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TWO SCORE ARE DEAD FROM HEAD ON WRECK

Worst Railroad Wreck Disaster in Colorado Since One at Eden

MANY BODIES BURNED BEYOND IDENTIFICATION

Both Passenger Trains on Denver and Rio Grande.—Failure To Deliver Orders to Local Express Could Pass. — Victims Plunged Under Wreckage Were Buried Alive Before Help Could Reach Them.

(By the Associated Press.)
Pueblo, Colo., March 16.—At 9:00 (3 p. m. Eastern time) it is positively known that sixteen persons were killed and thirty-four injured in the Denver & Rio Grande wreck near Adobe early today.

Pueblo, Colo., March 16.—About forty charred bodies lie in the ruins of two Denver & Rio Grande passenger trains which were wrecked by a head-on collision at 2:10 o'clock this morning at a point between Beaver and Adobe, about twenty-eight miles west of Pueblo. Part of the train was burned.

Fifteen persons severely injured in the disaster are lying on cots at St. Mary's Hospital in this city, with the prospect that some of them will be added to the death list.

For two and a half hours half a dozen men, thrown from their berths by the impact of the two trains rushing together, frantically toiled at the burning timbers endeavoring vainly to extricate scorched, living people from an awful fate. When the first relief train arrived from Pueblo there was little in the cars that was burned to indicate that there had been precious freight of human lives excepting piles of scorched flesh and smoldering bones.

Passenger train No. 2, the Utah and California Express, which started from Denver at 8 o'clock last evening, left this city some after midnight heavily loaded with passengers, and pulled by two engines.

The forward coach of the express train was well filled; in fact, it was difficult to find a seat anywhere, and a number of passengers were standing in the aisles. Just as this train was rounding a sharp curve between Beaver and Adobe it met train No. 16, eastbound, which was running at a high rate of speed, crashed into the heavy train, climbing the sharp grade. In an instant all was confusion. Passengers were thrown from their seats and covered with splinters of wood and flying glass. Many were killed in the awful impact and the others caught beneath the wreckage filled the air with their cries for assistance. A moment later the gas, with which the train was lighted, exploded, and in an instant the wreckage was blazing fiercely.

One man in the first coach of No. 2 had managed to raise a window and had forced his body half way to freedom when he became lodged in the window. He fought fiercely for life, but each movement only wedged him the more tightly. The flames swept over him and left him writhing in agony. He cried out: "For God's sake, and for the sake of my baby, shoot me!" The onlookers, prevented from approaching the scene because of the intense heat, could do nothing to relieve the man's sufferings. Finally a timber from the roof of the car fell upon his head, killing him.

The first four coaches of train No. 2 were piled up, the greatest damage being done in the forward coach. It was here that the greatest havoc was done, hardly a man in this coach escaping alive. A majority of the bodies caught by the fire were reduced to a crisp.

M. McFarland, messenger of the Globe Express Company, who was in the express car on No. 16, was caught in the wreckage and burned to death. So far as can be learned, he was the only one on the eastbound train to suffer his fate.

The three engines were practically demolished.
Engineer Walter Condit had no opportunity to escape, although his fireman, A. E. Smith, saw the headlight on the engine of No. 16 as it rounded the curve and escaped with his life.

William Hollis and his fireman, Hugh Sidduth, of the engine pulling the eastbound train, were unable to save themselves.

A. H. Smith, fireman to Engineer Causlet, stated that just before the collision he saw the headlight of train No. 16, as it rounded the curve about 200 yards distant. He went to the engineer's side, saw Engineer Causlet at the emergency brake. He

FOUR PERISHED IN HOTEL FIRE

(By the Associated Press.)
Grand Rapids, Mich., March 15.—The business portion of the village of Turin, Osceola county, was destroyed by a fire early today, which started in the basement of the Hotel Compton from a defective furnace. Ten guests escaped in their night clothes, while four were burned to death.
The dead:
WILLIAM H. M'GRANE, proprietor of the hotel.
MRS. WILLIAM H. M'GRANE.
EDWARD DEMOREST, porter.
CHARLES WORKMAN, traveling man of Plerson.
The financial loss is about \$22,000.

