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NO. 1.

ST MAIL DERAILED

Engineer Daniel Davis Crushed to Death.

TAL WRECK OF 97, NEAR CONRAD

White Hoboes Riding on the Tender Miraculously Escaped Injury.

Charlotte, N. C., Special.—While running about 60 miles an hour the South's fast mail, No. 97, ran into a large wreck on the track near Conrad, three miles north of Lexington, Monday morning at 7:07 o'clock, and was totally wrecked. Engineer Daniel Davis was killed and the fireman, a negro whose name could not be ascertained, is missing. It is supposed that he also was killed and that his body is under the debris that litters the track for several hundred feet.

The fast mail was delayed on account of the wreck of a freight train at Jamestown and was running about one hour behind time. The cut-off near the accident occurred in the center is about 30 feet high. There is a cut-off on the northern side of the cut, and it is supposed that Engineer Davis did not see the rock until he was quite close to it. He saw it at all. The rock was very large, so large that the wrecked track walker who saw it shortly before the accident occurred was unable to lift it from the track and was obliged to Lexington to get sufficient men to remove the rock when the wreck occurred.

ENGINE COMPLETELY DEMOLISHED

The engine, striking the obstacle with terrific force, broke it into thousands of pieces and scattered it for a hundred yards along the track. Plunging out of the curve, the engine left the track and swerving 90 feet from the rails, hurled itself over and over again on a long, level field. Two hundred and fifty feet from where the rock was struck the engine was thrown from its cab, hurled up among the mass of the boiler, and was caught under the main car, which was denuded of its wheels and pinioned to the earth.

TWO TRAMPS MIRACULOUSLY ESCAPE

The tender followed closely in the wake of the engine and in some miraculous way proved a place of safety for two white hoboes, J. E. Guder, of Waverly, and Walter Whitmore, who were on the forward part of the tender, next to the engine, and course, and escaped without a scratch. They were carried with the wreckage for nearly a hundred yards, and yet stepping off the torn up tender without being injured even inconvenience. These hoboes stated that just before the accident occurred they heard the sound of an exploding torpedo and thought that this was a danger signal from the track by someone. Yet broad men maintain that no one heard the colored track-walker, who was part of the fact that the rock was on the track.

MAIL CLERKS UNINJURED

The conductor on the fast mail, Mr. Wheller, and the mail clerks also had a wonderful escape. According to regulations, the mail clerks should have been scattered, or distributed, in the case of a wreck, but it so happened that for the cause and another, all the clerks, as well as the conductor, were in the rear coach at the time of the accident. Beyond being pretty badly shaken up by one of the occupants of the car suffered any injury. The mail clerks were: C. T. Miller, chief clerk; T. S. Clark, W. T. Brewer, C. T. Benson, William Simms and J. E. Guder.

CARS TORN FROM THE TRACKS

When the heavy bodies ceased their movement after the wreck, the rear mail car was just at the point where the engine struck the rock in the cut-off. The forward trucks were gone, and the front part of the car was considerably smashed, but the rear trucks were still on the track and the car was in a practically upright position.

SOUTHERN INDUSTRIAL

A 50,000 Spindle Addition.
It is announced that the Fulton Bag and Cotton Mills of Atlanta, Ga., will build an addition to be equipped with 50,000 spindles. This extension of the plant will cost from \$250,000 to \$300,000, and arrangements are now being made to begin the work of construction soon. The company has at present 45,000 ring spindles and 1,352 looms, using steam-power. Its product is light sheetings, seamless bags, burlap, cotton and jute twines and batting, and has been known on the market for some years. The company's present capitalization is \$250,000.

A 5,000 Spindle Addition.
The Norris Cotton Mills Co., Catechee, S. C., has decided to add 5,000 spindles, with looms and other complementary machinery to suit. This enlargement will require the expenditure of probably about \$100,000, and immediate arrangements will be made to effect the betterments. The D. A. Tompkins Co. of Charlotte, N. C., has been engaged as engineer in charge. The Norris plant at present has 13,248 ring spindles and 352 looms, uses water and electric power, and manufactures sheetings. Its present capitalization is \$200,000.

To Add 3,000 Spindles.
The Opelika Cotton Mills of Opelika, Ala., has increased its capital stock \$50,000, making \$150,000 in all, for the purpose of enlarging the plant. An additional building will be constructed, work to begin at once, and 3,000 additional spindles will be installed. There will then remain space for installation of 2,000 spindles more. Contract for the new machinery has been signed. At present there are 7,400 ring spindles in the plant, and fine counts of yarns is the product.

