

Twenty-two Lives Lost in Collision of Circus Trains

Air Brake Refused to Work. Elephant and Camels Killed — Hotel Converted into a Hospital

Durand, Mich., Aug. 7.—An air brake on the second section of Wallace Brothers' circus train refused work in the Grand Trunk railway yards here early today, causing a collision between the two sections in which twenty-two people were killed and over a dozen injured.

The circus travels in two trains of about 35 cars each. After last night's exhibition at Charlotte the two trains left for Lapeer over the Grand Trunk road, the second section leaving a half hour after the first. It was 3:45 this morning when the first section pulled into the west end of the Grand Trunk yards here. A red light was hung on the rear car to stop the second section. Engineer Propst of Battle Creek, who was running the engine of the rear train, says he saw this light and applied the air brake. To his horror it refused to work. He reversed his engine, but the momentum of the heavy train behind was too great, and with a crash that aroused all the town near the yards the two trains met. Three cars of the stationary first section were telescoped and the engine and five cars of the moving train were demolished.

The rear car of the first section was a caboose in which the trainmen were sleeping and the next two were filled with sleeping circus employees. The greatest loss of life was in the caboose. One of the wrecked cars of the second section was occupied by five elephants and several camels. One of the elephants and two camels were killed outright, while the other animals and their trainer escaped. With the exception of this none of the menagerie was wrecked. The other demolished cars contained canvas or wagons. There was comparatively little excitement among the wild animals. As soon as they recovered from the first shock the trainers rushed among the cages, quieting the few beasts that were excited. The elephants in the wrecked car behaved with surprising calmness and were led out of the wreck without trouble.

The escaping steam and screams and cries of those pinned in the wreck made a horrifying situation in the gray of the early morning when the trainmen in the yards and the aroused townspeople first reached the scene. Many feared at first that some of the menagerie had escaped as some of the animals could be heard crying. The fire whistles was immediately blown and the whole town was aroused. The rescuers could see unfortunates through the tangled wreckage and went furiously to work without tools to extricate them. A wrecking crew is kept in the yards here and it was on the scene in a very few minutes, bringing tools and equipment in plenty.

All the physicians and trained nurses in the town were sent for. The Hotel Richelleu was converted into a temporary hospital, and scores of volunteers with stretchers were in readiness to carry the injured there as fast as the rescuers could extricate them.

The dead, many of them so terribly mangled that identification seemed well-nigh impossible, were carefully laid on the green sward a short distance from the scene. By 6 o'clock a corps of twelve physicians were operating on the injured and dressing their wounds in the temporary hospital. Four of the injured died at the hospital before 8 a. m. When the wrecking train crews had finished pulling to pieces the tangled and broken cars, seventeen dead men were lying on the grass awaiting removal to the morgue. A majority of them were killed while asleep. Wallace Brothers say that their loss will be very heavy, but have given no estimate of it as yet. This is the second wreck the Wallace shows have suffered within a month.

Engineer Propst, Fireman Collier and Head Brakeman Benedict, who was also on the engine of the second section, all agree that if the brakes had worked as they ought to when the engineer tried to use them there would have been no collision.

Fireman Collier and Brakeman Benedict, when they saw that a collision could not be averted, jumped. Engineer Propst remained at his post, vainly trying to get the brakes to work until his train was within less than a hundred feet of train No. 1. Then he too jumped when he was within but a very few seconds of sure death in the crash. He was, of course, shaken up, as was the fireman and brakeman, but not badly. None of the crews of either train was hurt. At the time the crash occurred train No. 2 was running probably fifteen miles an hour.

General Manager F. H. McGuigan of the Grand Trunk system was on his way from Chicago to Montreal and arrived at the scene on the passenger train. He immediately took charge of the work of clearing the track and caring for the injured and dead. A statement is expected from him soon.

