# TERRIBLE WRECK ON THE ERIE

## Two Railway Men Killed and 25 Passengers Were Injured.

**Two Trains Smashed Up—Cloudburst Wrecked a Freight and Chicago Express Plunged Into It With Awful Impact While Running at 50-Mile Speed—Pullman Split in Two, Passengers Thrown Down the Bank.**

Port Jervis, N.Y., July 31.—A freight and a fast passenger train were wrecked on the Erie road near Lackawanna on Saturday night. The first news of the accident, which reached here after midnight, was to the effect that probably 100 people had been killed. Owing to the fact that the telegraph wires had been torn down no details could be learned until after daylight.

**Two Killed, 25 Injured.**

Then it was learned that but two lives had been lost, and that between 25 and 30 had been injured. The killed were Stephen Outwater, Port Jervis, engineer, and Fred. Sells, Port Jervis, fireman.

**Caused by a Cloudburst.**

The wreck, which occurred shortly before midnight, was preceded by a cloudburst and storm which lasted two hours. A section of the bank fell on the eastbound tracks directly in front of the freight train. Several trees went down with the rocks and the earth and the freight cars and engine were turned over directly across the westbound tracks.

**No. 7 Chicago Express Came Along.**

Sixty freight cars constituted the train, though only 22 were derailed and the debris piled up on the westbound tracks just as the No. 7 Chicago express from New York for Buffalo put in an appearance, running at the rate of 50 miles an hour. The engine of the express train crashed into the wreck, and the baggage car, combination and buffet car and two Pullman sleepers were piled up on the tracks immediately in front of the wrecked freight cars. The first sleeper was split into two parts, and the passengers were thrown 30 feet down a bank. Fire at once broke out, and four cars of No. 7 and nine of the freight cars were burned.

**Baggagemaster's Story.**

Baggagemaster Becker, who found himself under the baggage car door, recovered consciousness only to discover that he was all alone in the heart of the wrecked passenger cars. He managed to crawl from his position only to find a blaze starting in front of him, while half of a car was somehow braced up immediately over him. He called for assistance, but there was no response.

**Plight of the Passengers.**

Then he saw the passengers who had been hurled down the 30-foot embankment endeavoring to extricate themselves from the debris and make their way up the bank. All were clad only in their nightclothing, and they were shivering with the cold. Some were bleeding and moaning, and all were dazed. Members of the train crews commenced to search different portions of the wreck, and assisted those who were struggling to escape. Blankets were brought in from the Pullman cars and wrapped around shivering, hysterical women and half-conscious men

**Relief Was Sent For.**

Word was telegraphed to Port Jervis. A relief train was at once arranged for and three doctors and several trained nurses returned for the purpose of caring for those needing immediate assistance. The relief train soon reached the scene of the accident and nearly all of the injured persons were removed to a hospital.

**Thieves on Hand.**

Several thieves from Port Jervis, who it is supposed reached the scene of the wreck on the relief train, ransacked the clothes of the passengers during the period of excitement. F. View, a millinery decorator of New York, lost clothing containing $300 and a gold watch. F. S. Gilpatrick of Denver lost $100, a gold watch, a diamond pin and a diamond stud. After several hour's search the bodies of Engineer Outwater and Fireman Sells were found under their engine. Both bodies had been burned to the waist. The men were identified by their watches.

### BUZZARD CHASING COLONIALS.

**British Warship Protects French Fishermen Off Newfoundland.**

St. John's, Nfld., July 31.—The British warship Buzzard is driving the colonial fishermen out of the treaty coast waters along the northeast coast of the island, at the instance of French fishermen, who complain that the colonists are interfering with their fishery. A number of colonial vessels are returning southward, their fishing having been spoiled by the Buzzard's action.

**Their Escape Miraculous.**

Rochester, N.Y., July 31.—During an exhibition given by a family of expert swimmers at Glenhaven on Saturday evening a section of the pier at that point, upon which about 200 people were standing, suddenly gave way, precipitating scores of the spectators into the water. In an instant men, women and children were piled in a struggling mass of humanity into from five to ten feet of water. Many were rendered unconscious, and it was only by dint of great efforts on the part of the bystanders that no lives were lost.

