

Condition Of Injured Truck Driver Termed Critical At Hospital

Skull Fractured in Two Places in Truck-Train Crash, W. H. Barco Undergoes Operation

LITTLE HOPE HELD OUT

Further Investigation of Scene of Accident Throws Additional Light on the Cause of It

The condition of William H. Barco, driver of an oil truck, whose skull was fractured in two places yesterday morning when a Norfolk Southern yard engine crashed into the truck as Barco was about to cross the railroad track at the intersection of Skinner Avenue and Anderson street, was reported as critical this morning at 10:30 o'clock at St. Vincent's Hospital, Norfolk.

In a long distance telephone conversation with members of the hospital staff, it was learned that Barco had just undergone an operation in the hope of saving his life, but that his condition was very bad, and there was only a scant possibility that he might recover.

Barco was taken to the Norfolk hospital yesterday afternoon aboard the 3 o'clock train, accompanied by his wife and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Barco, living on Harrington Road, this city, in the hope that his life might be saved by a difficult operation.

In a telephone conversation with the nurse in charge of the case this afternoon at 1:45 o'clock, it was learned that Barco was showing some signs of improvement. The nurse stated that his pulse was stronger, and that there were other favorable indications, but that it was still too early after the operation to determine anything definite as to his chances for recovery.

Further investigation of the accident throws some light on what at first appeared as inexplicable circumstances surrounding it. A casual examination of the crossing at which it occurred indicated that the driver of a vehicle approaching the point had an unobstructed view of the railroad track for a considerable distance—certainly far enough to avoid a collision with an approaching train.

Skinner Avenue parallels the railroad on both sides of the track. It is unpaired, and a tortuous wheel track on the north side usually is followed by vehicles. That wheel track bends sharply northward a short distance from the crossing, and at that point the view of the railroad track is almost completely blocked by a large umbrella tree in the yard of a colored family. Thus, it was readily possible for one not expecting the approach of a train to be almost on the track before he saw it.

A driver not anticipating danger, therefore, as Barco evidently was not, conceivably could be almost on the track before he observed the train.

The crew of the yard engine which figured in the crash declared they saw Barco's truck approaching the crossing, and shouted and blew the whistle to warn him, but in vain. It is possible that the noise of the oil truck's motor might have kept Barco from noticing or paying attention to the warnings.

The truck was struck broadside by the rear end of the yard engine, and was hurled over, turning turtle as it came to rest a short distance from the railroad track. Barco was thrown out, landing on a wheel of the truck, next to the track. Blood stains covered the wheel.

The injured man was taken to the home of P. T. Gibson, close by the scene of the accident, and was treated promptly by Dr. Howard J. Conns and Dr. R. L. Kendrick. He remained there until just before the arrival of the 3 o'clock train, on which he was taken to Norfolk.

OFFERS STATE HOUSE FOR CUMMINS FUNERAL

Des Moines, Iowa, July 31.—Use of the Iowa State House for a public funeral for Senator A. B. Cummins was offered by Governor John M. Hammill in a telegram from Yellowstone Park, Wyoming. Governor Hammill named Lieutenant Governor Kimball to represent him officially at the funeral. Senator Cummins' death occurred late Friday at his home here.

COTTON MARKET

New York, July 31.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Oct. 17.72, Dec. 17.70, Jan. 17.72, March 17.94, May 18.07. New York, July 31.—Spot cotton closed today steady, middling 10.85, a decline of 10 points. Futures closing bid: October 17.68, December 17.64, January 17.70, March 17.90, May 18.07.

DEATH MAY BE WAS DUE DRUG

Marks of Hypodermic Needle on Arms Drowning Victim Suggest Clue

A powerful drug, offering brief reprieve to him who yields to it, but exacting a terrible price, is believed to have been responsible for the death of Lee Harris, engineer formerly employed by the Eastern Cotton Oil Company at its Hertford plant, who was drowned in the still waters of Harrington Creek yesterday, sometime between midnight and daybreak.