MUSHY BRICK AND SHOOTING AFFAIR

White Men Kill a Negro and Explain That It Was in Self Defence

Goldsboro, N. C., August 7.—Special. Mr. D. S. Martin, living about one half mile from Mt. Olive, which is in the center of the great trucking belt of eastern North Carolina, and who is one of the most prominent citizens of that community, was in the city today with friends for the purpose of employing counsel for his defense for an unfortunate affair that occurred on his place yesterday. The facts as gathered by the reporter are as follows:

Mr. Martin's son, E. R. Martin, was working about 25 hands, all colored, when a disturbance arose between him and one of his negro employes named John Hobbs. In addition to conducting a large and successful truck farm

the vicinity were used for ambulances and for several hours after the accident there was a steady procession from the scene of the accident in the railway yards to the hotel. The dining room of the hotel was used as an operating room by the surgeons. A score of the wives and daughters of rescuers volunteered as nurses and worked with the surgeons all the morning. More than twenty of the injured were fastened and pinned down in the wreckage. Their groans and cries were pitiful and spurred the wreckers on to redoubled efforts.

It was late in the morning before all had been extricated. All of the animal cars were unloaded and the cages were removed to neighboring fields where the animals could get the air and quiet down after the excitement.

Edward York died at noon at the temporary hospital. Fifteen of the injured were placed on board a special train at noon and will be taken to Harper hospital in Detroit for treatment.

The circus people have pitched their tents and camped near the scene of the wreck.

The Engineer Blamed

Detroit, August 7.—The circus train accident on the Grand Trunk Railway at Durand, Mich., today, was caused by the stupidity of the engineer of the second section of the train, according to an official statement issued tonight by General Manager McGuigan of the Grand Trunk road. The engineer's statement that the air brakes did not hold is given no credence by railroad men and it is commonly acknowledged that the engineer of the second train was either asleep or negligent. Air brakes had held on three occasions before the accident and were in good condition when the train started from the last previous stop. McGuigan says that it is plainly the fault of the engineer.

DEWEY'S SHORTAGE KEEPS ON GROWING

It Is Now \$130,000 and Nobody Can Tell Where It Will Stop

New Bern, N. C., Aug. 7.—Special. As the days go by more of Dewey's stealings come to light. When the first examination of the bank was made it was thought that \$75,000 would cover the amount that was taken by the departed cashier, but as each day passes the amount grows larger, and up to tonight the figures had reached the \$130,000 mark, and yet it is not safe to say that it will stop at that point. The directors today decided to offer a reward of \$4,000 for the arrest and delivery of the missing cashier. This is an increase of \$3,500 over the first reward offered. Every detective agency in the country has been informed of the reward, and it is thought that Dewey will be caught and brought to justice.

Jno. O. Ellington, state bank examiner, today sent the following statements to the officers who were connected with the bank:

"Received of Mr. D. W. Roberts the books kept by him for the Farmers and Merchants Bank. It gives me great pleasure to state that they are well kept and in apparently good condition. (Signed) Jno. O. Ellington, State Bank Examiner."

Received of J. A. Nunn, Esq., collector of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, New Bern, N. C., \$1,085.37 in cash and checks and various uncollected drafts and notes, amounting to \$4,270.48. It gives me great pleasure to state that his books are well kept and in apparently good condition. (Signed) John O. Ellington, State Bank Examiner."

SUIT FOR A GIRL

A Grandmother Seeks to Rescue a Child From an Unnatural Father

Durham, N. C., Aug. 7.—Special. Habeas corpus proceedings were this afternoon instituted by Mrs. Caroline Browning against John Dezern for the possession of a child twelve years of age, the daughter of Dezern. The order of Judge O. H. Allen, directing Dezern to appear before him in Hillsboro next Tuesday morning with the child and show cause why the petition of Mrs. Browning, grandmother of the child shall not be granted.

The petition of Mrs. Browning says that eight years ago when Roxie Dezern was four years of age, she was given to her by her father and mother, and that since that time she has been clothed, educated and cared for as she would for her own child. On July 25th, says the petition, the father of the girl sent for her to spend Saturday night with him. She did not want to go, but was persuaded by her grandmother to visit her father and mother, and says that since that time she has been unlawfully restrained.