**Young Devil Killed His Chum.**

Bobcaygeon, July 31.—Harry Newman, son of Thomas Newman of North Verulam, was accidentally shot by Spencer Devil at the residence of William Devil, a near neighbor, on Saturday evening. The two boys were fooling with a loaded gun, when Devil accidentally discharged it, the contents entering New-[illegible] side, killing him instantly. The boys were about 15 years of age. An inquest was considered unnecessary, as the shooting was purely accidental.

**Taken With Cramps and Drowned.**

Point Edward, July 31.—About 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon a young man named Leslie Wagg of Downington, Mich., was drowned in the river near the Grand Trunk freight sheds here. He was employed as fireman on the steamer United Empire of the Northwest Transportation Line, which is lying at the dock. He went in bathing with some companions. It is supposed he took cramps, as he was a good swimmer.

### TRANSVAAL STILL STICKS.

**The Officials Under President Kruger Hate to Give Up.**

Pretoria, July 31.—State Secretary F. W. Reitz, in the course of an interview, said that, if the inquiry proposed was to embrace all matters in dispute of late years between Great Britain and the Transvaal, including the convention of 1884, it might be acceptable, but, if the franchise only was to be considered, the Volksraad had passed on that and further consideration of the question was regarded as tantamount to legislating through a commission, thus depriving the country of its independence.

**Cape Town Delighted.**

Cape Town, July 31.—The newspapers here hail with delight the assurances of unanimity in the Imperial Parliament, which they consider as presaging an effective settlement of the crisis.

**Ordered to the Cape.**

London, July 31.—Saturday afternoon Col. Knox, until recently commanding the Royal Horse Artillery at New Bridge, was ordered to the Cape to command the troops at the "Natal frontier post."

### THE COINAGE OF INDIA.

**Indian Mints Closed to Silver—Sovereigns to Be Legal Tender.**

London, July 31.—A despatch from Lord George Hamilton, Secretary of State for India, to Baron Curzon, the Indian Viceroy, has been made public. It announces that the Government has decided to adopt the report of the Indian currency committee and that the policy of keeping the Indian mints closed to the unrestricted coinage of silver will be maintained.

The despatch further says that the British sovereigns will be made legal tender in and the current coin of India, that the mints will be opened to the unrestricted coinage of gold, and that the permanent exchange value of the rupee will be one shilling four pence.

### ANTICOSTI'S OWNER DEAD.

**Mr. Albert Menier of Chocolate Fame Dies in Paris From Typhoid.**

Paris, July 31.—The death is announced here of Albert Menier from typhoid fever.

**Chambers Insubordinate.**

London, July 31.—The Times' Berlin correspondent says The Cologne Gazette publishes a despatch from Apia, dated July 14, saying that Chief Justice Chambers, instigated and supported by British influences, attempted to postpone his departure, until Mr. Bartlett Tripp, the American member of the Samoan commission, threatened to employ force against him.

**Automobile Beats the Train.**

Paris, July 31.—The automobiles yesterday beat the Paris-St. Malo express in a race between those cities, a distance of 226 miles, making the best time ever recorded for an automobile, covering the distance in 7 hours and 35 minutes. The time of the train was 7 hours and 48 minutes.

**Three Killed, 11 Injured.**

Monaco, July 31.—By the collapsing of a wall of of new building at Cendamine three workmen were killed and 11 seriously injured.

### TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Bryson, Jameson & Company's timber yards and Sauer & Co.'s grain warehouse at Liverpool were destroyed by fire on Saturday night. The loss is $600,000.

Mrs. E. B. Hobbs, who died at Woodstock from blood-poisoning, accidentally fell upon a garden rake two months ago, and one of the sharp iron prongs penetrated her knee-cap.

Rev. P. M. Morrison of Dartmouth, N.S., agent of the Presbyterian Church in the Maritime Provinces, died on Sunday at Chatham, N.B. The deceased was 58 years of age.

Miss Marguerite Ward of Lucan was badly bitten by the prevalent kissing bug on Friday night, the right side of her face being swollen so badly that the eye is completely closed.

