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PARTY RAILROAD MEN KILLED IN COLLISION

James T. Harahan, Frank O. Melcher, E. B. Peirce and E. E. Wright Victims of Rear-end Collision

THEIR PRIVATE CAR SMASHED BY ENGINE

In Collision Similar to That in Which the Late Samuel Spencer Met Death, James T. Harahan, Sr., Former President of the Illinois Central and Others Are Killed—One of the Men Killed Was a Son of Former Secretary Luke E. Wright—Train Was Standing When Other Train Plunged Into It—Rear Coach Occupied by Railroad Party, Only One Damaged.

Centralia, Ill., Jan. 22.—James T. Harahan, Sr., former president of the Illinois Central Railroad, Frank O. Melcher, second vice-president of the Rock Island, E. B. Peirce, general solicitor of the Rock Island, and Eldridge E. Wright, son of Luke E. Wright, former secretary of war, were killed in a collision of two Illinois Central Railroad trains at Kinmundy, Ill., 20 miles from here early today. Three trainmen were injured and the passengers were badly shaken up and bruised.

Train No. 25, New Orleans Express, was taking water at Kinmundy, at one o'clock when train No. 3, Panama Limited, ran into the rear of No. 25. The killed were in Melcher's private car. Their bodies were found near the berths they occupied. Only one occupant of the private car, Melcher's secretary, escaped. No. 3's engine plowed its way through the private car attached to No. 25, and was stopped by the steel coaches immediately preceding. The impact shoved the standing train a distance down the tracks, although the brakes were locked.

The engineer and fireman of the Limited were slightly injured, but were able to take the train south soon as the wreckage was cleared away. Three relief trains left Centralia soon after the wreck, intending to bring the injured and dead here. The Limited carried sleeping cars exclusively, and withstood the terrific smashing. The express was composed of coaches built of steel. The two trains were due to pass south of Centralia, but because No. 25 was late, No. 3 met it at Kinmundy. It is said no flagman went back from No. 25 to head off No. 3.

Harahan recently retired from the Illinois Central presidency on a pension. Kinmundy's residents opened their doors to succor the injured soon after the wreck.

Engineer Stuart and Fireman Vert, were the trainmen of the limited who were injured. The bodies of the dead were taken to Chicago. The cause of the wreck is ascribed to scarcity of water along the road. A special order makes it necessary for all trains to take water at Kinmundy. The freight train which took water before the express fled the express longer than usual.

Stuart and Vert were trainmen lately put on a passenger train. They were formally of the freight crew. It is believed they forgot or misunderstood orders for all trains to take water. No. 25's flagman did not have time to flag the limited.

Young Harahan on the Way. Chicago, Jan. 22.—W. J. Harahan, Harahan's son, vice president of the Erie Railroad with headquarters in New York, was notified of his father's death. Harahan is now on the way here. Mrs. Harahan is at family home here. Before marriage to Harahan she was Miss Mary Mallory of Memphis, Tenn. Harahan became the Illinois Central's president in 1906 through E. H. Harriman's influence, after the latter ousted Staynesant Fish from the presidency.

Nineteen Condemned to Death. Saloniki, Turkey, Jan. 22.—A court martial at Iatib, condemned to death eight Bulgarians, two Jews, and three Gypsies, and six Turks, in connection with the bomb outrage in December in the village mosque, causing the death of twelve persons.

COTTON BURNED AT WAKE FOREST SUNDAY

(Special to The Times.) Wake Forest, Jan. 22.—Fire destroyed 27 bales of cotton here yesterday afternoon. The cotton was on the cotton platform at the depot and was set on fire, it is said, from a spark from the engine of 66, which passed there at 2:20.

Some one saw the cotton when it caught but when he attempted to put it out found the water, kept on the platform for emergencies, all frozen. This made it impossible to get water quickly and the fire was soon beyond control. It was rolled off the platform and some of it hauled to a branch and thrown in the water. The platform was not damaged.

Sixteen bales of the cotton belonged to W. W. Holden and 11 to W. C. Brewer & Co. Mr. Holden's cotton was fully insured. The Brewer cotton had been turned over to the S. A. L. and was in the road's possession.

HEARS SUICIDE ON PHONE

Woman Calls Husband Before Firing Fatal Shot.

New York, Jan. 22.—Telephoning from her room, Mrs. Norah Houck asked a switchboard operator in the Wadsworth court apartments, at Wadsworth avenue and 180th street, to call her husband, Dr. Ulysses Grant Houck, at his office about 3 o'clock this afternoon.

"You'll be home to dinner, won't you dear?" asked the wife. "No."

