

WRECK AT DANVILLE

Another Rear-End Crash and Negligence the Cause

TWO TRAINMEN ARE VICTIMS

Engineer George Kinney, of Thomasville, Brother of the Engineer Who Had Such Narrow Escape Thanksgiving Day, and Brakeman W. B. King, Killed Outright—No. 31 Escapes a Freight in the Yards at Danville—Fire Follows the Wreck—A Number Injured, of Whom at Least One Will Die.

Danville, Va., Special.—Another railroad horror on the Southern which in many respects resembles that at Lawyers nine days ago, which resulted in the death of President Spencer, was enacted in the yards here Saturday morning at about 4 o'clock. Two persons were killed outright, half a dozen more or less injured, one of whom will die as a result of their injuries.

Train No. 34, northbound, a solid Pullman and passenger train, crashed into the rear of freight train No. 82, which was standing on the main line. The engine ploughed through the caboose and demolished several cars ahead of it. Fire followed the wreck and the local department was called out. Four or five cars were consumed and others badly damaged.

The Dead and Injured. Engineer George C. Kinney, of No. 34, was scalded to death and Brakeman W. B. King burned to a crisp. The home of Kinney, who is a brother of Will A. Kinney, the engineer on the train that crashed into Spencer's car, is at Thomasville, N. C. King's home is in Danville.

The seriously injured are: H. M. Patterson, of Chatham, brakeman, injured about the head and shoulders and leg broken. O. J. Mull, of Columbia, S. C., flagman of No. 82, back sprained and hurt about the head.

O. O. Mailer, postal clerk, slightly hurt. Robert Ford, colored fireman on No. 34, injured internally and will likely die. Several of his bones were broken.

The blame for the wreck rests upon two employes of the Southern, flagman Mull, of No. 82, who was injured, and one of the other of the operators at Danville and Neapoles block stations. When freight train No. 75 were derailed here, a number were completely demolished, but nobody was hurt. The chief feature of the wreck was the inconsiderate passenger trains. The main line is completely blocked, and unable to pass at 11:30.

Young Men Needed For the Navy. Washington, Special.—"We want younger men to command the ships of the navy," said Admiral Dewey, after an interview with the president, "and the only way to accomplish it is to retire officers early." This result is sought to be attained by the enactment of the naval personnel bill which the Admiral discussed with the president.

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Discharged Negro Soldiers Apply for Re-Enlistment. Washington, Special.—At the instance of Secretary Taft Sergeant Sanders and Private Elmer Brown, of the Twenty-Fifth Infantry, colored, filed with the military secretary applications for re-enlistment in the army. One of these has been referred to the President in order that he may determine whether or not any of the men of the Twenty-fifth Infantry who were recently discharged without honor shall be re-enlisted and if so on what conditions.

John C. Brain Dead. Tampa, Fla., Special.—John C. Brain, of the Confederate navy, died here of paralysis. During the civil war he commanded several Confederate vessels. After the war he went to England and returning a month later he was arrested by order of Secretary of the Navy Gideon Wells and was held a prisoner until March, 1869, being the last Confederate prisoner to be released.

Caught in Cotton Gin. Louisville, Special.—Mr. J. A. Spencer met with a horrible accident Thursday morning at his gin house about one mile from here. He was caught and drawn upon the saws of the gin. One arm was cut to pieces, his face being badly mangled. Several teeth were sawed out, and he was badly cut about the body. It was feared at first he could not live, but the physicians now entertain slight hopes of his recovery.

EX-SENATOR SHOT

Arthur Brown, Former United States Senator From Utah Shot and Seriously Wounded by Mrs. Anna M. Bradley, of Salt Lake City.

Washington, D. C., Special.—Former United States Senator Arthur Brown, of Utah, lies in a critical condition in Emergency Hospital, from a pistol shot wound in the abdomen inflicted by Mrs. Anna M. Bradley, of Salt Lake, who arrived here Saturday from that city. The shooting occurred in Senator Brown's apartments in the Hotel Raleigh, where Mrs. Bradley also had registered under the name of "A. B. Brown." She was taken in custody and was locked up for the night in the matron's room of the First Precinct police station.

