

Excursion Train Crashes Into Freight At Hamlet Killing Eight Persons

Eighty of The Injured Rushed To Charlotte Hospital On Special

Colored Excursion Train, From Durham to Charlotte, Wrecked at Hamlet--Fireman Loses Both Legs--Fearful Scenes of Panic.

Fast Going Special Ordered to Hurry the Suffering to This City--Complete List of the Dead--A Full Story.

Special to The News, Long Distance Bell Telephone.

Hamlet, N. C., July 27.—With a roaring crash and amid the screams of the injured and dying, an excursion train from Durham, N. C., running as second No. 35, bound for Charlotte, crashed headon into No. 17, a freight train in the yards at this place, this morning at 10:40 o'clock instantly killing seven people and wounding somewhere between 50 and 80. Many of the injured, it is thought, will die.

List of the Dead. The list of the dead is as follows: DORA CRAIG, Durham. EDNA HALL, Durham. LISSON HALL, Durham. SAMUEL MILLER, Durham. ROSA PERRY, Durham.

The fireman of the freight train had his legs cut off, and there are many here who are seriously injured. A special train has been arranged and even now is on the way to Charlotte with the wounded. Every doctor in this section of the country is in Hamlet and working to allay the suffering of the injured, while the railroad is doing everything possible to give the injured immediate relief.

Cause Not Known.

There has been no cause given out by the railroad people as to who is to blame for the wreck and there will not be for some time as they are exerting all efforts to get the injured to the hospitals and clearing away the wreck.

The engineers of the two trains were named Taylor and Koontz. Neither of them were seriously injured, and got off with only a few bruises and scratches.

As soon as the news got out that there was a wreck in the yards there was an immediate rush for the scene. The railroad people had thrown lines around the wreck, however, and only the doctors and workers were allowed in the yards. One man counted 48 injured people around the wreck as they were brought, or crawled from the ruins.

The scene was awful and the moans and shrieks of the injured added to the terrible scene. As rapidly as possible the injured were brought out and placed in comfortable positions and the more seriously injured ones attended to first. Then the dead were identified by sorrowing friends who were more fortunate and who escaped with minor injuries.

The physicians and helpers worked frantically and it was not long before the wreck was cleared of the bodies. A special train was immediately gotten together and the people placed aboard this under the care of the doctors and the nurses as started to Charlotte where the people will be placed in the hospitals.

Seven Dead; 73 Injured.

Special to The News. Hamlet, N. C., July 27.—(3:30 P. M.)—Eighty people were injured in a head-on collision between an excursion train from Durham and Chapel Hill bound for Charlotte, and freight No. 17 from Wilmington to Hamlet in the Hamlet yard at 10:40 this morning. The excursion was running as second No. 35 and was in charge of Capt. Will Bowen, conductor, and Ben Koonce, engineer. The shock occurred just oppo-

site the new coal chute, and on a curve. Box cars obstructed the vision of both Captain Koonce and Engineer Archie Taylor, who was pulling the freight. The freight was running slowly into the yards and was struck with such force that the whole engine was driven back down the track into the cars behind.

There were 912 passengers on the excursion which had come by way of the Durham and Southern to Apex. The S. A. L. crew took charge of it there and was making a smooth trip until the head of the oncoming freight loomed in the track. There was no time to jump and no time to think. In an instant eight people were dead and 73 injured.

The Hamlet and Rockingham doctors rushed to the scene in autos, and began the task of caring for the wounded. Strange to say both of the engines escaped death, though the injury to Capt. Taylor is grave. The dead sight was in the third car. A light car belonging to the Durham and Southern was telescoped half way through the car behind. The dead and dying were piled four deep here. Willing hands with pick and bar opened a way through the side of the car and the wounded were taken out. Your correspondent was on the scene early as was the whole town. The crash was plainly heard and the frantic call of the round house whistle calling the wreckers and the sounding of the death knell of human beings. It was a gruesome sight. A human head was lying out from the train and was kicked about as the helpers stumbled over it rushing to aid of the living. The headless body of Julian Miller was taken from the wreckage soon and a morgue was improvised in the Hamlet compress rooms.

