

THREE SCORE DEAD IN WRECK

Fast Passenger Train Runs Into Obstruction at Laurel Run, Pa.

PLUNGES TO EDGE OF RIVER

Smoker Is Piled on Top of Engine After Rolling Down Embankment and the Inmates Are Scalded or Roasted to Death.

Connellsville, Pa., special: With a terrible crash and a grinding noise the Duquesne limited, the fastest through passenger train from Pittsburg to New York on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, plowed into a pile of lumber at Laurel Run, two miles west of Dawson, at 7:45 o'clock Wednesday evening, killing sixty-three persons and injuring thirty more, many fatally.

The train left Pittsburg running a few minutes late, in charge of Engin-

...and, groping his way down the embankment, he was unable to get the engine started. He had to wait with which to flag the train except matches, and these he made use of in his desperation by taking off his coat and setting fire to it.

He stopped the train just in time to prevent it from plunging into the wreck and adding further horror to an already indescribable disaster.

Bagm collapsed when he saw he had succeeded in stopping the train, and when the engine stopped he was lying within a few feet of it.

Later advices show that sixty-five persons lost their lives in the wreck.

Illinois Tax Rate Is Likely to Be 50 Cents

Advance of 20 Per Cent to Be Made Over Last Year to Replenish State Funds.

Springfield, Ill., dispatch: The tax rate for 1903 will be something over 50 cents on \$100. The tax rate for 1902 will be more than 20 per cent higher than the rate last year, when it was flat 40 cents on \$100. Although the figuring has not yet been done, it is reasonably certain that a rate of more than 50 cents on \$100 will be necessary to meet the

AS THE WORLD REVOLVES

REV. BROOKE HEREFORD DEAR

Was Among the Most Prominent of Unitarian Divines.

Announcement was made at Boston last week of the death in London of Rev. Brooke Hereford, D. D., at one time pastor of the Church of the Messiah in Chicago. Dr. Hereford was pastor of the Roslyn Hill Chapel, London, and was born in England in 1829. As a Unitarian preacher he attained the highest place and was regarded as a very pillar of strength to that denomination. His career in Boston, when he was in charge of the Arlington Street Church, will long be remembered for the splendid work he did.



Rev. Brooke Hereford arose to prominence in the Unitarian church in England, and from Manchester he was called to Chicago in 1876, taking charge of the Church of the Messiah. He remained in that city until 1882, when he went to Boston to fill the pulpit of the Arlington Street Church, where he was regarded as one of the

ROMANCE REVEALED BY DEATH.

New York Recluse Leaves Money to Unknown Daughter.

Alphus D. Duboh, 58, fifty-three years principal of a public school in New York city, died in other day after leading the life of a recluse for many years. It was determined that he was worth about \$500,000. The petition for probate of will sets forth that a widow, Julia Duboh, survives him, and there is this strange clause in the will: "I give and bequeath to my daughter, Ivy Blanc, married, name and residence unknown, \$10,000." No reference whatever is made in the will to the widow, no sisters living in New York are the residuary legatees, but they are to give any information regarding the old man's romance.

BRIDE FOR SPANISH KING.

Youthful Bavarian Princess Said to Have Been Selected.

According to the Spanish newspapers a project is on foot for the marriage of King Alfonso to Princess Maria del Pilar of Spain. The princess, who is 13 years old,



PRINCESS MARIA DEL PILAR OF SPAIN

the only daughter of Prince and Princess Louis Ferdinand of Baden, mother was the Infanta Maria Paz of Spain, sister of King Alfonso's father.



...er William Thornley of Connellsville. When approaching Laurel Run, which is a particularly fine piece of roadbed, the train was running at a high rate of speed.

Suddenly the passengers were thrown from their seats by the lightning-like application of the air brakes and a moment later there was a terrific crash. The train was made up of two baggage cars, two day coaches, one sleeper and one dining-car, and was carrying at the time, at the lowest estimate, 150 passengers.

Plunges Down Bank.

The train plowed along for a considerable distance and the cars were torn to pieces, screaming passengers jumping and falling from the wreck as it tore along. Suddenly the engine swerved to the left and the coaches plunged down over the embankment to the edge of the Youghiogheny river. The moment the cars stopped rolling there was a wild scene. Many were pinned beneath the wreckage, and the screams and cries that rent the air were beyond description.

Many of the injured, in their mad excitement, plunged into the river. Others, pinned beneath the heavy timbers, pleaded in agonized tones for release. So terrific was the force of the wreck that nearly every passenger suffered a moment's unconsciousness, and many of the able-bodied men were unable to assist in helping

living and in disposing of the dead. A peculiar feature of the accident is the fact that not a woman was injured excepting slightly.

