

A FEARFUL WRECK

ON THE NORFOLK AND WESTERN RAILROAD.

A Number of Passengers Killed and Many Seriously Injured.

The Wreck Takes Fire and Bodies are Burned, Etc.

LYNCHBURG, Va., July 2.—A special from the Liberty to the Advance says:

A fearful wreck occurred on the Norfolk and Western railroad at near Phloxton, about thirty miles above this city.

It is reported that forty persons were killed.

LATER.—A special to the Advance gives the following particulars of the fearful catastrophe which occurred about a mile west of Phloxton, at one o'clock this morning, on the Norfolk and Western Railroad.

The accident was caused by a washout on a high filling. My informant tells me that there were only about seven of the crew and passengers saved.

All of the cars were burned. Capt. Rowland Johnston was in charge of the train, and was mortally wounded. Baggage master Ford is said to be very badly hurt.

Major J. C. Cassell, superintendent of the Lynchburg division, was on the train and was seriously injured. L. B. Summers, of Abingdon, postal clerk, was killed.

All of the physicians and many of the citizens of Liberty went to the wreck to see as much as they could do.

Pat Donovan, the engineer, was burned up, as was also a freeman named Bruce.

A train dispatcher was also killed. Several of the wounded were brought here, and taken to the sanitarium.

W. C. Headoff, of Cleveland, Tenn., is among the dead. This all the particulars obtainable as yet.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

A fearful accident by which many lives were lost and a large number of people injured, occurred on the Norfolk and Western railroad, about 2:30 o'clock this morning, one mile above Phloxton's switch and thirty-one miles above Lynchburg.

Rain had been falling almost steadily and at times very heavily for twenty-four hours, swelling the mountain streams greatly beyond their normal depth.

Several trains had passed over during the night, but it was thought that the line was safe for traffic, notwithstanding the rains and that no danger need be apprehended.

At the place of the accident, however, the water had undermined the road bed and caused a washout about eighty feet long and fifty feet wide.

The water at this point was eight or ten feet deep. Into this water, which the engine made a frightful leap while running at the rate of thirty miles an hour, carrying with it the tender and eight cars.

As the engine struck the bottom the boiler exploded. This fact greatly augmented the catastrophe, and the debris was thrown in every direction by the force of the explosion, injuring some of those on the train.

Hands which ignited the woodwork of the coaches. The flames spread and expressed a large amount of mail and express matter besides spreading a panic among the already terror-stricken passengers.

It is supposed that some of the passengers were unable to extricate themselves from the wreck, and were consumed in the fire, but it is difficult to get accurate information as the employees of the Norfolk and Western refuse to give any information to the public.

It is impossible to state the number of persons killed, but the most reliable estimate places it at between twenty-five and thirty. The number of the wounded will be far in excess of the number killed.

Thirty of the wounded have been taken to Roanoke, thirteen to Bufordville, and fifty to Liberty.

An adopted daughter of Mrs. Judge Thompson, of Augusta county, was killed, and Mrs. Thompson, herself, is known to be very badly hurt.

Pat Donovan, the engineer, was killed, being scalded to death. Travellers suggested that they get information from there, as the Norfolk and Western officials refused to permit reporters to go on the train which went there.

A relief train was made up at Lynchburg late in the afternoon to the scene of the wreck, and a number of physicians went down on it to see what they could do to aid the wounded.

Six deaths of Donovan, the engineer, and postal clerk Ross were recognized. The others are not known.

Superintendent Cassell, although badly hurt, is on the ground and doing everything possible for the wounded.

The railroad company has taken a large corps of physicians to the scene of the wreck from Roanoke, and has been thinking of it is thought that a large number of bodies were burned in the configuration.

PHILADELPHIA, June 2.—President P. J. Kimball, of the Norfolk and Western railroad, who has his headquarters in this city, when seen this afternoon in relation to the accident on his road this morning said, that while the wreck is a serious one and has resulted in the loss of life, the report transmitted from Lynchburg that forty persons were killed is exaggerated.

Mr. Kimball is in direct telegraphic communication with the general manager of the road. The information furnished him up to 1 o'clock this afternoon is that five persons were killed.

Early all of whom were train hands, and quite a number of persons injured.

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DAVITT ON THE STAND.

PATRICK FORD CHARACTERIZED AS A CHRISTIAN.

