

ENGINEERMAN GORDON HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR PENNY WRECK

Report Says Failure to Obey Signal Probably Due to Sudden Death or Physical Incapacity.

ELEVEN KILLED IN ACCIDENT

Report Indicates Flagman Also Could Have Avoided Wreck Probably Had He Acted Differently.

Washington, June 30.—(AP)—Failure of Engineman Gordon of the Cincinnati-Limited to control his train as required by the automatic block signals was given by the Interstate Commerce Commission today as the cause of the wreck June 16th of two Pennsylvania passenger trains near Gary, Pa.

The failure on the part of the engineman, however, the Commissioner's safety bureau reported, was believed to have been due to his "sudden death or physical incapacity."

The collision, which also involved the Washington Express, resulted in the death of 11 passengers and four employees, and the injury of 82 passengers and four employees.

Had Engineman McConnell, of the second engine on the Cincinnati Limited, realized a few seconds earlier that his train was not being properly controlled by Gordon in the leading engine, the report added, he could have brought the train to a stop in time to avert the accident.

Had Flagman MacDonald of the Washington Express gone back as far as he was able to go in the time available after his train came to a stop and before he was recalled, it continued, his torpedoes and fuses "placed further back, would probably have given Engineman McConnell warning in time to have signaled him to stop his train before striking the preceding train, or at least in time to mitigate the disastrous consequences of the collision."

DAMAGED BY HOPPERS.

Dice's Prospects for a bumper cotton crop are being endangered.

(By International News Service)—Tallahassee, Fla., June 30.—(AP)—Dice's prospects for a bumper cotton crop this year are being endangered by insects known as "hoppers," which have caused serious damage throughout the cotton belt.

No accurate estimate of the havoc wrought by the hopper has been made. According to reports received here by the United States bureau of entomology here, the semiarid sections of west Texas and Oklahoma are the only districts that have not been effected by the invasion of pests.

Reports received at the laboratory indicated that the cotton crop has been damaged to a large extent in the infested fields, and in some instances infestation extended into what is known as the middle crop.

As a result of this many planters will find it necessary to start the making of a crop at a late date, and the present mild weevil control will be made much more serious, it was declared.

Drives Automobile Into Wall of Building.

Asheville, June 29.—The Police are looking for a man who drove a stolen automobile into the wall of the basement of the Princess Anne Hotel, Chestnut and Furman Streets, yesterday afternoon and then escaped, leaving an injured girl companion in the wreckage. The girl, who registered as Mamie Lee Gowen, pleaded guilty of drunkenness in police court this morning and was fined \$10 and costs.

A window was broken in the basement of the hotel, according to the police and the car was badly damaged. The girl received a cut on her forehead and appeared in police court with a bandage. She said that she had been in Asheville only a few days as she was on her way to Detroit to get away from her husband. The car was said to be the property of a salesman for Stradley Mountain Park, but the police did not know his name.

Union Religious Meeting Announced at Whitsett.

Whitsett, June 29.—Arrangements have been completed for a union religious meeting here beginning on Sunday, August 8th. The following local pastors will unite and co-operate in the services: Rev. C. N. Morrison, Rev. E. H. Nense, Rev. Roy Fesperman, Rev. J. H. Abernethy and Rev. J. W. Taylor. They will be known as evangelists. Rev. McKendree Long, of Statesville, has been secured to conduct the services which are expected to continue for two weeks. The meeting will begin in the Whitsett auditorium, and it necessary a large tent will later be erected to accommodate the congregations.

There will be a free foot demonstration at Ivey's Shoe Store on Friday, July 2nd, when a foot comfort expert from the personal staff of Dr. Wm. M. School will be here. These services are absolutely free. See big ad. in this paper.

Mrs. J. M. Culp, of Salisbury, spent last week-end here with relatives.

In Society



SEN. WILLIAM H. VANDERBILT

The very boyish bob apparently entered the realm of highest society. This is how Mrs. William H. Vanderbilt appeared on her return from Europe. Incidentally, she declared she planned a divorce.

TWO GRANTED PAROLES

Alfred Davenport and Alfred Deviney, Each Aged 17 Years.

