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LITTLE CHILD AUTO VICTIM

Metta Rowland, Six Years Old, Run Over By Mr. Furman Dowd's Automobile Monday Afternoon

DIES IN REX HOSPITAL

Was Returning With Parents to Home at Willow Springs, When Machine Came Up Behind Near Mr. Sion Williams' Place, Eight Miles South of Raleigh—Mother and Two Children Jumped From Wagon—Story of Occurrence.

As the result, it is claimed, of reckless driving on the part of Mr. Furman Dowd, of Willow Springs, Metta Rowland, the six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Rowland, also of Willow Springs, is dead today. The little child was run over Monday afternoon by Mr. Dowd's automobile eight miles south of Raleigh, and died this morning in Rex Hospital of her injuries.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowland and two children were returning to their home from Raleigh and had got almost to Mr. Sion Williams' place, eight miles south of the city on the Fayetteville road, when Mr. Dowd's automobile ran in behind them. The mule drawing the wagon became fractious. Mrs. Rowland feared disaster, and with the two children, jumped from the wagon. With the baby, Ruth, in her arms, the mother started across the road, saw that she could not avoid the automobile and jumped back. Metta continued and was on the left hand side of the road when the left front wheel of the machine struck her, knocked her to the ground, and the rear left wheel passed over her small body.

Head Struck Rock.
In falling, the child's head struck a rock, causing a fracture of the skull, and her body was badly bruised and injured. Mr. Rowland said Mr. Dowd stopped his machine after it had gone about sixty yards, and in response to calls, returned to offer his services.

Try to Save Life.
The injured child was carried to the home of Mr. Sion Williams, near by, where Dr. James M. Judd, of Cardenas, the family physician, was called and also Dr. R. S. Stephens, of Raleigh. Everything possible was done to alleviate the suffering and last night the child was brought to Rex Hospital, in the hope that an operation might save her life. She died this morning at 3 o'clock.

Narrow Escape for Three.
According to the father, his team and that of a colored man were returning from Raleigh and had reached Mr. Williams' place when the accident happened. Both teams were frightened at the approach of the automobile, so much so that Mr. Rowland had all that he could do to prevent his mules from running away. Mrs. Rowland, fearing a collision, gathered up her two little girls and jumped—and the automobile continued on its way. The mother saw in a flash that she could not gain safety on the other side of the road—her husband had pulled his team to the right—and ran to the right herself. The frightened child dashed for safety, but she was too late.

3 DAYS TO CHRISTMAS

MESSAGE ON CURRENCY

President Sends Another Message to Congress

Deals With Currency Problems and Panama Canal Tolls and Various Governmental Questions—Approves National Reserve Association.

Washington, Dec. 21.—President Taft today sent a message to congress dealing with currency reform, Panama Canal tolls and various governmental questions. On the subject of currency reform and in connection with the forthcoming report to congress of the monetary commission, Taft said it was exceedingly fortunate that the "wise and undisputed policy of maintaining unchanged the main features of our banking system rendered it at once impossible to introduce a central bank." He approved the proposed national reserve association. As to the management of this association, the president said this was mainly the bankers' work and the banks could be trusted better than anybody else to conduct it. However, he urged that some sort of government supervision and ultimate control should prevail and that currency reform should not be made a political issue.

The immediate establishment of rural parcel post was urged. The president took the position that the post would not destroy the business of country store keeper. "Instead of doing this," he said, "I think the change will merely increase business for the benefit of all. The reduction in cost of living it will bring about ought to make its coming certain."

Among the president's recommendations were: Immediate increase of 2,000 men in the navy's enlisted strength, abolition of the smaller navy yards, contributory pension for government employes. Elimination of all local offices from politics, extension of term of service of special board of engineers on waterway from the lakes to the gulf, employers liability and workmens' compensation legislation called to the attention of congress.

British Steamer Sank.
Penzance, England, Dec. 21.—The British two-masted steamer Helopos capsized and sank three miles south of Penzance. The crew was saved and landed here.

MISSION BOARD MEETS IN ANNUAL SESSION

The Baptist State Mission Board meets this afternoon in its annual meeting to map out the plans for the coming year's work. The meetings are being held in the Sunday school room of the First Baptist church. The board expects to work on a basis of \$50,000 for missions and \$2,500 for Sunday schools, which is about \$5,000 in advance of last year's work. The board endeavors to do larger service the coming year and realizes the greater responsibilities that lay before them.

