

TWO PERSONS KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK NEAR HUNTERSVILLE EARLY IN THE DAY

Southern Passenger Train No. 26 Running From Charlotte to Winston-Salem Thrown Over An Embankment and the Fireman, Ernest Kistler, of Barber Junction and a Negro Passenger Were Killed Outright—Engineer Lanyoux, Dr. Adam Fisher, of Charlotte, and Walter Sloan, of Statesville Were All Hurt, as Was Mail Clerk Choate--Wreck Was Deliberately Planned and Executed It Is Thought.

There was a serious wreck on the Southern Railway early this morning at a point near Huntersville on the road from Charlotte to Winston-Salem. The accident occurred at 5 o'clock this morning and resulted in the death of two persons and the injury of a number of others. News reached the city today that the wreck had occurred and several officials of the Southern went to the scene of the disaster.

As soon as news of the wreck was received this morning the work of assembling a force of special agents was begun, this being directed from the chief agent's office. Law Agents Vuncannon and J. L. Hatch, of Salisbury, with members of the local force of special officers, went to the scene from Salisbury in automobiles. Passing through on the morning trains were special agents from Greensboro, those going to Charlotte, and the Charlotte force was also called into service and everything possible is being done by the Southern to get a clue to the guilty parties and the motive for wrecking the train.

An account of the trouble which came to the Post from Concord early in the day was as follows:

Northbound passenger train running from Charlotte to Winston-Salem was wrecked one and three-quarter miles outside of the town of Huntersville at 5 o'clock this morning. The train was overturned and Ernest Kestler, of Barber Junction, and a negro passenger named Walker were killed, while Engineers J. C. Lanyoux, Walter Sloan, of Statesville, and Dr. Adam Fisher, of Charlotte, were badly injured and taken to the hospital at Charlotte.

The wreck was caused by the spreading of the tracks, thought to have resulted after the spikes had been drawn and the wrecking of the train being a deliberate act. Wrecking crews arrived and by 10 o'clock the track was cleared.

TWO KILLED AND SEVERAL INJURED.

(By Associated Press) Charlotte, July 17.—Fireman Ernest Kistler, of Barber Junction, was killed and Engineer J. C. Lanyoux, of this city, was badly injured by scalding at Caldwell station, fifteen miles from this city, when passenger train No. 26 running from Charlotte to Winston, was overturned, the engine and three cars being hurled over an embankment at 5 o'clock this morning.

J. E. Walker, a negro passenger, of New Orleans, was also killed.

Dr. Adam Fisher, of this city, and Walter Sloan, of Statesville, were seriously injured, and others of the first class coach were shaken and shocked so that medical aid was necessary.

J. Choate, mail clerk on the train was so badly bruised that on the hip and leg that he was brought here to the hospital.

It is thought that the train was deliberately wrecked.

SPIKES DRAWN FROM FULL RAIL.

Washington, July 17.—Removal of eleven spikes by unknown persons caused the wrecking of Southern Railway passenger train No. 26 at Caldwell station, N. C., early today with a loss of two lives.

Reports to Southern Railway headquarters here say all spikes were drawn for a full rail length on the west side of the track.

Special agents are making an investigation but there is no clue to identity of the wreckers.

FRENCHMAN WILL TEACH AMERICAN AVIATORS.



Baron de la Grange, one of the best known French aviators, who has many Germans to his credit, has been given leave of absence from the army to come to the United States to instruct American aviators.

GLASS CASKETS NOW THE LATEST

Local Man Becomes Interested in a Company to Establish a Glass Casket Plant in Tennessee.

Something new has made its appearance in the shape of glass burial caskets and it is predicted that it will not be long until glass will substitute wood almost entirely in this line. Mr. T. W. Summersett yesterday became interested in a company to establish at Chattanooga, Tennessee, a plant for the manufacture of these glass caskets. He has been exhibiting a small size casket, a model, and those who have seen it do not see why it would not soon take the place of wood in the manufacture of burial outfits. There are only two pieces, the body and the lid, and these are grooved and when the casket is closed are sealed with liquid glass, which becomes solidified and forms one solid glass casket, air tight. The glass used is three-quarters of an inch thick and it is said glass will preserve forever in the ground. The caskets are to be trimmed and lined the same as the wooden style. It is something new and in a way novel in burial outfits and those who have seen the model have formed a favorable impression of the glass casket.

AVIATION BILL IS FAVORABLY REPORTED.

(By Associated Press) Washington, July 17.—Another speed record in considering the \$610,000,000 aviation program bill, passed last Saturday in the House in five hours, was made today when the Senate military affairs committee at a 45 minute session unanimously ordered a favorable report without amendment.

