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EIGHT KILLED AND 38 INJURED

TWO NEW YORK WOODEN ELEVATED CARS PLUNGE TO STREET.

MASS OF SPLINTERED DEBRIS

Driver of Delivery Truck Caught Under Train, Rose White and Trembling.

New York.—Eight persons were killed and 38 injured when two wooden cars plunged from a Brooklyn elevated structure into the borough's busiest traffic intersection.

The two-car train, well filled with an early afternoon crowd of women, children and a few men jumped the rails, ripped through rotted guard beams, tottered on the edge of the structure while hundreds of passers-by stood spellbound in terror, and pancaked on its side to the pavement, a mass of splintered debris.

Carrying with it a mesh of electric trolley wires, the train hurled to the pavement amid spurts of blue flame and crackling wires. As screams of the pinioned passengers, many of them transfixed by jagged sections of broken wood, rose above the crash, flames shot from underneath the cars and drove back pedestrians who ran to the scene.

The driver of a delivery truck, the radiator of which had been caught under the falling train, rose, white and trembling, from his seat burst into tears and staggered away. Two women, shaking as if with palsy, their faces bleeding from cuts, climbed out of the wreck and walked after him.

Within a few minutes a dozen pieces of fire apparatus and police patrols had broken their way through a cordon of several hundred bystanders. A score of ambulances arrived as the firemen fought to choke off the flames.

Police, ambulance internes, and employees of the railway, wielding axes, feverishly extricated one after another of the victims. Two hours were required to clear the wreckage of the bodies of living and dead.

Edward Parcell, motorman of the train, who escaped without a scratch, was arrested, charged with homicide. While hundreds of employees with 50 wreckage cars removed the debris which was stretched for 50 square yards on the pavement, Mayor Hylan, District Attorney Dodd, Gerhardt Dahl, chairman of the board of directors of the Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit company, and the police started inquiries into the cause of the accident.

The mayor and district attorney, after inspecting 25 yards of ties which had been ripped to splinters, announced their opinion that the loss of life had been caused by faulty construction.

"I am convinced," said the mayor, "that the accident was caused by a defective truck leaving the tracks and crashing through a rotten guard rail, which, if good, should have prevented the fall to the pavement."

Sees Dangers of Real Fight.

Washington.—When his attention was called to that section of the Volstead act which declares that ships illegally carrying liquor shall be seized and those persons in charge of them arrested, Prohibition Commissioner Haynes made this statement: "The prohibition department has not insisted upon the seizure of the foreign ships that have brought liquors into American territorial waters for two principal reasons, to-wit: "The question involved concerning the liquor is whether they may, as claimed by the foreign vessel, be used for medicinal purposes, and they are brought into our waters with an avowed purpose to test that question legally, and for this purpose the presence of the subject matter of dispute only, to-wit, the liquors, is required.

"For the reason of delicacy involved, it being the purpose of the department to proceed in unobstructive manner as is consistent with a proper enforcement of the law and thus avoid complications that might possibly be of a serious nature."

Commissioner Haynes and prohibition headquarters law officers draw a distinction between vessels which are avowedly or obviously rum runners and legitimate merchant men. The former class of ships, the officials said, have been and would be seized but in the present cases in New York the ends of justice would be met merely by seizing the beverage liquor found aboard.

TEN DEAD, MANY HURT IN TORNADO.

Aberdeen, S. D.—Ten persons were said to have perished and scores of others were injured when a tornado laid waste a wide stretch of prosperous farming country for forty miles in the vicinity of Reeder and Hettinger, N. D., Adams county, Sunday evening, according to word received here.

WILL SEIZE ALL SHIPS LIQUOR

TREASURY TO STAND PAT AND BREAK SEALS ON BRITISH SHIP.

After Transferring Alcohol to Bonded Warehouse Master of Vessel to Get Receipt.

Washington. — Beverage liquor brought into American territorial waters under foreign government seals will be seized.

