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PASSED THE SIGNAL

New York Central Engineer Makes Business Good For Charon.

COLLIDED IN A TUNNEL

Though He Exploded the Torpedo and His Fireman Called to Stop, Engineer Wischo Plunged On.

The Huge Engine Piled on Top of a Loaded Passenger Car and 15 Lives Were Forfeited.

New York, Jan. 9.—In the New York Central railroad tunnel that burrows under Park avenue, this city, two local trains collided yesterday. Fifteen passengers were killed and twice that number were injured. A dozen of the latter were seriously hurt, and the roster of the dead may be extended.

It was a rear-end collision between a South Norwalk local that ran in over the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad and was halted by block signals at the southern entrance of the tunnel, and a White Plains local that came by the Harlem branch of the New York Central. The train was crowded with suburbanites. Most of the death, injury and damage was wrought by the engine of the White Plains train which plunged into the rear car of the motionless train and was driven through to the middle of the car, smashing the seats and furnishings and splitting the sides as it moved forward.

The victims either were mangled in the mass of wreckage carried at the pilot, crushed in the space between boiler and car sides, or scalped by a seam which came hissing from broken pipes and cylinders. The engine in its final plunge of 40 feet carried the rear car forward and sent twisted iron, broken timbers and splinters crashing into the coach ahead.

Lights were extinguished and from the wreckage and darkness came the cries of the injured and calls for assistance by those who escaped. Within a few

minutes the work of rescue, marked by heroism and sacrifice, began.

Alarms that brought every available ambulance in the city, the police reserves of five precincts, and the firemen of the central eastern district of Manhattan, were sounded at once.

With police, firemen and surgeons came a score of volunteer physicians and half a dozen clergymen.

Ladders were run down the tunnel air shafts and the firemen and police attacked the debris with ropes and axes. Passengers already had rallied and were trying to release those imprisoned in the debris. Father Smith and Rev. Dr. Walkley, chaplains of the fire department, crawled in over the wreckage and ministered to the dying. Lieutenant Clark of the fire department forced his way to the point where Miss Rice and Miss Scott lay and stood in water that scalded the flesh from his limbs until the women were released. T. M. Murphy, a passenger both of whose legs were broken and still held by the timbers, volunteered to remain as he was until those around him were assisted. Two policemen and Chaplain Walkley reached Mrs. Howard and the chaplain gave her a stimulant. The policemen were cutting away the s at which held the woman down when a pipe broke. The scalding steam drove them back, and when the rescuers returned Mrs. Howard was dead.

Responsibility for the disaster is unfixed, but Superintendent Franklin said that so far as he had been able to discover, J. W. Wischo, engineer of the White Plains train, is to blame.

It is declared that when the South Norwalk train stopped a flagman ran back into the tunnel and besides placing a torpedo on the track, endeavored to flag the oncoming train. The tunnel was clouded with steam and smoke, while the snow which fell through the air shafts tended to obscure the view. Engineer Wischo and Fireman Christopher Flynn were arrested. A signal man also was detained for a time but was released.

Superintendent Franklin has issued a statement as to the accident, in which he declares that the block signals at 59th street were obeyed by the New Haven train, while the engineer of the White Plains train disregarded them. "The torpedo on the track went off," said the superintendent, "but he did not stop, even though the fireman called to him to do so. The system of block signals is such that it is a physical impossibility for a signal man to make his light declare the track free if another train is on the block."

Residents of New Rochelle contributed the largest number to the casualty list because the rear car of the South Norwalk local was reserved for them and was kept locked until the train reached that place. William Ley, one of the dead, was general manager of the dry goods firm of B. Altman & Co., of this city, and was prominent in commercial circles. A. M. Perrin was second vice president of the Union Bag and Paper company and was equally well known. H. G. Woodward, who was killed, was assistant

RESIDENCE OF JOHN F. MILLER.

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CLOSED THE MINE

Demand For Recognition of Union and More Pay Was Not Granted.

TROUBLE IS FEARED

Revival of An Old Dispute At the Raglesville Coal Mines Results In the Union's Action.

Operators Refuse to Consult President Van Horn and He Orders Miners Out.

Washington, Ind., Jan. 9.—The coal mines at Raglesville, twenty miles northeast of here, were closed down yesterday, the employees demanding an increase in wages and recognition of the union. Several months ago the Montgomery miners marched across the country a distance of ten miles, and camping at the Raglesville mines, said they were going to stay until the mines were unionized. The miners were organized and the operators promised to pay the Indiana scale of wages, but failed to keep their agreement. State President Van Horn was at Raglesville yesterday and ordered the men out after the operators had refused to consult him. Over 150 men are affected and trouble is feared.

HE CAN'T DENY IT

Though He May Be Living Peter Schultz Is Legally Dead.

Wabash, Ind., Jan. 9.—Peter Schultz of this county may be alive in a physical sense, but legally he is dead, for the Wabash circuit court has so pronounced him. Schultz, who was a prosperous resident of Urbana, disappeared mysteriously Sept. 1, 1886, leaving his wife and two children, one of the latter having died. He had some property, amounting to \$2,000 or \$3,000 and after his departure he was traced to Seattle, Wash., where all clue to him was lost. Nothing has since been heard of him, and as under the law he may be adjudged dead after an absence of five years, the Wabash circuit court, in order to settle up the estate, has entered this finding.