WANT SOUTHERN PORTS USED NOW

(By Associated Press) Atlanta, July 17.—Representatives of Railways and civic bodies of the South and Southeast are here today for a conference to devise some plan of presenting to the war and navy department the advisability of using the ports of the Gulf and South-Atlantic waters in shipping men and supplies to Europe. Representatives from a number of the port towns are present and the suggestion will be made that the ports in this portion of the country are available for the reason that the ports of the East are congested.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN HOLD SPECIAL MEETING

Charlotte Paving Company Awarded the Contract to Pave Between Car Line on South Main Street—Fulton Street Question Again Brought Up.

The board of aldermen held a brief called meeting at the city hall last night with Mayor Woodson presiding and Aldermen Crowder, Ruffy, Ludwick, Norwood and Henderlite present. Clerk Rainey, City Attorney Vanderford and City Engineer Webb were also present.

W. F. Kelsey, who has authority to sell lots in the colored cemetery west of Livingstone College, appeared before the board asking certain information as to the disposition of burial sites in this cemetery. He also stated that he had a sum of money to be turned over to the cemetery committee, this having been secured through the selling of burial sites.

Bids were opened for paving between the car line on South Main street from Dr. West's corner to a point beyond Chestnut Hill cemetery, which street is now being paved, and this was awarded to the Charlotte paving company. This work is to be paid for by the Public Service Company but the contract is let by the city and the work done under the supervision of the city engineer. This work will be completed within ten days after having started.

The question of location of the car line on South Fulton street, from Harrison street, where it turns into Fulton to Mitchell avenue, came up again. There was a delegation of property owners living on that street present. These were emphatic in stating that unless the car line was to be moved in the center of the street they preferred that the street be not paved and left alone as at present. The board had previously voted to adopt a recommendation of the street committee that it be placed on the east side. However, after some little discussion, it was decided that as three members of the board were absent, one being chairman of the street committee, the matter be deferred until the next meeting.

There being nothing further to come before the board the meeting adjourned.

HENRY C. BEATTIE DEAD.

Richmond, Va., July 16.—Henry C. Beattie, six-four years old, father of Henry C. Beattie, Jr., who paid the death penalty for murdering his young wife, died today in a local hospital. Mr. Beattie was a wealthy merchant and bank officer.

POLITICAL ADJUSTMENT ON IN GERMANY

The Successor of the Former Foreign Minister is Not Yet Selected—Bernstorff Is Being Urged by Some for the Place—New Chancellor is Working on Program.

(By Associated Press) Copenhagen, July 17.—The selection of a successor to the late Minister of foreign affairs, Dr. Zimmermann is still unsettled and pressure is being brought to bring about the appointment of Von Bernstorff, former minister to the United States.

Chancellor Herr Michaelis is described as working night and day on his program speech and the selection of new material for the new Prussian imperial administration. The Tagblatt says that Herr Michaelis is reticent to express himself on his political policy. The Reichstag is to be adjourned on Friday until the first of September after the passage of the war budget which will go through almost unanimously. Berlin dispatches say that the majority block presents peace terms on Thursday and will demand from Chancellor that he accept them materially.

Bernstorff Goes to Copenhagen. Paris, July 17.—A Zurich dispatch to the Petite-Presse says that Count Bernstorff has been appointed German minister to Copenhagen in place of Borkirriff-Rantzau.

TRAGEDY IN A RICHMOND THEATRE

Husband Shoots at Man With His Wife in a Movie Show and While Attempting Escape is Killed—Woman Attempts Suicide.

Richmond, Va., July 16.—One man was killed, an enraged husband seriously wounded and a panic created in the Odeon theatre this afternoon in a sensational shooting affair, the result of a Syrian's attentions to a woman's wife.

Albert Kaleel forfeited his life and Aleck Etosh, was shot in the body. Mrs. Adair Etosh, the woman in the case escaped uninjured. The woman then threatened to commit suicide.

Kaleel shot Etosh, the husband, but a police officer who happened to be in the theatre, fired the bullet which killed Kaleel after the latter shot the wronged husband and was attempting to escape.

WEALTHY COAL OPERATOR HELD ON MURDER CHARGE

George E. Tompkins, Jr., of Philadelphia, Held in Connection With Mysterious Death and Shooting of Man, Wife and Son, Near Johnstown, Pa.

Johnstown, Pa., July 16.—George E. Tompkins, Jr., a Philadelphia coal operator, arrested in connection with the mysterious deaths by shooting of Edward Humphries, his wife and son yesterday in an automobile on a country road near here, was formally charged with murder before a justice of the peace today, and is locked up in the Cambria county jail.

The charge was made by a county detective, and Tompkins immediately declared his innocence. Tompkins, on his way to jail, declared that he had forgotten a few details in the statement he made yesterday and he was given opportunity to make another statement in secret, the purport of which the authorities refuse to disclose.