And the Outrages in Ireland Perpetrated by Men Sneaking Behind the Cover of Parnell's Name Denounced.

LONDON, July 2.—Michael Davitt was examined before the Parnell commission today. Davitt declared there was no truth in the evidence given by Le Carron in the testimony concerning the proposals of John Devoy being submitted to Parnell. Mr. Parnell had nothing to do with the witness' visit to America in 1878.

Davitt stated that while in America he attended meetings of the Clan-na-Gael, at which he explained the objects of the Land League, and tried to win the Clan-na-Gael to its support. The Clan-na-Gael, he said, included some of the best Irishmen in America. It was no more a murder club than was the Carlton Club of London. There was no alliance between it and the league in Ireland. The league movement in America was the support of all the Irish in America to Parnell. Davitt said he never met a better man as a philanthropist and Christian than Patrick Ford. He was very sorry that, for a month after the league was established, Ford openly advocated the use of dynamite. The witness wrote him expostulating against his endorsement of such a line of action, and ultimately Ford returned to the policy adopted by Parnell's followers, and now honestly advocates constitutional agitation.

The witness said he himself was opposed to the use of dynamite because it was an immoral and unmanly style of warfare. He was not opposed to physical force if, in resorting thereto, there was reasonable chance of success. The league did not provide for the circulation of the Irish World in Ireland. E and sent copies over through the spread of the light fund, and the witness paid the postage. The league did not circulate the letter of John Devoy on the new departure, extracts from which were quoted by Attorney General Webster, counsel for the Times.

Davitt said he had known Alexander Sullivan since 1877, and had the highest opinion of his ability as a lawyer, his character as a citizen and his honor as a man. He did not believe him to be capable of any dishonest or venal act. Witness returned to Ireland from America in December 1880. He had then framed and issued a circular to the Irish people, and had delivered thirty speeches, denouncing outrages. He believed the outrages were due to agitation of local agrarian bodies composed chiefly of sons of small tenant farmers. When witness was released from prison on May 6, '82, Parnell and Dillon had informed him that they were hopeful of change in the government's policy. The witness was glad that there was a prospect of the agitation ceasing. He disliked agitation, and would willingly abandon it to-morrow if he saw justice could be done to Ireland. He could not abandon it otherwise. In reference to the Phoenix Park murders, Davitt said: "Parnell came to me on Sunday following the day of the murder, and had delivered thirty of the news. He said, 'Davitt, I shall send my resignation to Cork to-night. I refuse to stay in the movement when irresponsible men of whom we know nothing can sneak behind our backs and perpetrate such deeds.'"

"It took all my influence," said witness, "to dissuade him from resigning;—we immediately had a circular throughout Ireland, a manifesto condemning the murderers. There was absolutely no ground for the suggestion that I or any of my colleagues were in any way privy to the crimes."

Beyond stating publicly at New York, in July 1882, that I had severed my connection with the Land League, and that I expressed no dissent of Fenianism, I did not attend any meeting of the Clan-na-Gael after 1880. I believe that murders were committed by members of the Clan-na-Gael, but they certainly did not have sanction of the governing body nor approval of the leaders. When I was organizing secretary I communicated with a member of the supreme council from my district."

Attorney General Webster—Who was he? Davitt—"I cannot tell you it would be a gross breach of trust to divulge his name. If he is still in business in England, he might be ruined, if the fact of his connection with the council was to become known."

Attorney General—"I will not press the question now."

Witness continuing, said: "That in a letter which he wrote, he had used the word 'Pen.' He declined to say, to whom it was addressed."

Attorney General—"Was it another Forrester?" Davitt—"I cannot say, without possibly injuring a man who greatly wronged me."

Presiding Justice Hannen said: "The court respected the motive of the witness' reticence, but could not recognize it as an excuse for not answering."

Davitt thereupon explained, that the man to whom the letter was written had conceived a hatred against another member of the League and wished to murder him. The witness wrote to him, appealing to section the act. He mediated, but really to gain time, until he could write to two superior officers and ask them to dissuade the man from carrying out his purpose. The expression used in the letter was: "Whoever is employed, do not let him use the pen we have been using."

Witness wrote to two superior officers about the matter. He could not tell their names. He believed that both were now in America.

Davitt said: "Dear friend," to whom was addressed the letter in which the word "Pen" appeared, was now in America, and he now publicly appealed to him to allow him to divulge his name."

