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TWO TRAINS COLLIDE

Disastrous Wreck On The Wabash Railroad.

APPALLING LOSS OF HUMAN LIFE.

One Whole Train Burned—The Engines Wrecked—Misunderstanding of Orders.

Detroit, Mich., Special.—One of the most disastrous wrecks in the history of the Wabash railroad, or any other Michigan road, occurred at Seneca, Mich., a small way station about 70 miles southwest of Detroit, between 7 and 7:30 o'clock Wednesday night.

Train No. 13, an emigrant train, with two engines, westbound, collided, under a full head of steam, with train No. 4, eastbound, about one mile from Seneca. The result was that five or six coaches on the emigrant train were crushed and its load of human freight were sent into eternity in a moment, while the coach on train No. 4, which consisted of a parlor car, dining and a baggage car, was also telescoped and four dead bodies have been taken from the ruins.

It is not known how many people there were on the emigrant train, but the number of dead and injured will be anywhere from 60 to 150.

The people on that train were caught like rats in a trap and crushed. Then the wreck caught fire and those who were not instantly killed were slowly roasted to death and none of the few spectators who hastily gathered from the farm houses nearby were able to afford aid. The whole emigrant train was soon consumed by the flames and every person on that train, it is reported now, was killed.

Farmers residing along the track rushed in on the blazing mass to rescue those whom they thought might be alive. The bodies hauled out of the wreck were taken to nearby farm houses, which are filled with dead, and a large number of injured were taken to a hospital at Peru, Ind.

Along the track long lines of burned bodies lie covered with blankets, presenting a gruesome sight. It may be possible that the exact number of killed or who they are will never be known. At present it is impossible to get anything resembling a list of the injured or dead from Seneca.

The Bonine Trial.

Washington, D. C., Special.—The principal witness before the criminal court in which Mrs. Loia Ida Bonine is being tried for the murder of James S. Ayres was Dr. Martin W. Glazebrooke, the deputy coroner for the District of Columbia, who conducted the autopsy upon the body of Ayres. He described in detail the three wounds on the young man's body, and the court scribe, stripped to the waist, was used to illustrate the location and course of the wounds for the instruction of the jury. Dr. Glazebrooke also testified that Mrs. Bonine had given him her version of the manner in which Ayres came to his death, claiming that the wounds were inflicted while the pistol was in Ayres' hands, and illustrating how the tragedy occurred, but he thought that it was impossible for the wounds to have been made with the weapon in Ayres' own hand. She told him that he was at her back and had his arms clasped about her when the shots were fired.

Johnson A. Cooper, John A. Taff and Michael Kane testified that Ayres was sober on the night of the tragedy. Dr. Glazebrooke described the three wounds in the body of the victim. One was in the left arm; one in the left thigh and one in the breast. All except the thigh wound showing powder burns, indicating that the weapon had been in close proximity to the body when at least two shots were fired. The witness said he had experimented with the pistol found in Ayres' room, and he was about to relate the particular experiments when counsel on both sides, desiring to have surgeons present to hear the statement, secured a suspension of this testimony until afternoon.

Three colored female servants related incidents of Ayres' life at the Kenmore hotel. One of them said that she had heard Ayres order Mrs. Bonine to get out of his room and remain out; another that she saw Ayres and Mrs. Bonine coming out of the former's room together, and a third that upon one occasion Ayres had shown indifference, when told that Mrs. Bonine was ill.

CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

Charges To Be Served By Methodist Ministers During the Year.

The Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which has been in session at Gastonia, adjourned on Monday night.

After resolutions of thanks and other business was all finished, the minutes of the evening session were read and approved, and Bishop Hargrove read the appointments for the ensuing year, as follows:

ASHEVILLE DISTRICT—R. H. PARKER, P. E.
Asheville—Central—Frank Siler.
Haywood Street—E. L. Bain, and J. C. Troy, supernumerary.
North Asheville—E. K. McLarty.
Bethel—J. W. Moore.
Weaverville Station—A. W. Plyler.
Weaverville Circuit—L. B. Abernethy.
Swannanoa District—G. W. Crutchfield.
Cane Creek Circuit—J. W. Campbell.
Saluda Circuit—J. D. Gibson.
Hendersonville Station—W. M. Curtis.
Ivy Circuit—D. R. Proffitt.
Bald Creek Circuit—J. W. Bradley.
Burnville Circuit—J. S. Eagan.
Marshall Circuit—J. M. Roland, supply.
Hot Springs Circuit—J. F. Armstrong, supply.
Old Fort Circuit—J. C. Mock.

