

MANY KILLED AND INJURED IN WRECK TWO FAST TRAINS

In Blinding Snow Storm Last Night in Arkansas Valley Two Passenger Trains Met in Fearful Head-on Collision Near Portland, Col.

Forty were Killed and Many Injured in Wreck and in Fire Which Followed. Injured Carried to Hospital. Account of Catastrophe.

By Associated Press. Pueblo, March 16.—About 40 charred bodies lie in the ruins of the two Denver and Rio Grande passenger trains which were wrecked by head-on collision this morning between Beaver and Adobe, about 28 miles west of Pueblo. Part of the train was burned.

Fifteen persons, severely injured in the disaster, are lying on cots at St. Mary's Hospital, this city, with the prospect that some of them will be added to the death list.

Pueblo March 16.—In a blinding snow storm last night in the Arkansas valley a head on collision occurred between express trains East-bound and West-bound on the Denver and Rio Grande near Portland, Colorado, 28 miles West of Pueblo about 2 o'clock this morning.

The latest report from Florence, only a short distance from the scene, says about 40 persons were killed, and many injured.

Seventeen of the injured reached this city on one of the relief trains sent out earlier, they were taken to the St. Mary's hospital.

The report given by persons coming from the scene was that many bodies were burned in the fire which followed the wreck. They estimated the number burned at 15.

The cause is attributed to the failure to deliver orders to the East-bound train, which crashed into the West-bound train, which was on the track.

The coaches took fire and the flames completed the horror begun by the collision. Some of the victims were pinned under the wreckage and burned alive before help could reach them.

Most of the injured were on the West-bound train which was heavily loaded. The East-bound train carried comparatively few passengers and these escaped generally with slight shaking up. One man whose name could not be learned, was the only one of a family of ten who escaped. He lost his father, mother, wife and three children, brother and two other relatives.

Three of the crew on the West-bound train were killed and two on the East-bound. One of the engineers on the West-bound, which was a double header, was found dead in his cab, with his hand on the throttle.

Express messenger Mc Parian, a relative of the detective of that name, now active in Governor Steenberg's assassination case, is among the dead. Many of the bodies will never be identified. They were burned to a crisp.

Part of the mail was destroyed and all the express matter.

The relief work is necessarily slow, because of the smoke from the burning wreck and because of the cold weather.

Probably Only 39 Dead. The Pueblo Chief, announced that 39 persons (Two engineers, one fireman and one express messenger, and 35 passengers) were killed.

About 15 Passengers Killed. At the general offices of the Denver and Rio Grande an official statement was issued, saying that the engineer and fireman on the eastbound train and the engineer on the westbound train and about 15 passengers were killed and 20 injured.

Last Report of Casualties. The latest estimate of casualties is 39 or more dead, and 25 injured. All three engines were practically demolished. The first three cars of the Westbound train were piled up but before the wreckage took fire most of the passengers were removed.

When the trains came together they were rounding a sharp curve around High Bluff.



GOV. R. B. GLENN,

He Comes to Address the Greater Charlotte Club at the Banquet This Evening.

ELLIOTT TO MARK SOLDIERS GRAVES

Secretary Taft Selects Col. William Elliott of Beaufort, S. C., as Commissioner to Mark the Graves of Confederates who Died in Northern Prisons.

By Associated Press. Washington, March 16.—Colonel William Elliott, of Beaufort, S. C., formerly a Representative in Congress from that State, has been selected by Secretary Taft to be a commissioner to mark the graves of the Confederate soldiers who died in Northern prisons. There has been a keen competition for this place on the part of Confederate veterans. Colonel Elliott served for 14 years in Congress and is a distinguished lawyer. He is a veteran of the Confederate army, having served under General Stephen D. Lee, and gaining his promotion to the Colonelcy by gallantry in an action at Vicksburg. He was present in all the great battles in Virginia up to 1863, at which time he was transferred to the West. He was present at the battle of Vicksburg, Harrisonburg, Atlanta, Jonesboro, Franklin, New Bern, Nashville and Bentonville, in the last of which he was shot.

THE MINERS CONVENTION. Recess Taken—Miners May Modify Demands and Make Peaceful Settlement.

