

LAY TOO LIGHT RAILS

COSTLY ERROR IN BUILDING TRANSIBERIAN RAILWAY.

Track Is Not Heavy Enough for the Burden of Traffic that Is and Will Be Going Over It—Ohio Horse Thief Apprehended.

W. F. Dixon, manager of the Saratoga Engineering Company's locomotive works at Nijni Novgorod, Russia, which company employs 10,000 men, is visiting his home in Paterson, N. J. "The industries of Russia," said Mr. Dixon, "are all thriving. The Russians are a slow-moving people, but they are steady and sure. The Transsiberian Railroad is now completed from Moscow to Irkutsk, a distance of about 1,800 miles. East of Irkutsk the road is in operation in patches, as it were. That is to say, it has not yet been connected all the way through to Vladivostok. An unfortunate thing about the building of this road is that very light rails have been used, and the ties are too wide apart. When its construction was begun nobody realized the immensity of the undertaking. The traffic has been greatly in excess of all expectations, and I fear that the road will not stand the wear and tear. It would cost an enormous sum to rectify the mistake at this late date."

HORSE-STEALING A SIDE LINE.

An Ohio Farmer Landed in Jail After Ten Years of Crime.

According to his own story, Frank Spore, who was taken to Xenia, Ohio, and lodged in jail on the charge of horse stealing, has had a remarkable criminal career. He claims that his mother is wealthy and resides in Paulding County, but says that he has for some time been engaged in farming, and for the last ten years, he stated, he has been engaged in stealing horses as a side line. He said he had taken eight or ten horses at different times, but had never before been apprehended at his work. He said that one of his best horses was recently killed by lightning, and as he needed another horse on his place, he left his farm in Pike County and went up to near Xenia, and had the animal belonging to John Holland in tow when he was arrested. He entered a plea of guilty to the charge of horse stealing and was sent to jail in default of \$500 bond.

RACE FOR THE PENNANT.

Standing of the Clubs in the National and Western Leagues.

The standing of the clubs in the National League race is as follows:

W. L.	W. L.
Brooklyn 60	Cincinnati 45
Boston 53	Pittsburg 45
Philadelphia 51	Louisville 38
Baltimore 50	New York 35
St. Louis 50	Washington 34
Chicago 46	Cleveland 15
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Following is the standing of the clubs in the Western League:

W. L.	W. L.
Indianapolis 51	St. Paul 39
Minneapolis 50	Milwaukee 38
Grand Rap. 45	Buffalo 37
Detroit 44	Kansas City 52

Wealthy Farmer Attempts Suicide.

Robert Miller, aged 50, residing near Centerville, Ohio, tried to kill himself by cutting his throat and then setting his bed on fire. Miller would have died soon, but his family rescued him, and, by the aid of a physician, may save his life. He is a wealthy farmer, and gave no reason for the rash act.

Wreck in Wyoming.

A light engine going west on the Union Pacific collided with an overland passenger train one and one-quarter miles west of Wyo, Wyo. Fireman Konel was killed. Engineer Walter Marsh of No. 4, a resident of Laramie, was fatally injured, dying a few minutes after being picked up. Both engines and mail cars were demolished.

Killed and Hurt in a Wreck.

Erie passenger train No. 7, west bound, crashed into a freight express which had been derailed a mile east of Lackawanna, Pa., and was wrecked. Four cars, including two sleepers, were burned. Two persons were killed and twenty-one were injured. The wreck was caused by a landslide.

Her Body Cut to Pieces.

The aged wife of John Pritchett was found dead at her home in North Little Rock, Ark. The body was horribly mutilated, having been chopped to pieces with an ax. Near the body sat John Pritchett, the husband, in a dying condition from wounds inflicted with an ax. The house had been robbed.

Hold-Upp Crowd Street Car.

A trolley car, loaded with eighty passengers, mostly women and children, was held up by four highwaymen in Brooklyn. The conductor was beaten nearly to death and robbed of all the money in his possession. The robbers were captured.

Couple Killed by Lightning.

