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1 KILLED: 5 INJURED

Result of Collision on Pennsylvania Railroad

25 FREIGHT CARS DEMOLISHED

Two West-Bound Freights Were Wrecked on Pennsylvania Railroad Near Harrisburg, by Rear End Collision.

Harrisburg, Pa., Special.—One man killed, five injured and twenty-five freight cars, two postal cars, one baggage car and one Pullman car totally wrecked as the result of a rear end collision of two west bound freights, and the subsequent collision of a passenger train into a wreck on the Pennsylvania Railroad at Thompsonstown. D. G. Huntsbee, brakeman of Harrisburg, is the man who was killed.

Branch Died From Blows.

Annapolis, Md., Special.—The prosecution used its heavy artillery in the line of medical testimony during Thursday's session of the court martial which is trying Midshipman Meriwether for manslaughter in connection with the death of Midshipman Branch. Important witnesses being Dr. J. M. T. Finney, chief surgeon of the John's Hopkins University, of Baltimore; Dr. Henry M. Thomas, neurologist of the same institution and J. C. Byrnes, the chief medical officer attached to the Naval Academy.

The operation upon Midshipman Branch, consisting of lifting and folding over a portion of the skull in order to remove such blood clots as might be formed, was performed by Dr. Finney, and Dr. Thomas, the specialist in that line, came to Annapolis at Dr. Finney's request in order to locate from the symptoms the proper place for the operation. Dr. Brynes was called in consultation with Dr. Stone shortly after Branch had been brought to the hospital.

Much evidence of a deeply interesting, though sometimes technical character, was given by the medical men. One point of interest brought out in explanation of the fact that the skull was opened on the right side, that the nerves controlling one side of the body cross from the opposite of the brain, while the nerves controlling the facial muscles do not. It was further brought out that the injury, though on the right side, was occasioned by the successive fist blows on the left side of the head. The injury was of the nature of blows to the skull on one side of the head having the effect of forcing the brains against the walls of the skull and causing compression in that way.

All the medical officers gave it as their very positive conviction that Branch died from the effect of the medically known as "contre cop," the blow he had received in his fight with Meriwether.

Big Fire in Cotton.

Augusta, Ga., Special.—Augusta was visited by a fire which destroyed or damaged one thousand bales of cotton, and also damaged the warehouse in which the staple was stored. There is no possible explanation of the cause of the fire, as the compartment in which it originated had not been opened for two days, and there were no signs of fire before the blaze burst forth. The warehouse is owned by Nixon and Danforth and the building and contents were fully covered by insurance. The loss is estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$40,000. The fire is now under control.

Lynched for Killing a Man.

Columbia, Miss., Special.—Dave Sims, the negro who shot and killed R. F. Jones (white), at his home one mile from Maugh Station, in this county on Sunday night, was lynched by an armed mob at the scene of his crime. Sims was captured Friday and immediately brought to this place. The negro is said to have made a full confession.

Fire at Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, Ind., Special.—Fire caused damage to the stock of the Badger Furniture Company to the amount of \$75,000 and injured the two seven-story buildings on Washington street occupied by the company to the extent of \$10,000. The Columbia National Bank which occupied an adjoining building was damaged by water. During the progress of the fire securities to the amount of \$600,000 were removed from the bank for safety.

MAY GET \$100,000

Proposition That May Mean a Great Deal to the A. & M. College.

The Agricultural and Mechanical College may be the recipient of a gift of \$100,000. This is a piece of very interesting news. A gentleman connected with a very great educational movement says that the money can easily be secured if the college, that is the State, will accept the building and maintain them. It is understood that the gift will be in the line of marked development of this now notable and rapidly growing institution, which is so much in need of more of what may be termed house-room, and of course in need of special buildings for the development both of its agricultural and its mechanical departments.

A Comparative Statement.

State Auditor Dixon wrote to every auditor of Southern States, asking the amount paid Confederate pensioners and the number of such pensioners. The replies in round numbers are as follows: Texas, \$500,000, 7,000 pensioners; Tennessee, \$275,000, 3,000 pensioners; Louisiana, \$150,000, 2,000 pensioners; Arkansas, \$203,000, 7,000 pensioners; Georgia, \$790,000, 16,000 pensioners; Florida, \$288,000, 3,000 pensioners; South Carolina, \$656,000, 15,000 pensioners; Virginia, \$300,000, 14,000 pensioners; North Carolina's appropriation is \$275,000 and there are 14,000 pensioners. Auditor Dixon said: "In proportion to the number of pensioners, North Carolina pays her Confederate veterans less than any other Southern State. It pains me deeply to have to say this, but it is the truth. I did not know it until now."

