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VLASATY, MINN.

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SECTION OF GREAT WESTERN  
LIMITED AND A FREIGHT COME  
TOGETHER.

MISUNDERSTOOD HIS ORDERS

SUPPOSED THE FREIGHT ENGI-  
NEER THOUGHT THE OTHER  
TRAIN LATE.

St. Paul, July 27.—As the result of a head-end collision on the Chicago Great Western railway yesterday morning at 5:08, at Vlasaty, 81 miles from St. Paul, four lives were lost and forty persons were injured.

The dead are: Fred Heton, passenger, Dodge Center, Minn.; Henry M. Helman, engineer freight train, St. Paul; Charles Merkert, engineer passenger train, Minneapolis; — Wager, fireman riding on passenger train, Sumner, Ia.

The seriously injured are: Edward Hickey, fireman passenger engine, Minneapolis; William Keene, fireman freight engine, St. Paul; O. B. Johnson, conductor passenger train, Minneapolis; F. C. Hosmer, express messenger, Minneapolis; Mrs. Albert E. George, St. Paul; James Noble, colored attendant on buffet car, Chicago.

When No. 1, the Great Western Limited, left Chicago it was in two sections, the first section being three hours ahead of the second. Orders were sent on to the freight train that left St. Paul at 10 o'clock on Saturday night that the second section would follow No. 1 three hours later.

It is supposed that the orders were misunderstood, and it was thought on the freight that the limited was three hours late. E. Clement of St. Paul was the conductor of the freight train.

Collide in a Heavy Fog. At Vlasaty, a station four miles south of Dodge Center and five miles from Hayfield, there was a heavy fog and the first section of the limited and the freight came together when running at their ordinary speed.

Both engines were badly smashed, but held the rails. The baggage car, immediately behind the engine, was hurled through a small building connected with a grain elevator, while the buffet car that came next was telescoped.

Behind the buffet car came the compartment Pullman. Its roof was torn off. It was so heavily built, however, that it was able to withstand the shock and remain on the rails, thereby keeping the two day coaches in place as well.

The last of these was badly shattered by the impact of the air that was forced through, and nearly all the occupants were cut and torn with broken glass.

Charles Merkert of Minneapolis, the engineer of the passenger train, and Henry M. Helman of St. Paul, the engineer of the freight, were instantly killed, as were also Fred Heton, a passenger, living at Dodge Center, and a fireman who was coming to St. Paul with his wife and child, and had gone forward to ride with the engineer in the cab.

The colored attendant of the buffet car, named Noble, was also badly injured, and it was only by a miracle that he escaped instant death, as this car was rendered a total wreck.

Fireman Badly Scalded.

Fireman E. J. Hickey of the passenger train, who lives in Minneapolis, was severely scalded about the back and badly crushed. The fireman of the freight train, William Keene of St. Paul, was thrown out between the engine and the tank and was caught by his feet. He released himself and fell to the ground, escaping with some cuts about the head and the fracture of a small bone in his right leg.

F. C. Hosmer of Minneapolis, the express messenger, was buried amidst a pile of debris, and was only found half an hour after the accident. As soon as he could move he crawled to the safe and refused to move to have his wounds attended to until relieved from his post.

By a fortunate occurrence, there were two doctors on board the train, and, although both were hurt, they lost no time in rendering all the assistance in their power.

Dr. M. L. Goodkind of Chicago, was in the compartment car, and sustained a bad cut on the side of his head, and a very severe bruise on his left shoulder.

These two doctors were assisted by Dr. Thinsen of Hayfield, and Dr. Ransom of Dodge Center, and a relief train brought Dr. Haldor Sneye and Dr. F. J. Savage from St. Paul.

The dead and injured were brought to this city.

PLEASURE BOAT CAPSIZES.

Three Persons Drowned While Trying to Cross the Thames River.

New London, Conn., July 27.—Mrs. C. T. Thorpe, Miss Annabel Rogers and Samuel Gokel were drowned in the Thames river Sunday evening, by the capsizing of a pleasure boat, while attempting to cross the river. Four other occupants of the boat were saved.

Killed During a Quarrel.

Sault Ste. Marie, July 27.—Mat Makie, a Finlander, shot and instantly killed Sam Hall after a quarrel that originated at a Finnish wedding here.

## JENNIE STEER LYNCHED.

Body of the Negress Riddled with Bullets.

