

Head-On Collision on the Seaboard Air Line Brings Death to 22. Injured Number 30

Passenger Train No. 44 That Left Charlotte Yesterday Afternoon at 5 O'Clock Collided With Extra Freight Train Running Along First Section of No. 39.

Engineer Frank Lewis, Baggage-master Byrd, Twenty Negroes Were Killed by the Crash. Blame Rests Either on Operator at Hamlet or Rockingham.

Special to The News. Rockingham, July 23.—Passenger train No. 44, from Charlotte to Wilmington and an extra freight train collided in a cut one mile west of Hamlet last night. The cause of the wreck has not been definitely located, but it is certainly due to the negligence of the operator at either Rockingham or Hamlet.

The Rockingham operator claims to be entirely innocent in the matter and the blame in all probability occurred at Hamlet.

Immediately after the extra freight left Hamlet, an engine was dispatched hurriedly to overtake it but was unable to do so before the fatal head-on collision.

Eighteen bodies were taken from the wreckage last night and two others this morning.

Among the dead are: Engineer Frank B. Lewis. Fireman Thomas Hill, colored. Baggage Master H. S. Byrd. John Bogan, porter, of Wadesboro. Tom Jones of Rockingham. Gilbert McFadden, Hamlet. Hattie Capel, Laurinburg. Hannibal McNair, Laurinburg. Mattie McNair, Laurinburg. Mary Bell, Rockingham. Esther Dupree, Bennettsville. Jane Russell, Hoffman. Mary Land, Bennettsville. All are colored except Lewis and Byrd.

Among the injured are: Captain J. D. Bowen, in charge of the passenger train; E. S. Sanford, Rockingham; E. A. Carter, Rockingham; F. L. Lear, Rockingham; John Birmingham, Rockingham, all white. Cicero Thomas, Meta Thomas, Oscar Leak, Rockingham; Octavius Jackson, Hamlet, all colored.

The dead have been placed in care of H. C. Watson, the undertaker. All physicians were summoned and rendered the injured the very best assistance. Engineer Owen Bundy jumped and escaped with slight injuries.

DETAILS TERRIBLE WRECK. An Eye-Witness Tells of the Scenes Last Night and This Morning. Special The News.

Hamlet, July 23.—Two miles west of this place, in a deep cut, on a sharp curve, one of the most disastrous wrecks in the history of railroading in North Carolina occurred yesterday evening between the hours of seven and eight o'clock.

The wreck was due to a head-on collision between passenger train No. 44 eastbound and an extra freight running as first section of No. 39, which is the westbound passenger train that is due to reach Charlotte at 10:45 o'clock at night.

So far the death list numbers 21. Included in this number are Engineer Frank Lewis and Expressman H. S. Byrd. The other 19 were negroes who occupied seats in what is known as the "Jim Crow" car which was next to the express and baggage car and the second car in the train's makeup.

No. 44 which is the afternoon train which left Charlotte at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon was running an hour late when it reached Wadesboro. This delay was caused by several minor troubles that the train encountered in its run of 66 miles between Charlotte and Wadesboro.

After leaving Wadesboro Engineer Frank Lewis turned on full steam and bade his steed go her him.

At Rockingham the puffing engine stopped for a moment's rest and as Engineer Lewis opened the throttle she bounded forth like a frightened deer to the eastward.

Five minutes after the train pulled out of Rockingham the engine of No. 44 darted into a deep curve and swiftly passed up to what is known as one of the sharpest curves on the Seaboard's system.

Before the brave engineer of No. 44 knew what was ahead of him, the headlight of the extra freight darted from around the opposite end of the curve. There was a terrible crash— a fearful hissing of steam and the two ponderous steeds reared straight up by the force of the collision.

During the few minutes that followed in which the escaping steam

and the roar caused by the collision, there could be heard the wails of the dying and those more fortunate. As quickly as possible Conductor Bowen and those who had escaped from the terrible collision, went forward to where the engines were standing in an upright position and called for Engineer Lewis. There was no answer to this call for the hand that guided the fast flying passenger engine, while still holding to the throttle of his engine, was stilled by death. Through the mist of escaping steam and the pile of iron and steel, could be seen a portion of the brave engineer's body as it was being roasted alive by the boiling flood of water that was pouring from the engine boiler.

Wedge in between the wreckage of the baggage car and that of the Jim Crow car could be seen the mangled remains of Expressman H. S. Byrd. He must have met an instant death as ponderous pieces of iron and wood held his body in tight embrace.

