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AD-ON COLLISION NEAR HAMLET

THE DEAD MOSTLY NEGROES

Seaboard Air Line Passenger Train No. 44 and an Extra Freight Train Came Together With an Awful Crash in a Deep Cut One Mile From Hamlet—Engineer Lewis, His Fireman and the Fireman of the Freight Instantly Killed and Death is as Swift to a Score or More of the Passengers in Colored Coach—Dead and Injured to be Removed to Rockingham on a Special—Wreckage Piled High on Tracks and Traffic is Completely Blocked—The Wreck Probably Due to a Misunderstanding of Orders or a Lap Order—The Ill-Fated Passenger Train Left Charlotte at 5 O'clock Yesterday Afternoon and Was Running 40 Miles an Hour When It Plunged Headlong Into the Freight—Details Hard to Obtain.

Special to The Observer. Hamlet, July 22.—Twenty or more were killed and twenty-three badly injured in a head-on collision between a Seaboard Air Line passenger train and an extra freight one mile from here to-night. Nearly all those killed were colored passengers.

The known dead are: ENGINEER F. B. LEWIS, of the passenger train. H. S. BYRD, Baggage-master. FIREMAN TOM HILL, colored, of the passenger train. NEGRO FIREMAN, NAME UNKNOWN, of the freight.

Probably 25 others unidentified. Railroad men, citizens and the passengers who escaped injury, are working heroically to recover the dead and injured imprisoned in the wreckage.

Both the second and first class coaches were overturned and it is feared that the death list will be sadly augmented before the work of the rescuers is completed.

The rescuers can see a number of lifeless forms by the fitful light of lanterns and these they are striving manfully to reach. Fortunately the lamps in the coaches were extinguished in the crash and fire was not added to the horror of the catastrophe.

Thus far the list of the seriously injured reaches twenty-three—five white and eighteen colored. Others may be imprisoned in the overturned coaches.

The engineer and fireman of the freight train jumped and escaped with a few bruises. The coach for colored people was completely demolished and nearly everyone in it met death. Both locomotives were demolished and the baggage cars and coaches jumbled together in an unsightly mass. The tracks are piled high with wreckage and will be blocked for hours.

The wreck occurred about 7:30 o'clock. The passenger train, which left Charlotte at 5 o'clock, was without orders and was moving at the rate of forty miles an hour. Without warning the freight, an extra freight train, west bound, dashed around the curve in the deep cut one mile from Hamlet, and the two trains came together with an awful crash and roar. Engineer Lewis and his fireman were instantly killed and death was almost as swift to the passengers in the colored coach. The destruction was complete and rendered more horrible by the cries and groans of the dying.

The dead and injured will be conveyed to Rockingham as soon as a special can be made up and the track cleared sufficiently. Messages have been sent to every physician in Hamlet and Rockingham, as well as in the county.

It is impossible at this time to ascertain the names of the dead and injured owing to the confusion incident to the catastrophe. Not all the dead have been identified, but it is stated that the list will reach 29. The chief dispatcher of the Seaboard at Raleigh has ordered 18 coffins from the undertaker at Rockingham.

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CZAR NAMES NEW PREMIER

STOLYPIN TAKES THE REINS

By Imperial Ukase Goremeykin, White's Successor, is Removed From Power and Minister of the Interior Stolypin Appointed in His Stead—Parliament Building Closed and Guarded by Police Following Ukase of Saturday Dissolving the Present Body—No Rioting Whatever in St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, July 22.—An imperial ukase relieving M. Goremeykin of the premiership and appointing Stolypin Premier. He also retains his present post as Minister of the Interior.

M. Stikinsky, Minister of Agriculture, has resigned. The Parliament building was closed to-day and guarded by police, who refused admission except to the President and the Vice President of the House.

The streets are empty and bear the usual Sunday aspect. Following is the text of the imperial manifesto dissolving Parliament.

TEXT OF UKASE. "We called the representatives of the nation by you to the work of productive legislation, confiding firmly in divine clemency and believing in the great and brilliant future of our people."

"We expected benefits for the country from the energetic and proposed great reforms in all departments of national life. We have always devoted the greatest care to the removal of the ignorance of the people and the burden of the burdens of the people by facilitating conditions of agricultural work.

A cruel disappointment has befallen the nation, instead of applying themselves to the work of productive legislation, strained into a sphere beyond their competence and beyond the making of laws, they have indulged in the work of perfecting the fundamental laws which can only be modified by our imperial will. In short, the representatives of the nation have undertaken the date for the convocation of the nation by Parliament.

