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TEN OR MORE ARE KILLED AND 35 INJURED, IN WRECK

Four Cars of Local Passenger Train Dash Down 50-Foot Bank 12 Miles North of Greensboro.

BROKEN RAIL, IT APPEARS, WAS CAUSE OF ACCIDENT

Richmond Division Superintendent One of Victims---Wild Scene of Panic at the Wreck.

REIDSVILLE, Dec. 15.—Before most of the passengers in the two sleeping cars had been awakened, and while the occupants of two passenger coaches were just beginning to stir after a night's ride, four rear cars of train No. 11 of the Southern railway were dashel down a 50-foot embankment from Reedy Fork trestle, ten miles from here, and twelve miles north of Greensboro, killing ten men and injuring 35 other passengers.

The cars that left the track landed in a small creek that flowed beneath the trestle.

The wildest scene of panic prevailed as the sleeping passengers attempted to escape from the cars, amid a scene of death.

Taken to Greensboro Hospital.

The wrecked train was operated locally between Richmond and Atlanta. It carried sleepers from Richmond to Charlotte and from Norfolk to Charlotte. At Reedy Creek trestle, after the engine, mail and three baggage cars had passed over the trestle in safety, two coaches and two sleepers were derailed, from some defect not ascertained.

The injured passengers and trainmen taken to St. Luke's hospital, Greensboro. Flagman Bagby of Richmond was probably fatally injured while Conductor Coble of Richmond was slightly injured and had a narrow escape from drowning.

The Killed.

The names of the victims are:

JOHN A. BROADNAX of Greensboro.

V. E. HOLCOMBE, a lawyer, of Mount Airy.

EDWIN SEATON of Denton, N. C.

FRANK W. KILBY, formerly of Portsmouth, Va., present address unknown.

A. P. CONE, superintendent of the Richmond division of the Southern railway.

D. C. NOLAN, Pullman car conductor.

conductor.

O. H. WHITE, traveling auditor for the Southern.

Flagman unidentified.

Flagman Bagby is Dead.

Flagman Charles Bagby of Manchester, Va., died while being removed to the hospital at Greensboro. The Richmond Pullman car was totally demolished in the plunge down the embankment and the wreckage lies in Reedy Fork creek. Under this wreckage it is said that there are a number of bodies of passengers who were unable to extricate themselves and were drowned in the water of the creek.

Practically very passenger in the rear coaches of the train was hurt. Many of the injured will die. Another train carrying injured passengers to Greensboro has left the scene of the wreck.

General Manager Ackert's Statement.

Washington, Dec. 15.—General Manager Ackert of the Southern Railway company issues the following statement in regard to the wreck near Greensboro.

"Our passenger train No. 11, operated locally between Richmond and Atlanta, carrying sleepers from Richmond to Charlotte and Norfolk to Charlotte, was derailed about 6:50 o'clock this morning, about 11 miles north of Greensboro, N. C. As far as can be ascertained the cause of the accident was a broken rail, due to a concealed defect. Two coaches and two sleepers turned over. The engine, mail and baggage cars did not leave the track. Eight persons, four of whom were passengers, are reported fatally injured, and a number of others are reported hurt, but not seriously."

NUMBER OF DEAD REPORTED 16.

Greensboro, Dec. 15.—At 1 o'clock this afternoon a report reached here from Reidsville that 16 people were killed in the wreck. Ten bodies had been removed from the wreck at noon, but it is said other bodies are now under the Richmond sleeper, which is totally demolished and under water.

George Gould, the New York millionaire and his son, Jay Gould, at first reported killed, have reached here on the train bringing the wounded. They sustained slight injuries. Robert Russell of 14 East 41st street, New York, a prominent journalist and companion of Gould, was badly injured in the back and shoulders and is now in the hospital.

Two train loads of injured passengers have been brought here. The wounded were taken to St. Luke's hospital. A coroner's jury has been empanelled and left at noon for the scene of the wreck.

The Injured.

The injured who have been placed in the hospital are: John Phillips of Petersburg, Va.; Shall Waterson, Arthur Waterson (his son), of Baskerville, Va.; Alvia C. Harris of Reidsville, William Kimmon of Davidson College, George Gould, Jay Gould of New York, Robert Russell of New York, David P. McBrayer of Anderson, S. C., Thomas W. Eldridge of Richmond, James Anderson (colored) of Norfolk, Rev. Benjamin Hill (colored) of Reidsville, W. T. Carter of Danville, Richard A. Dobir of Norfolk, Phillip Nelson of Richmond, George B. Wagner of Richmond, Mrs. R. Edmonds of New Orleans, H. L. Wood of Norfolk, Mrs. Mary Cook of Norfolk, ——Winn of Richmond, William Monroe (colored), porter, of Richmond, Burton Mayre, roadmaster of Richmond division, Richmond, F. Smith of Spencer, H. L. Stribling of Winston, Thomas V. Chalkley, rodman, of Richmond, Wiley T. Carroll, city ticket agent, of Norfolk, Milton T. Deberry of Portsmouth, Robert Edmonds, jr., son of Mrs. R. Edmonds of New Orleans.

