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## Seventeen Terribly Mangled Bodies Are Hurled Through the Air by Awful Gas Explosion in N. Y.

Seven Other Persons Missing and Four Are Seriously Injured in Catastrophe of This Morning.

GAS MAIN BLOWS UP DEALING OUT DEATH.

Thought That Many of the Injured Managed to Leave The Scene Which Would Account for Missing.

ACCIDENTS IN CHICAGO.

AUTO CARRYING FOUR MEN AND FOUR WOMEN PLUNGES OVER BANK, HURLING OCCUPANTS INTO CALUMET RIVER.

New York, Nov. 20.—Seventeen lives were lost and seven persons are missing and four were seriously injured today in an explosion of a gas main on Goldstreet, Brooklyn, where a gang of men were constructing a new sewer. Two carpenters and eleven laborers one woman and three children comprise the list of the dead. The gas immediately became ignited and shot a hundred feet into the air, but the fire department, by shutting off the supply of gas, prevented the fire from consuming the surrounding property. Bodies were hurled in all directions and they were terribly mangled. It is thought those missing managed to bobble off with their injuries.

THROWN IN RIVER.

Auto Goes Into Open Bridge and Two Are Drowned—Others Rescued.

Chicago, Nov. 20.—Two persons were drowned and six were rescued in a thrilling automobile accident early this morning, when a mammoth touring car containing four men and four women plunged half way over an embankment of the Calumet river at Terrace avenue bridge. As it hung suspended over the brink, it spilled its passengers into the river. The bridge tender and his assistants plunged into the river and rescued six. Those drowned were Joseph Meyer, aged twenty-two, chauffeur, and Margaret Atkins of 2106 Armour avenue.

The machine was approaching the river at top speed when it was suddenly discovered the bridge was open. The sudden checking of the speed caused a tremendous shock which quickened the passengers in their precipitous plunge forward.

LABORERS KILLED.

Burlington Train Strikes Hand Car Near Chicago.

Chicago, Nov. 20.—Four Greek laborers were killed and four others fatally injured early this morning when a Burlington railroad handcar on which they were going to work on a section, was struck by a suburban train from Aurora. A fog prevented the engineer from seeing the handcar and the men on the latter didn't hear the train.

## JURY DEBATES ON LAMPHERE'S GUILT

State Closes Its Fight Against Alleged Gunness Murderer.

A VERY EXCITING FINISH.

LAMPHERE'S CONFESSION TO WILLIAM CURTISS CLINCHED IN REDIRECT EXAMINATION AMIDST DEFENSE OBJECTIONS.

## SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS RAILROAD COMMISSION ORDER

Pennsylvania Must Comply With Request of Local Shippers for Interchange of Freight Here.

## RULING OF COURT DECISIVE VICTORY.

Ruling Ends a Squabble Which Has Been Carried on For Months—History of Interesting Case.

The Indiana supreme court today in a ruling refused to enjoin the Indiana railroad commission from compelling the P. C. C. & St. L. railroad company to build jointly with the C. C. & L. railroad, a track connecting the two railroads in this city, for the interchange of freight. The supreme court ruling on the case, says that in compelling a railroad to build a track that is needed in the discharge of its duties to the shippers, is not taking property without compensation within the meaning of the constitution. The ruling of the court is a decisive victory not only for the Indiana railroad commission, but also for the Richmond Commercial club, which instituted the proceedings before the commission about a year ago.

The decision involves a new proposition of law in this state as to whether or not railroad companies can be compelled under the railroad commission act, to build connecting tracks and interchange freight with other roads. The Minnesota supreme court recently ruled favorably for the Minnesota railroad commission on a similar case, and this ruling was greatly relied on by the attorneys for the Indiana railroad commission in presenting the case before the Indiana supreme court, "stated R. K. Shiveley of the law firm of Shiveley & Shiveley, which represented the Indiana railroad commission.

What steps the P. C. C. & L. will now take remains in the dark, but it is the general opinion that the company will drop the case and comply with the orders of the railroad commission. However, the company may file an amended complaint before the Marion superior court, from which court the case was appealed to the supreme court, and ask for a new hearing of the case, or the company may appeal the case to the United States Supreme court.

