentine government which appears to have been acquainted with the plans of the leaders of the plot has complete control of the situation.

As a result of the insurrectionary movement which broke out last night not only here, but in other cities of Argentina, the government has issued a decree establishing a state of siege for 30 days throughout the whole republic and has ordered the mobilization of the national guard.

Waterbury Oathless Club.

Waterbury, Conn., Feb. 4.—With the declaration that they are shocked at the indulgence of their neighbors in profanity, 50 men of this city are reported to have formed the "Oathless club." Among the members are several merchants. A saloonkeeper is also on the roster. The society purposes to stop, if possible, the use here of all bad language.

Wrong Time to Intervene.

Berlin, Feb. 4.—The London report that Emperor William considers this an opportune moment for Great Britain and Germany to join in an effort for peace in the far east is treated by the foreign office here as being merely a variation of an old fantasy quite without semblance of foundation. Russia has given no intimation that she desires peace, and it is deemed here impossible that Germany should advise or suggest peace without an invitation from both belligerents. The realities of the situation now preclude the European powers from offering to mediate at this time. The president of the United States two months ago.

A STRANGE DEED.

Wealthy Man Served With a Summons Shoots Himself

New York, Feb. 4.—Charles I. Steel, a wealthy retired business man of Bensonhurst, L. I., shot himself and probably will die. Steel, two grown daughters and his aged mother were in the midst of a dinner at home, this being his fifty-fifth birthday, when a process server called him to the door and delivered a summons. Steel thanked the server, conducted him to the door, and returning to the dining room, asked to be excused a moment. With the summons unopened in his hand, he went upstairs to his room. A moment later all work on a sewer tunnel under the city hall was suspended. Steel was shot through the breast. He said he had fired the pistol himself and offered no explanation. When the daughters and aged mother realized what had happened they were almost crazed with grief.

NEW YORK CITY HALL.

Foundation Nearest the Subway Has Sunk Some.

New York, Feb. 4.—It has been discovered that the foundations of one wing of the city hall have sunk at the point nearest the subway, and deep cracks have appeared in the walling of the west wing of the building.

Borough President Ahearn has ordered all work on a sewer tunnel under the city hall to be suspended and that work probably will be abandoned.

The walling of the mayor's reception room has cracked in many places, and the sinking of the foundations is apparent.

The point where the wall has settled is the nearest point in the city hall to the subway tunnel. The excavation is only about 10 feet away and lies almost directly below the wide front steps of the city hall. The soil in the vicinity is sandy and offers slight resistance to the vibration caused by the trains.

Kauffman Art Sale.

New York, Feb. 4.—One hundred and two paintings and plates of sculpture collected by the late J. W. Kauffman of St. Louis have been sold at auction here for \$176,700. The highest price, \$9,000, was paid for "Return From Pasture" by Emilie Van Marrewijk.

Senator William A. Clark of Montana was a leading buyer, and hid in four important works, Bonnat's "Little Rock" for \$10,000, "Return From Pasture" for \$9,000, "Return From Pasture" for \$7,300, an unusual example by Corot, "An Italian Maiden" for \$4,400, and Troyon's "The Watering Place" for \$3,000.

Temperatures.

Chicago, Feb. 4.—7 a. m. temperatures: Boston 10; Philadelphia, and Chicago 12; Cincinnati and Washington 8; New York and St. Louis 4; Minneapolis 12 (below).

Vineyard Sound Frozen Over.

Woods Hole, Mass., Feb. 4.—Vineyard Sound is entirely frozen over for the first time within the memory of the oldest fishermen of this section. Ice has filled the harbor at Vineyard Haven, the great sheltered port of the island of Martha's Vineyard, for a number of days and today a solid sheet of ice stretches for miles from the island.