Two shots were fired, one glazing Brown's left hand and the other entering the abdomen and lodging in the pelvic cavity. After working over him for nearly two hours, the surgeons decided that for the present at least they would make no further attempt to find the bullet. It was stated that while Senator Brown's condition was critical, his wounds are not necessarily fatal.

No Witness to Shooting. Mrs. Bradley arrived here shortly after noon. After being assigned a room she immediately went to Senator Brown's apartment. There were no witnesses to the shooting, but a floor man heard the shots and notified the management. According to her statement, Mrs. Bradley came to Washington to demand that Senator Brown marry her. She said that their relations were well known in Salt Lake. "I asked him if he was going to do the right thing by me," she said, maintaining a remarkable composure. "His reply was that he put on his overcoat and started to leave the room and I shot him. I do not act of this character, but in this case it was fully justified."

While expressing sorrow for her act, she said she knew that Senator Brown might recover. "I am practically penniless when I got here today," she said, "having only \$1.25, and after paying the cabman, all the money I had in the world was \$1.00." She said she urged Senator Brown to marry her, that he had been instrumental in the divorce between her and her husband and herself, and that as his wife was dead he now could "do the right thing" by her. This she said he positively refused to do.

Tells Senator Her Story. Mrs. Bradley is a brunette, about 35 years old, and of frank, sane, direct first act after being taken to the police station was to send for Senator Sutherland, of Utah, who called on her. Senator Sutherland regretted being brought into the case, but said that Mrs. Bradley had sent him because he was the only man here whom she knew. To him she told the story of her relations with Senator Brown. She alleged that two of her children owe their parentage to Senator Brown and that she had named one of them after him. Mrs. Bradley was reluctant to speak of her former husband, but questioning brought out the facts that he now is living in Nevada with a second wife.

Further questioning disclosed the fact that Mrs. Bradley for two years, 1900 and 1902, had served in the capacity of secretary of the Utah State Republican committee and also at one time was editor of the official organ of the State Federation of Women's Clubs. She declared that she had a sister in the newspaper business in Salt Lake City, but that she would not communicate with members of her family because she knew that they would come to her assistance.

Manager Talty, of the Raleigh, was notified of the shooting within two or three minutes after it occurred. He hurried to Senator Brown's apartment to ascertain the facts. Senator Brown, despite the seriousness and shock of the wound, retained consciousness and was perfectly calm and collected. He made no statement to Mr. Talty beyond saying that he had been shot by Mrs. Bradley.

The woman continued in the room while Mr. Talty was attending to Senator Brown, but offered no assistance. Finally, Mr. Talty ordered her to leave the room. She declined with absolute coolness to comply with the order. "I will remain here," she said, "I am the mother of two of his children."

An officer from the first precinct police station placed Mrs. Bradley under arrest. She made no resistance and offered no further explanation of the shooting. She was asked for a statement of the incident, but referred all those who inquired to Senator Sutherland, of Utah.

Rawlins Boys Not to Hang. Atlanta, Ga., Special.—The pardon board commuted the death sentence of Jesse and Milton Rawlings to life imprisonment. The crime is the same for which their father, J. G. Rawlings and Alf Moore, a negro, were hanged at Valdosta, Tuesday. The recommendation of the pardon board goes to Gov. Terrell, who undoubtedly will approve the decision.

Stole a Street Car. East Liverpool, O., Special.—The police are looking for a stranger who stole a street car, ran it four miles and collected fares from all passengers and then derailed. Conductor Deitz was at a pump, getting a drink when the thief stepped aboard and gave the starting signal. The fellow managed the business so well that the motorman, contained in on account of the rain, suspected nothing.

SEVEN DIE IN FLAMES

3 Firemen and 4 Cornell Students Meet Tragic Death

CAUSE OF THE FIRE UNKNOWN

Four Students and Three Firemen Die in Flames Which Destroy Chi Psi Chapter House, Erected by Jennie McGraw Fiske at Cost of \$150,000 One Student Seriously Injured and Three Slightly Hurt.

