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27 LOST THEIR LIVES IN A HORRIBLE WRECK

Forty Others So Seriously Hurt That Many of Them Will Die

HEAD-ON CLASH CAUSED BY MISTAKE OF A FIGURE

Collision Between a Freight and Heavily Loaded Excursion Train On the Boston and Maine Railroad, Near Canaan, New Hampshire, Attended With Fearful Consequences—Mistake of the Train Dispatcher Discovered Before Accident Occurred, but it Was Impossible to Prevent It—Frantic Efforts to Stop the Express Over the Wires—But it Was Too Late!

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) West Canaan, N. H., Sept. 16.—Twenty-seven persons are dead and more than forty seriously injured, many of whom will die, as the result of the head-on crash between the Quebec express, carrying excursionists from a fair at Sherbrooke, Quebec, and a fast freight on the Boston & Maine Railroad four miles north of Canaan. Most of the victims were women. It is declared today that the wreck was caused by a mistake in the train dispatcher's orders. The conductor of the freight train was given to understand he had plenty of time to reach a siding by the operator at Canaan station, receiving, according to the superintendent of the division a copy of a telegraph order from the train dispatcher at Concord, which confused the train numbers 30 and 34. The wreck occurred just as the train had turned into a straight stretch of track, but owing to the early morning mist neither engineer saw the other's headlight till too late.

Graphic Story of the Disaster. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Concord, N. H., Sept. 16.—In the office of the train dispatcher of the Concord division, men awaited the wreck which they knew was sure to result from a mistake either in the receiving or the sending of the orders and made preparations for it. Before word was received that the fast passenger moving at 40 miles an hour and the plodding freight train had come together, the operators had sent out orders for the wrecking crew to be ready. "I know where the blame is. It is in the Concord depot. I have in my pocket order No. 4 delivered to me at Canaan. They can't put the blame on the operator at Canaan"—statement made to the Hearst News Service by Benjamin J. Lawrence, conductor of the freight train. Those men on duty in the office that runs the Concord division discovered that a mistake had been made in the transmission of the orders. They knew that No. 40, making up time, was speeding at perhaps 50 miles an hour toward the heavy freight that makes an average of 30 miles an hour, neither engineer having the slightest idea that his orders were wrong. Fatal Mistake of One Figure. Dispatcher James A. Browley,

who was in charge of the dispatcher's office here when the orders were sent for the two passenger trains and the freight, has completely collapsed. His mental condition is such that officials of the road fear he may lose his reason. He has been with the Boston & Maine for six years and previous to taking that position was a dispatcher on other roads. The men in the dispatcher's office knew that the freight and the passenger train with full cars of sleeping excursionists would meet head-on and they were powerless to signal either one. If the railroad men are to be believed the discovery was made soon after the second order had been sent to Canaan, giving the freight an hour and ten minutes of the time of one of the passenger trains, that the order gave the freight the extra time on the Quebec express when it should have been given on the Canadian Pacific. Excitement at the Telegraph Key. In an instant Browley and the men with him in the office realized what was about to happen. Frantically one of the men rushed to the key and threw it open. His nervous fingers jerked out call after call for Canaan. Operator John Greeley answered.

"Can you stop 267?" "Breathlessly they awaited Greeley's answer." "Gone. Anything wrong?" "They didn't stop to tell him. Other fingers were busy at other wires. Calls for other stations north of Canaan were clicked in sharp, nervous Morse. The white-faced men were hoping against hope. They got another station. Every ear in the room was strained to the sounder that spelled out the words that struck terror to the heart of every man in the place: "Express passed here."

Too Late—Too Late! They could do nothing more. They sat down in that office and, unable to look at one another, waited for the message to come that would tell of loss of life—human beings crushed to death as they slept—a scene somewhere along the line of the Boston & Maine's Concord division of untold agony. It came finally and they knew that their worst fears had been realized. Even while the message was clicking over the wires from Canaan they were ordering out wrecking crews and sending for doctors and nurses. That was all they could do. Somebody had made a blunder, had written one little figure when he meant to write another.

