**Miscllaneous Small Articles**Typed by Joshua Bauer

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# RANTOUL BANKER KILLED IN ACCIDENT *ILLINOIS CENTRAL PASSENGER TRAINS HITS AUTOMOBILE AT CROSSING*

Grant Fowler, 52 years old, banker and prominent citizen of Rantoul, was killed this morning when an Illinois Central passenger train, known as the Panama Limited, struck his automobile at a grade crossing just south of Rantoul.

The machine in which Fowler was riding was completely wrecked and the banker died a few minutes after the accident. The body was taken to Rantoul where the coroner of Champaign county will conduct the inquest some time today or tomorrow.

**RAILROAD MEN WIN LABOR DAY TROPHY***FOR BEST FLOAT THAT APPEARED IN LABOR DAY PARADE MONDAY*

The committee appointed by Ben Alpiner to select the best floats in the recent Labor day parade has chosen the New York Central car-men with their miniature boxcar for first, the Paulissen Manufacturing company second and Albert, the bicycle man third. The committee consisted of C. B. Sherman, Tom Bonfield and Eugene Durand.

**RAILROAD OFFICER NAILS KANKAKEE MAN***WILLIAM BOUCHARD CHARGED WITH DISORDERLY CONDUCT ON TRAIN.*

William Bouchard, of Kankakee, was arrested by Special Agent Merz of the Illinois Central Railroad last evening on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Bouchard was on the train due here from Chicago at 5:50. He is said to have become obnoxious and the conductor of the train telegraphed ahead to Kankakee for Detective Merz to meet the train at Bradley, and said he found Bouchard running wild among the passengers. The prisoner was placed in the city jail over night, and was to be given a hearing before Police Magistrate Hander\* today.

**TRAINS CHANGE TIME**

All south bound Illinois Central trains will leave about ten minutes earlier beginning Sunday. The north bound trains will run about the same.  
 The Seminole Limited will leave here at 10:42 p. m. instead of 9:57 p. m. After December 2 the Floridan will run daily instead of tri-weekly as it was last winter.

**RAILWAY SWITCHMAN INJURED IN MISHAP***CLYDE OAKES FALLS FROM TRAIN AND IS TAKEN TO HOSPITAL*

Clyde Oakes, 504 South Third avenue, was severely injured shortly after eight o’clock last night while switching cars in the New York Central yards.

The young man was first taken to his home in a taxicab and later removed in an ambulance to the Emergency hospital. Dr. Edwin Hamilton, the attending physician, stated today that he could not determine the extent of the man’s injuries until x-ray pictures had been taken. He does not consider the patient’s condition as serious.

**BANDIT HOLDS UP TRAIN IN M. C. YARDS  
*DETROIT-CHICAGO TRAIN NO. 43 HELD UP EARLY THIS MORNING*BY UNMASKED ROBBER***TOTAL OF $175 TAKEN FROM DINNING CAR CONDUCTOR, WAITER AND COOK*

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 23. – An unmasked bandit, late last night, boarded Michigan Central railway Detroit-Chicago passenger train No. 43 in the outskirts of Chicago, held up the dining car conductor, a waiter and a cook, and robbed them of $175 before he jumped from the train and disappeared. Passengers in adjacent Pullman cars were not molested.

(Special to the Republican)

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 23. – Boarding inbound passenger train No. 43 of the Michigan Central railroad at E. Forty-third street, a robber early today held up the dining car conductor, and a waiter and a cook, taking $175 from the conductor, H. O. Kelly, of Jackson, Mich.

The robber left the train as it neared the Twenty-second street station, Kelly notified the police and detectives were sent to search for the bandit.

Those held up with Kelly were G. Huntsman, a waiter, and Frank Snerman of Detroit, Mich., a cook.

The robber was described as appearing to be about 25 years old and possessing a “Charlie Chaplin” mustache.

**TWELVE KILLED WHEN TRAIN HITS AUTOMOBILE BUSSES**

*PENNSYLVANIA FAST TRAINS STRIKE LOADED CARS IN OHIO AND PENN.*

Williamsport, Pa., Oct. 11 – Two women and three men lost their lives and five other persons were injured at Hepburnville, near here today when a Pennsylvania railway train struck a bus.

Ravenna, Ohio, Oct. 11 – Seven school children were killed and a number seriously injured when Pennsylvania passenger train No. 89 struck a school bus at a grade crossing near here this morning.

