

ONE KILLED TWO INJURED.

Extra Passenger Train Ruus Into Open Switch, Collides with Switch Engine.

OCCURRED AT ATHERTON.

Both Engineers Made the Leap in Time—Charles Mickle, colored, Crushed to Death—Remarkable Escape of Fireman George Webb.

At 12:15 o'clock today a railroad accident occurred in the yards of the Charlotte Oil and Fertilizer Mills which resulted in the killing of one man and slight injury to two others. The man killed was Charles Mickle, fireman on the Southern engine, No. 1001. Those injured are: A. R. Syfan, engineer of No. 1001, ankle sprained; G. M. Isaacs, baggage master on extra passenger train, ankle and leg injured.

AN OPEN SWITCH.

A side-track leads from the main line of the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta Railroad into the extensive yards of the Charlotte Oil and Fertilizer Company, in which there are a number of tracks. The grounds are enclosed and the side-track enters through a gate-way, curving suddenly to the right. The view of the track is obscured by buildings, and an engineer cannot get a good glimpse of the grounds until he has rounded this curve.

Every day the switch engines leave the freight yards of the Southern, run to the oil mills, and carry back cars for attachment to the regular freight trains. The switch that controls this side-track is often left open until the work in the yard is done, a flagman being placed some distance below, to prevent any accident.

This morning the switch was left open while shifting engine No. 604 went in to get a number of empty cars. The crew of the shifting engine were expecting a freight train from the south, and so put a flagman below the switch to flag that train. They had no information concerning any extra southbound train, and made no provision north of the switch.

An extra passenger train left the Southern passenger station about noon, bound for Columbia and running as second 63. They had no knowledge of the open switch, and were going at full speed when they ran into the siding. The engineer could not get a view of the track until he turned the curve.

As he went around the curve of the siding, he saw the switch-engine with a load of cars backing out. It was too late for either train to stop. They were only a few yards apart. Both engines reversed, but in spite of this the locomotives came together with a terrific crash. There was a shower of splinters and a great jet of water shot up into the air.

ENGINES SMASHED.

The force of the collision drove the tenders of both engines with considerable force against the cabs, smashed the woodwork, crushed in and twisted a mass of iron.

The pilot of the passenger engine was driven under the tender of the switch engine and lifted it off the track, smashing the head-light and all the front of the passenger locomotive. Both engineers and several others saw the situation in time to jump, and thus saved themselves.

HOW MICKLE WAS KILLED.

Mr. A. R. Syfan was engineer of the passenger engine, No. 1001, and Chas. Mickle was the fireman. Mickle was shoveling coal into the tender, and did not see the other engine until just before they struck. He tried to jump then, but was caught between the engine and tender. His left limb was crushed entirely off above the knee; his right limb was badly crushed, and he sustained internal injuries. His suffering was terrible during the fifteen minutes in which he lived after the accident. His screams and moans before he was taken from the wreck were horrible. He died before medical aid could be summoned.

ENGINEER SYFAN AND BAGGAGE MASTER ISAACS, ON THE PASSENGER TRAIN, SAVED THEMSELVES BY JUMPING, AND THEIR INJURIES ARE NOT SERIOUS.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

On the freight engine were Engineer R. S. Sigmom, Fireman George Webb and Mr. A. B. Craig, who was riding from the oil mill to his home in Dilworth.

"I saw the train when it was about twenty feet away," said Mr. Craig, "and jumped out in a second." Engineer Sigmom also jumped. Fireman Webb did not see the other engine in time to jump, and was in the cab when the collision occurred. The tender was crushed and driven against the cab, but fortunately didn't smash that side. The collision sent Mr. Webb's head through the window and broke out the glass. Besides this, he sustained no injury. His escape was almost miraculous.

WRECK SPLINTERS.

Engineer Syfan says the passenger

train was running about fifteen miles an hour when the accident occurred. "The first I saw of the accident," said Mr. T. B. Gaultier, "was a jet of water twenty-five or thirty feet high. I thought one of the engines had exploded."

There were only two cars on second 63, Southern express car, 831, S. F. and W., and Southern passenger 936. Mr. J. J. Robertson was conductor. The extra and the northbound freight had orders to meet at Pineville. Charles Mickle, who was killed, was about 35 years old, and had been running on the road ten or twelve years. He leaves a wife and children in Columbia. The remains will probably be sent there.

Engineer Syfan had such a close call that the bar of his watch chain was caught in the cab and torn off as he jumped. Quite a crowd gathered from the oil works and cotton factory, and a number went from the city on bicycles and in carriages to see the accident. The railroad authorities will investigate the matter, and place the responsibility for the collision.

