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WRECK AT DANVILLE

Another Rear-End Crash and Negligence the Cause

TWO TRAINMEN ARE VICTIMS

Engineer George Kinney, of Thomasville, brother of the engineer who had such narrow escape Thanksgiving Day, and brakeman W. B. King, killed outright—No. 34 telegrapher a freight in the yards at Danville—Fire follows the wreck—A number injured, of whom at least one will die.

Danville, Va., Special.—Another railroad horror on the Southern which in many respects resembles that at Lawyers nine days ago, which resulted in the death of President Spencer, was enacted in the yards here Saturday morning at about 4 o'clock. Two persons were killed outright, half a dozen more or less injured, one of whom will die as a result of their injuries.

Train No. 34, northbound, a solid Pullman and passenger train, crashed into the rear of freight train No. 32, which was standing on the main line. The engine ploughed through the caboose and demolished several cars ahead of it. Fire followed the wreck and the local department was called out. Four or five cars were consumed and others badly damaged.

The Dead and Injured.

Engineer George C. Kinney, of No. 34, was scalded to death and brakeman W. B. King burned to a crisp. The home of Kinney, who is a brother of Will A. Kinney, the engineer on the train that crashed into Spencer's car, is at Thomasville, N. C. King's home is in Danville.

The seriously injured are: H. M. Patterson, of Chatham, brakeman, injured about the head and shoulders and leg broken.

O. J. Mull, of Columbia, S. C., flagman of No. 82, back sprained and hurt about the head.

O. M. Mailer, postal clerk, slightly hurt.

Robert Ford, colored fireman on No. 34, injured internally and will likely die. Several of his bones were broken.

The blame for the wreck rests upon two employes of the Southern. Flagman Mull, of No. 82, who was injured, and one of the other of the operators at Danville and Neapolis block stations. When the freight came to a standstill it was the duty of the flagman to go back and place a danger signal for any approaching train and the information so far shows that Mull did not do this.

Operator Skennille, at Danville, and Operator Clemons, at Neapolis, make contradictory statements regarding the sending and receiving of orders of a clear block for No. 34 and only official investigation will bring out the real facts. Dispatcher Skennille, at Danville block station, was formerly at Rangoon and was succeeded by Mattson, who is held responsible for the wreck by the local police authorities will be held in the mayor's court Tuesday morning.

Wreck at China Grove.

China Grove, Special.—Several box cars of southbound freight train No. 75 were derailed here. A number were completely demolished, but nobody was hurt. The chief feature of the wreck was the inconvenience to passenger trains. The main line is completely blocked, and unable to pass at 11:30.

Young Men Needed For the Navy.

Washington, Special.—"We want younger men to command the ships of the navy," said Admiral Dewey, after an interview with the president, "and the only way to accomplish it is to retire officers early." This result is sought to be attained by the enactment of the naval personnel bill which the Admiral discussed with the president.

Discharged Negro Soldiers Apply for Re-Enlistment.

Washington, Special.—At the instance of Secretary Taft Sergeant Sanders and Private Elmer Brown, of the Twenty-Fifth Infantry, colored, filed with the military secretary applications for re-enlistment in the army. One of these has been referred to the president in order that he may determine whether or not any of the men of the Twenty-fifth Infantry who were recently discharged without honor shall be re-enlisted and if so on what conditions.

John C. Brain Dead.

Tampa, Fla., Special.—John C. Brain, of the Confederate navy, died here of paralysis. During the civil war he commanded several Confederate vessels. After the war he went to England and returning a month later he was arrested by order of Secretary of the Navy Gideon Wells and was held a prisoner until March, 1869, being the last Confederate prisoner to be released.

Planning an Investigation.

Washington, Special.—An investigation of the operation and management of the railroads controlled by James J. Hill and his associates, including the Northern Pacific, the Great Northern, and the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, is in contemplation. The matter has been talked over by the commissioners and after certain preliminaries have been arranged and counsel for the commission selected, formal announcement of the proposed inquiry will be made.

THE WORK OF CONGRESS

What Our National Lawmakers Are Doing From Day to Day

Taft to Give Information

The resolution of Senator Penrose calling the President or all the facts regarding the discharge of the negro troops belonging to the Twenty-fifth Infantry, was received at the White House and at once turned over by the President to Secretary Taft, who will furnish the information desired. The Foraker resolution, which also was passed at the same time, but which is directed to the Secretary of War, had not been received by Secretary Taft up to a late hour Friday. Secretary Taft said, however, upon returning from the cabinet meeting, that he would comply with both resolutions to the fullest extent.

Simplified Spelling.

