

DEATH L. T. NOW NUMBERS 19 KILLED AND 25 ARE INJURED

One of the Most Disastrous Wrecks of the Year Occurred at Baker Bridge Station, Mass., at a Late Hour Last Night. Was Rear-End Collision.

The Night was Very Dark and Because of This the Signals Were Obscured From the View of the Crew of the Ill-Fated-Train. Fire Added to Horror.

Nineteen persons lost their lives in the rear-end collision at Baker Bridge station on the main line of the Fitchburg division of the Boston and Main railroad, last night. Twenty-five were more or less seriously injured and others sustained cuts and bruises.

Besides the 19 dead, three are missing and 22 injured. The cause of the wreck. The wreck was primarily due to a light fog which apparently obscured signals set by the forward train, which at the time of the disaster was standing in front of Baker's bridge station. The Montreal train, consisting of nine cars, crashed into the rear of the Marlboro branch local demolishing the two rear cars.

All of the passengers were killed and seriously injured were in these. The passengers lived in Concord, West Acton, Barnard, Hudson, Marlboro and several smaller towns in the Assabetts valley. None of the passengers of the Montreal train was seriously hurt, but the engineer and fireman of the leading locomotive were killed.

The wreckage caught fire and some of the passengers were incinerated. Few persons live in the vicinity of Baker's bridge station and no fire department was available so that the flames practically burned themselves out. The uninjured passengers and a number of train hands assisted by villagers went to the aid of the injured and many persons were rescued.

A special train with doctors was sent from Boston at 9:35 o'clock and reached here in half an hour. Many doctors from Waltham and other places in this section were sent to the scene in carriages and by other trains.

The most seriously hurt, and who could be removed in safety, were taken to Boston shortly after midnight. Practically all the casualties occurred on the local which was filled with passengers, most of whom had been visiting relatives in Boston and vicinity.

The Night Very Dark. According to the statement of persons who were at the depot there, a brakeman was sent to place a fuse or red fire torch some distance in the rear. The night was unusually dark, partly owing to the dense mist which came up the Sudbury river. According to those at the station at the time, the torch had been lit more than a minute before the roar of a heavy train around a curve a short distance from the depot was heard. Before a hand could be lifted to warn the passengers in the waiting train, the two ponderous engines travelling at 35 miles an hour crashed into it. The impact was terrific and instantly there was an indescribable scene of death and ruin.

The leading locomotive telescoped the rear car of the Marlboro train and the second engine forced this mass against the third car of the local and completely wrecked it. In these two cars all but two of the fatalities occurred, and practically all of the injuries. The collision destroyed the forward locomotive of the Montreal train and the engine following, although considerably damaged, did not leave the rails. None of the cars of the express were thrown from the track and the collision apparently had little effect upon those in them.

Fire Added to Horrors. Fire added to the horrors, flames almost immediately communicating to the wreckage of the passenger coaches and a number of passengers who had been pinned down by broken seats were incinerated. Some of them, however, had evidently been killed instantly. The second car of the local train remained standing on the rails and was not greatly damaged.

Passengers from both trains, railroad employes and a number of villagers rushed to the wrecked cars and assisted many persons to escape. The flames made it difficult to reach some who were alive, but who had been unable to free themselves from the mass. For the time it was necessary to lay injured persons side by side with the bodies of the dead, until every effort possible had been made to rescue other victims.

MR. GRISSOM ARRIVES. Is Now by the Bedside of His Wife in Washington. By Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 27.—There is no change in the condition of Mrs. G. Grissom, the young woman who attempted suicide in Farragut Park Saturday. The husband of the woman, an officer in the Leakesville Woolen Mills, near Spray, N. C., arrived this morning.

AFFIRMS KANSAS DECISION.

Supreme Court Affirms Decision of Kansas Supreme Court.

By Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 27.—The Supreme Court held that the Federal constitution and Federal laws cannot be invoked to relieve a witness from testifying before the State court in proceedings involving the anti-trust laws of a State, thus affirming the decision of the Kansas Supreme Court.

CASE OF MARY ROGERS.

Supreme Court Affirms Decision of District Court.

By Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 27.—The Supreme Court affirmed the decision of the District court in the case of Mary Mabel Rogers under sentence of death in Vermont for the murder of her husband.