GO TO SPARTANBURG.

May Musical Festival Will be Well Attended.

The Boston Festival Orchestra, with Director Emil Moellenhauer, the famous Campanari and the other soloists who are to take part in the music festival at Spartanburg, S. C., passed through Charlotte this morning. They came from Richmond, where the Virginia music festival has just closed.

The Spartanburg festival this year promises to be a greater success than ever before. Quite a large party of Charlotte people went to the festival today, including Mrs. William Graham, Mrs. Julius Leisel, Miss Addie Williams, Miss May Oates, Miss Johnnie Eason, Miss Nancy Dowd, Miss Margaret Cannon, of Concord; Miss Lily Rhyme, of Mt. Holly; Miss Nancy Hoffman, of Gastonia; Messrs. J. Robert Craig and Robert Ogden.

The first concert will be given tonight.

127 BODIES RECOVERED.

Details of the Terrible Mining Tragedy in Utah

By Telegraph to the News.
SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, May 2.—Over two hundred persons, perhaps two hundred and twenty-five, were killed, and over a score of others crippled for life by an explosion in Tunnel 4, of Pleasant Valley Mines, at the little town of Scofield, half a mile from here.

The scene of the accident has been turned into a morgue. The people are paralyzed with horror. Not a family in the little town escaped the loss of some relative or dear friend.

127 BODIES TAKEN OUT.

The work of rescue is progressing slowly. So far a hundred and thirty-seven bodies have been found.

5,000 ON STRIKE.

Ten on all Roads Entering Buf- falo Quit Work.

By Telegraph to the News.
BUFFALO, N. Y., May 2.—Superintendent Wait conferred this morning with a committee of Central strikers. Nearly five thousand were on strike when the conference began, including the New York Central, Delaware, Lackawanna and Western; New York and Pennsylvania; New York, Chicago and St. Louis, and Lehigh Valley. Freight handlers on all the roads, numbering a thousand, have gone out.

CARR-CARROLL.

Prominent Business Man of Dur- ham Weds a Lovely Raleigh Girl.

Special Telegram to the News.
RALEIGH, N. C., May 2.—Mr. L. A. Carr, a prominent business man of Durham, wed Miss Jessie Carroll, a beautiful young lady of this city, who married here this morning.

FOR VANCE MONUMENT.

The last three bases, the die and cap for the Vance monument were placed in position today.

SURVEY OF SOIL.

A survey of the soil from Raleigh to Newbern along the line of the railroad as a basis for the application of practical field work was begun here today by scientists sent out from Washington.

MR. STERCHI SELLS OUT.

Mr. W. H. Sterchi of the firm of McCoy and Sterchi, furniture dealers, has sold his part of the business to Mr. W. T. McCoy. Mr. Sterchi will go to Knoxville, where he will be engaged in the same business which claimed his time at Charlotte.

CHESS CHAMPIONS SAIL.

By Telegraph to the News.
NEW YORK, May 2.—Pillsbury and Showalter, the champion chess players, sailed today on the "Noordland" for Antwerp. Marshall sailed on the "St. Paul." They will play in the international chess tournament at Paris.

FORCED A PASSAGE, REPUBLICANS MEET.

British Now Hold Command of Road From Thaba N'Chu To Bloemfontein.

BRITISH SUBJECTS EXCLUDED 600 DELEGATES PRESENT.

All Ordered to Leave the Trans- vaal by Last Light—Carring- ton Arrives at Marandellas— Boers Active in Drakensburg Mountains.

By Telegraph to the News.
THABA N'CHU, April 30, (Delayed in Transmission).—Hamilton's division was engaged yesterday and today in forcing a passage northward. At Moutney the Boer front held the line of hills commanding the sides of the Nek. The Canadians and Gordons attacked the hill on the left, the Shropshires and Marshall's Horse, supported by a battery, also attacked the enemy, who finally fled, leaving many wounded; and the passage was cleared.

SHELLED THE CAMP.

The Boers on the mountain are now shelling the outlying camp, necessitating removal to safer places. The Boers have three guns on a hill eastward of this place, outside the range of the British artillery. The Boer shelling is not doing any damage.

BRITISH COMMAND THE ROAD.

The enemy retain their position, the British not attempting to dislodge them. Hamilton, by reaching Houtney after a full day's fighting, commands the Thaba N'Chu and Bloemfontein road. During the day the British captured three kopjes. The Boers lost heavily.

