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SOUTHERN RAILWAY PASSENGER TRAIN FALLS FROM HIGH TRESTLE

MANY KILLED AND INJURED IN THE WRECK

All Bodies Not Yet Recovered But Reported Ten are Dead and Thirty Injured

BROKEN RAIL CAUSE

Local Southbound Train No. 11 Early This Morning Tumbled Into a Trestle at Reedy Fork, Near Brown Summit—Injured Carried to Hospital at Greensboro—All Bodies Are Not Yet Recovered and Definite Number of Dead is Not Known. Reported That Wreck Was Caused by Broken Rail—George Gould Among the Slightly Injured.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, Dec. 15—Southern Railway officials here have received a telegraphic report of the wreck near Brown Summit, between Reidsville and Greensboro, N. C., this morning of southbound passenger train No. 11.

According to the road's officials the wreck was caused by a broken rail, two sleepers and two day coaches being thrown over. The injured were taken to a Greensboro hospital. The following official statement of Vice-President Ackert, of the Southern Railway, concerning the wreck, was issued at half-past 12 o'clock this afternoon:

"Our passenger train No. 11, which is operated locally between Richmond, Va., and Atlanta, Ga., and carries sleepers from Richmond to Charlotte and from Norfolk to Charlotte, was derailed about 6:50 this morning about 11 miles north of Greensboro, N. C. As far as can be ascertained at this time the cause of the accident was a broken rail due to a concealed defect. Two coaches and two sleepers turned over. The engine, mail and baggage cars did not leave the track. Eight persons, four of whom were passengers, were fatally injured and a number of others hurt, but not seriously.

The names of the passengers who were reported killed, are: John A. Broadnax, Greensboro; V. E. Halcomb, a lawyer of Mt. Airy.

Edward Sexton, Denton, N. C. Frank W. Kilby, formerly of Portsmouth, but whose present address I do not know.

A. P. Cone, superintendent of our Richmond division. C. H. Noland, Pullman conductor. C. H. White, traveling auditor. Charley Bagby, a fireman.

"The injured have been taken to the hospital at Greensboro and are reported not seriously hurt. "The report further states that Mr. George Gould and his son were in the Norfolk sleeper. Neither of them were injured."

George Gould on Train. (By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, Dec. 15—At the general offices of the Southern Railway here it was said at 11 o'clock this morning that George Gould and one son (whether it was Howard or not is not known), were in the Norfolk sleeping car attached to the wrecked train, being on their way to Thomasville, N. C., where they are to hunt on Mr. Gould's preserves. It was asserted by the Southern Railway officials that one of the road's superintendents had spoken to both Mr. Gould and his son after the wreck and that neither of them was injured.

(Special to The Times) Greensboro, Dec. 15—Southern Railway southbound local passenger train No. 11 had a serious wreck near Brown Summit, 15 miles from here, this morning, and 14 are reported dead, nine seriously, if not fatally injured. A special train has gone out to (Continued on Page Two.)

C. H. GATTIS RESIGNS

Reported That he has Tended Resignation as D. P. A

Resignation Will Take Effect January 1, 1910—Will Probably Accept More Lucrative Position With a Southern Railroad in Georgia—No Authoritative Announcement Has Yet Been Made.

A report sent out today that Mr. Chas. H. Gattis, district passenger agent of the Seaboard, had tendered his resignation, to take effect January 1, 1910, will be read with a great deal of interest by people all over the state. Mr. Gattis has been connected with the Seaboard a number of years, rising to his present position by his ability and courtesy. He has made many friends for himself and the Seaboard who will regret to hear that he is to go to another state. The following is the report sent out from Greensboro:

Greensboro, Dec. 15—It was learned here today from an official source that C. H. Gattis, district passenger agent of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, with headquarters at Raleigh, had tendered his resignation, to take effect January 1, 1910. While it was not stated positively just what he would do, it was intimated that he had been offered and had accepted a more lucrative position with a southern road with headquarters in Augusta, Ga.

Mr. Gattis is one of the most capable and courteous railroad men in the state and the announcement that he will sever connection with the road will be received with regret by a host of friends in North Carolina. By his courteous treatment at all times to the traveling public he has made friends, not only for himself but for the Seaboard and his loss will be a severe one to the company.

NEW TELEGRAPH INSTRUMENT

Will Put the Morse Code in the Background.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Chicago, Dec. 15—A mysterious instrument, recently patented and backed by Joy Morton and other capitalists, will, it is said, push the Morse code and telegraph instrument into the discard.