Industrial Miscellany.
The big dry-kiln at Corbett's mills, New Moultrie, Ga., owned by Aycock Bros., was destroyed by fire on the 3rd inst. The loss is estimated at \$3,000, with no insurance.

The W. E. Small Spoke Manufacturing Co. will build a hardwood sawmill with a capacity of 30,000 feet of lumber per day on tract of 1,200 acres of timber land near Corinth, Miss.

Savannah trade bodies have endorsed the project for an inland waterway connecting the Chesapeake bay with Beaufort inlet, North Carolina, and their secretaries will co-operate in assembling statistics showing how the project will benefit Savannah's trade.

The Board of Trade and Cotton Exchange of Meridian, Miss., in a desire to promote the common good of all the commercial and industrial interests of the State, have invited the commercial bodies of Mississippi to a convention to be held at Meridian on May 26. It is designed to form a federation of the commercial organizations in a union of efforts and energies for the development of Mississippi's resources and the encouragement of the migration to the State of men and money.

Textile Notes.
Messrs. D. K. Norris, J. T. Gassaway and F. B. Morgan of Charlotte, S. C., and O. A. Robbins of Charlotte, N. C., have incorporated the Isaqueena Mills of Central, S. C., with capital stock of \$200,000, to build plant. This enterprise is identical with the Norris Central Mills, mentioned March 26 as to be incorporated. The projectors changed the title. Details as to the plant have not as yet been decided.

Louisville (Ky.) Cotton Mills Co. has engaged Messrs. C. R. Makepeace & Co., Providence, R. I., as engineers in charge of its improvements and additions of machinery, referred to last week. All contracts for machinery have practically been awarded. Messrs. D. X. Murphy & Bro. of Louisville are about completing plans for the new building, which will be 100x400 feet in size.

Woodruff (S. C.) Cotton Mills' addition, now in course of construction, will be equipped with 16,500 spindles and 394 looms, as was announced some weeks ago. The company will have space in this new building for 22,000 more spindles, which it hopes to install during the next few years. Contract has been placed for machinery required at present.

Messrs. A. G. Velasco and C. G. Culin of Syracuse, N. C., are conferring with the Business Men's League of Florence, Ala., with a view of building a hosiery mill in that city. Mr. Velasco is manager of the Oak Knitting Co. at Syracuse, N. C.

A. K. Clark, now engaged in cotton manufacturing at Augusta, Ga., contemplates establishing a plant of 5000 spindles and 150 looms at Jackson, Miss.

The Spray (N. C.) Woolen Mills is having plans prepared by O. A. Robbins & Co. of Charlotte, N. C., for a four-set woolen mill.

Messrs. W. E. Morton and M. L. Smith of Clover, S. C., and associates will build a cotton mill. The details as to character and size of plant have not as yet been determined. It is said that Northern capital will be interested.

Messrs. Harry Tatum and brothers of Franklin, Ky., will form company to build a woolen mill at Springfield, Tenn. They propose a stock company with capital of \$35,000, and will manufacture blankets, linsey and yarns, employing about fifty persons. The mill building will be 60x150 feet in size, two stories high, constructed of brick. Reference was made last week to the Gate City Cotton Mills of Atlanta, Ga., as having completed arrangements for its \$75,000 bond issue. The company does not anticipate making any improvements in the near future, having last fall doubled its plant, and now has 10,000 spindles. This additional machinery has been operating since January.

Judge Lurton at Cincinnati refused the injunction asked for by the Keene interests to restrain the Harriman interests from voting the Union Pacific holdings, 900,000 shares, at the Southern Pacific Company's election.

Killed by Volcano.
New York, Special.—The steamer Allegheny, which arrived from West Indian and Central American ports brought tidings of an eruption of the old volcano Deliterna Firma in Colombia, near Galeria Zambie on March 22. The village of Tiojo was destroyed and from 60 to 100 persons were killed and wounded. During the night of March 24 flames from the volcano were seen by passing vessels at a distance of sixty miles.

Killed in Street Fight.
Opelika, Ala., Special.—In a street fight here J. L. Moon, deputy sheriff, was shot through the arm, and John Long, a well-known citizen, was instantly killed. Sheriff Hodge, who fired the shot that killed Long, narrowly escaped death, several bullets going within a foot of his body. The firing began when the two officers offered to shake hands with Long and his companion. Instead of accepting the proffered hands Long pulled his revolver and began firing at Moon.