Simplified spelling received a hard blow in the legislative bill for 1908 reported to the House by the committee on appropriations, which says: "Hereafter in printing documents authorized by law or ordered by Congress or either branch thereof the Government Printing Office shall follow the rules of orthography established by Webster's or other generally accepted dictionaries of the English language."

The bill carries an appropriation of \$31,215,525, which is \$685,542 less than the estimates made for the legislative, judicial and executive departments of the government.

An increase from \$1,200 to \$1,000 is made in the allowance to members of the House for clerk hire, and the requirement that members certify they have spent this amount is omitted.

Efforts to take up the bill conferring citizenship upon the citizens of Porto Rico, reported from the committee on insular affairs of the House were defeated by objections of the Democrats.

An Important Measure.

During the three hours the House was in session it passed a bill which has the enthusiastic endorsement of labor as well as manufacturers generally, repealing that portion of the Wilson inter-state commerce bill relating to convict-made goods and pointing the several States to regulate their competition with "free labor" made goods.

The bill was introduced by Mr. Hunt, of Missouri, himself a practical stonemason. Under the Wilson bill, which became a law in 1890, convict labor-made goods may enter into active competition with the goods manufactured by "free labor" and under this Federal law a State could not pass a law that would prevent the shipping into the State prison-made goods of other States. The law which was passed abrogates the inter-State commerce law as at present applied to convict-made goods, thereby affording to the different States and Territories the right to inhibit the shipping of convict-made goods within the confines of any State or Territory.

Senator Simmons gave further attention to the case which he is to take out against Federal officeholders in North Carolina, who have been perniciously active in political matters. He conferred with Mr. Degraw, Fourth Assistant Postmaster general concerning the specific charges which have been made against Dagerhart, the rural free delivery carrier, who, it is alleged, tried to break up a meeting in Fredell county, at which Mr. Hackett was to speak. Mr. Degraw said that the inspector assigned to look into this matter had not yet completed his report, but he thought it would be at hand in a very few days. Mr. Degraw confirmed the report given by the civil service commission that an agent would be sent from the department to accompany Commissioner Green when he starts on his tour of investigation to the State to look into charges against Federal office holders.

Minority leader John Sharp Williams declared it to be his intention to recommend Representative Small for membership on the rivers and harbors committee, a recognition that is being urged by the entire North Carolina delegation. Mr. Williams is reputed to have said that Mr. Small was his first choice, and that if Speaker Cannon did not approve of this recommendation he would next endorse Representative Ellerbe of South Carolina.

Japs Want Naturalization.

Washington, Special.—Favorable action by Congress on the recommendation of the president in his last annual message that an act be passed specifically providing for the naturalization of Japanese who come to the United States intending to become American citizens, will go far toward securing a continuance of the traditional friendly relations between this country and Japan, in the opinion of Viscount Aoki, the Japanese ambassador.

The ambassador expressed the belief that there were not so many Japanese in this country to take advantage of naturalization if it were granted, but he thought that such an opportunity should be afforded them along with the citizens of other countries. He said he did not think it probably that those Japanese who were emigrating in large numbers to Hawaii and the Pacific coast would avail themselves of naturalization as most of them ultimately returned to Japan.

Stole a Street Car.

East Liverpool, O., Special.—The police are looking for a stranger who stole a street car, ran it four miles and collected fare from all passengers and then decamped. Conductor Deitz was at a pump, getting a drink, when the thief stepped aboard and gave the starting signal. The fellow managed the business so well that the motorman, entrained in on account of the rain, suspected nothing.

New President Takes Office.

Washington, Special.—William W. Finley, recently chosen as the successor of the late President Samuel Spencer, of the Southern Railway, assumed the active duties of his office Friday and will make his headquarters in this city. The policies of the late president will be carried out and no material changes in the system or the personnel of the executive branch of the road are contemplated by Mr. Finley.

SEVEN DIE IN FLAMES

3 Firemen and 4 Cornell Students Meet Tragic Death

CAUSE OF THE FIRE UNKNOWN

Four Students and Three Firemen Die in Flames Which Destroy Chi Psi Chapter House, Erected by Jennie McGraw Fiske at Cost of \$150,000 One Student Seriously Injured and Three Slightly Hurt.

Ithaca, N. Y., Special.—Seven persons met a tragic death Friday morning in the worst disaster that ever befell Cornell University. Three of the victims were volunteer firemen of the city of Ithaca, and four were students of Cornell University. The firemen all were prominent in this city. They were:

A. S. Robinson, Attorney.
John Runsey, hardware merchant.
Esty Landon, a salesman.

The students were:
O. L. Schmekel, Hanover, Pa.
F. W. Grell, South Orange, N. J.
W. H. Nichols, Chicago.