The scene where the Jim Crow car and the baggage and express car were telescoped was one of horror and intense suffering. There, in the mangled mass of flesh and blood, were 19 torn and dismembered bodies of negroes who were ushered into death without a moment's warning. Their bodies were piled, one upon another, in a frightful mass and now and then one could hear the dying wails of a lost soul.

As the accident took place at nightfall and as there were few if any lights available, the scene was one of weirdness as well as horror. The ones aboard the train who escaped injury did all that was possible to relieve the dying and wounded, but their efforts were curtailed by the many disadvantages incident to the wreck.

By 9 o'clock a wrecking crew from Hamlet reached the scene and as fast as possible the injured were taken from their perilous situation. All through the weary hours of the night men and even women worked to relieve the suffering and care for the dying. The bodies of the dead were taken out one by one and the lifeless forms were laid beside the track until preparations could be made to transfer them to Rockingham.

Editor S. T. Ashe, of the Wilmington Messenger, was a passenger on the ill-fated train. He had been to Wadesboro to spend the Sabbath with relatives and friends of his boy, who occupied a seat in the first class coach which was the last car in the train's makeup. The force of the collision threw him forward but fortunately he escaped with only slight bruises.

To your correspondent this morning the Wilmington editor gave a graphic description of one of the State's most direful catastrophes. He says that at the time of the wreck and just following beggars description. As soon as the trains came to their awful standstill, he went forward and what met his gaze was horrible in the extreme. He heard the cries of the dying and the pitiful screams of the unfortunate beings who were pinioned beneath weights of steel and iron. He joined the party of rescuers and did all in his power to relieve suffering.

Mr. Ashe spent the night at Hamlet and early this morning went back to the scene of the wreck. When he arrived at the spot he found that 19 bodies had been removed from the debris and that two bodies, both negro men, were still beneath the wreckage.

In describing the position of the two engines, Mr. Ashe says that both remained in an upright position this morning. The heavy iron caps of the boilers were embedded into each other and the two, once proud steeds, were a mass of broken and twisted iron and steel.

The second class coach had left the rails but was still on the cross ties. This was true of the first class coach which was the rear car. The Jim Crow car and the baggage and express cars were matted together in a

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OPENING OF GREAT PEACE CONFERENCE

The 14th Annual Conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Union Opens. Great Excitement Over Retirement of Members of Russian Parliament.

By Associated Press. London, July 23.—The fourteenth annual conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Union was opened in the royal gallery of the palace of Westminster. The adherents of international peace from all the parliaments of Europe as well as several of those of the western hemisphere were present, but hardly had the conference opened when, amidst a scene of considerable excitement represented by Congressman Richard Bartholde, while William J. Bryan occupied a seat on the platform.

Lord Weardeale (Sir Philip Stanhope), opened the Congress, his preliminary sentences of welcome being specially addressed to the Russian delegates who rose in a body, and, turning toward the delegation of the late Parliament, cheered them to the echo.

Lord Weardeale incidentally mentioned President Roosevelt as having been associated with the work of peace. Premier Campbell-Bannerman in reply, reminded his hearers that King Edward had always been a great advocate of peace. The British government, he said, was in entire sympathy with the object of the conference.

The Premier especially greeted the members of the Russian Parliament present and also paid a tribute to Emperor Nicholas who had done so much toward the enhancement of the ideas of peace. It could, he thought, be safely asserted that the Russian Parliament, although dissolved was sure to again come into existence. Then the Premier in a sudden access of enthusiasm, shouted "La Douma Est Morte, Vive La Douma." (The Russian Parliament is dead, long live the Russian Parliament.) The delegates rose to their feet and the storms of applause continued for a couple of minutes.

COL. SAMUEL DONALDSON DEAD.

Was Door Keeper of the House During Carlyle's Term as Speaker. By Associated Press. Washington, July 23.—Col. Samuel Donaldson, door keeper of the House of Representatives during Carlyle's term as speaker, died suddenly of heart failure in this city. He was 53 years of age. Donaldson was well known among politicians throughout the country and at the time of his death was assistant sergeant at arms of the Democratic committee. He was born in Nashville.

EFFECT OF SAGE'S DEATH.

Will Probably Have Little Effect on Stock Market. By Associated Press. New York, July 23.—The death of Russell Sage was probably less a factor in the stock market which opened heavy than the dissolution of the Russian Douma.

Persons conversant with the affairs of Sage said he had comparatively little money out on loans and that his death would hardly disturb the local financial conditions.

Mr. H. Miller and daughter, Miss Leah, will leave tonight for Norfolk, Va., where they will visit friends and relatives.