FRANKLIN DISTRICT—J. A. COOK, P. E.
Franklin Station—Ira Erwin.
Franklin Circuit—J. C. Postelle.
Macon Circuit—J. H. Moore.
Webster Circuit—E. Meyers.
Whittier Circuit—J. A. J. Farrington.
Cherokee—A. W. Jacobs.
Bryson City and Bushnell—W. F. Elliott.
Nantahala Circuit—B. V. Cordell, supply.
Robbinville Circuit—O. P. Ader.
Andrews Circuit—T. C. Jordan.
Murphy Station—A. T. Bell.
Hiwassee Circuit—J. J. Welsh, supply.
Hayesville Circuit—W. A. Thomas.
Glennville Circuit—J. J. Edwards.

CHARLOTTE DISTRICT—J. C. ROWE, P. E.
Charlotte—Tryon Street—T. F. Marr.
Trinity—G. H. Detwiler.
Brevard Street—L. A. Falls.
Calvary—A. R. Surratt.
Hopkins—J. J. Eads.
Dilworth—R. G. Tuttle.
Epworth and Seversville—J. F. Butt, supply.

Ansonville—J. H. Brendle.
Clear Creek—B. F. Fincher.
Derita—W. L. Nicholson.
Lilesville—S. S. Gasque.
Matthews—W. Legathe.
Monroe Station—W. M. Bagby.
Monroe Circuit—W. V. Honeycutt.
Morven—L. E. Staley.
Pineville—H. C. Sprinkle.
Polkton—E. G. Pusey.
Wadesboro—D. M. Litaker.
Waxhaw—M. T. Steele.
Weddington—R. M. Taylor.

GREENSBORO DISTRICT—J. R. SCROGGS, P. E.
West Market Street—S. B. Turrentine.

Centenary—M. A. Smith.
Spring Garden—L. W. Crawford.
Proximity—J. P. Triplett.
Greensboro Circuit—J. E. Woosley.
Reidsville—Main Street—D. V. Price.
Ware's Chapel—S. P. Douglass.
Wentworth—A. S. Raner.
Ruffin—J. B. Davis.
Pleasant Garden—E. J. Poe and P. L. Groom, supernumerary.
Liberty—G. E. Eaves.
Ransom Station—T. S. Ellington.
Asheboro—J. P. Rodgers.
Asheboro Circuit—J. F. Alfred, supply.
Uwharrie—W. S. Hale.
Jackson Hill—C. H. Caviness.
Randleman and Naomi Station—L. T. Cordell.
Randolph—C. A. Wood.
West Randolph—J. P. Lanning.
High Point—Washington Street—J. E. Gay.

South Main—G. F. Kirby.
Crowell—Gus Crater.
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Missionary Secretary—W. L. Grisom.
Headmaster, Trinity High School—A. A. Carter.
Superintendent Public School in High Point—G. H. Crowell.
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Mt. Airy Station—Z. Paris.
Mt. Airy Circuit—V. G. Marsh.
Pilot Mountain—A. T. Coburn, supply.

Stokes—W. L. Davidson.
Rockford—J. W. Strider.
East Bend—A. J. Burrus.
Elkin—W. H. Leith.
Jonesville—S. E. Richardson.
Wilkesboro—E. P. Greene.
North Wilkesboro—J. B. Tabor.
Boone—B. F. Hargett.
Watauga—S. Taylor.
Jefferson—L. P. Bogle.
Creston—T. B. Johnston.
Healing Springs—Ambros Weaver, supply.
Laurel Springs—W. I. Hughes.
Sparta—T. J. Houck, supply.

MORGANTON DISTRICT—C. G. LITTLE, P. E.
Morganton Station—R. D. Sherrill.
Morganton Circuit—J. W. Jones.
Connelly Springs—J. A. Clarke.
Table Rock—A. E. Wiley.
Bakersville—J. D. Carpenter.
Elk Park—To be supplied.
Estatee—J. J. Brooks.
Marion Station—T. E. Waggoner.
McDowell—L. E. Peeler.
Rutherfordton Station—C. C. Thompson.
Forest City and Thermal Station—L. L. Smith.
Rutherford—J. B. Carpenter.
Henrietta and Caroleen—H. H. Jordan.
Broad River—W. O. Goode.
Green River—W. H. Perry.
Mooresboro—James Wilson.
President Rutherford College—C. C. Weaver.

Financial Agent Rutherford College and Weaverville College—W. G. Matalance.
Professor of Mathematics in Rutherford College—J. T. Erwin.
SALISBURY DISTRICT—W. W. BAYS, P. E.
Salisbury—First Church—H. L. Atkins.

Main Street—W. Y. Scales.
East Salisbury—R. G. Barrett.
Spencer—T. A. Sikes.
Concord—Central—J. A. B. Fry.
Forest Hill—J. N. Huggins.
Epworth—J. H. Barnhardt.
Concord Circuit—J. W. Bradley.
Mt. Pleasant—C. M. Pickens.
China Grove—E. N. Crowder.
Norwood Station—J. O. Shelley.
Cottonville and Big Lick Circuit—C. E. Steadman, supply.