This policy was announced at the treasury, and when the liner Berengaria docks at New York customs agents will break the British seals that guard her beverage liquor stores and take charge of them. Any other attempts to bring intoxicating beverages inside the three mile limit, it was declared, will be dealt with in the same fashion.

Announcement of the treasury's determination to stand pat on its regulations, issued to carry out the recent supreme court ship liquor decision, was made after a day of conferences between Secretary Mellon and his advisers and officials of the state department. It came after Mr. Mellon had made it known that the decision of the treasury would remain confidential until an occasion arose requiring action. It was nevertheless made clear that the decision was unqualified and positive.

The procedure to be followed in the case of the Berengaria, and it is assumed in respect to other ships making like efforts to retain beverage liquors sufficient for the seizure of sealed warehouses, and the issuance of receipts to masters of the vessels involved. No trouble is anticipated, for, in the cases of the Berengaria and the liner Olympic which is now on the seas bound for New York, the American agents of the lines operating the vessels have been fully informed of what the treasury intends to do.

Assistant Collector Stuart, of the port of New York, conferred with the lines' agents and advised Assistant Secretary Moss of the treasury department by telephone that each shipping representative will file a formal protest against the American government's action as soon as it is taken. Such protests, in the natural course, will be forwarded to Washington for consideration. Neither Mr. Mellon nor Mr. Moss would discuss possible action by the treasury on the protests, the former explaining that such a course was the obvious one for the shipping companies to take under the circumstances.

Prices Decline Figures Indicate.

Washington.—Wholesale prices declined appreciably in May from the April figures, according to information gathered by the labor department in representative markets. On 404 commodities a drop of near two per cent from April was indicated. Foodstuffs and house furnishing goods, however, remained unchanged.

Fuel and lighting materials, the department's statement said, were five per cent lower, due to continued declines in bituminous coal, coke, crude and refined petroleum and gasoline. Clothes and clothing declined two per cent resulting from declines in cotton goods and raw silks. Farm products and chemicals and drugs averaged approximately one and one-half per cent lower, while smaller declines were reported in groups of building materials, metal products and miscellaneous commodities.

Comparing prices in May with those of a year ago, the general level had risen five and one-half per cent. Metals and metal products showed the largest increase, 27 3-4 per cent, and building materials were next with an increase of 26 1-4 per cent. Cloths and clothing had increased 14 3-4 per cent. Chemicals and drugs 9 3-4 per cent.

Garvey is Given Five-Year Term.

New York.—Marcus Garvey self-elected provisional President of Africa was sentenced to the Atlanta penitentiary for five years for fleeing the public through sale of Black Star Line stock.

FATAL ACCIDENT IN HARDING PARTY

SUMNER CURTIS AND DRIVER KILLED IN AUTOMOBILE CRASH.

THE PRESIDENT NOT ALONG

Car Turns Over Mountain Precipice Near Denver, Killing Two and Injuring Several.

Denver.—Sumner Curtis, of Washington, representative of the republican national committee accompanying President Harding's party on its western trip, was killed and three other men were injured seriously, one fatally, when the automobile in which they were making a mountain tour plunged off the road into Bear Creek canyon, 25 miles from Denver.

The injured were Donald Craig, manager of the Washington bureau of The New York Herald; Thomas Dawson, Colorado state historian and veteran Washington newspaper man, and Thomas French, of Denver, who was driving the car.

Thomas French, driver of the car, died on the way to hospital. The extent of the injuries sustained by Mr. Craig and Mr. Dawson had not yet been learned definitely.

An operation was performed immediately at the county hospital in an effort to save Mr. Craig's life. His scalp was severely lacerated and it was feared he had sustained a fractured skull and internal injuries.

Mr. Dawson suffered fractured ribs, injuries to his spine, a lacerated foot and possibly internal injuries, according to physicians at the hospital.

President Harding telephoned to the hospital to learn the condition of the injured as soon as he received word of the accident. The President expressed deep regret over the tragedy.

The tragedy occurred near the mountain home C. C. Yates, Denver rubber manufacturer, near the spot where the automobile, uncontrollable, because of a broken steering gear, dropping off a cliff at a treacherous curve and plunged into the rocky bed of Bear creek. French's body was brought to Denver and the other two victims were taken to hospital here.