Three Years for a Slayer.

Spencer, Special.—Whitman Hardy was tried in Rowan Superior court here and convicted of the murder of Zeke Young, colored, in East Spencer, September 3. Judge Peebles sentenced the prisoner to three years in the State Penitentiary for the crime. Two young white men, Stirwalt and Butler by name, were sentenced by Judge Peebles to three years each in the State Prison for assaulting and beating Mrs. Lizzie Upright, a well known character of the northern section of Rowan county, in a frightful manner a month ago. Ed Light, another young man of the same neighborhood, was also given two years for assisting in the assault upon the woman.

The Southern Double Tracking.

Salisbury, Special.—In order to provide for the demands of heavy traffic upon its lines the Southern Railway Company is double tracking at a number of points in this section of the State. At the present time a double track is being constructed between Cleveland and Barber's Junction, on the Western branch. This is a vital point in the handling of freight not only on the Asheville division, but also on the line between Winston-Salem and Charlotte. Lines have recently been staked out for a double track on the main line of the Southern north of Spencer, where there is a congestion of traffic. It is learned the work of laying the track will begin at an early date.

Corporations.

The Finlayson Manufacturing company of Charlotte, with \$5,000,000 total authorized and \$50,000 subscribed capital stock, was chartered last week. The object of the concern is to manufacture cotton, woolen and silk goods. The incorporators are: E. V. Finlayson, Paul Chatham and W. A. Ebert. The Hendersonville Mercantile Company, with \$11,000 capital stock, was chartered. The incorporators are: C. M. Pace and M. C. Tamps, of Hendersonville, and others.

Jury's Verdict Set Aside.

Oxford, Special.—In the suit of Prof. R. G. Kittrell against the board of trustees of the Oxford graded school the jury rendered a verdict in favor of Professor Kittrell, which verdict, however, was set aside by Judge Ward on the grounds that the weight of facts did not justify the verdict. The case will come up before a new jury at the next term of court.

Bank Organized at Graham.

Graham, Special.—The stockholders of the Citizens' Bank here met according to call and elected as directors J. A. Long, McBride Holt, A. M. Hadley, A. J. Thompson, J. S. Cook, J. M. McCracken, Dr. Geo. W. Long, J. C. Simmons, W. J. Niek, Heenan Hughes, W. F. Blackmon, W. H. Holt, W. S. Vestal, J. L. S. Patterson, W. W. Garrett. The directors elected Jacob A. Long, president; McBride Holt vice-president; and Chas. C. Thompson, cashier. A committee was appointed to procure a location, a safe and the necessary supplies for beginning business.

MORE LIVES LOST

Another Fatal Railway Wreck Leaves Death in its Wake

15 DIE IN CRASH OR BY FIRE

Massachusetts' Worst Train Disaster in Many Years Occurs When Sunday Night Express From Boston on Boston & Maine Crashes Into Rear of a Local.

Lincoln, Mass., Special.—The most disastrous railroad wreck in this State for many years occurred at 8:15 o'clock Sunday night at Kaker's Bridge station, a mile and a half west of Lincoln, on the main line of the Fitchburg division of the Boston & Maine Railroad. The regular Sunday express, which left Boston at 7:45 o'clock for Montreal via the Rutland system, crashed into the rear of a local train which started from Boston at 7:15 for points on the main line and the Marlboro branch.

At least 15 persons were killed outright burned to death or suffocated, and 30 or more were seriously injured. Many passengers sustained minor cuts, bruises and burns.

The wreck was primarily due to thick weather, which apparently obscured signals set by the forward train, which, at the time of the disaster, was standing in front of Baker's Bridge station. The Montreal train, drawn by two locomotives and consisting also of nine cars crashed into the rear of the Marlboro branch local, demolishing the two rear cars.