Unusual Meteorological Condition

Washington, Feb. 4.—The reports to the weather bureau show some very unusual meteorological conditions throughout the country, particularly the development of an abnormal cold spell in the north central states despite the absence of any general storm, and this extreme cold has spread through most of the United States during the past four days. A great contrast also has developed between the two sides of the Rocky mountain. West of that range rains have developed to a remarkable degree. The semi-arid regions of Arizona and southern California have been visited with almost as much rain in the last 60 hours as they ordinarily receive in a year. The coldest weather of the year has prevailed in the central and eastern districts and in the last 24 hours the snow and sleet have extended almost to the coast line of the east gulf and south Atlantic states. The forecasts do not indicate any decided change to warmer weather during the next 36 hours.

FLOYD STOLLINGS TRIAL.

He is Charged With the Murder Of Rose White.

Logan, W. Va., Feb. 4.—The preliminary trial of Floyd Stollings, charged with the murder of Rose White, began today. Ballard Stollings, his brother, and Ballard's wife also were placed on

Boom Towns on the San Pedro Denounced.

J. Ross Clark Says the Unsuspecting Public is Being Swindled by Land Sharks Who Are Gathering in the Golden Sheekels—Probably No Passenger Traffic Before May—Celebration Plan Weeks in the Future.

J. Ross Clark, vice president of the Salt Lake Route, who arrived from the east in his private car this morning, accompanied by General Freight and Passenger Agent Gillett, was informally entertained by the committee of the Commercial club delegated to prepare for the railroad celebration, at lunch this afternoon. The members of the committee present were J. W. Houston, Spencer Clawson, William Igleheart and Fisher S. Harris.

In response to inquiries on the part of the committee, Mr. Clark stated that at the present time there was nothing forthcoming regarding the proposed celebration, as it was somewhat early yet and nothing definite would be decided upon until his brother, President W. A. Clark of the road, arrived here. As Senator Clark is not expected to come west until after Congress adjourns, it will probably be March 10 before the jollification program is outlined.

Mr. Clark further stated that the road would not be opened for traffic until it had been thoroughly completed in every sense of the word.

EQUIPMENT COMING.

As the road has to be equipped throughout with rolling stock, it will be some time yet. He reported that the last of the order of locomotives had been shipped, and flat cars, box cars, livestock cars and cabooses would commence to be received here about the 15th of the month.

The passenger equipment, he said, would arrive later, just when he was not prepared to say, but probably along about the beginning of March.

STRINGING SECOND WIRE.

In the meantime the telegraph gangs are hard at work stringing the second wire through to Los Angeles. This morning one gang working south from Salt Lake, was reported to be in the vicinity of Lynn Junction, the gang working from the California end is 50 miles this side of Daguerre, while on Monday morning a third gang will be put to work at Milford to close up the gap. At the rate they are working they should have the entire line cleaned up in about two weeks.

As yet there is provision to be made for water on the desert and a number of buildings to be erected along the line.

While Mr. Clark did not care to say anything for publication as to just when the line was to be opened for traffic, railroad men locally affirm that

trial as accessories. Rose White was the 18-year-old daughter of prominent farmer. She was murdered just before Christmas, her body being mutilated, and her head almost decapitated.

When the Stollings brothers were first arrested a mob sought to lynch them.

BOND-HAY TREATY.

Senate Foreign Relations Committee Authorizes Report.

Washington, Feb. 4.—The senate committee on foreign relations today authorized a favorable report on the Hay-Boncompagni treaty, which was amended in a number of important particulars. The treaty will be reported by Senator Lodge, who has heretofore opposed it. The amendments cover the fisheries, the right of the United States to fish in the waters of the United States and Newfoundland.

BEAR BREAKS LOOSE AND ATTACKS STAGE PERFORMERS

New York, Feb. 4.—Escaping from a room in the new Colonial theater, a bear early today during a rehearsal preparatory to the opening of the theater tonight, rushed on the stage, attacked several of the performers, and before he was overcome had so severely bitten and clawed several of them they had to be taken to their homes.

Miss Libby Blondell and June McCree were the most severely injured. As the bear rushed on to the stage he struck Miss Blondell and knocked her down. When she fell the bear rolled over her and, enraged by her screams and attempts to free herself, struck out savagely at her.