WILL CARE FOR PEASANTS. "The peasants, disturbed by such anomalies, seeing no hope for the amelioration of their lot, resorted in a number of districts to open pillage, destruction of other people's property and disobedience of law. But our subjects ought to remember that improvement in the lot of the people is only possible under conditions of order and peace."

"We shall not allow arbitrary illegal acts and shall impose our imperial will on the disobedient by all the force of the power of the State.

"On well-disposed Russians to unite for the maintenance of legal power and the restoration of peace to our dear fatherland. May calm be re-established in the Russian land. May God help us realize the chief aim of our task, that of reform of the lot of the peasants. Our will on this point is unshakable, and our Russian husbands, without other people's property being encroached upon, will be supplied in cases where peasants' lands are too small with legal and honest means for the enlargement of their property. Representatives of other class will, at our request, devote all efforts to the realization of our task, which will be performed definitely in a legislative manner by a future Parliament.

NEW PARLIAMENT NEXT MARCH. "In dissolving Parliament we confirm our immutable intention of keeping this institution and in conformity with this intention we appoint March 3, 1907, the date for the convocation of the new Parliament by ukase addressed to the Senate.

"With an unshakable belief in divine clemency and the good sense of the Russian people, we shall expect from our tasks, that of reform of the lot of the peasants. Our will on this point is unshakable, and our Russian husbands, without other people's property being encroached upon, will be supplied in cases where peasants' lands are too small with legal and honest means for the enlargement of their property. Representatives of other class will, at our request, devote all efforts to the realization of our task, which will be performed definitely in a legislative manner by a future Parliament.

"We believe these grants in thought and action will appear, and that the great task of the Russian people, the glory of Russia will continue to shine."

has ever occurred on the Seaboard system. The second-class car and the baggage car were telescoped and the passengers, all colored, in that car were killed or injured. It took about five hours to get the dead and injured out of the wreckage. The bodies of Hamlet and Rockingham were dispatched to the scene and attended the injured.

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Ukase Dissolving Parliament, and Its Results Thus Far, Look Like the Opening of the Last Act in the Great Drama of the Russian Revolution, Immediate Issue Depending Upon the Army's Great Preparations Made to Suppress Masses by Force—Constitutional Democrats Amazed—Members of Duoma Leaving for Finland, There to Meet and Consult.

St. Petersburg, July 22.—With the imperial ukase dissolving Parliament, which was promulgated early this morning, the curtain rose upon possibility the last act in the great drama of the Russian revolution. The people and the government are now face to face, and upon the army depends the immediate issue.

Even should the government, however, succeed in restraining an outbreak of the people, the victory probably will be only a temporary one, simply confine the steam for the final explosion. No one doubts the severity of the storm which will rise in the country in response to the Emperor's dispersal of the men whom he welcomed two months ago in the Winter Palace as the "best men in Russia," but the die is cast. The government has elected to fight, and the capital to-day bears eloquent testimony to the preparations made to repress the masses by force. The city was packed with soldiers and resembled an armed camp.

CAPITAL FULL OF TROOPS. During Saturday night additional troops were brought in and disposed of according to plans previously adopted. These reinforcements included four infantry regiments of the Chevalier Guard, hussars, mounted grenadiers, and a battery of machine guns. The troops occupied railroad stations and the vicinity of the canals, and the patrols of both police and gendarmes were everywhere doubled.

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GIVEN DICTATORIAL POWERS. The powers conferred upon M. von der Lantins, prefect of police, and M. Sidorov, chief of the province, are little short of those of petty dictators. Searches and arrests can be made without process of law, newspapers for to suspend publication, and persons arrested without trial. Public and private meetings are forbidden. Those arrested may, if it is desired, be tried by military courts and summarily executed. The only real difference between the "dictatorial security" and full martial law is that power is exercised by the so-called civil instead of military authority.

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The government undoubtedly calculated on catching the opposition off its guard, but if it expected to strike a blow to the heart of the members of Parliament it has failed signally. Some time ago when dissolution seemed imminent the various groups of the opposition virtually agreed to follow the example of the members of Parliament in the States General and meet, if driven out of the Tauride Palace, wherever and whenever circumstances dictated until a constitution was firmly established.