Sheriff, La., July 27.—News reached here Sunday that the negress, Jennie Steer, who administered poison in a glass of lemonade to Lizzie Dolan, the sixteen-year-old daughter of John Dolan, from the effects of which she died, was lynched by a mob at sundown Saturday night. The lynching occurred on the Beard plantation, near this place, where the crime was committed. Jennie Steer was stubborn to the last in denying her crime.

It is claimed the negress fled from the Dolan household as soon as she discovered that her crime was known. She was pursued by a posse, who found her crouching in a hay loft. She refused to come out and had to be dragged from the place. When asked why she poisoned Miss Dolan, the negress indignantly denied the commission of the crime. She was taken to the Dolan homestead and fully identified as the woman who had placed the poison in the lemonade.

The mob then took her to a near-by tree, placed a rope around her neck and asked her to confess. She was stubborn to the last, however, and was strung up without making any admission. While the body was dangling in midair several bullets were fired into it by the enraged citizens.

The poisoning of Miss Dolan created intense excitement in the neighborhood of the crime. The victim was a beautiful young white girl who was known not to have an enemy in the world. She died in terrible agony.

ONE KILLED AND SIX INJURED.

Supposed Incendiary Fire at Alton, Ill., Has Fatal Results.

Alton, Ill., July 27.—Fire supposed to have been started by an incendiary Sunday destroyed the Alton steam laundry, a row of flats, barber shops and a lumber yard, and resulted in the death of Miss Ruth Meyer and injury of six others. All the injured were badly burned except one, who was hurt in jumping.

## PANAMA IN A PANIC

GENERAL COBOS FAILS IN AN

ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE GOV-  
ERNOR MUTIS.

Panama, Colombia, July 27.—Not since the days of the last revolution, when an attack upon the city by the Liberals was feared, has there been such a panic in Panama as occurred Saturday night. Shortly after 9 o'clock the office of El Lapiz, the organ of the Liberal party on the isthmus, was visited by officers of the general staff of the army, who destroyed Saturday's edition of the newspaper. One of the directors was slightly wounded, but managed to escape.

As the office of the newspaper is situated in a very populous district, the news spread rapidly. In the Santa Ana neighborhood, where most of the Liberals reside, sentiment rose to a high pitch and a few of the prominent people counselled retaliation. They took no action, however.

The next event came like a bombshell. A company of soldiers, apparently under the orders of General Vasquez Cobos, commander of the National forces, surrounded the residence of Governor Mutis, but the governor and his wife, who is an American woman, having been warned a few minutes before the arrival of the troops, succeeded in escaping.

Rumors of Arrests.

General Huertas, commander of the battalion of Colombia, when he learned of the El Lapiz incident, repaired to headquarters, where he found General Cobos. According to current reports, the latter ordered General Huertas to remain in quarters. Exactly what has taken place is unknown, but it is said that Dr. Aristides Arjona, secretary of the government, Fernando Arango, chief of police, and Estrain Navia, a member of the departmental superior tribunal of justice, are under arrest, the last named for trying to argue with General Cobos the illegality of his action.

At attempt also is said to have been made to arrest Senor Guerra, secretary of finance, but he escaped. The only civil official on the streets in the morning was Mayor Ossa. Governor Mutis spent the night at the British consulate, but it is reported he will seek refuge in the American consulate.

Gudger Unsuccessful.

United States Consul Gudger made several unsuccessful attempts to secure an audience with General Cobos, who is a brother of the minister of war. It is reported that General Cobos offered the governorship to different Conservatives, who refused to accept, and that he himself will assume civil command. It is said that Consul Gudger attempted to send a cablegram to Arthur M. Beaupre, the United States minister at Bogota, but that the agent refused to accept the message claiming that the lines were interrupted in spite of the fact that it is known that press messages were accepted.

There was little excitement on the street Sunday. The Colombian battalion attending church in a body as usual, but the condition of affairs is very serious. Governor Mutis virtually is a prisoner.

WOMEN ARE CREMATED.

Thirty-three Female Field Laborers Put to Death in Russia.

London, July 27.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Mail sends a report to the effect that near the village of Schalaifka, in the district of the Don, thirty-three female field laborers were burned to death in a barn where they had locked themselves in to escape molestation by male laborers who, in revenge, fired the barn and watched the burning without heeding the shrieks of the victims.

General Davis Retires.

Manila, July 27.—Major General George W. Davis has transferred the command of the department of the Philippines to Major General James F. Wade, General Davis having been retired for age. General Davis' last act was to review all the troops in and about Manila.

## SERIOUS RACE RIOTS

TWO KILLED AND TWENTY-TWO  
OTHERS WOUNDED AT DAN-  
VILLE, ILL.