THE NANTUCKET IS BAD OFF

(By the Associated Press.)
Newport, R. I., March 15.—Wireless communication between the Nantucket Shoals lightship and the torpedo station here has been interrupted since yesterday. It is thought that the high gale with thick snow carried away the lightship's wireless apparatus, which has been set up after having been blown down by last week's gale.
The last message received from the lightship reported that her boiler tubes were leaking, and that one of her crew had gone insane as a result of the hardships resulting from a long period of violent weather.

SAYS HE WAS SWINDLED

J. B. Robeson Lost \$1,000 to Detroit Co.

Young Man Who Came Here from Dillon, S. C., to Sell Perfumery Thinks He Made Worse Than a Bad Bargain.

Mr. J. B. Robeson, a young man who gave up a good position in Dillon, S. C., and came to Raleigh to represent a Detroit company, believes that he has been swindled of \$1,000, and is trying to recover at least a part of this sum.

Mr. Robeson went from Dillon to Detroit and made a contract with the Elgin Manufacturing Company to sell perfumery in the territory of North Carolina. He paid the company \$1,000, and under the contract signed he was to receive \$25 a month and expenses, provided he averaged selling \$500 worth a month, and he was supplied with a stock of goods said to be worth \$1,000.

Mr. Robeson came to Raleigh and opened an office in the Carolina Trust building. He found no market for the goods he had, and the \$25 per month was not forthcoming. After some delay, Mr. Robeson employed Mr. Charles L. Harris as his counsel to bring suit against the company. Mr. Harris, upon investigation, found three or four other men in a similar position with Mr. Robeson. The latter claims that the goods supplied him, and valued at \$1,000, were in reality not worth \$250.

WESTERN RAILROADS FACE LABOR FAMINE

(By the Associated Press.)
Chicago, March 16.—Western railroads are facing a labor famine. Twenty-five thousand men are needed in the northwestern and southwestern states to build the roads that are already under way, and it is estimated that before the first of June more than twice that number will be required. There never has been such great activity in railroad building in the west as at present, and the visible supply of labor in that part of the country has been exhausted.

Railroad contractors have been able to resume work earlier this year than usual on account of the open winter, and they are making strenuous efforts to get men from the east to go out west for this work. Ten thousand men are needed by the Western Pacific, the new Gould line to Southern California, and they are offering men \$2 to \$2.25 a day for unskilled labor, with the chance of steady work until the cold weather sets in again next fall.

Mrs. Pender's Funeral.

(Special to The Evening Times.)
Wilmington, N. C., March 16.—The funeral of Mrs. Cora M. Pender, widow of the late S. T. Pender, formerly of Oxford, was conducted from St. James Episcopal church yesterday morning. Mrs. Pender's death resulted from a brief illness of pneumonia. She leaves four sons and one daughter. One son, Haywood Pender, is a student at the University of Virginia. Mrs. Pender was 45 years old.

HE HELD HIGH RANK

Author of Anti-Jewish Circulars Arrested

Levoff, Also Leader of "League of the Russian People," Was an Employee of the Ministry of the Interior—Will Be Prosecuted.

(By the Associated Press.)
St. Petersburg, March 16.—The author of the anti-Jewish circulars was M. Levoff, an employee of the ministry of the interior, holding a rank in the official hierarchy equivalent to counsellor of state. He is the leader of the "League of the Russian People." He has been dismissed from the service and arrested and will be prosecuted.

The first step of the peasant elections has been completed in twenty-eight provinces, and in the workmen's elections the first stage has ended in ten provinces and six towns. In many cases no returns have been published but the Reich (speech) claims to have authentic information showing that the peasants in seventy-two districts elected progressive delegates against forty-eight conservatives. Election riots occurred at various places. At Torzhok province of Tver, the marshal of the nobility was compelled to close a small land owner's assembly because the electors insisted that non-registered persons were participating. In the Schleswig district the workmen took the elections into their own hands and proceeded on the basis of universal suffrage.