The Crash Comes. The express was speeding along at 50 miles an hour when the engineer, John E. Hallihan, saw the flash of a headlight ahead of his locomotive. He applied the brakes but there was not the slightest chance to avert a crash. The freight engineer, B. Shurteff, also put on the brakes. Then both engine crews leaped and escaped injury. In an instant the crash came. The engines, one on the excursion and two on the freight, were tangled together and destroyed. The baggage car was driven backward through the day coach, telescoping it. Not one person in that car escaped death or injury. The next car was a smoker and here many were hurt. In the sleeper which was of more substantial construction no one was wounded. One side of the coach was ripped off. Many Killed While They Slept. It was 4:24 in the morning when the accident happened. The passen-

day of his sentence. His first arrest here was in 1897 on a charge of defrauding the Columbia Bank. He was acquitted. In June of the following year he was sentenced to one year in St. Louis for swindling, appealed and forfeited his bail before a decision on the appeal had been reached. Whitman was arrested twice in New York in 1899 and 1901 and once in Boston in the latter year for swindling but managed to escape punishment. In 1902 he was arrested for defrauding the Auditorium Hotel in Chicago but made restitution again and the charge was not pressed against him. In the latter part of September, 1904, he was arrested in St. Louis for forgery committed against the Fidelity Trust Company of Buffalo and escaped Dunkirk while being taken to Buffalo. It was said he jumped from the train while it was running at the rate of fifty miles an hour. He was recaptured in January, 1905, and sentenced.

One Negro Shoots Another. Concord, Sept. 16.—Howard Wilford shot and seriously injured one Al Colbert Sunday, following a fracas on Silver Hill Saturday night. Both are negroes.

THE HORRIBLE SEQUEL TO A DISHONEST LIFE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Sept. 16.—Alonso J. Whitman, ex-mayor of Duluth and former member of the Minnesota legislature, who has been on several occasions in the toils in this city, has been transferred from Auburn state prison to the state hospital for criminal insane at Dannemora. He was serving a sentence for forgery on the Fidelity Trust Company of Buffalo. After being graduated from Hamilton College, where his greatest distinction was his record as a poker player, he came here to the Columbia Law School. From here he went to Duluth, practiced law and served twice as state senator. He was prominently mentioned as a possible candidate for the United States senate. At the time Whitman was said to be worth \$1,000,000. His first fall was in San Francisco, where in 1895 he was sentenced to nine years for forgery. Through a technicality Whitman never served a

MANY CASES ON THE DOCKET

Rowland Murder Case the Most Important

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The Rowland Case Will Probably be Called First Monday and Special Verdict Ordered, but Trial Will Begin Second Monday—One Other Murder Case.

Superior court will convene next Monday and will be in session for two weeks, with Judge Long presiding. In some respects this will be a very important term of court for the trial of Dr. and Mrs. Rowland is to take place and will probably consume all of the second week as the case is set for the second Monday. On the docket are about 125 cases, the majority of the indictments being for larceny, although there are quite a number of assault with deadly weapon cases. The greatest interest is in the Rowland case and it will be one of the hardest fought cases that has been tried in the state in some time past. Dr. Rowland and his wife both have money and have employed able counsel and a most determined fight will be made to give them their freedom. For four months has Dr. Rowland occupied a cell in the Wake county jail, while Mrs. Rowland has been in jail only about two months. The case will probably be called the first thing after court convenes and a special verdict ordered, but the trial will not begin until the following week. Dr. Rowland and his wife, it will be remembered, endeavored to get out on bond through habeas corpus proceedings, but were not successful. Owing to the fact that Dr. Rowland is a physician, and the peculiar nature of the case, it has attracted state-wide interest.

Dr. and Mrs. Rowland are standing their confinement very well and he still appears to be in good spirits. Another murder case for the approaching term is the one in which Everett Spence, a young white man, is charged with having murdered a negro in east Raleigh last fall. Spence was in jail until a few days ago, when he was released under a \$500 bond. The bond originally named was \$2,500, but the attorneys of the young man succeeded in getting it reduced. Spence, in company with several other men, was passing through east Raleigh in a wagon, and it is said that a negro threw a rock at them, whereupon a shot rang out and the negro dropped, expiring in a few minutes. Soon afterwards Spence was arrested and lodged in jail, where he remained, as stated above, until a few days since.