LIEUT. WORSWICK 10 PRIVATES AND SCOUT KILLED

In Encounter With 600 Pulajanes Near Buraen by Detachment of Genstabulary, Lieut. Worswick, Ten Privates and One Civilian Scout Were Killed

Constabulary Was Commanded by Lieut. Williams, Company of Regular Infantry Hurried to Scene, Between 400 and 1000 Pulajanes in Field.

By Associated Press. Manila, July 23.—A detachment of constabulary, Lieut. Williams commanding, encountered a band of 600 Pulajanes near Buraen, on the island of Leyte, yesterday morning. Lieut. Worswick, 12 privates and a civilian, Scout McBride, were killed.

The constabulary were driven back. The Pulajanes secured 14 rifles and two revolvers. The bodies of Worswick, McBride and ten privates were recovered. Reinforcements of the constabulary have been sent from the nearest station.

Major Nevile, commanding the military, has ordered a company of the 24th regular infantry to be hurried to the scene.

Major Nevile reports that there are from 400 to 1000 Pulajanes in the field.

Lieut. Worswick was a graduate of the University of Kansas and was appointed to the constabulary last February. He graduated from the constabulary school June 30 and this was his first battle. Buraen is situated in an isolated portion of Leyte.

COMPANIES CHARTERED.

Five New Corporations Chartered by Secretary of State. Special to The News.

Baltimore, July 23.—Charters were issued to five new corporations, the Huss Austin Co., of Salisbury, for the sale of spirituous liquors, at a capital of \$10,000 authorized and \$4,700 subscribed, by J. H. Wooley, J. W. Huss and other; to the Marsh Furniture Company, of High Point, to manufacture and sell furniture at a capital of \$10,000 by J. E. Marsh, J. W. Harris and J. J. Welch; to the W. A. Leggett Drug Co., of Edenton, at a \$25,000 authorized and \$4,900 subscribed by W. A. Leggett, C. S. Vann and others; to the Seaboard Feed and Produce Co., of Henderson at a capital of \$50,000 authorized, \$4,000 subscribed, by J. H. Brodie, H. T. Morris and others; to the Carolina Buggy Manufacturing Co., of Henderson at a capital of \$25,000 authorized and \$6,000 subscribed by W. B. Waddill, Robert Lassiter, J. H. Brodie and others.

JEWISH MASSACRE PREDICTED

It is Reported That the Day Fixed for the Massacre is July 28th. By Associated Press. London, July 23.—Israel Sangeval, president of the Jewish Territorial Organization, received a telegram from Russia that the country is on the verge of a new massacre of Jews, which has been fixed for July 28, the anniversary of Russia's conversion to Christianity. The message implores the assistance of Europe to prevent bloodshed.

MEMBERS MUST DISPERSE.

Order Given to Force Members of Parliament to Disperse. By Associated Press. Viborg, July 23.—The governor of Viborg announces that he has been ordered by the governor-general of Finland to immediately close the meetings of the members of Parliament and to use military force if necessary to disperse them.

Wants Extra Session.

By Associated Press. Richmond, July 23.—Governor Swanson has requested the president of the Supreme Court of Appeals to convene an extra session that the tribunal may dispose of the insurance commission case, the corporation commission having declined to permit Commissioner Dutton to qualify after he had been elected by the general assembly, the commission holding that the right of appointment was voted in the commission.

Fever at Annapolis.

By Associated Press. Annapolis, July 23.—Typhoid fever developed among members of the new fourth class at the naval academy and three members of that class are confined to the academy hospital. All three were taken sick aboard the practice ship Severn on which they with about 100 other plebes recently called for a practice cruise, but were returned here for treatment.

The Hartje Case.

By Associated Press. Pittsburg, July 23.—The defense in the Hartje divorce case concluded its side and the testimony in rebuttal started.

Twenty-Eight Injured Negroes are at The Good Samaritan Hospital in this City

CHAOTIC STATE OF AFFAIRS IN RUSSIA

Desperate Measures Expected Because of Dissolution of Parliament. One Thousand Persons Arrested Last Night. Dire Reports Come From the Interior.

By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, July 23.—Saturday night's coup d'etat has already proved the effect of uniting the discordant elements of the opposition and it requires little perspicacity to see that an era of repression and all which entails, will drive the Liberals and Revolutionists alike to support the most desperate measures.

It is already clear that resistance will be made. According to the latest advices from Viborg the members of Parliament which fled to Finland, intend to defy their sovereign.

