

Motorman Dies Result Accident on P-N Line

L. B. Freeman, of Gastonia, Died of Injuries Received When Train He Was Driving Struck Another Train.

OTHERS PROBABLY FATALY INJURED

Officials of Line Believe Accident Occurred as Result of Misunderstanding of Orders to Crews.

Charlotte, July 30.—L. B. Freeman, of Gastonia, motorman of the Piedmont and Northern Railway passenger train which yesterday afternoon collided head-on with a freight train near the outskirts of Charlotte, died early today at a local hospital. His death brings the toll of the accident which officials of the line said apparently resulted from misunderstanding of orders, to one dead, two perhaps fatally injured, and twelve less seriously hurt.

The condition of T. S. Trotter, of Gastonia, conductor of the passenger car, and J. T. Davis, of Kings Mountain, a passenger, the two most seriously injured, was said to be unchanged today. Both are suffering from fractured skulls.

Officials of the railroad today said they had not yet made an official investigation of the accident. They were waiting, it was said, in the hope that the conductor would recover and would be able to tell the passenger crew's side of the story. It was at first believed that Motorman Freeman would recover, but his death removed that source of information.

The trains had orders to pass at Irwina Creek crossover, between the Savanna Mills and Lakewood, according to officials of the road. The passenger crew, it was said, apparently misunderstood the orders and overran the passing place.

Most of the injured who remained in the hospitals here today were suffering from fractured arms and legs, and one woman had a fractured jaw. The less seriously injured left the hospitals last night.

Charlotte, July 30.—The collision between a passenger train and a freight train on the Piedmont and Northern Electric railroad near here today which injured 15 persons, several of them seriously and three probably fatally, was attributed tonight to confusion of orders on the part of trainmen, according to officials of the road, though they said they could not complete their investigation of the accident until the trainmen injured in the wreck recovered sufficiently to be questioned.

The list of injured, as furnished tonight by officials of the railroad company follows: White: T. S. Trotter, of Gastonia, conductor on the passenger car, unconscious. J. T. Davis, Kings Mountain, assistant superintendent of cotton mill, unconscious. L. R. Freeman, Gastonia, left leg broken. Clarence L. Waters, Mt. Holly, head injured and leg broken. J. F. Meacham, Rockingham, arm and leg broken. Mrs. P. N. Ward, 321 East Main street, Spartanburg, S. C., leg broken and face bruised. Miss Mildred Cathey, Paw Creek, cut on hand and bruised.

Miss Annie Sifford, Clifford, S. C., cut on hand, back bruised. C. H. Wheeler, Charlotte, leg hurt, cuts on head. R. Williamson, Charlotte, slightly hurt. Colored: Lizzie Williford, Kershaw, S. C., leg and jaw bone broken, serious internal injuries. Frances Easter, five year old girl, Gastonia, ankles badly sprained. Richard Hall, Belmont, head bruised, neck, wrist and both legs sprained. L. W. Smith, and George Williams, very slightly hurt.

Most of the injured were in hospitals here tonight, though two or three only slightly injured, left the hospitals this afternoon for home. All were rushed to hospitals immediately following the crash, which occurred about two miles from Charlotte, when the passenger car going to Gastonia, crashed head-on into the electric locomotive of the freight train, coming toward Charlotte. The accident occurred on a slight curve. The passenger car was smashed in by the impact of the freight train.

Find no Whiskey in the Cornerstones. Goldsboro, July 29.—Rumors that the corner stone of the old Kennon hotel, now being razed to make room for the new hotel, was to be dug up and that it contained untold treasures placed there years ago, attracted a large crowd of onlookers to the spot. One of the city's oldest inhabitants, a most trustworthy person, stated that he saw two trunks of North Carolina liquor placed in the stone before it was sealed and possibly his statement was the magnet which drew the crowd. The stone was finally brought to light but contained nothing and chagrin was written on the faces of about three hundred persons. Some of the older residents are certain there must have been two corner stones and emphatically state that they saw many different articles placed in the stone when the old building was in the course of erection.

"A people too self-indulgent for political earnestness may relapse into a shallow acceptance of politics as the fated domain of sordid and hypocritical craft. Form this temper all possibility of significant choices is fled."—William Ernest Hoeking, in the Yale Review.

FURTHER SLOWING DOWN OF BUSINESS IN FIFTH DISTRICT In Keeping With the General Trend Throughout the United States. (By the Associated Press.)