All of the passengers killed and seriously injured were in these. The passengers lived in Concord, West Acton, Maynard, Hudson, Marlboro and several smaller towns in the Asabet Valley. None of the passengers on the Montreal train were seriously hurt but the engineer and fireman of the leading locomotive were killed.

The wreckage caught fire and some of the passengers were incinerated. Few persons live in the vicinity of Baker's Bridge station and no fire department was available, so that the flames practically burned themselves out. Uninjured passengers and anumber of train hands, assisted by villagers, went to the aid of the injured and many persons were rescued.

A special train with doctors was sent from Boston at 9:35 o'clock, and reached here in half an hour. Many doctors from Waltham and other places in this section were sent to the scene in carriage and by other trains.

Bank Clearings for the Week.

New York, Special.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet, shows the bank clearings at a number of the principal cities for the week ended Nov. 24, with the percentage of increase and decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year. Seventy-two other cities are included in the totals:

New York \$2,024,787,173, increase 15.9; Chicago \$218,716,490, increase 33.3; Boston \$153,966,899, increase 21.0; Philadelphia \$150,689,060, increase 36.7; New Orleans \$26,840,940, increase 37.7; Louisville \$12,559,206, increase 31.6; Memphis \$7,838,792, increase 25.5; Richmond \$5,412,955, decrease 5.7; Atlanta \$4,657,161, increase 36.9; Nashville \$3,681,370, increase 33.3; Norfolk \$2,457,426, increase 29.5; Augusta, Ga., \$2,389,622, increase 71.9; Knoxville \$1,421,811, increase 26.0; Charleston, S. C., \$1,702,436, increase 40.7; Chattanooga \$1,315,895, increase 75.1; Jacksonville, Fla., \$1,297,089, increase 76.7; Macon \$647,443, increase 72.5; Savannah \$7,059,930, increase 67.1. Total United States \$3,091,638,741, increase 20.5; outside New York \$1,066,851,568, increase 30.6.

Big Lumber Deal.

Nashville, Special.—A Bristol, Tenn., dispatch says: J. W. Wilkinson of Bristol has closed a deal for 17,000,000 feet of lumber and timber in North Carolina. The land lies along the Southern railroad near Asheville. The amount reported to be involved in the deal is half million dollars.

Heresy Trial of Dr. Bradley.

Newman, Ga., Special.—At the meeting of the North Georgia Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, here Bishop W. W. Duncan appointed a committee to investigate charges of heresy against Rev. H. S. Bradley, D. D., of Atlanta. These charges were preferred by Rev. J. N. Snow, of Atlanta. The committee appointed by Bishop Duncan is composed of Dr. C. W. Byrd, of Augusta, Ga.; Dr. Luke G. Johnson, of Rome, and Rev. J. A. Sharp, of Dahlonega.

NORTH STATE NEWS

Items of Interest Gleaned From Various Sections

FROM MOUNTAIN TO SEASHORE

Minor Occurrences of the Week of Interest to Tar Heels Told in Paragraphs.

Charlotte Cotton Market.

The cotton market firm.

Low middling10 1/8
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Strict low middling10 1/8
Middling11
Good middling11 1/8

General Cotton Market.

Atlanta, firm11 3-16
Galveston, firm11 1-2
New Orleans, firm11 9-16
Mobile, firm11 1-2
Savannah, steady11 9-16
Charleston, firm11 1-4
Wilmington, steady11 1-16
Norfolk, firm11 3-8
Baltimore, nominal11 1-2
New York, steady11 7-8
Boston, steady11 7-8
Philadelphia, firm12
Houston, steady11 1-2
Augusta, firm11 5-16
Memphis, firm11 5-8
St. Louis, steady11 1-8
Louisville, firm11 3-4

25 New Pharmacists.

The State board of pharmacy announces that 25 of the applicants for licenses to practice in this State who stood the examination recently in Raleigh were successful and six failed. Two of those successful were negroes. The list follows: H. M. Bell, Windsor; Warren H. Biggs, Williamston; M. N. Rogart, Washington; Walter Buttmann, Greensboro; J. E. Denton, High Point; E. S. Cooke, Goldsboro; S. P. Fletcher, Harrisburg, Va.; J. S. Hull, Fayetteville; H. M. Harper, Richmond; A. K. Hardee, Benson; W. A. Jetton, Davidson; Dr. A. A. Kent, Lenoir; T. O. Levister, Raleigh; G. F. McGee, Greensboro; J. M. Morgan, Sanford; E. G. Mullins, Charlotte; L. G. O'Brien, Winston-Salem; R. E. Parker, Durham; C. A. Ring, High Point; R. B. Suggs, Belmont; J. N. Thomas, Warrenton; F. L. White, Mebane; J. H. Eaton (colored) Winston; W. F. McNair (colored) Greensboro.