Ithaca, N. Y., Special.—Seven persons met a tragic death Friday morning in the worst disaster that ever befell Cornell University. Three of the victims were volunteer firemen of the city of Ithaca, and four were students of Cornell University. The firemen all were prominent in this city. They were: A. S. Robinson, Attorney. John Runsey, hardware merchant. E. J. Landon, a salesman. The students were: O. L. Schmuck, Hanover, Pa. F. W. Grell, South Orange, N. J. W. H. Nichols, Chicago. J. M. McCutcheon, Pittsburg. Schmuck got out of the building, but went back for his room-mate, Nichols, and in the attempt to rescue his comrade, he was so seriously injured that he died in the hospital.

One student, C. J. Pope, a freshman of East Orange, N. J., was seriously injured, and three others were slightly injured. They are: R. W. Powers, a senior of Atlanta, Ga.; W. G. Goetz, a sophomore of Milwaukee, Wis., and H. M. Curry, a sophomore of Pittsburg.

Rumsey, Landon and Robinson, the Ithaca volunteer firemen, had managed to train a hose on the north side of the house when the wall tumbled. There was a cry of alarm, and several men standing near managed to get out of the way, but the three named were caught under the mass of debris and killed.

A few minutes after the flames were discovered the Chi Psi Chapter House was all ablaze, the flames fanned by a strong northwest wind, and the students were trapped in the dormitory on the third floor. Many of the boys jumped to safety while those who hesitated were carried to the ground by the falling walls.

No alarm was turned in until half an hour after the fire had been discovered and it was half an hour before the volunteer fire department could get to work. The fire started from the lower part of the city to the college grounds and by the time the firemen arrived the interior of the building was almost burned out. They could do nothing but prevent the adjoining buildings from taking fire.

The money loss is nearly \$200,000, since the original cost of the building erected by Mrs. Jennie McGraw Fiske was about \$150,000 and extensive interior decorations had been made.

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The burned building was built by Jennie McGraw Fiske, the benefactor of Cornell, whose will was contested by her husband, Prof. Willard Fiske. Mrs. Fiske died abroad, seeking help for an incurable disease, and never entered her beautiful mansion alive. Her body was taken there for the obsequies.

Schooner a Fatal Loss. Philadelphia, Special.—The Assa-togea life saving station reported that the three-masted schooner Florence I. Lockwood, from Norfolk to New York, with a cargo of lumber, stranded on Williams shoal, off Assa-togea, Va., last night, and is a total loss. Captain Taylor and his crew were rescued by the life savers.

Telegraphic Briefs. Secretary Shonts' daughter denies reports of her engagement to the Duke de Chaurines et Pienquigny. Seven Baltimore prisoners were on the special train Wednesday that took 87 convicts from Washington to the Atlanta Federal prison.

A Chicago syndicate offers to take over the United States postal system, cut the rates in half and save the country \$100,000,000. A missionary movement by reforming drunkards and those among high society in New York is being considered.

E. L. Adams, agent at Keyford, W. Va., was arrested, charged with robbing the express office of \$6,000. Booker T. Washington's secretary and collector Anderson, a leading negro politician of New York, as vice president and urged him to modify the order dismissing the colored troops.

The trial of Chester Gillette, charged with the murder of Grace Brown, practically ended so far as the taking of testimony is concerned. Mrs. Frank McQuire, wife of a schooner's captain, was lashed to the wheel 48 hours, steering the vessel during a storm and getting the craft safely through.

THE WORK OF CONGRESS

What Our National Lawmakers Are Doing From Day to Day

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Case Workers Meet. Winston-Salem, Special.—The North Carolina Case Workers' Association met in this city Wednesday, the session being held in the assembly room of Hotel Zinzendorf. There was a large attendance of manufacturers and after a thorough discussion it was decided that if the manufacturers would make a profit on capital they have invested it would be necessary to advance present prices on account of the continued advances in the cost of material and timber.