Richmond, Va., July 30.—A further, slowing down in business took place in the Fifth District during June, in keeping with the general tendency throughout the United States, according to the monthly review of the Monthly Business and Agricultural Review issued here today by the Fifth District federal Bank. The decrease in the District, the review adds, was moderate and was little more than seasonal. No additional weak spot developed during the month in the District's industries, it was said, and conditions in the coal and textile fields grew no worse, if they did not slightly improve.

The leading causes of the retardation of business in the nation was said to appear to be a falling off in demand for steel and iron as a result of lessened automobile output, a decline in railroad purchases, and the passing of the crest in building, but none of these influences affected the Fifth District materially.

The steel and iron business of the district is comparatively unimportant, automobile manufacturing is nominal, building as yet has not fallen off to an appreciable extent, it was stated. The unfavorable weather for cotton, and to some extent for other crops, is a notable factor in whatever unseasonable slackness of business the District has experienced during the past two or three months, the review explains.

The Review follows: "An examination of the chief indicators of business prosperity or adversity in the Fifth District shows both strength and weakness. Among the outstanding favorable factors to be noted, perhaps the most striking is the abundance of credit available. Member banks regularly reporting to the Reserve Bank show a larger volume of outstanding loans to customers than a year ago, but their deposits have advanced greatly during the year and the volume of rediscounted paper held by the Reserve Bank is very much less than a year ago. Member banks reserves at the Reserve Bank are higher than last year, and the Reserve Bank has materially increased its cash reserves while its outstanding note circulation has decreased, with a resulting rise in the ratio of cash reserves to combined note and deposit liabilities. Debts to individual accounts at clearing house banks, a good indicator of actual volume of business being transacted, are running under debt reports, but the difference is just about accounted for by the average reduction in commodity prices. Business failures in the District, while more numerous in June 1923 than in June 1922, were lower in the total of liabilities involved.

"Labor continues sufficiently well employed to keep the purchasing power of the public at a high point and retail trade has consequently held up extremely well in view of the unfavorable weather that prevailed during the Spring and early summer. "Farmers dependent upon fruit and truck have better prospects than for several years, and throughout the entire district there is an exceptionally good hay crop assuring a supply of feed for farm animals.

"The volume of building continues to be unusually large, both in number and total valuation, which apparently assures plenty of work for all men employed in construction for the balance of the year at least. "Among the outstanding factors in the depression in the Fifth District are the depression in the textile industry, the small demand for the output of bituminous coal, and the uncertainty of the cotton and tobacco crop.

"Theoretically the condition of cotton in South Carolina this year is only 5 per cent. below that of last year but in North Carolina the condition is 22 per cent. lower than last year and Virginia is 34 per cent. lower. Favorable weather during the balance of the season might overcome some of the handicap but the final outlook for the year appears highly problematical."

MOOTED QUESTION Ship Modernization Program of American Navy Opposed by British. Washington, July 30 (By the Associated Press).—Great Britain's representations against the ship modernization program of the American navy may bring to a head at last a controversy that has stirred naval circles here almost continuously since the adjournment of the arms conference.

State Department officials declined today to comment on the London announcement of the British move, or to indicate what the policy of this government would be.

British Viewpoint. London, July 30 (By the Associated Press).—The British government has made representations to the governments of the United States and Japan that the alteration of the elevations of guns on capital war vessels or expenditures for the purpose increasing the radius of action of these guns would be in the opinion of the British government a breach of the Washington convention. This declaration was made in the House of Commons today by Arthur Ponsonby, under secretary for foreign affairs, in answer to a question.

French Premier's Falling. Paris, July 30.—M. Herriot, the French premier, shows a falling of many men in many lands. He is an inveterate smoker, and he never has matches. He borrows box after box of matches from those near him, and those boxes he never by any chance returns. When his pockets are so full that they can hold no more he distributes them, but those who ought to get them rarely do.

Partial Eclipse of the Sun. Washington, D. C., July 30.—A partial eclipse of the sun, the second in the series of three such astronomical events scheduled to take place during the present year, is due tomorrow. American astronomers, however, will have slight occasion to turn their telescopes skyward, since the eclipse will be visible only in the Antarctic and South Pacific oceans.

A great deal of interest is being manifested in the dacing class which Miss Catherine Goodman, Miss Adelaide Harris and Joe Best are conducting at the Elks Club. About twenty pupils were present at Monday night's lesson.

The work of grading has been completed for the mile track that the Fairmount Jockey Club is building near East St. Louis.

DEFENSE BEGINS TO OFFER TESTIMONY IN MURDER TRIAL

State Finished Presentation of Evidence Tuesday and Defense Began by Calling Dr. White to Stand.

DR. WHITE TELLS OF BOYS' MINDS

Witness Is Alienists and at Present Is Superintendent of St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington.

