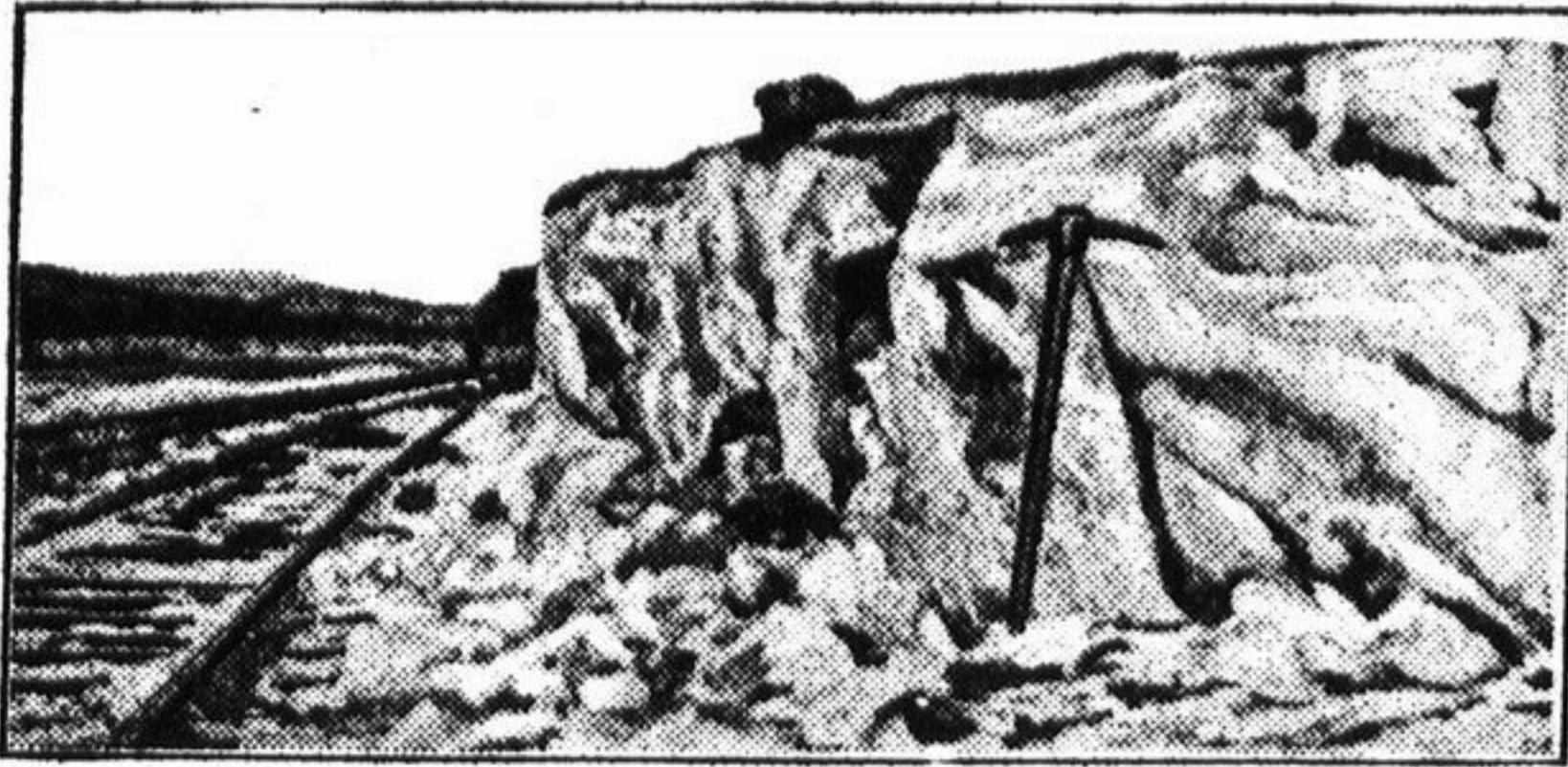


WHERE ICE COVERED TRACKS



This Shows the East-Bound and Middle Track Cleared of the Ice. The Third Track is Hidden Beneath the Ice Embankment.

During a spring freshet and ice jam on the Deerfield river in Massachusetts, a solid embankment of ice was formed over the main-line tracks of the Fitchburg division of the Boston & Maine railroad, reports Popular Mechanics. The barrier was near Buckland where three tracks run parallel along one bank of the stream. The ice covered the roadbed for a distance of more than a quarter of a mile, and

in places it was piled to a height of approximately six feet. To clear the road so that trains could pass it was necessary to cut away the embankment with picks. It was formed by large cakes of ice which were pushed out of the river by the high water and frozen together, making an almost rocklike formation. Normally the level of the river is about 12 feet below the tracks at this point.

