

WRECK DEATH LIST  
MAY BE EXTENDED

Twelve Are Dead, and It Is Feared Others Cannot Survive the Day—Coroner's Jury Finds a Defective Rail Broken, Where It Crossed Defective Crosstie.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 16.—With 12 persons dead, and with the probability that that number will be increased during the day by the death of one or more injured, and the finding of other bodies in the wreckage, the wreck of the Southern railway Richmond-Atlanta local passenger train, which plunged down an embankment at Reedy Fork creek yesterday morning, was today found by the coroner's jury to have been caused by a defective rail and cross-tie. F. G. Smith, one of the train crew, of Spencer, N. C., is in a precarious condition. Several others are not expected to live.

**REMOVING WRECK.**  
The work of removing the mass of wreckage is being expedited to ascertain whether more bodies remain in the debris. Two large derricks are on the scene. The Richmond Pullman sleeper, in which most of the dead were found, has not been raised and the car is now half submerged. It is believed more bodies will be found under it. The Norfolk sleeper and the day coaches are piled up in the wreckage along the banks of the creek, but no bodies are thought to be in the wreckage of these cars.

The coroner's investigation resulted in this verdict: "Deceased persons were killed or died from injuries received as a result of a wreck caused by the breaking of a defective rail, immediately over a defective cross-tie."

**Revised List of Dead.**  
A. P. CONE, superintendent of the Richmond division of the Southern railway, of Richmond.  
H. C. WHITE, traveling auditor of the Southern railway, of Washington.  
ISAAC DAMMALS, porter of a Pullman sleeper.  
C. B. NOLAN, Pullman car conductor, of Greensboro.  
FRANK W. KILBY, expert accountant, of Anniston, Ala.  
VIRGIL E. HOLCOMB of Mount Airy.  
ED. SEXTON of Denton, N. C.  
RICHARD EAMES, mining engineer, of Salisbury.  
JOHN G. BRODNAX of Richmond.  
ED. BAGBY, of Richmond.

**DEFENDANT, W. G. BROKAW, EXPECTED TO TESTIFY**  
Also, Other Defendants Expected to Testify in Corroboration of Wife.

New York, Dec. 16.—W. Gould Brokaw will take the stand today in Mrs. Brokaw's suit for divorce and alimony. Mr. Brokaw's story of the conflicts, verbal and otherwise, between himself and his young wife, picturesquely detailed by her during her six days' practically continuous occupancy of the witness chair awaited with interest. When court opened today there remained for the wife's counsel gathering up of the ends of evidence and a further effort to establish facts concerning Mr. Brokaw's material possessions that will insure award to the plaintiff of substantial alimony. There was a prospect that today would witness a continuation of the vein of comedy, which featured the proceedings yesterday. Minna Lahti, a quaint little maid from Finland, who testified that Mr. Brokaw had called his wife "the limit" and even shorter and uglier names, was again in court. Other servants of the Brokaw establishment are expected to testify in corroboration of Mrs. Brokaw's story.

Mr. Brokaw's counsel has complained that during the trial he was unable to get direct replies to questions asked Mrs. Brokaw. "On one occasion I asked her 63 questions before I got a responsive answer," the lawyer declared. A mathematical problem was set for Mrs. Brokaw when called to the stand. She testified that Brokaw spent \$20,000 on her the first year of their married life and was asked to figure up the items. She enumerated an engagement ring, costing \$500, which she did not get until after marriage, a diamond necklace, which cost \$2000, and other articles and ornaments. A lawyer, with paper in hand, apparently containing a list of articles, carefully checked off the items.

**Vote on Railway Franchise.**

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 16.—A special election is in progress here to decide the question of granting a franchise to the Metropolitan Street Railway company giving it a monopoly of the street railway business in Kansas City until 1951. In return for the franchise the company is to bind itself to provide a first-class service, to extend its lines wherever needed, to adopt a system of universal transfers, and to sell tickets at the rate of 25 for one dollar.

CHARLES T. BROADFIELD of Americus, Ga.  
HENRY L. STRIBLING of Atlanta.

In their official statement the railway officials blamed the wreck on "a broken rail due to concealed defect." Another statement of the cause of the wreck is expected today after the officials of the railway have made a careful investigation.

The list of the injured so far ascertained, at least all of those seriously enough hurt to be taken to the hospital, includes:

Thomas W. Eldridge, Richmond, Va.  
John W. Phillips, Petersburg, Va.  
David P. McBrayer, Anderson, S. C.  
D. B. Hill, colored, Reidsville, N. C.  
Jonas Anderson, colored, Richmond, Va.

