

ROADS ELAYED IN I. C. C. REPORT

During Year Railway Accidents Caused 283 Deaths and Injured 1,880.

FOR NEW BUILDING HERE

Commissioners Recommend Construction of Another Office in Washington.

Conditions disclosed by its investigation of train accidents have emphasized the need of further action by the Federal government to provide greater safety for travelers and employes upon railways.

The evidence also is that in many cases operating officers are negligent of this habitual disregard of rules, and no proper steps are taken to correct the evil.

This is the severe indictment against the railroads issued by the Interstate Commerce Commission in its annual report which was made public yesterday.

About 74 per cent of the serious accidents investigated were due to the mistakes of employes, but on this the commission comments:

The auditing and checking systems used for detecting the dishonesty of employes are marvellous of ingenuity and careful attention to detail, but means of determining whether trains are operated in accordance with the requirements of safety and in conformity with the rules are almost entirely lacking.

To end the "angry condition existing the commission renews its demand for Federal legislation, requiring explicit and uniform operating rules, and assurance that employes all understand them.

It also condemns the high speed at which the railroads require equipment to operate trains, and the practice of trying to make up lost time.

Limitations Are Lamented.

Great emphasis is laid on the necessity of forcing the substitution of steel and steel underframe cars for those of wooden construction.

The commission laments the fact that when a train disaster happens, it can only investigate, find the causes, and make recommendations as to means for remedying the faults.

The work of the commission has increased to such an extent that the commission can no longer take the time to hold hearings at other places than Washington.

Wants New Building.

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 1913, 158 employes were killed and 2,300 employes were injured while coupling and uncoupling cars.

Another Gold Rush On.

Noted Prospectors Gather for Dash Into Frozen North.

Edmonton, Alberta, Dec. 13.—Veterans of the stirring gold rush days of Nome, Fairbanks, Dawson, Circle City, and other famous camps are foregathering in Edmonton for what old-timers say will be the greatest mining stampede in the history of the West.

Predict Soft Coal Strike.

Pennsylvania Operators Think Miners May Not Renew Agreement.

Philadelphia, Dec. 13.—A strike of Pennsylvania soft coal miners was predicted today by members of the Association of Bituminous Operators.

Mrs. Francis M'Adoo Better.

May Not Have to Undergo Operation for Appendicitis.

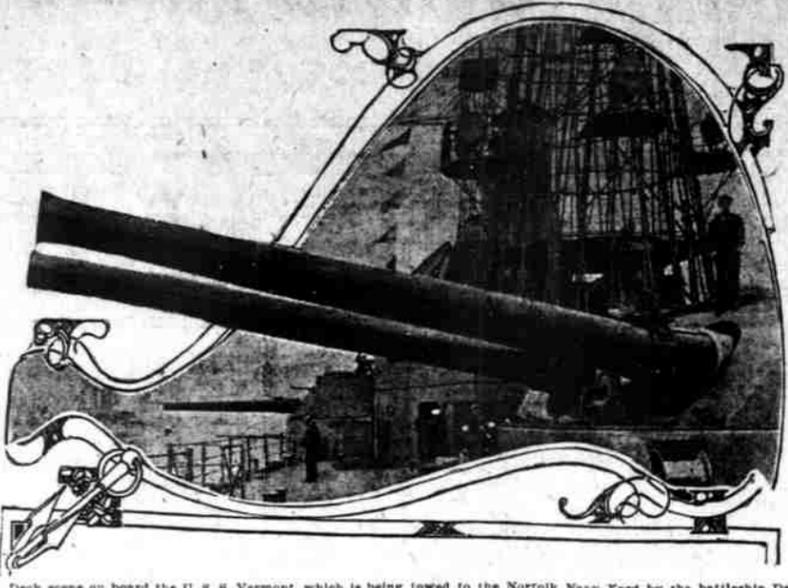
New York, Dec. 13.—Col. Isaac E. Emerson, military attaché at Baltimore, arrived here today after a hurried trip from Annapolis, Md., accompanied by Mrs. Emerson.

Gambia, the smallest of the British West African colonies, the area being only 2,618 square miles, lies on either side of the Gambia River, between Senegal and French Guinea.

An agricultural school in Sigatapu, Honduras, formerly conducted by E. Owen, has been closed, but out of this school grew an English school under the management of Karl Snow, also an American.