Reported Railroad Accident.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., July 2.—Passengers arriving here yesterday informed the Gazette reporter of a railroad accident which occurred late Sunday evening near Terrell, Texas, to the express train in which, a man, name not learned, was killed and several were injured. The engine, baggage car and one coach were reported to have gone through a defective bridge. The officials of the road were in their private car in the rear of the train, but were not injured. All accounts of the accident are very meagre.

Baseball Yesterday.

At Cleveland, O.—Cleveland 5, Washington 4.

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At Chicago.—Chicago 5, Boston 4.

RANDOM NOTES

Roped In by Rambling Reporters Roaming Around the City.

Asheville Good Templars were in session last night.

To-morrow is the "ga-lorious Fourth," and the boys expect to have lots of fun.

A Cincinnati detective was here yesterday after a party wanted by the authorities of that city.

The officers of Swannanoa Lodge, No. 56, I. O. O. F., were installed last night by Judge E. J. Aston.

Work has been commenced on the new store building adjoining Herring & Weaver's shoe store.

A fancy skating carnival will take place at Ray Bros' rink at Buncombe warehouse to-morrow evening.

An excursion from Asheville to Skyland Springs is being arranged by our young folks for the "Fourth."

The regular weekly shooting tournament of the Asheville Gun Club takes place at the fair grounds this afternoon.

In the police court yesterday morning a defaulter charged with being drunk and disorderly was fined \$5 by the Mayor.

No marriage license was issued by the register of deeds yesterday, and fewer deeds and mortgages came into his office for registration than has been known for several months.

STRAUSS AND HIS OWL.

An Early Morning Visitor Gets Himself Into Trouble.

Our friend Strauss, of the popular south Main street restaurant, now contemplates starting a menagerie in conjunction with his cafe. About five o'clock yesterday morning, he discovered an unusually large "hoot" owl perched upon the ledge of one of the windows of his bed-chamber. Unlike Poe's raven, his owlship "spoke not a word," but Strauss vigorously remarked, "Mine Gott in Himmel, ro! ich dud upon mine window sill berched soll!" Being of an inquiring turn of mind, Strauss gathered up a sheet, and soon had the owl enveloped in its folds, and later on in the day transferred him to a cage, where he sat blinking and winking at the horde of visitors who viewed him and made remarks complimentary by and otherwise upon his woe-begone appearance. Strauss said that he will at once establish a menagerie—in which will be captained everything but snakes, and they will have to be seen elsewhere. The owl is a tough-looking specimen, and instead of appearing wise, wears a countenance that would put a first-class imbecile to the blush at a comparison. But good luck to Strauss—his owl-right.

"THE FOURTH."

His Celebration in this City and at Sulphur Springs.

A prominent merchant yesterday remarked to a CRITIC reporter, that it was his opinion that a majority of the business houses of the city would be closed on Thursday, inasmuch as such has been the custom of late years. No petition has as yet been circulated among the merchants asking for such a closing, but as a precaution, people would do well to purchase their supplies for to-morrow during to-day.

But little preparation has been made for celebrating the "Fourth" in the city. The court house will probably be decorated with bunting, flags and patriotic mottoes, while at night a pyrotechnic display, on a small scale, will take place.

At Sulphur Springs to-day will be celebrated in great shape—balloon ascensions, pigeon shooting, boat races, etc., taking place during the day, and a great display of fireworks and a grand ball at night. A great many Ashevilleans will be present, so THE CRITIC learned yesterday.

FOLKS YOU KNOW.

Who They Are; Where They Are, and What They Are Doing.

D. C. Lyne, a popular Baltimore drummer, is at the Battery Park.

Hon. Chas. M. Bushee, a distinguished lawyer of Raleigh, is in the city.

Mrs. L. C. Miller and daughter, of Raleigh, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Williams, on Chestnut street.

P. M. Westfield, Overton Price and Mrs. Price, of "Rugby Grange," were guests at the Swannanoa yesterday.

William Pitzer, Bristol, Tenn., and Miss Gunnison, Cleveland, Ohio, were late arrivals at the Swannanoa last night.

Asher D. Cohen, Esq., of Charleston, S. C., and family are at the Battery Park. Mr. Cohen was junior counsel for McDow in the Charleston murder case.