Several lockers in the Rochester Country Club House were forced open and money and jewelry aggregating $1,500 was stolen from the clothing hanging in the different lockers on Saturday.

David Welch, an elderly man employed at the Government Printing Bureau at Ottawa, was found dead in the bathroom of his residence at an early hour on Sunday morning. He had complained of feeling unwell.

An Erie, Pa., despatch says: Thomas Cavanaugh, a moulder, who came to Erie from Hamilton, Ont., some years ago, is one of a party of three fishermen who it is believed have been drowned in Presque Isle Bay.

King Menelik has written a most cordial letter to General Lord Kitchener, Sirdar and Governor-General, expressing his willingness to define the frontier between the Egyptian Soudan and Abyssinia on friendly terms.

The tendency manifested by France toward rapprochement with Germany is causing great irritation at St. Petersburg, as the Franco-Russian alliance is based upon objects diametrically opposed to the aims of Germany.

# THE DREYFUS TRIAL IS NEAR

## Beaurepaire's Revelations Are of the Flimsiest Character.

**It Is Asserted That They Were All Trumped Up—Esterhazy Won't Appear at the Trial, Although He Has Got Safe Conduct—Preparations to Report the Trial—Affray at Rennes Between Nationalists and Dreyfusites.**

Paris, July 31.—The Echo de Paris prints ex-Judge Bearepaire's promised revelations in the Dreyfus case. The first article names four witnesses who heard some anti-Semites say: "We will get Dreyfus back or drag France into war." They did not care for his innocence, but only for the glorification of their sect.

The second article cites witnesses who alleged they were offered Jewish bribes to support Dreyfus.

The third article relates how Dreyfus was seen talking to some Germans.

The fourth says that Dreyfus was extravagant, and the fifth gives opinions of certain French Ministers and others on the prisoner's guilt.

The whole revelation is of the flimsiest character and obviously trumped up.

**Esterhazy's Cowardice.**

There is one point upon which both Dreyfusists and anti-Dreyfusists are in perfect accord—that is, the importance of Esterhazy's appearance as a witness at the new trial at Rennes. Disgust is, therefore, general at the news that he refused to attend, notwithstanding the safe conduct given him by the Government, which guarantees him against arrest until after the trial is concluded.

**To Report the Trial.**

In addition to the usual number of telegraph wires affording communication between Paris and Rennes, 33 other lines have been provided to meet the exigencies of the Dreyfus trial, of which three will be absolutely official, supplying reports to the Elysee, the Department of the Interior and the Postoffice Department. The Dreyfus family have hired a special wire for the purpose of furnishing The Droits de l'Homme and The Aurore with reports of the proceedings.

**No Case Against Du Paty de Clam.**

The Matin announces that there is no case against Col. Du Paty de Clam, and this announcement has since been confirmed by M. Menard, Col. Du Paty de Clam's counsel.

The Siecle says that Maitre Demange and Maitre Labori, counsel for Capt. Dreyfus, will demand that M. Quesnay de Beaurepaire, ex-president of the Criminal Chamber of the Court of Cassation, produce the names of the persons from whom he received the alleged information establishing the guilt of Captain Dreyfus.

A telegram from Rennes announces that an affray occurred there yesterday between Dreyfusites and Nationalists, who were prevented by the police from carrying out their design of marching to the house of Maitre Labori, counsel for Captain Dreyfus.

### THE PEACE COMMISSION.

**Baron de Staal Delivered the Farewell Address on Saturday.**

The Hague, July 31.—The international peace conference met for its final sitting on Saturday. Baron de Staal delivered the farewell address, thanking the representatives of all foreign states. He said the work accomplished, while not so complete as might be desired, was sincere, wise and practical. The great principles of the sovereignty of individual states and international solidarity, apparently so opposing, had been reconciled by what they had accomplished. He affirmed that in time to come institutions which had their origin in the need of concord would be the dominating influence and that thus the work of the conference was truly meritorious.