Raleigh, June 30.—Two young men, one of them but 17 years old, both sentenced for violation of the prohibition law, have been granted paroles by Governor A. W. McLean. One is Alfred Davenport, of Durham county, sentenced to fifteen months on the county roads in January, 1925. The other is Otto Deviney, 17 years old, of Gaston county, sentenced to 18 months on the county roads in October, 1925.

In commenting on the parole of Davenport the governor said: "I am advised that the prisoner is a young man who bore up to the time of this offense a splendid reputation. It appears from information brought to my attention that there was a good deal of animosity involved in the prosecution of this case."

He added that a large number of persons had petitioned for clemency and in view of the fact that Davenport had served a large part of his sentence, the parole was granted.

Because Deviney is but 17 years old, and because he has made a good record as a prisoner and has already served nine months of his sentence, the governor decided to parole him for the balance of his sentence.

In commenting on Deviney's case, the governor said that he would not have granted the parole had it not been for the extreme youth of the boy. A large number of officials and citizens of Gaston county had united in seeking clemency for him.

He has been placed under the supervision of the welfare officer of the county for the remainder of his term.

Woman Who Fell Ten Stories Able to Leave Hospital.

Charlotte, June 30.—Mrs. A. A. Barron, who on May 13th had a spectacular fall from her room on the tenth floor of the Hotel Charlotte to the sidewalk below, has so far recovered that she is able to leave the Charlotte Sanatorium and returned tonight to the hotel where she occupied the same room she formerly occupied.

Mrs. Barron has almost entirely recovered from the effect of her fall, which was unusual in that the fall of ten stories, approximately 144 feet—did not kill her and caused comparatively minor injuries because her fall was broken by contact with a rope attached to a flag pole at the sixth story and thick wire netting over a glass roof of the garage in front of the hotel entrance.

Mrs. A. A. Barron expects to spend some time with her mother in the country within the next week or ten days.

Whiteoak Snake Dies in Trying to Swallow Hen.

Kinston, June 29.—Walter Biddleman, upper Onslow county farmer, here today reported the tragic ending of an undergrowth snake's attempt to swallow a black Minorca hen. The snake, a whiteoak, or copperhead, evidently had gone to the hen's nest to rob it of eggs. There were none. The snake, desperately hungry, decided to swallow the hen. It swallowed her head and neck, and was unable to disgorge and choked to death. Both the reptile and the fowl were dead when the farmer came upon them in the nest. The snake was 16 inches in length and only about two inches in diameter, while the hen, fully grown probably weighed four pounds.

Many Alligators in the East.

(By International News Service)—Kinston, June 30.—When Miss Alligator strayed up Neuse River from one of the creeks far down the stream and established a thorn, she evidently started something.

For now, alligators are to be seen everywhere hereabouts. Until this spring an alligator was an uncommon sight around Kinston, but numbers have been glimpsed in the river recently, and several have been caught.

Seismic Disturbances In Various Parts Of World Since Saturday

ONE DEATH CAUSED FROM EARTHQUAKE

Child Was Killed and Some Property Damaged in Tremor Which Shook Points in California.

Los Angeles, June 30.—(AP)—One death, that of a child, and minor property damages appeared today to be the only toll exacted by the earthquake which shook points in Southern California yesterday.

The tremor swayed the coasts from Santa Barbara southward to Long Beach. It came a year to the day after the quake which rocked Santa Barbara and it was there that most of the damage was done yesterday.

One death was that of Coolin Orr, three-year-old boy, who was killed when a chimney toppled over on him while playing with other children in his yard at Santa Barbara.

Many of the cracks in buildings in Santa Barbara, caused by last year's quake and plastered over, were reopened by the latest vibrations.

THE COTTON MARKET

Renewed Liquidation With Local and Southern Selling Featured Opening.

New York, June 30.—(AP)—Renewed liquidation with local and Southern selling featured the opening of the cotton market exchange today.

Sentiment appeared to be influenced by a favorable view of overnight weather reports and relatively easy Liverpool cables, but the decline followed in considerable covering and after starting 5 to 8 points lower, with July selling off to 17.92 and December to 16.27, prices held fairly steady. January made new low ground for the season at the start, selling off to 16.02 but later rallied to 16.05. Other months showed similar recoveries at the end of the first hour.

Another private report estimated the condition at 75.4 per cent, and the indicated crop 15,811,000 bales.

Cotton futures opened steady: July 17.95; October 16.35; December 16.30; January 16.02; March 16.22.

