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WRECK ON THE GREEN AND CRESCENT R.W.Y.

Three Persons Fatally Injured And 20 Were Badly Hurt in Wreck Between Burgin And High Bridge Early in Day.

The Wounded Carried to Hospitals Of Lexington, Ky. Fast Special Collided With Freight—Cause of The Wreck.

By Associated Press. Lexington, Ky., March 24.—Twenty people were injured, three fatally, in a head-on collision between a Blue Grass special passenger train on the Green and Crescent Railroad and a freight train, No. 616, at Curdville, a crossing between Burgin and High Bridge, in Mercer county today.

Murderer of Police Chief Now on Trial Fayetteville, N. C., March 24.—A special venire of 100 men have been summoned in the case of Sam Murdock, alias Melvin, the negro who killed Chief of Police Jas. H. Benton and the trial will begin Wednesday.

PLANS OF FLEET. American Fleet to Spend Ten Days at Melbourne—Other Points to be Made.

Melbourne, March 24.—In government circles it is anticipated that the American fleet will spend 10 days here and an equal length of time at Sydney. Federal and state officials are still uncertain about fixing the exact dates of the acceptance by the fleet of an invitation to visit Japan possibly will involve the situation in the plans as originally drawn up by the navy department.

American Jockey Won. Louisville, Eng., March 24.—The Louisville handicap for 1,500 sovereigns for three-year-olds and upwards the first big race of the spring season was won today by J. M. Martin, an American jockey on Killar Chief.

Mr. Bryan to Speak. Staunton, Va., March 24.—William J. Bryan and George O. Green, of Clinton Forge, arrived today from Lexington. After taking breakfast at a hotel here they left on an early train for Clinton Forge where Mr. Bryan will make an address tonight.

License Revoked. Raleigh, N. C., March 24.—An order made in the office of the state insurance commissioner, revoking the license of the State Mutual Life Insurance Company, because of the failure to file an annual report with the North Carolina department was made today.

New-York-to-Paris Race. Omaha, Neb., March 24.—Union Pacific Railroad bulletins report the American car in the New York-to-Paris race as reaching San Francisco this morning and say the car will sail for Alaska at 1 o'clock today.

Racing Car Was Lost. San Francisco, Cal., March 24.—The American car in the New York to Paris race was lost in the swamps near Los Bayos last night. A road was found this morning and the journey to this city resumed.

John D. at Richmond. Richmond, Va., March 24.—John D. Rockefeller arrived here and has taken apartments at a hotel for the day.

HOME MISSION SOCIETY OF M. E. CONFERENCE

Session Opened this Morning at 9 O'clock With Large Attendance—Many Subjects Discussed by Delegates.

Afternoon Session Discussed "School of Method," Led By Mrs. F. E. Ross Of Charlotte—Meeting Closes To-morrow.

Special to The News. Winston-Salem, N. C., March 24.—This morning's session of the Women's Home Mission Society of the Western North Carolina M. E. Conference, opened at 9 o'clock with devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. P. G. Cozart, of the local union.

Motive For Black Crime Attempt To Assassinate Stevens Was Result of Deep Laid Conspiracy of Koreans—Would-Be Assassin's Motive.

San Francisco, Cal., March 24.—The Call says: An attempt to assassinate Durham W. Stevens, political advisor of the Korean counsel of state, it is now said was the result of a carefully hatched conspiracy, inspired immediately by the manifesto of the Korean "Righteous Army," calling upon all loyal Koreans to consecrate themselves to the holy war and exterminate all Japanese.

One Man Killed; Others Injured in Wreck Memphis, Tenn., March 24.—One man was instantly killed, another probably fatally injured and five others badly hurt in a rear-end collision between a work-train loaded with laborers, and a freight train, on the Illinois Central. The accident occurred at New South Memphis, and was caused by a dense fog.

COLLEGE GIRLS AT TABLES. Mrs. Stringfellow to Have Charge of Montreat Hotels.

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FRUIT TREES NOT INJURED. Snow and Sleet Storm Didn't Kill Much Fruit.

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"TWO STRIKES ON ME, BUT IT TAKES ONLY ONE TO HIT IT!"

The Cattle Tick Pest

Appeal For Federal Aid in Eradicating Brown Tail Moths And Texas Cattle Tick—Loss is Millions.

Washington, D. C., March 24.—In explaining the provisions of the agricultural appropriation bill Representative Scott, in the house today, called attention to the ravages of brown-tail moths and the Texas cattle tick.

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Fayetteville Man Was Found Dead in Bed Special to The News. Fayetteville, N. C., March 24.—A telegram received here this morning announces the death in Baltimore today of Mr. Mike Polb, one of the most prominent merchants of this city.

CHARLOTTE BOND SALES. Commission of 2-1/2 Per Cent Paid on the 1907 Issue.

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RECEIVES COFFIN AND THREATENING LETTER

Mr. Walter Russell, of Crab Orchard, Finds Black Hand Communication on His Doorstep, But Thinks it the Prank of a Neighborhood Boy.

Mr. Walter Russell, who lives at Hickory Grove church, in Crab Orchard township, was the recipient this morning of a Black Hand communication demanding money, though the amount was not named, the note stating "You will hear from us again soon."

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Circuit Rider's Last Station

Rev. M. H. Hoyle, Oldest Member of Western N. Carolina Conference, Dies After 41 Years of Service.

"Doctor, I guess I've hitched my horse at the last station on the Circuit, haven't I?" These were the words which Rev. Maxwell Humphrey Hoyle, the oldest circuit rider of the Western North Carolina Conference, addressed to his physician day before yesterday.

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MERCHANTS OF DURHAM MAKE AN IMPORTANT MOVE

Wholesale Merchants Organize for Purpose of Aiding Retail Merchants in Their Fight for Better Freight Rates.

Durham Business Men Will be Present When Important Hearing Comes Up at Raleigh Before Corporation Commission.

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BAPTIST WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION AT GASTONIA

Session Opens With Address of Welcome by Mrs. Reddish And Mrs. Blake—Beautiful Response by Mr. Ashcraft.

Many Delegates Now in Attendance; Between 75 And Hundred Will Arrive This Afternoon—Social Session To-night.

By Bell Telephone. Gastonia, N. C., March 24.—The annual meeting of the Baptist Women's Missionary Union for North Carolina met in its first session here this morning at the First Baptist church.

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