A. L. Harrison, Reidsville.  
Will Kinnon, Davidson College, N. C.

Sutral Watson, Baskerville, Va.  
Arthur Watson, Baskerville, Va.  
Robert Russell, New York.  
Burton Mayre, Richmond, Va.  
Mrs. H. T. Cook, Norfolk, Va.  
Thomas V. Chalkey, Greensboro, N. C.

Philip Nelson, Greensboro, N. C.  
Richard Doble, Norfolk, Va.  
W. T. Carroll, Norfolk, Va.  
W. T. Deberry, colored, Portsmouth, Va.

H. L. Wood, Norfolk, Va.  
Mrs. Robert Edmond, New Orleans.  
G. H. Coble, Richmond, Va.  
Alva L. Harris, Reidsville, N. C.  
Robert Edmond, Jr., New York.  
Geo. B. Wagner, Danville, Va.

Owing to the character of the wreck much time was required to remove the dead and injured from the debris over it was 4:30 o'clock before this work was well under way. The injured were brought to this city as rapidly as they could be extricated from the wreck and placed in St. Leo's hospital.

The derailment of the train was caused by a broken rail about two hundred feet down from the trestle that spans a small stream. The train was composed of two baggage, express and mail cars, three day coaches and two Pullmans. The engine and baggage, mail and express cars passed over in safety, while the day coaches and Pullmans were thrown from the trestle into the creek and along the banks some 20 to 30 feet below.

At a point where the first coast left the track, the right hand rail being broken about 18 inches from a joint, the rail was broken into fragments for several feet and torn entirely from the cross ties.

**PROPOSED EXPOSITION MAY NOT BE ADVISABLE**  
Senator Jones Wants the Question Settled Before Money Is Appropriated.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Before congress makes an appropriation for government participation in the proposed exposition at Savannah, Ga., in 1912, to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the issuance of the negro emancipation proclamation, Senator Jones proposes that a decision be first reached as to whether it is advisable that such an exposition be held.

To determine this question, he introduced this afternoon a resolution providing for the appointment of a committee of five members. The Dewey bill, making the appropriation, had been sent to the committee on industrial expositions, of which Senator Jones is chairman, and the question of the advisability of holding such an exposition at all was raised.

**SWIFT-DOUGER WEDDING INDEFINITELY PUT OFF**  
Big Surprise in Boston Society—Admiral Swift Gives Daughter's Illness as Cause.

Boston, Dec. 16.—Harry Douger, of Atlanta, Ga., who was to wed Miss Madeline Gray Swift, the daughter of Rear Admiral Swift, telephoned the admiral from Pittsburgh that he would reach Boston today, but was informed the wedding had been indefinitely postponed.

The sudden postponement of the wedding, one of the important social events of the season, came as a great surprise. The reason for the postponement, as given by Rear Admiral Swift, is the illness of his daughter. Six hundred invitations were recalled.

**Retirement of Major Anderson.**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—Major William T. Anderson, chaplain of the 10th United States Cavalry, closed his active career in the army today, having been transferred to the retired list on account of poor health. Major Anderson is a native of Texas, and was appointed from Ohio chaplain in the 10th cavalry in 1897.

BARELY ESCAPED  
WITH THEIR LIVES

Gatekeeper at Biltmore's Dangerous Grade Crossing Saves Miss Lipe and Little Sister.

The dangerous railway crossing at Biltmore came near being the scene of another tragedy late Tuesday afternoon when Miss Nellie Lipe, a crippled lady, narrowly missed being run down by a passing train. The Biltmore crossing has for years been the talk of people who are compelled to pass that way and likewise the subject of much severe criticism against the authorities and the railway for continuously maintaining and permitting to be maintained such a "death trap."

Tuesday afternoon Miss Lipe, accompanied by her little sister, and wheeling herself in her invalid chair, attempted to cross. While crossing, however, one of the lady's crutches fell and catching in the rail or striking the rail caused the invalid chair to career and Miss Lipe was thrown out, directly midway between the rails. Almost at that instant a train came down the track; the little sister, while realizing the danger, stayed with the invalid; the train could not be stopped and it looked for a second as though life would be lost.

The gate-keeper was equal to the emergency. With one bound he sprang to the rescue of the imperiled girls and literally dragged Miss Lipe and her sister to safety; and just in the nick of time. The big mogul of the rail plunged past with the engine endeavoring to stop his engine but without result until the heavy engine had passed over the spot where the two ladies were. The invalid chair was badly wrecked and had not the gate-keeper succeeded in dragging Miss Lipe and her little sister off the track both would certainly have been run over and killed.