MEIGHEN GOVERNMENT WINS FIRST VICTORY

Majority of Ten Given New Government in Its First Clash With the Group Led by King.

Ottawa, Ont., June 30.—(AP)—The new government of Arthur Meighen, conservative, early today won a victory in the House of Commons over the liberals led by Mackenzie King, who resigned the premiership Monday.

A majority of ten was given the Meighen reign on the conservative party amendment to the report of the commission which recently investigated charges of gross irregularities in the customs department.

The amendment, which was originally offered prior to the resignation of the King government, charged several members of the administration with irregularities and moved a vote of censure of the government. It was in the belief that the amendment would be passed that the King government handed in its resignation to Governor General Lord Byng after he had declined to prorogue Parliament and call for new elections.

With Our Advertisers.

Spring and mid-summer costs priced one-half and less at Robinson's. Super values in dresses.

There will be a free foot demonstration at Ivey's Shoe Store on Friday, July 2nd, when a foot comfort expert from the personal staff of Dr. Wm. M. School will be here. These services are absolutely free. See ad. in this paper.

The York & Wadsworth Co. is offering special pre-holiday prices on tires and tubest. Get your tires now for your Fourth of July outing. These tires will be on for Thursday, Friday and Saturday. See big ad. today.

See the silk frocks at J. C. Penney Co.'s at \$4.98, \$9.98 and \$14.75.

The Parks-Bell Co. has the apparel ready for your Fourth of July wear. Read about some of these in the new ad. today.

The Browns-Cannon Co. has Palm Beach, Kool Cloth and other summer suits that sold as high as \$15, for only \$9.95.

Ham, bacon, minced ham, dried beef, etc., at the Sanitary Grocery Co., Phones 676 and 686.

You'll find at Hoover's just what you want for the Fourth of July. Read the new ad. today at the Bell & Harris Furniture Co.

Was Like George Washington. (By International News Service)—Miami, Fla., June 29.—(AP)—Hard-boiled detectives and base policemen got nothing less than a thrill out of Paul Campbell, 12-year-old Miami boy, when he dashed into the Miami police station to report the theft of his bicycle.

"I told me not to leave it unless I locked it," explained the many-speaking lad who just couldn't stop the flow of salty tears when visions of an old-fashioned spanking loomed before him.

PROHIBITION STILL DOMINATING NOTE BEFORE SENATORS

Having Heard Dry Forces Tell of Their Part in Politics Wets Are Called to the Stand by Reed.

TELL OF FUNDS USED IN WORK

National Wet Organization Has About 726,000 Members and Is Spending Annually \$480,000.

Washington, June 30.—(AP)—The association against the prohibition amendment was put on the dissecting table today by the Senate campaign funds committee and these disclosures were the result:

The national wet organization and its state branches have a membership of about 726,000 and are handling an average of about \$480,000 a year.

The money is used in part in political campaigns with a view to the selection of a non-partisan basis of public officials who favor repeal of the dry laws.

During the recent Pennsylvania republican primary campaign officials of the Association worked for Wm. S. Vare, the successful candidate for the Senatorial nomination, sending out a form letter asking for contributions from the 80,000 members of the organization in that state.

Some mass meetings were held for the purpose of aiding Vare, and the expense amounting to \$3,500, were paid by the Association.

The story of the organization's activities was told to the committee by its founder and head, William N. Stayton, from the witness chair occupied by Wayne B. Wheeler, grand marshal of the dry forces in Washington.

Wheeler himself was in the front row in the crowd that assembled to hear the wet leader, but for the first time Chairman Reed of the committee sat in a back seat. The chairman said it had been "slenderly said" that he was a wet, and he wanted someone else to examine the witness.

Under questioning by Senator King, democrat of Utah, Stayton first told the parent organization and its state branches came into being to seek repeal of the 18th amendment, and the Volstead Act, but he declared they stood also for observance of the dry statutes so long as they remained law.

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TELLS OF FEDERAL TRAP TO CATCH M. J. DURKIN

Rooney Tells of Means Government Used to Catch Alleged Murderer.

Chicago, June 30.—(AP)—Details of a federal trap set to catch Martin J. Durkin, wanted for alleged automobile theft, was told today by James D. Rooney, federal secret service man, to the jury in Durkin's trial for the murder of Edwin C. Shanahan, federal agent.