The effect will be to again place the responsibility of dealing with the case in the hands of the State authorities, and if neither Governor nor State courts take action Mrs. Rogers' execution must occur December 8. The court held, in effect, that it was without jurisdiction.

NAT. BANK OF BOSTON CLOSERS.

Had Capital of \$200,000—Creditors Not To Lose by Failure.

By Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 27.—The Comptroller of Currency has been advised that by order of its directors, the American National Bank of Boston has closed. It is said that the bank has not been in good condition for some time and efforts have been made to liquidate the bank, but apparently without success. It is not expected that any of the creditors will lose anything by the failure.

The bank had a capital of \$200,000; loans and discounts, of \$36,054; deposits, of \$256,881; and total assets and liabilities of \$754,803.

TURKEY ACCEDES TO POWERS.

Despatch From Constantinople Says Sultan Announces Turkey's Concession.

By Associated Press. Vienna, Nov. 27.—Neue Freie Presse published a despatch from Constantinople saying that the Sultan has announced that Turkey accedes to the demands of the powers regarding the financial control of Macedonia.

Marshal Field Worse.

Chicago, Nov. 27.—The condition of Marshal Field is much worse this morning.

DECISION POSTPONED.

Sentence Upon Senator Burton Postponed Until Wednesday.

By Associated Press. St. Louis, Nov. 27.—Judge Van Devener postponed until Wednesday the passing of the sentence upon Senator Burton, when the defense will present the reasons for asking for a new trial.

Box Car Burned.

An alarm of fire this afternoon from box No. 46, located at Liddell's foundry, called the Fire Department out. An empty box car on the Seaboard tracks, near the intersection of Church street, was almost completely destroyed by fire.

TRUCK DRIVERS STRIKE.

Because Owners Wouldn't Force Men to Join Union.

By Associated Press. New York, Nov. 27.—A general strike of truck drivers has begun, 320 union teamsters quitting because the owners would not force the non-union men to join the union. Policemen were placed on many wagons with non-union drivers.

FIELDS FAILING FAST.

Marshall Field Fast Weakening—Family Summoned.

By Associated Press. Chicago, Nov. 27.—Marshall Field's strength is failing rapidly. The family has been summoned to the bedside.

THE OATH-BOUND CADETS DISSOLVE

Three Have Conformed to the Requirements of the Board. One Resigned, Another Will Remain While a Third Expects to Resign at Later Date.

By Associated Press. Richmond, Va., Nov. 27.—The oath-bound thirteen cadets of the Virginia Military Institute have dissolved and three have conformed to the requirements of the board.

One of the three immediately resigned, one decided to remain and the third expects to resign later.

The remaining 10, who left the limits of the Institute in a body without permission and absented themselves from inspection, will be dismissed. It is believed that the other 80 odd members of the third class will meet the full requirements of the board.

NO MARRIAGES AFTER 4 P. M.

Bishop Van Devver, of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, Issues Orders.

By Associated Press. Richmond, Va., Nov. 27.—Bishop Van Devver, of the Catholic diocese of Richmond, has issued an injunction to the effect that "in future no marriages of Catholics shall be allowed to take place in the churches of the diocese later in the day than 4 P. M." It is thought that the tendency toward display, crowding and frivolous talking at evening weddings is the cause of the order.

PRESIDENT REMOVES LIEB.

Assistant U. S. Treasurer Removed For Violation of Civil Service Law.

By Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 27.—President Roosevelt has removed William S. Lieb, Assistant United States Treasurer at Philadelphia for "constant and persistent" violation of the civil service law while in office.

THRONE OF M'CURDY FAMILY TOTTERS, CRASHES, FALLS!

The Searching Investigation, Backed Up by Public Indignation at Last Grows Sufficiently Strong to Drive the Vultures From Their Prey.

The Father, Son and Son-in-law Send in Their Resignation and Vacate the Places of Trust They Have Dishonored by Their Conduct.

By Associated Press.

New York, Nov. 27.—The New York World says: Richard A. McCurdy, president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, has resigned. The date of resignation depends only on the time required by the trustees to find a successor.

Quickly following the retirement of President McCurdy his son, Robert H. McCurdy, general manager of the Mutual, and his son-in-law, Louis T. Theban, agent for New York, have also resigned.

A tentative offer to head the company was made to James B. Forgan, president of the First National Bank of Chicago, who once was an Equitable director. Forgan has declined to consider the offer.

Unofficial Report.