J. M. McCutcheon, Pittsburg.
Schmekel got out of the building but went back for his room-mate, Nichols, and in the attempt to rescue his comrade, he was so seriously injured that he died in the hospital.

One student, C. J. Pope, a freshman of East Orange, N. J., was seriously injured, and three others were slightly injured. They are: R. R. Powers, a senior of Atlanta, Ga.; W. W. Goetz, a sophomore of Milwaukee, Wis., and H. M. Curry, a sophomore of Pittsburg.

Rumsey, London and Robinson, the Ithaca volunteer firemen, had managed to train a hose on the north side of the house when the wall tottered. There was a cry of alarm, and several men standing near managed to get out of the way, but the three named were caught under the mass of debris and killed.

A few minutes after the flames were discovered the Chi Psi Chapter House was all ablaze, the flames fanned by a strong northwest wind, and the students were trapped in the dormitory on the third floor. Many of the boys jumped to safety while those who hesitated were ground by the flames.

No alarm was given until an hour after covered and before the victims could get to the roof. The fire was out by the time the fire of the building was extinguished. They could do nothing but prevent the adjoining buildings from taking fire.

The money loss is nearly \$200,000, since the original cost of the building erected by Mrs. Jennie McGraw Fiske was about \$150,000 and extensive interior decorations had been made.

The cause of the fire is unknown, though it is suspected that it started in the kitchen. Cornell University is immeasurably appalled by the terrible catastrophe and academic work is almost suspended.

The burned building was built by Jennie McGraw Fiske, the benefactor of Cornell whose will was contested by her husband, Prof. Willard Fiske. Mrs. Fiske died abroad, seeking help for an incurable disease, and never entered her beautiful mansion alive. Her body was taken there for the obsequies.

Killed by Brother-in-Law.

Bristol, Tenn., Special.—The coroner's jury impaneled to investigate the cause of the death of Dr. Isaac Anderson, who was supposed to have committed suicide, after two days' session, returned a verdict fixing the responsibility for his death upon a brother of his widow, James Nelms, aged 21 years. Nelms was suspected of the murder and arrested shortly after Dr. Anderson's death and is now in jail at Gate City. A warrant charging him with murder has been served upon him.

Schooner a Fatal Loss.

Philadelphia, Special.—The Assortment life saving station reported that the three-master schooner Florence I. Lockwood, from Norfolk to New York, with a cargo of lumber, stranded on Williams shoal, off Assateague, Va., last night, and is a total loss. Captain Taylor and his crew were rescued by the life savers.

Twelve Miners Die in Shaft.

Laredo, Mex., Special.—News has just reached this city from Monterey, Mex., of a mine accident, which occurred last Tuesday at the Avino mines, and which resulted in the death of 12 Mexican miners, who were at work in the shaft. The accident was due, it is reported, to the carelessness of some one in letting a big flow of water into the lower level, where the men were discovered.

Rawlings Boys Not to Hang.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—The pardon board commuted the death sentence of Jesse and Milton Rawlings to life imprisonment. The crime is the same for which their father, J. G. Rawlings and Alf Moore, a negro, were hanged at Valdosta, Tuesday. The recommendation of the pardon board goes to Gov. Terrel, who undoubtedly will approve the decision.

Caught in Cotton Gin.

Louisburg, Special.—Mr. J. A. Spencer met with a horrible accident Thursday morning at his gin house about one mile from here. He was caught and drawn upon the saws of the gin. One arm was cut to pieces, his face being badly mangled. Several teeth were sawed out, and he was badly cut about the body. It was feared at first he could not live, but the physicians now entertain slight hopes of his recovery.

EX-SENATOR SHOT

Arthur Brown, Former United States Senator From Utah Shot and Seriously Wounded by Mrs. Anna M. Bradley, of Salt Lake City.

Washington, D. C., Special.—Former United States Senator Arthur Brown, of Utah, lies in a critical condition in Emergency Hospital, from a pistol shot wound in the abdomen inflicted by Mrs. Anna M. Bradley, of Salt Lake, who arrived here Saturday from that city. The shooting occurred in Senator Brown's apartments in the Hotel Raleigh, where Mrs. Bradley also had registered under the name of "A. B. Brown." She was taken in custody and was locked up for the night in the matron's room of the First Precinct police station.

Two shots were fired, one glancing Brown's left hand and the other entering the abdomen and lodging in the pelvic cavity. After working over him for nearly two hours, the surgeons decided that for the present at least they would make no further attempt to find the bullet. It was stated that while Senator Brown's condition was critical, his wounds are not necessarily fatal.

No Witness to Shooting.