Shocking Crimes.

Tipton, Ind., Jan. 9.—John Higgins is in custody and Harry Gossard and Jas. Higgins are being hunted by enraged citizens near Kempton. The young men are accused of having committed an outrageous assault on Miss Rachel White, the 18-year-old daughter of Rodney White, one of the most prominent farmers of Prairie township.

Anderson—Mrs. John Paul, wife of a well known railroad man, was ravished by an unknown negro last night. Her husband was at his work and the wife was alone with her baby when the negro called. She was choked into unconsciousness and her clothes were all torn from her in the struggle. The negro escaped.

Quarantine At Terre Haute. Terre Haute, Ind., Jan. 9.—Dr. Talbott, the county health officer, has asked the police department to assist in protecting the city from an invasion of smallpox, which disease, he says, is on all sides of Terre Haute. Across the state line in Edgar county, Ills., it is epidemic, and he suggests that the police may render efficient service by sanitizing all passengers leaving railroad trains. Accordingly Chief Hyland has instructed patrolmen to make prompt report of the arrival of all suspicious persons.

Can't Keep Out of Trouble. Petersburg, Ind., Jan. 9.—Louis Kelley shot three times at Edward Catt, a member of the city fire department. Catt entered a saloon and said something to the saloon keeper and Kelley began shooting. The fireman was not hurt, but one bullet passed through his cap, while another cut Harry Coonrod's trouser leg. Kelley is already under \$500 bond for shooting his brother, Will Kelley, during the street fair here, and he is also under bond to appear in the Daviess circuit court.

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AUTOMOBILES.

A Company Incorporated for Their Manufacture in Richmond.

Articles of incorporation were filed today of the Richmond Automobile and Cycle Company. They state that the company is organized for the "Manufacture, sale, leasing, renting, trading, repairing and selling, either at whole sale or retail, vehicles of every kind and description, including the above, and sundries therefor; also steam and gasoline engines, dynamos, electric motors and all other electrical supplies and appliances; and all kinds of hardware and hardware specialties."

The capital stock is \$10,000, with 100 shares of \$100 each. The term is fifty years. The directors are Charles F. Wright, thirty shares; Mary J. Wright, twenty shares; Thomas A. Shaw, one share; Virgie E. Shaw, one share.

A clause in the articles states that no stock is to be sold or transferred by any holder other than the Wrights so long as they remain stockholders without having been first offered to them at a price based on the last invoice of property and invoice. The officers are to be a president and manager, secretary and treasurer. The president and manager is given full authority over everything, in fact, is the whole thing absolutely.

Business College Items.

School has opened with a large increase in attendance in all departments. Especially is this true of the commercial department.

Miss Alice Wells, principal of the shorthand department, returned on Monday from Hartford City, where she spent the holidays with relatives.

Miss Carrie Maas has accepted a position as bookkeeper with Richardson-Weber Co. of this city.

Mr. John Martin has taken a position as stenographer in the office of the superintendent of the Pennsylvania Railway company at the Union station.

Mr. Omer Todd is working in the office of the Schultz Hardware company.

Mr. O. P. Gibson has accepted a position as principal of shorthand at the Southwestern Business University, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Mr. Gibson had six positions offered to him during the holidays.

Mr. Roy Owens went to Elwood last week to accept a position in the office of the American Tin Plate company.

Prof. M. W. Cassmore, principal of the commercial department, has returned from Cincinnati bringing his newly wedded wife. He was greeted with an abundant supply of rice upon returning to the school room.

Precincts Changed.

Petitions were filed with the commissioners today and approved for changes in Precincts No. 2 and 3 in Wayne township. By these changes a part of Precinct No. 2 is taken off and added to Precinct No. 3. The change thus only rebounds those precincts and makes changes in none of the others. The voting place for precinct No. 2 is to be at Chester and for No. 3 at No. 6 school house.

Horticultural Association.

It has been decided to hold the meeting of the Horticultural association on Saturday at 10 o'clock instead of 2 o'clock as has been usual. The reports of the state board of agriculture will be distributed at this meeting.

Greensburg P. O. Robbed.

Greensburg, Ind., Jan. 9.—The safe in the postoffice was blown open last night and \$1,700 worth of stamps stolen.

POOR WOMAN

Relates a Startling Story of Ill Usage at Hamilton.

A woman with a shocking tale of trouble was in town today soliciting help from the police department, and was provided with a pass part of the way to Indianapolis.

She claims to be the wife of a painter at Indianapolis, and that she separated from her husband sometime ago on account of his intimacy with another woman. She went to Indianapolis and claimed to have worked at the Central Avenue Rescue Mission at Cincinnati. On getting homeward and starting for home got as far as Hamilton, where she took a room for the night in a cheap lodging house. During the night four men entered her room and assaulted her.