PRESIDENT KRUGER'S PROCLA- MATION.

PRETORIA, April 30, (Delayed in Transmission).—As a result of the explosion in the Begbies Engineering Works at Johannesburg and the outcry that followed, a proclamation has been issued ordering all British subjects to leave the country by the night of May 1st. The following is the proclamation:

"As numerous Burgers insist on the removal of British subjects over the border, I, J. P. Kruger, make known to all British now in the district and town of Pretoria and the Witwatersrand gold fields, that they leave the State within thirty-six hours, reckoned from noon, April 30th. An exception will be made in cases of such persons as obtain leave to remain from the government on recommendation of the local commissioners."

CARRINGTON IN RHODESIA.

BEIRA, May 2.—Carrington has arrived at Marandellas, fifty miles from Salisbury, Rhodesia. There is a general feeling of satisfaction throughout Rhodesia at Carrington's appointment.

20 AMERICANS KILLED.

Insurgents Attacked a Small Gar- rison on Island of Samar.

By Telegraph to the News.
MANILA, May 2.—The reports that the American garrison at Catubig, on the Island of Samar, consisting of thirty men of the Forty-third Regiment, had been attacked by insurgents is confirmed.

Twenty of the Americans were killed. The remainder were saved from annihilation by the timely arrival of Major Gremer.

BAD TEA CROP IN INDIA.

By Telegraph to the News.
CALCUTTA, India, May 2.—Reports received from the tea districts show that prospects are generally unfavorable, hail and rain storms damaging the crops.

BOERS ACTIVE IN NATAL.

LADYSMITH, May 2.—There is renewed activity among the Boers this side of the Drakensburg Mountains. Preparations to check the advance are complete.

PORTUGAL CONCEALS BEIRA MAT- TER.

By Telegraph to the News.
LISBON, Portugal, May 2.—The Chamber of Deputies refused almost unanimously to permit Deputy Costa to interpellate the government regarding the Beira matter.

WALES HORSE WINS THE NEW- MARKET.

By Telegraph to the News.
LONDON, May 2.—The Prince of Wales' horse, "Diamond Jubilee," won the two thousand guinea race at Newmarket today.

FOUR BLOWN TO ATOMS.

By Telegraph to the News.
PORT ARTHUR, Ontario, May 2.—Four Italians charging a hole with dynamite on the Rainy River railroad yesterday were blown to atoms by a premature explosion.

PICNIC MONDAY.

The members of the Red Horse Club held a meeting last night and decided to have their annual picnic and fish fry at Catawba river next Monday. This occasion is always an enjoyable one and there will be few regrets.

REPUBLICANS MEET.

Pritchard in a Long Address Tries to Answer Aycock's Speech.

600 DELEGATES PRESENT.

Platform Endorses State and Na- tional Administration—Col. Jim Boyd Makes a Short Speech—Waiser as Chairman —Only 20 Negro Delegates.

Special Telegram to the News.
RALEIGH, N. C., May 2.—The Republican State convention was called to order at noon by Chairman A. E. Holton, of the Republican executive committee.

Nearly six hundred delegates are in attendance, among them twenty negroes.

Rev. Dr. Long, of Graham, led the convention in repeating in unison the Lord's prayer.

WALSER AS CHAIRMAN.

After Holton's speech Zeb Vance Waiser was named as temporary chairman. No temporary secretaries were appointed.

The committee on credentials retired to consider a contest from Wayne county.

PRITCHARD'S SPEECH.

Senator Pritchard responded to a call and spoke for over an hour, attempting to answer in detail the speech of Mr. Charles Aycock.

Col. Jim Boyd also made a speech. Mr. Pritchard said he would like to canvass the State with Aycock.

THE PLATFORM.

The platform will endorse McKinley and Pritchard, and probably the conduct of the State officers, and will denounce the amendment. The convention adjourned until 3 o'clock, after the temporary organization had been effected.

FIGHT IN DISTRICT CONVENTION.

There was a great fight between the two races in the Republican Congressional convention of this, the Fourth district, which met yesterday afternoon at the Park Hotel.

The negroes demanded one of the two delegates from this district to the national Republican convention, which meets in Philadelphia. The demand was backed up by such negro leaders as Jim Young, Deputy Collector and Boss of Wake Republicanism, Ed. A. Johnson, clerk to the U. S. District Attorney, Representative Eaton, of Vance, and in fact all negro factions in the district.

