

Showers tonight; cooler in extreme west portion; Saturday showers and cooler.

SCORE LOSE THEIR LIVES BECAUSE SWITCH IS OPEN

Brakeman Neglects His Duty and Sunset Limited Running at High Rate of Speed Goes Plowing Into the Ditch—Cars Smashed Into Kindling Wood—Most of the Dead Are Italians—Many Americans Injured

Colton, Cal., March 29.—A disastrous wreck on the Southern Pacific occurred here late yesterday. West bound train No. 9, from New Orleans for San Francisco, was going at the rate of 40 miles an hour. Ten of the 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 100, many of whom may die.

The wrecked coaches were hurled in every direction and four were smashed to splinters. Most of the dead were Italians from New York and New Orleans, going to San Francisco. They occupied the smoker and day coach. The dead were fearfully mangled.

Eighteen corpses were brought to Colton last evening and eight additional bodies could be seen underneath the demolished cars. This car could not be raised until a derrick was brought from Los Angeles. 40 miles away. The injured were carried to this city in vehicles of the Colton Hospital was quickly filled to its capacity. Many were taken to the Presbyterian Church and private residences.

Los Angeles was notified immediately after the wreck but it was some time before the relief train left for Colton. In the meantime assistance had come from San Bernardino and Riverside, a few miles away.

WRECK ON THE ROCK ISLAND

Oklahoma City, Okla., March 29.—Passenger train No. 1 of the Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf Railroad, from Memphis for Amarillo, drawn by two engines, was partially derailed today at Council, near here.

JURY FINDS GIRL NOT GUILTY; TO BE SENT TO MATTEAWAN

Carmel, March 29.—After 20 minutes' deliberation the jury in the trial of Jennie Burch for murder returned a verdict of "not guilty by reason of insanity" and Justice Mills at once entered an order committing Jennie to the asylum for the criminally insane at Matteawan.

SON OF KAISER MAY COME HERE

Cambridge, Mass., March 29.—A German resident of this city, who is closely identified with college affairs is authority for the statement that Prince Oscar, Emperor William's fifth son and next to the youngest, will probably enter Harvard University in the coming fall.

SAYS "SILENT" SMITH HAD BRIGHT'S DISEASE

Tokio, March 29.—The Duke of Manchester, who was traveling with James Henry Smith of New York, who died at Kioto Japan, March 27, said today: "Mr. Smith died of acute Bright's disease, ending in pneumonia. Everything known to science was tried to check the complaint without avail. His body will be transported to his home in America by the earliest steamer."

ARRESTED FOR MURDER

Moscow, March 29.—A lawyer named Alexandrov, secretary of the Moscow section of the League of the Russian People, was arrested here today as the instigator of the murder of Dr. Jollos, editor of the Russkiy Vidomost.

TRACK WALKER KILLED

Little Falls, March 29.—Dennis Murphy, a New York Central track walker, was struck and killed by a passenger train here today. He was 49 years old.

Joy in Poverty Says Carnegie

New York, March 29.—Andrew Carnegie, while speaking at the request of the United States Military Telegraph Corps at its reunion and dinner at the Alhambra Hotel last evening, roared the stock market gamblers, said that the recent tumble in stocks was a good thing for the country, extolled the joy of the poor man's life, described the pleasure he felt when his salary as a telegraph messenger was raised from \$100 to \$135.80, told how he once shed blood for the United States of America and said he had thought of applying for a pension.

HARRIMAN HURT BY BIG SLUMP

Union Pacific Loses Millions on Stock it Purchased From Other Roads

New York, March 29.—While the testimony taken in the recent Harriman investigation showed that Union Pacific paid \$175 a share for the Illinois Central stock acquired last fall, the purchase price of the Atchison, the New York Central, the St. Paul, the Northwestern, the Baltimore & Ohio, and other stocks acquired by that company has not been made public until today. When it was learned that the correct par value of stocks purchased by the Union Pacific between June 30, last and December 31, was \$101,294,246; that these stocks cost the Union Pacific \$128,641,018, and incidentally that the loss to the Union Pacific on the purchases, figured on the basis of last Saturday's low price, amounted to \$27,346,772.

Heretofore it has been commonly understood that among the stocks purchased by the Union Pacific in the fall was \$25,122,100 of Illinois Central par value. The facts in the case are that the Union Pacific purchased \$18,623,100 Illinois Central and \$5,500,000 Railroad Securities Company shares.