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DOUBLE TRACK COMPLETE

Work on Southern Between Greensboro and High Point Finished First Train Last Week.

Greensboro, Special.—The work of double tracking the Southern Railway between Greensboro and High Point has been finished and the first train was run over the new track last week. Trains have been using the sections of double tracks between Greensboro and Pomona and Jamestown and High Point for several months. There are now three double tracking crews at work between High Point and Salisbury, and the double track on this section will be completed as soon as possible. Work was commenced on that section of road by the Greensboro and Pelham. The road has been double tracked from Danville to Pelham, a distance of seven miles. The road is to be straightened in a number of places and steep grades are to be remedied by cuts and fills.

\$175,000 For Cotton Seed. Charlotte, Special.—Meeklenburg farmers will realize from \$175,000 to \$200,000 for cotton seed this year. Cotton seed are a product that until recent years was not utilized at all. Years ago farmers left them at the gins and the gingers burned them to get them out of the way. Later they were utilized as manure. Since the day of the cotton oil mill seed have increased steadily in price, selling at first for a few cents a bushel and during the last two or three years at from 25 to 28 cents a bushel. The price at present is 28 cents. It is estimated that close to 25,000 bushels of cotton have been raised in Mecklenburg county this year. There are 30 to 35 bushels of seed to the bale and the price has probably averaged 23 or 24 cents a bushel, making them worth about \$7 to the bale. Thus figured very conservatively, the total would be \$175,000.

Growth of Cotton Interests. The fact that 34 new cotton seed oil mills were started in the South in 1906 shows the progressive character of one branch of the cotton manufacturing industry of that section. Cotton, while still king in a commercial sense, as respects our foreign trade, is the father of many remunerative domestic industries. Before the Civil war cotton seed constituted a nuisance. Mississippi in 1857 passed a law fining ginners \$20 a day for neglecting to remove the cotton seed. Yet in 1900 values were estimated at \$42,000,000, including oil, but excluding tolls, miller, spaw, lard, paper and other by-products. The value of the seed when refined is \$1,000,000,000.

Watch Charlotte Grow. Charlotte is just completing a \$250,000 hotel and during the coming year will build a \$250,000 office building, while the Southern Railway Company will spend a half million dollars in terminals. There is something in the waterwold of the Greater Charlotte Club. "Watch Charlotte Grow."—Charlotte Chronicle.

Fire at Tarboro. Tarboro, Special.—Saturday afternoon the cotton house, stables, 30 bales of cotton and the residence of Mr. James Wiggins were destroyed by fire. The residence was insured for several hundred dollars, but the other property was a total loss.

Body Brought to Spray. Spray, Special.—The body of Mr. Oscar Riddle was brought in on Monday morning's train from Danville. An overdose of laudanum is declared by the coroner's jury to have been the cause of his death. Whether it was taken with suicidal intent is not known.

Fire at Kilgo. Pittsboro, Special.—The Alliance cotton gin at Kilgo, in the northern part of Chatham was destroyed by fire at 5 o'clock Monday morning. The cause of the fire is unknown. Fifty bales of cotton and 3,000 bushels of seed were lost. Mr. J. H. Norwood was the heaviest loser, having lost 2,000 bushels of seed and 18 bales of cotton. Several small farmers lost their entire crop. There was no insurance. It was a stock company, several of the farmers in that neighborhood having built it several years ago.

North State Items. Raleigh, Special.—The State board of canvassers announces the complete vote for Congressman in the eighth district, Hackett 16,967; Blackburn 15,841; Hackett's majority, 1,106.

Twelve Miners Die in Shaft. Laredo, Mex., Special.—News has just reached this city from Monterey, Mex., of a mine accident, which occurred last Tuesday at the Avino mines, and which resulted in the death of 12 Mexican miners, who were at work in the shaft. The accident was due, it is reported, to the carelessness of some one in letting a big flow of water into the lower level, where the men were discovered.

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CIRCUS TRAIN WRECKED

John H. Sparks Show Ditched at Roberdel—Cause of Wreck is Unknown.