Elvira Powell, the old negro woman who was charged with having murdered the child of Rosa Johnson, was tried on this date, but she is violently insane and there is but little probability of her ever being tried upon any charge. Allie Arnold, said to be the father of the child, is in jail and will be tried for accessory before the fact to the murder of the child. On the docket is still to be found quite a number of cases against Mr. Thomas E. Green, former city ticket agent of the Southern Railway, and also other agents. The understanding was that the cases against Mr. Green would be not pressed. It will hardly be possible to clear the docket during the two weeks.

Not Yet Sentenced. Columbia, S. C., Sept. 16.—2 p. m. When court adjourned today for the dinner hour sentence had not been pronounced. The qualifying phrase "with recommendation to mercy" does not restrict the judge in imposing sentence, according to the law of South Carolina, but may be construed as a plea for leniency for the defendant by the jurors who sat upon her fate. Conductor Arms, about whom the tragedy had its origin, as alleged, was present when the verdict was announced. With the exception of the faintest pallor spreading over his countenance, he appeared unmoved. He made no effort to reach Mrs. Blair's side when she fainted.

HIGH PT. MAN DROPPED DEAD

(Special to The Evening Times.) High Point, N. C., Sept. 16.—Eugene Croker, seventeen years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Croker, dropped dead here this morning while engaged at work at a bench in the factory of the Globe Home Furniture Company. Death was due to heart trouble from which the young man had suffered in the past.

FIRST ELECTION IN NEW STATE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Dallas, Texas, Sept. 16.—Both republicans and democrats have closed the campaign in the new state of Oklahoma with rousing meetings. For the democrats, C. N. Haskell, candidate for governor, was the principal speaker at Oklahoma City. John Fuller of Ohio, and Attorney General Cromwell, of Oklahoma, upheld the republican cause. In a statement Haskell estimates that his majority will reach 30,000, and that prohibition will carry by 50,000 majority. The democratic and republican chairmen both claim the state for their parties, but give no figures. It is estimated the total vote tomorrow in the new state will reach 250,000. The best opinion indicates a majority of 50,000 or more for adoption of the constitution.

THE CUNARD LINE'S BIGGEST STEAMSHIP

(By Cable to The Times.) London, Sept. 16.—The Cunard Line steamer Mauritania left her builders yard at Wallsend today for her first speed trials off Tyne. Afterward she will return for her final fittings and furnishings. She is 790 feet long, compared with the Lusitania's 787. She will have accommodations for 560 first-class, 500 second-class, and 1,400 third-class passengers. Her crew will number 800, making her total complement 3,260. Her gross tonnage is 23,290. Her maximum draught will be 37 1/2 feet.

N. CARO. WOMAN IS CONVICTED

Tried at Columbia for Killing Husband

SENTENCE POSTPONED

Jury Renders Verdict of Manslaughter in Case of Mrs. Ethel Blair For Killing Railroad Conductor C. W. Blair—Having Been Out on Bond She is Locked Up Pending Sentence, Which Was Postponed Till This Evening—Case Attracted Much Attention.

(Special to The Evening Times.) Columbia, S. C., Sept. 16.—Mrs. Ethel W. Blair, who was charged with the murder of her husband, C. W. Blair, a conductor on the Columbia, Newberry & Laurens Railroad, in January last, stands convicted of manslaughter with a recommendation of mercy. Sentence was postponed till this evening. The crime for which Mrs. Blair has been convicted is punishable by from two to thirty years in the penitentiary.

Mrs. Blair, who is about 30 years of age, and the mother of two children, is an unusually handsome woman and stood well in this community. When she was brought into the court room today there were no visible signs of the ordeal that she has just passed through, but on hearing the verdict Mrs. Blair fainted and had to be carried from the court room. Within an hour after the verdict Mrs. Blair had recovered sufficiently to be taken to the county jail. She had been out on bond since the killing.