A letter in the hands of the detectives is said to have a bearing on the case, but no statement will be made regarding its contents. The letter is said to have been written by Tompkins' wife.

According to Tompkins, who was one of the automobile party, the three members of the Humphries family were held up and shot by three masked highwaymen. Poses scoured the countryside yesterday, but gave up the search when Sheriff Mulhollen announced that statements made by Tompkins were at variance with facts brought out at the inquest.

A WHISKEY CASE HEARD.

John Kerr Fine \$50 and Costs for Having More Than One Quart in His Possession—Affray Case of Last Week Also Tried.

In the county court this morning Mr. John Kerr, a well known and aged man, was given a hearing on a charge of having more than one quart of liquor in his possession and being for the purpose of sale. Officers searched the old restaurant building on East Council street, just around the corner from Main, several nights ago and found four quart and several pint bottles of whiskey, and this led to the indictment. Judge Wright found the defendant guilty and imposed a fine of \$50 and costs and suspended further judgment 18 months on good behavior, especially as to liquor. Notice of appeal was given and bond fixed at \$100.

An affray case between a negro man and a mere white boy in which the boy cut the negro in the head with an axe resulted in the white boy being fined \$10 and costs and the negro \$7.50 and costs.

Another case against a young negro man and woman for violation of a recent city ordinance resulted in each being taxed \$5 and costs.

WEATHER FORECAST



Local thunder showers tonight and Wednesday.

GREECE IN WAR TO FIGHT TO FINISH

Premier Announces that the Country Will Actively Participate Against Central Powers.

Washington, July 16.—Uncertainty as to Greece's status in the world war was cleared away today with the receipt of official information that the Greek government not only has severed relations with all four of the central powers, but is actually in a state of war with them.

Information has reached the state department that the Greek minister in Paris has notified the French government Greece considers herself a full belligerent and will act accordingly. He said it was not necessary to issue a formal declaration of war, as the government feels it is bound by the declarations previously issued at Saloniki by Premier Venizelos, who took with him to Athens all the responsibilities and commitments of the temporary Saloniki government. As a belligerent, Greece is expected to lose no time in mobilizing her war resources and joining effectively in the common allied operations in the Balkans.

The strength of the Venizelos army is placed at about 60,000 men, and the remnants of the former regular army, while not over 30,000 now, has at times been mobilized to a total of 200,000 men and is capable of reaching 300,000 if munitions are provided.

The regulars practically were demobilized by the allies when former King Constantine held the organization as a threat to the allies' rear, but can quickly be called to the colors again.

While it is understood the new government has not yet mobilized this army, the classes of 1916 and 1917, previously prevented by the allies from being called out, were called to the colors about two weeks ago.

A Greek mission may be sent to the United States, not only to negotiate for supplies for this army, but also to present Greece's situation as to the general world reconstruction after the war. For the present it is probable Greece will be munitioned by the allies.

It is understood here that while some pro-Greek anti-war spirit remains in Greece a great majority of the people are happy that a flat decision has at last been made and that the perils and uncertainties that have beset the nation's attempt to be neutral are ended.

ARMY DRAWING PROBABLE FRIDAY OR SATURDAY.

With only ten States to be heard from on the organization of local exemption boards and with the serial number list of registrants from all except 649 of the 4,559 exemption districts on file in Washington Provost Marshal General Crowder was hopeful that the preliminary stages would be completed in 48 hours.

If no unexpected delay is encountered it seems likely the drawing can be held Friday or Saturday. A single district, however, can hold up action indefinitely.

The rain of this afternoon caused a cancellation of the Spencer Methodist Sunday school picnic, which was to have been held at 5 o'clock in a grove near the city limits. It will be held later.

DAVIDSON COUNTY MINING OPERATIONS

Getting Under Way in Southern Section of the County and Attracting No Little Attention.

Winston-Salem, July 16.—Mining operations of more than passing importance are getting under way in the southern part of Davidson county, with several of the old mines being re-opened, new shafts contemplated and slag piles being prepared for remelting. A Davidson correspondent learns that at one place a medium sized smelter will be put into operation at an early date. During the past six months scattering mining men have been attracted to Davidson on account of the unusual prices of certain metals and minerals, but in recent weeks they have come in companies and battalions. Investigation, it is said by several mining experts, has divulged the fact that there are very important deposits of silver, zinc, copper and a number of other metals and minerals in the lowly ridge of eastern Davidson. Many of these properties have been abandoned for years, because the old methods and difficulty in transporting the output to railroads made it unprofitable. New mining methods and good roads have changed the face of things and important announcements are expected to be made before many days.