The principal argument advanced by the P. C. C. & St. L. attorneys when the case was heard before the supreme court was that most of the proposed connecting track would be built on its territory and that it would not receive compensation for the same. The company contended that such action was unconstitutional. The supreme court ruled that the order of the railroad commission did not carry with it a seizure of the company's property, but merely regulated its use for the benefit of the public, such action being held by the court to be constitutional.

After the Richmond Commercial club appealed to the railroad commission for an order compelling the P. C. C. & St. L. railroad to build a connecting track and interchange freight with the C. C. & L., the commission held a session in this city and heard the arguments for and against such an order. A short time later the commission complied with the petition of the Commercial Club.

The P. C. C. & St. L. then brought suit in the Marion superior court to set aside the order of the railroad commission and enjoin the enforcement thereof. Shiveley & Shiveley for the commission then filed a demur to the company's complaint and Judge Carter sustained the demur.

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## For Third Time Fox Takes Judges' Oath of Office

The Wayne circuit court has a new judge. He is elderly in years and old in experience, but nevertheless he was new today. It may have been a sort of rejuvenation. Judge Henry C. Fox was sworn in as judge of the Wayne circuit court. It was the third time he has taken the oath. The term of office is six years and the salary \$3,500 per annum.

It was the fifth commission the judge has received from the governor. The oath of office was applied by Clerk Penny. When asked as to his obligations in the oath, the judge replied "You be."

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## STATE BREWERS TALK OVER THE SENATORSHIP

Natural That They Should Work for Man Who Would Take Stand Against the Littlefield Bill.

## L. ERT SLACK THREATENS TO INVADE KERN'S HOME

Indianapolis Man Must Be Good and Not Seek Votes In Slack's Home County—Gossip of Candidates.

Ellis Seares.

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 20.—When it became known here that a number of Indiana brewers went to Chicago yesterday and held a conference, it was understood at once that the meeting had something to do with the Indiana United States senatorship. "In the brewers' party were Albert Lieber and Maurice Donnelly, of this city, Stephen B. Fleming of Fort Wayne, and several others. Joseph E. Bell of this city, the attorney for the brewers in nearly everything that they have to look after, was also with them.

Bell said, when questioned in Chicago, that the brewers were in that city to attend a strawboard meeting, and that the senatorship was not even discussed, but it is thought it was for two reasons.

First, and above all, they probably went there to talk over the legislative program that they will try to follow during the coming session of the legislature. It is known that the brewers are favoring certain bills that will be introduced, among them being one to limit the number of saloons to one for each 500 of population; to send a saloon keeper to jail for the first violation of the law and revoking his license for the second violation; the repeal of the county option law, and the repeal of the metropolitan police law.

The second reason was, that they wished to talk over the United States senatorship. Ordinarily the brewers do not care much about a United States senator, because the laws for the regulation of the liquor traffic are nearly all state laws, and not government acts. But there is in Congress the Littlefield bill, by which it is proposed to prohibit the interstate shipment of liquor from a wet state into dry territory, and this bill has attracted the fire of the brewers and whiskey dealers throughout the country, and has made it as necessary for the liquor interests to be represented in congress as in the legislatures of the states. For this reason they are believed to be getting ready to take a hand in the fight for United States senator in this state.

Who Are Brewers For?

Up to this time no one has been able to guess accurately just where the brewers will "light" for senator, and there is nothing in sight now that answers the question, unless it be the general vague impression that they will be for Kern at the windup. And even in the face of that impression there remains the fact that Steve Fleming of Fort Wayne, one of the big brewers of the state, is against Kern, too and toe nail and he will fight him to the last ditch. So after all, there is no telling where the strength of the Brewers will stand.

L. Ert Slack of Franklin, one of the candidates for senator, does not take kindly to the proposition that each candidate should remain out of the other candidates' counties and not try to get votes there. He insists that they should stay out of each other's district. He puts it on the ground that Marion county is a district of itself with eleven members of the legislature. He says Kern has no right to expect to hold to himself all of these eleven votes when Slack and the other candidates have only one or two members from their counties. He says he is willing to remain out of the other candidate's districts if they will stay out of his, but not otherwise. He says that if Kern goes into the Fourth district in the search of votes he will surely invade Marion county and take all he can away from Kern.

Up to this time the entire field is open and the candidates are trying to line up votes wherever they can, but it is believed that they will try to reach some agreement that will keep them out of each other's private territory.

