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FIFTY-SIXTH YEAR

BOY AND DRINK CAUSED WRECK

Young Operator at Peterson Alone Responsible for Fatal Smash at Peterson.

HE CONFESSED THIS MORNING.

Roy Swartfager Placed Rail in Switch Which Caused Death Of Engineer.

Other Men Are Not Implicated in His Statement—How the Signals Were Manipulated.

THE PENALTY.

Chapter 50 Revised Statutes of Utah says:
4123. INJURING OR OBSTRUCTING RAILROAD. Every person who maliciously, either:
1. Removes, displaces, injures, or destroys any part of any railroad, whether by cars propelled by steam or any other motive power, or any track of any railroad, or any branch, or branch-way, switch, turnout, bridge, viaduct, culvert, embankment, station house, or other structure or fixture, or any part thereof attached to or connected with any railroad; or
2. Places any obstruction upon the rails or track of any railroad, or of an switch, branch, branch-way, or turnout, connected with any such railroad, is punishable by imprisonment in the state prison not exceeding ten years, or in the county jail not exceeding one year.

As predicted by the "News" yesterday a sensation has been sprung as a result of investigation of the Oregon Short Line wreck near Peterson, Utah, Sunday morning. Special Agent Joseph Jones has been working day and night to throw light upon the affair and a confession now in his possession is his reward. This statement is the written statement of Roy Swartfager, the 18-year-old operator at Peterson, who admits he deliberately wrecked the freight train and in so doing was the cause of Engineer J. A. McPeck's death and serious injuries to A. F. Trask, freeman, and M. H. Tice, head brakeman. The boy says he placed the rail and brace along the track while under the influence of liquor, and from the window of the station house, watched the train plunge into the river. The contents of the confession are being withheld by Mr. Jones, but it has been learned that the boy's statement contains many surprising paragraphs.

FARMERS NOT IMPLICATED.
Under the severe "sweating" process to which he was subjected by Special Agent Jones, Swartfager, who is the son of the Oregon Short Line agent at Peterson, is believed to have told everything. Horace Gardner, Henry Gardner, Louis Cobana, William Anderson and Irve Corrigan, the farmers arrested upon suspicion, are not implicated in the confession and they were released this morning. Swartfager says the men were hanging around the depot Saturday afternoon and towards evening decided to celebrate. A quart bottle of whiskey was procured from Ogden and the men and boys proceeded to sample it. Later in the evening Swartfager placed a short piece of rail in the switch and stood at the window of the depot as No. 56 eastbound freight rolled towards the station. He remained at the window when the front trucks of the engine climbed upon the piece of rail he had laid in the tracks, throwing the engine and several cars into the Weber river.

LAYS BLAME TO DRINK.
Swartfager wired ahead to have No. 3, the California express, stopped. Had this train rushed into the freight wreck, many lives would have been lost. After sending the warning message, Swartfager went out to the wreck and watched others lift the dying engineer and scalded trainmen from beneath the cars, piled up in the river. Swartfager cannot explain his act; he blames it to the whiskey. The boy is almost insane with remorse, as he realizes what he has done. The boy's father is grief-stricken. He can offer no explanation of his son's deed. Like the boy, he says it was prompted by liquor.

GOOD WORK BY JONES.
Special agent Jones has made a good record in this case. The wreck occurred at 2 o'clock Sunday morning, and since that time Mr. Jones has not enjoyed a wink of sleep. With the clue furnished by the broken rail, found in the switch, and information volunteered by Swartfager, Mr. Jones and Claim Agent McNeill commenced working on the case. Swartfager explained that the five men mentioned were in the habit of hanging around the depot at Peterson. By tampering with signals, leaving them at danger, etc., the men brought big freight trains to a standstill near the station. While the train crews and flagmen would be trying to locate the trouble indicated by the danger signals, the gang would climb aboard coal cars and roll off a generous supply of fuel. When the crew could find no trouble, the delayed train would move ahead, leaving the gang to take home the fruits of their clever signal manipulation.