The excursionists were from a Durham Sunday school of the colored Baptist church. A hospital train is being made up to carry the injured to Charlotte. No arrangements have been made to bury the dead which number eight. One boy, name unknown, having died on the operating table.

The Railroad's Report. Norfolk, Va., July 27.—At the general offices of the S. A. L. Railway at Portsmouth this afternoon it was said that seven persons on the excursion train were killed at Hamlet and 40 injured.

TWO MEN SHOT IN ROW TO-DAY NEAR ROCK HILL

Claude Ratterree Shot Three Times and is Not Expected to Live--Lewis Strait Shot in The Hand.

Two Strait Brothers and Ratterree Engaged in Pistol Duel at Ratterree's Store Near Ogden, Four Miles From Rock Hill.

By Long Distance Telephone to The News. Rock Hill, S. C., July 27.—In a triangular fight between Claude Ratterree and Lewis and Claude Strait, well known men of this section, at Ogden, four miles from here, Claude Ratterree and Lewis Strait were shot. Ratterree was shot three times—through the lungs, bowels and arm. Each bullet passed clear through his body. He is not expected to live. Lewis Strait was shot in the hand. It is not known which of the Strait boys shot Ratterree. The shooting took place at 10 o'clock this morning. The Good Roads picnic was being held near Ogden. The shooting took place in Ratterree's store—not at the picnic grounds. An old grudge is said to have caused the row.

Drs. Fennell & Stephens, of this city, were called to the scene. They will bring Ratterree to this city if he can be moved. Ratterree is about 28 years of age, a member of a well-known family and considered the biggest cotton planter in this county.

IS THERE A BANKING COMBINATION?

By Associated Press. Washington, July 27.—The next big investigation to be undertaken by the house of representatives will be to determine whether there is a great banking combination with power to control credit, exchanges and deposits, and cause business depression and panics.



THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN HAS PUT ATHLETICS ON ITS COURSE OF STUDY.

DELVING INTO SECRETS OF STEEL TRUST

By Associated Press. New York, July 27.—George W. Perkins, former partner of J. P. Morgan & Co., chairman of the finance committee of the International Harvester Company, and a member of the board of directors of the United States Steel Corporation, is to be summoned before the steel trust committees of the house of representatives, now in session here.

This was determined upon at an executive meeting of the committee which has transferred its field of activity from Washington. Just how soon Mr. Perkins will be called has not been determined. The committee expects to renew its probing into the absorption of the Tennessee Coal & Iron Company by the United States Steel Corporation during the financial panic of 1907. Mr. Perkins will be asked what he knows about events leading up to that transaction and there are many bankers, brokers and steel corporation men in New York who were interested in the threatening events of that time who are to be summoned.

Former President Roosevelt, to whom Elbert H. Gary, chairman of the board of the United States Steel Corporation, and Henry C. Frick appealed when the deal to take over the Tennessee company and its vast ore resources was planned, may be a witness.

ENSIGN YOUNG AT BROAD OAKS AT MORGANTON

Special to The News. Morganton, July 27.—No further developments. Ensign Young in Broad Oaks Sanatorium, this city.

News that Ensign Young had been found and had been taken by his father to Broad Oaks Sanatorium at Morganton, was an interesting piece of news which reached Charlotte last night.

Ensign Young was accompanied by his father, Dr. R. S. Young, of Concord. After taking his wife home from Atlanta, Dr. Young went direct to New York, where, it is now said, Ensign Young was, at a hotel. It is said that the young man is suffering from a nervous breakdown. The family have given out no statement. His strange disappearance was accountable for by many on the ground that his mind had become affected owing to the extreme heat of the boat. The most of friends of the family and its connections, which are of the most prominent in the state, rejoice that Ensign Young has been located, and hope he will soon be restored to health.

Steamer Struck Rock. By Associated Press. Tokio, July 27.—The British steamer Empress of China today struck a sunken rock off the Province of Boshu. Her passengers were landed safely. It is expected that the vessel will be refloated.

JOHNSTONE TRYING FOR BIG RECORD

By Associated Press. Mineola, L. I., July 27.—St. Croix Johnstone, the Chicago aviator, in a Moisant monoplane, broke the American endurance record for monoplanes and biplanes today when he remained in the air for four hours 1 minute 53 3/4 seconds, circling the aviation course of about five miles 39 times. He was compelled to alight before his 50 gallons of gasoline were consumed because of engine trouble. The previous endurance record, made at San Francisco on Jan. 20 last by Parmalee, was 3 hours 39 minutes 49 1/2 seconds.

