

ELECTRIC BREVETIES

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Cogent Reasons Why Voters of Illinois Should Amend the Constitution—Indorsed by the Leading Political Parties.

Every voter in Illinois should know that an amendment to the Constitution is under consideration. It is the duty of every voter to vote on every constitutional question submitted to the electors by the General Assembly.

Chicago needs a new charter which will give the city broader powers in conducting its local government. Ever since the Cities and Villages act, provided by the Constitution of 1870, great into effect Chicago has felt that the provisions of that act were too restrictive.

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Port Arthur Garrison Has Fallen Back to Its Last Line of Defense—Japs Still Seek to Outflank Kouroupatin.

London, Sept. 22.—A dispatch to the Standard from Liaoyang, dated Sept. 24, says that the crisis at Port Arthur is rapidly approaching. The speedy capture of the last line of defense is anticipated.

The Russian fire for many days has not been as vigorous as usual. It is believed their ammunition is scarce. The correspondent confirms the reports of severe bombardments, severe losses by the garrison, and the cutting off of the main aqueduct supplying the fort with water.

A dispatch to the Chronicle, namely dated "Liaoyang peninsula, Sept. 26," reports that the bombardment of Port Arthur goes on unceasingly. The fortress is surrounded by a ring of fire from Japanese shells.

At one point the Japanese have sapped to within a few hundred yards of the Russians, but it will be difficult to cross the intervening space owing to the intensity of the Russian rifle fire.

The correspondent mentions that the Russian made a sortie, but were driven back into the fortification. They lost some howitzers. Both sides are reported to be exhausted.

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The situation, as viewed by military experts here, is altogether a grave one for the forces of the czar, for if the Japanese succeed in turning Kouroupatin's flank the Russians practically will be trapped and either will be annihilated or forced to surrender.

Additional dispatches say that the Japanese are rapidly repairing the railroad and already are shipping large amounts of stores and ammunition to Liaoyang.

Flanking Operations of Japanese Worry Kouroupatin. St. Petersburg, Sept. 27.—Beyond the fact that Kouroupatin's cavalry is trying vainly to discover the nature of the Japanese movements, nothing new is known.

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Trains Come Together on Curve, Killing and Injuring Many Passengers

CREW FAILS TO OBEY ORDERS

Engineer Does Not Take Siding, as Instructed, and Wreck Occurs Without Giving Men in Cabs a Chance to Apply Air Brakes.

Knoxville, Tenn., dispatch: Death in terrible form came to scores of persons in an instant Saturday forenoon when two passenger trains on the Southern railway crashed together head-on on a curve west of Hodges Station, eighteen and one-half miles east of this city. Sixty-two persons died and an untold number and eighteen injured are in the hospitals here or at the homes of friends, and many of them may die.

Many died of their injuries after being extricated from the debris. An army of rescue men put heroic efforts to save those pinned beneath the masses of twisted iron and splintered wood, driven to frenzy in their work by the shrieks of those unable to help themselves and by the groans of the injured.

Death in Day Coaches. The story of the killed and injured in this, the worst wreck in the history of railroading in this section, is the old familiar story of slaughter in the day coaches.

The sleepers did not leave the track "was one of the early bulletins that came from the scene of the wreck. A single sleeper was attached to one of the trains and four sleepers to the other.

But the lighter coaches—the regulation kind run by nearly all the railroads of the country for the accommodation of local traffic, and in which there is a greater percentage of passengers than in the day coaches—were crushed as if they had been so many berry crates. The locomotives and practically the entire complement of both trains and other articles of the heavily constructed steamer, were demolished.

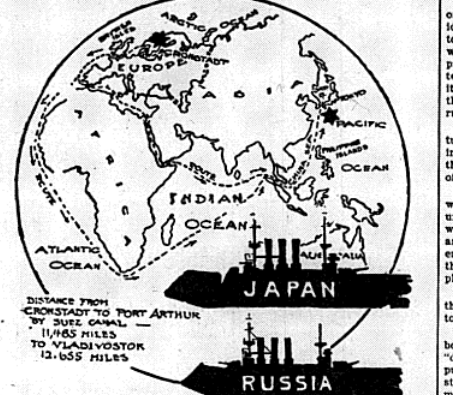
Failure of the crew of the west-bound train was one of the earliest to meet the eastbound train at Hodges Station is believed to have been the cause of the wreck. According to the reports of the railroad people the westbound train had started on the siding at Hodges. Each train was running at a speed of about thirty miles an hour.

There was not the slightest warning of approaching disaster according to passengers who escaped, the trains suddenly coming under the curve with such velocity that neither of the engineers could have time to apply the air brakes before the crash occurred.

MORGAN AND PRIMATE IN CRASH Special Carrying Financier and Archbishop Hits Engine. East Brookfield, Mass., special: A New York Central two-car special train, carrying a party that included the archbishop of Canterbury and J. Pierpont Morgan, struck a light engine here Friday, August 1, and was running at about thirty miles an hour, but no one, even the crew of the light engine, was hurt. Mr. Morgan was at breakfast and was considerably shaken up, as were the others in the party.

Miraculous escapes were broken by the impact. The special remained on the track and carried the light engine 100 yards. The party was on the way from Bar Harbor to Washington. There was a delay of an hour. Mr. Morgan sent several messages, emphasizing the fact that no one was hurt.

Honors University Professor. Berlin cablegram: It is officially announced that Emperor William has conferred on President Harper of Chicago university the order of the Red Eagle of the second class and on Vice-President Judson the Crown order of the second class.



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Immense Flanking Movement Planned by Japanese. London, Sept. 27.—Advices received here from the seat of war in the east indicate that the Japanese are planning a gigantic assault on the Russians. These reports coincide with Gen. Kouroupatin's telegram to the war office at St. Petersburg, to the effect that the Japanese are preparing a turning movement with a view to extending Kouroupatin's flank.

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