

5 HURT WHEN 137 IS SIDESWIPED BY FREIGHT CAR DOOR

None, However, Seriously Hurt When Windows On Right Side Car Shattered at Thomasville.

Five persons were slightly injured by glass this morning when the door of a freight car at Thomasville sideswiped a passenger coach attached to train 137, three of the injured suffered cuts above the right eye, one a cut on the hand and the fifth bruises. The injuries were considered slight and none of the passengers removed from the train by J. L. Hatch, claim agent, who met the train at the Salisbury station accompanied by several local doctors.

The injured were Mrs. James E. Faison, Faison, N. C., cut above right eye; Roy Setzer, Hickory, slight cut above right eye; H. P. Swinson, Charlotte, cut on right hand; T. V. Williams, Fletcher, N. C., cut right eye; Harry Sparty, Charlotte, bruises.

The door of the freight car was swinging and the suction of the passing train is said to have drawn the swinging door into contact with the first passenger coach of 137. Seventeen broken windows with the shields was the total amount of damage to the train before it could be stopped. The disabled car with the windows on the right side broken was taken off at Salisbury.

INVESTORS LOSE

TIMBER RIGHTS

Tokio, Dec. 27.—Another heavy loss has been sustained by Japanese investors through the decision of the Moscow government to cancel concessions for cutting timber in Siberia granted by the former White Government. Several of the largest firms in Japan had obtained these concessions by the payment of 3,000,000 yen to the old Vladivostok government, and a monthly sum according to the amount of timber cut. As a great amount of this timber was still awaiting shipment when the Reds took Vladivostok the Japanese count the venture a total loss.

WANT GUILFORD TO BE JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Greensboro, Dec. 27.—A special committee appointed by R. B. King, chairman of the Guilford County Bar association, is now completing plans for its campaign during the general assembly session for the passage of legislation making Guilford a judicial district within itself.

OTTEEN IMPROVED

Condition at U. S. hospital at Otteen have improved remarkably within the past year, according to Clifford Quinn, of Salisbury, who has been a patient for nearly two years. The rumpus stirred up about conditions at the hospital a number of months ago apparently secured the desired results. Mr. Quinn will be in Salisbury for a week before returning to the hospital.

STEAMER REPORTED LOST.

(By Associated Press)
New York, Dec. 27.—The French liner Savoie, arriving here after the roughest voyage in her history, reported the possible loss at sea of the steamship Tudor Star, bound from Seattle for Glasgow. The Tudor Star is operated by the Blue Star line of the Union Cold Storage company.

Cotton Market

Cotton Shows Renewed Strength.
New York, Dec. 27.—The cotton market showed renewed strength and activity today. Liverpool a little more than responded to the local gain of yesterday, while reports of a firm tone in the early stock market encouraged optimism among cotton traders. These features, combined with bullish reports from the domestic goods trade and southern spot market encouraged a continuation of yesterday's buying movement and after opening firm at an advance of 9 to 25 points the market sold up to 27.02 for March and 27.10 for May or 22 to 23 points net higher during early trading and into new high ground for the season.

Opening Firm
New York, Dec. 27.—Cotton futures opened firm.
January 26.70
March 26.95
May 26.19
July 26.72
October 24.84
Concord Cotton
Concord, Dec. 27.—Cotton is selling for 26 cents pound here today.
Salisbury Cotton
Loca cotton brought 26 3-8 cents pound.

Political Poker With Only I. O. U.'s



Here are the four dominant characters of allied politics agreeing to disagree about the war-debts. Left to right, Premier Poincare of France, Bonar Law, Mussolini of Italy and Premier Theunis of Belgium. This picture was taken in the historic conference room at 10 Downing Street, London.

G. O. P. SENATORS FIGHT BORAH PLAN FOR NEW PARLEY

Under Leadership of Senator Lodge, Republican Leaders Attack Economic Conference Idea.

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Dec. 27.—Administration senators have conferred with Senator Lodge, the lead of the Chairman Lodge of the foreign relations committee, began in the senate today a determined fight against the proposal of Senator Borah for a new international conference in Washington to discuss economic conditions and reduction of armaments.

Senator Lodge, who was said by his colleagues to have ascertained the views of President Harding, opened his attack as soon as the senate began work on the Borah proposal, which is in the form of an amendment to the naval bill, requesting the president to call a conference.