Since John Dezern has had possession of his daughter she has been put to work in the West Durham cotton mill, and the complaint says that he let her remain with her grandmother until she was large enough to put in the mill, and that this was the reason the father took possession of her.

During the eight years that Roxie Dezern has been with her grandmother she has been going to school, at least during six years of the time, and is now well advanced in the graded school. This fact is recited and then

Revolution Growing Worse

Turks Rout Revolutionists

London, August 7.—The Times correspondent represents the Macedonian situation as becoming worse. They say that military action is slight and the want of Turkish troops is emboldening the insurgents whom the peasants are joining. The ministers at Constantinople are much disturbed.

Salonica, August 7.—A fight occurred yesterday near Sorovich, in which 1,700 revolutionists were routed by five battalions of Turkish troops with artillery. No details of the fighting have been received.

Mrs. Gudger Injured

Asheville, N. C., August 7.—Special. Mrs. Gudger, wife of Congressman Gudger, received a painful injury last night in a runaway accident. Mrs. Gudger and her son Herbert were coming from the depot when their horse took fright and ran. The vehicle collided with a street car and Mrs. Gudger was thrown violently to the ground. A telephone message received from the home this afternoon gave information that Mrs. Gudger was confined to her bed suffering from the shock of the accident.

WILL BE A CRUSH

Sixty Thousand People Will See the Coronation

Rome, August 7.—The coronation of Pope Pius on Sunday will be the first occasion of a pontifical mass having been celebrated in St. Peter's since 1870. Sixty thousand cards of invitation are being distributed, but no privileged places will be provided, the pope declaring that all Christians are equal before God.

There is some nervousness in certain quarters lest the opening to the public of the whole basilica, except the part reserved for the clergy, will lead to dangerous crushing. It is foreseen that the crowd will be immense and it is believed that those desiring to enter must stand for hours before the doors are opened. There will be no seats for the public.

LOVE TIED THE KNOTS

Two Negro Murderers Effectually Choked Off

Birmingham, Ala., August 7.—Will Jones and Will Hudson, negroes, were hanged in the jail yard here today for highway robbery. Both negroes had their necks broken. Jones made a statement on the gallows that his name was Isaac Pitts and that his home was in Atlanta. Hudson went upon the gallows smoking a cigar. He made a statement on the gallows acknowledging that some months ago he shot a policeman's helmet off in Birmingham trying to kill him. He joked and laughed on the gallows. Just before leaving his cell he said he was born in Mexico, Mo., and that he had killed twenty-two men in his life. On the gallows when asked to tell of his murders he replied that he would tell that to his master. The two negroes were hanged one hour apart on the county's portable gallows. Sheriff Love tied the knots.

Money's Majority

Jackson, Miss., August 7.—Though few official returns have come in since last night there has been nothing to change the first estimates. Senator Money is re-elected by 19,000 to 20,000. Vardaman has votes to spare for governor. Henry for auditor; Power for secretary of state and Williams for attorney general are safe. The trusteeship is between Miller and Sharp. The contest for lieutenant governor is close.

Ladrones Badly Beaten

Manila, August 7.—Two hundred Ladrones in the province of Albany, under the command of the notorious Oia, attacked twenty-five members of the constabulary under a native sergeant. The latter were forced to retreat into a stone house where they were besieged for half a night. They finally made a sortie and charged the Ladrones, killing twenty-nine of them and capturing a dozen guns and a number of prisoners. There were no casualties among the constabulary forces.

Big Guns Heard at Sea

Bar Harbor, August 7.—Soon after ten o'clock tonight several cannon shots were heard and it is believed it means some decision has been reached between the two naval squadrons working out the search problem off the New England coast. After the first, stray shots there were heavy cannonading that seemed to come from two opposing forces.