TROOPS NOW IN CONTROL

FOUR COMPANIES OF MILITIA  
HOLD LAWLESS ELEMENT  
IN CHECK.

Danville, Ill., July 27.—Two killed and twenty-two wounded, the police station wrecked, the county jail with a few of its windows left unshattered, the city in the hands of the state troops and a feeling of uneasiness and dread prevailing everywhere, is the situation left by the race riots of Saturday night and early Sunday morning. The revised list of dead and injured from Saturday night's catastrophe is as follows:

The dead: John D. Metcalf, negro, lynched and burned; Henry Gatterman, killed by negro Metcalf.

The injured: John Devore, Adam Murray, — Bicknell, Clement Moberger, Edward Hart, A. Swafford, Fred Lorenz, W. Lattin, Harry Rennieck of Taplin, Ill.; H. Hines, Otto Heinke and Henry Slade; two unknown men, one shot in left arm and the other in the hand, refused to give their names when their wounds were dressed; unknown young man, wound in head, refused to give his name; four unknown negroes, beaten into insensibility by the mob; unknown woman carried away in a buggy after she was seen to fall.

Many of the injured are at the hospital. Arrangements are making for the funeral of Henry Gatterman.

Crowds Were Restless.

After daylight appeared Sunday morning, there were restless crowds in the streets. Hundreds of farmers thronged to Danville and each surrounding town continued to swell the crowd. Many miners were seen in the streets. Great unrest and a threatening attitude was reported from Westville, five miles away. Early in the morning Wilson, the alleged negro assailant of Mrs. Burgess, was secretly taken from the county jail but was returned shortly after.

Four companies of militia arrived Sunday morning from Springfield. Companies A, I, B and H of the Seventh Illinois infantry were sent in reply to urgent requests sent at midnight to state officers. The troops marched to the market house opposite the jail and encamped.

Streets were cleared and the threatening attitudes of the crowd disappeared. There were sullen threats heard, but no attempt at an outbreak was manifested during the day. Last night 100 sentinels were patrolling the streets in the immediate vicinity of the jail. Each soldier carried forty rounds of ammunition.

Sheriff Whitlock, in giving his version of the shooting into the mob, said:

Crowd Fired on the Sheriff.

"After I saw from the jail that the mob was determined to attack, I went to the veranda and attempted to talk to the maddened men. As I stepped into view of the crowd, two bullets were fired, one striking the wall back of me. I fired two shots into the air. Some one shouted that I was only bluffing and was shooting blank cartridges. I warned the mob I would resist an attack on the jail with powder and lead. There was another shot from the mob and it surged forward. I then fired a shot from my shotgun into their legs. This drove them back, but they returned a moment later to the attack of the front door. I was alarmed for the safety of my wife and children. My wife took a gun and then as the leaders were coming with a rail to batter down the walls, I shot along the rail to make them stop it. This accounts for so many being shot in the hands and arms. I fired eight or ten shots in all."

Sheriff Whitlock had four deputies and three constables with him in the jail guarding the prisoners. He says none fired into the mob but himself.

Situation Is Strained.

There are all sorts of rumors afloat and a strained situation is noticeable. But the 200 soldiers here, it is believed, will prevent further outbreaks for the present at least. Half of these will be on duty all the time.

Leading citizens say the outbreak has been expected for a long time, as bitter feeling has existed for several years between the negroes and a certain class of white persons. A number of minor outbreaks have occurred during the past year.

The feeling against the soldiers is noticeable. The commissary department had much trouble getting restaurants to serve meals. Many refused to feed soldiers.

There was one clash between the guard and a miner named Ed Liggett, who began abusing the guard. The soldier leveled his bayonet and Liggett was arrested and fined \$100. Four other companies of the regiment are under arms at Springfield awaiting orders.

Crowds gathered during the day near the lines and cursed the soldiers in several instances. Officers of the guard do not anticipate any attack, however. The general belief is that the presence of the troops has suppressed the lawless element. The sheriff and military officers have urged all citizens to remain off the streets. All saloons have been ordered closed indefinitely.

Metcalf, the negro who was killed and burned Saturday night, had lived at Evansville for the last two years and was a recent refugee from that city, where he participated in the riots of a few weeks ago.

The trouble originated in an attempt by the mob to lynch a negro named James Wilson, who confessed to a brutal assault on Mrs. Thoma Burgess, wife of a farmer at Alton, Ill.

## CONFESSES TO MURDER.

Iowa Woman Says She Killed a Medicine Vender in Utah.