New York, Nov. 27.—No official statement is obtainable as to the report that president McCurdy of the Mutual Life had resigned. It is unofficially learned that the Company's finance committee is believed to have McCurdy's resignation under consideration. It is learned also that the connection of Louis A. Theban, McCurdy's son-in-law, with the company is expected to cease January 1.

METHODIST THANKSGIVING.

Service to Be Held Thursday in Tryon Street Church.

At a meeting of the Methodist preachers of Charlotte held in the study of Tryon Street Methodist Church this morning a reorganization took place. Rev. W. L. Nicholson, the new pastor of Brevard Street Methodist Church, was elected chairman for the ensuing year and Rev. D. L. Reid, pastor of Calvary Church, was elected secretary.

It was decided that these meetings will be held every Monday morning at 10 o'clock in the study of Tryon Street Methodist Church.

At the meeting this morning it was unanimously decided to hold a Thanksgiving service in Tryon Street Church Thursday morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. Plato Durham, of Trinity Church, will preach the sermon and the other Methodist pastors in the city will take part in this Thanksgiving service.

The next union sacramental service will be held in Brevard Street Church Wednesday evening, January 3, at which time Rev. H. K. Boyer will preach the sermon.

DAVIDSON NEWS NOTES.

Dr. Lingle Holds Meetings—Tennis Tournament—Other News Items. Special to The News. Davidson, Nov. 27.—Rev. Walter Lingle, of Rock Hill, S. C., has been holding services here for the past week. He preached every evening in the Y. M. C. A. hall and had a full attendance each time. He filled Dr. Graham's pulpit Sunday morning and evening.

Mr. Lingle is a graduate of Davidson, graduating with the class of '91. The tennis tournament began Monday and will be played on during the greater part of the week.

Christmas examinations will probably begin the last of next week, and will go on until the 22nd of December, when Christmas holidays begin.

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The first prices here were 25 to 35 points higher with March 71 points above the previous record. Copeland and Rouse cotton brokers have suspended.

Cotton Active. New York, Nov. 27.—Later the market eased off to a net gain of 20 @ 25 points on active months.

CIVIL COURT IN SESSION.

Judge Webb is Presiding. Cases Taken Up Today.

The November term of the Mecklenburg Superior Court for the trial of civil actions, convened this morning at 10 o'clock. Judge James L. Webb, of Shelby is presiding.

This is Judge Webb's first civil court in Mecklenburg and it is a pleasure to have him here.

After the organization of court this morning the calendar was taken up and a number of cases were continued.

The first case to be tried was that of Lizzie Skinner against her husband, J. W. Skinner. Mrs. Skinner asked the court for an absolute divorce on the grounds of abandonment. This, the jury did, after being out only a few minutes.

The next case taken up was that of William A. Smith, against the Carolina Central Railroad. The action was for damages on account of injuries to land through which the railroad passes. A verdict of \$125 was given to the plaintiff.

The next case taken up was that of J. H. Emery against A. W. Brown, which was being tried when The News went to press.

In the case of J. Arthur Henderson against H. L. and E. P. Hunter, non-suit was taken.

In the case of Mrs. Bessie Shaw against the Seaboard Air Line railway, a continuance was taken for the defendant.

In the case of J. E. Davis against the Dover Yarn Mills and D. J. Skidmore, a continuance was taken.

The case against the city of Charlotte, wherein Mr. J. S. Simpson is the plaintiff, a continuance was taken.

The case of the Liddell Company against W. C. Witchard, a compromised judgment was agreed to.

The following cases were continued by The News: E. H. McKnight, against Summers Alexander; Curtis Heffner against the Highland Park Manufacturing Company; T. L. Ellis against J. P. Mills and Company.

In the case of Sam Helms against the Highland Park Company, a compromised judgment was agreed to.

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Cable States that in Recent Riots at Rastof 15 Jews Were Killed and 10,000 Financially Ruined. Loss is Over 7,000,000 Roubles.

In Fashionable Street of St. Petersburg Robert W. Bliss, Second Secretary of American Embassy Victim of Outrage by Rowdies. Police to Rescue.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Nov. 27.—Advices by cable are that during the recent riots in Russia 15 Jews were killed at Rastof, several wounded and 10,000 financially ruined. It is calculated that the financial loss of Russian Jews in that town is more than 7,000,000 roubles.