Besides the Raleigh members of the board, the following out of town members are in attendance: C. G. Wells, D. J. Watson, B. W. Spilman, Charles E. Brewer, J. M. Hilliard, J. M. Arrington, J. O. Fullbright, M. J. Hendricks, W. R. Bradshaw, C. P. Norris, G. T. Watkins, J. R. Williams, R. G. Kendrick, W. G. Hall, S. W. Oldham, G. A. Martin, C. A. G. Thomas, A. C. Hamby, T. M. Pittman, C. W. Blanchard, D. F. Putnam, R. C. Whitman, M. L. Kesler, A. Johnson, T. J. Taylor and Ivey Allen. Rev. Livingston Johnson, of this city, is the energetic and untiring secretary of the board and it is he who will prosecute the work planned by the board.

NEW YORK IMPORTS POTATOES

Big Supply Brought From Scotland In Effort to Break Prices.
New York, Dec. 21.—Fifteen hundred tons of potatoes grown in Scotland reached New York yesterday, and will be placed on the market, it is said, to break the high prices charged for home-grown tubers. Duty amounting to \$750 was paid on the consignment.

Eight Hurt in Elevator Fall.
New York, Dec. 21.—Eight persons were hurt, some seriously, when an elevator in the importers and trading building fell from sixth floor to basement.



Miss Harriet De Witt, of Easton, Pa., who was recently acquitted by a federal jury at Philadelphia, where she was on trial for the alleged scurrilous letters to prominent persons of her home town. Her counsel raised a novel point, and the judge ordered the jury to acquit her.

GOOD WORK BY JUDGE WATSON

Police Justice Gives Road Sentences and Fines For Interfering With Officers

Judge Walter L. Watson demonstrated the fact in yesterday's police court that it does not pay to interfere with police officers in the discharge of their duties. At the hands of his honor Will Hinton received twelve months on the county roads; Eugene Hughes, six months; Omega Taylor, \$25 and costs; Samuel Ragland, \$25 and costs; Willie Horton, \$50 and costs; Sonnie Jones, \$25 and costs; Harvey Jones, \$25 and costs, all negroes.

A few weeks ago Officers Wyatt and DeLaney were sent to Haywood Hall, at the corner of Lane and Idlewild, with a warrant for Sam Crossin, who was charged with larceny and housebreaking. When they arrived they proceeded into the house after their man, but the other negroes vowed he should not be arrested and began to obstruct the officers in the discharge of their duty. First they ran in between the officers and Crossin, and told him to get out, which he did. Chairs were thrown at them by the negroes, knocking them down and Crossin dashed out of the door and down the steps. As the officers made their way toward the steps a couple of chairs were thrown in front of them. While they were getting over the chairs their prisoner made good his escape.

The negroes were tried before Judge Watson yesterday and convicted, the leader of the gang, Will Hinton, being sentenced to serve 12 months on the roads. He took an appeal to the superior court. A sentence of six months was given to Eugene Hughes and the others, who appear to have been merely members of the gang, submitted and were fined. To interfere with an officer is a serious business and seven learned yesterday that Judge Watson will not tolerate such conduct. All the fines and costs have been paid except Sonnie Jones, who is yet in the station-house.

Subject to Income Tax.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Commissioner of Internal Revenue Cabell decided that dividends paid by mutual and unparticipating insurance companies to their policy holders are subject to assessment as income under the corporation tax law.

Coast Line Dividend.

New York, Dec. 21.—The directors of the Atlantic Coast Line company of Connecticut, which controls the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company declared a quarterly dividend of three per cent, an increase of one half of one percent quarterly.

PRESIDENT WILL SPEAK

Will Be Guest of Southern Commercial Congress at Next Meeting

HELD IN NASHVILLE

Invitation to Attend and Speak at The Next Meeting of the Southern Commercial Congress Extended by President Fletcher and Members Of Tennessee Delegation—Will Be Held in Nashville Next April—The President Presented With Volume of Proceedings of Last Meeting.

Washington, Dec. 21.—President Taft tentatively accepted an invitation to address the Southern Commercial congress at its second annual meeting at Nashville, Tenn., next April. Senator Fletcher, of Florida, president of the congress, and members of the Tennessee delegation extended the invitation.

Senator Fletcher presented Taft with a Morocco bound volume containing the speeches delivered at the Atlanta meeting of the congress last March, when Taft was the principal speaker.

"This volume," said Fletcher, "voices an insistent call upon the north and south to rally in terms of commerce and peace as contrasted with the condition which compelled the north and south to rally fifty years ago in terms of bloodshed. Our nation must learn the contrast, rather than revive the memory and story of the strife that was."