LURKIN NOMINATION REPORTED FAVORABLY

It Is Expected There Will Be Some Opposition in the Senate.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The senate committee on judiciary voted unanimously today to report favorably the nomination of Judge Lurton to be associate justice of the Supreme court of the United States. Some members of the committee expressed the opinion that it would have been better to have named a younger man, Judge Lurton being in his sixty-sixth year, but there was no criticism except as to age.

The report will be made Thursday.

It was stated in committee that there may be opposition to confirmation of Judge Lurton in the senate, and it was thought advisable to let the opposition appear there rather than by delaying a report. The general opinion among the members of the committee is that he was entitled to the courtesy of prompt action by the committee.

Two-cent Fare Injunction.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 15.—The injunction proceedings to restrain Attorney General Byers and the state railroad commissioners from forcing the Cedar Rapids and Iowa City Railway and Light company to comply with the Iowa two-cent fare law came up for hearing before Judge Smith McPherson in the Federal court today. The action was based on a petition by Mrs. Elizabeth D. McClintock of Haverford, Pa., a stockholder, who declares that the company is no longer paying dividends.

SCHOOL CHILDREN PARADE THE CITY

About 4000 in Line for the Educational Rally—Meeting at the Auditorium.

EXCELLENT ADDRESSES MADE BY STILES AND JOYNER

Dr. Stiles' Talk on the Hookworm Was Illustrated With the Stereopticon.

The spacious Auditorium was packed and jammed to the very doors, the aisles were filled, the galleries filled, the stage filled, and in fact every available inch of room, except in the "peanut" gallery, was in use this morning to accommodate the throngs of school children and others interested in education.

This was indeed a great day for education in Buncombe county, and one which will long be remembered.

Following the parade through th streets, the children began to fill the building shortly after 11 o'clock. Early in the day Superintendent Tighe recognized that the building would not accommodate all the children, so he dismissed all of those from the fifth grades down, and even then standing room was at a premium. In addition to the children of the city schools were the girls of the Normal and Collegiate institute in a body, and the children from the Biltmore schools, Emma, Swannanoa, Woodfin, Grace, Woolsey, Haw Creek, Black Mountain, Inanda, Barnardsville, West Asheville, Sand Hill, and other county schools.

The order of the occasion was splendid, and the children gave close attention to the speakers. The parade moved smoothly along the streets this morning, and the way the event was carried out was a great compliment to those who managed it.

The Addresses.

The meeting was presided over by J. C. Martin, chairman of the Buncombe county board of education. Dr. C. W. Stiles, chief of the division of zoo-ology of the public health and marine hospital service, of Washington, gave an illustrated lecture on the "hookworm," assisted by L. M. McCormick, who managed the lantern. He was followed by State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner, who, taking as the keynote of his talk, "The Development of power and resources of a country lies in the development of the power and mind which lies bruied in the minds of the little children," delivered an educational address which will have a great influence in stimulating greater activity to a movement which has already gained great ground in this county and section.

In introducing the speakers, Mr. Martin expressed his delight that such a large number of children and men and women had gathered on this occasion. "Today you marched under flags," he said. "In the past your flag represented the idea of a war for some principle, but while today your flag represents the idea of war, it is not to kill some person, but you are at war with ignorance, crime, moral vices, and disease, and you are here today to hear the addresses of generals who will tell you how to march upon and overcome ignorance, put down crime, and exterminate disease."

Dr. Stiles' Talk.

Dr. Stiles made an interesting address during the first part showing his illustrations of the "hookworm" and people infected with it. "During the last few years," he said, "the country has become aware that to get the best benefits out of the age, we must stamp out disease. The authorities have realized that the public schools are the most important factors for aid in the work."