The improvement, through which it is expected to revolutionize the present telegraph system, is the invention of Charles L. Krum, of the Western Cold Storage Company, and his son, Howard Krum. Notwithstanding the bright prospects for the invention seen by its backers, neither Mr. Krum nor Mr. Morton will divulge its intricacies.

SERIOUS WRECK ON WESTERN ROAD

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Chicago, Dec. 15—Thirteen passengers were injured early today when train No. 7 on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, which left Chicago at 5:15 last evening, bound for Omaha, jumped the track two miles east of Bayard, Ia., 323 miles from Chicago. The cause of the accident is not known. A wrecking and relief train with surgeons and nurses was sent to the scene from Marion, Ia., the division headquarters. Most of the injured passengers were from Southern—Iowa points.

Will Abolish Football.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 15—Washington and Jefferson College, Grove City College, Westminster College, Geneva College, Allegheny College, and the University of West Virginia, comprising the inter-collegiate association of western Pennsylvania and West Virginia, have decided to abolish football as played under the code of rules that govern the present game unless the rule makers modify the code to such an extent that it will make the game very much more less dangerous.

Congressman Thompson Dead.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, Dec. 15—Ex-Representative Philip Thompson, of Kentucky, who was stricken in the street yesterday with a hemorrhage of the stomach, died this morning at 4:30 o'clock at Emergency Hospital.

BUSINESS RUSHED

Members of Congress Realize There is Much Work to do

Every Effort Will be Made to Get Through in Time to Adjourn Early in May—Senate Will Have No More Executive Sessions Until Next January—District of Columbia Appropriation Bill Today.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, Dec. 15—The house will probably devote today to the consideration of the District of Columbia appropriation bill. This is the first of the budgets to be taken up and is a record that bespeaks an active session of congress so far as putting through bills are concerned. The leaders have passed the word along the line that all measures must be rushed and every effort made to get through the business of the country in time to adjourn early in May. The committees having charge of appropriation bills are making progress rapidly. The army bill is completed and is expected to come up this week. The fortification bill is nearly finished and the naval bill has been outlined. The other measures, Agricultural, postoffice, diplomatic, military, academy, legislative, and sundry civil are in a preliminary stage and will be completed by the committee the latter part of next month. General legislation, such as urged by the president will be as the appropriation bills are disposed of. Republican members say that the campaign next year will not doubt be a hot one, and all the time they can get to educate the voters to appreciate the good qualities of the tariff bill. That the leaders realize the tariff is to figure in the campaign is shown by the action of the senate in having published as public act, Cannon's Kansas City speech, and the speeches of Senator Cummins and Representative McCall. These speeches express the difference on the tariff issue, and will be extensively used by the republican congressional committee.

Washington, Dec. 15—There is likelihood that action will be postponed upon all of the nominations now pending in the senate until after the holiday recess. This will include the nomination of Judge Horace H. Lurton for associate justice of the supreme court. An understanding was reached among certain senators last Monday that the senate would have no more executive sessions until next January. In this event all of the nominations will go over until that time. Such an assurance, it is understood, was given Senator Beveridge, whose committee has under consideration the nomination of the governor of New Mexico. There are a large number of nominations still unacted upon, but none where any particular inconvenience to the government will be caused by deferring confirmation.

Washington, Dec. 15—By unanimous vote the senate committee on Judiciary today authorized a favorable report on the nomination of Judge Horace H. Lurton, to be associate justice of the United States supreme court. Senator Bacon of Georgia, the ranking democratic member was directed to make the report to the senate on Thursday.

There was some discussion on the nomination and the opinion was expressed that it might have been better to have nominated a younger man, but there was no formal opposition to the confirmation.

Tulane Will Adopt Rugby Game.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New Orleans, Dec. 15—It was asserted today that Tulane University will adopt the Rugby game of football and bar the present "gridiron" game. President Craighead has been in correspondence with Dr. David Starr Jordan, of Leland-Stanford University, where Rugby is played.

LURTON GETS A FAVORABLE REPORT

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WIFE WOULDN'T BATHE.

Husband Wants a Divorce—Neither Would She Cook. (By Leased Wire to The Times) Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 15—Claiming that his wife never takes a bath unless he forces her to, Max Ornowski, an engineer, has filed suit for divorce from Frances Ornowski. He also alleges that for three years she refused to cook his meals and that

when she did try her hand at it she would cook mouldy meat, telling him if he was not satisfied he could go elsewhere. Mrs. Ornowski filed an affidavit signed by several of the neighbors who testified to the cleanliness of the Ornowski household and that they had seen the family washing.