DOUMA MEMBERS TO FINLAND. After a hurried secret conference this morning it was decided that the meeting being broken up and the members arrested, that they go immediately to Finland and decide upon the course to be pursued, and small groups left this afternoon and evening by train. Whether word was given them to meet at Viborg or Helsingfors is unknown, but it seems probable that Finland in future Russian history will become synonymous with "the tennis court" of the French Revolution. Even Count Heyden, the leader, and other members of the Right, are understood to have departed. It is quite probable, however, that Parliament will meet in Finland against that of the government.

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AN UNPROFITABLE CROP.

Many Tobacco Growers Abandoning the Weed for Better-Paying Crops—Figures Showing Deterioration in Prices.

Redville, July 22.—Receipts of tobacco on the Redville market for the past week have been the lowest of any week during the present season, which is doubtless due to the fact that everybody has about sold out all of the tobacco on hand. There will not be much more of the 1905 crop on the market. The local tobaccoists hear good reports from the different sections and they are looking forward to a fairly good crop this year. The Redville market will be in good condition to handle it and the warehousemen are now ready to take care of primings whenever they come on the market.

Although tobacco is the chief product of the farmers in this section are concerned, it is not believed that such will be the case several years from now. Already some of the tillers of the soil have been seeking other crops, and they can do so much better raising other crops and others are following suit each season. The price drops lower year by year and it has been the preparation made to repress the masses by force. The city was packed with soldiers and resembled an armed camp.

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SPENT THE NIGHTON TRAIN

WRECK HARD ON PASSENGERS

The Accident Near Salisbury Trivial, but Folks on Another Train Were Greatly Inconvenienced—Blocking of Traffic Complete—Plans for the New Jail Under Way—Concord Officer After an Alleged Assaultant.

Salisbury, July 22.—The wreck on the Western Road last night was cleared up by 6 o'clock this morning and the trains are making their regular runs to-day. From the newspaper standpoint it was an inconsequential thing, something that is liable to happen every day on the road. Five cars were derailed, but there was no serious damage to know. These went off in a cut and their blocking the track was complete. The place was filled and it was impossible to remove the derailed freight and interfere with the passenger train. Upon hearing of the accident The Observer's correspondent ran out to it and found it a trivial thing. Nothing and the train broke up completely. Robert L. Clark, Editor of the Concord, who was on the train, says there was no injury to any of the crew.

The passengers on the train may be a trifle hard upon the road, but there is no going behind the fact that they have a fine view of the Western train runs almost always on time. It is due here at 8:30 and the derailed was within two miles of Salisbury when the accident occurred. The train came in on time and was halted at the wreck for an all night wait. Many of the passengers walked through the rain and mud to Salisbury and there waited until 6 o'clock this morning before they were brought into the city by the train that had been delayed. It is less than two miles to the wreck and a comfortable ride to the home of the Western are proverbially undependable. But there are few to dispute the assertion that the way to avoid such accidents is to keep the open on a day coach without bed or board.

AFTER ALLEGED ASSAULT. Officer Johnson, of Concord, was here yesterday after Paul Bost, a colored man, wanted in Concord on a charge of assaulting a colored woman. Bost has been released from the chain gang in Rowan and was happy over the prospect of enjoying going back to his home for a while. He will be prosecuted for his lack of gallantry and probably go back to the gang.

The men in the coppermith department of the Southern department presented to the city's outgoing foreman, Mr. W. S. Pickler, of Salisbury, a beautiful watch chain as a memento of their association with him and as a token of their regard for him. He has worn it three years at the head of this department and stands in high favor with the men under him. He will travel for the Southern in the capacity of a department in which he has been working and will continue his residence in Salisbury.

Mr. Pickler's place will be filled by Mr. W. S. Pickler, of Salisbury, S. C., from which place he comes with flattering testimonials.

Mr. L. Barker, who runs the Elko Printery and Stationery establishment in this city, moved his quarters on Innis street and has now the most stylish and best-stocked enterprise ever projected in this city. Besides owning the best equipped of the printing in the Eastern States, he has put in a large stock of the finest stationery, stenographers' and typewriter supplies and every conceivable thing used in the commercial printing business.

The architect drawing the plans for the new jail has been in the city recently, and it is expected that he will begin soon to work upon the site, which, it is understood, will be near the present one and the prettiest in the city. As noted some time ago in The Observer, the jail is going to be built on the site of the old structure of the Lyerly family. This institution will cost something like \$20,000 and will be one of the very prettiest in the State.

From information received from Mr. Whitehead Kluits in the Eastern countries, he and Rev. W. A. Lambeth are having a great tour. They have been given the privilege of visiting the House of Lords and House of Commons and heard Balfour speak. They visited Paris in the early part of the month and have viewed the tomb of Napoleon. They are now in America until the latter part of August.