TRAIN CREWS PUZZLED.
Crews running through Peterson have

been worried by the peculiar actions of signals at that point and until Special Agent Jones probed the Peterson wreck, no explanation was forthcoming. Crew after crew has been stopped in the vicinity of Peterson on account of red lights ahead, but no reason for a danger signal has ever been found before. It is now stated that coal thieves manipulated the red block system signal into position to stop coal trains. As these have been running as high as 50 cars to a locomotive, the thieves had no difficulty in keeping out of the sight of the trainmen.

WANTS TO PAY FOR COAL.

The five men who were arrested yesterday on suspicion of having caused the wreck last night, one and all admitted that they had tampered with the block signals, and had taken coal from passing trains which they had cached in the brush and subsequently hauled away in wagons. They stated to the officers that they would willingly pay for the coal they had taken. They were released this morning, with every indication, however, that complaints will be sworn out against them, charging them with tampering with the signals.

PANIC IN CONSTANTINOPLE.

Two Soldiers of Imperial Guard Caused All the Trouble.

Constantinople, Jan. 1.—A panic occurred in the main thoroughfare here today as the result of the desperate action of two soldiers of the imperial guard, who drew sword bayonets and held the bridge connecting the populous sections of Galata and Stambul. Owing to the fact that the men were members of the imperial guard, the police had not the power to arrest them, and business was suspended for more than an hour until the guardsmen were arrested by soldiers on an order from the palace.

W. U. NEW DIVISION.

Denver Becomes Headquarters With One Thousand Offices.

Denver, Jan. 1.—Denver today became headquarters of a new division of the Western Union Telegraph company, with 1,000 offices and S. E. Leonard at its head. This branch will embrace all independent offices heretofore in the third district as follows:
In Colorado, Utah and New Mexico and Cheyenne, Wyo., Amarillo and El Paso, Tex. Also the lines and offices along the Colorado & Southern railroad, Fort Worth and Denver City railroad, Denver & Rio Grande system, Union Pacific, Denver to Ogden, Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, west of and including La Junta, and all other roads local to that territory heretofore in the third district.

FELLOW SERVANTS LAW UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

Memphis, Jan. 1.—Judge McCall of the federal court today declared that the La Follette fellow servants act was unconstitutional.

FIRE IN CINCINNATI.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 1.—The first fire of the new year took place early today when the entire series of buildings owned and operated by the Diamond Distilling Co., located at 47 to 49 East Pearl street was gutted.

CASTRO REGAINING HEALTH.

New York, Jan. 1.—Dispatches to the Herald from LaGuayra, Venezuela, via Port of Spain, contain an interview in which the statement is made by Dr. Rafael Bengoa, secretary-general and personal physician to President Castro, that Castro's health will be fully restored in 15 days, and that within a month he will be carrying on the administration of the government.

ARREDONDO EXTRADITION CASE.

San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 1.—Juan Jose Arredondo, one of the defendants in the leader of the Jimenez uprising, was placed on the stand yesterday in the extradition proceedings against the alleged Mexican revolutionary leader. In a straightforward manner he told of the Jimenez uprising.

S. F. TENANTS' UNION.

One Formed With a Membership of Nearly 50,000.

San Francisco, Jan. 1.—With the aid and co-operation of the labor unions, a tenants' union, numbering nearly 50,000, are being formed here and landlords who are charging exorbitant rents will be blackballed. The union, which was organized in a straightforward manner by the aid of the labor unions, is being formed in the city of San Francisco.

WRECK AT TRUCKEE.

Coroner's Jury Exempts Railroad of Blame for Tramps' Death.

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 1.—At Truckee this afternoon a coroner's jury brought in a verdict in the matter of the death of five tramps, ground to atoms in a train wreck Saturday, exonerating the railroad company from all blame. The names of the dead men were not learned.

CINCINNATI ART MUSEUM.

Mrs. T. J. Emery Ends in Memory of Her Husband.

Cincinnati, Jan. 1.—In memory of her husband, Mrs. T. J. Emery, has given \$100,000 as an endowment for the Cincinnati art museum.

PAYING TELLER BAILED.

Baltimore, Dec. 31.—Charged with defaulting to the amount of \$5,000, William H. White, paying teller of the Canton National bank, was today held in \$10,000 bail to answer the charge before the federal grand jury.

Blizzard Drives Spring Weather Out of Utah.