The hookworm, he said, is a disease which has infected 2,000,000 people of the south and is causing the death of a great many school children before they reach maturity. In the advanced stage of the disease those infected become "dirt-eaters" and have enormous appetites. The disease stunts both the physical and mental growth. The hookworm is a parasite about half an inch in length and about 1000 can exist in a child. The worm has a head and poison tube and burrows into the intestines. While it lays a large number of eggs they cannot develop until they come out of the system, and will then hatch out in eight hours. The hookworm sheds its skin twice within the first two days, and is possessed with a brain. There are two methods of infection, one through drinking water and the other by ground itch, dew itch or poisoning. From the feet, it passes to the blood vessels, through the lymphic glands, through the heart and lungs; then through the trachea, and larnyx; then through the oesu-

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Aged Ruler of Belgium, Crown Prince And the Princess and Their Children

PRINCESS ELISABETH OF BELGIUM WITH HER THREE CHILDREN

Leopold II., although the ruler of one of the smallest of the European States, has been a prominent factor in European politics ever since his accession to the throne of Belgium at the death of his father, King Leopold I., in 1865. Shrewd, thoroughly conversant with the details of international policies, he has maintained the unity of his kingdom and fostered its prosperity through periods of turmoil and times of peace.

King Leopold was born in 1835. His early years were spent in preparation for the duties of a reigning monarch, he being the prospective heir to the throne. At 18 years of age, in 1853, he married Marie Henriette, a daughter of the Archduke Joseph of Austria.

CORROBORATION OF MRS. BROKAW

Plaintiff Again Takes Stand, Telling How Much Money Brokaw Spent on Her.

COST $30,000 A YEAR BESIDES LIVING EXPENSES

Numerous Witnesses for the Plaintiff "Espionage" Telegrams Are to Be Put in Evidence.

New York, Dec. 15.—Although Mrs. Mary Blair Brokaw's ordeal on the witness stand was over when court adjourned yesterday, there was little diminution of interest in today's session of the trial of her suit for separation from her husband, W. Gould Brokaw, with $2500 a month alimony. The principals and attorneys were on hand early in the Mineola court room, where the trial is being held; and there were protracted consultations as to the day's course of procedure.

Much of the day was taken up by testimony of other witnesses for Mrs. Brokaw in corroboration of her assertion that she was subjected to unjust espionage by servants, had her liberty restricted and was made miserable by her husband's jealousy and fits of temper.

"Alimony evidence" was put on the records. Mrs. Brokaw was called to the stand to supply it. She said her husband spent $30,000 during 1908 in defraying her expenses other than living expenses. Mrs. Brokaw's counsel got the court to direct that the defense produce numerous messages alleged to contain reports of Mrs. Brokaw's conduct and sent by servants at Great Neck to Mr. Brokaw and his secretary at High Point, N. C. Some days as many as 15 telegrams passed, many of them containing 150 words or so. Those messages were withheld for later reading.

PRAIRIE IS AGAIN READY TO START FOR PANAMA

She Has War Medicine Aboard and Is Expected to Weigh Anchor This Afternoon.

Philadelphia, Dec. 15.—Laden with rapid firing field pieces, 500,000 pounds of ammunition, clothing and provisions, the Prairie is prepared to make a second attempt to convey two battalions of marines to Panama, and probably to Nicaragua.

The vessel is expected to weigh anchor this afternoon.

GEORGIA GOVERNOR DRIVEN FROM HIS MANSION BY FIRE

The Blaze Was in the Basement and Did Considerable Damage Before It Was Stopped.

Atlanta, Dec. 15.—Governor Joseph M. Brown and his wife and two children were driven from the executive mansion early today by fire in the basement.

The fire was extinguished, but not until considerable damage had been done by smoke and water.

LEOPOLD WORSE; SUFFERS RELAPSE

He Seemed to Hold His Own Last Night and This Morning; a Change This Afternoon.

Brussels, Dec. 15.—The condition of King Leopold, who was operated upon yesterday for removal of an obstruction of the intestine, took a turn for the worse this afternoon. The morning bulletin was hopeful in tone, describing the patient's state as "stationary." During the night he had held his own apparently.

In the middle of the afternoon word came from the sick chamber that his majesty had suffered a relapse.

WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC BILL BEING PREPARED

It Will Embody Recent Recommendations for Stopping the Revolting Practices.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Comprehensive legislation designed for the eradication of the white slave traffic is being prepared by the department of commerce and labor.

The proposed bill will embody the recommendations made recently by the immigration commission, which investigated the revolting conditions existing from the traffic in women in this country.

Found Dead in Bed.

Special to The Gazette-News.

Canton, Dec. 15.—The five months' old son of Thos. McMurray, was yesterday found dead in his bed. The funeral was conducted yesterday afternoon. The child's death was due to "bold" hives, it is said.

A FATAL ACCIDENT NEAR WAYNESVILLE

Ottis Rabb While Out Hunting This Morning Knocked Over Gun and Is Killed.

Special to The Gazette-News.