The Dorothy Lewis Stock Company, which has played an engagement at the park here, has disbanded and a portion of the company will go tonight to Charlotte to join the Peters Stock Company, playing at Latta Park. These people have proven themselves artists in their profession and have pleased Salisbury greatly. Mr. and Mrs. Kendall, who have been taking leading parts in "The Gay Parisienne" and "A Hero in Rags," especially pleased the audience. Kendall being a decided favorite in Salisbury. Fulton Heights Park will continue to run as usual.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Northey, of Charlotte, are visiting Mrs. Northey's relatives here and will remain in Rowan until Thursday. Mrs. Northey will spend to-morrow in Mocksville. Mrs. James L. Turner, of Charlotte, has been here on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. James. Mr. T. H. Vanderford, Sr., went to Waynesville last night to spend to-day with Mrs. Vanderford. Mr. E. W. Walker, of Tatum, is spending the day in Hendersonville with Mrs. Tatum.

PHONE LINEMEN'S STRIKE OFF. Union Takes Official Action Regarding Contest With Bell Company—Some Unobjectionable Strikers to be Re-Employed.

Atlanta, Ga., July 22.—The strike of the linemen of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, which was declared by the Electrical Workers' Union on April 1, was officially called off by the officials of the union to-day.

The telephone company has agreed to employ as many of the strikers as could be ascertained to be unobjectionable. The company had been guilty of objectionable conduct since the strike was declared.

RUSSELL SAGE MEETS END

HEART FAILURE AT AGE OF 87

New York, July 22.—Russell Sage died suddenly today at his country home, "Cedar Croft," at Lawrence, L. I. The immediate cause of death was heart failure resulting from a complication of diseases incident to old age. The veteran financier would have celebrated his 87th birthday on August 4. Mr. Sage had been in exceptionally good health since his arrival at his summer home about six months ago. At noon to-day he was seized with a sinking spell and collapsed, falling into unconsciousness about two hours before his death, which occurred at 4:30 o'clock.

There were present at the end Mrs. Sage, her brother, Col. J. J. Slocum, the Rev. Dr. Robert L. Clark, Theodore S. Janeway, of New York; Dr. J. Carl Schmuck, a local physician, and Dr. John P. Munn, for many years Mr. Sage's family physician, who was summoned from New York when the first alarming symptoms were manifested.

The funeral services will be held on Wednesday at the West Presbyterian church in Troy. Forty-second street, at which Mr. Sage had been a member for many years. The interment will take place in Troy on Thursday.

Mrs. Sage and her brother, Col. Slocum, are named as the executors of Mr. Sage's will.

TRAVELING MAN'S TRAGIC END.

Homer K. Morgan, Formerly of Asheville, Found Dead in a Street in Chattanooga—Supposed to Have Fallen From Window—Remains Taken to Henderson County for Interment.

Special to The Observer. Asheville, July 22.—The remains of Homer K. Morgan, formerly of this place, but for several years a traveling salesman, who was found in a dying condition on a street in Chattanooga, Tenn., this morning, were brought here to-day for interment and from here the remains will be taken to Henderson county, the old home, for interment.

Particulars of the tragedy are lacking. A message received by a brother here to-day stated that his brother was dead; that he retired to his room on the third floor of the Southern Hotel at 11 o'clock last night and was found on the pavement in front of the hotel this morning at 4 o'clock. He was taken to a hospital and died two hours later. It is supposed that the fortune teller who brought his sleep and fell through the window.

Mr. Morgan was about 23 years of age, was born in Henderson county and had made Asheville his home for some time. The mother and brother of the deceased reside here.

SEVERE ELECTRICAL STORM.

Young Lady Struck by Lightning, But Not Seriously Injured—Freaks of Electricity.

Special to The Observer. Newton, July 22.—A very severe electrical storm passed over this section to-day, and it rained last night. For more than two hours the lightning flashed incessantly and the rain fell in torrents. Men who had left their homes and congregated at the hotels and stores found it difficult to reach home. Some complained of feeling the effects of the electricity in dizziness while out of doors. Suddenly the telephone bells all over town rang violently and all the electricity went out.

As the members of the Methodist church choir were going home lightning knocked Miss Yena Little, daughter of Dr. Little, down, and she immediately picked up and carried into St. Hubert's Inn, but it was an hour before she regained consciousness and could be taken home. Fortunately otherwise than a little severe, the storm