Find Thorn in Boy's Appendix.

Keyser, W. Va., Dec. 21.—Surgeons at the Hoffman Hospital here, while performing an operation for appendicitis, found a good-sized locust thorn in the appendix of John Arnold, aged 19. The thorn had pierced the appendix, and its presence cannot be explained except upon the theory that the boy had eaten it in fruit that had fallen to the ground, and had the thorn imbedded beneath the surface.

FINAL STEP IN TREATY ABRIGATION

Washington, Dec. 21.—President Taft signed the Lodge resolution giving force and effect to his abrogation of the Russian treaty of 1832 at ten seventeen today.

The treaty automatically continues in effect until January 1, 1913. Meantime efforts will be made to negotiate a new treaty eliminating the causes of friction which led to the termination of the old one. The house late yesterday accepted the senate resolution as a substitute for the Sulzer resolution which initiated the legislation.

Upon his return from New York this morning, Taft immediately inquired if the resolution was ready for his signature. It had been signed by Vice President Sherman and Speaker Clark last night. Taft affixed his signature soon as he reached his desk in the executive offices and the last step of the abrogation proceedings had been taken.

TAFT WILL HAVE NEW YORK DELEGATION

New York, Dec. 21.—President Taft returned to Washington last night with the assurance that he will have practically the solid support from the New York delegation at the next republican national convention.

Roosevelt's friends seized the occasion of the president's visit to reiterate that his predecessor would not allow his name to be used in opposition to Taft. The president returned to the capital without seeing Roosevelt.

Back in Washington.

Washington, Dec. 21.—President Taft returned to Washington this morning after two days of dinners, addresses and political conferences in New York.



William Barnes, Jr., republican state chairman of the state of New York, who declared in a purported interview, "I believe Roosevelt is being schemed to become dictator, and he may succeed yet. The present policy of the Taft administration in regard to the trust problem is destruction. Business is and will be at a standstill until some solution of this problem is found. I am disgusted and I am about ready to go out and join a movement to form a third party." The interview has created quite a stir in the political circles of the capital.

WANTS TRAIN CONTINUED

Sheriff Sears Thinks Patrons of Seaboard Are Entitled to it

Many protests against taking of the Seaboard Shooly train, operated between Raleigh and Hamlet, are being heard, and such protestant expressions surprise that the Seaboard Railroad should want to give this section such poor passenger service as is again contemplated by General Manager Hix.

Mr. J. B. Sears, sheriff of Wake county, said today that he desired to enter his solemn protest against the discontinuing of the Shooly train. He thought it passing strange that a main line railroad should think of offering the traveling public only one local passenger train each way a day. With this Shooly train, the Seaboard has a convenient train service, but without it, the service is almost next to nothing, so far as the local stations are concerned.

The Southern Railway operates five trains each way every day. Four of the westbound trains go from Goldsboro to Greensboro and beyond and four of the eastbound passengers run to Goldsboro.

The Raleigh and Southport operates three passenger trains daily.

The Norfolk Southern furnishes its patrons three passenger trains each way.

In the opinion of Sheriff Sears, the Shooly is not losing money, and he feels that the corporation commission should consider from every standpoint the request of Mr. Hix to discontinue the train.

FORTUNE GOES TO HOSPITAL

Carnegie's First Business Partner Leaves Nearly \$2,000,000 to Institution.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 21.—The will of Thomas N. Miller, the man who induced Andrew Carnegie to enter the steel industry, and who was his first business partner, was filed for probate yesterday. It provides small bequests for a number of near relatives and his housekeeper, and the remainder is left to the Woman's Hospital, of Pittsburg, founded by his wife.

The estimated value of the estate is \$2,000,000.

DRUGGED AND ROBBED

Soldier Was Relieved of Money and Watch

Robert G. Farmer, of the Army Post, Declares He Was Given Drink Which Rendered Him Helpless—\$60 Taken Out of His Pocket.

(Special to The Times.)
Wilmington, Dec. 21.—Declaring that he was practically drugged with a drink, and then robbed of his watch and a considerable sum of money amounting to \$60, last night, Robert G. Farmer, a soldier at the army post at Fort Caswell, has reported to the police the loss of his time-piece and money. Farmer said that the robbery occurred at the home of a negro woman named Lucy Hicks, on Twelfth between Princess and Chesnut streets. He does not charge the woman with the crime but alleges that others who were in the house at the time were the guilty parties. Upon information furnished by Farmer, as well as the Hicks woman, the police department is working upon the case and hopes to apprehend the parties who enriched themselves at Farmer's expense.