The railway crossing at Biltmore is equally as dangerous as the crossing at Smith's bridge where several narrow escapes have occurred during the past year or two; and a crossing, too, that has cost the Southern railway several damage suits. The people of Asheville and West Asheville have protested strongly against the Smith bridge crossing and some day that that crossing will have to be eliminated.

MR. BAILEY SUES  
CANTON GROCERS

This New Case Grows out of an Old Litigation and Promises to Be Interesting.

The Gazette-News Bureau, The Inn.

Waynesville, Dec. 16.—G. W. Bailey of Canton has filed a damage suit here against Clark & Tate, grocers, of Canton, for money he claims to have spent in a case brought against him by this firm at the last term of court. The charge was for getting goods under false pretense. The first case was dropped from the docket at the consent of both parties, as the records show.

Prominent lawyers have been secured to represent both sides and the case will be a hard fought one. Haynes & Judger of Asheville will represent Bailey, S. C. Welch and Locke Craig of Asheville will look after the interests of the Canton firm.

**Work Starts in January.**  
News was received here today that the North Carolina and Tennessee Railroad company will begin the locating of a permanent line January 1 for the proposed extension of the road into Canton, up the Pigeon river from the present terminus about 25 miles to Canton. The engineers will make Waynesville their headquarters while on this job.

J. P. Swift & Son have on exhibition in the post office many medals and ribbons of various varieties won in the recent Poultry shows held in Asheville and Charlotte. Mr. Swift is an enthusiastic poultryman and has in his possession some of the finest breed of chickens to be found in the country.

Christmas shopping is very much in evidence now. Crowds of Waynesville folks journey to Asheville every day, while others are patronizing the local merchants who have a large display of Christmas goods on hand. Wagon loads of turkeys are being brought in town every day from the country and they are bringing a higher price than ever before.

Merchants report that business is increasing each day and that the indications look as if Christmas trade will surpass that of any previous year. Through the efforts of The Enterprise, Waynesville now has on sale in many of the prominent stores Red Cross stamps, which will be used extensively on Christmas presents sent to relatives and friends out of town.

Grateful Girl Sends Message to  
Man Who Saved Her From Death

It Was Nine Years Ago That "Joe" Ridley Jumped Into River and Rescued Baby, Who, Now 13 Years Old, Has Just Learned Particulars of the Affair, Through Newspaper Stories.

New York, Dec. 16.—"Joe" Ridley has just heard from the little girl whose life he saved from the swirling eddies of the East river off pier No. 54 nine years ago, where John Young, her demented father, had thrown her. Mr. Ridley jumped into the water on that summer night in 1900 and risked his life to save that of the four years old child. For this act of bravery he received a gold medal from the Humane society and was made a member of the American Cross of Honor.

In his home, at No. 260 Front street, Mr. Ridley has just been pleasantly surprised by hearing from Marguerite, who is now a pretty girl of 13, a high school student and the adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Wells of South Berlin, N. Y. Mr. Wells is a farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Wells several days ago read in a New York paper a story of the life saving exploits of Mr. Ridley, in which his star performance, the rescuing of Marguerite Young, was commented upon. This was the first authentic account they had ever obtained of the affair.

Mr. Ridley several days later received a picture post card, on which were the lines: "This is from the little girl whose life you saved in 1900."

"My Dear Mr. Ridley—I am delighted to hear about you, and so are my mamma and papa. I am sending you a picture of myself, and hope to have yours soon. This is where I attend school. The window marked with a cross is where I sit."

IS HELD TO BE  
CONSTITUTIONAL

Supreme Court of Indiana Renders Decision With Reference to Local Option Election Law.

Indianapolis, Dec. 16.—The Supreme court of Indiana today held to be constitutional the local option election law, under which 65 of the 92 counties of Indiana have closed their saloons.

REAL SEAT OF FRAUDS  
IS IN THE LAND OFFICE

So Declares Hitchcock Attacking Secretary Ballinger—Will Call for Investigation.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Charging that the "real seat of public land frauds is in the land office rather than outside" Representative Hitchcock of Nebraska in an address in the house declared his intention of calling for a congressional investigation.

Mr. Hitchcock attacked Secretary Ballinger and held up as a martyr L. R. Glavis, who was dismissed from the employ of the land office because he "had shown too much zeal in protecting the government against frauds."

**Senate Adjourns to Monday.**  
Both houses of congress were in session today. The senate adjourned until Monday. A number of nominations were confirmed.

The senate adopted a resolution calling for information as to methods of preventing coal mine disasters. The house took up the bill making appropriations for the District of Columbia. During the general debate Minority Leader Clark made a speech criticizing congress for not hastening the sugar trust inquiry.