High Point, Special.—The train hauling John H. Sparks' circus, was wrecked Monday morning at Roberdel, a small station on the Aberdeen & Asheboro Railroad, 20 miles below Troy. One showman was killed and two were badly injured as a result of the smash-up.

The cause of the wreck is unknown. Several cars were badly damaged and two horses and a pony were badly smashed. The blame for the accident was evidently placed upon the conductor of the train by the showmen. Immediately after the wreck several of them, infuriated by the death of their companions, turned upon Conductor Slack and beat him into insensibility. After taking their spite out on him they escaped into the surrounding timber and have not been seen since.

To Look Into Graft Charges at Morganton. Raleigh, Special.—Monday afternoon B. C. Beckwith, of the State board of internal improvements, N. B. Broughton, John E. Ray and J. N. Holding left for Morganton, to investigate charges made against E. McK. Goodwin, superintendent of the State School for the Deaf and Dumb, brought by J. Tillinghast, of Converse College, South Carolina. They embrace favoritism, extravagance and the like. One charge is that David Tillinghast, who for many years has been teacher and is now about 70 years old, was displaced by the efforts of the superintendent and given a menial position. Superintendent Ray, who acts as interpreter, Broughton, as an ex-member of the board of trustees, holding as attorney for Goodwin, R. A. Marrow, another member of the State board of internal improvement, goes to Morganton. Beckwith will preside at the meeting which will act as a court to hear the charges, which Broughton stated, just before leaving, did not in his opinion, amount to anything.

The Case Continued. Asheville, Special.—The important litigation of Westfield and others against W. S. Adams, having to do with the million-dollar copper mine controversy, was not called at Wayne Monday morning by Judge W. R. Allen, designated to preside at the special term of Superior Court called for the express purpose of trying the case. After the decision of the court, received here Saturday, the case will be taken to the North Carolina Supreme Court for the case of W. S. Adams, and that of the Westfields, the attorneys for both sides had conference and signed an agreement for a continuance of the case without prejudice in the State courts. This virtually means that the big copper mine suit will not be heard by a State court jury until the higher courts have either affirmed or reversed Judge Pritchard. The attorneys for the Westfields during the hearing before Judge Pritchard gave notice of 100 exceptions to the court's ruling on the admission and exclusion of testimony, etc., and it is said that they hope to secure a new trial on error.

Messenger Boys Strike. Asheville, Special.—Manager Calvert of the local Western Union Telegraph Company's office had a real live messenger-strike on his hands when eight of his force suddenly conceived the idea that they were under paid, and turning in their messenger sheets, walked out. The strike lasted less than an hour and now all is peace and quiet at the Western Union office.

Killed by Brother-in-Law. Bristol, Tenn., Special.—The coroner's jury impeached to investigate the cause of the death of Dr. Isaac Anderson, who was supposed to have committed suicide, after two days' session, returned a verdict fixing the responsibility for his death upon a brother of his widow, James Neely, aged 21 years. Neely was suspected after Dr. Anderson's death and is now in jail at Gate City. A warrant charging him with murder has been served upon him.

As Result of Discharge of a Shotgun by Heintich Coggins, Eight-Year-Old Boy, of Cedar Springs, S. C., His Sister, Hattie Lou Coggins, is Dead, and a Colored Girl and the Boy Himself Are Probably Fatally Wounded. Spartaburg, S. C., Special.—News reached here of a terrible tragedy that occurred at Cedar Springs Wednesday afternoon, which may yet result in the deaths of three children. As it is, one is already dead and two others are expected to die at any moment. The dead child is Hattie Lou Coggins, a girl eight years of age, daughter of Liseo C. Coggins. Her twin brother, Heintich Coggins, is badly hurt and a colored girl, who is employed in the family, is thought to be mortally wounded.