The flight was made at a rate close to 60 miles an hour in a gentle breeze. Mineola, L. I., July 27.—An attempt to break the endurance record for aeroplanes was made here this morning when St. Croix Johnstone in a Moisant monoplane started a flight over a four-and-a-half mile course. The flight was made in large circles around the town and was witnessed by several hundred persons.

Johnstone made his start at 5:15 o'clock and two hours later found him making forty miles an hour with his engine working in satisfactory shape. The endurance record now belongs to M. Lordin, who remained aloft 11 hours and 45 minutes and covered a distance of 469 miles. Johnstone said he would stay aloft until his gasoline was exhausted. The aeroplane has a total fuel capacity of 50 gallons. Johnstone is a Chicago aviator.

GIRL WONT TALK ABOUT PREACHER

Atlanta, July 27.—With the presence in Atlanta of N. F. McMillan, an attorney from Kings Mountain, N. C., to prosecute for immorality the Rev. B. L. Padgett, who came here with pretty 15-year-old Carrie Stockton, claiming to be her "spiritual adviser," the case has begun to take on an aspect somewhat similar to the recent See affair in Chicago, in which the Apostle of Absolute Life, as See styled himself, was tried for running a "love jungle" instead of a temple of light. One of the similar features is that the young girl, who is to be sent back to her parents, refuses absolutely to say anything that might compromise the preacher, and declares that he was guilty of no wrong toward her.

Well-Known Broker Found Murdered

New York, July 27.—Murdered—apparently by burglars, William Henry Jackson, a well-known Wall Street broker, 70 years old, was found dead on the floor of his bedroom at the Hotel Iroquois. His body was covered with bruises. There was a deep wound over the right eye and finger marks on throat and arms.

City to Get Water From Catawba For Present-Water Trains

Underwood Cotton Bill Reported

By Associated Press. Washington, July 27.—The Underwood cotton revision bill was reported to the house today by Chairman Underwood of the ways and means committee but debate was postponed until tomorrow, to permit the republicans to file a minority from the committee.

Barley Resigns From Committee

By Associated Press. Washington, July 27.—Because he does not believe in the senate's method of taking testimony in investigations, Senator Bailey today resigned from the committee on privileges and elections. He made no explanation to the senate and the resignation was accepted without comment.

Serious Auto Accident

By Associated Press. Harrison, N. J., July 27.—Three men were seriously injured and two automobiles merged into a single pile of smoking junk in a collision near here early today. One of the machines, owned by R. M. Dandiver, a Birmingham, Ala., banker, was making an automobile tour of the world. Mr. Van Drime was one of the injured, the others being occupants of the second car owned by a Jersey City butcher.

Famous Ball-Player Dead

By Associated Press. Ocean City, N. J., July 27.—John Radcliffe, famous as a baseball player in the sixties and early seventies, died yesterday, aged 63 years. Radcliffe was a member of the celebrated Athletics of Philadelphia, playing as a catcher and shortstop. He was regarded as one of the great bare-hand catchers of his time. Radcliffe lived in Camden, N. J., and after retiring from baseball became a prosperous poultryman.

SENATE PASSES COMPROMISE WOOL BILL

Substitute Offered by LaFollette, Being a Modification of Both His Own And House Bill, Adopted by Coalition of Democrats and Insurgents.

The Raw Wool Duty Reduced 35 Per Cent in New Bill—Underwood Bill was Dejected by a Vote of 44 to 37.

By Associated Press. Washington, July 27.—A compromise wool bill offered by Senator LaFollette, of Wisconsin, a modification of both his own and the house bill, was passed by the senate, 48 to 32 through the union of democrats and republican insurgents. Upon this middle ground, the democrats having secured a record vote on the original Underwood bill, joined with the republican insurgent forces.

The measure adopted reduces the raw wool duty to 35 per cent ad valorem, and correspondingly reduces the duties on woolen articles. Senator LaFollette started the senate today when he declared he had heard there was to be "a little performance today to defeat all real tariff legislation," that a number of high protection republicans had agreed to vote for the democratic house bill, sure that its excessively low duties would justify a veto by the president.