CARDINAL PASSES AWAY AFTER SHORT ILLNESS

Rome, March 29.—Cardinal Luigi Machi, secretary of apostolic briefs, died today after a sickness of only 12 hours. He celebrated mass yesterday morning, complained of illness in the afternoon and died today as a result of an apoplectic stroke. The deceased cardinal was born in Brazil in 1832 and was elevated to the Sacred College in 1889.

RICHEST WOMAN DEFENDS ACTION

New York, March 29.—Mrs. Hetty Howland Robinson Green, credited with being the country's wealthiest woman, was ordered yesterday by Judge Lacombe in the United States Circuit Court to appear on April 7, before Catharine A. Cunningham, a special examiner, to tell what she knows concerning a suit brought in the Federal Courts of Ohio, western district, wherein Isaac T. Merrill, Frederick H. Dodge and Marvin H. Jackson are plaintiffs and Mrs. Green, Edward H. Phelps and Mrs. Green's son, Edward H. Robinson Green, are defendants.

WEALTHY SOAP MAKER ENDS HIS OWN LIFE

Cincinnati, O., March 29.—William A. Proctor, president of the Proctor & Gamble Company and son of one of the firm's founders, died yesterday afternoon from a bullet wound in the head, self-inflicted.

BASEBALL MEETING TONIGHT

Tonight at 8 o'clock a meeting will be held in the City Hall to devise ways and means for having a baseball team represent the city this summer.

MAY AVERT BIG STRIKE

Desperate Effort Being Made to Arbitrate Differences on Western Roads

MEN AWAIT OUTCOME

Before Ordering 45,000 Employees to Quit Work Government Representatives Will Be Given a Chance to See What They Can do

Washington, D. C., March 29.—Chairman Knapp of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and Charles P. Neill, commissioner of labor, left today for Chicago to endeavor to settle the dispute as to wages which has arisen between the managers of the western roads and the trainmen on their lines. Here is what a strike would mean:

Chicago, Ill., March 29.—The attitude of the members of the Order of Railway Conductors and of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen was today more favorable toward possible arbitration of the differences between them and the railroads than on yesterday.

It was learned today that Chairman Knapp of the Interstate Commerce Commission and Charles P. Neill, United States labor commissioner, would leave Washington for Chicago today, and the labor leaders declared they were willing to await their arrival before taking action. At the same time Grand Master Morrissey of the trainmen and President Galloway of the conductors well as the attitude of the men had not changed nor was it likely to do so.

It is possible that another meeting between representatives of the men and general managers will be held after Messrs. Knapp and Neill reach here.

On both sides there was a disposition to await the arrival of Chairman Knapp and Secretary Neill.

ROBBERS KILLED ON TOP OF CAR

Two Men Found Dead and Another Dying—Latter Confesses

Somerville, Mass., March 29.—Three men, two of them dead and the other fatally hurt, were found in a heap on top of a freight car at the local Boston & Maine Railroad station today. Apparently while riding on top of the car the men had struck an overhead bridge.

The unconscious man revived sufficiently to state that his name was Thomas Donovan and that he and the other men had robbed a tobacco store at Leominster. Before he could give the names of his companions or tell a longer story he again became insensible and the physicians say he will die.

Later the dead men were identified as Joseph B. Connors and Valentine Butler, both of Waltham. The injured man was identified as Thomas Howe, also of Waltham.

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Spartansburg, S. C., March 29.—Thomas Harris, a young white man, formerly a Baptist preacher, was hanged in the jailyard at Gaffney, S. C., today for the murder of Mrs. Hor-tense Margson, an aged white woman, last November.

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Before the black cap was adjusted Harris preached his own funeral sermon. He killed the woman by cutting her throat, after which he took \$800 from her clothes. Harris narrowly escaped lynching at the time of his arrest, and was brought here for safe-keeping.

PICK STRIKES A CARTRIDGE AND TWO ARE FATALLY HURT

New York, March 29.—Two unknown Italian workmen were fatally hurt today by an explosion in the excavation for the new Pennsylvania Railroad station, caused by the pick of a workman striking an unexploded fornic cartridge. A gang of 10 men was loading building materials when the explosion occurred and all were knocked off their feet.

MAY FIND MARVIN BOY

Bayonne, N. J., March 29.—The police are today making a search of Bayonne on the chance of finding the little Marvin boy, who is supposed to have been kidnaped from his home near Dover, Del. The search is caused by a letter received by the police saying that the boy was in this city.