DON'T WANT DRINKING MEN.

James J. Hill Has Passed Along the Word to His Railroads. (By Leased Wire to The Times) Portland, Ore., Dec. 15—"We do not wish to have in our employ men who drink liquor," is the official word being sent along throughout the operating departments of the railroads controlled by James J. Hill. "Do not employ drinking men. If men now working under you drink, tell them they must stop or make way for men who will not drink," is the instruction given. It is the result of investigation of a number of mishaps on these roads, where it has been discovered that the loss of property, life and limb has been the result of drinking by employes.

President Back in Washington.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, Dec. 15—President Taft and party, with the exception of Mrs. Taft and her sister, Mrs. Laughlin, arrived at the white house from New Haven at 11:05 this morning, their train which was due at 9:45 o'clock, having been delayed.

Pensions for Veterans.

Wilson, N. C., Dec. 15—This morning S. G. Mewborn, clerk of Wilson superior court, received from Raleigh vouchers for one hundred and sixty-three soldiers and widows. The aggregate amount of the appropriation for Wilson county is \$4,520.

Garments Workers Strike.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 15—Two thousand garment workers today went on strike, and three of the largest houses in the city are crippled.

THE ROW SPREADING

Baseball War Threatens to Spread to American League

Dissension is Apparent and Johnson's Support of Ward May Lead to Break in Johnson's Own League—Johnson Not Backed by His Own Teams.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, Dec. 15—While the Heydler-Ward wire pulling goes on, the row that is exciting the baseball world threatens, to spread to the American League. It has not yet, in that body, assumed the proportions that it has in the National League over the election of a president of the latter body, but already dissension is apparent, and today it was predicted that the support President Ben Johnson, of the American League, has given to the opponents of John H. Ward for the next national president would lead to a break in Johnson's own league.

The fight on Ward has been greatly influenced by Johnson, whose support of the national presidential incumbent, John A. Heydler, has attracted much attention. Johnson, however, it developed today, is not backed up strongly by the presidents of the American League teams, in a body.

President John I. Taylor, of the Boston American League team, today came out with the declaration that in his opinion it is not up to the head of the American League to meddle in the affairs of the other major organization.

"I have respect for both candidates for the National League presidency," he said, "and baseball today, in my opinion, is too big to be upset by personal fights."

Taylor also suggested a compromise in the event of Ward's election—the making of Heydler chairman of the national commission.

Stanley Robinson, of St. Louis, was still the center of the enigma the first part of today. The postponed meeting of the National League presidents left the affair as much in the air as ever yesterday, but the leaders of the factions spent their spare time in preparing for the final grapple. Robinson seems to control the balance of power.

One report had it today that Robinson would refrain from voting, and that Horace Fogel, of Philadelphia, would cast his ballot for Ward, assuring the election of the latter.

Captain Adrian C. Anson, of Chicago, meanwhile has been hanging around persistently, hoping for a deadlock that would call a compromise candidate into play. Anson is said to have been told by Charles W. Murphy, of Chicago, leader of the fight on Heydler, that there might be a chance of "Pop" becoming president.

ZELAYA IS A PRISONER IN HIS PALACE

Called Out More Troops Today to Guard Him From Revolting Populace

IS MUCH DISORDER

Dr. Jose Madriz, Picked by Zelaya as His Successor, is Also Under Heavy Guard—His Arrival on Mexican Warship Has Turned Anger of Managuans Against Mexico—Disorder in Capital Continues—No Armed Conflict Has Taken Place—Dr. Castillo Has Received Further Messages.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Panama, Dec. 15—President Zelaya of Nicaragua today is virtually a prisoner in his palace, guarded against the fury of the revolting populace, according to advices received here. Today he called out more troops to guard the palace. One unconfirmed rumor says that an attempt to assassinate him was made last night.

Dr. Jose Madriz, picked by Zelaya as his successor, was also under guard and remained indoors much of the time. His arrival on a Mexican warship has turned the anger of the Managuans against Mexico.

Disorder continued in the capital today, according to reports, and spread to the outlying country, though no armed conflict has taken place. The situation about the capital is critical.

Zelaya Playing For Time.