Government Forces Whipped.
Willemstadt, By Cable.—News has been received here that the Venezuelan revolutionists have defeated the forces of the government near Caracas and captured two cannon and a large quantity of ammunition. They have also captured the city of Barquismeto, which is the key to the western part of Venezuela, taking many prisoners. Heavy fighting, undecided as yet, has taken place at Coro.

Thirty Killed; Many Wounded.
Berlin, By Cable.—A dispatch to the Local Anzeiger from St. Petersburg dated Wednesday says that 30 persons have been killed and that 100 were injured during labor disturbances near Nijini-Novgorod. The disturbance occurred at a large factory near Nijini-Novgorod. The authorities were unable to restore order. Troops were called out and artillery was brought up and fired point blank into the midst of the rioters, killing thirty men and wounding a hundred.

Killed by Falling Cannon.
Mobile, Ala., Special.—While superintending the removal of a six-pounder gun from the wharf to the United States barracks here Saturday, John R. Burns, aged 23, an electrical engineer, was instantly killed by the gun, which broke from its fastenings and passed over his body. The remains will be interred in the National Cemetery here. Burns was from New York city.

Brigham Young Dead.
Salt Lake City, Utah, Special.—Brigham Young, president of the Council of Twelve Apostles of Mormon Church died in the city Saturday night, after a lingering illness. He was born at Kirtland, O., in 1836, and was the eldest son of President Brigham Young.

Tappahannock, Special.—Alex Johnson, colored, of this place, was drowned in the Rappahannock river, near Port Royal. He was out in a skiff, which was upset by the high winds, and though an expert swimmer, did not succeed in reaching the shore.

Telegraphic Briefs.
Republicans carried Cincinnati and Democrats won in Cleveland at the municipal election. Michigan Republicans elected their State ticket by from 35,000 to 40,000 plurality.

President Roosevelt continued his tour of South Dakota and made a speech at Sioux Falls on the work the Government is doing for farmers and wage-earners.

Twenty-two monuments on the battlefield of Shiloh were presented to the nation by the State of Indiana and dedicated.

DEADLY EXPLOSION.

Twelve-Inch Gun Bursts With Fatal Results.

INVESTIGATION BOARD APPOINTED.

The Damage to the Vessel of Such a Character as to Necessitate Putting Her Out of Commission.

Washington, Special.—The cipher dispatch received by the Navy Department, regarding the explosion on the Iowa, off Pensacola was on Friday deciphered. It was from Admiral Higginson and said: "Iowa's breach-loading 12-inch gun burst in front of trunnions, three killed, four wounded." Then followed the names given in previous dispatch. The Department expects fuller particulars. Another dispatch was received as follows: "Purcell, landsman, Kelle, seaman, F. T. Berry, ordinary seaman, killed in Iowa, will be buried at navy yard at Pensacola."

Because of the meagre details of the explosion which Admiral Higginson's dispatch contained, officials at the Navy Department can only speculate as to its cause. An investigation board has already been appointed.

Rear Admiral O'Neill, chief of the bureau of ordnance, has already issued orders for the transportation to New York of a new 12-inch gun which is now at the Washington navy yard, and it will be placed on the Iowa when that vessel comes to New York for repairs. Admiral O'Neill said:

"The gun which burst was designed in 1893 and manufactured at the naval gun factory, January 1, 1905. The gun had been fired 125 times. Yesterday's accident is the first that has ever happened to any of the large calibre guns of the navy, except in the case of the 13-inch gun on the Kearsage, the bore of which was injured by a premature explosion of a shell two years ago. A lining tube was inserted in that gun and it is in use at the proving grounds. No reason can yet be assigned for the accident. As yet I do not know what kind of powder was used, or details as to the location of the shell. While the accident may have been due to the premature explosion of the shell in the bore, such a contingency is unlikely, as shells have on several occasions broken up in bores of guns without any other injury than the defacing of the bore. So far as the bureau is advised, all the Iowa's 12-inch shells are fitted with base covers, with a view to preventing a possible premature explosion due to the action of the powder gases."

The bureau of navigation has sent telegrams of sympathy to the families of the men killed and wounded in the explosion. Acting Secretary Darling sent the following dispatch of sympathy to Rear Admiral Higginson, commander of the North Atlantic fleet, at Pensacola:

"Please convey to the officers and men of the fleet sincere sympathy of the Department in the loss of their comrades by the unfortunate accident on board the Iowa. (Signed) 'DARLING.'"

Although it had been intended that the Iowa should be repaired at the New York yard, the damage done by the explosion will probably make it necessary to put the vessel out of commission.