**Holiday Adjournment.**  
The senate today agreed to the house resolution for adjournment of congress December 21, to January 4, for the Christmas holidays.

**Texas Field Trials.**

Taylor, Tex., Dec. 16.—A sportsman-like atmosphere pervaded this place today as it was the opening day of the annual field trials of the Texas Breeders' club. Good sport is expected during the three days of the meet, as game is reported plentiful on the club preserves, while many of the dogs entered in the various events have a national reputation.

GOLFERS ON THE  
ATLANTA COURSE

Some Well Known Players Are Participating in the Open Tournament Which Started Today.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 16.—Amateurs and professionals started today in the open golf tournament at the course of the Atlanta Athletic club. Among the prominent golfers present are: Alexander Smith, Wyckoff; Fred McLeod, Middlethon; Jimmie Malden, Nassau; Dave Ogilvie, Augusta Country club; George Oliver, runner up in the last Southern amateurs championship, and Wilbur Oakes of Macon.

SCHOONER AMES' CREW  
ALL PROBABLY LOST

Capt. King Had His Wife With Him—The Ames Was Another Cape Hatteras Victim.

Boston, Dec. 16.—The loss of the five-masted schooner Governor Ames, wrecked off Cape Hatteras Monday, is a hard blow to local shipping, as she was used almost directly in the coasting trade.

**H. STOCKDELL'S SHORTAGE WILL MAKE NO DIFFERENCE**  
Is General Condition of Phoenix—Only \$20,000 Can Be Realized On Stockdell's Property.

New York, Dec. 16.—The fifty-thousand dollar shortage reported at the Atlanta agency of the Phoenix (Fire) Insurance company by the state insurance department will make no difference, the department says, in the general condition of the company.

Conditions at Atlanta will soon be probed by examiners. The department says only \$20,000 can be realized on the property turned over by Harry Stockdell, the former general agent at Atlanta.

END IS DEATH,  
SIGHS MOTHER

Mrs. Martin, Arrested for Murder of Daughter, Mrs. Snead Collapses in Pitiable Condition.

3 NOTES LIKE "SUICIDE NOTE" FOUND IN ROOM

Mother of Victim of the "Bath Tub Murder," Now Accused, Declares She Is 64 Years of Age.

New York, Dec. 16.—Mrs. Caroline R. Martin, mother of Okey Snead, the victim of the East Orange bath-tub tragedy, was held by a magistrate to await extradition to New Jersey, charged with the murder of her daughter.

Mrs. Martin spent the night in a cell, closely guarded.

New York, Dec. 16.—Mrs. Caroline R. Martin, mother of Okey Snead, the young southern girl victim of the bath tub tragedy, talked of the suicide and collapsed while being led to a cell in the police station today.

"The ending is death," sighed Mrs. Martin. The woman's condition was pitiable. When brought to the station house and turned over to the matron she fainted. She revived later and was led to a cell.

Mrs. Martin was arrested on a warrant charging her with the murder of her daughter. Her sister, Miss Virginia Wardlaw, is now in a prison cell awaiting the action of the grand jury.

Mrs. Martin had been missing since the tragedy. In the room, where she was located after a diligent search, were found three notes, the wording being almost identical with the "suicide note," pinned to the clothing of Okey Snead when the body was discovered. The notes were written on paper of the same color and texture as the original suicide note, and the handwriting was practically identical.

The warrant on which Mrs. Martin was arrested sets forth that the prisoner did wilfully, feloniously, murder Okey W. M. Snead, her daughter.

The arrest was made at the Hotel Bayard, where Mrs. Martin arrived Tuesday and from which it was first thought she had escaped. But after a day of mystery announcement came from police headquarters of her arrest.

The prisoner gave her age as 64 years, and said that she was a widow. Her condition was pitifully weak and she was shown every courtesy possible.

**Mrs. Mary Snead Arrested.**  
Mrs. Mary Snead, Mrs. Martin's sister, and the mother-in-law of Okey Snead, was arrested this afternoon after Mrs. Martin's arraignment. The arrest was made on a warrant charging her with being a fugitive from justice in that she was implicated in the death of the Snead girl.

**ENGINEER'S HEROISM SAVED LIVES OF MANY**  
Stuck to Outside of Cab and Applied Emergency Brake, Reaching Through Scalding Steam.

Clarkston, Ga., Dec. 16.—The heroism of Engineer Davis, of a Georgia Central fast mail train, who, while hanging to the outside of the cab of his engine, running at 50 miles an hour, stuck his hand through a veritable cauldron of scalding steam until he found the emergency brake and stopped the train, probably saved the lives of 100 passengers Tuesday.