The four men were returning from Lookout mountain, where they had attended a luncheon extended by the Denver Press club. Curtis was dead when other members of the party, composed of correspondents accompanying the Harding party and Denver newspaper men who followed in other automobiles, reached the wrecked machine.

Failures Have Little Effect.

New York.—The failure of the two old stock exchange houses had an adverse, though transient, effect on sentiment in the financial markets during the past week. Speculators for the decline took advantage of the news to circulate all kinds of extravagant rumors regarding additional insolvencies and offered large amounts of stocks and commodities on the principal exchanges.

As a matter of fact, it appears that the failures in question, which involved houses specializing in foreign exchanges and securities, and which had extensive German connections, had little significance as far as the domestic position is concerned. They measured, according to most observers, the difficulties of carrying on foreign business under existing conditions. In the best informed quarters it was said that the domestic banking and brokerage position is quite sound and that nothing is known of any difficulties of a disturbing character.

In confirmation of this view, it was pointed out that the bears executed a sharp about-face after having pressed their initial advantage and after good buying appeared at the lower prices. In general the view that good fall business is in prospect was maintained. The sluggishness of the markets was explained on the basis of the season of the year and the conservatism of buyers in placing new orders for forward delivery.

Streams of Lava Are Decreasing.

Catania, Italy.—The crater of Mount Etna is still puffing and rumbling but the streams of lava are rapidly decreasing in volume and in speed. The situation in the afflicted district is gradually becoming normal; the people have resumed their ordinary work and many are engaged in refitting their dismantled homes.

FLORIDA OFFICER KILLED BY WOMAN.

Jacksonville, Fla.—Robert Shackelford, 47, chief field officer under former Sheriff Robert E. Merritt, and one of Governor Hardee's chief investigators, was shot and killed here at his home in Lakeside park, Mrs. Disy Vaughn, 30, who was arrested, is said by police to have admitted shooting Shackelford, claiming self-defense.

PASSES ON 150 PARDONS

IS ONE OF LAST ACTS OF PRESIDENT HARDING BEFORE LEAVING.

Many Convicted Violating War Laws; Commutes 22 Federal I. W. W. Sentences.

Washington. — Immediate release of more than a score of federal prisoners convicted of violating war laws but with continued detention of almost as many more was ordered by President Harding before leaving on his western trip.

The President acted on 153 pardons and commutation cases a record breaking number in the opinion of department of justice officials. He granted 30 conditional and 14 unconditional commutations on full pardon restored civil rights to 27 former prisoners and denied 84 applications for pardons or commutations. He also ordered remission of fines in two cases.

Interest centered in the cases of those convicted of violating the espionage, draft and other war laws, whose applications had been pressed by various organizations and persons of prominence. These numbered 48 and the President granted commutations to 27, but denied applications in 21 cases, including a group of 20 alleged members of the I. W. W., convicted at Sacramento, California. Two convicted there however, had their sentences commuted, conditional on their deportation.

Sentences of 32 alleged I. W. W. members convicted in the celebrated Chicago trials and sent to the Leavenworth penitentiary were commuted to expire at once. Three of four alleged I. W. W. members convicted at Wichita, Kansas, received commutation.

Announcement of the President's action was made by the department of justice after the executive's departure, the entire day having been required to prepare statements of the cases, many of which have been before the President for months.

In addition to the cases growing out of the war law violations, the President's orders included clemency for many other prisoners convicted of offenses ranging from bigamy to bootlegging and including violations of the mail fraud, Mann White slave, bribery and other statutes.

Details regarding the 84 pardon and commutation applications denied were withheld but it was learned officially that among them were those of Israel and Harry Goldberg, of Savannah, Ga., and New York, sentenced to the Atlanta penitentiary and fined for violating the war-time prohibition laws. Israel Goldberg carried his case to the supreme court in an effort to avoid serving time.

Weather Aids Cotton Crops.

