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BLAME FOR TRAIN WRECK IN WHICH 37 WERE KILLED PLACED ON THE ENGINEER

**So Far as Railroad Officials
Are Concerned Responsibility
for Disaster Is Placed on
Michigan Central Engineer
and Fireman.**

FAILED TO OBEY SIGNALS

**Representatives of Interstate
Commerce Commission, How-
ever, Are Still Investigating
—No More Bodies Found
Under Wreckage.**

(By The Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, March 2.—Responsibility for the wreck at Porter, Ind., last Sunday night, in which 37 persons were killed, today had been fixed as far as officials of the railroads involved were concerned, upon Engineer W. S. Long and Fireman George Block, of the Michigan Central passenger train. In a state ment sent from Kalamazoo to The Associated Press office at Chicago last night General Manager Henry Shearer of the New York Central lines, regarded as spokesman for both companies, it was declared that Long and Block violated rules and regulations in failing to observe and properly obey signal indications.

It was added that they will be forth with dismissed from the service. The statement was issued at the close of an investigation by railroad officials which has been in progress almost continually since Sunday night.

Long early today at his home in Jackson, Mich., refused to say anything about the result of the railroad officials' inquiry, until he had been released from his pledge to his superiors not to discuss the accident.

The party of high railroad officials of the New York Central and Michigan Central left Kalamazoo early today for the east and indicated that the official statement of General Manager Shearer had closed the inquiry as far as the railroads were concerned.

Interstate commerce commission representatives, who arrived at the scene of the wreck yesterday, were preparing today to examine the tower mechanism at the crossing at Porter, and other angles of the wreck, for a federal determination of responsibility.

FIVE NEGROES KILLED IN SEAPLANE TRAGEDY

(By The Associated Press.)
PENSACOLA, Fla., March 2.—An investigation today was being conducted by the seaplane tragedy at a beach bathing beach yesterday, which resulted in the deaths of five negroes and injury to several others. Eugene John Walter Moore, navy aviator and former circus performer, is under arrest and the police are searching for a man and woman in connection with the case.

The flyer was doing stunts in the air when his plane, becoming entangled with a kite, which a boy was flying, slipped on its left wing and glided down to the beach, where the negroes were bathing. The bathers scurried in every direction but the uncontrolled plane plunged through the terrified negroes, killing two outright and fatally injuring three others, including two children.

GRAYSON TO CONTINUE AS WILSON'S PHYSICIAN

WASHINGTON, March 2.—Arrangements were understood today to have been made whereby Rear Admiral Cary T. Grayson will continue as physician to President Wilson. Dr. Grayson's intimate and expert knowledge of Mr. Wilson's ailment, it was said, made it advisable to continue his services and his work as head of the naval dispensary here, to which he was recently assigned will not interfere with such an arrangement.

MANY COSTA RICANS VOLUNTEER FOR SERVICE

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, March 1.—Hundreds of citizens of Costa Rica are volunteering for military service against Panama, and patriotic pictures are being shown in all parts of the country.

NAVAL BILL MAY GO THROUGH SENATE BY VERY CLOSE MARGIN

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 2.—The naval appropriation bill, the subject of a two-hour executive session in the afternoon and a much longer debate on the open floor last night, still had the right of way in the senate today with the possibility of its passage this session being improved by an amendment designed to bring about a conference of the United States, Great Britain and Japan to consider naval disarmament.

The amendment, originally presented by Senator Borah, republican, was put before the senate by Senator Edge, republican, and was unanimously adopted. It requests the president to call a conference of the three powers named, at which the whole question of naval disarmament would be discussed.

The secret session was held at the request of Senator Lodge, chairman of the foreign relations committee, who declared there were some angles of the bill which should not be discussed in public. Relations between the United States and Japan were said to have been the chief subject, although the nation's foreign relations generally were discussed.