H. H. McConnell and his wife, an aged couple, were killed by lightning at their home near Cottage Grove, Tenn. Both had their clothing burned off.

Kate Chase Sprague Dead.

Mrs. Kate Chase Sprague died at Edgewood, her country home near Washington, in her fifty-ninth year.

Two Die in Electric Chair.

Louis Pullerson and Michael McDonald were put to death by electricity in Sing Sing prison.

Woman Shoots a Persecutor.

Miss Fannie Goodwin, milliner at Fairview, Ky., shot and mortally wounded Bryan Allegree. She charged that he wrote scurrilous notes, made remarks, wrote with chalk on the front of her store, and cut offensive phrases in her windows with a diamond.

Democrats' Shots Both Deadly.

In an encounter on a mountain road in Letcher County, Ky., William Smallwood killed his uncle, Cleland Smallwood, and the younger man was himself fatally wounded by his uncle.

ENTIRE TOWN ORDERED SOLD.

Cass Lake Intruders Aimed At in Final Government Action.

Secretary Hitchcock has finally disposed of the Cass Lake, Minn., controversy. He announced that the Government would sell in parcels the north half of section 15, which comprises nearly the whole town of Cass Lake. The 500 or more intruders are located chiefly on this half section and on the northeastern part of section 16. They will have to move from section 16 as soon as possible. The decision of Secretary Hitchcock closes the controversy over the proposed ejection of the intruders from the Cass Lake Indian reservation lands. Senator Nelson, who subsequently left for Norway for the first time since he left the land of his birth, was present when the announcement was made, and expressed his satisfaction. This places the 320 acres of lands open to all for purchase. The half section will be advertised for sixty days, and probably fifteen days more will be allowed before the sale, when the intruders must take their chances in the purchase of the lands or remove from them.

TRIES SUICIDE IN DENVER JAIL.

Chicagoan from the Klondike Cuts His Throat While Insane.

With the sharp edge of a tin can T. J. Swansborough, formerly of Chicago, tried to cut his throat. He was at the time confined in the city jail at Denver, Colo., where he had been placed because of actions indicating insanity. He made several bad gashes in his throat, but was soon overpowered and taken to a hospital.

Swansborough arrived in Denver from Seattle, Wash. He gave the clerk at a hotel several hundred dollars and a watch, but got them back and insisted on giving them to a policeman in the street. The officer locked him up. During the night Swansborough raved continually about a murder he thought he had committed in Chicago. He recently returned from Alaska. The hardship of mining in the Klondike and the effects of the altitude of Colorado are believed to have unbalanced his mind. He was on his way to visit relatives.

FIRE CAUSES PANIC IN A HOTEL.

Sixty Girls Narrowly Escape Death in Flames in New York.

Fire caused a panic in Smith & McNeill's hotel at New York. Hundreds of guests were in the restaurant when the alarm was given, and they stampeded to the street. When they found that the fire was confined to the roof they returned to their meals, but on the upper floors the police and firemen were busy saving sixty panic-stricken servant girls. The fire started in the laundry, where twenty girls were at work. Many of them attempted to jump to the pavement, five floors below. Seven had to be carried to the limit, were literally smashed to splinters. How the passengers escaped death is a miracle.

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FUNSTON'S MEN OR NONE.

Marital Agreement by Clubs of Girls in Southern Kansas.

The girls clubs of several southern Kansas towns have resolved never to marry a young man unless he served with the famous Twentieth Kansas. They say they are determined to keep their agreement and that sooner than marry a man who staid at home they will remain single all their lives. They intend to give the boys of the regiment a big reception when they return.

Want to Be Annexed.

The natives of the island of Kusale, in the Carolines, want to be annexed to the United States. The king, high chiefs and prominent men on the island to the number of seventy-two have forwarded a petition to that effect to the President. Germany having bought the islands, the petition is too late.

Ashtabula Strike Ended.

The ore handlers' strike on the M. A. Hanna dock at Ashtabula, Ohio, is settled, and the men have returned to work. The men gained every point they demanded. An arbitration committee of three persons was appointed, which will engage and discharge all employees and settle all differences.

