

AWFUL TRAGEDY

A Drunken Man Slays Two Men on a Train Near Wilmington, Del.

KILLER SHOT TO DEATH

J. H. Bethea of Dillon, S. C., Kills a Colored Porter and the Conductor on a Pullman Car and is Finally Killed in Battle With the Police.

An exciting battle in which three men were killed took place on a north bound Baltimore and Ohio railroad train Wednesday afternoon. The fight began at Newark, Del., and ended at Wilmington, Del.

The dead: O. E. Wellman, aged 40, of Philadelphia, conductor of the train Samuel Williams, aged 50, negro Pullman porter, whose home is said to have been in Jersey City; J. H. Bethea, aged 40, Dillon, S. C.

The injured: John O. Willey, aged 40, a park guard of Wilmington, Del., shot in the hand and leg; Matthew Haley, a citizen of Wilmington, shot in the leg. Others were grazed by flying bullets.

"We left Washington at three o'clock," said the member of the crew, "but nothing peculiar in the actions of Bethea was observed until the train pulled out of Baltimore. We had scarcely reached the outskirts of the city, when Bethea, who was occupying a chair in the parlor car, threatened to chastise Williams, because of no apparent reason, other than he took exception to the porter being a negro.

"A short time later the porter again had occasion to pass through the car. He was busy opening a ventilator, when Bethea arose and lunged toward him. The porter hurriedly left the car and reported the matter to Conductor Wellman.

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MANY PARDONS GRANTED

BY THE PARDON BOARD DURING THE YEAR 1909.

THEY RAN HIM DOWN

MAN WHO SWINDLED PEOPLE IN THIS STATE CAUGHT

At Oklahoma City, Okla., Where He Was Running a Bigger Swindle Than at Greenwood.

A special from Greenwood to The News and Courier says Postoffice Inspector Gregory's report of the trial and final capture of Nichols, as well as the varied career of Nichols, himself, reads like a romance.

He had an office like a railroad president, and Mr. Gregory said he had seventeen stenographers, young men and young women as busy as bees. His concern was already attracting attention from Uncle Sam's men.

When he was finally arrested, he was told Mr. Gregory that because as the time was ripe he would have been nabbed.

He was "selling the right to sell the right to sell," a certain kind of stove, a sort of endless chain contrivance. No provision was made as to seeing how or where the stoves could be secured, but he tried to sell the right as what Jackson was doing.

Mr. Gregory said when he called on Nichols he had no little trouble in getting into his private office. When he finally reached it, he found his stenographer there, and his private stenographer also present. He asked Nichols or Jackson for a few words in private, and was told to go ahead as the other two were in a confidential relation.

AETNA ACTIVE

Rivers of Red Hot Lava Rushing Madly Down the Mountain Side.

LOOKS GOOD TO THEM

PLEASURES DEMOCRATS.

The Election in Massachusetts Tuesday Turned Out Better Than the One in Missouri.

Zach McGhee says the Democrats in Washington are jubilant over the results of the by-elections in Missouri and Massachusetts. The Missouri district, the one formerly represented by the late David A. Ke- Arrmond, is taken as a typical Middle Western district.

In it the Democratic candidate made large gains in the election in January. Now in Massachusetts, in the most hide-bound Republican district of all New England, one never heretofore known to go Democratic, even in the Cleveland landslide, has been changed from 14,000 Republican majority to 6,000 Democratic majority.

In each of these districts the tariff and the Republican ring were the issues. Mr. Lloyd, the chairman of the Democratic congressional committee, who went up there last week, came back with the opinion that these would be Democratic gains and declaring that if the 14,000 Republican majority should be highly satisfied.

When the returns came in Tuesday night, with 12,000 more Democratic votes than Mr. Lloyd had counted on, there was jubilation indeed and the Republicans were astounded. The Democrats do not pretend to minimize the significance, but frankly admit that the situation is ominous of a Democratic tidal wave in November, unless it can be stayed.

They generally stay these threatening tidal waves, you know, and they may be able to stay this one; but they are wearing exceedingly gloomy faces.

ASHES BURIES HOUSES

Of Peasants, Who Congregated at Nichols to Watch the Scene of the Eruption.—They Are Terror Stricken and Implore Mercy.

Mount Aetna, near Catania, Sicily, whose eruptions in the past have wrought great destruction, is again in a violent state of activity. A pronounced movement within the crater beginning early Wednesday evening, increasing in volume, and Thursday night the gravest fears are entertained as to the results if the eruption continues in its present violent form.