Wind, Snow and Falling Temperature Characterize Fierce Storm Which Struck the State Last Night and Reached Salt Lake This Morning—Outlook is That Railroads Will Be Blocked Before Fair Weather.

The blizzards of spring are over for the present. The temperature which has admitted of light clothing and no overcoats or rubbers has received a decided check, and with the first day of the new year grim and hoary old winter has frowned seriously. Tomorrow a cold wave will strike this section of the country, according to official prognostications.

For the past two or three days the western coast country has been in the grip of a big storm, which hit Utah last night with greater or lesser severity. In some parts of the state a heavy snow depth has been attained generally. In the extreme south and in Juab and Utah counties, as well as Davis, the storm amounts to blizzard proportions. In this city, which was unusually quiet owing to the fact that it was a holiday, the streets were filled with great swirling snowflakes, which made locomotion of every kind difficult. The street cars were particularly affected, and the rail-

roads are almost certain to be blocked on account of the drifting character of the snowfall, while the outlook for coal is anything but good.

Reports from over the state are as follows:
Logan.—Began snowing last night about 10 o'clock; up to present time there has been but a slight fall, but indications are strong for considerable before the storm is over.

Farlington.—Almost a blizzard is raging at the present time, though the wind is not cold. Snow commenced about 10 o'clock today, and is steadily piling up, with no sign of cessation.

Tooele.—It is snowing to beat the band here. Commenced about 1:30 this morning, and a depth of four inches has fallen. It is freezing cold.

Coalville.—Snowing slightly today, the first in a week.

Spanish Fork.—Snow began falling during the night; ground covered to a depth of three inches; a severe wind is

blowing and the snow is drifting; weather very cold.

Mo. Pleasant.—A blizzard raged during the night, and has by no means subsided. The ground is covered and heavy drifts are being formed. It is extremely cold.

Beaver.—Three inches of snow since midnight, and still coming down; conditions favorable for a heavy fall; weather by no means cold.

Fillmore.—Snowing very hard at this time, and at least eight inches covers the ground. A cold wind is blowing at a rapid rate.

Brigham.—A very slight fall of snow began about 11 o'clock today. There is no wind to speak of, and it is not at all cold today.

SWEETING OVER IDAHO.

The same storm that is bringing wind, snow and cold to all parts of Utah, including the Dixie country, where the wires are down, is sweeping over Idaho, where the conditions and outlook are reported to be about as they are here.

NEW DEMOCRACY AND OLD REGIME

Important Developments in Struggle Between Them Are Anticipated in 1907.

CLEMENCEAU'S VIEWS TODAY.

New Stands Firmly for Individualism and Bettering of Conditions of The Workingman.

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Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 1.—The general assembly of Pennsylvania convened at noon today. After the organization and the reading of Gov. Pennypacker's last message a recess was taken until Jan. 14. The Republican party is in a majority in both houses.

Gov. Pennypacker in his message deals with the controversy over the decorations and furnishings of the new state capitol. The estimated cost of the structure cost \$4,500,000 and the decorations and furnishings \$9,000,000. Charges of extravagance were made in connection with expenditure of the money and the matter was made an issue in the last gubernatorial campaign. The money was largely expended by the board of public grounds and buildings of which the governor by virtue of his office is a member.

The governor courts an inquiry and requests the legislature to investigate the charges. "In the completion of the capitol," the governor says, "the commonwealth has accomplished a difficult and complicated task in a manner which will reflect credit on her for ages to come."

Continuing he said in part: "The capitol is all paid for and has been paid for out of revenues without the aid of the state treasury. It is a fact that the capitol is a monument to the commonwealth and to the people. Two alone of the railroads of the commonwealth pay to her annually in taxes \$3,656,229 and since they are largely owned in London and New York, it is at least a partial truth that the capitol is only a return to us of some of the wealth derived by the stranger from our own natural resources. Some of the most skilled artisans and most capable artists now living have devoted their efforts and talents to its erection and ornamentation."