"All About a Bank"

Is the title of a valuable and elegantly printed little pamphlet, gotten up by the enterprising President of the First National Bank of this city. The growth of the First National, number of depositors, its advantages, etc., are vigorously set forth, and withal "All About a Bank" affords much information to the public.

Central Church Meeting.

The meeting conducted at the Central Methodist Church by Rev. John Boring, is drawing good congregations, and the outlook is fine for a considerable revival. Services at 11 a. m., and 8.30 p. m., every day.

An Ohio Town Suffers by Fire.

CHICAGO, July 2.—A special dispatch to the Daily News from Hailey, O., says: "Four business blocks were burned here this morning. The loss is estimated at \$300,000."

IN PULLMAN CARS.

SULLIVAN AND KILKRAIN COMING SOUTHWARD.

Time of Departure of the Pugilists Kept Secret—Gov. Beay, of Alabama, Issues Orders to the Mobile Sheriff.

BALTIMORE, July 2.—Kilkrain and Sullivan and party left South-to-morrow or Thursday. They will go over the Baltimore and Ohio road. Kilkrain and his party, consisting of Mitchell and Murphy, and a few friends will have a Pullman car to themselves, but there will be no training en route, as Jake is now in perfect condition for the fight, and the only thing requisite will be to keep him up to the present mark. To insure this, Mitchell will look carefully after his food on the cars, and after they arrive in New Orleans, and a supply of water will be taken along, so the risk of change in this necessary article of diet will be avoided. The time of the departure of the pugilists will be kept secret, as it is their desire to avoid publicity.

MOBILE, Ala., July 2.—Sheriff Holcombe received the following this morning from the Governor of Alabama: "BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 2. "To the Sheriff of Mobile county, Ala.: "Do not let the prize fight come off in Mobile county. It is klony. Take such precautions as are necessary to prevent or punish. I will pay any extra expense. (Signed) THOS. SEAY."

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Women at the Polls.

EVCLAIR, Wis., July 2.—Enchard held his first election for a Board of Education yesterday. It brought out a heavy woman's vote, prominent society ladies spending the whole day with carriages taking women to the polls. The anti-Catholic question was much very prominent in the several wards, but the candidates alleged to represent the Catholic side were elected.

NORTH CAROLINA NOTES.

The people of Fayetteville have presented editor Z. W. Whitehead of the Observer, at that town, with a handsome gold headed cane.

Rev. K. C. Reed, of Franklin, Tenn., has been elected to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church of Charlotte. He succeeds Rev. J. V. Fair.

Stuart W. Cramer has taken the oath of assayer of the branch mint at Charlotte, and entered upon the discharge of the duties of that office.

Vicar-General Mark S. Gross, of the Catholic Diocese of North Carolina, celebrated the 21st anniversary of his elevation to the priesthood, at Charlotte Sunday.

It is said that State Senator J. F. Payne of Robeson county, will succeed Capt. S. B. Alexander, as president of the State Farmers' Alliance at the next meeting of that body.

Judge David Schlenk, of Greensboro, has finished his history of North Carolina from 1780 to 1881. The book will be published by Edwards & Broughton, the Raleigh publishers, and will contain five hundred pages.

The case of J. W. Goforth vs the Commissioners of Cleveland county, to restrain them from issuing \$75,000 bonds to the Three C's Railroad Company, has been compromised, and the bonds are now free from any litigation.

The question of issuing the \$8,000 in bonds to build a school house for the Shelly Military Academy will be carried to the courts, Mr. A. Blanton having applied for an injunction, on the grounds that the act was unconstitutional, and further that the election was not carried by a majority of the legal vote.

MARBLE AND TALC.

Some of the Mineral Products of Western North Carolina.

We had an interesting conversation yesterday with Mr. Hewitt, superintendent of the talc mills on the Nantahala river in Swain county, in regard to both the marble and talc which so abound in that remarkable section. The existence of these valuable substances has been long known, but owing to their inaccessibility, they remained unworked until the railroad reached them, which was within the last four years. The Nantahala river, an impetuous and remarkably beautiful stream, cuts its path through the north end of the long, belt chain of mountains of the same name, though perhaps on the north side of that stream, the mountains may be classed with the Cheoah system. The river bed runs through a true canyon, though with the exception of occasional outcrop of rock or a rare precipitous face, they recede back from the stream a few degrees from the perpendicular, and are clothed with trees and shrubbery, from base to summit.