Albemarle Station—G. T. Rowe.
Albemarle Circuit and Century—C. M. Gentry, and one to be supplied.
Salem Station—P. W. Tucker.
Gold Hill—J. S. Nelson.
Lexington Station and East Lexington—J. D. Arnold.
Linwood and West Lexington—D. P. Tate, and one to be supplied.
Woodside—A. G. Loftin.
Woodleaf—B. F. Carpenter.

STATESVILLE DISTRICT—J. E. THOMPSON, P. E.
Statesville—First Church—H. K. Boyer.
West End—J. M. Downum.
Statesville Circuit—R. B. Shelton.
Alexander Circuit—J. W. Bowman.
Stony Point Circuit—R. T. N. Stevenson.

Catawba Circuit—R. S. Howle.
Newton Circuit—T. J. Rogers.
Maiden Circuit—W. S. Cherry.
Iredell Circuit—P. L. Terrell.
Hickory Station—T. A. Boone.
Caldwell Circuit—G. W. Ivey.
Granite Falls Station—G. W. Callahan.

Lenoir Station—N. R. Richardson.
Lenoir Circuit—J. T. Stover.
Mooresville Station—Parker Holmes, and A. H. Triplett, supernumerary.
Mooresville Circuit—J. M. Price.
Troutman Circuit—J. J. Havner.
Mt. Zion Station—C. M. Campbell.
President of Davenport Female College—R. C. Craven.

SHELBY DISTRICT—J. H. WEAVER, P. E.
Shelby Station—C. F. Sherrill.
Shelby Circuit—W. F. Womble.
Gastonia—Main Street—H. F. Chreitberg.
West End and Ozark—J. H. Bradley.
King's Mountain Station—G. D. Herman.
Selwood—W. P. McGhee, and A. G. Gaunt, supernumerary.
Polkville—J. W. Clegg.
Palm Tree and Lawndale Station—R. M. Hoyle.
Cherryville—J. W. Ingle.

Lincolnton and McKendree Station—T. T. Salyer.
Lincoln Circuit—J. F. England.
Stanley Creek—J. H. West.
Lowesville and Mountain Island—J. J. Gray.
South Fork—A. S. Howell.
McAdenville Station—R. M. Courtenay.
Lowell—M. H. Hoyle.
Bessemer City Station—G. G. Harly.
Elbethel—W. H. McLaurin.
Rock Springs—B. A. York.
Professor in Trinity College—P. T. Durham.
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Waynesville Station—J. E. Abernethy.

Clyde—J. D. Rankin.
Canton—C. P. Goode.
Crab Tree and Pine Creek—J. C. Keever.
Jonathan—F. F. Glenn.
Sulphur Springs—D. F. Carvey.
Leicester—W. M. Boring.
Brevard—A. H. Whisner.
Transylvania—J. B. Hyde, supply.
Mills River—J. A. Sronce.
French Broad—To be supplied.
Spring Creek—To be supplied.
Sunday School Editor—James Atkins.

WINSTON DISTRICT—D. ATKINS, P. E.
Winston—Centenary—W. R. Ware.
Burkhead—H. Turner.
Grace—W. F. Willis.
Southside and Winston—W. M. Biles.
Lewisville—A. F. Bryant.
Thomasville—P. J. Carraway.
Kernersville—D. H. Coman.
Davidson—P. E. Parker.
Walkertown—S. T. Barber.
Summerfield—W. M. Robbins.
Stokesdale—T. H. Pegram.
Madison—J. A. Bowles.
Leakesville and Spray—A. L. Stanford.
Stoneville and Mayodan—Amos Gresson, supply.
Danbury—J. T. Rutledge.
Mocksville Station—W. L. Sherrill.
Farmington—M. H. Vestal.
Coaleme—J. B. Craven.
Davis—W. C. Wilson.

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Transferred to the South Carolina Conference—J. D. Gibson.
Transferred to the New Mexico Conference—S. D. Stamey.

Received by transfer from the North Carolina Conference—J. T. Bagwell, referred to the committee on Conference, relations for the superannuated relation.
The next session will be held at Monroec.

Schley in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Special.—Rear Admiral Schley, who, with his wife, arrived here Tuesday to remain until Wednesday as the guest of Col. A. K. McClure, was the centre of an enthusiastic demonstration at the Broad Street station of the Washington Railroad when the big train shed. More than a thousand persons congregated in the station to see the admiral and when he stepped from the train the crowd set up a wild cheer. The people massed around him and it was with difficulty that the police opened a passage way for him to leave the station.