Waynesville, Dec. 15.—Ottis Rabb, 21 years of age, the son of Henry Rabb of Sunnook, near this place, was accidentally killed while out hunting about noon today. Mr. Rabb had placed his gun against a tree and accidentally knocked it over, the gun firing, and the entire load of shot entered the eye and came out at the back of the head. Death resulted about 1 o'clock this afternoon.

PROMISES EH'LL RESIGN IN FAVOR OF MADRIZ

Dispatches Telling of Anti-Zelayan Demonstration Have Been Confirmed.

Washington Dec. 15.—Dispatches containing intelligence of an anti-Zelayan demonstration in Manague are confirmed by a telegram received at the state department from Vice Consul Caldera. The demonstrants were arrested by government authorities. Who the people arrested were is not indicated.

The dispatch says Zelaya published a statement promising to resign in favor of Madriz, who is not the choice of the people. Caldera says large crowds surrounding the American legation cheering the government and people of the United States.

Mr. Taft at Home.

Washington, Dec. 15.—President Taft returned today after a two day's visit to New York and New Haven.

M'VEAGH STILL IN WASHINGTON

He Has a Talk With Senator Dixon and Mr. Duncan About the Western Marshalship.

LURTON'S CONFIRMATION WILL BE POSTPONED

There Is Washington Gossip to the Effect That Secretary Wilson Will Retire About Jan. 1.

Special to The Gazette-News.

Washington, Dec. 15.—S. T. McVeagh of Alamance, who is candidate for the Western marshalship, is here. He saw National Committeeman Duncan, and his brother-in-law, Senator Dixon, of Montana today. He will be presented to the president while here. Mr. McVeagh has strong endorsements, and is very much in the race.

The nomination of Judge Lurton to a vacancy on the Supreme court bench will not be confirmed until after the holidays, by reason of the opposition of Senators Borah and Nelson, both republicans. It does not appear that any democratic senators will oppose confirmation.

J. D. Dorsett, who desires to be re-appointed as postmaster at Spencer, is here.

Secretary Wilson to Retire.

According to present plans, Secretary James Wilson, of the department of agriculture, is to retire about January 1, and is to be succeeded by William O. Thompson, president of the Ohio State University.

Secretary Wilson's ambition to round out a cabinet term longer than that of any other American was achieved on November 30 last, when he passed the record of Albert Gallatin, secretary of the treasury in the two Jefferson and two Madison administrations. Gallatin's term ran from May 14, 1801, to February 9, 1814, making twelve years, eight months, and 26 days. Secretary Wilson was appointed by President McKinley March 4, 1897, and on January 1 next, he will have served twelve years, nine months, and 27 days.

Ex-President Roosevelt told some of his friends, just before March 4 last, that he had made only one request of President Taft. That was that he should re-appoint Secretary Wilson and retain him until he could round out the longest cabinet term in American history.

Request Granted Readily.

This request met with the cordial approval of President Taft, and if Secretary Wilson were willing to remain longer it would be entirely agreeable to the president. It is understood, however, that Mr. Wilson is now not only ready but anxious to retire.

William Oxley Thompson, his successor, is a native of Ohio, born at Cambridge, November 5, 1855, the son of David Glenn and Oxley Thompson. He was graduated from Muskingum College in 1878, and from the Western Theological Seminary, at Allegheny City, Pa., in 1882, when he was ordained to the Presbyterian ministry. He preached in Iowa, became president of Longmont College, Colorado, and served as president of Miami University, at Oxford, Ohio, from 1891 to 1899. He was made president of the Ohio University at Columbus, in 1899. Mr. Thompson received the degree of LL. D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1897.

Active in Public Life.

Although a minister of the gospel by profession, Mr. Thompson always has taken an active part in public affairs, and is by no means unacquainted with the duties of the office to which he is to be appointed. He and President Taft are old personal friends, and the president entertains the highest regard for his ability as an executive. Under Dr. Thompson's administration, the Ohio University has made wonderful progress, and its agricultural research work, under his close supervision, has attracted wide attention in other states.

VOTE OF THE TRAINMEN IS FORWARDED TO CHICAGO

On Wage Increases, Equalization of Hours, and Matter of a General Strike.

Boston, Dec. 15.—The attitude of the conductors and trainmen of the New England roads on the general proposition for wage increases and equalization of hours has been recorded. The ballot has been sent to the general board in Chicago, and it is expected the votes will be counted Friday.

The men also voted on the proposition whether a general strike should be called to enforce the demands.

THE WEATHER:

Forecast until 8 p. m., Thursday, for Asheville and vicinity: Continued fair weather, with moderate temperature tonight and Thursday.

Governor Haskell Ill.

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 15.—Governor Charles N. Haskell, who was stricken with acute indigestion last night, is still in a serious condition.