Chicago, July 30 (By the Associated Press).—The state closed, and the defense started testimony today in the hearing which is to determine the punishment of Nathan Leopold, Jr., and Richard Loeb for kidnapping and murder of Robert Franks.

Frank A. Asher was the last witness for the state. He testified merely that he took Loeb's confession on the night of May 20th.

The defense called as its first witness today Dr. Wm. A. White, superintendent of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Washington, D. C.

Judge Caverly overruled an objection by the state's attorney to testimony by any defense alienists.

"If your honor gave these defendants a term of years satisfactory to them and their attorney," argued Mr. Crowe, "I could not appeal, and they would not, I insist, if this question of insanity is raised, it is your honor's duty to impanel a jury and determine that fact."

Judge Caverly shook his head and said "over ruled," but Mr. Crowe continued on the argument on the legal point he had raised.

During the argument Judge Caverly declared that the defense would not be permitted to go into evidence of insanity, and demanded to know from the state whether it had any authorities to show that would prevent him from hearing evidence as to the state of mind or imagination.

After the argument had lasted for ninety minutes, and got back to the state's accusation that the defense was trying to plead both sane and insane at the same time, Judge Caverly suggested that in an hour and a half not been wasted."

"No, it has not been wasted," said Judge Caverly. "The court will take a lay and a half on this, if necessary."

The court room filled rapidly at the outset of today's hearing. Judge Caverly called the attorneys to the bench and consulted with them as to separate hearings on the kidnapping charge. It developed that thus far the hearing had technically been confined to the murder charge. The attorneys agreed that 30 minutes of formalities would suffice to dispose of the kidnapping indictment.

Dr. White then was called to the stand. He was questioned by Attorney Lynch of defense counsel.

"State your professional experience," said Mr. Bachrach.

"I object," said Mr. Crowe. "Why," asked Judge Caverly, and the big legal fight of the proceedings was on. Court recessed for luncheon at 12:30 p. m. with the argument unfinished.

Crowe maintained that the plea of guilty prevented the defense from showing any state of mind as mitigation of punishment, and that his assistants continued the argument throughout the morning, even though Judge Caverly said he would overrule the objection.

WHY SHOULD I BE A MEMBER OF THE CONCORD ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCE?

BECAUSE: It is an organization for the Upbuilding and Development of our civic, commercial and industrial life. It is operated solely in the interest of our city, county and state. The officers and directors serve without pay and with no expectation of any individual reward, excepting the general benefits such as every member of the community receives. It is a general information Bureau, answering hundreds of questions regarding Concord and Cabarrus County, and is assisting newcomers to find homes and employment. We have no creed or prejudice and play no favorites. We are for Concord first, last, and all the time; and function in the interest of all.

A membership in the Concord Chamber of Commerce denotes progress; a membership card or a membership sign in your place of business is a mark of distinction and stability.

The cost is trivial—The benefits many—The expenditure is as legitimate as your rent, your advertising, or clerk hire.

DAVIS IS PREPARED FOR NEW YORK TRIP

Has Draft of Acceptance Speech and Will Spend Several Days in Metropolis Confering With Leaders.

Dark Harbor, Me., July 30.—After two weeks in the peace and quiet of the Democratic Bay Islands, John W. Davis, Democratic Presidential nominee, will start back to New York late today to begin the drive that is to carry his political fortunes into the November elections.

In his pocket is the draft of his acceptance address. It will be delivered 10 days hence at Clarksburg, W. Va., probably from the veranda of the Davis homestead. While embodied in it will be a discussion of many issues, the speech's central theme will be "honesty in government" the 1924 battlecry of the Democratic party.

Want President to Take Vacation. Washington, July 30.—Friends are urging upon President Coolidge a brief vacation immediately after the exercise of his formal nomination as the Republican nominee here on August 14th, but the Executive has failed to reveal any plans for the immediate future.

Mr. Coolidge, they point out, has been under very heavy pressure during his year in office.

POLICE CALLED TO QUIET PRISON RIOT. Prisoners in Railway Reformatory Quiet Only With Police Reserves. (By the Associated Press.)

Railway, N. J., July 30.—Police reserves from Rahway and Woodbridge were called to the Railway reformatory this afternoon to quell a riot among the prisoners.

Three inmates were shot in the rioting, one possibly fatally, and one guard was injured. The disturbance started in the dining hall and spread throughout the open section of the reformatory. The superintendent called for ten state troopers to quell the riot, but the rioting continued until the trouble is quelled.

CARRY LA FOLLETTE BATTLE TO LABOR FEDERATION. Want to See What Support Federation Is to Give Independent Ticket. (By the Associated Press.)