FIRST AID TO INJURED

RAILROAD TRAINS ITS EMPLOYEES TO RENDER IT.

Explicit instructions as to what to do in cases of emergency are a part of the training considered necessary.

To be mentally alert, physically sound, with unimpaired eyesight and hearing is not all which is requisite nowadays if a man wishes to become a part of the service of one of our large railroads. The members of a train crew on this road must possess, in addition to the above requirements, an actual working knowledge for the proper administering of first aid whenever an accident occurs.

Formerly much valuable time was lost when, as was often the case, accidents occurred many miles from where doctors and nurses could be procured to relieve the sufferings of travelers. To meet such an emergency a first aid school has been established, which is attended by the employees of the road, where lectures are given by physicians and practical demonstrations of the proper and most efficient manner in which to bandage a broken arm, staunch the blood from a severed artery, or how to give the simple respiratory treatment when the victim has inhaled smoke or noxious gases are witnessed by the pupils at every session.

Hurrying from train to ferry the other day the writer's attention was attracted by a crowd at the farther end of the terminal. A huge canvas sheet had been strung across the great concourse at one end, and into this curtained space the crowd was curiously peering. In the well filled auditorium an audience, composed almost entirely of men, was intensely interested in what certainly was a most peculiar proceeding on a railroad ferry pier.

"There's a contest on today and they're giving prizes. The railroad employees' first aid to the injured teams are in competition," explained the young man in charge.

This then accounted for the presence of the uniformed nurse and half a dozen professional looking men, evidently physicians, one of whom was speaking at the time, and three others being seated on a raised platform who were to act as judges.

At the moment the physician was saying that some broken forearms would now be set. He went to give instructions about how this should be done. As the physician talked several men, wearing the uniform of the railroad, commenced to remove coats, vests, collars and ties, the speaker concluded with: "Now, men, get to work and reduce a fractured forearm." They then arranged themselves into four groups, six men in each group, stepped forward to the front of the place and began to unwrap packages of gauze. Each team of six was composed of three "doctors" and the same number of "victims."

The arms of the "victims" of a supposititious accident hung loose and limp. Each "doctor" gently raised a forearm to the proper angle for comfort, then quickly laid a wooden splint to the injured member, deftly, swiftly and securely adjusting the yards of gauze bandage until the arm and splint were bound together. During all this time the physician judges were taking notes and the nurse went around among the men telling them that the "victim" must be careful to act as if he had a really disabled forearm; the intention evidently being to make as realistic as possible conditions which would exist at the time of such an accident.—Exchange.

Well, hardly.

"If a bomb had exploded at my feet, I could not have been more surprised," said the confirmed gossip.

"Perhaps not, my dear," answered her plain-spoken friend, "but if a bomb had exploded at your feet instead of Mrs. Gadders eloping from the next block with her chauffeur, I dare say you would not have done as much talking about it afterward."

GAME OF LIFE WAS CALLED

On Account of Darkness After Tragical Accident to Enthusiastic Baseball Fan.

W. H. Murphy, a salesman, living at the Minneveska apartments, was on his way to the ball game, reports the Los Angeles Times. He tried to board a moving train, grasped the handrail and tried to lift himself to the steps. His grasp was not firm, and his palms were moist with running, and as he began to elevate himself his hands slipped.

A lurch, a swing and a sudden shift, and his body was thrown to the rails. His legs were caught beneath the wheels and the train passed over them, amputing both above the ankles.

He was taken to the Receiving hospital for treatment, where Surgeon Wiley and Assistant Surgeons Roome and Johnson dressed the limbs, an operation demanding further amputation. As he went to the operating table to receive the ether he was smiling and cheerily talked with the nurses.

"No more ball games for me for a while," he remarked.

The attentions of the surgeons stopped further speech, while the ether was administered, and afterward, when he had been wheeled from the spotless surgery to the ward, he began to talk again. He was at the ball game.

"Well, he'll get a hit now. The time has come; he's going to get a hit now."

"Oh, hum, it's rather a slow game today. What's the matter with those boys that they're moving so slow? They ought to hurry. Can't they see it's getting dark? It's certainly getting dark fast. You can hardly see the outfielders there—not in right field, anyhow. I guess they'll have to stop soon, won't they? The sun's all gone down. My, but it went fast. "And see how dark it's getting—why—why—"

"I guess they'll have to call—the game."