No important work was ever achieved on this earth, whether for the betterment of human affairs, the enhancement of human interests, or the attainment of human progress, without an aftermath of query, criticism, dissent, objection and even hostility. The industrious farmer plows his field for next year's crop, while birds of ill omen sit along the fence and crow their displeasure. The vapors from swampy grounds often obscure for a time the very moon in the heavens. It would be too much to expect the capitol, built in its proportions, adorned with the wealth of the thought of all past time, and built for the centuries that are to follow, to escape the whippers of the tongue and the stings of the pen.

The foreign position of France is regarded as having been greatly strengthened by the events of the last year. Germany's vain efforts to shake the alliance of the republic and the satisfactory termination of the Algerian conference leave the Russian and the British ententes as the keystone of foreign policy.

Gen. Picquart's energetic methods have injected new life into the army, and the dominant political elements consider to be assured that period of peace which they regard as necessary for the realization of social reform. The only cloud on the horizon is a possible unfavorable development in Morocco, which drew France into an extended campaign in Africa.

FARMERS' WEEK IN DENVER.

There Will Be Stock Shows of All Kinds.

Denver, Jan. 1.—The second annual exhibition of the Western Stock show association will open in Denver Jan. 19 and continue to Jan. 26. The week known as Jan. 20 will be known as Farmers' week in Denver, and in addition to the big show, conventions are announced as follows: Jan. 21: American National Livestock association, Jan. 22-23: National Dry Farming congress, Jan. 24: National Meeting Agronomists and Grain Growers, Jan. 25. In addition to these there will be meetings of numerous state agricultural organizations. Special low rates on all railroads are expected to bring farmers and stockmen from all parts of the country to Denver for that week. Secy. Wilson, Forester Pinchot and Dr. A. D. Melvin of the department of agriculture, will represent the government at the convention and show. The livestock exhibition will be the greatest ever held in the west.

PENNSYLVANIA'S STATE CAPITOL

Gov. Pennypacker in His Message To Legislature Deals With Controversy Over It.

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RUSSIAN DESPERADOES.

They Attempt to Blow Up Steamer of The Odessa-New York Line.

London, Jan. 1.—A dispatch to a news agency from Odessa says a band of unknown men made an attempt last night to blow up the Russian Steamship company's Atlantic liner Gregory Morch, which has just completed her first trip in the new Odessa-New York service. The ship was in the harbor and the crew and the members of the band during which several sailors were shot. The ship was not damaged and was distinguished before any damage was done.

AUTO IN COLLISION.

Hit by Electric Car, One Member of Party Instantly Killed.

Oakland, Cal., Jan. 1.—In a collision between an electric car and an automobile at 2300 Oakland this morning in East Oakland, George Young, of Alameda, was instantly killed, and Mr. and Mrs. Swain of East Oakland and Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Martine of Alameda, painfully but not seriously injured. Both car and automobile were badly damaged.

M. C. RAISES WAGES.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 1.—The Mexican Central railroad conductors announce that they will raise their wages to \$1.50 a day, which they demanded, which is equal to the pay of the conductors in the United States, and there will be no strike. The increase amounts to about 15 per cent.

COAL MINERS' WAGES RAISED.

Denver, Jan. 1.—Wages of coal miners in southern Colorado have been advanced 10 per cent. today. Over 6,000 men are benefited. The increase amounts to \$200,000 a year.

ZERO WEATHER IN NEVADA CAMP

Blizzard Celebrates New Year's Day by Hitting Tonopah With Severity.

FIGHT FANS BRAVE STORM.

But Everyone Else Goes Scurrying Indoors, to Get Away From the Wintery Blasts.

CRIMINAL RECORD BROKEN.

Not an Execution in Sing Sing Prison During Year 1906.

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AMERICAN PROTECTORATE.

Petitions for It From Various Parts of Cuba Are Reported in Havana.

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from Los Angeles stating that the transportation which the club forwarded was received too late for the champion to make connections. The big fellow expressed his regrets at the loss of events and wished the club every success.

LADY CLANCARTY DEAD.

Was a Music Hall Beauty and Married an Earl.

Dublin, Jan. 1.—Lady Clancarty, who died at her home in the Grosvenor County, Ireland, last night, was the first of the music hall beauties to marry into the peerage. When the earl married her, she was the reigning stage beauty of London.

