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SEABOARD AIR LINE TRAIN WRECKED

Four Cars No. 402 Northbound from Atlanta Derailed

MARVELOUS ESCAPE

Cars Tumbled Into a Pond But No One Seriously Injured

EMBANKMENT CAVED

Wreck Occurred About Mile North of Rockingham Early Yesterday Morning—Relief Train With Physicians Went From Hamlet—Preston Rogers of Raleigh Among the Injured—Received Ugly Gash About the Eye—Correspondents Report of the Wreck—Interesting Incidents

Northbound Seaboard Air Line trains were very much delayed yesterday morning by a wreck which befell No. 402 from Charlotte and Atlanta northbound, a little past 12 o'clock yesterday morning about one mile this side of Rockingham. However, the trains have again gotten down to schedule time and the wreckage has been cleared and the track gotten in thorough order.

Report from the scene.
A special dispatch received by The Post from our Rockingham correspondent gives the following account of the wreckage:

Rockingham, N. C., June 17.—Special.—The northbound vestibule which passed here 11 o'clock last night was derailed and pitched into the edge of the reservoir on Falling creek, about half a mile beyond Rockingham depot. The heavy rains had undermined the road bed at a point where water was admitted into the pond through a large pipe under the track. The southbound passenger passed over it safely an hour before. The engine and mail and express cars of this train passed over safely, and the two sleepers, the first and second class passenger coaches and the baggage car were turned over on their sides down the embankment, which was not very high, into the edge of the pond.

"None of the passengers or train crew were very seriously injured. No bones were broken, but a number of people sustained painful cuts and bruises. The injured were taken on to Hamlet and Mrs. Covington and Stansil were summoned from Rockingham and gave them proper attention.

"The wrecking crew went immediately to work and had the track cleared and repaired by 9 o'clock this morning. No damage can possibly be attached to the railroad for this accident. The track was inspected by the section master a short while before, and as the defect in the bed was covered with water on both sides it could not be seen. The train also was running very cautiously or the result would have been more serious."

As a Raleighite Experienced

Mr. Preston B. Rogers, one of the clerks in the Southern Express Company's office in Raleigh, was on the train returning to the capital city on a short run. He came out of the wreck somewhat disfigured but still in the ring. He had gone back into one of the day coaches from the express car in which he was making the run, and was thereby right in the midst of the wreck. He says that when the day coach tumbled off the embankment he was pitched around the car and his head struck against some sharp edge, cutting a deep gash above and below the left eye and raising a knot on his forehead as large as your fist. It was necessary for the surgeon who dressed the wound to take six stitches.

Mr. Rogers says the water was nearly waist deep in the cars that lay on their sides in the pond. It is a noteworthy fact that just a few yards further up the track from where the embankment gave way the water is very much deeper and would have submerged the cars deepening all the passengers had the cars rolled off there instead of where they did.

There were thirty passengers on the train, being about evenly divided between the day coaches and the pullman cars.

A number of the passengers were painfully bruised, and all severely shaken up to say nothing of the discomfort of being suddenly tumbled out of a Pullman berth into the cold waters of the pond.

Mr. Rogers told of one lady who was found sometime after the wreck wading around the pond waist deep in the water searching for her three-year-old

son, who had gotten separated from her when the Pullman tumbled over the embankment. She was well-nigh beside herself and thought the boy must have been caught under the car and killed. However, inquiry developed the fact that the engineer, who ran back to the derailed cars just as soon as he stopped his engine, had found the boy unharmed and carried him back to the express car where his mother was overjoyed to find him a few minutes later.

The engineer, in speaking of the wreck said that when his engine passed over the track he felt it give way and realized that the situation was perilous. He therefore opened wide the throttle and thereby quickened the speed so much that two of the cars were gotten safely over before the crash came.

COMING AROUND

Opposition Giving Its Support to Governor Allen

San Juan, June 17.—The members of the Federal party who were formerly bitter opponents of the administration have now changed around and are supporters of the policy of the government. This party held a convention Sunday and elected Francisco Acuna as the new leader to succeed Munoz Rivera, who has resigned. The convention also secretly resolved to support the government. Therefore a committee consisting of Senores Acuna, Santiago, Palmer, Herminio and Diaz called on Governor Allen today and paid their respects. They said they were appointed to call on him as the representatives of a political party and citizens who were interested in the development of Porto Rico and the advancement of the industries of the country. They offered to cooperate with the governor in any way that would tend to the benefit of the country. The spokesman of the committee said they felt that the time had come when small bickerings should be overlooked and all men should unite in the desire to aid good government. Sufficient time had elapsed since the establishment of civil government for an idea to be formed as to the intentions of the administration and the committee felt that they were all for the best.