The damage to the battleship Iowa caused by the premature explosion of a shell in the forward port 12-inch gun has developed to be more serious than was thought when the first examination was made and as a consequence the big ship has been ordered to the New York navy yard to go out of commission. She steamed down to the Pensacola navy yard, where she is fitting out with supplies and coal preparatory to sailing soon as possible for the North. It is known that three decks including the upper deck in the forward part of the ship, will have to be entirely removed and rebuilt. It is feared that the steel supports under the 12-inch port turret are sprung to such an extent that they will have to be removed, though this cannot yet be stated positively. The gun itself is a hopeless wreck. Although the gun which burst went into numerous pieces the end of the gun is as smooth as if it had just been turned out of a ship, and except that it is about 12 feet shorter than the starboard gun, it is hardly noticeable that an explosion occurred. According to the record of the exploded gun, it was good for at least another year of service, and reports that the gun had been condemned are without foundation.

Blind Chaplain Dead.

Washington, Special.—The Rev. Wm. Henry Milburn, the venerable blind chaplain of the United States Senate, died in Santa Barbara, Cal., Friday. Word to this effect was received here tonight by Col. Randall, the sergeant-at-arms of the Senate. The deceased was a native of Philadelphia, where he was born in 1823. When he was five years of age, a playfellow accidentally struck him in the left eye with a piece of glass. For two years he was confined to a dark room under medical treatment and subsequently became totally blind.

MORO BOMBARDED.

Eleven American Wounded in the Battle.

PERSHING'S FORCES TAKE BACOLOD.

The Moros Were Strongly Fortified and Defended the Place Desperately.

Manila, By Cable.—The investment of Bacolod which was captured by Captain Pershing's forces, after a fight in which a hundred Moros were killed, occupied three days. The final assault was made at moon Wednesday. Desperate fighting took place inside the forts. Seven cannon were captured and eleven Americans were wounded, a few of them seriously. It is probable that all the Americans will recover. The column approached Bacolod early on Monday and found new forts, which had been a year under construction, flying battle flags. The Moros did not wait to be attacked, but fired a volley, which wounded two Americans. Captain Pershing then decided to bombard the fortification, and Gatley's batteries took up positions and shelled the forts and works until Wednesday morning, the infantry and cavalry supporting the attack. Many of the Moros left the forts on Monday and Tuesday nights, and escaped in boats on the lake. The assault on Wednesday was carefully prepared. The column carried forward a bamboo bridge, on which the troops crossed the moat under fire and afterwards scaled the walls. The fighting inside the forts was most desperate. Sixty dead Moros were found inside the walls and 40 were killed in the trenches. The whereabouts of the Sultan of Bacolod is not known. He is believed to have escaped Monday night.

Murder at Buffalo.

Buffalo, Special.—A shooting affair in which a 9-year-old boy was killed and a woman mortally wounded, an attempted murder, two suicides and two attempts at suicide that may result fatally, occurred in this city. Joseph Kwiatkowski, 51 years old, a representative Polish citizen, is locked up at police headquarters, charged with shooting his landlady and killing his own 9-year-old boy. Kwiatkowski formerly conducted an extensive business in one of the markets of the city. His wife died about a year ago, leaving two children. Since the death of his wife, business difficulties drove him to drink. For the last four months he has lived in rooms at 190 Colt street. The owner of the house, Mrs. Tekla Winski, her husband and the children, occupied the rear part of the building. The children of the two families were constantly quarreling. Sunday night Kwiatkowski returned home and found the children in the usual turmoil. Mr. Wolinski informed him that he would have to move, whereupon Kwiatkowski drew a revolver and began firing, backing out of the house as he did so. Mrs. Wolinski followed the infuriated Pole and grappled with him. He pointed the revolver at her breast and fired. She fell to the ground, mortally wounded. Kwiatkowski fired several more shots, one of them striking his own 9-year-old son, Peter, killing him instantly.

A large crowd quickly gathered and Kwiatkowski retreated into the house, locking and barricading the door behind him. Then began a lively exchange of shots through the windows between the policemen who had gathered, and Kwiatkowski which continued until the latter exhausted his ammunition when the officers battered down the door and captured him.

George Denning, 55 years old, had been separated from his wife for some time. He called upon her and tried to induce her to resume marital relations. She refused. He drew a revolver and fired. She fell to the floor in a faint, and believing that he had killed her, Denning ran away. His body was found later in the evening in a Salvation Army lodging house. He had taken poison.

Two Burned to Death.