Washington, Dec. 15—Dr. Castillo, special envoy of the Estrada provisional government of Nicaragua, today received two long cablegrams from Nicaragua, one from General Estrada and the other from Secretary of State of the provisional government Diaz. The purport of both cablegrams was that General Vasquez has asked another armistice, which has been refused, as the Estrada forces believe the Zelayan general is only playing for time to give the secret agents of the dictator in the United States an opportunity to try to make peace with the state department, if possible, or failing in that, to give him time to select one of his friends as his successor. The cablegram from General Estrada said that a decisive battle was expected hourly near Rama and that the revolutionists were assured of victory.

Dr. Castillo said this morning that it would now be an easy matter to get rid of Zelaya, notwithstanding the apparent strength of his army.

"Zelaya," he declared, "is not the sole man to blame; it is the system. He is surrounded by perhaps a dozen men who are the real plunderers of Nicaragua. They and Zelaya regard Nicaragua as a big plantation belonging to themselves. There will be an end to them soon, however."

Dr. Castillo will pay his customary visit to the state department today, where he will confer with Secretary Knox, who is in constant communication with the American diplomatic representatives in Nicaragua.

Loading For Nicaragua.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Newport News, Va., Dec. 15—The work of loading the battleship Missouri with stores was rushed today, in the expectation of orders for her immediate departure for Bluefields. According to officers about Old Point, sailing orders are due within a short time. The Missouri could land 1,000 trained men—marines and blue jacks—and a three inch field piece, at a moment's notice. Bluefields is the only Atlantic Nicaragua port with water sufficiently deep for a big ship as big as the Missouri.

Zelaya Offers to Quit.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Dec. 15—According to dispatches received by the state department this morning from United States Vice Consul Caldera at Managua, dated Monday, President Zelaya has once more offered to abdicate in favor of his satellite, Jose Madriz.

Prairie Ready to Sail.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 15—With steam up and ready to sail at any moment with the 700 marines destined for Nicaragua, the auxiliary cruiser Prairie lay at her dock at the League Island navy yard today. Sailing orders were expected momentarily and preparations were made to clear before noon. Captain Kellogg is in command of the Prairie. The second detachment of marines to be sent south within a few days was as enthusiastic a bunch of fighting men as ever were gathered in times

of comparative peace. Every man of them was certain that he would see active service in Nicaragua. As soon as they arrived they were hustled aboard the Prairie and by reveille today all were in readiness. The detachment includes 135 marines from Norfolk; 100 from Washington and Port Royal; 177 from Brooklyn; 96 from New England and many from the League Island yard. There were also 12 second lieutenants from the marine corps training school at Fort Royal.

GETS MORE MONEY.

From the Sugar Trust—Trust Will Return Money to Government. (By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, Dec. 15—It is reported here, though treasury officials today refuse to verify it, that Special United States Attorney Stimson, in charge of the prosecution of the sugar trust cases in New York, has effected an arrangement with the trust officials whereby an immense sum which the trust has deposited the government out of will be paid.

This, however, it is said, will not stop the criminal prosecution against those employes who are now under indictment in New York.

CARRIE TAKES A HAND.

Mrs. Nation of Hatchet Fame is Interested in Legislation.

Washington, Dec. 15—Mrs. Carrie Nation visited the capitol today with blood in her eye in quest of the author of the Burkett anti-horse racing bill. She first went to the house and was from there directed to Senator Burkett's office. The Nebraska senator was not in his office. Mrs. Nation thereupon delivered a speech to a crowd that gathered in the corridor. The capitol police appeared and escorted her out of the senate office building. She then went to the supreme court room, where she remained for some time, watched by the police until she departed. The woman is out on bail pending appeal from her conviction for smashing the bar in the union station last week.

BATTLE AT ANYTIME

Decisive Battle Between Factions Is Imminent

Battleship Missouri, Now at Hampton Roads, Ready to Proceed to Bluefields—Prairie Also Getting Ready to Sail—The Situation.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, Dec. 15—With news of a decisive battle between the Estrada and Zelaya factions hourly looked for the expected issuance today of sailing orders for the battleship Missouri, now at Hampton Roads, to proceed to Bluefields, the probable sailing today of the cruiser Prairie from the League Island navy yard with a large detachment of marines for Bluefields, and the probable crystallizing today of the visit to Washington of Senor Enrique Creel, special ambassador from Mexico to take part in the settlement of the Nicaraguan crisis, he having called in Secretary of State Knox, the acute situation resulting from the high-handed acts of President Zelaya are expected to reach a culmination within a very short time.