And the surgeons drew the sheet far over his head and notified the undertakers.

New Record by Fisheries Bureau.

The commissioner of fisheries, under date of June 10, advises that not only will the output of the fish-cultural operations of the bureau of fisheries during the fiscal year ending June 30 surpass previous records but for the first time in many years there has been a sufficient supply of black bass to meet all current demands for both public and private waters. All outstanding applications for black bass will be filled. Some of these have been held over for several years for lack of a sufficient supply of the fish. Among recent deliveries of this fish have been 10,000 to a large artificial lake at Austin, Tex., formed by the damming of the Colorado river, and at the station whence the fish came a large supply is now on hand. It is the policy of the bureau to distribute each year an increasingly large proportion of fish which have been retained at the hatcheries until they reach the fingerling or yearling stages, which means that the output, being more mature, is better able to care for itself and is not so subject to the depredations of natural enemies.

Hydroplane a Freak.

The hydroplane of the day is a freak in every sense of the word. The various types of underbody construction are designed to give the boats lifting power, to lessen the draft under speed, and, consequently, the displacement—in other and plainer words, to lessen the amount of water that has to be pushed aside in the endeavor to make high speed. The hydroplane is the outcome of years of study by the best naval architects and marine engineers in freak-boat construction. Thousands of dollars are spent annually on these freaks, but many are thrown on the junk pile and the effort repeated. All of these boats are overpowered, as one would consider the needs of an ordinary boat. But extra power is added to gain a little extra speed. Thus one of the Atlantic coast owners is this year duplicating his power by adding a second motor to a 45-miler with the hope of adding an extra ten miles an hour to the speed. This may be termed freakishness, yet in the quest for the 60-miler all sorts of freakish things are being undertaken.

Auto Wins in Train Race.

After a mad race, covering 18 miles, between an express train on the Laurel line and a high-powered automobile, which had been requisitioned by Chief of Police Roberts of Wilkes-Barre, the latter captured a man accused of filching a train ticket as he stepped from a train in Scranton, Pa. The fugitive got away with a ten-minute start, but the big racing car cut down the running time, and the officers were waiting at the station here for their man, who was taken back to Wilkes-Barre.

The running time of the train was 35 minutes, and the automobile traveled a little more than a mile a minute to overhaul it.—Scranton Dispatch to Philadelphia Record.

Height of Absurdity.

"Look at those two chumps having a heated argument about the merits and demerits of an automobile." "Do you mean the two men examining a car across the street?" "Yes." "Umph! To make matters worse, neither one owns the car they are wrangling about."

PIGEON FLIES WITH TRAIN

Southern Engineer, According to His Report, Had a Strange Traveling Companion.

Engineer George Gill, of the Seaboard Air line, has a strange story of a white pigeon that flew seven miles beside his cab.

When he reached Vance a white pigeon appeared beside his cab and flew with him all the way to Southern Pines, a distance of seven miles. The train was traveling at a lively clip, but this did not worry the pigeon, which kept the pace with seeming ease. At times the bird came close enough to the cab window for the engineer to have reached out his hand and touched it.

At times the pigeon would cross over the engine and fly beside the window on the fireman's side, and then recross the track again. This is the first time, states the engineer, that he ever witnessed such a sight. It has been his experience and the experience of other engineers that birds always fly away from a locomotive instead of toward or parallel with it.—Raleigh (N. C.) Dispatch to the New York Sun.

ALL VETERANS IN SERVICE

Three Railroad Employees Who Have Given Years of Their Life to Single Duty.

The oldest freight agent on the Milwaukee road recently celebrated his golden service anniversary. The veteran is R. M. Telfer, Beloit, and he went to work for the railroad May 7, 1865.

Two other men—J. A. Cotton, Rockford, Ill., and J. W. Hayes, eighty-three years old, Elkhorn, Wis.—entered the railroad's employ before Mr. Telfer, the former in 1857, the latter in 1860. But both have been retired for several years, and that fact makes Mr. Telfer the oldest active freight agent on the system, in point of service.

The Beloit veteran began in the storeroom of the old Western Union railroad in Racine. While there he learned telegraphy and at the time the railroad was absorbed by the Milwaukee road, he was an operator. In that capacity, in 1869, he went to Beloit. He was operator there for several months. Then he served successively practically every station on the Racine division of the railroad. Finally, in 1904, he was returned to Beloit as freight agent and he has been there since.

Siberian Signal Men.

It is probable that nowhere save in Siberia are convicts employed in any service pertaining to the operation of railroads. In that place of exile there are many "good conduct" men who spend their lives in little huts along the line of railway, always a vast apart, whose duty it is to signal with green flags that the road is clear. At night they signal with a green lamp.