They are virtually refusing to recognize the decree of dissolution. A three hours session in the dining room of Hotel Belvedere, was had last night under the Presidency of M. Mouroufseff at which all formalities of a regular session were observed. Although the rioting continued outside last night the city is superficially quiet this morning but ominous forebodings of a coming storm are apparent on either hand.

The correspondent of the Associated Press made a tour of the city early this morning. He encountered the reinforcement of the patrols in groups on the corners and met a half dozen squads of Gendarmes with drawn swords, escorting little bands of arrested persons to prison.

During the night over 1,000 arrests of workmen, agitators and revolutionary suspects, were made and the railroads leading out of the city have been placed under martial law.

News from the interior shows that fermentation in the cities has already begun. There is a renewal of the strikes in Poland and in the South but no rioting on a big scale, with the exception of at Kharkoff, is reported.

From every direction comes reports that an era of repression has been inaugurated, including the confiscation of radical newspapers and the wholesale arrests of political and revolutionary suspects and there is every indication that the most serious outbreaks will take place in the cities of Southern Russia and that a rising of the peasants will begin in the Volga region and in the famine stricken central provinces.

Signals for a general strike, however, have not been given as yet.

A dissolution of the Russian Douma by the Imperial Ukase brings Russia face to face with what may prove to be the most stupendous revolution in its history.

The Emperor's autocratic act also rings down the curtain temporarily at least, on the latest and one of the most interesting attempts in history, to give a nation the forearm of a representative government.

The Two Causes. The circumscribed nature of the Douma's proceedings and the death of legislation that might be of benefit to Russia may be attributed to two causes: the lack of harmony among the strangely diverse elements that went to make up the body and the fundamental law by which the Emperor limited the matters that might be considered by Parliament. The Douma's only piece of legislation that has become a law is a bill appropriating \$7,500,000 for the relief of the famine stricken peasants.

Twenty Persons Killed.

Kharkoff, July 23.—The dissolution of Parliament was followed by much rioting. Excitement increased by the escape of 40 prominent politicians, who had been thrown into prison, Saturday night. Twenty persons were

killed and wounded in the effort for their recapture.

Proclamation of Protest. The Radicals hurriedly adopted the proclamation containing a protest against the illegal dissolution of Parliament and an appeal to the people to refuse to pay the taxes of the Federal army or to recognize an issue of the government loan. The address amounts to an appeal to the nation to seize that liberty which the government has denied.

MR. FITZWATER DROWNED.

Special Agent of the S. A. L. Drowned in Savannah River Yesterday—Mr. Bivens Shot.

Special to The News.

Monroe, July 23.—Mr. George Fitzwater, of Monroe, special agent for the Seaboard Air Line Railway, was drowned in the Savannah river at Savannah, yesterday morning. Details of the accident are not obtainable, but it is learned that Mr. Fitzwater, in stepping from one barge to another, lost his footing and fell between the barges and could not be reached by assistance.

Besides his wife, Mr. Fitzwater is survived by one little child.

Coincidentally with the death of Mr. Fitzwater, was the serious shooting of Mr. H. J. Bivens, of this place, in Raleigh, yesterday. Mr. Bivens was also in the special service of the Seaboard, working under Mr. Fitzwater.

Your representative has been unable to learn the circumstances of the shooting of Mr. Bivens, the only information received here being a telegram to his family, saying that he was shot and that his condition is serious.

Death of Mrs. Monahan.

Mrs. Daniel Monahan died at The Mercy General Hospital of an o'clock Sunday morning, after an illness of about three weeks. Funeral services were held this morning at 10 o'clock at St. Peter's Catholic church and the interment followed in Elmwood. The pallbearers were the following named: Messrs. P. H. Phelan, H. A. Webber, C. W. Gallagher, M. Roach, Dave Claiborne.

Mrs. Monahan lived on North Church street and was highly esteemed by her neighbors. She is survived by a husband and four children. She was 32 years old.

Delegates Depart for Home.

The delegates of the International Sunday School convention, colored, who were here for the meetings last week left today for their homes in this and other States. The meetings which have been going on for the past week in the Seventh street church came to a close yesterday after the most successful convention in the history of the association.

Order to Report.

An order has been issued by Capt. Mark W. Williams for the members of First Field Artillery to report at the armory tomorrow night at 8 o'clock. At this time all final preparations for the encampment at Morehead City will be made. The battery boys will leave Charlotte Wednesday morning at 4 o'clock via the Southern Railway.

Ice Cream Supper.