Governor Allen received the delegates and expressed his pleasure at hearing that the efforts of the administration met with the approval of all good citizens. He said that the American government and himself personally welcomed the support and co-operation of all the good people of Porto Rico. They had never doubted the result of the experiment here, which had only been retarded by injudicious statements which had been circulated. In regard to the future Governor Allen intimated to the island would soon enjoy free trade and a great era of prosperity.

At the convention Sunday delegates were present from every district of the island, and it was considered that this general approval is the highest sort of a tribute to Governor Allen. The administration is highly gratified at the endorsement of the Federal party.

PLATT HAS ENOUGH

He Will Retire at the End of His term or Sooner

New York, June 17.—According to the Evening Post, Senator T. C. Platt's announcement that he will not accept a reelection to the United States Senate when his term expires in 1903 has not surprised the Republican politicians, nor would they be much surprised if the Senator followed up this announcement with another declaring his intention to resign before the end of his term.

The Post adds: "Those who have talked with him lately say they even expect that he will decide not to send another winter in Washington. The climate of the winter has not agreed with him; the journey to and from Washington, particularly last winter, were too exhausting. It is said that he has been on the point of resigning more than once since last December."

ONE DOCTOR NOW

Mrs. McKinley's Condition is Improving Steadily

Washington, June 17.—Mrs. McKinley's condition continues most satisfactory and the daily consultation of the physicians has been abandoned. Surgeon General Sternberg left this morning for San Francisco on his way to the Philippines, and Dr. Johnson, who has been assisting Dr. Rixy in the treatment of the case since Mrs. McKinley's return from the west, will call no more unless he is summoned by reason of a change for the worst, which does not now seem probable. From now on Dr. Rixy will care for Mrs. McKinley unaided. She was feeling much stronger this morning and better in every way.

It is now thought that she will be able to leave Washington during the

first week in July, but the exact date has not yet been fixed. She will go to Canton and will not return to Washington for about two months.

The President will, of course, accompany her and will be absent probably for that length of time. It is not certain that Mr. and Mrs. McKinley will remain for the entire two months at Canton. This will depend entirely upon Mrs. McKinley's condition. It is possible that they may go to some quiet seaside resort where Mrs. McKinley may have the benefit of the salt air. No decision has been reached in that matter, however, and will not be for some time.

A School Teacher's Revenge

Montgomery, Ala., June 17.—At Dothan, Ala., the principal of the public school nominates the faculty and the board of education confirms or rejects. Last week the principal, Prof. George McNeill, nominated a faculty, but left off Professor Rankin, one of the teachers, and the board confirmed McNeill's selection. Rankin spent Sunday trying to get the case re-opened, but getting no encouragement he came to the school house this morning bent on revenge. Finding McNeill, he blew his brains out and then shot himself. Rankin was a young man unmarried, and came from Pensacola. McNeill was nearly fifty years old and leaves a wife and three children. He was prominent in educational circles and had held similar high places as principal in the schools of Lafayette and Talladega.

A NEW NATIONAL BANK

Company at Oxford Authorized to Organize for Business

Washington, June 17.—Special.—Comptroller Dawes has approved the application of the First National Bank of Oxford, N. C., to organize. W. A. Hunt, C. D. Ray, R. S. Usery, Robert W. Lassiter and E. H. Crenshaw are named as directors. The bank's capital is \$25,000.

Pension granted—Wright Mitchell, Helena, \$6; Franklin S. McGinnis, King's Mountain, \$10.

George W. Carter, Jr., has been appointed postmaster at Pleasantville, Rockingham county, vice Geo. W. Carter, removed; E. B. Weeks, at Stella, Carteret county, vice L. H. Weeks, resigned.

A new post-office has been established at Black Rock, Bertie county, with Nancy E. White as postmaster.