Washington, July 30.—Labor union adherents of Senators La Follette and Wheeler in their campaign for President and Vice President were preparing today for a trial of the strength inside the American Federation of Labor. The executive committee of that organization meeting Friday at Atlantic City will lay down the policy to govern the attitude of its subordinate bodies insofar as these can be governed in the approaching national contest.

Bryan Sells House on Millionaire Row. Miami, Fla., July 29.—The financial burden of owning an estate on "Millionaire Row" is given as the cause of William Jennings Bryan placing his bay front home, Villa Serana, on the market.

Mr. Bryan announced today that he had purchased a more modest place in Coconut Grove, six miles South of Miami, and that he and Mrs. Bryan would make that their home in the future. Mr. Bryan gave three reasons for the change in a statement given out tonight, the burden of taxes and interest on his investment; Mrs. Bryan's health which makes the upkeep of a large place next to impossible, and last to be near their daughters, Mrs. Regina A. Owen, who resides across the street from Marymont, the new home.

Mr. Bryan will leave Thursday night on an extended political tour. With Our Advertisers. Piggly Wiggly offers special prices for Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The Citizens Bank and Trust Co. wants to serve you in every helpful way. Constantly improved but so nearly changes makes the Dodge Motor Cars always popular. Wait! Elford's new store will be opened next Saturday morning with a big sale.

Posses Searching For Two Officers

WOMAN IS SHOCKED WHEN REFRIGERATOR BLOWS UP Gas Generated From Carbide Placed in Air-Tight Compartment. Wilkes-Barre, Pa., July 28.—One of the most unusual explosions to have taken place in this section for some time is that which occurred in the home of William Ellis, Jr., on Lee Street, Plymouth today, when a refrigerator in the kitchen of the home "blew up."

Not realizing the possible results, Mrs. Ellis had placed a bag of carbide in the air-tight chamber of the refrigerator. The moisture of the ice-box caused the carbide to give off gas, which accumulated to such an extent that the explosion resulted.

One piece of the refrigerator was hurled through a window, while another part was hurled into an adjoining room. Mrs. Ellis, who was sitting on the front porch at the time, suffered from shock but received no physical injuries.

Reports of Rain in Texas Encouraged Slight Selling Pressure During Early Trading. (By the Associated Press.)

New York, July 30.—Reports of rain at a number of Texas points encouraged slight selling pressure in the cotton market early today, and were responsible for a barely steady opening with first prices on active months 7 points higher to 12 lower. Later the market declined 15 to 18 points under the previous close, October selling at 28.85 and December Reporter but rallied again on support from Wall Street and local traders. The opening prices were: Oct. 29.15; Dec. 28.25; Jan. 28.06; March 28.30; May 28.35.

GOV. SWEET OPPOSED TO DEFENSE DAY. Will Observe Day as He Thinks Proper But Will Not Mobilize Members of Guard. (By the Associated Press.)

Loveland, Colo., July 30.—Declaring he would co-operate with President Coolidge as far as he deemed it proper, but declaring unequivocally that he would not order the mobilization of the Colorado National Guard on National Defense Day, September 12th, Governor Sweet in an interview with the Loveland Herald Reporter today went on record in opposition to the idea of observance of the day.

WANT SPECIAL UNIFORMS FOR PROHIBITION AGENTS. Mark to Distinguish Dry Officers From Bandits Is Demanded. Washington, D. C., July 29.—The Association Against the Prohibition Amendment announced today that it would launch an immediate campaign to obtain the necessary legislation to require prohibition agents patrolling highways to wear a distinctive uniform. This, it was said, would protect innocent motorists from being stopped on the road at the point of a revolver by men in civilian clothes whom they often believe to be highwaymen and seek to evade, sometimes with serious results.

La Follette-Wheeler Club Is Organized at Spencer. Spencer, July 29.—A La Follette-Wheeler club was organized in Spencer tonight with 100 names enrolled representing 100 per cent. of the attendance at the meeting held in the baseball park. The meeting was called at the instance of Conductor Dan Carter, and was presided over by Tom P. Jimison, who made a strong talk for the La Follette movement declaring it to be representative of the best and most progressive element in the country. The La Follette platform was read and explained to the crowd of voters present, and it was stated that this is one of many such gatherings to be held soon. The club elected as its officers: J. D. Carter, president; W. E. Shuping, vice president; Rev. Tom P. Jimison, secretary; and I. J. McAdams, treasurer.

Large numbers of men who could not leave their work in the Southern shops and on the road sent in their names to be enrolled as members. It is expected that the membership of the club will be increased to several hundred in a short time. Officers of the club notified Senator La Follette by wire of the organization of the club in Spencer.