The three conventions dealing with arbitration, the laws and customs of war and the adaptation of the Geneva convention to naval warfare, were not signed by Germany, Austria-Hungary, China, England, Italy, Japan, Luxemburg, Servia, Switzerland or Turkey. The United States only signed the arbitration convention and that under reserve. Roumania also made reservation.

The three declarations prohibiting the throwing of explosives from balloons, the use of asphyxiating projectiles and those of Dum-Dum bullets, were not signed by Germany, Austria-Hungary, China, England, Italy, Japan, Luxemburg, Servia or Switzerland, while the United States only signed the declaration regarding the throwing of explosives from balloons.

### THE FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA.

**It Proved to Be Popular—When Queensland Will Vote.**

Melbourne, Victoria, July 31.—The colony of Victoria, as the result of the referendum held on the subject of the commonwealth bill, drafted by representatives of the Australian colonies of Great Britain in 1898 and revised by the Premiers last January, has decided by an overwhelming majority in favor of federation. Inasmuch as New South Wales, without whose adhesion none of the other colonies is willing to federate, gave a majority of 22,000 for the commonwealth bill at the referendum of June 20, the action of Victoria as showing the sentiment of the younger colonies assures the union of the Australian states in a commonwealth of Australia.

The colony of Queensland will hold its referendum on the question Sept. 2.

**The Commonwealth Bill.**

Sydney, N.S.W., July 31.—Premier Reid has laid on the table of the Assembly a notice that he will move in the Assembly on Aug. 1 an address to the Queen, praying that the commonwealth bill be adopted as an Imperial act of Parliament.

"I have seen eloquence without wisdom and wisdom without eloquence", says Franklin, but combine them and they are like the purity, fragrance and strength of Blue Ribbon Ceylon Tea

### CURTAIN RAISERS.

Edgar L. Davenport will be in Viola Allen's support in "The Christian" next season.

Wagner's "Tristan and Isolde" is to be produced in Paris next October by M. Lamoureux.

J. H. Gilmour has been engaged to succeed Guy Standing in the title role of "His Excellency the Governor."

It is said that an ingenious German has invented an automatic applauder. The idea is to do away with the paid claque abroad.

Sieveking, the Dutch pianist, is the latest addition to the list of players announced as engaged for a tour of this country next season.

"William Tell" has had its eight hundredth performance at the Paris Grand Opera and "Mignon" its twelve hundredth at the Opera Comique.

Emma Nevada has lately been singing in London, and in order that her recent experiences in Barcelona might not be forgotten she took with her a company composed of artists from that city.

While in San Francisco the Bostonians acquired a new American opera, "The Smuggler's Wife." It probably will receive its first production in September in New York.

An English actor who died out of town was shipped in his coffin to London as "theatrical properties." This cost $4, whereas if he had gone as a corpse the cost would have been $60.

"The Libertine," bought by Daniel Frohman, will be called here "The Lord of the Moor." It deals with the redemption of an evil man through a good woman's love. The last century is the period.

When Schubert died in Vienna, he left personal property valued at 63 florins, Mozart was nearly eight times as rich—he left 460 florins—while Beethoven was in comparison a millionaire, since he left 10,232 florins.

### THE VERDICT.

Professor Atwater says there is food in alcohol. Yes, and lodging, too, if you get arrested with too much of it in you.—Louisville Post.

The kaiser may do queer things, but he keeps the world talking about his empire, which is good and free advertising for Germany.—Kansas City Times.

With the peace congress at The Hague and the Venezuela arbitration proceedings at Paris, Europe looks as placid as a menagerie just after the animals have been fed.—Toronto Globe.

It is said a German workman has perfected a process for making coal out of earth. This is to be regretted. The earth at least ought to be retained for agricultural and residence purposes.—St. Louis Star.

The sultan objects to any scheme of international arbitration. Of course he does. If the powers didn't distrust and watch each other, they would have time to attend to him and his massacres.—New York Sun.

They boast of removing whole villages at once in New York state through the use of rollers, greased planks and strings of horses. But what is all that compared with the western method, where you simply hitch on a cyclone and the job is done?—Boston Globe.

### ORCHARD AND GARDEN.

Unfruitful orchards, as a rule, are so because the soil is deficient in plant food.