Treasurer Buchanan reported tonight that \$42 additional had been collected for the flood sufferers of Mitchell county. This makes a total so far collected here of \$34. As collections were slow coming in the meeting authorized John H. Sheetz, of Salem-Winston to collect funds in the departments and this city for the flood sufferers.

CALLED HOME

Presence of Porto Rico Councilors Required in San Juan

Washington, June 17.—Dr. Jose C. Barbosa and Senor Jose Gomez Brioso, both of whom are members of the Porto Rican executive council, which corresponds to the legislative bodies of the States, who have been in Washington for several days, have been summoned home by cable to attend a special session of the council. The meeting has been called by Governor Allen, and it is supposed that the purpose is to consider the report of the treasurer of the island which has just been submitted.

The Porto Ricans here believe that it will show that the revenues are sufficient to sustain the island and that therefore a recommendation of free trade may be made.

The session is called for July 1. The two Porto Ricans will leave at once.

LIVES LOST IN FLAMES

An Old Man and a Boy Cut Off from Escape

Baltimore, June 17.—Two lives lost in the flames is the record of Baltimore and vicinity today. Deadly gasoline exploding in a store caused the death of Lewis H. Lineveaver, an aged shoemaker in Mulberry street, this morning. The house is a sort of tenement occupied mainly by old people. Another occupant, Robert T. Pritchett, is so badly injured that he may die. The others were rescued after some difficulty by the firemen and police.

At St. Denis, near Baltimore, the residence of Mrs. A. E. Kerchever was destroyed by fire and her young son was burned to death. The child was fastened in the excitement and only the mother's piteous appeals aroused the firemen to the fact that a life was being lost. The firemen entered the blazing building and later emerged with the body of the boy.

Kruger's Efforts for Peace

London, June 18.—A dispatch to the Morning Post from Brussels says Mr. Kruger has had several interviews with influential members of The Hague tribunal with a view to inducing them to intervene between Britain and the Transvaal. The Financial News says Dr. Leyds, the European agent of the Transvaal, will come to London especially to represent Mr. Kruger at the pro-Boer meeting Wednesday, at which Messrs. Sauer and Merriman, the peace emissaries from Cape Colony, will speak.

LABOR TROUBLES

Twelve Hundred Men Thrown Out of Jobs

BLAME ON MACHINISTS

Ship Building Plant at Newport News Practically Tied. Up—The Unemployed Beginning to Feel Sore

Newport News, June 17.—The strike of machinists inaugurated at the plant of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry-dock Company two weeks ago assumed a serious phase this afternoon when 1,200 men of various classes of trade were discharged by Superintendent Post of the yard, owing to a lack of material to work with. This is the third large batch of men allowed to go within a week, and the force at the plant is now stripped of all workmen save those necessary to complete the repairs upon the hull of the North German Lloyd liner, The Main. The force at present idle numbers about 3,500, and in a few days 1,000 more men will be added to it.

The striking machinists are receiving little sympathy from the men who have been thrown out of work by the inconsiderate demands of the machinists, and it is probable that the strikers will have to relent and return to the yard, which they are very willing to do, but President O'Connell of the Machinists' Union has refused to consent.

The strikers and discharged men are orderly and no rioting is expected. The government has its ships, under construction at the yard, amply protected from any outburst of rowdiness by the presence of the Indiana, the Alliance and the Dolphin in the harbor in close proximity to the Illinois, the Arkansas and the Missouri, which are uncompleted.

Sympathetic Strike Threatened

Savannah, Ga., June 17.—The strike of the machinists in Savannah seems to be growing, and it appears now that it will be of more importance in the future than in the past. While the Seaboard Air Line officials say that they are getting along all right with the men they have employed, the machinists on the other hand are said to be going on a sympathetic strike to aid their fellows of the Seaboard in gaining their demands.

Today the machinists of the S. F. & W. Railway division of the Plant system gave notice that they must be given a working day of nine hours in the future or they would go out. At noon a committee of four union machinists employed at the Plant system shops waited on the superintendent of motive power, W. E. S. Simons, and told him that the matter stood if the union demanded ten hours' pay for nine hours' work. The superintendent listened to the demands of the men, and at the conclusion of the conference, which lasted for two hours, told them that he could not accede to their wishes, as he had no authority to do so.