The case has attracted wide attention in North Carolina, as well as in this state. Mrs. Blair being a North Carolina woman, with relatives and many friends and acquaintances in that state. When she was brought into the court room today there were no visible signs of the ordeal that she has just passed through, but on hearing the verdict Mrs. Blair fainted and had to be carried from the court room. Within an hour after the verdict Mrs. Blair had recovered sufficiently to be taken to the county jail. She had been out on bond since the killing.

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AUTO. FATALLY HURTS CHILD.

(Special to The Evening Times.) Charlotte, Sept. 16.—Little Margaret Boutie, twelve years old, was run over, seriously and possibly fatally injured by an automobile on the streets here this morning. The machine was in charge of J. A. Williamson.

REAR ADMIRAL WALKER DEAD

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Cape Meddick, Me., Sept. 16.—Rear Admiral John Grimes Walker, U. S. N., retired, died here this morning.

FAMOUS MAP MAKER MANALLY IS DEAD

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Chicago, Sept. 17.—Fred G. McNally, son of the late Andrew McNally, and his successor as head of the firm of Rand, McNally & Co., died at his home here today. Physical breakdown, due to overwork was the indirect cause of the illness which resulted in death. Mr. McNally leaves a widow and two children. Will Make His Home in Cherryville. Mr. D. P. Dellinger and family have moved to Cherryville, his native home, to live. Mr. Dellinger has made many friends since he has been a resident of Raleigh, and is a young lawyer who will make his mark.

PRISON DOORS YAWN FOR BROTHERHOOD OF TRAMPS

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Galveston, Texas, Sept. 16.—The first violations of the anti-pass law recently enacted are charged to the Southern Pacific Railroad, and if the penalties are enforced to the limit the fine will amount to \$20,000 and several railroad men will be sentenced to terms in the penitentiary. The charge is based upon the transportation of negro strike-breakers from various points in the state to Galveston, where the Southern Pacific dock workers are on strike. Several carloads of imported laborers were shipped across the state. To many of these laborers passes were issued, while the others were transported free under agreement and fed, while en route. Organized labor is behind the prosecution, and it is alleged that several sections of the anti-pass law have been violated. The maximum fine is \$5,000 for each pass and the maximum penitentiary term is two years. The company contends the strike-breakers are railroad employees but the men make affidavits asserting they had been hired to work for the steamship company, loading vessels on the docks. There are 200 separate charges against the several railroad officials.

A NEW PLAN TO IMPROVE RACE

Great Scheme of a College President

KILL OFF TWO-THIRDS

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Deals With the Different Aspects of Modernism in Philosophy, Faith, Theology, History, Criticism and Reform, and the Tendency of Radicalism to Destroy Dogmas, the Hierarchy and Doctrine—Hence Modernism is Heresy.

THE POPE ON "MODERNISM"