Just before the train reached here a driving rod of the engine broke, knocking the fireman unconscious and almost demolished the cab. Escaping steam poured from the broken pipes into the cab. Before Engineer Davis could reach the emergency brake he was driven from his seat by the heat.

Nevertheless he clung to the outside of the cab until he grasped the lever and stopped the train, when he fell unconscious from his perilous position.

**No Battle at Rama.**

Manassas, Nicaragua, Dec. 16.—Telegraphic communication with Rama is re-established today. It is officially announced that Rama has not been taken by government troops. The two armies face each other, but no battle has been fought.

**THE WEATHER:**  
Forecast until 8 p. m. Friday for Asheville and vicinity: Fair weather tonight and Friday; warmer Friday.

"PIE COUNTER"  
PLANS WORKING

Some Glimpses of Inside History as to Tar Heel Patronage—Cowles to Visit the White House Today.

OFFICE OF COLLECTOR TO STAY IN THE FAMILY

Logan Is Slated for Marshal—Some Complications—Race for Asheville Postoffice Is Still Open.

Special to The Gazette-News.  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Tar Heel patronage matters were again under consideration today. Two causes led to a revival of this topic. It was whispered about that McVeagh of Alamance, who has been figuring in the marshalling talk, has heard his patronage death-knell; and the prospective visit during the day of Congressman Cowles to the White House.

In the course of the conversation the gentleman from the Eighth is expected to tell the president that the patronage program tentatively agreed upon, which gives the marshalling to W. E. Logan of Asheville, is agreeable to him. The matter of the collectorship will likewise receive consideration and, while Mr. Cowles has been strangely reticent on the subject, it is the understanding here that the position will either go to Collector Brown again, or that the position will be kept in the family, and that it will go, in case Mr. Brown should not seek re-appointment, to L. Clint Wagner of Statesville, his non-in-law. Some arrangement satisfactory to the present collector is certain to be made.

**Story of An Agreement.**  
Now as to the part McVeagh of Alamance is playing in the marshalling contest. A long while ago, while the eastern judgeship was being agitated with a violence seldom observed in the political world, republicans of prominence, who direct party matters in general and patronage matters in particular, were desirous of securing the powerful intervention of Senator Dixon of Alabama, but a native of North Carolina. It was felt that Mr. Dixon might help some in the effort to prevent the calamitous appointment of a democrat. Mr. Dixon, a good party man himself, and having a measure of sympathy for North Carolina republicans in their sufferings, agreed to lend a helping hand, but in the meanwhile he thought that the position of marshal should be given to his kinsman, Mr. McVeagh. This was agreed to, because the aforementioned position was sorely in need of help; and then of course there came a time when they regretted having entered into such agreement. They favored a different arrangement of the state, and when their troubles were laid before Senator Dixon he proved amenable to reason, and both he and Morehead agreed that Congressman Grant, since there was nothing else in sight for him, and every congressman must have some recognition, must name the marshal. McVeagh came to Washington the other day, but the day before he left Morehead wrote him it was no use, that it was all over and Grant would be permitted to name Logan without further question.

**Embarrassing for Morehead.**  
Morehead has experienced considerable embarrassment over this situation. As an ill fate would have it, he had endorsed McVeagh, asking for the marshalling for his district, and he therefore found it difficult to serve his friend, Thomas Settle, who has never had much yearning for the position of district attorney, but would have been very glad to receive the appointment of collector. As Morehead has found himself in a position where he could neither come nor go in state patronage matters, so far as his Asheville friend is concerned, he is still scanning the horizon for something equally as good abroad.

**Moving in a Mysterious Way.**  
Those gentlemen identified with the Morehead-Settle camp are said to be moving in a most mysterious way. Two or three days ago they were anxiously awaiting the return of Secretary Knox, and it is assumed that they have spotted something desirable; but if so, Grant, their supposed friend, knows nothing of it. Settle is not asking any aid from Grant, although a resident of his district, and seems to be relying wholly upon the activity of Morehead. Grant is not consulted, and he is not taken into the confidence of the people who have presumably been lined up with him in political matters. Meanwhile articles continue to appear in certain papers—articles obviously inspired—telling how intense are the sufferings of Mr. Grant in these political matters and what a fine position is to be given to Mr. Settle abroad, a position which is certain to prove more remunerative than that recently held by Farmer Congressman Pearson. Undoubtedly Grant is wondering who may be his friends.

No state thus far made has definitely Continued on page 1