Durkin's trial, Rooney related, was picked up shortly after the youth returned from California in a big sedan whose theft was alleged. In terminated on October 11 when Durkin was seen driving into a garage. While Shanahan went to arrest the youth, Rooney was on other duties in the vicinity, he testified, and he next saw Shanahan dying at a hospital.

SAYS REPUBLICANS LACK REAL LEADERSHIP NOW

This Shown by Defeat of Fess Bill, Chairman Oldfield Says.

Washington, June 30.—(AP)—Senate rejection of the administration-endorsed Fess farm credits bill was described today by Chairman Oldfield of the Democratic congressional campaign committee, as illustrating "the extent of the revolution within the Republican ranks resulting from the lack of leadership," too apparent throughout Mr. Coolidge's term in office.

He again predicted Democratic victories in the Fall congressional elections, asserting the Republicans were "torn asunder by a great factional feud between the protected East and the oppressed West."

Revision of Nickle Plate Merger Plan.

New York, June 30.—(AP)—A revision of the billion dollar Nickle Plate merger plan designed to meet the objections made by the Interstate Commerce Commission in rejecting the original proposal last March has been completed by the Van Sweringen interests, and will be presented to directors of the constituent roads for approval. A special meeting of the Erie directors has been called for tomorrow to pass on the modified plan.

Mounted Police Seek to Stop Smuggling.

Ottawa, June 30.—Royal Canadian mounted police are being stationed at all vulnerable points on the Canadian border from the Atlantic to the Pacific to aid in the prevention of smuggling. Announcement to this effect was made today by the acting minister of customs, H. H. Stevens.

Soldiers Killed.

Kovel, Volhynia, Poland, June 30.—(AP)—Thirty-eight soldiers including two officers were killed, and thirty injured seriously when a sharpshooter presumably left over from the World War, exploded here today.

In the News Spotlight



SEN. WILLIAM H. KING



WILLIAM MITCHELL



VISCOUNTESS RHONDA



LORD ASTOR

Senator William H. King told Peter Paul Walsh, Pittsburgh police chief, that he should be fired when the officer gave damaging testimony in the Pennsylvania primary investigation. William Mitchell, noted aviation critic, was recovering from an operation in Washington. Lord Astor was beaten in an effort to win seats in the House of Lords for Viscountess Rhonda and other British peresses in their own right.

GOVERNOR CONSIDERING ALVIN MANSEL CASE

Is Not Swayed by Oratory But Must Have the Facts.

Raleigh, June 30.—Governor A. W. McLean must be sure of the facts before he acts.

Hence it is that he is making a supplementary investigation into the facts affecting the guilt or innocence of Alvin Mansel, 18-year-old Asheville negro, now under sentence of death for an alleged attack upon a white woman in Asheville, and in whose behalf a hearing was held before the Governor on Monday.

At this time his attorney, Hall Johnson of Asheville, presented a mass of new evidence which was not presented at the trial, and delivered a masterful plea in behalf of the young negro.

But the Governor is not easily swayed by impassioned oratory or appeals to sentiment. He must have the facts. For under North Carolina law, the finding of new evidence after a trial does not entitle the accused man to a new trial. The only recourse is in the Governor, who is sole judge and jury in passing on this new evidence.

So it is that it will probably be several days, perhaps a week, before he will announce his decision regarding Mansel, the Governor says, inasmuch as his supplementary investigation will not be completed before that time.

Two circumstances are decidedly in Mansel's favor, however. One is that the woman who was attacked first described her assailant as a "tall, yellow nigger, about 35 years old."

Mansel at that time was but 17 years old, small and slight of build, and as black as midnight. The other circumstance in his favor is that his whereabouts has been accounted for during all but about 30 minutes of the morning of the attack, allowing him but half an hour to go to the scene of the attack a mile and a half away, accomplish the assault, and then get back to the place he was working. It is thought extremely improbable that he would have been able to do all this in half an hour's time.

Another Problem for Eugenicists.

(By International News Service)—Burnsville, N. C., June 29.—Marvel Silvers, of Higgins, has given eugenicists another problem to worry their heads about.

Silvers, nearing his 110th birthday, has 11 living children, 82 grandchildren, 400 great-grandchildren, a respectable array of great-great-grandchildren and a few great-great-greats.