McCree seized the brute and tried to drag it away from the actress, but his strength was not sufficient and he, too, was bitten and deep gashes were cut in his arms and legs by the bear's claws.

So terrified were the chorus girls on the stage that many of them leaped over the footlights into the orchestra. Stage hands and men of the company secured ropes and finally made a prisoner of the bear.

The bear is to be used in a wrestling act and was thought to be safely in the cage while the rehearsal was in progress. Owing to the injuries sustained by the principal members of the company the theater will not be opened until next week.

Loggers Go on Strike.

Eureka, Cal., Feb. 4.—Fifty men employed at Pinkerton's logging camp on the Elk river have walked out on strike, leaving their tools in the woods. They object to a new ruling agreed upon by the lumbermen of this county to charge \$15 for board. More trouble is feared in other camps. The men are not unionized.

Hoch Again Remanded.

New York, Feb. 4.—Extradition papers for Johann Hoch had not arrived today and the prisoner was again remanded to police headquarters. Hoch will appear in police court again next Monday. Detective Loftus of Chicago, who came here to get Hoch, said today after the prisoner had been remanded, that Supt. of Detectives Shipley will have 14 women at the depot in Chicago when Hoch arrives there, who will attempt to identify the man as their husband.

Probably Killed by Explosion.

Hartford, Conn., Feb. 4.—It is believed several persons were killed in the explosion of several hundred quarts of nitro-glycerine in the Empire Torpedo company's magazines, near Montpelier today. The magazines were wrecked by the explosion. The concussion was plainly felt by towns 50 miles away.

it will be May at the earliest, before everything is running smoothly.

FAKE TOWNSITE.

The man with the savings bank account looking for an investment, the fellow advised to wait until the railroad company gets ready to announce its plans before investing his hard-earned savings in town lots removed miles from the depot and without water.

Such in brief was the admonition delivered by J. Ross Clark, vice president of the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake Railway company, in course of conversation with the "News" this morning.

LAS VEGAS SCHEME.

Mr. Clark said: "The railroad company is not desiring a boom at any of its stations, and it is outrageous how the public has been induced to invest in alleged town lots. We have had trouble at Las Vegas, Good Springs and Mesquite in this connection. Until we squelched an individual in Las Vegas quite a number of people were induced to invest in town lots at Good Springs on a townsite situated about seven miles from the railroad. Now here is another case." At this juncture Mr. Clark produced a handbill, copies of which have been extensively circulated throughout Utah and Nevada by inserting them in the copy of country papers and tacking them up in conspicuous places. The dodger reads as follows:

A BOOM DODGER.

"The new townsite of Las Vegas, Lincoln county, Nev.

"The main division point on S. P. L. A. & S. L. R. R. has been surveyed and filed for record in the county recorder's office at Pioche, Nev.

"Over 100 lots sold already at prices ranging from \$50 to \$300 and the new town is building rapidly. The Amador Packing company are at present building an ice house 50x125 feet, and have material on ground for several large warehouses. About 150 business and residence buildings are either completed or under construction.

"Ten carloads of lumber now on way to furnish prospective builders with material. Two brick yards working. One stone quarry working.

"Come and see the new town."

NO WATER IN SIGHT.

"Now the truth of the matter," said Mr. Clark, "is that this alleged townsite is situated about two miles from

the depot and has no water on it. At the water at Las Vegas is controlled by the railroad company and will be used by it for the company needs and the domestic use of the residents of the legitimate town."

THE REAL TOWNSITE.

Mr. Clark then produced a blueprint of the proposed official townsite at Las Vegas, which showed that the depot was to be situated at the northeast end of town, which would be located in a southwesterly direction. The site for the ice factory and Amador plant is some distance south of the depot site, while the big yards are on the west side of the main line, together with the shop and roundhouse sites. Added to this, the company owns a strip of land between the fake and the genuine townsites, so that should anyone be induced to purchase lots by the outside boomers he will be without water, aside from surface wells, and in addition will have to make a long detour before he can get to the town proper, where all the conveniences will be at hand.