The women voters of Spencer will meet in the park this afternoon and organize a similar La Follette club of their own, to be managed by the ladies. The women plan to meet often, in various homes in Spencer, and study the political situation and determine for themselves what is the best interests of the voters.

Stone Directs Suits to Cancel Oil Permits. Washington, July 29.—Attorney General Stone today directed the United States attorney at Salt Lake City to file suits there to cancel all oil and gas prospecting permits on a portion of the Navajo Indian reservation.

The suit is directed against the Midwest Oil Company, the Southwest Oil Company and E. M. Harrison. The action is the first filed under a recent opinion submitted by the attorney general to the President, holding that the general leasing act of 1920 does not apply to "executive order reservations" and that permits already issued in consequence are invalid.

Governor Is Enjoying Vacation in Mountains. Asheville, July 29.—Gov. Cameron Morrison, accompanied by Mrs. Morrison and his daughter, Miss Angelia, are in Asheville for several days. They will leave Monday for Raleigh, as the executive plans to be in the capitol city for the special session of the general assembly.

U. S. Marshall Sam Lilly and Prohibition Agent George Killed While on Duty Near Wilmington During Night.

BODIES LOCATED IN OFFICERS' CAR

Both Bodies Riddled With Bullets and Auto Also Damaged—Officers' Guns Were Not Discharged At All.

Wilmington, N. C., July 30.—The bodies of Deputy United States Marshal Sam Lilly and City Prohibition Agent Leon George, who were shot to death two miles from Phoenix, in Brunswick county, early last night, were brought to Wilmington shortly after 3 o'clock this morning. Coroner Harrelson will hold an inquest during the day.

The bodies of the officers were riddled with buckshot and bullets. Lilly's head was almost completely shot off. When found, George's body was crumpled beneath the steering wheel. The windshield of the car had been shot completely away.

Several hundred armed men left Wilmington and points in Brunswick county early today to search for the slayers. Three months ago Lilly killed a negro in the vicinity of where his body was found last night. A coroner's jury exonerated him on the ground that the killing was in self defense. Officers think this may furnish a motive for the slaying of the two officers.

The scene of the killing was an obscure trail through a swamp over which the men were traveling in Lilly's automobile. The two had been unusually active lately in raiding moonshine camps. Apparently they had paused on their way to seize a small copper still which was found in the car with their bodies.

Powder burns on George's face indicated the nearness of the assassins. The officers' weapons had not been used.

Wilmington, July 29.—A posse despatched from here to Phoenix, Brunswick county, tonight upon receipt of reports of a battle between prohibition officers and bootleggers, found the bodies of Deputy United States Marshal Lilly and City Prohibition Agent Leon George in their automobile four miles from the town.

Both bodies were pierced with bullets fired at close range and George's police dog was also found dead in the car. The posse, consisting of 50 police and county officers, went armed with riot guns to meet any exigency.

The weapons of both officers were in their pockets and had not been fired. First news of the tragedy came in the form of a telephone message from Phoenix to the effect that a negro had reported hearing 25 or 30 shots fired and had seen the bodies of the wounded officers at a distance.

At 11 o'clock an additional 100 men had been hurried into Brunswick county to join in the search for the slayers. George was 52 years old and had been a member of the police department for 25 years. For the past three years he had been assigned actively to prohibition enforcement work, his efforts in this direction having been widely exploited in motion picture news reels. He was unmarried.

Lilly was about 45 years old and is survived by a wife and several children. The two officers left Wilmington at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, Lilly telling friends that he was going to serve a paper in connection with a prohibition case in Brunswick county.

Nothing was heard from them after their departure from the city until the brief telephone message at 8:55 tonight saying that it was reported they were killed. The officers were traveling in Lilly's automobile. When the bodies were found at 10 o'clock, they had apparently been dead for several hours.

Local officials said today that white men had killed officers Lilly and George. They decline, however, to state the basis for their statement. They said they had a strong clue to the identity of the slayers, but declined to give out any names. It had been thought possibly the men had been slain in revenge for the killing of a negro recently.

Local officers said they expected arrests to be made during the day. The city of Wilmington today offered a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of the slayers. To this the county added \$100 and Sheriff Jackson \$50. The state has been asked to supplement the reward.

Aviators at Kirkwall. Kirkwall, Orkney Island, Scotland, July 30 (By the Associated Press).—The American around the world flier on their way homeward, arrived here today from Brough.

WHAT SMITTY'S WEATHER CAT SAYS. Partly cloudy tonight; Thursday local thundershowers, cooler in west portion.