By Associated Press. Indianapolis March 16.—The convention of the United Mine Workers took a recess to await the report of the credentials committee. The anthracite miners Scale Committee will make a reply to the anthracite operator's refusal to grant any of their demands. There are indications that the miners will modify some demands, and thus make another effort for a peaceful settlement.

REPORT OF STEEL CO.

A Marked Increase Shown in Receipts, Surplus, etc.

By Associated Press. New York March 16.—The report of the United States Steel Corporation for the year ended Dec. 31 shows the company's gross receipts of \$585,331,736, an increase of \$140,926,306. Net earnings \$119,789,658, an increase of \$46,611,136. The surplus was \$17,065,815, an increase of \$12,017,962.

The condition of Mr. S. J. Torrence who is at the St. Peter's hospital is some better today. He is slowly improving.

Appointment to Supreme Court Bench Undecided

By Associated Press. Washington, March 16.—Secretary Taft was in consultation with President Roosevelt for sometime this morning. No decision has been reached regarding the acceptance of the place on the Supreme Court Bench, probably none will be reached for some time. The President later authorized the issuance of the following statement: "As Justice Brown will not retire

CLOSER UNION OF PRESBYTERIANS SEEMS ASSURED

Dr. debate on the "Advisory Power" as Named in Article 4, of the Articles of Agreement. Northern and Southern Delegates Take Part in Discussion.

Article 4 was Made the Special Order of Business for this Afternoon's Session. The Conference will Probably Close with this Evening's Session.

The conference and federation of the Presbyterian and Reformed churches of America and the United States, held the second day's session as a committee of the whole up to noon, when the conference was gone into and three articles of the "articles of agreement" were adopted. The conference spent the remainder of the morning session discussing article 4, which has caused the body more material for debate than all other articles of the 14 taken together. The session this morning from the standpoint of the public was only dry parliamentary discussion—but to the preachers and others present it meant vital things which may, in a large extent, shape the future of the Presbyterian churches in the United States. The discussion at the delegates was largely confined to the delegates from the Northern and Southern churches, according to the statement of one of the delegates. Numerous expressions of god will were expressed by these members, and the two sides seemed equally ready to make concessions, if they could be termed such. The previous departure of many of the delegates to their homes did not detract from the interest displayed in the discussions by those remaining.

There was a pathetic scene in the conference today when an aged member of the German Reformed church pleaded for the admission of his church into the federation. General Roller, of Virginia, said with faltering voice, and unsteady accent. "We have been waiting a long time and expecting to be taken into something more closely united than the plan you have devised."

"We are like a young woman who has been waiting for the coming of the man of her choice, waiting in the old mansion, and if we are not taken in here, it may be that you will not see us any more."

The brief talk of the aged soldier of God was touching in the extreme. The business session was begun with a discussion of article 4, in reference to the insertion of the words "advisory power."

Dr. Connor, Dr. Hemphill, Dr. Roberts and others spoke on the article in question. Dr. Roberts thought there was a danger in going too far in amending and changing until the original was far obliterated.