Grand Rapids, Mich., July 27.—A young woman giving the name of Mrs. Aurora Hodge, her age nineteen, and her home Denison, Ia., entered the office of Superintendent of Police Carr Sunday and said she wanted to give herself up, declaring she had killed a man near Salt Lake, Utah, in July last. She said she had parted from her husband a few months after their marriage and went on the road with a traveling medicine vender as his book-keeper.

"When on a lonely road near Salt Lake, July 11," she said, "he attempted to assault me and I shot him with a revolver I had been carrying. I left him in the wagon and went to Salt Lake to give myself up, but my nerve failed and I took a train for Denison. I told my brother and when he went to tell the authorities I fled to Chicago. There I secured a position as waitress in a Spring Lake (Mich.) hotel, but could not rest with it on my mind, so I came to Grand Rapids to give myself up."

Mrs. Hodge refused to tell the name of the man she killed. Chief Carr is investigating and the woman is in jail. A telegram late last night from Acting Chief of Police Burbridge of Salt Lake confirms Mrs. Hodge's story, stating that there is a warrant for her arrest for murder, and asks that she be held for the Salt Lake authorities. The name of the murdered man is given as William X. Ryan.

ROW IN A NEGRO CHURCH.

Two Killed and Six Others Wounded in a Fight at Camak, Ga.

Atlanta, Ga., July 27.—A Constitution special from Camak, Ga., says: Two killed and six wounded, four of them, it is believed, fatally, is the result of a row at a negro church here last night in which pistols and razors played a deadly part.

The entire negro population of the town is terrorized as a result of the affray and it is impossible to learn the real cause of the trouble.

## STRIKES STREET CAR

ACCOMMODATION TRAIN IN COL-  
LISION WITH CAR AND THREE

ARE KILLED.

East St. Louis, Ill., July 27.—An accommodation train on the Vandallan en route to St. Louis, ran into a well-filled electric car on the East St. Louis and Suburban street railway near Lansdown, three miles north of here, Sunday, killing three persons and injuring a score.

The dead are: John Roy, engineer; J. J. Lenhardt and David H. Beattie. The injured are: Vincent Higgins, fireman, will die; Charles Burkhardt, motorman, seriously; R. W. Miller, electric conductor, seriously; Mrs. Marie King, Louis Merkel, G. W. Young, Simon Spaulding, Jacob Schilling, Mrs. Alen Mack, Jacob Lenhardt, Jr., Elmer Bell, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. King and Miss Annie Somers.

Eight others received minor injuries.

The crash of the collision was terrific and was heard a long distance. The accommodation train was drawn by an engine which was backing, and was running at a good speed, when suddenly the tender of the engine crashed into the trolley car at the street crossing. The car was hurled from its track, a mass of wreckage. The impact caused the coaches to break loose from the engine and they did not leave the track, but the engine left the rails, ran about 200 feet over the ties, and turned over on its side. Engineer Roy and Fireman Higgins stuck to the engine and were buried in the wreckage.

The cause of the collision has not been determined.

AFTER A DETECTIVE.

Crowd at Foster, Pa., Attempts to Lynch John Peel.

Scranton, Pa., July 27.—An attempt to lynch John Peel, a Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company detective, was made Saturday night at Foster by a crowd of the villagers who were infuriated upon learning that he had gained evidence which would connect a score of the families of the village with wholesale thievery of brass and other junk from the company's property.

Peel was attacked at a hotel while waiting for a train. When the mob made its attack with cries of "lynch him," the detective drew his revolver and began pulling the trigger, but there was something wrong with the mechanism of the hammer and the cartridges were not exploded.

Peel gained the waiting room and locked himself in. Word was telegraphed to this city and a force of twenty-five officers was hastily recruited to be sent to the detective's rescue. In the meantime a passenger train arrived and the crew, acting under telegraphic orders from this city, quit the train and after a hard fight, succeeded in getting the detective on the train.

The ringleader of the mob is said to be one of the leading citizens of the town.

TWO TRAINMEN KILLED.

Open Switch Wrecks the Westbound Santa Fe Limited.

Peoria, Ill., July 27.—The Santa Fe Limited No. 3 out of Chicago for the West, was wrecked at the crossing of the Rock Island near Princeville Saturday night. The accident resulted from an open switch. Engineer Ed O'Brien and Fireman Charles Vogel, both of Madison, Ia., were instantly killed. Express Messenger R. L. B. Budway and his assistant, Ed Parshall, both of Chicago, sustained minor injuries.