A Youth Missing.

New Bern, Special.—Willie Rogerson, the 17-year old son of Capt. Rogerson, of this city, is supposed to be drowned, Willie was served as deck hand on the steam tug Edmond Parks. While the boat was lying at the wharf of her owners, the Blades Lumber Company, Capt. Parkins called to Willie, who was on a flat which was in tow, but no response was heard. An investigation was made, and nothing could be seen of the boy, but his hat was found floating on the water. A report was made to the company which immediately notified his father. A diligent search has been going on all day, but up to this time he has not been found.

Arrested For Firing Barn.

Charlotte, Special.—Roy Monroe, colored, was lodged in the county jail charged with the burning of Mr. J. S. Reid's barn with six head of horses. The fire occurred ten days ago. The negro has admitted causing the fire but says it was entirely unintentional; that he was in the act of lighting a pipe and carelessly threw the match in a pile of hay that was near the building.

Farmers Signing Pledge.

Tarboro, Special.—Mr. E. F. McRae, of Maxton, special representative of the Southern Cotton Association, was here to put in operation a plan to secure pledges from farmers to hold cotton for 15 cents. Mr. McRae is making a tour of the cotton belt of the State and says pledges are being signed very promptly.

Dashed Into a Street Car.

Winston-Salem, Special.—George White, colored, aged about thirty-five years, and the horse he was riding were killed by a street car on North Liberty street. The negro was riding down the street, and upon meeting the car the animal became frightened and dashed in front of the car, running his head into the headlight. The car ran on both horse and rider, and it required an hour or more to get it off them. White and the animal were badly mangled. The accident is the worst that has ever befallen the street railway company.

MRS. WIGGINS SUES

Action Against Saloon Keeper For Heavy Damages.

Asheville, Special.—Mrs. Kate Wiggins of the Salvation Army, has instituted suit for \$10,000 damages against A. A. Featherston, a liquor dealer of this city, who kicked her from his saloon several weeks ago. The complaint has not yet been filed, but it is known that the amount named will be demanded for the assault and battery and for injuries alleged to have been sustained. The criminal action against Featherston has been continued until the next term of Superior Court by order of Judge McNeill and will be heard in February.

Volunteers to be Paid.

Asheville, Special.—Snead Adams, of this city, a lieutenant in Company H, Second Regiment, North Carolina volunteers during the Spanish-American war, has received the muster roll of Company H, raised here, and also information that the 103 men of the company are entitled to, and will receive pay for the time from their enrollment here to the mustering-in at Raleigh. The men will draw back pay and subsistence for the days intervening between enrollment and muster-in, amounting to about \$1 a day for each man. The men of the company will draw from the government pay for from seven to twenty days, according to the date of enrollment.

Woman Burned to Death.

Mrs. Gribble, a widow whose home is not very far west of Pomona, met a fearful death last Monday, the facts of which have just been made known. She lived alone, a colored woman coming to her home every morning to wait upon her. Last Tuesday morning the colored woman went there as usual and finding the doors locked, summoned assistance and opened a window, finding Mrs. Gribble lying on the floor in front of the fireplace with all of her clothing burned off and her body in a crisp. The coroner deemed an inquest unnecessary. There was no fire in the fireplace when the body was discovered and it is not known at what time she met her death. Her husband was a miner and was killed in a mine a number of years ago.

Incorporations.

The Wilson Wood and Lumber Company filed a certificate with the Secretary of State, changing the location of the principal office to Elizabeth City.

The Lion Stone Company, of Reidsville, with \$25,000 authorized and \$5,000 subscribed capital stock was chartered. The incorporators are: T. Davis and Lucile Harrison, of Reidsville, and S. Rue, of New York City.