The representatives of the Machinists' Union informed him that they would defer action until noon tomorrow, when if their demands were not acceded to they would probably have to walk out. As the matter stands it looks as if the strike would take place.

Mr. Simons left the city this afternoon. It is reported at his office that he said after the conference that matters seemed satisfactory to all concerned. The Plant system machinists are only working nine hours, but get only nine hours' pay under the present arrangement.

J. L. Fox was arrested this morning by Policeman Davis on a charge of trespass on the enclosed road, where policemen are on guard, and with interfering with the machinists who are employed there. Fox is one of the striking union machinists, and he was endeavoring to persuade the non-union men to quit the service of the company. It was alleged, when he was placed under arrest.

Nobody Will Talk

Alexandria, Va., June 17.—It is stated this morning on reliable authority that the strike situation at the machine shops of the Southern Railway in this city is giving the officials of the company considerable concern. They positively refuse to make any statement, and the strikers are almost equally as reticent. It is learned, however, that there has been some difficulty in filling the places of the seven machinists who went out last week. Four workmen from Boston came to work. These men, it is said, were seen by the strikers, who stated their position and enlisted the sympathy of the new men. The men from Boston, it is said, at once left work, declaring that they were not aware at the time of their employment of how matters stood. Two machinists who claimed to hail from Indianapolis have been given employment.

Servant Girls Organizing

Chicago, June 17.—One of the largest labor unions in this city will be composed of servant girls, for the plans of the Woman's International Union Labor League to organize the servant girls is realized.

At yesterday's meeting of the Chicago Federation of Labor, Sophie Becker of the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union reported that the Woman's Labor League was organizing the servant girls, and the Federation endorsed the movement and promised all the assistance it could offer.

Miss Becker has already commenced in the vicinity of Ashland avenue and

Monroe street, and is conducting a campaign by calling at the rear doors and getting the names and addresses of hired girls.

A meeting will be held when enough names have been procured to launch the organization. It will be affiliated with the Federation when in working order.

Chinese Displacing Mexicans

Austin, Tex., June 17.—A dispatch from Hermosillo, Mexico, says that Chinese labor is rapidly driving out native labor in the mines and all other industries in western Mexico, and this fact has caused an intensely bitter feeling against the Chinese. A few days ago an attempt was made to mob a party of forty Chinese laborers who had just arrived at Guaymas. They were attacked by Mexicans and many of them were badly injured. A number of Chinese have been murdered recently, and the Celestials do not go about alone at night for fear of being killed.

Forcing the Issue

Wilkesbarre, Pa., June 17.—The 1,100 men employed at the Harry E. and Broderick collieries of the Temple Coal and Iron Company went on strike this morning because the company refused to discharge three men who would not join the union. Saturday a committee of union miners went through the collieries and requested each man to show his union card. The three who had none were asked to join the union, but refused. The union is gradually forcing every mine employe in the region to become a member or leave the mine.

The Strike Won in Baltimore.

Baltimore, June 17.—Hutchinson Bros. today granted the demands of the machinists for a nine-hour day with ten hours pay, and their men returned to work. Counting the men who went out at the shop of Messrs. Detrick & Harvey and who will go to work on Thursday, 156 of the strikers will resume their places this week. "These concessions mean," said Business Agent Vollmar "that the strike has been won in this city. There is only one large shop which is still closed is that at Sparrow's Point. There are about 600 men out there. Only about 100 men are out in the city proper. We now control thirty shops and are in a position to control our craft as we never have before. We now feel that we shall win all along the line."

LOOMIS GETS A NEW JOB

Late Minister to Venezuela Will Go to Portugal

Washington, June 17.—The following changes in diplomatic posts were announced today: Francis B. Loomis, minister to Venezuela, has been transferred to be minister to Portugal, vice John N. Irwin of Iowa, resigned.

Herbert W. Bowen of New York, present minister to Persia, has been transferred to Caracas, succeeding Mr. Loomis as minister to Venezuela.

Lloyd C. Griscom of Pennsylvania, present first secretary of legation at Constantinople, has been appointed minister to Persia. Spencer E. Eddy of Illinois, present second secretary at Paris, has been made first secretary at Constantinople to succeed Mr. Griscom.