TO MARK GRAVES OF CONFEDERATES

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, March 16.—Colonel E. Boutwell, of Beaufort, S. C., formerly a representative in congress from that state, has been selected by Secretary Taft to be a commissioner to mark the graves of confederate soldiers who died in northern prisons.
There has been keen competition for this place on the part of the confederate veterans. Colonel Elliott served for fourteen years in congress, and is a distinguished lawyer. He is a veteran of the confederate army, having served under General Stephen D. Lee, and gaining his promotion by the gallantry in action at Vicksburg. He was present in all of the great battles in Virginia up to 1862, at which time he was transferred to the west. He was present at the battles of Vicksburg, Harrisonburg, Atlanta, Jonesboro, Franklin, New Bern, Nashville and Bentonville, in the last of which he was wounded.

Batter Up.

(Special to The Evening Times.)
Durham, N. C., March 16.—This afternoon the first baseball game of the season will be played at Trinity Park, between the Trinity team and the team from the Trinity Park school.
The teams have both been working under the eye of Coach Stockdale and are in fine shape. Trinity College team has a strong corps of pitchers and a strong team behind them. Trinity Park school team, though light, is strong. A lively contest is expected.

MANY SUITS AGAINST ROAD

Result of Accident Near Swannanoa Station

SOME ARE INTERESTING

One Man Asked \$500 Because His Face Was Skinned, But It Was Found the Cuts Were From a Razor While Shaving.

(Special to The Evening Times.)
Asheville, March 16.—As a result of the accident near Swannanoa Station on February 18, when three trainmen were killed, but no passengers seriously hurt, the Southern Railway has been threatened with a number of suits. One passenger, the extent of whose injuries was a bruised finger and a slight bruise on the forehead, has instituted suit. He demanded as a compromise \$500. This the road declined to pay, but \$250 to end the suit to avoid litigation. The amount was rejected.

Another man, who the Southern Railway has asked for \$500, because he was hurt—skinned about the face. An investigation revealed the fact that prior to boarding the train he had cut his face twice with a razor while shaving and was using these cuts as alleged injury. His claim was refused and the reason stated. He hasn't been heard from since.

A third person has filed suit against the road by reason of the accident which probably he brought through the energy and efforts of a lawyer not a resident of Asheville. This suit, however, will furnish considerable interesting reading. It is declared that the proposed plaintiff to the suit was approached by the lawyer and urged to bring the suit. The man approached stated that he was not injured, whereupon the lawyer insisted that it might be possible to show injury—and the suit may be brought.

Another curious suit against the Southern is now pending in one of the western counties. The facts in the case are these: A man was run over and killed on the Asheville division, or it is supposed that he was killed by a train. The autopsy showed the stomach filled with whiskey, and that the man a short time prior to his death was seen in an intoxicated condition. A letter was taken from his pocket in which a member of the family had written, telling the man not to come home. His continued drunken condition had turned the family against him. He had failed to support his family, and it is alleged they were instrumental in having him serve a term on the chain gang shortly prior to his death. After the death, however, the estate saw visions of gold and a suit for damages by reason of the death was instituted. Not satisfied with the one suit, however, a second suit was instituted and this second was for mental anguish.

FOUR MASTED SCHOONER TUNNELL WAS ABANDONED.

(Special to The Evening Times.)
Wilmington, N. C., March 16.—The handsome four-masted schooner, Myrtle Tunnell, which went aground on Fry's Pan shoals last Friday morning, has been practically abandoned. The captain, G. S. Jeffrey, and crew of nine have been brought to Wilmington. Last night they went north by rail. The schooner is owned by George A. Tunnell of Philadelphia. She was built in 1904 at a cost of seventy-five thousand dollars.
The Clyde Line steamer Navahoe, which was recently driven aground near Cape Fear bar and subsequently floated after much of her cargo was jettied, has reloaded and sailed for New York.

CONVICED OF RENTING HOUSES FOR BAD PURPOSES.

(Special to The Evening Times.)
Asheville, N. C., March 16.—In the police court yesterday Mrs. Ida Lewis and Mrs. Lizzie Severer were convicted of renting houses to women for immoral purposes and fined \$50 each and costs.

Empire Signs.

(By the Associated Press.)
San Jose, Cal., March 16.—Empire Jack Sheridan has announced that he has signed his 1906 contract with the American League and will leave for the east next week.