The foreign relations chairman recounted the difficulties of further armaments limitations encountered at the Washington conference a year ago and it would be "useless to attempt to limit land armaments unless it were established before hand that France had changed her position."

The fight began after a score of administration senators had conferred with Senator Lodge, providing for a resort to parliamentary tactics if necessary to defeat Borah's move.

A part of the senators who have voted with Mr. Borah on other questions on foreign policy, are said to be against him while the Democrats seemed to be undecided whether to support or oppose the conference plan.

TURKS AND BRITISH CLASH AGAIN; MIGHT END N. E. CONFERENCE

(By Associated Press)
London, Dec. 27.—Reuter's dispatch from Lausanne says: "There is serious danger of the Near East conference becoming abortive if the Turks persist in their present methods."
British Will Not Recede.
Lausanne, Dec. 27.—Thru foreign Secretary Curzon Great Britain informed Turkey today that the British never will abandon the Mosul oil vilayet as requested by the Turkish delegation and that no prolongation of the Near East conference can influence the British government to recede from the position it has taken in this matter.

MOTOR CARS COST FARMERS THIRTY MILLION IN CROPS

Chicago, Dec. 27.—American farmers are losing approximately \$30,000,000 a year on their oats crop and probably a like amount on their hay crops through the use of automobiles, motor trucks and tractors which have largely supplanted the use of horses in the cities, according to Robert McDougal, president of the Chicago board of trade in analyzing the effect of motorized hauling on the horse and grain market. Mr. McDougal believes, however, the pendulum is swinging the other way, pointing out that the prices on good draft horses are advancing.

"In 1910, there were 3,500,000 horses in the cities," said Mr. McDougal, "while in 1920 there was a trifle more than half that number. Most city horses are fed up on oats and hay. Oats prices recently averaged 656 cents below wheat prices, whereas before we began using gasoline they averaged 62 cents below wheat. This is a loss of three cents per bushel, which based upon an average crop of one billion bushels nets the farmer a tidy loss."

"There is no doubt the big power tractor has reached the saturation point. In many farming sections high-powered tractors were bought by small size farmers. It was a disastrous venture for many. In the cities, many businesses turned their backs upon the horse for short hauls with frequent stops. Today the farmer is feeding a yard of colts and the horse is coming into his own for short hauls."

FORMER MINISTER TO SPAIN DEAD; WAS A NATIVE OF NEW BERN

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Dec. 27.—Hannis Taylor, former United States minister to Spain and a recognized authority on international law died at his home here last night after an illness of a month.

Dr. Taylor, who was born in New Bern, N. C., 71 years ago, first practiced law in Mobile, Ala., and later here. He was appointed minister to Spain in 1893 and later was counsel for the government established under the Spanish-American treaty and also before the Alaskan boundary commission in 1903.

He held honorary degrees in eight American universities and from Petersburg and Dublin universities.
\$160,000,000 IS THE CAPITAL OF NEW ARMOUR COMPANY
(By Associated Press)
Dover, Del., Dec. 27.—The certificate for a charter for Armour and Company of Delaware, was filed at the office of the secretary of state here today.

TRAGEDY STALKS THRU N. Y. SUBWAY

Fifty Persons a Day Miss Their Train, According to Officials, One Died of Fright.

New York, Dec. 27.—The slam of a subway door, the surge of a rushing crowd and thousands of strangers, carried into the maelstrom of New York's great catacombs of commerce, the subways, are swept along—to disappointments, misfortune, and often death.

The subway was crowded. Gallo pushed his way through the crowd. His wife was close behind. But before she could board the train, the guard had slammed the door, separating husband and wife.

She boarded the next train. It was the wrong one. Speaking little English she couldn't make herself understood. She was lost among millions.

Two days later the frantic husband found her—in the morgue. She had died of fright.
A few weeks later Hyman Levine, a Newark, N. J., grocer, came to the dock to meet his wife and son, coming from Russia to join him.

Again a subway door closed. Another family was separated.
But this time fortune threw into the path of the panic-stricken woman a man who understood her language and who wasn't too busy to stop.

He escorted the lost mother and son to police station. There they waited and reached the pier in time to see the boat leaving. They could take no other boat. All their dreams were shattered.
According to officials at the Grand Central and Pennsylvania railroad stations, 50 persons a day miss their trains as a result of being lost in the subways. Police say hundreds are lost in New York daily.