Unlike many of the succeeding marriages of a like character, that of Lord Clancarty and Lady Clancarty was a happy one. The one time music hall singer made the earl a good wife. She settled down to a life of rustic peace among her husband's Irish tenants and was the hostess of the country, riding by her splendid cross country riding. Cancer, which developed last February, was the cause of death.

PURE FOOD LAW.

Legislation Enacted by Congress Becomes Operative Today.

New York, Jan. 1.—The pure food legislation enacted at the last Congress becomes operative today. The authors of the bill believe it will put a stop to the sale of adulterated and impure foods, drugs, confectionery and liquors. The abuses sought to be corrected, it is asserted, are numberless, after it will be possible for consumers to know precisely what they are receiving for their money. Articles under the heads already enumerated will have to go what they purport to be, if the law is complied with. A large number of inspectors of the department of agriculture will be sent to the various parts of the country to see that the law is not violated. Offenses against the law will be punishable by fine or imprisonment or both. It will be illegal to manufacture any article of food or drug which is adulterated or adulterated. Conviction for an offense against the law may be followed by a fine not exceeding \$500, or by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or by both, at the discretion of the court. As a result of the law certain brands of jams, preserves and canned goods will be taken off the market, and others must be designated "pure." Bottles containing so-called blended whisky must be marked in such a way as to truthfully describe the contents, but exactly the form of such label has not yet been fixed by the department of agriculture's experts.

VICOMTE CHENAY'S TRIAL.

Paris, Jan. 1.—The approaching trial of the vicomte Chenay, a French nobleman, who is accused of murdering his wife, is exciting the Lamans district. An anonymous letter was the means of exposing the crime.

The vicomte Chenay has assumed responsibility for the crime. She stated that her husband killed the child because of the expense it would entail.

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PRESIDENT'S NEW YEAR RECEPTION

A Heartier Welcome to Guests Was Never Extended Than That Given Today.

CAPITOL DOORS WIDE OPEN.

Ambassador and Laborer Met With the Same Firm and Friendly Handshake.

Weather Conditions Were Ideal—Sun Shone Brightly and Day Was Warm.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Each year the White House doors swing open to all the nation on January 1, and a heartier welcome was never extended to visitors than greeted the thousands who called today to pay their respects to the chief executive. New Year's cheer banished rank and class distinction. The president met ambassador and laborer with the same firm handshake. While the marine band played patriotic airs the great throng moved slowly through the executive mansion and in the greeting of the president, men and women of all ages and conditions found renewed devotion to the republic and democratic ideal.

OFFICIALDOM.

The diplomatic corps, the judiciary, the army, the navy and civilian officials in the various departments were received in turn before the thousands of citizens who had been standing in line for hours, could meet the president. The president and Mrs. Roosevelt, the president and members of the cabinet and their wives exchanged New Year's greetings in the library. Here they assembled about a quarter of 11 o'clock, remaining until a few minutes past the hour, when escorted by Capt. Frank K. McCoy, United States cavalry, one of the aides in the president's office, the party descended to the blue room, the president and Mrs. Roosevelt in the lead.

PRESIDENT APPEARS.

As the latter made their appearance at the head of the stairs a fan fare of trumpets and bands of the marine band, stationed in the vestibule, announced their coming. The march to the blue room was made by way of the state dining room and the Red room through which the guests entered. These of the diplomatic corps before being presented, the latter assembling in the room immediately on their arrival by the aid of the guides, the entrance to the White House. By means of a velvet cord twisted with old gold, the Blue room had been roped off so as to form clear and uninterrupted passage for the guests. The guests, who took a position near the door at the head of the receiving line. On his right was Mrs. Roosevelt, to her right Mrs. Fairbanks, and on the left, the line, the ladies of the cabinet taking their positions in the order of precedence. Behind them stood the vice president and the members of the cabinet. To the right of the president, the line were the president's aides, with the exception of Col. Charles S. Brownell and Capt. McCoy, who made the introduction. The former included Lieut. Commander Albert L. Key, U. S. N.; Capt. Arthur E. Harding, U. S. M. C.; Lieut. Chauncey Shackford, U. S. N.; Capt. Fitzhugh Lee, U. S. cavalry; Lieut. Charles H. Smith, U. S. N.; Lieut. Philip H. Sheridan, U. S. cavalry; and Ensign Semmes