The Underwood house wool tariff bill was defeated in the senate today 44 to 36. Except for Senator Brown, (republican) Nebraska, who voted for the bill, the vote was along strict party lines. Senator LaFollette's amendment to the Underwood house wool bill was defeated 14 to 66. Fourteen republican insurgents voted for it. The senate passed LaFollette compromise wool tariff bill revision, 48 to 32. Senator LaFollette, by 49 to 31, secured reconsideration of the vote on the house wool bill, the democrats and insurgents joining in support of his motion.

Senator LaFollette then offered a modification substitute of his amendment as a compromise between the house bill and the original LaFollette bill, upon which democrats and insurgents had agreed. (Continued on Page Nine.)

Brier Creek to Be Investigated And Used as Emergency Supply Later if Needed—Ordinance Asked by Water Board is Passed.

Committee From Board of Aldermen Appointed by Mayor at Last Night's Meeting to Co-operate with Water Board.

The most largely attended prayer meeting in Charlotte last night was that in the council room in the city hall. Aldermen, water commissioners and citizens were there, not to do as Mr. R. O. Alexander would direct—pray for rain—but to devise ways and means of getting water for their city without praying.

The meeting was one of exceptional interest, as one of deep concern, the water situation being the most serious problem with which the city is confronted. The result of a two-hour session was this:

1.—That water for the immediate present will be obtained from the Catawba river, by means of tank cars, same to be hauled over the Seaboard Air-Line Railroad, several water trains being hauled a day.

2.—That Brier creek will be investigated with a view of being made and held as a supplemental supply until the line to the river is completed.

3.—The appointment by the mayor of a committee from the board of aldermen consisting of Messrs. E. W. Thompson, J. P. Carr and W. F. Stevens to act with the water board in securing water for the city, immediately from the river by means of water trains; later, if needed, from Brier creek.

4.—The adoption of the following: An Ordinance Regulating the Use of Water in the City of Charlotte. The Board of Aldermen of the City of Charlotte to Ordain:

Sec. 1. That the board of water commissioners of the city of Charlotte shall adopt such rules and regulations as may be just and proper regulating the use of water by householders, persons, firms and corporations in order to conserve the water supply of the city in case of drought, may require reasonable curtailment in the use of water by the adoption of reasonable rules and regulations.

Sec. 2.—All persons, firms and corporations in the city of Charlotte are required to observe the rules and regulations adopted by the board of water commissioners in conformity with the preceding section; and any person, firm or corporation who shall fail or refuse to observe such rules and regulations of the board of water commissioners, as required by this ordinance, after notice thereof, shall be subject to a penalty of \$25, and in case of a second offense the offending party's water may be cut off by the board of water commissioners.

The Meeting. Mayor Bland called the meeting to order at 8:30. "We are here," he said, "to discuss the water situation. It is very serious as you know. I think the public should know the situation, the aldermen should know it."

Stokes: "We would like to hear from the water board." Hunter: "One of the water board said that the aldermen didn't have (Continued on Page Five.)"

Boat Drifting--Man May be Dead

By Associated Press. San Francisco, July 27.—Joseph H. Jordan, an attorney of San Francisco, formerly of Atlanta, Ga., is believed to have drowned in the bay near California City yesterday. His sailing boat the Sea Fox, in which he left his home in Belvidere in the morning, was found drifting unattended in the afternoon.

Jordan was 30 years old and came to San Francisco from Atlanta, Ga. He was one of the founders of the Southern Club of this city. Offers \$20,000 for Saloon License. By Associated Press. Grand Junction, Colo., July 27.—Twenty thousand dollars nearly half enough to pay the entire yearly expenses of the municipality is offered for the privilege of conducting the only saloon in Grand Junction. A man who gives the name of "J. W. Wilson" has inserted advertisements in the local papers offering that amount yearly. Healthy Triplets These. By Associated Press. Farmington, Mo., July 27.—Mrs. Wm Knight, of Farmington, gave birth to triplets, all girls, yesterday. The weights of the babies were 7.7 and 5 pounds. Mrs. Knight is only 19 years of age and is the mother of five children.