When found by Fire Chief Jerome Flora and George Koehl, a member of the fire department, Harris's body was lying in shallow water so shallow that if he had stood up, his head would have been above the surface. An examination by Dr. J. Fearing, city coroner, late yesterday revealed no marks of violence, but disclosing a number of spots on both arms indicating, one of several conditions probably the continued use of a hypodermic needle.

Persons who viewed the body declared three of the marks were fresh, indicating that the needle had been used only a short time before. Those who knew Mr. Harris well declared that for several years he had been addicted to the use of morphine, and the supposition is that, while temporarily unbalanced by the drug, he wandered down Southern Avenue, started across the precarious walkway left in partially tearing away the bridge for sewer installation, stumbled and fell into the water.

Dr. Fearing decided after his examination that the victim had come to his death by accidental drowning.

Mr. Harris had gone to the home of David Simpson, on Southern Avenue, extended, Thursday to spend the night. Some time between midnight and day, he left the Simpson home, and so far as can be learned, never again was seen alive. A colored woman living near Harrington Creek bridge reported yesterday that she had heard screams late in the night from that direction, and that prompted the search which resulted shortly afterward in discovery of the drowned man.

The body was taken to Hertford last night for funeral services probably some time today, but not decided upon definitely pending the arrival of a sister, Mr. Harris' nearest surviving relative, who is said to be three sisters. He was about 45 years old, and was a widower, his wife having died about a year and a half ago, after a long illness. They left no children.

Virginia Leaguers Impressed With City and Game

President R. A. Jones and Secretary Atkinson, of the Norfolk club in the Virginia League, were highly interested spectators at Friday's memorable eleven inning game reported yesterday at the Elizabeth City and Hertford baseball nine. It is reported also that a scout for the Detroit Tigers was on hand, and that he signed up one of the Hertford players, but this could not be confirmed Saturday.

In a conversation with Pratt Fearing, Elizabeth City baseball mogul, Messrs. Jones and Atkinson expressed themselves as most favorably impressed with the showing of the two teams, with the size of the crowd on hand for the game, and with the city. They did not indicate whether they contemplated signing up any of the players.

The two officials of the Norfolk club motored back home Friday night.

In Air Race

Captain H. E. Honeywell, famous balloon pilot, took his daughter, Edna, with him in the race that featured the Elks convention at Chicago.

ALBEMARLE FAIR DATES OCT. 5-9; MANY FEATURES

Directors Arrange for New and Unique Events for This Year's Big District Exposition Here

AUTOMOBILE RACING

Youngsters of Ten Counties Also Given Opportunity to Win Prizes in Pony Event First Day

The dates for the Greater Albemarle District Fair, held annually here, were decided upon as October 5 to 9, inclusive, at a meeting of the directors of the fair association at the Chamber of Commerce Friday night. It is announced, and various other details incident to the big yearly exposition were worked out.

Two new racing features will be added this year, a pony event, open to boys 10 to 17 years old, and a district automobile race, in which all residents of the 10 counties embracing the Albemarle Fair District will be eligible to enter. The pony race will be held on the opening day, and the automobile event on the closing day. A purse of \$100 will be offered in the former, and one of \$200 in the latter. No entry charge will be made of the boys taking part in the pony race. The usual horse racing will be arranged also.

The directors signed contracts for the free attractions for the fair. These are to include brilliant fireworks displays each night, said to be on a more elaborate scale than ever before attempted here, a balloon race, with a parachute drop, and various comedy and tightrope acts, with two feminine gymnasts.

Prospects are excellent for at least five large scale county exhibits this year, according to County Agent G. W. Falls, who is assisting in that phase of preparations for the fair, and probabilities are that there will be as many as six. Each county exhibiting is allowed \$50 to cover the expense of its display, and ribbons are awarded the winners. Camden County took first place last year.

N. Howard Smith, president of the fair association, presided at the meeting, and agreed to make a personal survey of the fair grounds with a view to determining upon any repairs, renovation and alterations that may be needed. J. W. Foreman, first vice president, and C. O. Robinson, member of the executive committee, agreed to arrange for automobile parking facilities.