The wreck was caused by the breaking of the castings on a car load of bridge timbers on a west-bound train which had passed Laurel Run not more than fifteen minutes before the ill-fated passenger train. The wreck occurred on a curve, and it was impossible for Engineer Thornley to see far enough ahead to detect the obstruction on the tracks.

Whole Car of Dead.

The big Atlantic type engine plunged into the timbers at a velocity of sixty miles an hour. The engine plowed into the embankment and the baggage and express cars were thrown in the Youghiogheny river. The smoker followed the engine and landed squarely on top of it. This allowed the escaping steam from the engine to fill the car. The smoker was packed to its utmost capacity and all the passengers were cooked alive.

Not a single passenger in this car escaped with his life, and it is estimated that at least forty of the dead were in the smoker.

Baggage-master Thomas J. Baum of Hazelwood, who was on the wrecked train, proved himself a hero.

Trainman is a Hero.

With his head and body frightfully cut he managed to crawl from the

expense of the state for the next year.

The cause for the decided increase in the rate is twofold. First, the general assembly last winter increased the appropriations of the preceding general assembly. Second, the state received \$1,000,000 last year from the federal government, and this amount was used to the current expense of the state, decreasing the tax levy in this amount.

Funds in the state treasury at the present time have reached an alarming depletion. In fact, it will take considerable skrimishing on the part of State Auditor McCullough to gather in sufficient funds to meet the obligations of the state between now and the 15th of next April, when the new taxes will begin to come in.

In January and February of the year following a session of the legislature, funds in the state treasury are always at low tide. Next year, however, will be the cash scantier than usual.

There is no one source from which funds can be derived to maintain the state government for the next three and a half months. That is from the various departments of the state government. Several of these departments collect funds which the law provides shall be turned into the state treasury, but up to the present time Secretary of State Lee is the only official who has complied with the law.

MADMAN THREATENS GOVERNOR

Enters Office of Nebraska Executive and Declares which is Innocent. Omaha, Neb., special: A fanatic escaped from the officers' and Soldiers' Home at Grand Island, entered Gov. Mickey's office at Lincoln, brandishing a large paperknife and declared that Senator Dietrich, but indicted, was innocent. He then attempted to assassinate the governor. By smooth words and promises he was placated, but escaped before the police could be called.

GUESTS JUMP TO ESCAPE FIRE

One Life Is Lost Out of Thirteen in Michigan Hotel Blast.

Among the passengers of the steamship Sibers, which arrived at San Francisco from the Orient, was Mrs. Lloyd O. Grison, wife of the United States minister to Japan. Mrs. Grison is returning home in response to an urgent telegram advising her of her mother's serious illness.

Ernest Loferra, director of telegraphs of the republic of Panama, was married at Panama to Miss Odery Arango, daughter of Jose Augustin Arango, president of the provisional government. The sponsors were Senator Arango and Mrs. Amador, wife of Manuel Amador, the minister of finance. The wedding was attended by United States Minister Buchanan.

Helen W. Svarts, widow of the late William M. Svarts of New York, died at her country home at Windsor, Vt., in her eighty-fourth year.

John D. Chenery, aged 77 years, died at Springfield, Ill. Mr. Chenery was one of the oldest hotel keepers in Illinois and was for years proprietor of the old Chenery hotel. He was prominent in Sangamon county politics and held many offices of trust.

After a happy Christmas celebration with his six grandchildren at Ottumwa, Ia., David Welliver of Alnsworth, aged 65, while returning home was run down and cut to pieces by a Rock Island train near Alnsworth, Ia. He was a civil war veteran.

Isaac Gravelle, charged with dynamite outrages on the Northern Pacific railroad, occupied the witness stand at Helena. Gravelle denied having been at any of the places where dynamite was exploded on the track and said he was never in Livingston, where the bridge was injured.

Andrew Carnegie has given Park Rapids, Minn., a library under his usual conditions.

W. Stanley Hawkins and Miss Grace Kimball, both singing leading roles in "The Red Feather" at the Lyric theater, New York, were married.

A race riot was narrowly averted at Hahira, Ga., between a crowd of white men celebrating Christmas and some negroes. Sheriff Passmore called for troops and as soon as it was known that the request had been made the men dispersed.

D. V. Rieger, formerly president of the Missouri National bank of Kansas City, who was pardoned by President Roosevelt, left the penitentiary upon the arrival of his wife from Washington with the pardon. Both left immediately for their home in Kansas City, where Mr. Rieger said he would begin life anew.

William Cogswell, one of the best known and oldest artists in the country, is dead in South Pasadena, Cal., at the age of 85.