From Catania correspondents motored in the direction of the mountain. Passing the village of Masciacina, twelve miles in a direct line from the crater, a thick curtain of smoke was encountered, which gradually concealed Aetna. At Nicholas, ten miles from the crater, the entire population had gathered in the square to watch the volcano, which appeared as a black phantom above.

Now and then it was illuminated with flashes of light, appearing almost red. Higher up the rain of cinders became thicker and extended like a veil across the mountain. A deep roaring was heard and detonations like the sound of artillery following one another in quick succession, while the earth shook under foot.

One of the guides cried: "An earthquake," and could hardly be induced to continue. The hot cinders covered the ground like a thick carpet, rendering walking difficult. A peasant was encountered coming down, burning everything. The lava is like a red hot river.

Proceeding a little further, four colossal columns of black smoke, which were cut by flashes of fire, presented an awe-inspiring spectacle. Then the wind opened the clouds for a moment, and a wide strip of fire could be seen in the distance, advancing with tremendous contortions like a fire-breathing dragon.

The lava flow had already reached the vineyards above San Leo and Rinazzo seven miles from the crater, and had buried a large number of peasant houses. It came in several places and united in one great mass about twenty feet in height and 1,500 feet a minute, varying according to the condition of the ground. This mighty wall of lava was not more than five miles from Bolossano and Nicosia.

The meteorological station, on the mountain side, has been destroyed, and the village of Borrello is in serious danger. The populace, terror stricken, are flying from their homes. The earth shocks have reached about fifty in number, but there is a continuous vibration and trembling from many miles around. Everywhere the villagers are carrying luggage in procession and imploring mercy. Twelve new craters have been opened up.

FATAL WRECK

Auto Crash.

MRS. SLOCUM IS KILLED

A Trolley Car and an Automobile Crash in Washington, by Which Mrs. Herbert J. Slocum Loses Her Life and Gen. J. F. Bell was Seriously Injured.

Maj. Gen. J. Franklin Bell, chief of staff of the United States army, who was injured early Wednesday in Washington in an automobile accident, in which Maj. Slocum, wife of Maj. Slocum, U. S. A., was almost instantly killed, was reported at a late hour that night to be resting comfortably. One of his ribs was broken and he suffered some scalp wounds but no internal injuries have been discovered and no complications of any sort have set in.

Maj. Slocum, who is a member of the Seventh Cavalry, now stationed at Governor's Island, N. Y., arrived in Washington Wednesday night. The accident was caused by a south bound trolley car on the Wisconsin avenue car line near Ten-skins of the city, colliding with an automobile owned by Gen. Bell. The car was occupied by Mrs. H. J. Slocum, aged 50 years, Mrs. H. L. Green, aged 50 years, Mrs. Slocum, who received internal injuries, was removed to Georgetown hospital in an automobile, where she was pronounced dead.

Chauffeur Ward was unhurt, but was soon arrested, together with the motorman and conductor of the trolley car. They were later released from custody, however, on orders from Coroner Nevitt, who instructed them to appear at the inquest.

Mrs. Slocum, whose husband is a nephew of Mrs. Russell Sage, was visiting her sister, Mrs. H. L. Green, at the Wyoming, a department house in Washington, but Tuesday went to Fort Myer to visit Mr. and Mrs. Pell, with whom she and her husband were on terms of intimate friendship. It was on the way back to the Wyoming that the fatal collision occurred.

The Tennytown road, officially known as Wisconsin Avenue, runs from Georgetown through the western environs of the city, and is a favorite route for automobiles. Crossing the Georgetown bridge from Fort Myer, the car turned north into Wisconsin avenue and was about to turn easterly along the northern boundary of the city when at Garfield street the collision occurred.

The fast moving trolley car, when the two came together, completely demolished the automobile. The automobile was hurled about five feet against a trolley pole. It finally turned over.

BEATING A RIDE

Falls From Moving Train and is Ground to Death.

SHOOTS DOWN GUARDS

Mortally Wounds Wardens at City Workhouse.

While beating his way on a freight train Wednesday afternoon Charles Lockbill of Lexington, N. C., better known as "Clad," fell under the moving train and was cut in two across the tracks, dying almost instantly. The accident happened in the eastern part of Thomasville, a short distance above the ellege.

No particulars further are known of the killing. Lockbill has a wife and four small children. He was considered a good peaceable fellow, except at times he would get on a spree.

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