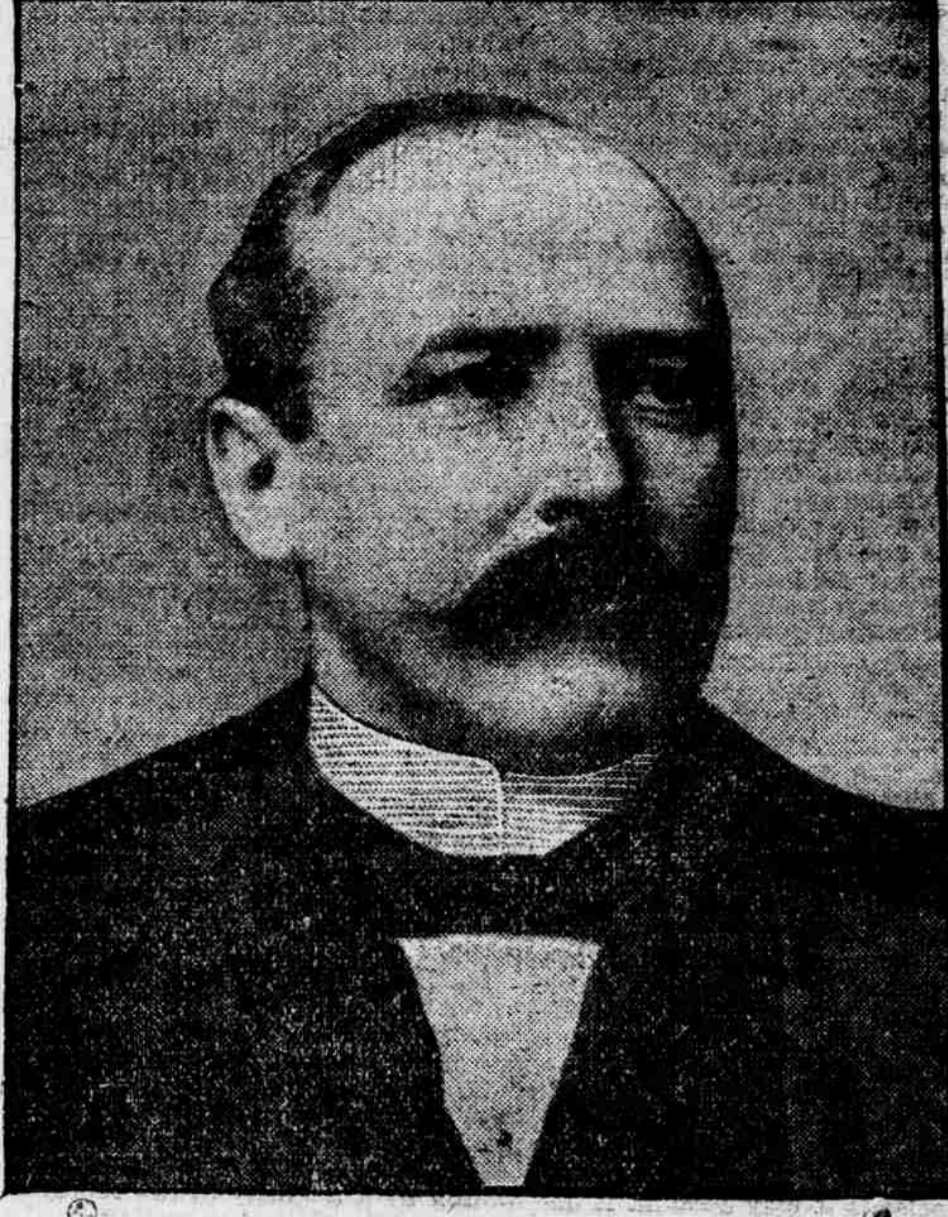
Dr. Boggs thought likewise that there was such a thing as "thinning the soup" until there isn't much left. General Young favored letting the document speak for itself and opposed over many alterations. Dr. Cannon said "we are here to devise the best possible scheme for bringing these allied churches together for their best interests. He also thought the document under discussion should be largely advisory. He took issue with the suggestion that the Presbyterians were opposed to taking advise and thought that whatever may be done by means of the document should be carried out through established channels. "If we are going to make the document purely advisory, let's say so," continued Dr. Cannon, "The Presbyterian church will resent the imposition of authority unless it has sufficient grounds. Let us be square with the church and let the document bear its face just what it is—what it really is."

Dr. Hemphill wanted some brothering out the by-gone by-gone by-gone to throw light on the debate by pointing out if possible where any other sort of power except advisory or arbitrary power. Secretary Steele wanted Dr. Hemphill to say if the alliance did not have these powers.

Dr. Hemphill said the council would have more members to deal with, and that it was a smaller body, hence would carry more weight. Dr. Roberts thought the question was now only a beginning, and that perhaps in a year or two the articles might be thrown away or changed. Dr. Nicholls thought that the committee would be limited for all future time if it were inaugurated with only advisory powers. We are putting this movement into an incubator and keeping it there if we give it only advisory powers and allow no room for growth."

Dr. Pinnick said: "We are trying to get this movement under way—or get the incubator working. Dr. Nicholls, and would it not be better to err on side of conservatism rather than invite failure. The Southern people, historically and every other way, are jealous of guarding their right and slow to cede them. Why not let the future take care of itself, and let us be already apprehensive that by some of the amendments we have already passed, that we have not weakened this document with some of the church courts represented here."