The white delegates slightly outnumbered the negroes and they voted down the appeals of the brother in black for recognition. The delegates to the national convention from the district were elected as follows:

C. T. Bailey, of Raleigh, postmaster under the McKinley administration; J. M. Milliken, of Randolph, U. S. Marshal of the Western district under the McKinley administration.

The negroes, of whom there were 23 present, bolted the convention and declared they would not support the nominees.

Dave Jones, a negro lawyer of Raleigh, yelled as he was leaving the hall: "I move that if any negro in this district votes for these scoundrels we lynch him to the first tree."

TELEPHONE MEN ADJOURN.

The Association of Independent Telephone Representatives completed the work of the convention yesterday afternoon and adjourned to meet again in November.

The meeting was highly satisfactory in every way. Mr. J. A. Helvin speaking of the meeting today, said that a great deal of benefit was derived from it by all of the telephone men present. The chief aim of the association at present is to have thoroughly connected the entire "Piedmont Section" as Mr. Helvin says in addition to the outside service.

SOLD CAR LOAD BEFORE BREAK- FAST.

On Monday R. C. McManus, of Supter, S. C., shipped to Mr. A. W. Clitaker, the cattle dealer, a car load of live stock which was disposed of before breakfast at a fancy price and Mr. Clitaker says that another car could have been disposed of at the same time if it had been on hand. This speaks well for Charlotte as a market for cattle as well as everything else.

LOUISVILLE REUNION.

The Southern has just gotten out a very attractive circular for the Confederate Veterans' Reunion, May 30th to June 3rd, in Louisville, Ky. The top of the circular is appropriately ornamented with a handsome cut of General Robert E. Lee.

BAPTIST NOTES.

Rev. Mr. Pruett preached a fine missionary sermon at Matthews last Sunday night. The next gathering of the Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Baptist Union meeting will take place at Newells on July 27th.

BA'N COMMENCEMENT.

Rev. Frank Siler Preaches Annual Sermon—Mayor McCall on the Programme.

Commencement at Baine Academy is in progress this week. The annual sermon was preached last Sunday, the 29th, by Rev. Frank Siler, of Trinity Methodist church. Mr. Siler's subject, taken from the 6th verse of the 5th Psalm, was: "The Possibilities of an educated Mind."

From the subject Mr. Siler delivered one of the ablest and most encouraging sermons to the young ever heard at this Academy.

The sermon was to the students of this Academy and should be an inspiration to them, it would be real had for a young man to listen to such a discourse and not resolve to accomplish something in life.

"We are sorry every young man not only in the county, but the State as well, could not hear it. The annual concert by the music class takes place tonight and tomorrow night the debate by the Literary Society.

Friday is commencement day.

Hon. J. D. McCall will deliver the annual address Friday. Music by the Steel Creek band.

Everybody has a special invitation to attend any and all these exercises.

J. J. H.

FURNITURE SCATTERED.

Andrews' Wagon on a Tear—A Narrow Escape.

This morning shortly after 11 o'clock one of Mr. E. M. Andrews' furniture wagons was standing backed up against the side-walk with a load of furniture in the wagon. A dray was standing near and in changing its position it backed into the furniture wagon, thereby badly frightening the horse. The animal started straight across the street, entering the narrow alley way running parallel with Tryon street, and emerged back of the express office, turning towards Tryon street. The runaway took its course on down to the corner of College and Fourth streets. At the corner a very narrow escape was experienced by a negro carriage driver, who happened to be at that point. The horse finally ran the wagon into a post and was stopped, the only injury being to the harness. On the wagon when it started was a fine suite of furniture, which was scattered through the alley in a very promiscuous manner.

A NORTHERN COLONEL TALKS

High Tribute to Gens. Lee and Jackson.

A colonel of a Northern regiment in the civil war in passing through Charlotte recently took pains to inquire of Officer Torrence concerning the home of Mrs. Stonewall Jackson, which the officer gladly pointed out to the stranger. The colonel, speaking of Lee and Jackson, said that he believed that two greater generals never walked the earth. They were both great men, he said. Officer Torrence, good humoredly, took occasion to allude to one of General Lee's great victories, which the colonel took very good humoredly, and went on in a way seeming very proud of having been able to behold with his own eyes the home of the widow of one of the South's greatest generals.

GUN CLUB SHOOT.

The Gun Club will hold its regular weekly shoot at the park Thursday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. All members are expected to be present.

The enthusiasm of the club is increasing with the increase of temperature and they expect to have some good practice shoots from now on during the summer.

PRAYER MEETING AT BREVARD STREET.