The Albemarle District Fair embraces the counties of Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Chowan, Gates, Tyrrell, Hyde, Dare and Washington. Its officers are: N. Howard Smith, president; J. Wesley Foreman, first vice president; J. T. McCabe, second vice president; W. P. Duff, secretary; A. G. James, financial secretary; and R. C. Job, corporation secretary.

Besides the officers, the board of directors comprises W. J. Woodley, Sr., Taylor Grandy, C. O. Robinson, S. H. Johnson, D. W. Morgan, O. F. Gilbert, Buxton White, C. H. Brock, C. W. Stone, T. Nelson and W. Ben Goodwin.

Mr. Falls announces that there will probably be several agricultural and other demonstrations during the fair, under the auspices of the State Department of Agriculture, in which boy and girl club members in the various counties will take part.

The winner of first place in the county exhibits will be awarded a handsome silver loving cup donated by W. P. Duff, of this city.

EDENTON-MACKEYS FERRY IMPROVED

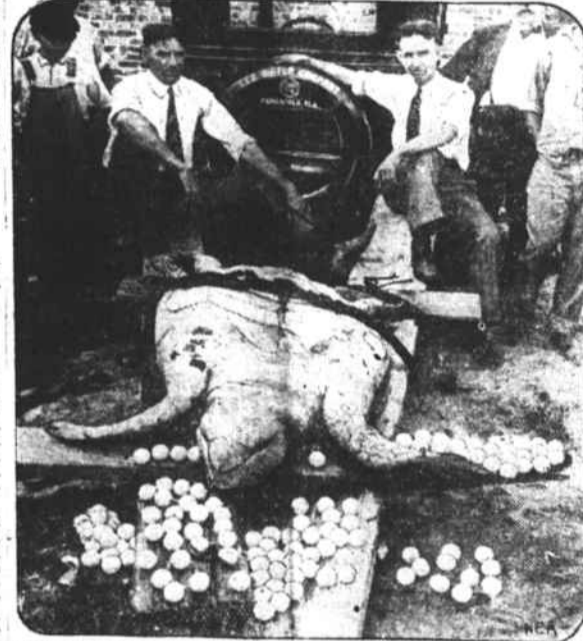
Edenton, July 31.—The Edenton-Mackeys Ferry has again increased its capacity, ferrying over 200 automobiles daily over Albemarle Sound, connecting Highway 90 leading from Raleigh and other towns on the south side of the sound with Numbers 32 and 342 leading by way of Edenton, Elizabeth City and Norfolk on the north side of the sound. A new and larger ferry boat has been added, increasing ferry capacity to 200 or more automobiles daily. Two big automobile transports making 16 trips daily, eight trips each from Edenton and Mackeys, now gives travelers improved service.

This ferry was first sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce at Edenton and has steadily increased its service since organization, meeting the demands of fast growing traffic caused by the excellent condition of improved highways through Northeastern North Carolina and Virginia.

FINED FOR ASSAULT

Richard and John Lee, colored and brothers, were fined \$5 and costs each in recorder's court Saturday morning on a charge of assault, in connection with an affray in the Pritchardtown section a few days ago, in which another negro is said to have received decidedly the worst of it at their hands.

Enough Eggs for Any Picnic



This 456 pound sea turtle and its 140 eggs were captured by members of a picnic party off Pensacola, Fla. Sea turtles, which incidentally are good to eat, are plentiful in that vicinity this summer.

SLIMES INSPECT GOVERNOR'S CAR ISOLATED CASE

Chaufeur and Secretary Governor Does Not Believe Such Crude Is General in State

Raleigh, July 31.—Slimes, a snake, and he did not pause to appraise its length or breed when one glided from under the Governor's car where he was struggling to extract it—the car not the snake—from the mud, according to A. W. Mewshaw, personal secretary to Governor A. W. McLean, who spent an eventful three hours with the Governor's car and Hugh, its colored driver, in an effort to extract it from a mud hole in a by-road near Blowing Rock. The Governor decided he could make better time on foot and walked to the camp where his son was staying, a mile distant, reaching there puffing and perspiring, but none the worse for his tramp up the mountain.