Dr. Neal thought it a misfortune that one of the members could not



HON. ALTON B. PARKER,

To Be One of the Honored Guests at the Banquet of the Greater Charlotte Club Tonight.

FOUR HOTEL GUESTS BURNED TO DEATH

Fire Destroyed Business Part of Town. Ten Guests of Hotel Escaped, but Four were Burned Alive. Loss Estimated at \$21,000.

By Associated Press. Grand Rapids, Mich., March 16.—The business portion of the village of Tustin, Osceola county, was destroyed by fire which started in the hotel Compton from a defective furnace. Ten guests escaped in night clothes while four were burned to death. The financial loss is \$21,000.

stay though the conference and I think it would not be a fair thing to make more amendments during their absence.

"We have got to join the issue somewhere and fight it out patiently, but in love."

Dr. Parks was next heard. He regarded the federation of all the Presbyterian churches as a great end in itself. I felt troubled all along at the "thinning down of the soup," said the speaker. Dr. Parks wanted the federation to be all embracing and strong. He believed every word of the motion was true and wanted to trust to the future. I am sadly misinformed if I am not right in thinking the Southern Presbyterian church is ready and willing now to go into a federation that will be permanent.

Dr. McKee thought the directions given by the general assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church kept him from favoring any title except cop-operation, and that organic union was not to be considered.

The speaker was interrupted several times, but said he was going to keep the floor, and continued to argue that the general assembly's orders had been carried out by the committee here.

Dr. Moffat, speaking for the Northern church, said: "I feel when we go back to our church with this bill guarded by words, they will ask 'what's the good of it?'" "When our assembly sent us to these conferences they guarded us only from one point—that of the right of the church to secede."

Dr. Murphy, of the German Reformed church, said: "We have expected a closer bringing together than has been realized here. We are ready to meet you half way."

Dr. Alexander said there were four possible results of the meeting: Organic union, federation, closer relations or nothing at all. The first two have been given up and stricken out, and the last will not result in anything, then let's say organic union and go home, telling the people that this is what we are after.

The conference adjourned for lunch at 12:40 o'clock while still discussing the 4th article of the series. It was decided that at 3:30 this afternoon a vote should be called on this much-disputed article, after which adjournment was taken for dinner to meet again this afternoon.

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SIGN UP FOR FIGHT.

Jimmie Britt and Kid Herman Signed Up for Bout First of May.

By Associated Press. Toledo March 16.—Articles have been signed for a fight between Jimmie Britt of San Francisco and Kid Herman of Chicago at Los Angeles the first week in May.

SHACKLEFORD OF MO. HOTLY CRITICISES SPEAKER OF HOUSE

While House was Considering Leasing of Land in Col. Shackelford Showers Stinging Invektive Upon Head of Speaker of the House.

"You Sit an Enthroned Despot Subjecting the Rights and Destinies of the People to the Dictates of Your Unbridled will" He Said.

By Associated Press. Washington, March 16.—While the House was considering the bill for leasing land in Colorado for the cultivation of the rubber plant, Mr. Shackelford, of Missouri, criticized the Speaker, saying: "The constitution contemplates that the Speaker shall be the servant of the House. In defiance of the constitution you have made yourself its master. You have packed every committee so that no bill can be reported without your consent. Unless you are willing no member can move to discharge a committee from consideration of a bill and take it up in the House."

"You sit an enthroned despot subjecting the rights and destinies of your own unbridled will. Who stands today between the progressive, enlightened people and the Statehood to which they are entitled? You, sir. Only you. You crack your whip and the majority of this House cowers at your feet. You turn your thumbs down and the House deals a death blow to prostrate, bleeding Oklahoma."

The confusion in the House throughout Mr. Shackelford's remarks was such that very few members knew what he had said, when Mr. Tanney stopped with objection.

Keifer Won't Down. When the Legislative Appropriation Bill was taken up Mr. Keifer, of Ohio, continued his speech in favor of restricting Southern representation.

Statehood Bill. At the conference of the Republican House leaders it was decided to consider the Statehood Bill March 21.

SERVICES AT SECOND CHURCH.

A Large Meeting is Expected Tonight Dr. Hardin Will Preach.