The H. J. Moore Company of Walnut, Madison county, with \$1,000 capital stock, was chartered to do a mercantile business. The principal incorporator is H. J. Moore.

Tar Heel Topics.

Capt. W. B. Ryder, a well known railroad man and prominent financier of Charlotte died in a sanatorium at Battle Creek, Mich., on Monday night.

Morehead City has been selected as a permanent camp site for the North Carolina soldiers.

Guilty of Criminal Assault.

Wilmington, Special.—At Kenansville in Duplin county Superior Court Will Carter a negro youth, was found guilty of criminal assault upon a six-year-old daughter of Howard James, of Wallace, N. C., about six weeks ago, and he was sentenced to be hanged at Kenansville, December 20th.

A Child Mangled.

Asheville, Special.—One of the most horrible and distressing accidents that ever occurred on the Asheville yards of the Southern Railway happened at 8 o'clock Friday morning when Paul Redmond, the eight-year-old son of J. S. Redmond, of this city, was knocked down and run over by an engine and terribly injured. Both legs were severed from the body just below the knee, and his right arm was cut off at the elbow. The boy was hastily removed to Biltmore hospital, where he died in the afternoon.

BRITONS WILL COME

Assurances of English Exhibitors at Jamestown

TWO CHURCHES MAY ALSO MEET

President Tucker Obtains Assurance on London Visit That British Government Will Be Represented by Impressive Military and Naval Contingents.

London, By Cable.—"We are now fully assured that Great Britain will have representative military and naval contingents at Jamestown in 1907," said Harry St. George Tucker, president of the Jamestown (Va) Exposition Company, to the Associated Press. "The British government, through Foreign Secretary Lansdowne, the Admiralty and the War office, has given me a most cordial welcome and has promised to assist in every way towards the success of the exposition.

"The day had been already prepared for me by our ambassador, Mr. Reid, and Sir Mortimer Durand, the British ambassador at Washington, who has been urging the claims of the exposition and as a result Lord Lansdowne sent the following telegram to Ambassador Durand early this month:

"His majesty's government desires to co-operate in every way that may conduce to the success of the exposition at Jamestown, which cannot fail to excite much interest in this country. Mr. Tucker will be received with pleasure and his majesty's government will be glad to learn from him the precise nature of the co-operation which the United States government desires."

"Lord Lansdowne showed that he was in earnest by receiving me in a most cordial manner and sending a representative with me to the Admiralty and the War Office where in outline of the proposed displays were discussed the heads of those departments taking keenest interest in the matter. The details have not yet been worked out, but it is generally understood that Great Britain will be represented by a battleship squadron and a military contingent, the latter including every arm of the service. Special attention will be paid to the recent improvements in the instruments of military and naval warfare."

Mr. Tucker will spend a day with the archbishop of Canterbury, who has invited him to discuss the proposal for a joint meeting of the Episcopal churches of England and the United States at Jamestown during the exposition. On Wednesday he will meet heads of the Admiralty and the War Office to further discuss the details of the displays.

Armed with Great Britain's acceptance, Mr. Tucker expects that his visits to other foreign capitals will be equally successful.

Mother and 5 Children Slain.

Independence, Iowa, Special.—Mrs. William McWilliams and her five children, ranging from 3 to 18 years in age, were slain at their farm home and the husband and father was arrested in Independence charged with killing the members of his family. He declared himself to be innocent. Each member had been killed with a hammer blow on the head. Mrs. McWilliams was atrociously beaten, and a few knife thrusts had been inflicted on the crushed body.

Big Timber Deal.

Nashville, Tenn., Special.—A Bristol, Tenn., dispatch says: J. W. Wilkinson, of Bristol, has closed a deal for seventeen million feet of lumber and timber in North Carolina. The land lies along the Southern Railroad near Asheville. The amount reported to be involved in the deal is half a million dollars.

Arrested for Burglary.

Anderson, Special.—Herman Parr, a negro boy about 14 years old, has been arrested by the police and is now being held in confinement pending an investigation on the charge of burglary. During the past month about a dozen stores have been entered at night and small sums of money and merchandise stolen. The boy is a confirmed criminal, having been convicted of stealing frequently. He seems to have been the chief of a gang of small boys who have been systematically engaged in the burglarly business.