Governor McLean reached Raleigh at 3 o'clock Friday morning, and told the Advance correspondent that despite the 21 hours on the roads, 18 of them in almost constant driving in which 550 miles were covered, he felt refreshed from the day's outing, and better than if he had stayed in his office all-day.

Both Mewshaw and Hugh were almost under the big car trying to jack up the rear wheels in an effort to get out of the mud hole. The Governor had left and went on his way up the mountain. All at once the two under the car had a "funny feeling"—then they saw the big snake glide past from under the car.

There was a frenzied crawling from under the car and a splatter of mud—not by the snake, Mewshaw says that Hugh almost turned white and that neither of them looked back to see where the snake went to. But they took pains to see that there was none under the car before they went back to work getting it out of the mud.

Mewshaw says he never has cared for snakes, and likes them less than ever now.

CONDITION SESSOMS IS MUCH IMPROVED

The condition of Ben Sessoms, who was injured seriously Thursday afternoon by a fall from the roof of the home of W. C. Dawson, West Church street, was reported Saturday as much improved.

Mr. Sessoms is under treatment at Sarah Leugh Hospital, Norfolk. The message on his condition was received by long distance telephone by relatives here Saturday.

TOWN WILL RECREATE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Warren, Ohio, July 31.—The Warren city council will meet at 10 o'clock tonight and repeal its ordinance abolishing the police department. A new ordinance will be adopted re-creating police department as now.

GOVERNOR McLEAN WILL HAVE VACATION

Raleigh, July 31.—Governor McLean accompanied by two of his children will leave either tonight or tomorrow for three weeks' vacation at Land Lakes, Michigan. Mrs. McLean will take a vacation later but her plans are not complete.

DOUGHBOYS NOT SURE THEY CAN INVADE FRANCE

Officers of American Legion Continue Preparations for Reunion There Next Year Just the Same

WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN

If 30,000 Americans Get Over and One Happens to Be Insulted or Affronted, Bomb Might Go Off

By ROBERT T. SMALL

Indianapolis, Ind., July 31.—While officers of the American Legion are continuing their preparations for the proposed reunion of 30,000 doughboys in France next year, some leading members of the soldier organization are beginning to doubt the advisability of this second "invasion" unless French sentiment toward the United States undergoes a marked change during the next 12 months.

Frankly these older heads in the Legion are fearful of what might happen in Paris and other parts of France if 30,000 doughboys should by any chance be insulted or affronted by French conduct, regardless of whether or not that conduct represented the true French feeling. The chances are the doughboys would make the German threat of 1914 seem like nothing more than a dress parade.

If by any chance the visiting American veterans of the World War should become involved in serious difficulties in France, the situation would be most serious. Legionaries point out that if the Legion had been sent for the autumn instead of the fall of 1927, the possibilities of trouble would have been great. There is a very general hope that the hot heads among the French will cool off in the near future, but the fact remains that the whole subject of the debt settlement with America is yet to be threshed out in the French parliament. The discussions may go over until next year, in which event newly aroused resentment of America's position with respect to the war loans might make itself more manifest than anything which has occurred thus far.

Leaders of the Legion have hoped to prevail upon General Pershing, commander-in-chief of the A. E. F., to accept the position of commander of the Legion for the purpose of the pilgrimage to France next year. Recent events in France may make the general more hesitant than ever to accept the role of leader of the new movement across the sea. The general has been in France himself, however and may have a different report to make upon the situation.

Legion officials will be inclined to let General Pershing decide not only as to accepting command of the Legion but as to the advisability of carrying out the well laid plans for the reunion in France.