That important and summary action of some sort on the part of the United States government will not be much longer delayed, unless Zelaya immediately abdicates and succeeds in escaping from Nicaragua through the net now carefully spread for him by the United States is practically certain. That Zelaya, who is no physical coward, will not try to escape, but remain in Nicaragua to meet the situation is the general belief here.

It is also believed that as a last resort Zelaya will, by some drastic and theatrical coup, seek to involve other Central American republics with Nicaragua in opposing the United States. In any event, it is expected there will be "something doing" with regard to Nicaragua very shortly. Just what form this will take the state department naturally, is studiously keeping secret, so that its plans may not be frustrated through the enemies of this government gaining knowledge of the actual proposed steps. For there are many Zelayan spies here.

It is not thought probable that Zelaya will succeed in inducing other Central American republics to join with Nicaragua in opposing the United States in the ground that this country is secretly seeking to become virtual dictator of the policies of those republics in future, but that he is making such an effort is not doubted.

Twelve Hunters Killed.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Augusta, Me., Dec. 15—Twelve hunters have been killed by accidents in the Maine woods in the big game season which comes to a close today.

THE FARMERS UNION MEETS IN GATE CITY

President H. Q. Alexander Calls Opening Session of Convention in Orpera House

A BIG ATTENDANCE

North Carolina Farmers' Union Opens Meeting Today in Greensboro With More Than Two Hundred and Fifty Delegates in Attendance—National President C. S. Barrett, of Pennsylvania, Present and Will Speak—Officers for Coming Year Elected—Dr. J. M. Templeton of Cary Makes Address in Behalf of Visiting Delegates—Officer of State Union.

(Special to The Times)

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 15—With two hundred and fifty delegates in attendance, President H. Q. Alexander, of the North Carolina Farmers' Union, called the opening session of the convention to order in the Grand Opera House this morning at 11 o'clock.

The address of welcome was delivered by Judge N. L. Eure, while the response, in behalf of the visiting delegates was made by Dr. J. M. Templeton, president of the Wake County Union. A number of short talks were made by prominent members, following which officers were elected for the coming year.

This afternoon the different committees, officers and state organizers are in executive session and it is expected that these sessions will continue through the week.

Among the prominent farmers nationally present is Hon. C. S. Barrett, president of the National Union.

More than fifty counties are represented at the convention. There are now forty-eight county unions and 926 local unions in North Carolina, representing approximately 20,000 members and it is confidently predicted by the officers of the union that within the next twelve months the organization will be planted in every county in the state. The growth of the union in North Carolina is not spasmodic or mushroom, yet the members are aggressive enough to press forward the interests of the union, but conservative enough to avoid the pitfalls into which other farmers' organizations have fallen. Each officer and local organizer goes about his work quietly and in a conservative manner and it is by reason of this that the union has grown so popular among the farmers.

Over Two Million Members. Approximately over 2,000,000 members have been initiated into the Farmers' Union and its territory extends from ocean to ocean. Besides the many prominent farmers of the state who will be in attendance, National President C. S. Barrett, of Union City, Ga., will arrive today to attend the executive meetings that will continue through the week.

The State Officials.

The officers of the state union are numbered among the most prominent and successful farmers of North Carolina, and it is due to their work that so much has been accomplished by the union during its short life. The president, H. Q. Alexander, of Mecklenburg, is known throughout the state as one of its most progressive farmers, while each of the other officials is known at home and abroad for his improved methods in cultivation and intensive farming. The officers of the state union are: H. Q. Alexander, of Mecklenburg, president; A. C. Shuford, of Catawba county, vice president; E. C. Faires, of Cleveland county, secretary-treasurer; Rev. A. C. Davis, of Union county, chairman; J. Z. Green, of Union county, state organizer-lecturer; W. G. Crowder, of Wake, J. P. Coggins of Chatham, Orson Morrow of Rutherford, and D. A. Randolph of Swain, executive committee; P. P. W. Plyler, of Union, state business agent.

Fell One Hundred Feet.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 15—Driving over the edge of the Eagle Rock Valley road, near Pasadena, in an automobile, Harvey Biswell, son of a Grand Rapids millionaire, was fatally hurt and Miss Agnes Claypool, daughter of a rich Pasadenaian, was killed by the 100 foot fall last night. No hope of Biswell's recovery was held out today. The girl was crushed under the wreck of the automobile.