Two New Strikes in Tampa.

Tampa, Fla., Special.—Two new strikes have developed since the six months La Resistencia strike was declared off a week ago. The Union Box Makers are on strike on the ground that the manufacturers refuse to open their factories as union shops and declare that union and non-union men can work together. The Trades Federation has this strike under advisement. About 25 cigar makers struck in the factory of Sanchez & Haya on the charge that the factory was not paying the scale in the packing room. This, however, did not interfere with the business of the house, as a big majority of the employes remained and it is claimed that the same scale is paid as in other factories of the city.

Wants Government to Build Ships.

Washington, Special.—There is a systematic and wellorganized movement among the various labor organizations of the country looking to legislation at the coming session of Congress for the construction at government navy yards of some of the warships as authorized by Congress. The unions and resolutions of labor unions in that direction from all quarters. Navy is being overwhelmed with petitions.

Posse After McGee.

Rome, Ga., Special.—A posse of 50 men, accompanied by blood hounds, left Cave Spring Thursday morning in pursuit of John B. McGee, who shot and instantly killed Frank L. Miller, in Floyd county. Both men are well known and Miller was a Confederate veteran McGee. It is said, accused Miller of shooting at his children, but this he denied. McGee is known as a desperate man, and the posse expects that he will fight before being taken.

That the Japanese are a cleanly race is evidenced by the fact that in the city of Tokio there are 800 public baths, which are patronized by 300,000 people daily.

27 BLOWN TO DEATH

And More Than Twenty Others Seriously Hurt.

RESULT OF A BOILER EXPLOSION.

A Three Story Building in Detroit Demolished and Many People Were Killed or Injured.

Detroit, Special.—Twenty-six men are dead, five of them unidentified, and so terribly burned and blackened that identification is almost impossible, and 24 other men are lying in the various hospitals of the city suffering from terrible cuts and burns and other injuries, all results of the explosion of one of the boilers in the Penberthy Injector Company's large plant at the corner of Abbott street and Brooklyn avenue, at 9:30 o'clock Tuesday.

Following is a list of the dead: A. E. Hoffman, Louis Henning, Patrick Malloy, A. E. Miller, Eugene Botram, R. Mulke, Joseph Coffey, Charles Marvin, Joseph Koseck, Stephen Chriss, George Schenor, Charles Lady, Jacob Koebel, William Mann, Christopher Walman, Robert Creer, Edward Burch, John Chaible, Richard Ryan, Douglass Dickinson, boy; Peter Doll, five unidentified bodies.

In addition to the 24 injured there are many who suffered comparatively slight injuries, aside from the shock, were taken to their homes. Twenty-five men and boys have not as yet been located either at their homes or at the hospitals. The ten unidentified bodies account for ten of these, and the officers of the company say they feel positive that the major portion of the remaining 15 are by tonight at their homes. Tonight a great force of men is searching the ruins by electric light and the work will not be stopped until every foot has been examined.

The Penberthy Injector Company's plant occupied half a square at the corner of Abbott street and Brooklyn avenue. It was composed of two brick buildings, separated by a 16-foot alley. The rear building in which the boiler was located and which was completely destroyed, was three stories in height, 140 in depth and 100 feet wide. The boiler room was located at the north-west corner of the building on the first floor. It was in this building that most of the manufacturing was done. The first floor was utilized as the engine and boiler room and a room for testing the output of the plant. The finishing and brass manufacturing department was located on the second floor, and the third floor was devoted to the foundry. It is impossible to tell exactly how many men were at work in the various departments of this rear building when the explosion occurred, but the officers insist that the number was not over 85. There were four boilers in the plant, two horizontal ones which furnished steam for the engines and two vertical boilers which were used solely to test injectors. It was the horizontal boiler which was in use which let go and caused the awful loss of life.

The awful crash came without the slightest warning. Those in the front building said it seemed like the concussion of an immense cannon. The roof and floors of the rear building bulged upward and then crashed down with their heavy loads of machinery and foundry apparatus. Walls, roofs and all dropped into a shapeless mass of debris. Windows in houses for a block around were broken by the concussion, and flying bricks filled the neighboring yards. A dense cloud of dust arose, and as it settled, and was succeeded by dense clouds of smoke and steam, agonized cries began to come from the heap of tangled wood, metal and bricks. Those who were only partly burned frantically dug themselves out, and then as energetically turned to digging for their comrades who were buried deeper.

Tombstones a Wedding Gift.

Danville, Ky., Special.—Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, the aged sextons of the Baptist church, celebrated their golden wedding. One of the gifts was a \$50 tombstone from a marble dealer in the city which is prized very highly by the couple. They are preparing to have it erected on their lot in the cemetery.