Newspapers in this section have taken very hotly the recent outbursts of anti-American sentiment in Paris and also are commenting rather freely upon the indirect warning from President Coolidge that Americans abroad should not be too ostentatious in their spending among a poverty-stricken populace. The Indianapolis News, for instance says:

"Americans in Paris have been attacked as representatives of their country, which is evidently highly unpopular. But they have not been attacked by those representatives of the French people or government. Nevertheless it must be accepted as an unpleasant truth that America and Americans are, to put it mildly, not liked in Europe, and are perhaps least in France. The fact is one that should be borne in mind by travelers, especially by the 'pilgrims.' The counsel of the President, therefore, which comes in the usual round about and indirect way, is wise and should be heeded."

Several editorials of the last few days have been headed "Encle Shyluck" one writer going so far as to say that some "no American will spend his vacation money abroad, for he won't dare to leave his own country."

Recent comments on European hatred of America by Senator Borah, of Idaho, chairman of the foreign relations committee, and by Senator Hiram Johnson, of California, also have had their effect in the ranks of the American Legion, although the Toledo Times says:

"It would be a serious mistake to interpret the hysteria as reflecting the real French sentiment. Having been generous, we can afford also to be patient until this unpleasant phase wears itself out."

Legion officials here, who are charged with making arrangements for holding the 1927 convention in Paris, appear to be confident that everything will be smoothed over. They say they have a most cordial invitation from the French government for the reunion and they believe the thousands of doughboys who are counting upon making the trip

A Second Sherlock



This is Gun Show, the famous detective. He's a very busy man in "They Never Knew," the great non-such by Tom Sims, which starts in The Daily Advance Monday.

Tourists Turning To Scotland And England

London, July 31.—England and Scotland expect to draw large benefits from the anti-tourist outbursts in France. In the course of the week, many American tourists intending to spend their holidays on the continent, after reading the wireless reports decided to land at Plymouth and Southampton instead of at Cherbourg and Havre.

Hotels in London which expected the usual August dull season now are booked almost to capacity while the hotel owners in Scotland are renting rooms in private homes to accommodate the large numbers of American and British tourists.

Railway companies report that bookings to the continent, which in the last few years have been very heavy during the bank holidays, are most unsatisfactory.

"While in former years all special trains were booked weeks in advance," said a railway official, "this year we have cancelled a few extras and still have plenty of room in the ordinary trains."

Several hundred thousand English people, scared by reports that they are unwelcome in France and also by the fact that hotels and restaurants there have put up prices for foreigners exceeding in some cases the English hotels, have decided to spend their usual four days of rest in their own country. It was estimated that last year English tourists spent during the bank holidays \$5,000,000 to \$7,000,000 more than 70 per cent of which amount will be lost to France now.

ORPHAN CONCERT DELIGHTS CROWD

Singing Class of Goldsboro Institution to be at Shiloh Monday Night

A good sized audience enjoyed a concert given by the singing class of the Odd Fellows' Orphanage, of Goldsboro, in the high school auditorium here Friday night, despite the exceedingly hot weather, and a considerable sum was received in a silver offering taken during the program.

The class left Saturday for Columbus, Currituck County, to give concerts at Currituck Court house Saturday night and at Shiloh, Camden County, Monday night. The latter program will conclude their itinerary in this immediate section.

Those who attended the concert here expressed themselves as delighted with it.

MRS. HALL REMAINS SECLUDED IN HOME

New Brunswick, N. J., July 31.—After a night of speculation as to the whereabouts of Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, reporters were today told that she had not left her home after returning to it from Somerset County Jail last night on bail.

Mrs. Hall was arrested Wednesday charged with the murder four years ago of her husband, Reverend Edward Wheeler Hall, pastor of New Brunswick Church, and Mrs. Eleanor Mills, a choir singer.

It would be a serious mistake to interpret the hysteria as reflecting the real French sentiment. Having been generous, we can afford also to be patient until this unpleasant phase wears itself out."

Twenty-four ships have been chartered for the movement overseas scheduled to begin in September of next year. Thirty thousand is a minimum estimate for the proposed pilgrims. Some guess run as high as fifty thousand. The balloon convention in Paris would mean millions of dollars to the French people.