RUSSIANS CONTINUING THEIR VIGOROUS OFFENSIVE AND OTHER GROUPS READY TO SPRING TO ACTION

Everything Appears to Be Running Smoothly With the Military Machine But Governmental Affairs Are Again Ruffled—Revolt in the German Reichstag Goes On Unchecked and New Chancellor Will Be Demanded to Accept Declaration of Peace Terms Before Given Support by Body—Four German Vessels Captured by British Destroyers—Important Success Won by French in Verdun Region.

RADICAL NEWSPAPERS.



MAXIMILIAN HARDEN.

Maximilian Harden, whose radical newspaper, Die Zukunft, has enjoyed peculiar immunity while most other radical publications were forbidden in Germany has at last been silenced. His newspaper has been suppressed for the remainder of the war, and he has been compelled to join the auxiliary civil service, where he must serve as a clerk.

DEMONSTRATION IN RUSSIAN CAPITAL

Two Demonstrations Made and Firing Was the Result, a Demonstration Was Made Against the Government—Rifles and Machine Guns Used.

Petrograd, July 17.—Two demonstrations against the government resulted in the firing of a number of shots in the Vensky Prospect at midnight last night as a result of which a number have been killed.

The firing apparently resulted from stray shots which brought on a panic which brought firing from rifles and machine guns which were the faction turned on each other. Quite was soon restored. The demonstration was organized by the majority party of the Social Democrats.

PARK AVENUE CHURCH NOTES.

Large Delegation to Be Sent to District Conference at Albemarle—To Apply for License to Preach.

Park Avenue Methodist church will send a good delegation to the District Conference at Albemarle with a splendid report. Two young men will apply for license to preach. The delegates are Rev. G. W. Vick, W. A. Smith, A. S. Morgan, F. I. Morgan, E. A. Rozelle, E. W. Plyler, J. N. Moose, A. C. Tippett and W. A. Deaton.

Mr. D. M. Phillips and son, DeWitt, leave tonight for Baltimore where the latter will enter Johns Hopkins Hospital for treatment.

FOUR GERMAN SHIPS CAPTURED

The Admiralty Announces the Capture of Four Ships While Two Though Damaged, Made Their Escape—Ships Taken in the North Sea.

(By Associated Press) London, July 17.—The admiralty announces the capture of four German steamers by British destroyers in the North Sea. Two other steamers with them at the time they were signaled were sighted. All six made for the Dutch coast and two reached there in safety, but were badly damaged.

London, July 17.—A Reuter's dispatch from Ymuiden says four German ships were sunk by British destroyers in the North Sea, four were captured, three stranded and three forced to return to Rotterdam.

(By Associated Press)

The Russian armies are continuing their vigorous offensive in Eastern Galicia, and other groups of the Empire's vast forces apparently are ready to spring into action at various points along the 800-mile front.

Everything appears to be running smoothly with the military machine, or at least seems in far better shape than even the pessimist forecast indicated.

Meanwhile Russian governmental affairs, which have appeared to be going well for some time past, are again ruffled with cabinet disagreements. Four ministers, including Financial Minister Shingareff, has resigned because he objected to the policy decided upon by the other ministers regarding affairs in Ukraine, which, like Finland, has desires for an independent government.

A meeting of the Council of Ministers has been called to solve the crisis and it is hoped the resignations will be withdrawn.

Coincident with these resignations come reports of disorder in Petrograd, instigated by the radical element of the social democratic party in demands against the government. Rival parties in demonstrations appeared and fired on each other during a panic brought on by a few stray shots and a number were killed and wounded. Quiet was soon restored.

Notwithstanding the change in the German Chancellorship and before any declaration of policy has been made by the new occupant of the post, Dr. Georg Michaelis, the Reichstag's revolt against existing conditions appears to be going on unchecked. The majority are in favor of peace declaration terms, it is declared and will present their resolution Thursday, the day the new Chancellor is scheduled to speak, and they will demand that he accept the declaration in principle before agreeing to co-operate with him.

The early days of the war when German ships were being blown up on Southern seas by the British fleet were recalled today by the announcement from London of the capture of four German steamers by British destroyers. The capture was effected in the North Sea. None of the quartette were large vessels, the averages being about 1,300 tons. They were accompanied by two other German steamers. All made for the shore when sighted and the two that finally reached the coast were damaged by gun fire.

Important successes have been won by the French in the Verdun region. As a result of an attack last night all positions west of Hill 304, which remained in German hands after the attack of June 29th and 30th, were recovered. German prisoners to a number not yet ascertained by the French commanders were taken. In the Champagne the Germans made an attack last night in an attempt to retake lost observation positions at the Peton heights. General Petain's troops repelled the assaulting forces in disorder. Russian Evacuate Kalusz. Berlin, via London, July 17.—Russian forces which recently captured the

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