M'KOIN TO BE HELD IN BALTIMORE ON REQUEST PARKER

Writ of Habeas Corpus Obtained for Former Mayor of Mer Rouge—Examination Delayed.

(By Associated Press)
Baltimore, Md., Dec. 27.—A writ of habeas corpus for Dr. B. M. McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge, La., arrested here on a charge of murder, was obtained today.

The writ, which was issued by Judge James B. Gorter in city court, was made returnable immediately.
At about the same time Dr. McKoin was arraigned for a hearing before Justice Stanleigh in Central police court but at the request of detectives on the case the justice adjourned the examination to January 8. This was in compliance with a telegram from Governor Parker, of Louisiana, requesting that Dr. McKoin be held for ten days and staying extradition papers would be forwarded.

Dr. McKoin was then taken to the office of States Attorney Leach, preliminary to the habeas corpus hearing before Judge Gorter. On request of Attorney Carman Judge Gorter postponed the habeas corpus hearing until tomorrow.
Governor Orders McKoin's Arrest
Baltimore, Dec. 27.—Dr. B. M. McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge, has been arrested here in connection with the Morehouse Parish kidnaping at Mer Rouge, La., and the finding of two bodies recently in Lake LaFourche, thought to be victims of a mob last fall.

At the time of his arrest he was taking a post graduate course at Johns Hopkins.
McKoin denied all knowledge of the affair. He was arrested on the orders of Governor Parker, of Louisiana.
Early yesterday a policeman was found on the waterfront unconscious. He was removed to a hospital. When the hospital report reached police headquarters, it was signed by Dr. McKoin. It was then that local newspaper men rushed to the hospital and interviewed him.

Up to that time the telegram from Governor Parker asking for his arrest had not been received. Dr. McKoin spoke freely and insisted he was not a fugitive and that he had made no attempt to conceal his identity.
He stated he has been in Baltimore since October 1, and had left Mer Rouge after an attempt had been made to assassinate him.

Not a Klansman.
Dr. McKoin insisted he was not a member of the Ku Klux Klan. He praised the organization, however, saying the members "did much to hold down bootlegging and immorality while I was mayor of Mer Rouge." He also stated that lawlessness is a common occurrence at Mer Rouge and that he was among those who started to clean up the place. The result, he said, was a hard battle with bootleggers, moonshiners and men of bad repute.

"Just before I left Mer Rouge a boy of good family was shot in the back. What did the sheriff and governor do? The case was dismissed after a jury filled with bootleggers and the vicious element declared the alleged murderer innocent."
"Now, however, when a bootlegger and some one else is killed, the governor joins in the investigation. This affair, in my opinion, will decide whether the decent and good element of the town will control."

2 Men Burn To Death In Bessemer City Fire

LEGLESS MAN TO DIE ON GALLOWS



LIONEL EDWARD SYMONDS IN THE ARMS OF THE OFFICER WHO MAY CARRY HIM TO THE GALLOWS.

(By Milton Bronner)
London, Dec. 26.—A legless man, 22 years old, will soon be carried to the gallows to pay the penalty for a "constructive murder."
It took the jury, only 18 minutes to find him guilty. Yet he never could have been convicted for such a crime in the United States.
If two persons enter a death pact, and one survives, can he be charged with murder?
The British law says yes. Popular opinion, backed by some leading barristers, says no.
In the balance hangs the life of the cripple. Unless sufficient sentiment is aroused to win a commutation of sentence, he will soon be carried to the scaffold in the arms of a policeman for his part in an unfortunate love affair.

Change of Mind
But the girl became frightened. Shortly before the time set for the execution of their death pact, she wrote:
"I shall not go to the train lines because I don't wish to die like that. I would rather you killed me."
The man replied:
"Dear, it must be the train. I could not do it myself. Then we go together."
The day after the girl's mutilated body was found on the railway track and nearby was Symonds with both legs so badly crushed his feet had to be amputated.
On the stand, the cripple admitted his love for the girl and their talk and notes about jumping in front of the train. But he said he changed his mind and wanted to live.
He met, told her, urged her not to be silly. But she was distracted and ran towards the track down which the train was thundering. Half-mad with fright, he ran after her.
That was all that he remembered.