Despite the long row over the naval measure the senate last night found time to adopt the conference report on the legislative, executive, and judicial appropriation bill. The bill now goes to the president minus the provision for a \$240 bonus for navy yard and navy arsenal employees.

GERMANY'S NEW OFFER TOTALLY INADEQUATE

**This is the Opinion of London
Newspapers and Representa-
tives of Allied Countries—
Important Conference on To-
day.**

(By The Associated Press.)
LONDON, March 2.—Representatives of the allied nations met here today to frame a categorical answer to the German counter proposals on the reparations question, which were submitted yesterday. It was believed today's meeting would reach a decision upon the allied terms, which are to be handed Dr. Walter Simons, head of the German delegation here tomorrow.

Legal and economic experts attached to the allied delegations met last night with Louis Loucheur, French minister of liberated regions, and prepared a report to be submitted today. This meeting was adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning, and it was expected that the report to the supreme allied council would include a decision whether under the Versailles treaty penalties could be exacted of Germany before May 1. Foreign Minister Stimson, of Paris, is expected to consider the matter before giving careful consideration before drastic action was decided upon, leaving his stand on the ground that a deadlock might mean economic disaster for all Europe.

In the meantime belief was expressed in several quarters that the Germans have not spoken their last word relative to the reparations terms fixed by the supreme council at Paris.

HIS OLD HOMETOWN BIDS HONORED SON FAREWELL AND GOD-SPEED TODAY

**Marion Schools and Business
Houses Closed Today and Every-
body Joined in Big Jolli-
fication as They Tell Harding
Goodbye.**

FRONT PORCH THE SCENE

**President-Elect and Mrs. Harding
Presented With Silver
Plaque—Leave Home Town
Today for Washington.**

MARION, O., March 2.—President-elect Harding's neighbors in Marion and nearby towns bade him goodspeed in the task of the presidency today in a formal farewell that brought to the famous front porch one of the largest gatherings.

Marion schools and business houses closed their doors for two hours to observe the occasion and as the final front porch meeting began, church bells and factory whistles mingled their voices in a unanimous message of good will.

As part of the farewell ceremony the city presented to the president-elect and his wife a silver plaque which bore the inscription: "God's blessing to you."

His appearance at the front porch meeting was Mr. Harding's only engagement for the day and he spent the remainder of his time finally closing the affairs of his campaign headquarters and packing up for his long absence. He and Mrs. Harding will leave for Washington late today and will arrive tomorrow afternoon. Less than 24 hours before the inauguration they planned to go direct to a hotel and remain secluded until they leave for the inaugural ceremonies.

The program arranged for the farewell ceremonies began shortly before noon and was a simple one. Dr. Thomas H. McAfee, pastor of Mr. Harding's church, was chosen to present the plaque, and after a response by Mr. Harding there was an informal reception lasting well into the afternoon.

For his text in the presentation address, Dr. McAfee took the inscription of the plaque: "To Warren Gamaliel Harding and his wife, Florence Kling Harding from the citizens of Marion, in testimony of affection and gratitude for loyal friendship, devotion to the public welfare, and service to the highest conception of American citizenship. God's blessing to you."

The response prepared by Mr. Harding was brief, expressing thanks for the manifestation of friendship and asking the support of his neighbors in the work ahead of him.

GASTONIA KIWANIS CLUB HELD ENJOYABLE LUNCH

The regular semi-monthly luncheon meeting of the Gastonia Kiwanis Club was held in the Armory building Tuesday at noon. Dr. D. A. Garrison presiding and being in charge of the program. Besides members of the club there were several guests present. Dr. E. W. Pressley, of Greenville, S. C., was to have been the principal guest and speaker of the occasion, but telegraphed that he was detained by illness.

Several matters of business were brought up during the course of the meeting. The publicity committee, through Ernest Burrell, presented the matter of devoting an issue of the Charlotte Sunday Observer's photographic edition in May to Gastonia Kiwanis, and the suggestion of the committee was adopted. It was also decided to use a page advertisement in The Gastonia Daily Gazette at an early date to boost the "Boy Now" campaign.