The changes, so far as they concern the Venezuela minister, have no particular political significance. Mr. Loomis goes to another post at his own request and desire. It is true that the Venezuelan government has expressed dissatisfaction with Mr. Loomis in more ways than one, but the fact that the minister is not removed from the diplomatic service, but is given another post of equal dignity and honor, is a mark of the esteem of the State Department.

More Than She Could Bear

Chicago, June 17.—Because the man she married tried to force her to live a vicious life Mrs. Edith Smith of Evanston, who became a wife only twelve days ago, committed suicide. Mrs. Smith was 18 years of age. A week after the wedding she deserted her husband. Mrs. Smith, after her return to her friends, told a revolting story of the death of her husband to force her into a sinful life. For several days Mrs. Smith was much depressed.

Fatal Fall from a Horse

New Orleans, June 17.—General Eugene May, a prominent wholesale druggist, died today from injuries sustained in a fall from a spirited horse last week. General May served in the civil war with the famous Washington artillery and was inspector-general of the state national guard. He was 56 years of age.

MURDERED FOR MONEY

Gaston Price Mutilated with an Axe and His House Ransacked

Wilmington, N. C., June 17.—Special.—Gaston Price, a white man aged about 55 years, who conducted a refreshment shop at Navassa, a small station four miles from Wilmington, on the Cape Fear river, was brutally assaulted by an unknown party last night and died at 4 o'clock this afternoon as the result of his injuries.

The crime was one of the most dastardly ever perpetrated in this community. Price lived alone. He sold a piece of property two weeks ago for \$400, and it was for this that the murder was committed. The money chest was found broken open and the house looted. Price was found this morning

ABLE TO FIGHT

Boers Still Make it Interesting for Britons

A DOSE OF DEFEAT

Heavy Losses Sustained by the British at Wilmanrust—An Active and Exhausting Campaign in Cape Colony

London, June 17.—The Boers seem to be increasing their activity all along the line, and the news of the British defeat near Wilmanrust in which a detachment of the Victoria mounted rifles sustained very heavy losses, and which has caused forebodings here, is followed by a dispatch from Cape Town today, which states that in an engagement with the burghers near Calvinia, Western province, the mounted rifles lost two killed, two wounded, and two were taken prisoners.

The statement attributed to Commandant Kritzinger, to the effect that the Boers intend to conduct a campaign in Cape Colony that will compel the British to devastate the land as they have the Transvaal and the Orange Free State, has alarmed many optimists here who were ready to believe the recent persistent reports that burgher opposition was all out ended and that there would be early peace in South Africa.

Although the Boer forces in the field are comparatively small, they are giving the British a great deal of trouble, and are wearing out many strong commands by compelling constant pursuit that does not amount to a great deal in the end.

It is said in certain circles here that the Federalists are making desperate efforts to present a showing that will indicate their ability to continue the war indefinitely, so the negotiations for peace will not go entirely against them.

It is expected in almost every quarter that some sort of a proposition will emanate from The Hague in the very near future, and the Boers are determined, apparently, that when it does come they will not appear to be wholly defeated, but will have a number of small victories to their credit to enable them to insist upon certain propositions they are determined to urge before laying down their arms.

HOPES TO GET OFF

Kenedy's Counsel Will Move to Quash Indictment

New York, June 17.—Robert M. Moore, of Cantwell and Moore, attorneys for dentist Samuel J. Kenedy, will move before Judge Newberger in the Court of General Sessions tomorrow morning, to quash the indictment for murder in the first degree on which Dr. Kenedy has been tried three times, and to discharge the defendant.

It was not learned definitely today whether the district attorney will oppose such a motion or not. He and Mr. Cantwell and Mr. C. Moore had a conference this afternoon. When it was over Mr. Moore said the district attorney had requested that the defendant's lawyers say nothing about what had taken place. It was learned that unless the district attorney changes his mind he will not oppose a motion to admit Dr. Kenedy to bail. Should Judge Newberger deny the motion to quash the indictment Mr. Moore will move his client be released under nominal bail.

Neighbors as Executioner

Melbourne, Fla., June 17.—Moses Maxwell and Thomas Thomas, negroes, threatened the life of W. B. Ocean, a prominent planter, yesterday, and after shooting at him without effect, at his house, lay in wait in the road. Neighbors, hearing of the ambush, hastily assembled and the two negroes were killed.

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