BRITISH FINANCIAL MISSION IS COMING

(By Associated Press)
London, Dec. 27.—The British financial mission to the United States, headed by Stanley Baldwin, chancellor of the exchequer, sailed for New York this morning on the liner Majestic.

FARM BLOC LOOMS FOR NEB. LEGISLATURE

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 27.—Nebraska will have a farm bloc in its next legislature, convening January 2, to protect agricultural interests in legislative matters, if present plans of its sponsors are successful. The movement was started among agencies of organized agriculture and J. N. Norton, former head of the farm Bureau Federation, already has come forward with its proposal.

N. C. MOTION PICTURE MEN IN CONVENTION

(By Associated Press)
Greensboro, Dec. 27.—Motion picture theatre owners of North Carolina will open their midwinter convention here at 7:30 o'clock this evening.

FLIVVERS MAY DRIVE CAMELS FROM DESERT

Paris, Dec. 27.—The time may not be far off when the motor caravan will replace the camel in the Sahara.
M. Andre Citroen, the Henry Ford of Europe, has constructed an automobile which he predicts will drive the historic camel from the desert. At each oasis will then be a garage.
Automobiles appeared for the first time in the Sahara in 1907. They have never been able to penetrate over 800 miles south of Algiers. The heat and drifting sands made further progress impossible.

ONE SERIOUSLY HURT IN A LEAP FROM 2ND STORY

Fire Destroys Big Cotton Warehouse and Boarding House Early Today—Damage Heavy.

(By Associated Press)
Gastonia, Dec. 27.—Two men were burned to death and one other is missing as a result of a fire which destroyed the Underwood boarding house and several other buildings at Bessemer City, near here, according to reports from there.
Two bodies found in the ruins were identified later as those of John D. Hough, and his step-son Mack Hopper, while E. J. Eddings, was missing after the fire.
Mrs. Hough was seriously hurt, leaping from a second story window and it was feared her injuries might prove fatal.

A GREENSBORO MAN ACCIDENTALLY SHOTS AND KILLS HIS WIFE

Greensboro, Dec. 27.—L. Brady was handling a revolver in his home, 48 Church street, Revolution, Christmas afternoon between 1 and 2 o'clock, when he was accidentally discharged. The ball entered the left side of the abdomen of his wife, Mrs. Charles Brady, going almost directly through her body. The young woman was hurried to the Wesley Long hospital where she died at 5 o'clock.
The young woman, aged 26 years, her husband and their three small children were in the home when the accident occurred. It made their Christmas a tragedy. The Brady's are well known at Revolution where they lived since 1911, or for 11 years, and friends and neighbors sympathized with them in their Christmas tragedy.
Mr. Brady had been out on a vacant lot near his home engaged in target practice. Returning to the house he began to clean the revolver when it was discharged. Mrs. Brady was seated a few feet away in a chair and the ball struck her full in the left side of the abdomen. She was immediately carried to the hospital where the best surgical aid available was used in an effort to prevent death, but after a three-hour fight, the young woman died.

SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS FUND REACHES \$461.47

Funds totaling \$461.47 were donated to the local post of the Salvation Army over Christmas, according to an announcement made this morning by Captain Sumners. Captain Sumners expressed his appreciation for the contributions, and assured the contributors that the local post was grateful for their assistance.
The amount collected this year is \$38 more than last year's Christmas fund. It will meet all expenses, Captain Sumners said, with a surplus of about \$100.
Several hundred residence boxes are still out. Captain Sumners is anxious for these to be sent in; if the post is notified, they will be sent for.

MRS. ED. FULENWIJER HIT BY AN AUTOMOBILE

Mrs. Edward Fulenwijer, of this city, wife of the pastor of St. John's Lutheran church, was painfully injured yesterday afternoon when struck by an automobile. The accident taking place at China Grove. Mrs. Fulenwijer is said to have been standing on the edge of the street when a passing car struck her. She was knocked down by the auto. However, she was not seriously injured. She sustained a number of bruises and suffered a severe shock and is confined to her room today. No bones were broken and she hopes to be out in a day or two.
N. C. WEATHER
(By Associated Press)
Washington, Dec. 27.—North and Thursday; probably colder Thursday.