The union revival services at the Second Presbyterian church this evening promises to be the most impressive of the week. Dr. Hardin will preach, and an important gathering of the members of the various churches taking part is anticipated. The four churches that have joined in holding union services at the Second church are the First and Second Presbyterians, the Tryon Street Methodist and Trinity Methodist churches.

The meeting this evening is to be a special one and those in charge have extended a cordial invitation to all to attend.

HOLT IS IN CONCORD.

Says His Wife and Children Live in Concord.

Special to The News. Concord, March 16.—Chief Police Roger has William Holt, a deaf mute, reported in yesterday's Charlotte News as wanted at Albemarle, N. C. He ran away from the County Home. Boger is holding Holt until the keeper of the County Home comes Saturday morning. Holt's wife and family lives in Charlotte.

STEAMER STRUCK SHOALS.

It is Believed She Will Be Floated at High Tide.

Atlantic City March 16.—The British steamer Caranse from Para for New York struck on the shoals between the Toms River life saving station and Island Beach. It is believed the steamer will be floated at high tide. The life savers reached the vessel but the passengers and crew remained aboard.

A Piano Recital This Evening.

A piano recital will be given by the pupils of the Ames School of Music this evening at the Charlotte Music store, at No. 213 North Tryon street. An entertaining program has been arranged. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The case of Mrs. Bessie Shaw against the Seaboard Air Line was given to the jury at 12 o'clock today. Up to 4 o'clock this afternoon no verdict had been arrived at.

JUDGE PARKER IS TO BE HERE TONIGHT

He will Arrive at 7 O'clock and Will Make an Address Before the Greater Charlotte Club. Leaves at 10 O'clock for New York City.

Judge Alton B. Parker has accepted the invitation of the Greater Charlotte Club, which was augmented by a few of our leading citizens, to come here tonight; and Charlotte is indeed fortunate in having him as a guest. However, it is to be regretted that he cannot spend more time in the city, as he expects to leave on a late train for the North, but it will be a pleasure on the part of all the members of the Greater Charlotte Club and his political friends here to welcome and entertain him even for a few hours.

Judge Parker was located at Camden, S. C., yesterday where he has been visiting Hon. David Bennett Hill since his return from Mississippi. He was communicated with over the long distance telephone, the official invitation being extended by Mr. D. A. Tompkins, who advised him of the coming of Governor Glenn and Heyward, with the result that he gladly accepted the invitation, saying that he wished to visit Charlotte and that he would avail himself now, while in the South.

Mr. D. A. Tompkins left this morning for Camden and will accompany him to Charlotte this evening. Governor Heyward will also arrive on this train, reaching here at 7 o'clock. The entire party will be met at the station by a committee of representative citizens including Governor Glenn, Mayor S. S. McIninch and several members of the Greater Charlotte Club. They will go direct to the Southern Manufacturers' Club where a reception will be tendered Judge Parker at which he will make an address. Later he will attend the banquet of the Greater Charlotte Club and leave about 10 o'clock on his way to his home in New York.

DR. HERMAN FEIST ARRESTED.

Is Charged With Murder of Mrs. Rosa Mangrum, Whose Dead Body Was Found Six Weeks Ago.

By Associated Press. Nashville, Tenn., March 16.—Dr. Herman Feist was arrested today charged with the murder of Mrs. Rosa Mangrum, whose dead body was found in the Ohio river at Cairo, Ill., about six weeks ago.

Dr. Feist is a prominent physician of Nashville. A warrant for his arrest was served out by Chester Mason, a brother to the dead woman.

There will be a special children's and young peoples service at the Calvary Methodist church tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock. All are cordially invited.

Nine Fires Occurred in N. Y. City This Morning

By Associated Press. New York, March 16.—Nine fires, none of them particularly serious, as far as financial loss is concerned, but which resulted in great hardship to tenants and firemen because of frozen hydrants, occurred in New York city just before daylight.

More than 100 tenants of a flat house in West 53rd street were driven, either half dressed or in night clothes upon the roof of the building, where snow was nearly six inches deep and from which they could not escape.

A peculiar feature of the fire was the fact that the building was at no time in serious danger from the flames and yet many persons risked their lives on account of the snow in which they were compelled to stand for 15 minutes before the firemen were able to take them off.

Six of the other fires were in business buildings.