Washington.—The weather for the week ending June 20, was more favorable for agriculture in general than during the preceding week according to the Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin.

The temperatures averaged slightly below normal in the central and eastern portions of the cotton belt and somewhat above normal in the western portion. Rainfall was generally of a local character and was mostly light to moderate, though rather heavy in a few localities, said the report. Influenced by rather warm weather and local showers, cotton made fair to very good progress in Texas, though the late planted was needing rain in a few sections.

Cola Magnate and Widow Marry.

Atlanta, Ga.—Asa G. Candler, Sr., aged 72, capitalist of Atlanta and founder of the Coca Cola Company, was married here to Mrs. May Little Ragin, 35, a stenographer, with offices in the Candler building. Immediately after the ceremony the bridal couple left for Washington, D. C.

The ceremony was performed in the chapel of the Theological Department at Emory University by Rev. Ben R. Lacy, Jr., pastor of the Central Presbyterian church, of which the bride is a member. Members of the families of both the bride and groom were in attendance.

CANNOT ACCEPT U. S. SUGGESTION

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT DECLINES TO INTERFERE IN LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

NOTE FROM THE AMBASSADOR

No Provision in Custom Law Under Which They Could Refuse Clearance to Ships.

Washington.—Canadian government has informed the state department, through a note from the British ambassador here, of its inability to adopt the suggestion put forward by the department last March that clearance papers be declined to vessels with cargoes of liquor destined to ports in the United States unless a permit authorizing its importation was presented.

The department in announcing receipt of the note explained that it had addressed a note to the British ambassador for transmission to the Canadian authorities drawing their attention to the difficulties experienced in enforcing the prohibition laws of the United States along the Canadian border. It was pointed out that the Canadian authorities permitted small motor boats to take on cargoes of liquor and to make regular customs clearances to ports in the United States, thus complying with the Canadian law, which prohibits the sale of liquors to persons in Canada, but allows the exportation to a foreign country.

It was suggested that since the importation of liquor into the United States without a permit was illegal the Canadian officials might be disposed to decline clearance papers to vessels with cargoes of liquor destined to ports in the United States unless permits authorizing importation were presented.

The reply of the Canadian government through the British ambassador, said it had carefully investigated the matter and had ascertained that the provisions of the law were being properly observed. It was further stated that the export of liquor from Canada was not prohibited and there existed no provisions in the customs laws or regulations warranting refusal of clearance papers to vessels carrying liquor destined for a foreign port simply because its entry, without special permit, is prohibited.

End of Etna's Rampage Seen.

Catania, Italy.—For the first time since Mount Etna became violent, a ray of hope has dawned for the much tried inhabitants of the volcanic region. The danger is not yet ended for the crater of the mountain is still belching molten streams of lava and great rocks which threaten the complete destruction of nearby communities, but undoubtedly the violence of the eruption is decreasing.

A relatively small number of fresh craters—about twenty in number—opened during the night, indicating that the pressure within the mountain is less.

Volcanologists say it is impossible to prophesy how long Etna will continue active, but they expect a return to more normal conditions within a short time. Meanwhile, although the loss in property has been enormous, the present eruption of Sicily's great mountain of terror has claimed no human victims. Even physical injuries have been extremely rare.

Ship in Battle Becomes Problem.

New York.—Registry of the schooner Mary Beatrice, on which a bloody battle between fifteen Chinese trying to smuggle themselves into America and four members of the crew was fought June 10, has created an international problem for immigration officials. It has yet to be decided whether Great Britain or the United States Government will defray the cost of ultimate deportation.

Another batch of 102 Chinese captured recently in a raid in a Long Island City factory, where they were said to have been sold for employment by smugglers, will be deported soon.

Tennessee Aviator Killed.

Pensacola, Fla.—Lieutenant Charles B. Burke, Jr., of Knoxville, Tenn., a naval aviator, died as the result of injuries received several hours previously when a seaplane he was piloting went into a tailspin over Pensacola bay and crashed from an altitude of 1,000 feet into shallow water. He never regained consciousness.

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