C. Lee Gowan, county agricultural agent, made the following report on the progress of the Boys' and Girls' club work:

"In order that the members of the club may be informed as to the progress of its project, we your committee on Boys' and Girls' Agricultural Club Work, beg to submit the following report for the month of February:

"With the aid of the school supervisors seventeen schools were selected to which the work would be offered. It has been presented to thirteen of these schools and considerable interest is being shown by pupils, teachers and patrons of all except one, Union School, which showed no interest.

"Clubs have already been organized in nine of the schools with a membership of 124 and three more have nearly enough members to organize now. They will probably organize during this month.

"The assistant state agent, Homer H. B. Mask, was secured for eight addresses and the state poultry specialist, Allen G. Oliver, was secured for eleven speeches to schools.

"Miss Elise H. Brown, of Charlotte, has been employed to assist in this work. She has visited nine schools.

The attendance prize, given by Charles D. Gray, was drawn by Mr. A. J. Rankin. Dr. James H. Hendler, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, was present as a guest, and delighted the club members with one of his characteristically humorous speeches.

REPUBLICANS WILL SEEK INTERVIEW WITH HARDING

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 2.—Indicative of a return to the old order of white house conferences with congressional leaders, republican members of the house ways and means committee have decided to seek an interview with President-elect Harding soon after his inauguration.

Chairman Forney, it was said today, plans to call his committee together March 11 to map out a policy as to financial legislation. Before beginning this work, however, he was said to desire a discussion on tariff and revenue legislation with Mr. Harding, and it was assumed the proposed meeting will be sought next week in order that the committee might get down to work on the date scheduled.

Although committee members declined to discuss the plan in detail it was learned that Mr. Forney desires a fuller explanation of Mr. Harding's views on the two principal matters with which the committee will deal during the next session.

Some of the committee members do not believe it wise, in view of the difficulties which have attended the Forney emergency tariff in its recent passage, to attempt the enactment of a second temporary measure, which Mr. Forney has proposed as a stop gap tariff law.

Dr. Chas. E. Barker Tells High School Students How To Succeed

President of Rotary Club,
Gastonia, N. C.
RICHMOND, Va., March 1.—Dr. Barker gave two magnificent addresses here yesterday and spoke at First Baptist church at night Sunday. He will entertain any crowd that you may get him. He is worthy of all the efforts that you can put forth for large crowd. He is a Cracker Jack.

F. T. McFADDEN, President Rotary Club.

Dr. Charles E. Barker, one time private physician to former President Taft, arrived in Gastonia this morning from Richmond, Va., where he has spent the past two days in a series of addresses. Dr. Barker is in Gastonia under the auspices of the Gastonia Rotary Club. He will speak to the women of the city this afternoon at 3:30 and to men in the evening at 8 o'clock. Both addresses will be in the high school auditorium. Dr. and Mrs. Barker will be entertained this evening at dinner at six o'clock in the Armory dining room. Officers and members of the Rotary Club, their wives and holy friends will also be guests.

Upon his arrival in Gastonia Dr. Barker was taken to the High School building, where he addressed the students of the High School. He was given a rousing reception by the High School students, several vigorous yells being given in his honor. For nearly an hour he held the close attention of the boys and girls as he hammered home the truths of his speech.

Knowing both his subject, as a practicing physician for years, and knowing his hearers as only a trained physician can know the human mind and heart, Dr. Barker went into his subject with a blunt and forceful manner and yet one so delicate that the most sensitive could find no offense from his remarks. As he delivered the address, Dr. Barker also applied the remedy for each scratch and left his audience with a fine impression having been created and doubtless much good done.

Taking the three "demands" made by President Garfield for a successful life, he stated as a strong arm, a clear head, and a brave heart, Dr. Barker enlarged upon and explained each in a well rounded manner.