Mr. Clark states that while the alleged townsite has been filed upon it has not yet been approved by the authorities, and he deplored the fact that it is taken into consideration for the greater part of those who have been induced to purchase lots with visions of a boom belong to a class who cannot afford to throw money away.

McWILLIAMS REPUDIATED.

In this connection the Tribune on Sunday published a story under the double column caption of "How McWilliams of Las Vegas Became Well To Do in a Day."

It is understood that J. T. McWilliams, a surveyor and promoter, is behind this townsite scheme, and was the original leader after having secured an option on the property, and endeavoring to induce the railroad company to buy it at advanced prices. Mr. Williams is accused by the San Pedro people of using the name and purported authority of J. Ross Clark in his deceptive transactions.

Mr. Clark repudiates such a statement, the public can draw its own conclusions. Mr. Clark's advice this morning was for prospective settlers to be patient, and when the company's plans are announced finally that there would be room for all without any boom prices prevailing.

Mr. Clark leaves for Butte tonight, and expects to return to Salt Lake Wednesday, to leave for his home in Los Angeles over the rails of the Salt Lake Route on Thursday.

TEMPLE CITY INVADDED TODAY.

many prominent state officials on the train, among them Attorney General Breiden, State Engineer Dornhaus, ex-Secretary of State James T. Hammond, W. S. McCormick of the board of regents, and many others. At Brigham City the reception committee of the Cache County Commercial club joined the party.

These gentlemen consisted of Fred Turner, John A. Hedrickson, Wesley Jackson, Frank K. Kellogg, Orson Smith, Moses Thatcher, Mayor E. W. Robinson and Captain Styer of the Agricultural college. They were escorted through the train by Representative D. H. Roberts, chairman of the house committee on railroads and common carriers, and one of those in charge of the trip to Logan. Mr. Roberts worked energetically for the success of the trip, and the visitors were lavish in their praise of the attention shown them.

Upon arrival at the Temple city, the visitors were met by leading business men and members of the faculty of the A. C. and by them were shown to their lodgings in waiting in which they were conveyed to the state school.

On arrival at the college, the visitors were shown every consideration. President Kerr and his associates doing everything possible for their comfort. This afternoon the visitors will be shown through the college, and have explained to them its operations. This part of the work devices on common carriers, and one of those in charge of the trip to Logan. Mr. Roberts worked energetically for the success of the trip, and the visitors were lavish in their praise of the attention shown them.

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FLOODS TIE UP RAILROADS AROUND LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 4.—Although the rain has ceased and the sun is shining brightly in Los Angeles this morning, reports from other parts of southern California show a continued down-pour and further damage from the floods. All railroads out of Los Angeles are tied up, and there will be no train on most of the lines until the morning. In or out of the city today. Interurban traffic is also hampered, but all of the lines are open.

The Los Angeles river, which last night reached the highest stage, recorded in several years, is subsiding this morning. There are reports of overflow and some damage all along its course, but nothing of a serious nature. The damage to the streets of this city, which were converted into torrential streams last night for several hours by the floods from the adjoining hills will reach about \$20,000. Quantities of oil were carried down into the main part of the city from the surrounding highlands, where the oil district is located, covering the gutters, pavements and sidewalks with black petroleum.

The Southern Pacific trains are washed out at El Casco, near Beaumont, south of San Bernardino. Here a torrent of water came down a narrow mountain canyon, carrying out a hundred feet of track and road bed, and cutting a broad ditch 30 feet deep through the right of way. All eastbound Southern Pacific trains from Los Angeles have been annulled for today. The westbound trains, both passenger and freight, are being held at Indio. The warhous on the line between Los Angeles and San Francisco above Ventura were repaired this morning and trains are running both ways. It will probably be two days or more before the damage to the roadbed at El Casco can be repaired and the train schedule resumed.