The white man says that he went to the woman's house last night. After remaining there a short time he says he was given a drink, which he imbibed. Almost immediately, according to Farmer's story, he was thrown into a state of utter helplessness by the drink. While he says he was conscious of what was going on about him he was powerless to do anything to protect himself. Farmer declares that some one then cut a long slit on the right side of his trousers and secured all of his money amounting to \$60, and that his watch was snatched from his vest pocket, the thief tearing the garment in his eagerness to get the time-piece. The watch was of the Howard make.

Farmer says he was then put into a vehicle and was sent down town. He could give no correct story of his whereabouts after the robbery. Therefore he is of the opinion that the effects of the drink must have brought on a state of stupefaction which he continued for some hours. The man's trousers showed the effect today of the knife cutting and subsequent robbery.

DONGESS ADJOURNS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Washington, Dec. 21.—Both houses of congress adjourned for the holiday recess to reassemble at noon January third.

RICHESON IS RECOVERING

Unless Complications Arise Will Speedily Be Restored to Health.

Boston, Dec. 21.—Everything points to the rapid recovery of Clarence V. T. Richeson, accused of the murder of Avis Linnell, and who so mutilated himself in his cell at Suffolk county jail yesterday that a drastic operation was necessary. The following statement was issued at the jail: "Richeson passed a fairly comfortable night but was somewhat restless. He had some sleep. He is conscious but has not spoken since the operation."

Possible blood poisoning is the only element in the way of recovery. Surgeons say complications are extremely unlikely. Differences of opinion was expressed in legal and medical circles whether Richeson's conditions will permit him to appear in court, January 15, the date set for his trial. Attorney Morse, one of Richeson's counsel says he believes his client will not be in condition to under no the ordeal of appearance in court then.

USED SORRY PAPER.

Government Printing Office Used Poor Grade of Paper, It Has Been Discovered.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—The discovery by the congressional joint printing committee that "unadulterated" paper had been used for years in government printing office led to the announcement of a complete new set of government paper standards. The paper adulteration was accomplished by the constitution of clay for the more substantial wood or rag fibres, leading to grave fear that many printed records of the government will crumble and become unreadable in less than a century.

PLEAD GUILTY IN U. S. COURT

William B. Stephenson, Charged With Tampering With Mails, May Admit the Charge

CASE UP THIS AFTERNOON

Understood That Former Mail Clerk Will Pray for Continuance of Judgment Until Next Spring—Case Said to be Strong Against Him—Charles Johnson Expected to Plead Guilty to Counterfeiting—Several Cases Disposed of Today.

William B. Stephenson passed guilty in United States court this afternoon to tampering with the mails. His prayer for a continuance of judgment until next spring was granted. Charles Johnson, also white, pleaded guilty to counterfeiting and was given ten years in the Atlanta prison.

William B. Stephenson, a former mail clerk on the Raleigh & Southport Railroad, who is held in a bond of \$1,000 for tampering with the mails, will plead guilty in United States court this afternoon. It is understood, and will pray for continuance of judgment until next spring. He is charged with having opened letters passing through his hands and extracting therefrom the money, and a decoy letter, rigged up by the officials, was opened, it is claimed, by him and the bill found in his possession. The case against Stephenson is said to be so conclusive that he will plead guilty this afternoon.

Charles Johnson, a white man with a prison record, will be placed on trial this afternoon for making counterfeit money, and it is understood that he, too, will plead guilty. He was arrested October 11 by Capt. H. E. Thomas, of Charlotte, a United States secret service agent, and is in jail.

The Following cases were disposed of today:

The Cases Heard.
Geo. Hudson, of Johnston county, illicit distilling, continued.
C. H. Ellis, of Johnston county, was found guilty of retailing and judgment was reserved.

Robert Edwards, of Johnston county, pleaded guilty to working at an illicit distillery and was given 30 days and a fine of \$100.

N. E. Lee, of Johnston county, illicit distilling, allowed to February 1 to pay costs.

W. A. Curtis, of Wake county, was given thirty days for retailing and fined \$75.00.

Stephen Lane and Ed. Lane, of Wayne, for illicit distilling, guilty as to Ed. Lane, who was given six months in jail and fined \$100.

Joseph Perry, of Vance county, was being tried at the noon recess for illicit distilling.

New Ships for Service of Love.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The navy department, it is believed, will assign the navy's newest battleships, Florida and Utah, to go to Havana and bring back the bodies found in the wreckage of the battleship Maine.

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