

ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO WRECK TRAIN NO. 42

Cross Tie Found on Track North of Mt. Olive at Night

Found Just Beyond a Curve a Few Minutes Before Northbound Coast Line Passenger Train Was Due Saturday Night.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Mount Olive, March 8.—The engineer in charge of a southbound freight train, that took the siding here Saturday night to allow A. C. L. passenger train No. 42 to pass, reported the discovery of a cross-tie on the track two miles north of here, which, it is believed, was placed there for the purpose of wrecking the passenger train, and which would no doubt have wrecked the freight train, had not the engine been equipped with the modern brilliant electric headlight, and the search light for several miles north of where the tie was placed.

Two miles north of here, the track curves rather sharply to the north; and just at the north end of this curve is where the cross-tie was placed, which means that the engineer in charge of the passenger train, northbound, would have been unable to see the obstruction until within a few yards of it—too late to prevent the engine's coming into contact with same.

No clue as to the identity of the guilty parties has been discovered. Three men were seen standing at a county road crossing of the railroad a short distance north of where the tie was found, but their identity is not known, nor is it known if they had any knowledge of the fact that the tie had been placed on the track.

Several attempts have been made within the last four or five years to wreck this same train, which passes here at 9:08 p. m., made up of some six or eight cars—baggage car, day coach and Pullmans, and returns to East Line's most important trains on this road. The last attempt occurred some six or eight months ago, between here and Calypso.

ANARCHISTS CAUGHT IN ST. PATRICK'S PLEAD NOT GUILTY Held Under Bond of \$25,000 for Trial—May Withdraw Pleas.

New York, March 8.—Frank Abarno, the young anarchist arrested in St. Patrick's cathedral last Tuesday after detectives had stamped out a lighted bomb which imperilled the lives of 800 worshippers, pleaded not guilty today to the charge of attempting to explode the bomb, a felony punishable by 25 years' punishment.

Justice Swann allowed the men until next Thursday to withdraw or change their pleas. The court took under advisement motion to allow their counsel to inspect the minutes of the grand jury which indicted them.

WRESTLING IN ALL TEN LANGUAGES OF EUROPE

American Minister to Rumania in Peculiar Position.

Associated Press Correspondent Describes Visit to Charles J. Vopika in His Palatial Residence at Bucharest.

(Correspondence of Associated Press.) Bucharest, Rumania, Feb. 25.—Chas. J. Vopika, of Chicago, the American minister to Rumania, Serbia and Bulgaria, has found himself in a peculiar position as a result of the war. The demands upon him have been such that when an Associated Press correspondent visited him at his palatial home in Bucharest, the American minister was wrestling with bookkeeping and correspondence in all the ten languages of Central Europe.

He was sitting behind a large desk strewn with letters, each containing either a request for information as to the fate of some missing soldier from Austria-Hungary, Germany, Serbia or Russia, or a money order for some prisoner of war.

"This is the second of our five daily mail deliveries," said he, "and so far I have received 102 letters. My small staff so overworked that I am obliged to lead a hand. I thought this would be only until somebody could be found to do the work. But such people are extremely scarce in Rumania. I am in the habit of keeping books and records and witness to all that goes on, and about the only thing I have not done so far is to take my letters to the postoffice."

Private life Mr. Vopika is a wealthy Chicago banker. "I have come to like the work," he said, after telling how he spent from 12 to 16 hours in bookkeeping each day. "Each little effort in behalf of these poor men means not only comfort for them, but reassurance for some poor soul at home. I re-transmit money from persons in Austria-Hungary, Germany, Serbia and Russia to prisoners of war held in the enemy's country. Some of the amounts transmitted are humble mites for prisoners whose relatives had to save hard to spare even the little they send. The remittances to officers are larger as a rule. Some of the Austrian prisoners held by the Serbs are wealthy men who receive money from home in thousands."

"I must deal here in German marks, Austro-Hungarian kronen, Serbian francs, Russian rubles and Rumanian lei. I am glad that I had at least a little experience as a banker, for otherwise my predicament would be greater than it is."

A few weeks ago the American minister made a trip to Serbia to inquire into the treatment of the Austro-Hungarian prisoners of war. He reported that the men were well treated. They are given three substantial meals a day and few of them complained.

Mr. Vopika said that Dr. Edward W. Ryan, who is in charge of the American Red Cross unit in Serbia, was now in control of all the Serbian military hospitals and that his efforts were greatly appreciated by the Serbian government. Dr. Ryan found a wonderful regard for the essentials in hospital sanitation and standards in insisting that all the hospital floors be scrubbed once a day—in the morning. At first he had great difficulty enforcing this. Now, however, clean floors have become a habit with which even the most backward of the Serbian people are quick to comply.

It is, as Mr. Cohan terms it, a mystery farce. The author dingles with his audience and then finishes with a whirlwind turn which gives the reader another turn. It is all clever writing, with a bit of satire not only on the writers of "best sellers," but on audience as well.



THEATRICAL

George M. Cohan's steadily advancing stagecraft is very markedly illustrated in "Seven Keys to Baldpate," which is to be presented at the Academy of Music, Saturday, matinee and night, March 13.

The play is said to be a very cleverly constructed farce picturing with agreeable satire the possibilities of "best seller" writing. The piece is on lines quite at variance with previous Cohan plays, being in many respects the most legitimate contribution to the stage from our foremost fashioner of comedies and vaudeville acts.

SPORTS

WAKE FOREST SCHEDULE List of Baseball Games to Be Played This Spring Announced.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Wake Forest, N. C., March 8.—Manager W. A. Riddick has announced the following schedule of baseball games for the Wake Forest nine this spring:

March 18, Oak Ridge at Wake Forest. March 24, open. March 26, Bingham (Mebane) at Wake Forest. March 29, University of North Carolina at Wake Forest.

April 3, A. & M. at Wake Forest. April 5, A. & M. (Easter Monday) at Wake Forest. April 8, Trinity at Durham. April 9, Durham League at Durham.

Chicago, March 8.—Argument was begun in Circuit Court today on a motion to dissolve the temporary injunction restraining the Federal League from transferring its Kansas City club franchise to Newark, N. J.

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GERMANS PLEAD GUILTY

Of Conspiring to Secure False American Passports. New York, March 8.—Carl Ruroede, a German-American, and four German reservists, brought to trial in Federal court today, on charges of conspiring to obtain false American passports, withdrew their previous pleas of not guilty and pleaded guilty.

IN EFFORT TO WIPE OUT GAMBLING AT PALM BEACH

Grand Jury Subpoenas Issued for Several Prominent Men. Palm Beach, Fla., March 8.—Grand jury subpoenas have been issued for a number of men prominent in various parts of the country in connection with an effort to wipe out gambling at this fashionable winter resort.

Anniston, Ala., March 8.—The bodies of J. A. Cooper, his wife, and their son, L. A. Cooper, were discovered in the Cooper home near here early today.

Washington, March 8.—The Supreme court today granted the application of the State of Virginia for permission to sue J. P. Morgan for the return of the will of Martha Washington.

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