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DRIVERS REFUSE TO GIVE THEIR OPINION AS TO CAUSE OF COLLISION

Investigation Continues—Most of the Drivers Will Probably Take Place Tomorrow.

Wayne, Sept. 22.—Forty is the dead in the Fort Wayne-Interurban collision yesterday as the check made this morning shows.

HIS HANDKERCHIEF A HANGMAN'S ROPE

Man Believed to Be B. W. Yates, Detroit Business Man, Commits Suicide After Arrest for Shooting Girl—The Latter Expected to Live.

CLEVELAND, O., Sept. 22.—A man believed to be Hurton W. Yates, a Detroit business man, committed suicide by hanging in the county jail today, an hour after he was lodged here for shooting a woman, identified as Mrs. Fred Singer of Cleveland, formerly of Detroit, in a road house at Rocky River.

INVESTIGATING LYNCHING OF ITALIANS AT TAMPA

No Action Will Be Taken Until All the Facts Are Laid Before Italian Government.

Manchester, Mass., Sept. 22.—The lynching of two men of Italian birth at Tampa Tuesday night is being investigated by diplomatic and consular representatives of the Italian government in the United States.

BURIED TREASURE TALE USED TO CORRUPT GUARD

Believed to Have Caused Hospital Corps Guard to Liberate Negro Trooper Under Life Sentence.

San Francisco, Sept. 22.—A tale of buried treasure in the Philippines is believed to have been the cause which led Private F. W. Brooks of the United States hospital corps to liberate William Spillman, a negro trooper under life sentence for killing a fellow soldier.

DOWN AGAIN ON TRIAL FOR LARCENY

Baltimore, Sept. 22.—William F. Downs, former stock clerk in the city register's office, was today placed on trial for the fourth time for the alleged larceny of city money. He is accused of having stolen \$67,000. The jury in each previous trial disagreed.

RAILWAY HEADS GATHERED HERE

Many High Officials of Southern in Asheville, and More Coming—Important Things Scheduled for Tomorrow—Inspection Made of Tentative Hotel Sites on Sunset.

THE Southern Railway company, in an executive sense, is in Asheville today. The party includes President Finley, Vice President Andrews, H. B. Spencer, who holds the dual position of vice president and assistant to President Finley, H. S. Burdick, traffic passenger manager, George R. Loyall, M. V. Richards, of the Land and Industrial Department, and H. L. Miller, in charge of freight interests of the road at Knoxville.

POLICE DESCEND UPON TENDERLOIN

Many Spectacular Raids Are Made in New York's Famous Region of Iniquity.

POLICE STATIONS CROWDED WITH PRISONERS CAPTURED. Crowds Followed the Raiders About Baker May Be Called as Grand Jury Witness Today.

CHARLTON'S PLEA OF INSANITY IS DENIED

Self-Confessed Murderer of His Wife May Yet Be Returned to Italy for Trial.

Jersey City, N. J., Sept. 22.—Porter Charlton lost the opening skirmish yesterday in his fight to escape extradition for the confessed murder at Lake Como, Italy, of his wife, Mary Scott Castle Charlton.

CORPORATION ASSESSMENT IS INCREASED \$4,410,333

Public Service Corporation Assessed at \$95,444,707; Miscellaneous, at \$100,914,922.

IMMEDIATE DOWNWARD REVISION IS DEMANDED

New Hampshire Democrats in Convention at Concord Adopt Their Platform.

TWO TRAINMEN KILLED

Their Engine, Standing, Was Struck During Dense Fog by a Through Freight.

ST. CHARLES, MICH., SEPT. 22.—WILLIAM CLEMENTS, the conductor, and O. G. Doty, helper, on a Michigan Central switch train, were fatally injured when their engine, standing, was struck by a through freight train in a dense fog today.

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEMOCRATS IN CONVENTION AT CONCORD ADOPT THEIR PLATFORM

Concord, N. H., Sept. 22.—The platform adopted today by the democratic state convention demands immediate downward revision of the tariff in the interest of consumers, the parcels post, the adoption of a federal income tax amendment, the election of United States senators by the people, effective trust regulation, conservation of natural resources and passage of the White Mountain forest reserve bill.