Lamb Still in Race.

A report was started yesterday that John E. Lamb of Terre Haute, was about ready to get out of the senatorial race, but Lamb denies it and says he will be in it at the finish. It is pointed out by some that Taggart, when he announced his withdrawal from the fight, made a smooth move in the interest of John W. Kern. They figure that Taggart remained in long enough to put up a show of fighting Kern, thus causing some of the strong anti-Taggart members of the legislature to go to Kern and promise their support. As soon as they were committed, Taggart withdrew, they say, and left these antis still committed.

## Must Give Up Beautiful Home As He Is Now a Poor Man



TOM L. JOHNSON OF CLEVELAND.

## Loses Wealth But Not Courage

Thomas Johnson in Fight for People of Cleveland Becomes Poor—Disposes of all His Property including His Mansion.

Cleveland, O., Nov. 20.—Mayor Tom L. Johnson, Cleveland's three-cent fare executive, whose street railway management was recently sat upon so severely by the voters of Cleveland and whose bank went out of business last Monday, Thursday afternoon declared himself a poor man. It is said by bankers that Johnson even put up his personal jewelry as security for loans at his bank.

His fight for better street railway conditions for the people of Cleveland has cost him his personal fortune. He will give up his home on Euclid, which is in his wife's name and move to a smaller home as soon as he can, as he cannot afford to keep up the rest.

"I'm going to ride on the street cars, too. The autos will have to go with the rest.

"They tell me my enemies are planning to bring financial trouble upon me. I've been expecting it. There's one mistake I haven't made—that of failing to foresee the efforts of those who would like to destroy me if opportunity presented.

"My enemies are capable of doing that.

### Still Full of Fight

"I'll never give up. I'm well and strong and confident, and they'll always find me at the front.

"If I could be a coward—if I had run away from this fight for the people of Cleveland—I could have saved my fortune and built it up. But I had chosen my course, and I did not have any mind for altering it.

## MOROS ORGANIZE; TROOPS SENT OUT

Manila, Nov. 20.—Several hundred warlike Moros have gathered near Malabang. A column of five companies of infantry, with a couple of guns, has been sent out to make a reconnaissance. It is hoped that after a parley the Moros will disband peacefully. The results of the expedition have not yet been reported to Manila.

## THE WEATHER PROPHET.

INDIANA—Fair Friday night; slightly colder in south portion. Saturday fair; warmer in north, portions; variable winds.

OHIO—Somewhat colder Friday night. Saturday fair; light to fresh northwest to north winds.

## Richmond Boy Made Member of Debating Team at Harvard

When Howard Reed walked sixteen miles every day to attend the Richmond High school, despite the inclemency of the weather or condition of roads, he had ambition to go to a large university some day. He kept on walking, however, and at the end of four years was graduated with honors.

He had made a brilliant record as a student and was well liked by his classmates. But this particular young man did not care to confine his future to the opportunities offered by a country grocery at Middleboro, and determined to push onward and upward. He had heard Harvard University, the most famous of the American institutions of learning, is a rich man's school. He knew he did not fit this bill, but with the determination that led him to walk sixteen miles daily for a high school education, he made his way to Cambridge. He is said to have reached the seat of Har-

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beginning.

Reed secured entrance to the institution and has been at Cambridge ever since. Perseverance and pluck and the ambition to succeed have enabled him to secure employment. He has plodded ahead and now comes the news he has been selected a member of the debating team of the freshman class. He has been elected treasurer of the organization, also. Other honors are said to be awaiting the young man and local friends feel assured he will be found lacking in none of the requisites.

When a student at the local school, Reed was interested in forensics. He was active in class debates and usually managed to be found on the side that won. He was elected president of his class during the junior year. He is energetic in all things and has stated that next year he intends to do better than at present.

MURDER—30 DAYS  
THEFT—8 YEARS

Hammond, Ind., Nov. 20.—Two remarkable and record-breaking verdicts were brought in by the same jury in the Lake County Superior Court here in the same day. Joe Mahovski, charged with murder, who slashed one man's throat, stabbed a second in the stomach and laid the scalp of a third wide open, was sentenced to 30 days in the state penitentiary.

The next case on the criminal docket was against Lawrence Ryan, who stole a pair of boots to keep his feet warm. He was sentenced for eight years under the indeterminate act to the state penitentiary.