The regular prayer meeting at Brevard Street M. E. Church will take place this evening, notwithstanding the absence of the pastor, Rev. C. E. Gay. The service this evening will be conducted by Mr. J. J. Hamilton.

THE NEW BUILDING AT THE ROCK HILL SCHOOL.

Architect Millburn is getting to work on the plans for the three new buildings to be erected at the Rock Hill Normal College. The buildings will cost about \$50,000 and will include a dormitory, the Model School building, and the Conservatory.

WAS NOT SMALLPOX.

A city physician was called to Huntersville yesterday afternoon to investigate what was supposed to be a case of smallpox, the patient being one of the factory hands.

The physician found that the disease was not smallpox but a less serious breaking out.

Mr. B. F. Brunbaker of Raleigh, a prominent official of the Seaboard, is in the city today.

Miss Ethel Brumbaker, of Chicago, daughter of Mr. B. F. Brunbaker, is also in Charlotte stopping at the Central.

Stonewall Jackson Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, will hold its regular monthly meeting tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. parlors.

A GREAT GATHERING

Dr. Howerton Tells of the Ecu- menical Conference in New York.

UNITY OF THE CHURCH.

This Was One of the Most Im- pressive Facts of the Confer- ence—A Very Orthodox Gath- ering—Large Halls and Crowds Made Hearing Difficult.

Dr. J. R. Howerton, who returned yesterday from New York where he had been attending the sessions of the Ecumenical Conference, comes home deeply impressed with the results of the great gathering and the wonderful amount of hope that was instilled into the heart of the listener as he heard the practical talks of the missionaries and the great speakers who were present.

When interviewed today in regard to the conference Dr. Howerton said:

"The make up of the programme was not what one would ordinarily expect. Instead of having men rather of great reputation for intellect and learning the speakers were those who had had a very practical experience in missionary work and who had dealt with the plain old gospel in their work."

"Three things there were that greatly impressed me," said Dr. Howerton.

First—"The Unity of Church." Every church on the globe was there represented except the Roman Catholic and one or two other churches. The missionaries, too, proved by their talk, that they have entirely different questions to cope with from what the ordinary meet in this country. The questions of the missionaries are not those of creed such as divide the churches of America but divisions dealing directly with the application of the plain and simple gospel.

Secondly, the Orthodoxy of the Ecumenical Conference was a very prominent feature. In the meeting was no room for the Rationalist or those inclined to doubt portions of the bible, but everything savored of the gospel in its most practical workings. Then every speech uttered before the meeting was a carefully prepared and closely written document and handled the subject under consideration in a concise manner.

"In the third place 'Certain Progress of Christ's Kingdom' was forcibly impressed on the listener at the meetings. While those present from foreign fields represented only a small proportion of the total number of missionaries in the field of labor still the wonderful and encouraging reports that they rendered of the progress of the work impressed the fact that if with so few workers Christ could at the beginning of his ministry undertake the evangelization of the world, then how much more are we to be hopeful when we have so great a force in the field as compared with the number Christ began with."

Dr. Howerton says that it was almost impossible for many to understand what was said so large were the halls and crowds and often the newspaper was the only way to gain an idea of what had transpired. The principal meetings were held in Carnegie Hall, although at times four or five were in progress at one time.

The women's meetings, says Dr. Howerton, were also very good and well attended.

In Carnegie Hall the front portion of the seats were reserved for the delegates who came from every country on the globe. Banners placed at stated intervals marked off the seats of the delegations from the various countries.

Dr. Howerton will tonight at prayer-meeting make a talk on the conference which will be worth listening to.

DEATH AT MALLARD CREEK.

Miss M. C. Walker, a well known lady of Mallard Creek township, died yesterday morning at half past eleven o'clock, after a long and painful illness, death coming as a relief to the sufferer. Deceased was quite young, being only 31 years of age. Miss Walker was a daughter of Mr. J. C. Walker. The funeral took place at Mallard Creek church this morning at 11 o'clock and the body was interred in the church burying ground.

MR. VAN HORN LAST NIGHT.

Mr. O. B. Van Horn secretary of the Asheville Y. M. C. A., who has been in Charlotte several days conducted the Tuesday night service at the Association last night. The meeting was very instructive and helpful and the young men hope to have another visit from Mr. Van Horn in the near future.

PLEASED WITH CHARLOTTE.

Mrs. J. C. Bowes, of Richmond, Va., who has been spending the winter in Charlotte at the Arlington, left for her home this morning. Mrs. Bowes is so well pleased with Charlotte that she intends to return within a few months time.