Possibly the most striking illustrations he used during the hour's address, was his reference to some white swans in the Niagara river and of the names of George Washington and Benedict Arnold on the same line in an old register of an institution, both written by the owner of the name and upon the same day.

Dr. Barker used his illustration of the white swans on the river when speaking of the harm of girls allowing boys and automobiles from parties. He stated that he was expressing the mind of every boy in his audience when, turning to the girls, he said:

"You girls might think that the boys like you better when you allow them familiarities, pinning and kissing, but if you do, and severe have here knows it as true, that you lose his respect when you allow such familiarities."

He told a story told by an old judge who has a home on the banks of the Niagara river, near the falls. One day the judge saw a flock of white swans sailing upon the bosom of the river above the falls and that on towards the great gate. When nearing the falls some of the great for his, knowing it was time to leave the water, stretched their great wings and soared away, while others drifted on. Soon they too, discovered that they were nearing the falls and so they opened their pinions and attempted to clear the water.

"They did not know," said the speaker, "that at a certain distance a large the falls the section of that great body of water is such that there are an eddy below from the stream. They tried to clear away but were unable to and were carried over. So they went over the falls, with broken pinions and broken necks — dead."

COLBY WILL ADDRESS COMMERCIAL CONGRESS ON SOUTH AMERICA

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 2.—Admiral Benson, chairman of the shipping board, Matthew Hale, president of the South Atlantic Maritime Corporation, and Dr. J. S. Rowe, director general of the Pan-American Union, were the principal speakers on the program for the morning session of the Southern Commercial Congress, in convention here. The addresses of the first day dealt with shipping and shipbuilding, while Dr. Rowe discussed South American trade.

The afternoon meeting was arranged by the nature of a message by David Lubin, founder and first president of the national institute of agriculture at Chicago. The annual banquet will be held tonight, at which the theme will relate largely to Pan-American affairs. The principal speakers will be Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby and diplomatic representatives of the South American countries.

Opposition to government interference with private business and to new fixing legislation, protection and extension of the foreign trade of the United States through the expansion of the merchant marine and the creation of credit facilities, development of inland waterways, irrigation of waste lands in the west and drainage in the south and the development of manufacturing industries in the southern states were phases advocated by speakers at the sessions of the congress yesterday, the opening day.

In speaking of the strong arm, Dr. Barker stated that President Garfield did not mean a strong arm actually, but meant a strong physical man or woman. He illustrated this by showing how President Roosevelt had come, through daily physical exercise, from a weakling at 14 to a perfect physical man at 21 so that he passed, up until that time, the best physical record at Harvard university and became the most active man in American life in a decade.

In speaking of the clear head, Dr. Barker stated that President Garfield meant more than that. He meant brain capable of consecutive thinking. Dr. Barker stated that unless the students before him, so train their minds in the next few years, they will be failures in life. Ability to concentrate on the matter in hand, he stated, was that Garfield meant by a clear head.

He assured his hearers that an education meant more than a diploma, that and he quoted Charles Huxley:

"The chief purpose of an education is to train the mind, so that you can do the work you have to do in the world, when it ought to be done, whether you want to do it or not."

TO FIX STATUS OF SOUTHERN REPUBLICANS

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 2.—The question of Southern representation in the management of affairs of the republican party was taken up here today by a sub-committee of the republican national committee in preparation for a meeting of the full committee tomorrow. Work of the sub-committee, which has a membership of five, will be entirely informal, Chairman Hays stated, and no decision will be reached in either the subcommittee or full committee meeting.

A delegation of Georgians was on hand to present claims for a reduction in the number of delegates from their state to national conventions, but Mr. Hays said it was unlikely that their statements would be presented until tomorrow.