Mr. Coggins returned from a hunt and placed his loaded shotgun in a corner of a room, within reach of the boy Heintich. Picking up the firearm, he directed it toward his sister, who was at play with her colored companion in the same room. Playfully he pulled the trigger and the contents of the barrel lodged in the bodies of the negro child and little Hattie Lou. The recoil of the gun spent its force on the boy's face and elsewhere, and it is feared he may die, being internally injured, it is believed.

Three Rob Freight Train. Clinton, S. C., Special.—Eastbound freight train No. 22, of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad, was held up at 6 o'clock Thursday morning near Montville, about 8 miles from Clinton. Three men did the work. One car was broken open and considerable silverware stolen. One of the three, who says his name is John Knox, aged 18 years, of Union county, North Carolina, was shot by Conductor Hoyt Beardsley in the heel, and is under arrest here. The whole affair was planned in a way which evidenced certainly some knowledge of the train's cargo. During the stop at Montville the robbers cut the train in twain and signalled Engineer Wilson to go ahead. Thinking in the semi-darkness, that the signal was that of his flagman, the engineer pulled out, and did not discover until Clinton had been reached that half his train had been left behind. As soon as the first section of the train had left the robbers got out of the car and entered it. This car, loaded with silverware, they ransacked.

Smith to be Tried Again. Norfolk, Special.—Special Smith, the negro charged with criminal assault on Anna Coggins, was put on trial in the Corporation Court here before Judge Allen R. Hanchel. The trial jury could not agree as to punishment in the case and was discharged. The jury was unanimous in conviction. The first trial taken stood seven for death and five for 18 years' imprisonment. The last stood nine for death and three for 18 years' imprisonment. Smith will be put on trial again at the next term of the court.

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Knoxville Boosters Work For Greater City. Knoxville, Special.—A movement was launched looking to a Greater Knoxville. Citizens are seizing the idea eagerly and the Board of Trade will be behind a movement to ask the legislature to consider the matter. According to the plan now on foot \$5,000 would be added to the population and \$5,000,000 property valuation.

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A TRIPLE HOMICIDE

As Result of Discharge of a Shotgun by Heintich Coggins, Eight-Year-Old Boy, of Cedar Springs, S. C., His Sister, Hattie Lou Coggins, is Dead, and a Colored Girl and the Boy Himself Are Probably Fatally Wounded.

Spartaburg, S. C., Special.—News reached here of a terrible tragedy that occurred at Cedar Springs Wednesday afternoon, which may yet result in the deaths of three children. As it is, one is already dead and two others are expected to die at any moment. The dead child is Hattie Lou Coggins, a girl eight years of age, daughter of Liseo C. Coggins. Her twin brother, Heintich Coggins, is badly hurt and a colored girl, who is employed in the family, is thought to be mortally wounded.

Mr. Coggins returned from a hunt and placed his loaded shotgun in a corner of a room, within reach of the boy Heintich. Picking up the firearm, he directed it toward his sister, who was at play with her colored companion in the same room. Playfully he pulled the trigger and the contents of the barrel lodged in the bodies of the negro child and little Hattie Lou. The recoil of the gun spent its force on the boy's face and elsewhere, and it is feared he may die, being internally injured, it is believed.

Three Rob Freight Train. Clinton, S. C., Special.—Eastbound freight train No. 22, of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad, was held up at 6 o'clock Thursday morning near Montville, about 8 miles from Clinton. Three men did the work. One car was broken open and considerable silverware stolen. One of the three, who says his name is John Knox, aged 18 years, of Union county, North Carolina, was shot by Conductor Hoyt Beardsley in the heel, and is under arrest here. The whole affair was planned in a way which evidenced certainly some knowledge of the train's cargo. During the stop at Montville the robbers cut the train in twain and signalled Engineer Wilson to go ahead. Thinking in the semi-darkness, that the signal was that of his flagman, the engineer pulled out, and did not discover until Clinton had been reached that half his train had been left behind. As soon as the first section of the train had left the robbers got out of the car and entered it. This car, loaded with silverware, they ransacked.

Smith to be Tried Again. Norfolk, Special.—Special Smith, the negro charged with criminal assault on Anna Coggins, was put on trial in the Corporation Court