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SIXTEEN PRISONERS

GATHERED IN BY OFFICERS OF THE PINION AGENCY.

Under Deputy Sheriff H. C. Yesterday, and Brought to City—The Investigation before a Magistrate To-day.

About five weeks ago 200,000 first-class lumber belonging to Cushing & Chapman, of this city, was destroyed by an incendiary fire, on the waters of Big Ivy creek, this county. Previous to this affair, however, seven brand new logging wagons belonging to the same firm had been cut to pieces and destroyed in the same neighborhood, involving a loss to the owners of several hundred dollars.

At the time no clue as to the perpetrator or perpetrators of this wanton and malicious destruction of property could be obtained, and the services of the Pinion Detective Agency, of this city, were called into requisition by Messrs. Cushing & Chapman, which succeeded in establishing a clue about ten days ago. Following this clue, on Wednesday for sixteen persons were sworn out before justice Summey in this city Saturday evening. These warrants charged the parties with malicious destruction of personal property, and were placed in the hands of a squad of the Pinion Agency's officers for immediate execution.

The officers detailed for this work were Chas. J. Harkins, J. M. Rowan, J. I. Lange, Marshall Orr and J. S. Dougherty, accompanied by deputy sheriffs H. C. Jones, L. H. Smith and Williams, of the sheriff's office. Deputy sheriff Jones assumed command of the posse, and the raid was to have been made Sunday. For good and sufficient reasons, however, the officers did not leave the city until 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon. Deputy sheriff Jones upon arriving at Big Ivy divided his squad into two detachments, and began at once to make the arrests, which he did with great credit to his skill and shrewdness. Every man was under arrest in less than twenty minutes after the arrival of the officers, so perfectly and systematically had all the details been mapped out and executed by the men under the command of the cautious and every deputy sheriff.

After the warrant had been served upon the last defendant the party set out for this city, arriving here about six o'clock last evening. Their entrance into the city resembled the advance guard of a small army—officers, prisoners and witnesses, of which latter there were twenty-four. One of the witnesses said that "Big Ivy had been cleaned out from beginning to end," and really it seemed as if he spoke the truth.

Soon after their arrival here, the sixteen prisoners were admitted to bail in the sum of \$1,700 until 11 o'clock this morning, when they will have a preliminary hearing before justice Summey at the court house. The bondsmen were Messrs. Job Barnett, J. H. Roberts, H. A. Hensley and T. M. Dillingham.

The names of the arrested parties are as follows: Thomas Dillingham, H. Clay Dillingham, Phares Dillingham, John Y. Dillingham, A. C. Dillingham, Clingman Dillingham, Dallas Dillingham, Elbert Dillingham, John Duncan, Henry Wheeler, Emory Hensley, Clingman Hensley, Bud Hudgins, Sherman West, Clingman Henson and Jarratt Foster, colored.

It is reported that considerable lawlessness has prevailed in the Big Ivy section for some time, and the strong arm of the law has been compelled to intervene in putting a stop to the scenes enacted there for several weeks past. One of the officers who helped to arrest the parties above named, told THE CRITIC last night that one of the men he arrested told him that all the shingles on his house had been shot off by parties attempting to assassinate him, and that he had not been out of his house in three days.

It is a tough story they tell of doings in the Big Ivy neighborhood, and tlaw should be vigorously applied to the offenders. The state of affairs reported from there are a disgrace to the county and its people. Arson, attempted assassination, malicious destruction of property, rioting and rowdism are crimes that should be peremptorily and severely punished to the fullest extent of the law, and if such scenes have transpired in Big Ivy township the principals in the outrageous delinquency should not expect the mercy of the law, so ruthlessly, recklessly and wantonly violated.

Will Close Up.

THE CRITIC was informed late last evening that a majority of the business men on south Main street had agreed to close their places of business to-morrow in order to observe the glorious fourth, and give their employes an opportunity to do likewise. This is right, and we hope that every store and shop in the city will be closed to-morrow. Give the boys a chance, and take a "day off" yourselves, business men of Asheville.

A Pleasant Lawn Party.

The little girls of Camp Patton propose having a lawn party as soon as the weather is settled. There will be a sale of ice cream, cake and fancy articles, the proceeds to be divided between the debt on Trinity church and the ministering children's league, which is supporting an