HAVE TO WAIT IN PATIENCE

President Will Take Further Time to Decide

A STATEMENT ISSUED

Justice Brown's Retirement in June Will Be Followed by Vacation Till October—Says Several Names, Including That of Taft, Have Been Under Consideration.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, March 16.—Secretary Taft was in consultation with President Roosevelt for some time this morning. No decision has been reached regarding his acceptance of a place on the supreme bench, probably none will be reached for some time.
President Roosevelt later authorized the issuance of the following statement regarding the successorship of Justice Brown in the supreme court of the United States:

"As Mr. Justice Brown will not retire until June, when the supreme court will take a vacation until the second Monday in October, and no public inconvenience can arise from a vacancy continuing through the vacation, the president will take further time to decide the question of Mr. Justice Brown's successor. Several names, including that of Secretary Taft, have been under consideration, but no decision has been reached or is likely to be reached or announced in the near future."

Secretary Taft went to the war department for a few moments before the meeting of the cabinet. When asked his intentions he directed his inquirer to the statement issued from the white house saying that was the expression of the president's views, and that his (Taft's) lips were sealed; all that he could say was that the matter was indefinitely postponed.

STEAMER IS AGROUND

British Vessel Near Atlantic City

The Coe, Para for New York, May Be Floated at High Tide—Passengers Landed This Afternoon—May Save the Cargo.

(By the Associated Press.)
Atlantic City, N. J., March 16.—The British steamer Coe, from Para for New York, struck on the shoals between the Toms River life saving station and Island Beach today, and is still hard aground. The vessel at once signalled for assistance, and the wrecking tug North America, which was lying at the Delaware Breakwater, was ordered to proceed with all possible speed to the aid of the steamer. The sea is smooth, and it is believed that the steamer will be floated at high tide. Life savers were able to reach the vessel, but the passengers and crew still remain on board. Captain Mason said that the passengers became panicky as the steamer struck the sandy bottom, but were soon calmed.

The Coe appears to be lying easy, and it is said, it is not leaking. The vessel is 295 feet in length, and is owned by R. Singlehurst & Co. of Liverpool.
The vessel carries twenty-one passengers and a general cargo. The passengers will be landed on the beach this afternoon. It is not thought that it will be necessary to jettison the cargo.

JIMMIE BRITT AND KID HERMAN SIGN

(By the Associated Press.)
Toledo, O., March 16.—Articles of agreement insuring a fight between Jimmie Britt of San Francisco and Kid Herman of Chicago have been signed by both principals and forwarded to Manager McCreary of the Pacific Coast Club. The fight will occur the first week in May in Los Angeles, both men to weigh in at 130 pounds at 6 o'clock. Herman signed the papers today after Britt had signed them last week and posted his certified check as a guarantee of good faith.

NINE FIRES IN NEW YORK TODAY

Frozen Hydrants Before Day Make Hardships

DRIVEN INTO THE SNOW

More Than a Hundred Tenants of a Flat House, Half Dressed or in Night Clothes, Went to Roof in Six Inches of Snow—Risked Lives to Escape Snow.

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, March 16.—Nine fires, none of them particularly serious, as far as financial loss is concerned, but which resulted in great hardship to tenants and firemen because of the frozen hydrants, occurred in New York city just before daylight today.

More than one hundred tenants of a flat house in west Fifty-third street were driven, either half dressed or in their night clothes, upon the roof of the building, where the snow was nearly six inches deep, and from which they could not escape.

A peculiar feature of this fire was the fact that the building was at no time in serious danger from the flames, and yet many persons risked their lives on account of the snow in which they were compelled to stand for about fifteen minutes before firemen with ladders were able to take them all off the roof. The fire was in the basement and the smoke drove them to the roof.

Six of the other fires were in buildings occupied for business purposes. The most spectacular of these was a fire on the top floor of a seven story building at east Nineteenth street. An old inn, known as the Hotel Arden, on 25th street was also destroyed. The ninth fire destroyed a private residence on Staten Island. The total loss from all the fires was estimated at about thirty thousand dollars.

MURDER THE CHARGE

Prominent Physician of Nashville Arrested

Dead Body of Mrs. Rosa Mangum, a Beautiful and Socially Prominent Woman, Found in the Ohio.—Her Brother Swore Out the Warrant.