Proctor Makes Reply.

Washington, July 27.—Chairman Proctor of the civil service commission has made reply to the recent letter of Former Postmaster General Smith concerning the latter's attack on his report on the investigation of the Washington postoffice. Mr. Porter's reply is in general a refutation of the allegations of Mr. Smith.

## CROWDS AT CHURCH

THOUSANDS VISIT ST. PETER'S  
TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE LATE  
POPE LEO.

WILL OF THE PONTIFF READ

MAKES NO MATERIAL CHANGE  
IN DISPOSITION OF FAMILY  
PROPERTY.

Rome, July 27.—Several thousand of the faithful crowded St. Peter's Sunday to pay tribute before the sarcophagus containing the remains of the late pontiff, on which is the following simple inscription in gilded letters: "Leo XIII, pont max."

It really makes no change, as the whole family property, amounting approximately to \$120,000, had already been divided among the three nephews, Count Camillo having already sold his share.

At the sixth meeting of the congregation of cardinals held Sunday, forty-five cardinals were present. Cardinal Della Volpe, versing also the opinions of some of his colleagues, criticized the ceremonies in connection with the interment of Leo XIII Saturday night because the cardinals did not participate in the entire procession and complained generally of the lack of order. Cardinal Oreglia replied that he had already noticed this and that he would punish those who were responsible. Monsignor Merry del Val, communicated to the cardinals the report from Santiago, Chile, of the incident which occurred there during the celebration of the requiem for the late pope, which was attended by the president of the republic and all the authorities.

One Discordant Note.

According to the report, Monsignor Uguarte, in delivering the eulogy upon the late pontiff, protested against the usurpation of papal territory by Italy, whereupon Count Cuccchi Boasso left the church and lowered the Italian flag which had been hoisted at the occasion as a sign of mourning. The incident produced an unpleasant impression upon the sacred college, being the first discordant note in the universal mourning.

The ceremonial of the conclave established by Gregory XV is to be followed at the coming meeting. The cardinals decided during the conclave to eat in common in order to facilitate their work. A local paper quotes the response of Cardinal Svampa to a question as to whether he believed the conclave would be of lengthy duration, as follows:

"On the contrary, I think it will be very short. I believe that two days will suffice to reach an agreement."

The congregation again Sunday made further progress with the arrangements for the conclave. Cardinal Gibbons arrived during the day, but did not attend the meeting.

A wall is being built around the apartments where the conclave will be held. It is already ten feet high.

Some of the Italian bookmakers here proposed to conduct public betting on the chances of the papal candidates, and in order to obtain permission to do so offered to donate their gains to charitable institutions. The government, however, promptly refused the request.

MYSTERIOUS TRAGEDY.

Unknown Woman and Man Killed in a New York Hotel.

New York, July 27.—A well dressed man, accompanied by a fine looking and handsomely groomed woman about twenty-three years of age, registered at the Morton House Sunday morning as "C. Weiss and wife, Syracuse, N. Y." Late in the afternoon the woman was heard shrieking, three shots followed instantly and when the room was entered she and the man were found dead. The woman had a bullet in her heart and another in her left wrist. The man was shot in the heart. A pistol lay by the man's right hand and it is believed by the police that he shot the woman and then committed suicide. There is no clue as to the motive for the shooting.

The woman was five feet four inches in height, with black hair and blue eyes. The man was six feet tall, with a sandy moustache and reddish hair. In the man's pockets were found two tickets from Syracuse and a letter addressed to C. E. Weiss, the contents of which the coroner refused to divulge.

ALL THREE KILLED.

Joshua Butler, Wife and Infant Child Struck by a Train.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., July 27.—Joshua Butler, wife and infant child were struck by the eastbound Black Diamond Express on the Lehigh Valley railroad late Sunday afternoon while driving across the track at Port Bawley, six miles from here, and all three are dead. The horse was also killed and the carriage demolished.

BRIGHTER FOR CANAL.

Reaction in Favor of the Ratification of the Treaty.

Panama, Colombia, July 27.—A strong reaction in favor of the ratification of the canal treaty seems to be occurring throughout Colombia. From all the principal cities and from Cauca, the largest department of the republic, prominent citizens have telegraphed congress requesting that the treaty be ratified.

Montana Sheepmen Up in Arms.

Big Timber, Mont., July 27.—The sheepmen of Bridger Creek country are up in arms as a result of the burning of one of the largest sheep camps in that section, believed by sheepmen to be the work of cattlemen.

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