The ladies of Epworth M. E. Sunday school will serve ice cream and cake on the vacant lot, corner North Graham and West Eleventh streets Tuesday evening from 8:30 to 10:30. Everybody will be cordially welcomed.

Off to The National Convention.

Messrs. S. Wittkowsky and D. A. Tompkins left this morning for Cincinnati to attend a meeting of the National Building and Loan Association which is in session there this week. Both will make addresses before the convention.

The Scenes at the Colored Hospital Today Were Pitiful in the Extreme. Charlotte Physicians Have Labored Heroically to Save Life and Limbs.

One Poor Woman Died as She Was Being Brought Up Town This Morning. The Names of Those Brought to Charlotte and the Extent of Their Injuries.

The scene at the Good Samaritan Hospital this morning was pitiful beyond all description.

The terrible wreck between Hamlet and Rockingham in its results as seen here, must have been past all description.

Twenty-nine prostrate and bleeding forms were scattered about the rooms of the hospital up stairs and down stairs, and many were moaning and crying while others seemed to regard their fate with stoical indifference; and with eyes from which all expression had gone, they waited for their turn on the operating table, where half a dozen white physicians labored almost beyond endurance, to be as quick as possible in rendering aid.

Every man of them had his nerve however, was thus enabled to look all the more carefully after the wants of the injured.

There are 28 in the Good Samaritan Hospital, and several of these will probably die. Their injuries are hard to describe. One heavy built woman suffered terribly with her body split well nigh half in two. The other women were so badly bruised and broken that they seemed like dead bodies except for an occasional moan, and their cries as they were moved to the operating table. The physicians kept two tables busy for three hours and worked with heroic endurance to bring relief to the injured.

Some of the injured were too badly hurt to speak or tell their names and the doctors nor anyone else were unable to identify these.

There are two women who are frightfully injured, bruised and having legs and arms broken, that will have a hard fight for life.

At Hovis' undertaking establishment there is the dead body of a colored woman 30 years of age, whose end came after the train had left Monroe. The body was still warm when it reached Charlotte. Scores of people have looked at the body but have been unable to identify her.

Being in the coach for colored people, nearest the engine, the negroes caught the brunt of the awful catastrophe, and scarce a passenger in this ill-fated car escaped injury.

Those who were brought here today and carried to the hospital, and who were able to give their names are as follows:

Injured Here in the Hospital. H. A. Clement, going from home at Cleveland, N. C., to Wilmington to work. Mouth badly cut; leg cut. Age 21.

James Odom of Branchville, returning home from Pee Dee. Both legs broken.

Rich Morgan, aged 22, returning to home at Rockingham; eye badly hurt, left leg broken.

Henry Ratliffe, aged 20, going from Rockingham to Hamlet, hurt about the mouth and legs.

Junius Ratliffe, aged 22, legs badly sprained, also going from Rockingham to Hamlet.

Cicero Thomas, aged 25, left arm hurt, head cut, foot sprained. Going from Rockingham to Hamlet.

Oscar Lee, home at Hamlet, 32 years old, internal injuries.

Sandy Capell, aged 40, going to Laurinburg from Rockingham. Too jazzed to talk, evidently suffering from internal injuries.

Mary Babb, aged 30, going from Rockingham to Hamlet. Cut on face, back injured, seriously injured.

Cleve Mayor, aged 17, from Polkton to Hamlet. Head, shoulders and legs bruised and injured.

Frank Scott from Rockingham to Hamlet, aged 38. Legs broken, seriously injured.

Elmer Jackson, returning from Rockingham to family, aged about 23. Left leg hurt, and badly mashed.

George Harris, from Marshville to Hamlet, aged 21. Legs badly hurt, face and left eye badly cut.

Jack Ratliffe, from Rockingham to Hamlet, aged 23. Back and feet badly sprained and hurt.

Laddie Powell, 21, home Lumberton. Shoulder and leg hurt.

James Dolphus, home at Monroe, going to Hamlet, aged 37. Knees mashed and bruised.

Gallant McFadden, going from Rockingham to Hamlet, aged 36. Eye badly lacerated, collarbone broke, knees hurt.

George Morgan, from Rockingham to Laurinburg, aged 23. Contusion of right hand.

Jim Roper, from Rockingham to Lumberton, aged 24. Body badly bruised.

Victor Freeman, from Rockingham to Laurinburg, aged 42. Leg sprained. Crushed between seats of coach.

Winnie Jones, from Rockingham to Laurinburg, aged 40. Head badly cut.

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The Health Officers are Doing Their Duty, but Without Your Aid the City Cannot Be Kept in a Thoroughly Sanitary Condition.