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And to the solution of this problem the commissioners have devoted themselves exclusively. Thaw, split and span, his face clean-shaven, his hair nicely trimmed, his familiar blue suit neatly pressed, a spotless white collar and blue bow tie about his throat, came spryly into the criminal court eager for the ordeal. He never looked better. Save for a slight nervous twitching of the eyes, there was not a flaw to be found in him. He assumed his old seat by the foot of the counsel table at first; but the commissioners wanted him closer and Clerk Penny beckoned him to come inside the rail where the defendant was given a seat within eight feet of Jerome Brothers Present.

Fat to the rear of that position, in the seat which she had occupied in the distant days of jury getting, Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, crouched forward on either side of her were Thaw's brothers, sustaining her with sympathetic conversation. She was the only woman present in the chamber. The jury box was pre-empted by the carders of contemporaneous history. The commissioners were enthroned in the seats of justice, Commissioners McClure as chairman, occupying the center seat.

With Dr. Putzel on his left, near the witness chair and Mr. Olney on his right, counsel, on this auspicious occasion, were permitted to sit inside the rail also. Thaw being flanked on either side by Harridge and Gleason, and Peabody, O'Reilly, Delmas and McKillop grouping themselves nearby. The voice of Delmas was not heard, Harridge is in the coming tower during this engagement. But it does not make much difference, Counsel are only incidental before the commissioners; they speak only when their opinions are requested.

LEAPS FROM BUILDING

New York, March 29.—Homesick, penniless and forlorn, Polly Kerner, aged 18 years, today leaped from the roof of a five story tenement house in Essex Street and sustained fatal injuries. She came to the United States from Russia eight months ago.

BASEBALL MEETING TONIGHT

Tonight at 8 o'clock a meeting will be held in the City Hall to devise ways and means for having a baseball team represent the city this summer.

Every lover of the game and every one who desires to see Elmira in the front rank in every line of endeavor should attend.

THAW SURE OF OUTCOME

Prisoner Makes Fine Showing and is Ready for Rest of Examination

HIS LAWYERS DELIGHTED

Has Overcome Nervousness Which He Showed at First—No Proceedings Today—Session Resumed Tomorrow

New York, March 29.—This being Good Friday there is a lull in the Thaw case. His examination by the commission in lunacy which is to determine his present mental condition will be resumed tomorrow. The proceedings will be in private.

It was learned last night that when the commission asked Thaw to take the witness chair yesterday preparatory to questioning him, he made a short statement, the purport of which was that he was entirely willing to be interrogated but that he wished the questions put to him in a plain way so that he could understand them without trouble.

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Most of the examining was done by David McClure, Dr. Leopold Putzel asked few questions, but devoted himself to careful observation of the prisoner. It is said Thaw, who manifested nervousness before the court room was cleared of reporters at the direction of Mr. McClure, became quite cool soon after the examination began and that his self-possession lasted through the whole two hours that he was in the chair.

The questions asked him were all aimed at finding out how well equipped he was mentally to consult with his lawyers when the trial began. They therefore had to do with the selection of the jury and his part in that preliminary of the trial and the meaning of the letters and note sent to Mr. Delmas during the trial. These letters and notes are the ones which Delmas incorporated in the affidavit he submitted to Justice Fitzgerald, contending that his client is sane.

The prisoner's lawyers were decidedly sanguine last night over his manner and answers yesterday. They believed the commission would end its work with the examination of Thaw and that its finding would be that he is capable of conferring with them. Thaw himself was delighted when he returned to the Tombs. His counsel told him that he had undoubtedly convinced the commission of his sanity.

As for the prosecution, it felt assured last night that notwithstanding Thaw's answers were coherent he did not compose himself as a sane man would have done. The prosecution thinks also that Dr. Putzel is a most important factor in the proceedings, and that questions he may ask tomorrow and his scrutiny of Thaw will have much weight when the commission reaches its conclusions.

DIAZ DECLINES TO INTERVENE

Mexico Will Not Interfere in the Central American Squabble

Mexico City, March 29.—Mexico will on no condition join the United States in a joint intervention between Nicaragua and Honduras. Was the positive declaration of Minister of Foreign Affairs Mariscal last night.

"This government is ready at any time to join the United States in offering its good offices in friendly mediation, but will go no farther. Should President Roosevelt decide to intervene he will be obliged to act independently as far as President Diaz is concerned."

It was pointed out that it is the intention of the Mexican government to offer friendly offices of the republic and that this step was prompted by purely altruistic motives. Mexico has no interest whatever in either Honduras or Nicaragua. She has no navy with which to patrol the Central American coasts and feels under no obligations to incur the enormous expense of equipping an army of intervention. Salvador's position is considered by diplomats here to be still critical and it is considered by no means certain that President Zelaya will heed the suggestion if the two northern powers ask him to lay down his arms.