The exports of rattan and wicker furniture from Hongkong to the United States have increased fully 100 per cent in the past two years.

DISABLED DREADNOUGHT BEING TOWED TO PORT.



Deck scene on board the U. S. S. Vermont, which is being towed to the Norfolk Navy Yard by the battleship Delaware and the tug Sonoma. The big war vessel was disabled by the breaking of her main propeller shaft, five hundred miles off the Virginia Coast.

PUBLICITY MEN BRIGHTEN FACTS

Before Advent of Press Agent Agriculture Reports Were Dry as Baled Hay.

EXAMPLES OF WORK

Pick Out Live News, Much of the Heart Interest Kind, to Make Them Readable.

Day-as-it-comes government reports are not much to evidence these days. They are still to be had, of course, provided you ask for them.

Once upon a time the reports issued by the Department of Agriculture were about as entertaining as a ball of hay.

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GEORGETOWN QUINT BEATEN.

Fordham Five Wins Game by 25 to 19 Count.

New York, Dec. 13.—Fordham scored a decided victory over the Georgetown five on the basketball court of the Central Opera House tonight by the tally of 25 to 19. It was the first meeting of the old rivals at the game in six years and attracted a large crowd of enthusiasts.

"Billy" Walsh, the varsity baseball captain, showed his versatility by starting for the Maroon quint, tallying twenty-three points. His brother "Jack" showed the best class for Georgetown for the short time he was in the game.

Line-up: GEORGETOWN: Edgar Barrett, C. J. Walden, Reddy, Fredson, J. Walsh, C. Walsh, Tom, Walsh, G. Walden, H. Reddy, Sandy Shultz, Y. M. C. A. Empire-Ten Thorpe, Coady. Time of halves—2 minutes.

CUPID'S SHAFTS BY MAIL.

Girl Comes from Bulgaria to Wed Man She Never Saw.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 13.—Arriving from the other end of the world to marry a man she had never seen, but who had courted her by correspondence, Helen M. Kasabova, a pretty Bulgarian girl, who had to have an interpreter to understand the marriage ceremony, was married in Spokane by Justice of the Peace R. C. Hyde to H. C. Ivanhoff, a prosperous farmer of Spokane Bridge, Wash. The bride is twenty years old and the bridegroom thirty-two.

Ivanhoff, who came to America four years ago and has prospered while farming sixteen miles east of Spokane, wanted a wife from his native land. He knew no girls there whom he considered eligible, but succeeded through friends in getting a correspondence introduction to Miss Kasabova, who sent her photograph and completely won the heart of the farmer. Their mail courtship lasted three years.

BIG FUNERAL FOR DOG.

Railroad Mascot's Body Lies in State in Station.

Westchester, Pa., Dec. 13.—"Bob," the dog mascot of the Pennsylvania Railroad, killed in an effort to jump on a train at Westtown Station yesterday, was buried here today with fitting honors and ceremony by employes of the railroad and others while a moving picture man reeled off views of the novel scene. The body of the dog lay in state in the baggage room at the depot for several hours and was viewed by many people. Then the body was covered with flowers, placed in a neat casket and carried on station truck to a grave prepared near the depot. The child, seeing the animal in a fence corner, seized a club and dispatched it.

Movements of Ocean Steamships.

New York, Dec. 13.—Arrived—Lusitania, from Liverpool; America, from Naples; Barcelona, from Hamburg; Prinzess Irene, from Naples.

Sailed—Javory, for Para; Comynroe, for Trinidad; Lord Dufferin, for Rio Janeiro.

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Auction Sale Monday, Dec. 22, 1913, at 10 A.M. RAIN OR SHINE.

McHenry Bros. will have 28 head of XXIIA good, big draft horses and mares.

Norman Corbin has 23 head of Va. draft and all-purpose horses.

18 head of carriage and speedy road horses, 12 mated teams, 5 pair mules, 6 saddle horses.

AUTO KILLED WOMAN, SAYS LEEHAN'S LAWYER

Defendant Takes Stand in Own Behalf and Makes Good Impression on Jury.

Tomu River, N. J., Dec. 13.—The defense of William Leehan, accused of the murder of Mrs. Caroline Turner, opened with a sensational charge today. Lawyer Wainwright promised to prove that Mrs. Turner met her death in a mysterious automobile which was at the scene of the murder on the night after her disappearance.