In all transplanting it is essential that the soil comes in close contact with the roots.

Fruit trees may be planted in the yard for ornament and for fragrance as well as for fruit.

The best raspberries, plums and pears have been grown where poultry has been allowed to run.

Trees must be fed just as any other plant is fed. Many an orchard is simply starved to death.

Cultivation in the orchard while the trees are growing tends to induce the roots to grow deeper.

To cause a quick, strong growth of roses and carnations use nitrate of soda solution in watering.

Thinning out of the wormy and imperfect specimens of fruit should be done as soon as they can be distinguished.

Set a piece of stiff cardboard or bend a piece of tin around cabbage and tomato plants as a protection against cut worms.—Exchange.

### THE CYNIC.

Half of what people call "education" is the worst sort of nonsense.

We would like to meet an advance agent for a show who is not an old newspaper man.

Every one is at least this mean: If he pays tax on his dog, he wants other people to pay on their dogs.

The penalty fame brings to a man is that every girl he ever treated to ice cream claims to have once jilted him.

As soon as a man gets a little money saved up some of his folks have trouble, and he has to spend it on a relief expedition to save them.

After a daughter has been married a few months her mother gets the first chance in years to make an extended visit. She goes to the daughter's and remains "until it is over."—Atchison Globe.

### SUMMER BREEZES.

Now is the season when the angler exaggerates his net results.—Philadelphia Times.

A summer resort always open for the can't-get-away is to resort to the shadier side of the street.—Philadelphia Times.

Not a sweet girl graduate anywhere has written an essay upon "How a Square Meal Should Be Prepared."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Man must earn his bread by the sweat of his brow, but there are several months in the year that he is exempt from the law. In these days nature gets even with him by including not only his brow in the sweating process, but his whole system.—Wheeling Intelligencer.

### ESTRADA CABRERA.

**The Advanced Liberal Who Is President of the Guatemalan Republic.**

Manuel Estrada Cabrera, the central personality in the economic revolution which, according to Guatemalan despatches, is now going forward in that state, is the President of this Central American republic and one of the most far-seeing statesmen in Latin America. Cabrera was acting President of the republic after the death of President Reyna Barrios. He was elected President in the fall of last year for a term of six years, and was given the largest majority ever voted a

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President in Guatemala. He represents the Liberal side of Guatemalan politics and is one of the most advanced of the Liberals, too. The election was very quiet for a Latin republic. Cabrera, while a thorough Spaniard, has not been insensible of the grand progress made by mechanical America, and has done what he has been able to do to advance the interests of the country he has in his keeping. He is not a revolutionist himself, and has done everything in his power satisfactorily to manipulate the finances of the nation.

**Co-Operative Societies in England.**

Co-operative societies still flourish in England. Last year, according to reports submitted at the Co-operative Congress just held in Liverpool, there were 1,640 societies against 1,845 in 1897. Number of members last year, 1,646,078 against 1,591,455 in 1897; sales in 1898, in round millions, $355,000,000 against $320,000,000 in 1897. Profits last year, $35,000,000 against $33,585,000 in 1897.

**Malt and Mortar.**

Our readers who have studied old accounts relating to masons' work are aware that there was a practice, which has only died out in recent times, of blending beer with the lime and sand used for mortar when the work that had to be done was required to have special stability, as it was assumed that the beer rendered the mortar much stronger. The people of Sheffield in 1616 acted on this opinion, for a bushel of malt was bought for "blending of his lyme" when John Pittes repaired the Lady bridge. We presume that beer was made with it before the blending process took place, and there cannot be a doubt that John Pittes and his workmen tasted thereof, just to assure themselves that it was of the proper strength and quality.—Athenaeum.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

Traveler—The houses in some of the ancient cities had walls three feet thick.

Mr. Brickrow (enviously)—I presume some of the neighbors were musical.

**Exquisite Sachet Perfume.**

Lavender flowers, one ounce; pulverized orris, two drachms; bruised rosemary leaves, one-half ounce; musk, five grains; attar of roses, five drops. Mix well, sew up in small, flat muslin bags and cover them with fancy silk or tinted lawn.