Put Poison in Coffee.

At Carmi, Ill., Mrs. George Crabtree, 10 years old, confessed to having put poison in coffee with deliberate intent to murder her stepmother and father, Walter S. Warthen. The result of the act was that her brother was killed and her parents and a neighbor were made deathly sick.

Embezzler Commits Suicide.

Harry W. Fontaine embezzled money from Dreyfuss & Co. at Denver, and shortly after the discovery of his crime committed suicide by taking morphine. About fifteen years ago Fontaine lost \$15,000 at roulette and on the Chicago Board of Trade. His father had been a wealthy liquor dealer of Toledo.

Murder in Chinatown.

San Francisco's Chinatown has had another murder. The supposed wife of Lem Sang, a Chinese laundryman, was brutally murdered in a room occupied by the pair. The mutilated body was found by the police, when they broke in the door, hacked almost to pieces.

Taken for a St. Louis Murder.

Detectives arrested John Connors at the Dittenhofer shoe factory in Cincinnati and charged him with a sensational murder that occurred a year ago in St. Louis, Mo., when Charles A. Brant, a stenographer, was held up by three men and shot to death.

Ten Injured in Train Wreck.

Ten men were badly injured and a large number of others bruised and cut in a collision between a work train on the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad and a shifting engine near Mingo junction. Both engines were demolished. The accident was caused by a misplaced switch.

Good Wheat Crop in France.

Official reports show that the condition of winter wheat is very good in nine departments of France, good in 67, fair in 8, and bad in one department. Spring wheat is very good in four departments, good in 30 and fair in 13.

Frohman Buys Daly's Theater.

Daly's Theater in New York—that is its eight years' lease and renewal, with all its furnishings, scenery, properties and costumes—has been purchased by Messrs. Klaw & Erlanger for Charles Frohman. The price was \$100,000.

Scores of Passengers Drowned.

Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, president of the Dominican Republic, was assassinated at Moca, Santo Domingo. The murderer is Ramon Caceres. He made his escape.

Hall Taken Calamba.

An expedition comprised of troops from San Pedro Macat, Pasig and Morong, under Brig. Gen. R. H. Hall captured Calamba, an important trading town on the south shore of Laguna de Bay.

San Domingo Ruler's Death.

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PORTO RICO FORESTS.

ISLAND IS ALMOST DESTITUTE OF TIMBER.

A sufficient quantity there for use as fuel—duty of the United States in the matter—will marry Funston's men.

The Agricultural Department at Washington will soon issue in bulletin form some notes recently made on the forests of Porto Rico by Robert T. Hill of the geographical survey. Hill says that comparatively little of the original forest of the island remains. He estimates the remnant at not to exceed ten square miles. The principal part thus left is on the summit of the practically insurmountable mountain peak of El Yunque, the highest point in the Sierra Luquillo mountains. The evidences of original forests are plentiful, and Mr. Hill suggests that one of the principal problems for the United States is to restore the island. This places the 320 acres of lands open to all for purchase.

EXPRESS COMPANY WINS CASE.

Cannot Be Forced to Tell Its Business to State Warehouse Commission.

Judge Otis of the District Court at St. Paul filed a decision in the case of the State railroad and warehouse commission against the United States Express Company. The object of the suit was to compel the express company to report the volume of its business to the commission in order to make the company pay a gross earnings tax and comply with the other laws of the State regulating common carriers, and particularly their rates.

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The accident happened at one of the roundhouse switches at Herr's Station. As the Apollo accommodation train going east came into the yard a switch split, throwing the passenger train with terrific force against two side-track engines. The smoker and middle coach of the accommodation, which were crowded to the limit, were literally smashed to splinters. How the passengers escaped death is a miracle.

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PARADE IN MEN'S ATTIRE.

At Moorhead, Minn., a woman giving her name as Mamie Brown was found dead in a switch split, throwing the passenger train with terrific force against two side-track engines. The smoker and middle coach of the accommodation, which were crowded to the limit, were literally smashed to splinters. How the passengers escaped death is a miracle.

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