COLD AND FAIR WEATHER PREDICTED FOR FRIDAY

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 2.—Cold and probably fair weather will prevail here Friday during the inauguration of President Harding, according to a special in- auguration day forecast, issued today by the weather bureau. On the facts of indications available, the government experts said, partly cloudy weather Thursday would turn colder Thursday afternoon and clear up Friday, but with the cold continuing. No forecast as to temperatures was included.

CONVICTED OF FORGERY, PLEADS FOR LENIENCY

(By The Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, March 2.—Richard Mead, convicted in federal court of forging postal money orders for \$908, contends the sentence for this crime should take into consideration the fact that he served five years of a sentence for murder before he received a pardon which stated was not guilty of the crime. Today he was awaiting the decision of Judge Landis on his appeal for a discount on the probable sentence for his present conviction.

Many Matters of Especial Interest to the South Being Considered at Washington Convention.

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SAYS BILL WILL SAVE COUNTY \$5,000 ANNUALLY

Representative H. B. Gaston
Wires Gazette That He Did
Not Oppose New Salary Bill
—Correspondent Was in Er-
ror.

The Gazette received today the following telegram, which is self-explanatory: Raleigh, N. C., Mch. 2.

The Daily Gazette, Gastonia, N. C.

Your Raleigh correspondent was in error in stating that I opposed the salary bill for Gaston officials. This bill was prepared after careful deliberation by Senator Carpenter, Representative Woltz and myself. It shows a saving of approximately five thousand dollars per year. I heartily favor the bill and trust that it meets the approval of the citizens of our county.

WITHERSPOON HAD NO DOMESTIC TROUBLES

Suicide of Cherryville Man Due
to Temporary Dethronement
of Reason Produced
by Brooding Over Financial
Troubles — Was Devoted to
Family and They to Him.

A very regrettable error has been in forming, except into the news story appearing in The Gazette's week days ago relative to the suicide of young Doris Witherspoon in Cherryville township. It was stated that his suicide was rumored to have been due to domestic and financial troubles.

One who is in a position to know the actual facts in this case states that this statement was correct in regard to financial difficulties but grossly erroneous in regard to any domestic troubles. His wife and six little children, whose ages range from two to eleven years, were very much devoted to him and he to them. They had been married nearly twelve years and if the truth were known of their financial difficulties over board of it.

GASTON COUNTY BANKS RANK HIGH AS COMPARED TO RESOURCES OF MECKLENBURG BANKS

An interesting comparison of national banks in Gaston and Mecklenburg counties, compiled from recent reports to the Comptroller of the Currency, shows that two Gaston county national banks, the First and the Citizens, lead the two counties in loans, the First National topping the list with \$3,982,624, and the Citizens coming second with \$3,584,979. In total resources the two Gaston county banks rank second and third. In deposits the two Gaston county banks are second and third. Only one national bank in Charlotte, the Charlotte National Bank, exceeds the two Gaston county banks named, the First and the Citizens. The facts and statements substantiating these figures are from recent reports of banks to the Comptroller of the Currency February 21, 1921, and read as follows:

	Capital, Surplus and Profits	Deposits	Loans	Resources
Charlotte National, Charlotte	\$753,256.80	\$5,649,837.53	\$5,505,691.93	\$5,129,002.84
First National, Gastonia	582,745.82	2,810,032.81	3,982,624.59	4,795,410.88
Citizens National, Gastonia	753,845.21	2,529,172.42	3,584,979.92	4,384,540.61
Commercial National, Charlotte	1,036,266.56	2,427,068.80	2,609,571.93	4,159,124.31
Union National, Charlotte	408,930.26	2,040,897.21	1,725,219.49	2,946,262.49
M & F National Bank, Charlotte	582,955.99	1,911,480.52	2,024,340.33	2,761,484.69
First National, Charlotte	853,706.45	990,503.62	1,543,876.19	2,483,009.87
Third National, Gastonia	394,726.99	609,580.39	981,780.35	1,331,478.21