**BRAKEMAN ON N.Y.C. DIES OF INJURIES  
*JAMES CARPENTER FALLS OFF CAR WEST OF STREATOR*FOUND ALONG TRACKS***INJURED MAN RUSHED TO SPRING VALLEY WHERE HE DIES LAST EVENING*

James Carpenter of 231 South Fifth Ave., a brakeman for the New York Central railroad, died yesterday evening at Spring Valley from injuries received at about 2:25 o’clock that morning when he fell from a moving freight train about 20 miles west of Streator.

Carpenter was braking on freight train No. 90, which runs from Zearing to Kankakee. When the train stopped at Streator he was missed by other members of the crew and a search for him was started at once. He was found at about 7 o’clock yesterday morning laying at the side of the track, and it is presumed that he had slipped from the top of one of the cars. He was rushed to Spring Valley and his wife was called. He died at 6 o’clock in the evening, without regaining consciousness enough to tell him the accident had occurred.

**MISSOURI PACIFIC TRAIN IS HELD UP***FOUR OUTLAWS DO DARING DEED NEAR OKESA, OKLA. THIS MORNING*

Oklahoma City, Okla., Aug. 21. – Four men, under the leadership of a sauve outlaw, who chatted amiably with his victims about the merits of a certain well known political writer, and discussed current questions of the day, held up Missouri Pacific & Texas passenger train No. 120, south bound, near Okesa, Okla., carly today and robbed the express and mail cars of registered packages, the value of which has not yet been estimated. The men escaped in motor cars which accomplices had waiting for them. The leader of the four men against unnecessary violence and rebuke done particularly brutal bandit several times for manhandling a victim.

**ONE DEAD AND ONE HURT IN A WRECK***TWO FREIGHT TRAINS COLLIDE IN C. & N. W. YARDS AT DIXON, ILL.*

Dixon, Ill., Aug. 21 – James Hayes of Belvidere, Chicago & Northwestern freight conductor was instantly killed, and Walter Dyer, of Sterling, Ill., fireman, was seriously crushed in a rear end collision of two freight trains in the Nelson yards at 4 o’clock this morning.

It was five hours after the collision before the wreckage had been cleared up sufficiently to permit the removal of Hayes’ mangled body and rescuers had to chop away part of the engine cab to release Dyer. He was taken to a Sterling hospital.

**SCORES INJURED IN A TRAIN COLLISION***AURORA, ELGIN, & CHICAGO ELECTRIC TRAINS COME TOGETHER*

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 8. – More than a score of persons were injured, some of them seriously, in a rear end collision of two Aurora, Elgin & Chicago electric railway trains shortly before 9 o’clock this morning at Wolf road, a mile west of Bellwood, Ill.

The forward train of three cars was automatically stopped when an airhose burst and caused the application of the brakes and the following train crashed into it.

The rear car of the first train was rammed and telescoped by the motor car of the second train, an express from Wheaton to Chicago.

Eleven injured persons were taken to the Oak Park hospital.

**BURLINGTON SYSTEM STARTS LAYING OFF***LACK OF BUSINESS NECESSITATES CUTTING DOWN OPERATING EXPENSE*

Hanibal, Mo., Aug. 23. – A general reduction of forces over the Burlington system affecting chiefly track and maintenance divisions, will be made at once officials of the railway announced today, adding that 200 employes will be laid off immediately on the Hanibal division. The reductions are ascribed to the falling of business.

**TRAIN DERAILED BY WASHOUT; ONE KILLED***ENGINEER OF BALTIMORE & OHIO TRAIN DIES IN WRECK EAST OF GARY TODAY*

Gary, Ind., Aug. 27. – West bound Balitmore & Ohio express train No. 13 was derailed by a washout early today, fourteen miles east of here, killing engineer Novenger of Gary, who was pinned under the overturned engine. The train carried no passengers.

**I. C. TRAIN HITS AUTO; FOUR DEAD***FAST PASSENGER TRAIN DERAILED AT CLINTON YESTERDAY AFTERNOON*

Clinton, Ill., Aug. 9. – The fast Illinois Central train which struck an automobile truck yesterday afternoon, freighted with a human cargo, was derailed with great damage.

Those killed were:

Elex Surrell, Milwaukee, Wis.  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. Jelnick, Chicago.  
 Emory Lloyd, Effingham.

Two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Jolnick, nine and fourteen years old, escaped death. The victims were terribly mutilated.

The group had started for the DeWitt county fair grounds with a doll concession.

\* - The text was unreadable, therefore the word was either provided as best understood or a synonym was put in its place according to context.

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