She admits that she is a victim of the morphine and cocaine habits, and her story of Hamilton depravity may be a pipe dream. She looked like a woman who had once seen good circumstances, and needing help was given it by the authorities.

BANQUET

Of the Royal Arcanum, at the Westcott, in Honor Of Mr. Elder.

The farewell banquet tendered J. F. Elder by J. N. S. Council of the Royal Arcanum, at the Westcott last night was a very fine affair. Mr. Love, who is a member, gave the matter his personal attention with the result that it has never been eclipsed in Richmond. There were eight courses with all the delicacies royally served.

Prof. T. A. Mott officiated as toast master, and there were responses by C. F. Shiveley, Joseph Dickinson, Benjamin Starr, George Davis of Cincinnati, and Ed Shroyer of Cincinnati, the latter grand secretary of the order. The remarks were mainly reminiscences and stories relating to the history of the order in this city and Mr. Elder's connection therewith and his relation with the city in general. Some most enjoyable stories were told, abounding in wit and humor. At the close Mr. Elder made a graceful acknowledgement.

Cain's orchestra supplied elegant music. The Rev. Kopp opened the banquet and also responded to a toast.

The guests of the evening were: Grand Secretary, Ed Shroyer, Indianapolis, Ind.; and Messrs. R. Allen Harp, Geo. R. Dilks, B. B. Myrick, Jr., Thomas Nicholson, George L. Cates, John Shroyer, Benjamin Starr, Lee B. Nusbaum, John M. Wampler, T. A. Mott, T. W. McMeans, M. A. Gibbons, W. S. McGuire, Theodore J. Webb, J. W. Wilson, J. M. Lontz, C. S. Farham, William Stevens, J. H. Wilson, H. Mather, D. L. Mather, H. Moore, George Siedel, B. B. Johnson, Sharon E. Jones, E. G. McMahen, G. W. Mashmeyer, F. J. Parsons, J. Y. Poundstone, W. F. Starr, W. C. Sudhoff, O. Taur, Frank J. Neff, S. E. Swayne, John J. Crawford, Joseph J. Dickinson, R. G. Shriver, W. W. Gifford, C. Shiveley, John Robbins, U. B. G. Ewing, M. D. John Hollowell, Guy S. McCabe, Elijah Kessler, C. W. Elmer, Alonso Kepler, William Herzler, C. A. Blair, John Dietz, Perry Freeman, Finley Newlin, John Shurley, W. C. Thistlewaite, Dr. Charles Marvel, Layton Myrick, James H. Griffin,

Frank Scheibler, Geo. Davis, Cincinnati, O.

A Double Wedding Anniversary.

A rare occurrence was the double wedding anniversary celebration at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Massey on north eighteenth street last evening.

Elam Osborne and wife of Economy were married forty years ago on January 4. Their daughter was married to Mr. Massey on the same date twenty years later. This double anniversary falling on Sunday last was duly celebrated by a grand family gathering in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Osborne and Mr. and Mrs. Massey were the hosts. The house was filled all day and evening by a most happy gathering of relatives. There was an elegant dinner and a good time generally. Among the guests in addition to the members of both families were Frank Doll and wife, John Osborne and wife, Abram Schissler, John Trindle, Frank Osborne of Muncie, and Mrs. Mary Mendenhall and Joseph Osborne of Economy.

DISORDERLY.

Police Court Annals Furnish an Interesting Item of Old Times in Richmond.

In police court this morning all of the force were reported back except Detective Page. Krone and Westenberg have returned from their Ohio trip.

Joe Jones was taken off the corner of ninth and south A streets at 5:30 last evening, by Gallagher, and this morning was fined a dollar and costs.

Four parties, all colored, were fined \$10 and costs apiece for disorder. They were Douglas Shurcraft, John Lipscomb, Lizzie Taylor and Carrie Smith. West of the river, on the bluff, stands an old brick building with very thick walls and metal roof, looking like a sort of morgue. It was put up many years ago by a business man of Richmond, the late James Moermann, the principal stockholder, for a powder house. A great deal of powder was used here then for blasting purposes and nearly every grocery and hardware store handled it. One night there was a fire, and a big lot of powder in the cellar of the burning building exploded. One of the volunteer firemen, who had no paid department then, was badly hurt. Then an ordinance was passed that prevented having larger quantities of powder than a few pounds, in any place in the city, at one time. Then this old powder house was built and at that time was away out of town, no residences within a half mile of it. All quantities of powder were kept in it, and it was avoided like a pest house, being the most explosive concern in this part of the state, and regarded a good deal as we do a dynamite house in these days. As the times changed less powder was used, fewer dealers handled it, and finally the old building has been unoccupied for many years. It doesn't seem to be now known who owns it. Late

ly different men without families have slept there, lastly some white man who put a stove in and an old bed, which was about all that could be gotten inside of it as the room is not above eight feet square. These colored men in some way disposed of the white man and have been making quite a place of it, with the company of those women, until the police last night raided them, Golden and Vogel, song running the entire crowd in. The parties were sent down and it is probable the old building will be torn down as a nuisance.

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