The woman hesitated an instant and then exclaimed: "Hold the wire just an instant, please."

An instant later there sounded the report of a revolver shot and Mr. Houck's voice calling: "What's the matter? Norah! Norah!"

The operator sprang from the switchboard and hastened to the office of the superintendent. They ran to the apartment, broke down the door and found Mrs. Houck dead, a suicide.

ROOSEVELT OWNS AN AUTO

Makes Daily Trips From Oyster Bay To New York in Car.

New York, Jan. 22.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt now owns an automobile. In spite of his preference for the horse, he found a machine indispensable when he began to make regular trips between Oyster Bay and his editorial offices in New York.

He now covers the 33 miles from Oyster Bay in his car.

LEN BROUGHTON GOES TO LONDON CHURCH

Rev. Len G. Broughton, pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle in Atlanta, tendered his resignation to the church yesterday and will go to London to become pastor of Christ church, succeeding Dr. F. B. Mayer. This news will be received with a great deal of interest where Dr. Broughton was reared and where he has many relatives and friends.

Dr. Broughton has preached at Christ church during his vacation for several years. It is the second call he has received from the church to become its pastor. Dr. Broughton expects to go to London April 1st. He has been pastor of the Atlanta Tabernacle and its predecessor, the Jones Avenue church about 15 years. During his pastorate he has built it up to one of the greatest churches in the country.

And many a man regards his wife as a poor relation.



PRINCESS PATRICIA.

New York, Jan. 22.—The Princess Patricia of Connaught, and her parents, the duke and duchess of Connaught, will be the guest tonight of Whitlaw Reid, ambassador to the Court of St. James, and Mrs. Reid at a magnificent entertainment given in honor of the visiting royalty. Princess "Pat" will remain the guest of the Reids for four days, and within that time will take in all the sights of New York city, with her parents.

TROY WILL BE ON MAIN LINE

Engineers At Work Routing Norfolk Southern Road—Two Children Burned

(Special to The Times.)

Troy, Jan. 22.—The fact that engineers have been at Troy for the past several days surveying a route for the main line of the Norfolk Southern has convinced a great number of the Troy citizens that the main line of this railroad will be extended from here, and not from Mr. Gibbard, and that the Mr. Gibbard-Troy line will only be a branch line of the main station. It seems now that both lines will go dirt from here to Allegheny. There is much speculation here as to where the depot on the main line will be placed. Nearly every man has a different suggestion to make in regard to where the railroad folks will do.

The majority are glad to know the surveys are being made, and that it will so be very long before work will be commenced on the extended road.

The criminal term of the Superior court begins today. Judge M. H. Jitsky will be the presiding judge. Solicitor Hammer will represent the state. There are a great number of cases on the docket.

Mr. Linthicum, of the firm of Linthicum & Rose, architects, Durham, was here the past week conferring with the building committee of the new school building. The plans are now being drawn—the building to be somewhat similar to the building at Oxford, which Mr. Linthicum planned.

News has reached Troy of the death by burning of two little children of a Mr. Smith, who lives on the farm of Col. J. R. Blair, which is located on Peedee river, some 12 miles from Troy. The father of the little children—one 3 months, the other 3 years—was away at work, and while the mother went to the spring the little children caught fire. It is thought the older one walked too close to the fire, and then ran to the cradle of the little one. Both were asphyxiated when the mother got back to the house. She carried the children out and made frantic efforts to save the building, but was unsuccessful in her efforts. The building, a seven-room one-story, was built as a club house and was used by Colonel Blair and his friends when on hunting expeditions. Much sympathy is felt for the parents. They had only the two children.

HOW TO MAKE BETTER CITY

Rev. H. M. North Preaches Strong Sermon to Large Congregation On Timely Subject

FOR BETTER CITIZENSHIP

People of Raleigh should not take any violations of law, business men should not be dishonest, fire-dodgers should stop dodging, and the better law should be enforced. Many people are quick to cry out against conditions, but are slow to act to improve them.

Talking the philosophy of Jesus-ism at his subject, Rev. H. M. North, pastor of Abington Street Methodist church, preached eloquently yesterday morning to a large congregation. An unusually large congregation was present and all listened intently to the message of the pastor.

The making and carrying out of the laws are in the hands of the people of a city, Mr. North said. He had been told of conditions existing in this city, but when he suggested that his congregation organize a grand jury of these conditions, they had nothing more to say. Mr. North told of a man's house a few rooms home drunk one night, and would not divulge the name of the place from which the boy secured his liquor.

Law Enforcement to Come

People should not cry out against conditions, and they do. He suggested that the women of the city should be their sentinels, be known and that they could do much toward bettering the city. He predicted that a revolution would someday accomplish law enforcement.