(By the Associated Press.)
Nashville, Tenn., March 16.—Dr. Herman Feist was arrested here today charged with the murder of Mrs. Rosa Mangum, whose dead body was found in the Ohio at Cairo, Ill., about six weeks ago.

Mrs. Mangum left Nashville December 14 last, ostensibly for a visit to St. Louis.
Feist is a prominent physician of Nashville and his arrest caused a sensation. The warrant for the arrest was sworn out by Chester Mason, a brother of the dead woman.

Mrs. Mangum was a beautiful woman and was related to prominent families in this city and throughout the state.

Pingue at Sydney.

(By the Associated Press.)
Sydney, New South Wales, March 16.—The plague has reappeared here. Two cases were reported yesterday and three more were discovered today in the same block of houses.

THE SPRING TRADE PROSPECTS GOOD

(By the Associated Press.)
New York, March 16.—Dispatches to Dan's Review indicate that favorable progress continues to be made in trade, and prospects for the spring season are regarded with much confidence.
Bank clearings are reduced in volume compared with the heavy aggregate of the past three or four months, and at some cities, notably at New York, there is a loss compared with the last year, total exchanges for the week for all leading United States cities being \$2,531,388,729, a decrease of 6.8 per cent compared with the corresponding week last year.

SHACKLEFORD'S BIG DEFIANCE

"You Sit an Enthroned Despot," to Cannon

YOU CRACK YOUR WHIP

A Rubber Bill Was Up, and Its Author, Brooks of Colorado, Was Said to Have Crept Into the Speaker's Private Room, There to Supplicate for His Grace.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, March 16.—Before proceeding with the legislative bill the house today considered a bill permitting the leasing of five thousand acres of arid lands in La Plata county, Col., to the P. F. U. Rubber Company for the purpose of the cultivation of the rubber plant.

Mr. Brooks (Col.) explained that there was evidence of a rubber famine in this country; that last year 75,000,000 pounds of rubber was imported and that the price had increased three hundred per cent during the past three years. The land in question, he said, was unfit for agricultural purposes and had no mineral value.

Mr. Gaines (Tenn.) proposed an amendment to prevent the "rubber trust" from getting control of the enterprise.
Mr. Shackleford (Mo.) was given permission to discuss the bill and began to criticize Speaker Cannon regarding the statehood question. He was stopped before he had proceeded far and the objection was fatal to further consideration of the bill. Before referring to the statehood matter Mr. Shackleford had this to say about the manner in which Mr. Brooks got his bill up:

"The gentleman was not recognized until he had first surrendered his constitutional rights as a representative of the people and crept into your private room, Mr. Speaker, there to supplicate you to extend to him your grace.

"No member can submit any matter to a vote of the house until he shall have first sought and found favor in your sight. The constitution contemplates that the speaker shall be the servant of the house. In defiance of the constitution you have made yourself its master. You have packed every committee so that no bill can be reported without your consent. Unless you are willing that no member can move to discharge a committee from the consideration of a bill and take it up in the house.

"You sit an enthroned despot subjecting the rights and destinies of your own unbridled will.
"Who stands today between a progressive, enlightened people and the statehood to which they are entitled? You, sir. Only you. You crack your whip and a majority of this house cowers at your feet. You turn your thumbs down and the house deals a death blow to prostrate, bleeding Oklahoma."
Here Mr. Shackleford said he had read in the morning papers that "Uncle Joe" had given it out flat-footed that he would not permit the house to concur in the senate amendment on the statehood bill, and then proceeded:

"What a horrible announcement to be made in a free country!"
The confusion in the house throughout Mr. Shackleford's remarks was such that very few members knew what he had said, when Mr. Tawney stopped him with an objection.
Just before the legislative bill was taken up the house agreed not to meet tomorrow.

When the appropriation bill was made the order Mr. Keifer (O.) continued his speech in favor of restricting southern representation.
In advocating the restriction of immigration Mr. Houston (Tenn.) asserted if the present ratio of acquisition of population continued, in 125 years the United States would have its dense a population as China.

TUCKER WRIT OF ERROR DENIED.

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, March 16.—Justice Harlan of the supreme court of the United States today denied the writ of error applied for in the case of Charles L. Tucker, under sentence of death on the charge of murdering Miss Mabel Page at Weston, Mass., in March, 1904.