If the traveler stands between the railway cars at midnight he may tick off the green lights as the train spins along. Away down the black avenue will appear a tiny green speck. As the cars proceed this speck will become larger and larger, and finally the figure of a man holding up the lamp is distinguishable in the darkness. And there are thousands of these along the line. A signal started today in Moscow runs for 11 days, until it is broken on the banks of Lake Baikal, beyond Irkutsk.

Santiago and the Dardanelles.

For Americans, the parallel of Santiago instantly comes to mind. Even after the Spanish fleet had left the harbor and there were to be faced only the weak batteries on Socapa Point, the naval authorities left it to the army to reduce the city, contenting themselves with bombarding by indirect and, as it turned out, ineffective fire. If the entrance to Santiago was narrower than that to the Sea of Marmora, it was far shorter and infinitely less well covered by artillery. For the allies, the defeat at the Straits was a demonstration that the work of the ships must be supplemented by that of an army, as at Santiago.—Frank H. Simonds in the American Review of Reviews.

Advertisement for Castoria medicine. The image shows a bottle of '900 DROPS' Castoria. Text includes: 'Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. It destroys Worms and allays Feverishness. For more than thirty years it has been in constant use for the relief of Constipation, Flatulency, Wind Colic, all Teething Troubles and Diarrhoea. It regulates the Stomach and Bowels, assimilates the Food, giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.' It also lists ailments like 'Promotes Digestion, Cheerfulness and Rest. Contains neither Opium, Morphine nor Mineral. NOT NARCOTIC.' and 'A perfect Remedy for Constipation, Sour Stomach, Diarrhoea, Worms, Feverishness and Loss of Sleep.' The bottle is labeled 'THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK.' and '35 DROPS 35 CENTS'.

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Where Bluff Falls. "Bah!" sneered the blustering man. "Bluff is the thing. A man can bluff his way through life." "But," said the conservative. "If you couldn't swim and fell in, you couldn't bluff the river for a second."—Livingston Lance.

DON'T LET GRAY HAIRS Make You Look Old. Restore Natural Color by This Guaranteed Method. That insidious, dark, natural shade of hair you so much desire is within your reach—easily, inexpensively, simply go to your druggist and get a bottle of Hair Restorer. When applied to gray hair it causes the air to bring back the original youthful color. Absolutely harmless. Keeps new gray hairs from showing. Imparts life, lustre and beauty; removes dandruff, cleanses and tones scalp. No one will know you are using anything. Druggist returns price if it fails. 50c and \$1.00 at drug stores or direct on receipt of price and dealer's name. Philo May Specialties Co., Newark, N. J., Adv.

Willing. "Did you punch the time clock as you came in?" asked the foreman. "I did not," replied the burly workman that dares to dock me for being ten minutes late."

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DAISY FLY KILLER. placed anywhere, attracts and kills all flies, mosquitos, house flies, etc. Kills them before they can breed. Kills all seasons. Made of natural, harmless materials. Over 100,000,000 sold. Will not injure anything. Guaranteed effective. All dealers order and express paid for \$1.00. HARGOLD POWERS, 120 De Kalb Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

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Advertisement for Watch Your Colts. Text includes: 'Watch Your Colts. For Coughs, Colds and Pleurisy, and at the first symptoms of any such ailment, give small doses of that wonderful remedy, now the most used in existence. SPONH'S DISTEMPER COMPOUND. 50 cents and \$1 a bottle; \$5 and \$10 the dozen of any druggist, nearest dealer, or delivered by SPORN MEDICAL CO., Chemists and Bacteriologists, Goshen, Ind., U. S. A.'

Ready to Risk it. "Mr. Jones wants a windy-pane twelve inches by fourteen," remarked young Patrick Mulrooney, entering the glazier's shop. In the shop was a smart young assistant who wanted to have a joke with Pat. "Haven't any that size!" he replied gravely. "Will one fourteen inches by twelve do?" Pat looked thoughtful for a minute. Then he replied: "He's wantin' it at once, and this is the only shop in town. Give me an o' them. P'rhaps if we put it in sideways no one will notice."

Advertisement for Certain-teed Roofing. Text includes: 'The General Says: You can buy the most durable roofing in the world at a price that is reasonable if you insist on Certain-teed Roofing. Your local hardware or lumber dealer can supply you with Certain-teed Roofing. Guaranteed 10 or 15 years according to the thickness. Don't accept a substitute. GENERAL ROOFING MFG. CO.'

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