Escaping Jury Duty

"In these times, did you ever see the judge to release you from jury duty?" Mr. North asked. "When you are a good citizen then?" He wanted to see the best citizens acting as jurors, and believed when such was the case there would be fewer complaints that the jury does not consider. The jury system was obtained by the people of lives and it is the backbone of civilization and it is a man's duty to see that the laws are enforced.

Sneakers and Tax-Dodgers

Other people not good citizens are those who exceed the speed limit in order to shorten the time between two points, and those who deprive the lives of children. Rich men are not worthy of a high place in this city. The tax-dodger living the high life, and who takes an inordinate amount of money from citizens.

Health Conditions

Speaking of sanitary conditions, Mr. North said it would be a good thing if on or twelve people were sent down on the streets every year, but the responsibility of Raleigh people is as great in the case of health conditions. The fact that ten to twelve more persons per year die here every year than elsewhere is a startling thing. He

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ROYAL PARTY GUESTS OF AMBASSADOR REID

New York, Jan. 22.—The Duke of Connaught, uncle of King George, of England, the Duchess of Connaught, their daughter, Princess Patricia, and their suite, reached here from Ottawa for a 4 day's social visit. The royal party are guests of Ambassador Reid and Mrs. Whitlaw Reid.

The visit of the governor general of Canada, marks the first call of royalty to the United States since Prince Henry's visit ten years ago. The party returns to Ottawa Thursday. Elaborate social functions will mark the stay of the party here.

Will Call on Taft.

Washington, Jan. 22.—The Duke of Connaught will make a flying visit to Washington and pay his respects to President Taft, it was learned here. His original plans did not include a call upon the president, which provoked considerable comment.



MRS. CORA WALLIS WEST.

London, Jan. 22.—The discussion about women prominent in London's social life as to the question of the inclusion of the word "robbery" in the new law service is still the one absorbing topic of conversation. Mrs. Cora Wallis West has openly declared that she thinks "robbery" should be omitted. Mrs. Cora Wallis West said that the word should be recognized as the head of a household, but that the word "robbery" in the full sense of the word, is grotesque.

DEMOCRATIC STEEL BILL

Bill Making 30 to 50 Per Cent Reduction Now Ready

Washington, Jan. 22.—Thirty to 50 percent reduction in prices of iron and steel, and a 25 percent reduction in the price of iron ore, a bill sponsored by the Democratic party, is now ready for introduction in the House of Representatives.

Democratic leaders have announced that the bill would reduce the price of iron and steel from 25 to 35 percent, and iron ore from 25 to 35 percent. The bill would also reduce the price of iron and steel from 25 to 35 percent, and iron ore from 25 to 35 percent.

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Swearing reductions are made in all important items of the iron and steel tariff. Among the articles now defiable under the Payne Aldrich bill, which would be placed on the free list are the following: iron ore, existing duty 2.25 percent; hoop and band iron and steel, 15 percent; barbed wire and wire fencing, 7.75 percent; mill 17.67 percent; horse-shoes 21 percent; tungsten ore 10 percent; zinc ore 16.57 percent; cash registers, typewriter machines, printing presses, sewing machines and typewriters 20 percent. Reductions on finished steel and iron products range in many cases as great as 50 percent. Figures given out by the ways and means committee to accompany the bill, show this will make a corresponding reduction in tariff revenue from these sources.

Rates of duty under the existing Payne-Aldrich tariff law have been produced to an equivalent ad valorem duty by the committee.

Every girl honestly believes that when she gets married her husband will be different—and the chances are that he will.

Motto of the miser—never give up.

WILEY NOT GUILTY OF ANY CONSPIRACY

House Committee Finds Its Report Absolving Dr. Wiley and Attacking Administration of Pure Food Laws

MR. JONAS MATTHEWS FOUND DEAD TODAY

Mr. Jonas Matthews, one of the oldest and best known citizens of Raleigh, was found dead in his bed early today by his son, Mr. J. McK. Matthews, at North M. Donnell street. The body was still warm when the son, with whom he was living, entered the room to make a fire, as was his custom. Mr. Matthews was 83 years old and had been living in Raleigh since early manhood.

He was a blacksmith by trade and for forty years worked for the old Raleigh & Gaston, now the Seaboard Air Line, and was one of the best men in the city. Everybody who knew him had a high regard for him. Since the death of his second wife three years ago Mr. Matthews had been making his home with his son. He was a consistent member of the First Baptist church and also Hiram Lodge of Masons.

The funeral will be held from the residence tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. Mr. John T. Patton and Hiram Lodge will have charge of the services. Interment will follow in City cemetery.