The Santa Fe trains, both east and westbound, are tied up. Serious washouts are reported on the Arizona division near Kingman, and it will probably be 24 hours or longer before traffic can be resumed. Westbound trains Nos. 2 and 7 are being held at Ashfork and No. 3 at Kingman. Eastbound No. 8 is at Needles, No. 4 at Mojave and another eastbound train at Barstow. The track and roadbed at each of these short stretches in many places near Kingman, and several bridges, however, are safe, and it is expected that temporary repairs will enable the resumption of train schedules will be made by tomorrow. Small damage to the company's roadbed has been reported from several California points.

The train coming in from Los Angeles this morning at 3:30. Over an inch fell from 5 o'clock the previous evening, making a total for the present storm of 3.56. Reports from Riverside, Colton and Palm Springs state that the rain was still falling at these places this morning. The residents of Terquite Arroyo and along the river bottom in Riverside county have been driven to the higher lands by the rising floods.

INDIAN SCHOOL FUNDS.

President Directs Interior Dept. To Keep Up Its Practice.

Washington, Feb. 4.—President Roosevelt has sent a letter to Secy. Hitchcock on the subject of authority for granting contracts for the education of Indians in denominational schools.

The president said that inasmuch as the legal authority exists to grant the request of the Indians unquestionably they are entitled by moral right to have their money used to educate their children at the schools they choose. The president directs that the interior department continue the practice unless Congress directs otherwise or the courts hold that the decision of the department is invalid. He also directs that the president also urge the passage of the Lacey bill, authorizing the allotment of annuities in severalty to the Indians in the same way as their land is allotted.

IN A STATE OF PANIC.

People of Czestochowa Are Barricading Their Doors.

Warsaw, Feb. 4.—Reports from Czestochowa, Russian Poland, say that city is in a state of panic. The inhabitants are barricading their doors and windows owing to the attitude of the strikers.

Freight Train Wrecked.

Helena, Mont., Feb. 4.—A special to the Record from Big Timber, Mont., says that 19 cars of an extra eastbound freight train on the Northern Pacific were wrecked five miles east of Reed Point and Fireman William Dix badly injured. The engine broke in two from the trip and stopped. The momentum of the oncoming cars was so great that they crashed into the locomotive with terrible force, derailing the entire train and causing the wreck. Work on the tracks on the Montana division in years. The track was cleared in 12 hours.

Indicted for Forgery.

Chicago, Feb. 4.—Albert G. Wheeler, president of the Illinois Tunnel company, former City Clerk William Loeffler and Asst. City Clerk Edward E. Horn were indicted today by the grand jury on a charge of forgery in connection with the franchise for the underground railroad system in this city.

The indictment was returned by Alderman Edward J. Kane, who is in the same connection on charges of perjury as well as forgery.

GERMAN COAL MINERS.

Their Strike is as Good as Won.

Berlin, Feb. 4.—Herr Hue, a Socialist member of the Reichstag, speaking to members gathered at Recklinghausen, Westphalia, yesterday, said the strike was as good as won but that the workmen could not act on the expressed desire of the government that they return to work immediately in view of the expectation that a law regulating work in the mines in accordance with the workmen's desires would be adopted. He added that the strikers required some guarantees.

The so-called Christian unions and the Socialists who have acted together throughout the strike appear to be separating again. These unions favor going to work relying on the government's promise to legally rectify the miners' wrongs while the Socialists urge continuing out for active results and distrust the government promise. The minister of Interior Minister von Hammerstein and Commerce and Industry Minister Moller are in the strike region personally investigating the situation.

Prest Beckwith Unconscious.

Oberlin, O., Feb. 4.—President Beckwith of the closed Citizens' National bank, is unconscious and his death may occur within a few hours.

THE HERO OF PORT ARTHUR.

General Stoessel Denies That the Fortress Was Surrendered Prematurely.

INDIGNANT AT FALSE REPORTS.

Were