J. Watts Kearney, postmaster at New Orleans, is dead. He was prominent in business, social, and religious circles, and was a prominent Confederate veteran, though born in New York, and a loyal Republican.

Otto Schroeder died at Bloomington, Ill., aged 35. He was the former manager of the Bloomington team in the Three-League, and had been prominent for many years in sporting, athletic, theatrical and musical circles.

Three young men engaged in a fight at Beloit, Wis., over a young woman. Peter Goodman may die of his injuries. Frank Milford was badly cut, but will recover. Bert Sanford is under arrest.

Alexander Garretto, charged with the murder of Eli Corti at a riot between anarchists and socialists at Barre, Vt., the night of Oct. 3, was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to not less than ten nor more than twelve years in the state prison.

Shackled with leg irons and attired only in his night clothes, Thurlow W. Parker, an alleged forger, who has been eluding the Portland, Ore., police for weeks, walked out of a train at Omaha and made his escape while Detective Day slumbered in a berth. The officer had left Parker in charge of a porter, who fell asleep.

M. J. Conroy of Clinton county, Iowa, was found guilty at Davenport on the charge of conspiracy to burp-riase. Conroy was a member of a band of burglars. The feature of the trial was the appearance of George Burrie, who has never been out of the penitentiary since his incarceration, as state's witness.

Letters addressed by children to Santa Claus are reaching the New York postoffice in larger numbers than ever before. They come from all parts of the country, even Alaska. The childish petitions are carefully set aside and will be forwarded to the dead letter office at Washington. The collection will weight at least a ton.

Andrews, Va., his home in 1860. He was a soldier in the Civil war. He was a partner in banking at Frankfort, was a member of the J. & C. firm. He was the son of Henry

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Clark, who is tour- the interest of Chris- the endeavor, addressed two large meetings in Omaha Sunday, that being his only stop between Boston and San Francisco. Accompanied by his daughter, he will sail for Australia Dec. 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Sunderland of Delavan, Ill., celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday. He is 74 years old and she 73. They have lived in Delavan the greater part of their lives.

Ebbers blew open the vault in the First National bank of Salem, S. D., but were frightened away before they secured any money. There was \$8,000 in the vault.

In a basket ball game at Appleton, Wis., several players were injured when rough and tumble tactics were adopted. Four men were hurt and had to be carried out of the hall.

Charles Reinberg killed himself at Aurora, Mich., with a stick of dynamite. He fastened a fuse to the dynamite and laid the stick on his shoulder and then ignited it. He was a miner.

Benny Sheldon and Ell Hemp of Highland, Mich., were run over by a train and instantly killed while driving across the track four miles east of Gladwin. It is thought they were asleep.

Thomas C. Mather, a member of the law firm of Mather & Snigg of Springfield, Ill., expired at St. John's hospital, where he had been suffering with appendicitis. Mr. Mather was 69 years old and well known throughout the state as an attorney. He was a large land owner.

Attorney Solomon R. Simon at Milwaukee, Wis., was granted a divorce from Flora Cook, whom he married in Chicago five weeks ago. Judgment was ordered on the ground of cruel treatment and the defendant was restrained from taking the name of Flora Simon. The papers were all suppressed in the case by special order. When the Chicago papers noted the marriage it was denied by Simon.

The German steamer Prussen is ashore near Zoutelande, Holland. The weather is thick and foggy. The Prussen, Capt. Prehn, sailed from Yokohama Oct. 21 and Port Said Dec. 5, for Bremen.

Dr. Edgar C. Swain, formerly a prominent dentist, committed suicide to his office in Cleveland, O., by attaching a rubber tube to a gas jet and placing the other end in his nostril.

The bodies of John Ryan and Miss Lathrop Earing were found in Berkeley, near Denver. They were skating and fell through the ice. Ryan's parents lived at Grand Junction, Ia.

The remains of forty-two private soldiers who lost their lives in the Philippines and were brought to this country on the transport Klipatriek were buried with military honors at the National cemetery at Arlington.

Rev. Father M. E. Boyce of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, New Richmond, Wis., has created a sensation and got the women of his congregation up on their ears on account of his sermon, in which he abruptly criticized the Ladies Aid Society. He has no use for afternoon meetings he says, he says hold under the color of religious society for charity.

Dr. W. W. Smith, member in the legislature, died at the Madison and Union hotels, and was succeeded by John W. Washington pending an investigation. It is alleged Col. Campbell tried to get elected without his name being on the ticket. His taking part in the election.

John J. ... was killed at 128 home near McFall, County, Pa., by a vicious horse. He was in the act of showing friends his new coat when he was