FISH AND CIGARS MAKE VISITORS WAX OPTIMISTIC

They Go Away Talking About the Popularity of Mr. Coolidge, and Who Could Blame Them?

FORD A FAVORITE

Motion Pictures Made with Airplane Manufacturer After Similar Requests Had Been Denied

By DAVID LAWRENCE

Paul Smith's New York, July 31.—While the outside world may credit President Coolidge with the explainable motive of asking a well-earned rest from government and politics, not so with the corps of correspondents who hold almost daily debates on the question of what the President's true purpose is in inviting callers, who, upon leaving the executive offices, give out the most glowing reports on his political strength and who invariably predict that he will be a candidate for a third term.

Opinion seems to be unanimous that the President's motive is here simply for the mountain air and the comforts of White Pine Camp. As for Richard Washburn Child, former ambassador to Italy, there is divided opinion, some advancing the view that he spoke for the President when he said there was nothing to the objections raised to the third term and that the country assumed Mr. Coolidge would run again, and others venturing the suggestion that Mr. Child was expressing his own personal views without inspiration from the President.

Attaches to the way Representative Snell, chairman of the House Rules Committee, handled the question when he emerged from a brief visit with the President. At because Mr. Snell is a practical politician and because he knew what had been said earlier in the day by Mr. Child considerable weight can be given to his cautious observation.

Mr. Snell didn't want to be quoted at all on the subject, and pressed for a reason. Let it be known that he believed it was premature to be discussing 1928 politics. On the minds of the correspondents he left the impression that third term talk now was embarrassing, that people would begin to analyze everything the President did as having a political motive if 1928 were dangled too closely before their eyes, and Mr. Snell knew the President well enough to feel that things like that would never influence Mr. Coolidge's decisions.

There is a certain burden of proof, however, on the President that side. Mr. Ford came here to White Pine Camp at the invitation of the executive offices for the sole purpose of permitting him to be interviewed and then photographed with the President. As to the motion pictures of Edsel Ford, this is important because not long ago Mr. Coolidge declined to be photographed with Governor Al Smith and he also declined the request of the photographers that he pose with Secretary of the Navy William C. Duff.

Last summer Mr. Coolidge excited the curiosity of the newspaper correspondents by declining to be photographed with Vice President Duwes at Swampscott. So when he does give permission it is considered a certain sign of Presidential approval.

It is argued that Mr. Ford's visit was a distinct contribution, for in a sense it offset reports of poverty in the corn belt. Mr. Ford said they were selling more Ford cars in the West than usual and mentioned only one or two states as being behind their average. After the crisis of "wolf" from the western farmer. For if automobiles can be bought in large quantities, a generally prosperous condition is presumed.

Mr. Ford did talk of the President's political strength as did Richard Washburn Child on the succeeding day. Under the spell of Presidential cigars and the satiating influence of Presidential pike caught by the Presidential rod and reel, it was hardly to be expected that guests would emerge and shake their heads dubiously when the reporters asked if he was popular in the country at large.

Anyway the exuberance of the guests on the subject of Coolidge political strength has caused just a bit of concern in executive quarters and the wise piece of practical politics injected by Representative Snell will hereafter furnish the cue for invited guests, though, to be sure, National Committee-man Mulvaney last year at Swampscott predicted that Mr. Coolidge would be the Republican candidate in 1928. So there is ample precedent, both political and social for saying nice things about Mr. Coolidge when one has just been banqueted at the festive board of the President.

NOTHING UNLUCKY ABOUT 13; READ 'THEY NEVER KNEW'

The final prize for the cleverest "They Never Knew" goes to Suzanne Melick. Suzanne is 13 years old, but not unlucky. Hers is her prize-winner. "One drink of bootleg and 'They Never Knew' what happened but Judge Sawyer said 'Thirty days and center.' This closes the 'They Never Knew' contest. Sorry there aren't more prizes, but the best is yet to come, for Tom Sims' Jolly comedy-serial, 'They Never Knew' begins Monday in The Daily Advance. Don't miss the final chapter.