Hiram Lodge, No. 49, will meet at the lodge room tomorrow at 2 p. m. for the purpose of attending the funeral of late Brother Jonas Matthews. Members of other lodges requested to attend.

BEER A COMMODITY

Can Be Shipped From One State Into Dry Counties of Another.

Washington, Jan. 22.—Beer is a commodity and the railroads must carry it, when offered for transportation from one state into the "dry" counties of another state, regardless of the laws of the latter state. The United States supreme court today has ruled regarding proposed shipment from Indiana into "dry" Kentucky counties.

The Louisville & Nashville Railroad refused to carry beer offered by the Cook-Brewing Company at Knoxville. The railroad refused shipment because the Kentucky law forbids transporting beer into "dry" local optional districts.

The United States supreme court has ruled against the railroad from Indiana to transport beer on the ground that beer was a commodity and the Kentucky statute, if it applied to interstate interstate commerce, was no defense for the railroad's refusal to ship.

A bill for a regulation of interstate commerce, a "beer" was effective as to interstate shipments to "dry" counties," said Justice Linton in sustaining the act.

EARLY MORNING FIRE DESTROYS HOUSES

Fire at 1:30 today destroyed three three-room colored tenement houses on Battle street, caught two others and endangered still others. The loss was estimated at \$2,000, partly covered by insurance. The houses were owned by Mr. Carey Dufrey.

It was with difficulty that the firemen reached the place, Battle street is on the extreme edge of the city, the streets were frozen and it was hard on the horses. It required 1,000 feet of hose to reach the houses from the nearest hydrant. Chief Woolcott and his men worked valiantly after the alarm was turned in, but the houses were doomed before the firemen could reach the place. The fire started in the home of Frank Perkins. The origin is not known.

BUREAU CHIEF TO BE GIVEN FULL POWER

Not Guilty Is the Report As to Dr. Wiley—Not Only That But the Administration of the Law is Attacked and Change in Method Demanded—Recommends That the Power of the Solicitor Be Withdrawn—Rensen Board Legally Constituted But Chemistry Bureau and Not It the Final Authority—Board Should Have Only Advisory Functions.

Washington, Jan. 22.—Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, is held "not guilty" of conspiracy to evade the law, in the report filed with the house by the committee which conducted the investigation of the last inquiry into the charges upon which President Taft was asked to dismiss the nation's chief chemist from the government service. The committee not only absolves Wiley from criticism for employing Dr. H. H. Rusby, of New York, as government expert at a technical rate of \$20 per day but it attacks in measured terms the whole administration of the pure food law, and demands of congress action to change the method of the department of agriculture, by which the law is now applied.

The so-called Wiley investigation arose from charges made in agricultural department that Wiley, Dr. W. D. Bigelow and Dr. L. F. Kebler, all of the bureau of chemistry, secretly arranged with Dr. Rusby so that the latter need work only eighty days in the year for an annual salary of sixteen hundred dollars.

Making sweeping criticism of the department's methods, the committee recommends that the chemistry bureau chief be given the full power which the laws suppose him to have, over all the bureau's employees and that the department solicitor's power to pass upon the chemistry bureau's findings, be withdrawn.

The committee report says: "The hearing disclosed a condition of disorder in the bureau of chemistry, which has lowered discipline, impaired efficiency of service and added to the cost of administration. It will require complete reorganization to restore the efficient service to which the public is entitled."

The Rensen board, around which much of the investigation centered, is held legally constituted, but its activities, as a supervising power over the chemistry bureau is declared outside of the law.

The committee continues: "The secretary of agriculture seems to have regarded the findings of this board as conclusive in all cases over the opinions and findings of the chemistry bureau, the tribunal which by express terms of statute and misbranding within the meaning of the act."

The committee declares the board should not be continued under simply the authority of executive order to exercise such control over the pure food law.

BARKING DOG SAVES LIVES

Seven in Family Nearly Asphyxiated by Coal Gas.

Chester, Pa., Jan. 22.—The barking of a pet dog at the home of David Bratton, on West Ninth street, saved the lives of the inmates, comprising seven persons. Bratton was awakened by the animal's cries at 5 o'clock this morning, discovered that the house was filled with coal gas, and although greatly overcome by the effects of the gas, with difficulty managed to rouse his wife and five children. Mrs. Bratton and her youngest child are still in a serious condition.

Bank Defaulter Arrested

Kansas City, Jan. 22.—F. W. Richardson, formerly president of the defunct American Union Trust Company, is under arrest in Memphis, Tenn., according to advices to the police here. Richardson, it is charged, made false entries on the trust company's books.