Silvers maintains that he is older than 110, but there are a few hundred of his descendants who say that it is a natural egoism on his part to want to appear old.

Dog in Reading Massachusetts, are obliged by law to wear muzzles. But when Prince, an eight-months old St. Bernard, saw a child drowning in the water of a pond the inherited instinct to save life was too strong for the man-made law. The dog tore off his muzzle, leaped into the pond and saved the child. We hope the sectmen of Reading have granted Prince a special dispensation from the discomfort of a muzzle. He has earned it.—Youth's Companion.

Besses Bottles and Lena Leslie, Mrs. T. L. Ross and Elizabeth Ross are spending a few days at their home in Concord.

CONGRESS LEADERS

MORE HOPEFUL ABOUT GOING HOME

See Chance to End Session of Congress the Latter Part of Week or Early Next Week.

HOUSE CLEARS THE CALENDAR

Senate Seems to Be Getting Business in Such Shape Its Members Can Adjourn.

Washington, June 30.—(AP)—Members of Congress were more hopeful than ever today that they would be able to leave for home at the end of this week or early next week.

Few obstacles apparently stood in the way of the leaders' tentative plans to bring about adjournment Saturday. The Senate had definitely rejected all surplus crop proposals advanced, and had passed the co-operative marketing bill. The House had practically cleared the calendar of important measures with passage of the last deficiency bill. Postponement of action on the controversial rivers and harbors bill was the subject of negotiations.

Walsh Enters Protest.

Washington, June 30.—(AP)—Senator Walsh, Democrat, of Montana, protested in the Senate today against delay in prosecuting the Washington cases growing out of the naval oil leases.

The Montana senator, who was prosecutor in the Senate inquiry into the leases, said two bills had been passed by the Senate designed to facilitate the cases, but neither had been passed by the House.

Another Resolution to Repeal 18th Amendment.

Washington, June 30.—(AP)—Another resolution seeking to repeal the 18th amendment was drawn up today by Senator Edwards, democrat, New Jersey.

The resolution in the form of a constitutional amendment if adopted by two-thirds of each house would become effective if ratified by "conventions" in three-fourths of the states, in accordance with Article V of the constitution. These state conventions would be composed of delegates elected by the voters in each state.

TO RESURFACE ROAD FROM GREENSBORO TO HIGH POINT

To Bid Also.—Contract Let at Price of \$392,201.95.

Raleigh, June 30.—More than 100 bids covering fifteen different projects were opened by the highway commission here yesterday. The projects included several large ones, the most extensive probably being the 14.22 miles of highway between Windsor and the Chowan bridge in Bertie county, which will require the clearing of 83 acres, the grubbing of 30 acres more and a large amount of excavation, although the present contract does not call for paving. Nello L. Teer, of Durham, was low bidder on this project with a bid of \$125,108.50 to be completed in 200 working days. The low bidder on structures was the Roanoke Iron and Bridge Works, Roanoke, Va., with a bid of \$33,916.80, specifying 200 working days.

Probably the next most expensive contract is for project 542 which consists of resurfacing and widening of 2.25 miles of highway on route 10 between Greensboro and High Point. The low bid on this project was \$392,201.95 submitted by the Hagdon Construction Co., of Greensboro, specifying 135 working days, providing for a road with concrete base and asphalt surface. The next lowest bidder was the Atlantic Paving Co., which submitted a contract for a concrete base road with sheet asphalt top for \$390,024.000 in 150 working days. The low bidder for structures in connection with this project was F. D. Lewis and Son, specifying 120 working days, at a total cost of \$40,415.

Overdoing the Thing.

(By International News Service)—Louisville, Ky., June 29.—Present-day tendency in professional service to run "the average citizen through an expensive clinic everytime he develops a pimple or sneeze" were deplored by Dr. Asa Willard, of Missoula, Mont., in his presidential address before the 13th annual convention of the American Osteopathic Association here.

"The clinic, the specialist and the surgeon are essential," Willard declared, "but the importance and value of their services is overstressed and overrated as compared with that of the general practitioner for whose work there is still and always will be a very definite and distinct place."

A six-foot Ute Indian for nearly two score years has worn the garb of a squaw and has been entirely ignored by the fellow men of his tribe because in 1887 he refused to take part in a tribal raid.

THE WEATHER

Fair tonight, Thursday partly cloudy. Gentle to moderate west winds.