Rome, Sept. 16.—The pope's long enunciation of "modernism" will be published this evening. Meanwhile the following summary gives the object and the principal points of the document: After saying that modernism is a most serious danger to the church and that the pope must provide against it, the encyclical examines the different aspects of modernism in philosophy, faith, theology, history, criticism and reform, especially radicalism, as tending to destroy dogmas, the hierarchy and doctrine. Hence modernism is a combination and synthesis of all heresies and must lead the heresy. It is unlimited curiosity, presumption, individualism, ignorance and disrespect of real Catholic science and discipline that have introduced modernism against the clergy and others. The pope recalls the work of his predecessor in stamping out these errors and finally orders that scholastic philosophy and theological be taught in all seminaries and universities in an eminent Catholic spirit. Bishops, the pope says, as delegates of the Holy See, should also direct the clergy and believers from the modernist process and effect the establishment of a college of censors in every diocese, to revise Catholic publications. Pope Leo XIII's prohibition of ecclesiastics from directing publications without a permit from their bishops is confirmed and all collaborators are to be subject to censorship. Sacerdotal congresses are prohibited with rare exceptions and when modernist, presbyterianism and laicism are excluded. A council of vigilance is to be established in every diocese against the diffusion of the errors in vogue and bishops are to send reports to the holy see. The encyclical condemns modernist aberration, not modern studies that are not in opposition to the church. Pope Pius X in today's encyclical compares and puts into execution the work of defense and restoration his predecessor began. The encyclical also orders the dismissal from seminaries and Catholic universities all teachers who profess modernist theories.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TELEGRAPH STRIKE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Grand Rapids, Mich., Sept. 16.—All the operators at the Postal Telegraph Company walked out at midnight last night. The men were not organized and had been at work during the strike while the company was paying them double salary. Early last week they were notified by the officials of the company "that the strike was over" and that the "extra bonus" would be discontinued. This caused general dissatisfaction, and yesterday they met and a local union was organized, the men walked out at midnight. It is believed the Western Union men will follow their example today or tomorrow. Chicago, Ill., Sept. 16.—Acting on rumors that the telegraph companies were planning strenuous efforts to stampede the striking operators, International Secretary Wesley Russell yesterday sent out the following note: "All locals and members: I am reliably informed from inside sources that the Associated Press will make a grand effort to stampede their striking telegraphers back to their former positions on Monday, September 16, and that on Tuesday, the 17th, the Western Union and Postal Telegraphers will make their final effort to break our ranks. "All members are hereby put on their guard. It is intended by the companies to send 'trusties' into our ranks with pessimistic statements and untruthful reports, who, after working for several hours in an effort to create dissatisfaction and discord, will start for the telegraph offices and try to bring some weak ones with them. "Our latest reports show a united front from the country over and their determination to win is now firmer than ever. (Continued From First Page.)

BROTHERHOOD OF TRAMPS

Possessor of a Fortune Who is Organizing Union

TRAVELLING WORKMEN

James Eads How Devoting His Fortune to the Task of Organizing the Shiftless Workmen Who Are Possessed of an Irresistible Mania for Going About from Place to Place; Says They Are Capable of Doing Much Good.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Sept. 16.—James Eads How, university graduate, heir to a great fortune which he refuses to use personally and has turned over to the advancement of his propaganda, is in New York again attending to the local organization of his Welfare Brotherhood.

Mr. How is a son of the late Colonel James How, vice president of the Washington Railroad and a grandson of the man who built the great Eads bridge over the Mississippi at St. Louis and the jetties at the mouth of the river. At the meeting at the Manhattan Lyceum, Mr. How said: "It has been stated that I am attempting to organize the hobos of the country. The word 'hobos' is a misnomer and usually creates a wrong impression. People generally understand the word to stand for men who have given up the fight for respectability. They are wrong. These men are traveling workmen. "I want to organize the traveling workmen just as any other laborers are organized. I feel that the men who go about the country to see conditions everywhere, whose ideas are not confined to local situations, could do an immense amount of good if they were properly directed. The mere fact that they would be able to present new phase to a world-old problem as it exists in every community would make them eagerly welcomed everywhere." Mr. How spoke for half an hour on his favorite topic and the men who made up his audience (wanderers, most of them) listened with respectful attention.

THE EMPIRE WITH THE CRACKED HEAD.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 16.—Empire Billy Evans, whose skull was slightly fractured by a bottle thrown from the bleachers during the first game between the Browns and Detroit Sunday, was reported as resting easy this morning. Dr. C. W. Thiery said he would not be able to tell just how serious the injury is for two or three days. Hugo Duesenberg, 17 years old, who was arrested, admits throwing the missile, but says the act was caused by enthusiasm over the Brown's tying the score. The bottle was broken to bits. Evans was badly cut on the head, but being an athlete of magnificent physical strength, will probably pull through. He is 24 years old and the youngest umpire in the American League.

HEAVIER RAILS BEING LAID.

Greensboro, N. C., Sept. 16.—Superintendent A. M. Smith, of the Winston-Salem division of the Southern Railway, between there and this city, states that the Southern has two forces at work now putting down heavier rails on this division. Already about six miles have been completed between the above-named places.