Outrage on Bliss.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 27.—Robert W. Bliss, Second Secretary of the American Embassy, who has just returned after a three months vacation in Paris, was the victim of an outrage by rowdies in one of the most fashionable streets of the capital last night and only escaped being beaten to death through the timely arrival of the police.

Situation at Sevastopol.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 27.—The situation at Sevastopol is improved. The Brest regiment which went over in a body to the mutineers have returned to its allegiance and joined the Brestok regiment.

Prisoners Mutinous.

Vladivostok, Nov. 27.—The Russian prisoners returning from Japan became mutinous Saturday and before being subdued by the Cossacks three officers were killed and one terribly beaten. Twenty men were killed or wounded.

Advice For Embassy.

Charles D'Affaires Eddy has reported the affairs of the Bliss assault to Washington, but as the incident was a plain case of rowdism he probably will not make official reports at the foreign office here unless inspected to do so.

Bliss was badly cut about the face but not seriously injured. Today the police captain visited the Embassy and apologized for the attack, but warned the Members of the Embassy that the streets were very unsafe. The captain advised the members of the Embassy to go around in the future and not to venture in the streets at night except in carriages.

Miss Nan Orr, formerly clerk at the Stone-Barringer Co., has again taken a position there. She started to work this morning.

MR. BAKER WILL GO MISSOURI PACIFIC

It is Said He Will be General Superintendent of the Entire System and that His Salary Will be \$10,000. Mr. Coapman Will be Mr. Baker's Successor.

The News learns today that Mr. Horace Baker, now Assistant General Superintendent of the Southern Railway, with headquarters at Greensboro, will, after the first of December, be connected with the Missouri Pacific and will have his headquarters at St. Louis.

It is also understood that Mr. Baker will not move his family to St. Louis for the present.

While the position that Mr. Baker will assume with the Missouri Pacific has not been made known, The News learns that he is to become the General Superintendent of this road, which position carries with it a salary of \$10,000.

Mr. Baker is given up to be one of the most efficient railroaders in the country and The News with his other friends in North Carolina learns with pleasure that his exceptional ability has been thus recognized by one of the greatest railroad organizations in the country.

Mr. Baker came to the Southern from Chicago. He was first placed in charge of the Charlotte division of the Southern. In a short while he was promoted to the position of General Superintendent and was transferred to Greensboro.

The News stated several days ago that Mr. E. H. Coapman was to succeed Mr. Baker as Assistant General Superintendent. This is a fact and the appointment of Mr. Coapman will be made from Washington in a few days.

As has also been stated in this paper Mr. Henry Williams now superintendent of the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta division of the Southern, will succeed Mr. Coapman. Mr. Williams' successor, The News learns, has not been named.

NO TIDINGS FROM JURY.

Nothing Heard From Jury Up to 4 O'clock.

Special to The News. Greensboro, Nov. 27.—There are no tidings at four o'clock from the jury which has been considering the Old Nick Case since one o'clock.

TWO IMPORTANT SALES.

Fine Farms in Mecklenburg Changed Hands Last Week.

The News learns today of two important transfers of Mecklenburg county land, the most important of which was the sale of the farm recently purchased by Mr. D. M. Abernathy, to the north of the city—known as the Irwin farm. This valuable tract of land, it is learned, was purchased by Mr. J. L. Davis of this city, the consideration being about \$50 per acre. The farm consists of nearly 200 acres, making the total consideration nearly \$10,000. It is said that Mr. Abernathy will, accompanied by his family, move in the near future to Wadesboro, where he is engaged in the whiskey business.

Another important sale was the transfer of 210 acres of the Lucas farm in Crab Orchard township, the purchaser being Mr. H. F. Marsh, of Marshville, who recently bought a large portion of the Oliver farm. It is learned that the consideration was \$25 per acre.

FUNERAL OF MRS. BERRYHILL.

Took Place This Afternoon at 3 O'clock.

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth Berryhill, widow of the late James S. Berryhill, who died yesterday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. M. Costner, at No. 603 East Fifth street, was held from the home of Mr. C. M. Berryhill, on West Fifth street extension this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. D. L. Reid, pastor of Calvary Methodist church and Rev. W. L. Nicholson, pastor of Brevard Street Methodist church, conducted the services. The interment was in Elmwood. The pallbearers were Messrs. W. F. Miller, H. M. Day, J. H. Emery, C. R. Flournoy, Michael Roach, J. N. Watson, J. J. Shuman, R. B. Elam, T. E. Neal and J. R. Anderson.