Mount Airy the Busy Pushing Granite City

Rapid and Substantial Improvement of a Dozen Years. Good Hotels and Progressive Merchants and Manufacturers

By R. M. PHILLIPS

Mt. Airy, N. C., August 7.—Special. Visiting this place for the first time in about a dozen years I find but little here to remind me of the former visit save the splendid scenery and solid granite hills. From a busy little mountain village Mt. Airy has grown in a few years to a thriving, hustling city, with good hotels, large mercantile establishments, various manufacturing enterprises, splendid churches and excellent schools, all indicative of a prosperous and pushing people.

Four miles away is the popular White Sulphur Springs. This season the hotel at the springs is under the management of Mr. N. W. Brown. Like all other mountain resorts White Sulphur this year is enjoying a large patronage.

The crops in this section are very fine. The best grades of chewing tobacco are grown to perfection and marketed here. It is also a great market place for chickens, eggs, cabbage and other produce.

There are several concerns here handling produce only.

The hotels of Mt. Airy are keeping pace with the growth and development of the place. The Blue Ridge Inn, a modern hotel, is under the proprietorship of Mr. Sam Pace and is a popular resort. The Central Hotel has recently been thoroughly renovated and put in the best of trim by Mr. Will R. Warrick, who makes all his patrons place the state where her natural resources made it possible for her to be in the industrial world. It is necessary now for the pessimist only to open his eyes and look about him to be convinced that he is following a blind trail, and Mt. Airy is doing her part in furnishing this powerful object lesson.

In looking about the place I have noted a few of the men and enterprises that have made Mt. Airy a young city of importance.

The West Hill Company, operating a general store and produce establishment, will do a hundred thousand dollars business this year.

Gov. Aycock at Chapel Hill

Chapel Hill, N. C., Aug. 7.—Special. Gerrard Hall was filled with an appreciative audience last night. The occasion was an address by Gov. C. B. Aycock on Our Educational Problem, and the governor handled the subject in a masterly manner. He is an attractive and powerful speaker, and made a good impression upon those who had not heard him before, sustaining, at the same time, the reputation he had won among those who had listened to him before.

Cutting Affray Between Negroes and White Boys

Rude Conduct of the Latter Led to Bad Feeling That Culminated in a Fight. A Negro Badly Cut

Charlotte, N. C., August 7.—Special. A special to the Charlotte Observer from Henrietta says:

"A cutting affair took place last night as a result of an ugly race feeling which had been brewing for several days, in which Otis Bird, colored, was badly cut and may die, and Vigil Cudd, white, had one finger cut off and a bad gash on the back of the head with the butt of a pistol in the hands of Bird."

"The negroes have been holding a meeting at their church in the southwest side of town for a few days, and a crowd of white boys have been attending at nights and making disturbances by engaging in rude conduct and vile language. They have been disturbing the negroes on their way to and from services by throwing rocks at them, and so on. Complaints against the very indecent conduct of the white boys were made to Superintendent Duval of the Henrietta Mills Company, and he increased the force of night watchmen to try to catch up with the guilty parties. In the meantime, as the result of this feeling, a rude and offensive negro, Weldon Logan, cursed Felix James, a very quiet, peaceable and an offensive white boy, in the streets a few days ago."

"Last night a large crowd of white boys met Otis Bird and three other negroes in the street between the company store and the bridge, and Vigil Cudd began to abuse them for Logan having cursed the young man James. Otis Bird resented the abuse and a quarrel ensued in which he snatched a pistol from Vigil Cudd, which he snapped several times, but it failed to fire. Cudd went to him with a knife and a lively fight followed, in which Bird

ELECTION DUEL

Fatal Shooting at the Primary in Mississippi

Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 7.—The election in Mississippi yesterday was attended by a fatal duel between Sheriff Williamson and W. H. Moody, candidate for the chancery clerkship of DeSoto county. The feeling between the men had been very bitter for a long time. Moody aggravated this by distributing circulars attacking the character of his opponent.

When they met in Hernando yesterday hot words passed and shooting started almost at once. Williamson fired the first shot, striking a tree behind which Moody had sought protection. Moody then stepped from behind the tree and fired several shots into the helpless man, producing fatal results. The feeling against Moody ran very high.

Williamson is in the hospital here but no hopes for his recovery are entertained.