Leehan took the stand in his own defense tonight. He testified that Detective Jameson got him drunk and persuaded him to sign some sort of confession. Drink, Leehan said, had been his downfall. He denied the murder with emphasis that made a good impression on the throng in the court room.

It is expected that a verdict will be found in record time—probably before tomorrow night.

TOT KILLS 'OPOSSUM WITH CLUB

Nine-year-old Girl Beats Animal to Death.

Hagerstown, Md., Dec. 13.—Thelma, nine-year-old daughter of Postmaster Theodorus A. Wastler, of Cascade, near Pen-Mar, killed a nine-pound opossum in the Germantown road.

MISS SCHEENK SEES FATHER.

Reconciled in Hospital After Seven Years.

New York, Dec. 13.—Dr. Powhatan F. Schenck, who became estranged from his daughter, Florence, seven years ago at the time she eloped with Charles H. Wilson, then ship for Alfred G. Vander-

TAFT DEFENDS CARABAO SONG

Mistake to Take Tunes of Order Too Seriously, He Says.

OPPOSES ISLAND LIBERTY

Declares United States Would Be Forced to Go Back Within a Year.

New York, Dec. 13.—Former President W. H. Taft acted as toastmaster tonight at a dinner given in the Plaza Hotel under the auspices of the Philippines Society and the Harmony Club of America.

The former President, without mentioning President Wilson by name, asserted it was rather indelicate to take too seriously the songs of the Order of the Carabao.

Opposes Freedom for Islands.

"For us to leave the islands," he said, "and to guarantee to the nations of the world in exchange for the treaties of neutrality with respect to the islands, that law and order will be preserved and that there will be no civil commotion in which law and order can be maintained, would be an evidence of lack of sanity that I cannot think the American people would ever display."

MEXICAN GENERAL'S CHILD IS KIDNAPPED

FROM EL PASO HOME

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 13.—The five-year-old son of Gen. Jose Ynes Salazar, one of the leaders of the federal volunteer army, now at Ojinaga, was kidnapped from the family home near Washington Park, a suburb of El Paso, early today.

A note was sent the mother that unless \$500 American money was left in bills of small denominations at a designated place in the park the boy would be tortured and then killed.

The police are working on the case. The messenger boy who delivered the note to Mrs. Salazar has been arrested, and through him the writer of the letter is being shadowed with the hope of landing the entire band of kidnapers.

CRIPPLED BATTLESHIP REACHES ROADS.

Capt. Rodman, of the Delaware, advised by wireless the Navy Department late yesterday of his arrival at Hampton Roads. The Delaware was conveying the crippled battleship Vermont.

She released her tow to the naval tug Sonoma, which is expected to bring the Vermont into the Roads early today.

The New Boys' Shop

Second Floor of the Greater Palais Royal

Finally reduced prices for choice of all "broken lots" of Overcoats. Nearly 1,000 garments in this gathering bunched into five grand lots, as follows:

- LOT 1 Were to \$12.00 \$7.75
- LOT 2 Were to \$8.50 \$5.75
- LOT 3 Were to \$6.50 \$4.75
- LOT 4 Were to \$5.50 \$3.95
- LOT 5 Were to \$4.50 \$2.95

Choice of Overcoats for senior boys of 10 to 18 years and junior boys of 2 1/2 to 10 years. None but regular stock—the New Boys' Shop never deals in clothes made for a cheap sale.

Palais Royal

Guaranteed Raincoat and Waterproof Hat for \$2.50. A. LISNER Open Nights G St.

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This \$20 Rocker, \$12.50

—of fumed oak, with automobile seat of Spanish leather.

This \$5 Rattan Rocker \$2.95

Choice of green, brown or natural.

This \$15 Rocker \$9.90

—of mahogany, with silk velour cushions; 8 patterns.

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—of fumed oak and with automobile seat of Spanish leather.

Parlor Suites Underpriced

3-piece Parlor Suites with silk velour loose cushions are being closed out at following reduced prices:

\$40 Suites	\$25.00
\$45 Suites	27.50
\$50 Suites	32.50
\$55 Suites	35.50
\$60 Suites	42.50
\$65 Suites	45.00
\$75 Suites	\$48.50
\$85 Suites	\$55.50
\$90 Suites	\$57.50
\$100 Suites	\$62.50

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