Indianapolis, Special.—Nathan Morris, one of the best known attorneys of Indiana, and Frank Haas, the 12-year-old son of Dr. Jos. Haas, were burned to death Sunday, and Mrs. Jos. Haas, Miss Belle Haas, Miss Rose Haas, Louis Haas and Grace Lemon, a girl, were injured more or less seriously. The residence of Dr. Jos. Haas was nearly burned to the ground.

Demand of Textile Workers.

Philadelphia, Special.—Union textile workers of this city assembled in convention Sunday, for the purpose of formulating demands to be presented to the operators. The convention adjourned at night after adopting a resolution demanding a 55-hour week, dating from June 1, leaving the wage question for future consideration. Time and half time will be asked for all work done in excess of the 55 hours. A committee was appointed to present the demands to the manufacturers who will also be informed that a strike will follow their refusal to accept the proposition.

FOUND TRUE BILL.

The Slayer of Editor Gonzales Appeared in Court.

THE TRIAL WAS POSTPONED!

Because of Absence of Two Witnesses the Hearing of the Case Went Over Until June Term of Court.

Columbia, S. C., Special.—James H. Tillman, who is charged with the killing of N. G. Gonzales, the editor of The Columbia State in January, was taken to the Criminal Court here Wednesday for the purpose of having him plead to the indictment returned against him last Monday for murder and carrying concealed weapons or unlawful arms, as they are termed in this State. The arraignment was not had, however, and the proceedings which it was thought would be of a purely formal character turned out to be highly sensational. The trial of the defendant had been set for next Monday, and both sides had caused the report to be circulated that they were ready for trial. Much to the surprise of the spectators and lawyers here, the defense availed themselves of the opportunity presented to secure a continuance on the ground that it had been impossible to secure the attendance of two material witnesses, Captain J. A. White and Miss Julia Roper. Tillman, the defendant, was brought into court shortly before the proceedings were commenced. He was accompanied by his uncle, Senator Ben Tillman, who appeared to be very much more deeply concerned about the proceedings than the prisoner himself. Distinguished counsel appeared on both sides. The people were represented by Col. Andrew Crawford and Solicitor (Commonwealth's Attorney) J. W. William Thurmond and the defense by Congressman George W. Croft, who was at one time the defendant's law partner, and Patrick H. Nelson.

The prosecuting officer opened the proceedings with a request for an arraignment. Counsel for the defense interrupted to enter a motion for a continuance on the ground of the absence of the two witnesses already mentioned. They presented affidavits from the witnesses which in a measure indicated what they would testify to. The prosecution promptly announced that it was entirely willing to accept these affidavits and strenuously objected to any further delay in the case. The point was made that the defense had had ample time to prepare for the trial and the affidavits were all that was necessary in the defendant's behalf so far as the witnesses in question were concerned.

The prosecution urged that a rule had been made recently to prevent continuances under such circumstances as those shown in this case but the court ruled against them and granted a continuance until the June term on an affidavit of defendant's counsel stating that it had been impossible to get witnesses in time for this term. The solicitor then urged that the defendant be arraigned at this time, but Judge Klugh declined to accede to this request and the case continued until the June term of court.

May Cotton Up.

New York, Special.—The rise in cotton which began almost four months ago was continued when May touched 10.40 and July 9.98, new high records for the present movement. The market opened active and strong all around, but the shorts were almost the buyers of May, the bull element holding off and taking only so much as was necessary to strengthen their position. Advances tended from 1 to 7 points, but the bulk of the trading was in May and July. Offerings of July cotton at 9.98 were liberal and sales at that figure were moderately large. By 11 o'clock May sold off to 10.33 and July to 9.93. May closed 10.29 bid; 10.30 asked; July 9.90 bid, 9.91 asked.

Telegraphic Briefs.

There has been renewed on the New York cotton exchange the agitation for a system of deliveries of cotton in carrying out contracts made on the floor of the New York cotton exchange at a number of Southern ports. Instead of New York only as at present. A company has been selected to work in favor of the plan to which there is considerable opposition.

A London dispatch says: "Mrs. Mabel Townsend, formerly of the Alcazar Theatre, San Francisco, shot herself with a revolver on the doorstep of her residence in Great Litchfield street. She was dead when taken to the hospital. Mrs. Townsend is said to have been suffering from religious mania."

An Indianapolis dispatch says: "The national executive board of the United Mine Workers met here at which it was understood recommendations would be made for bringing all the miners of the country into the organization before the next annual convention. There are probably 150,000 men about the mines who do not belong to the organization."