THE GOLF CLUB PLANS SHAPING

Proposal to Establish 18-Hole Links Assumes Concrete Form with Subscription of \$25,000 of \$40,000 Needed—Option Taken on 40 Acres Additional Kimberly Property.

IT may be said today that the proposal to establish an up to the minute, 18-hole golf course in Asheville has assumed a concrete form, if it will be understood that no reference is to be made to a certain "concrete hotel" movement with a melancholy ending.

GREAT PENSION SCHEME OPPOSED

G. A. R. Commander-in-Chief Pays Fine Tribute to Wearers of the Grey in His Opening Address.

Atlantic City, Sept. 22.—The pension committee of the G. A. R. today made a report at the opening session of the national encampment condemning the proposition that congress grant each union veteran of the war of the States a pension of at least \$1 a day for life.

CHARGES COMBINE TO PUT UP RATES

Stubbs of Kansas Makes Opening Address at Interstate Rate Conference.

Topeka, Sept. 22.—Governor Stubbs of Kansas outlined the purposes of the interstate rate conference in a speech at the opening session here today.

COTTON LADING BILLS MUST BE GUARANTEED

European Bankers Decide not to Recede from Their Position—To Be Effective Oct. 31.

London, Sept. 22.—European bankers interested in preventing fraudulent bills of lading in the shipment of American cotton decided today not to recede from their position.

TO BRING IMMIGRANTS FROM NORTHERN STATES

Mr. Richards Tells What Is Being Done—He Thinks Good Results Will Follow.

M. V. Richards, land and industrial agent of the Southern Railway company, who arrived here this morning from a trip through the middle west, believes that the tide of immigration to the south will be considerable this fall and winter.

CIGARETTE AND TOBACCO PACKS TO BE REDUCED

On Account of Tariff American Makers Will Reduce the Sizes but not the Prices.

Washington, Sept. 22.—Packages of American-made cigarettes and tobacco are being reduced in size to make up for the increased revenue taxes imposed by the tariff.

REGENT OF PERSIA DIES AT TEHRAN

Teheran, Sept. 22.—The regent of Persia, Azad Ul Mulik, died here today.

ARCHER BROWN ELECTROCUTED

Richmond, Sept. 22.—Archer Brown, white, from Staunton, was electrocuted here today for the murder of Perry Hoy. Brown fired a shotgun at Hoy, killing him, and accidentally a child of Hoy. Brown confessed.

THIRTY-SIX NEW CASES AND 13 DEATHS

St. Petersburg, Sept. 22.—There are 36 new cases of cholera and thirteen deaths today.

TARGETS RIDDLED AT LONG DISTANCE

Atlantic Fleet Has Again Demonstrated That no Mark is Too Small for It to Hit.

HEAVY WEATHER HAS STOPPED THE BATTLE PRACTICE AGAIN

Practice of Section Delayed by Passage of Fruit Steamer Between Ships and Their Targets.

Aboard the U. S. S. Kansas, by Wireless via Portsmouth, Va., Sept. 22.—The Atlantic fleet has demonstrated that no mark is too small for it to hit.

CRAWFORD ON CAMPAIGN IN GUDGER'S INTEREST

Drawing Good Crowds and Creating Enthusiasm in Rutherford and McDowell.

Special to The Gazette-News. Marion, Sept. 22.—Former Congressman Crawford of Wayneville, is carrying the democratic banner into McDowell and Rutherford counties in the interest of J. M. Gudger, Jr., who is seeking election to congress over his republican opponent, John G. Grant.

REPUBLICAN HOUSE WHIP GOES OVER TO ROOSEVELT

Makes Visit to Sagamore Hill to Tell the Colonel That He is Now For Him.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Sept. 22.—The republican whip of the house, John W. Dwight, of Binghamton, N. Y., made his first visit to Sagamore Hill yesterday to tell ex-President Roosevelt that he was with him in his fight for the control of the republican state convention at Saratoga next week.

THE WEATHER

For Asheville and vicinity—Partly cloudy weather tonight and Friday.

For North Carolina—Partly cloudy tonight and Friday.