Mrs. Berryhill was 66 years of age and had been a resident of Charlotte for a number of years. She was a devoted member of the Methodist church and was one of the best of women. Before marriage she was a Miss Elizabeth Warwick, daughter of Mr. W. M. Warwick, of the Providence section. She is survived by four children, Mr. W. V. Berryhill, of Concord; J. K. Berryhill, of Havana, Cuba; Mrs. C. M. Berryhill, and Mrs. F. M. Costner, of this city. Miss Jennie Berryhill, of Charlotte was a step-daughter of the deceased.

Dr. Marr in High Point.

Dr. T. F. Marr and family have arrived from Charlotte and are domiciled at the parsonage. The ladies have been busy for several days getting the parsonage in order. The walls have been papered, new carpets put down and many other additions made, in fact it has practically been refitted.—High Point Enterprise.

New Orleans, Nov. 27.—Growing out of a trivial cause a suspension of work occurred on the river front. The result is that no cotton is being hauled and other labor organizations are idle.

DEFENSE PUT UP BRADLEY.

Attempt to Show That Branch Had Misused Official Position. By Associated Press. Annapolis, Nov. 27.—In the Meriwether court martial the counsel for the defense offered midshipman Bradley of the Second Class, to testify to the circumstances to show that Branch had misused the official position when on duty to make unjust reports against Meriwether.

The objection to this evidence was entered by Judge advocate. The court decided that such testimony could be given provided it was shown that the circumstances had come to Meriwether's notice previous to the fight.

Report of Autopsy. The report of the autopsy is not to be laid before the court before late this afternoon or tomorrow.

PYTHIANS' BIG DAY.

Wednesday to Be a Great Day With D. O. K. K's. The annual fall ceremonial session of the D. O. K. K's will take place Wednesday evening in Suez Temple. On this occasion a large number of Pythians from Western North Carolina and Upper South Carolina will be present and take part in the exercises.

The banquet committee has been actively at work preparing for the feast that will be spread for the large number who are expected to be present. The banquet will be served by Mr. E. F. Creswell, of the Gem restaurant, in the dining hall of the Temple. It goes without saying that Mr. Creswell will have prepared for the Pythians a feast of real good things.

The News has been asked to state that the banquet committee will only reserve seats for those who return the postal cards that have been issued.

COTTON BRINGING 11.50.

The Local Market Is On a Boom Today. The receipts of cotton today at the city platform amounted to 63 bales at 11½ cents. On the same day last year the receipts amounted to 89 bales and the best price was 9½ cents. This is the best price received for cotton during the present year, and the farmers who have their cotton stored away are feeling very elated and more determined than ever to wait for 15 cents. Should the staple continue to advance at this rate it will not be long before there will be great rejoicing among the men who raise it, and the speculators.

DAMAGE FROM LAST NIGHT'S STORMS

Much Damage Caused by Sea Storms. Towns on Coast Affected. Small Vessels Suffer. Crew of Peridot Lost. Seven Bodies Washed Ashore.

By Associated Press. London, Nov. 27.—Great damage was done to the coast towns of Great Britain by last night's storm. Many small vessels were driven ashore but thus far only a few lives are reported lost. The small coasting steamer Peridot of Glasgow, was wrecked on the Island of Magee. The crew were lost. Seven bodies have washed up.

FEARFUL EXPLOSION.

Nine Persons Killed, Two Injured—Keystone Works Completely Destroyed. By Associated Press. Buffalo, Nov. 27.—A special to the News from Emporium, Penn. says: The Keystone Powder Company's mixing house and one packing house blew up today, killing nine persons.

The dead are: John Bouissey, James Joyce, James Campbell, John Hamilton, John Butler, Frank Harrington, Tom Webb, James Murphy and William Spring.

The injured are: Walter Palmer and Joe Gainey. The Keystone works were completely destroyed.

GEORGIA VS. TENNESSEE.

Supreme Court Grants Permission to File Demurrer.

By Associated Press. Washington, Nov. 27.—In the case of the State of Georgia vs. the Tennessee Copper Company, the Supreme Court granted permission to the company to file a demurrer and fixed the hearing for next Monday.

In this action the State complains that the smelters of the copper company are a nuisance and asks that it be restrained.