Mrs. Bradley arrived here shortly after noon. After being assigned a room she immediately went to Senator Brown's apartment. There were no witnesses to the shooting, but a floor maid heard the shots and notified the management. According to her statement, Mrs. Bradley came to Washington to demand that Senator Brown marry her. She said that their relations were well known in Salt Lake. "I asked him if he was going to do the right thing by me," she said, maintaining a remarkable composure. "His reply was that he put on his overcoat and started to leave the room and I shot him. I abhor acts of this character, but in this case it was fully justified."

While expressing no sorrow for her act, she was glad to know that Senator Brown might recover. "I was practically penniless when I got here today," she said, "having only \$125, and after paying the cabman, all the money I had in the world was \$100." She said she urged Senator Brown to marry her, that he had been instrumental in the divorce between her husband and herself, and that as his wife was dead he now could "do the right thing" by her. This she said

whom she had never seen before. Her story of her relations with Senator Brown. She alleged that two of her children owe their parentage to Senator Brown and that she had named one of them after him. Mrs. Bradley was reluctant to speak of her former husband, but questioning brought out the facts that he now is living in Nevada with a second wife.

Further questioning disclosed the fact that Mrs. Bradley for two years, 1900 and 1902, had served in the capacity of secretary to the Utah State Republican committee and also at one time was editor of the official organ of the State Federation of Women's Clubs. She declared that she had a sister in the newspaper business in Salt Lake City, but that she would not communicate with member of her family because she knew that they would come to her assistance.

Manager Talty, of the Raleigh, was notified of the shooting within two or three minutes after it occurred. He hurried to Senator Brown's apartment to ascertain the facts.

Brown Retains Consciousness.

Senator Brown, despite the seriousness and shock of the wound, retained consciousness and was perfectly calm and collected. He made no statement to Mr. Talty beyond saying that he had been shot by Mrs. Bradley.

The woman continued in the room while Mr. Talty was attending to Senator Brown, but offered no assistance. Finally, Mr. Talty ordered her to leave the room. She declined with absolute coolness to comply with the order.

"I will remain here," she said, "I am the mother of two of his children."

An officer from the first precinct police station placed Mrs. Bradley under arrest. She made no resistance and offered no further explanation of the shooting. She was asked for a statement of the incident, but referred all those who inquired to Senator Sutherland, of Utah.

Telegraphic Briefs.

Secretary Shonts' daughter denies reports of her engagement to the Duc de Chaurines at Piquigney.

Seven Baltimore prisoners were on the special train Wednesday that took 87 convicts from Washington to the Atlanta Federal prison.

A Chicago syndicate offers to take over the United States postal system, cut the rates in half and save the country \$100,000,000.

A missionary movement by reform ed drunks and those among high society in New York is being considered.

E. L. Adams, agent at Keyford, Va., was arrested, charged with robbing the express office of \$6,000.

Booker T. Washington's secretary and collector Anderson, a leading negro politician of New York, saw the president and urged him to modify the order dismissing the colored troops.

The trial of Chester Gillette, charged with the murder of Grace Brown, practically ended so far as the taking of testimony is concerned.

Mrs. Frank McQuire, wife of a schooner's captain, was lashed to the wheel 48 hours, steering the vessel during a storm and getting the craft safely through.

Karl Hau, the Washingtonian accused of murder by the Baden-Baden police, is believed to be feigning insanity.

Secretary Wilson reports that the products of American farms this year will amount to a total valuation of \$6,800,000,000, an increase of \$500,000,000 over last year.

A TRIPLE HOMICIDE

As Result of Discharge of a Shotgun by Heintsch Coggins, Eight-Year-Old Boy, of Cedar Springs, S. C., His Sister, Hattie Lou Coggins, is Dead, and a Colored Girl and the Boy Himself Are Probably Fatally Wounded.

Spartanburg, S. C., Special.—News reached here of a terrible tragedy that occurred at Cedar Springs Wednesday afternoon, which may yet result in the deaths of three children. As it is, one is already dead and two others are expected to die at any moment. The dead child is Hattie Lou Coggins, a girl eight years of age, daughter of Liseo C. Coggins. Her twin brother, Heintsch Coggins, is badly hurt and a colored girl, who is employed in the family, is thought to be mortally wounded.

Mr. Coggins returned from a hunt and placed his loaded shotgun in a corner of a room, within reach of the boy Heintsch. Picking up the firearm, he directed it toward his sister, who was at play with her colored companion in the same room. Playfully he pulled the trigger and the contents of the barrel lodged in the bodies of the negro child and little Hattie Lou. The recoil of the gun spent its force on the boy's face and elsewhere, and it is feared he may die, being internally injured, it is believed.

Three Rob Freight Train.

Clinton, S. C., Special.—Eastbound freight train No. 22, of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad, was held up at 6 o'clock Thursday morning near Mountville, about 8 miles from Clinton. Three men did the work. One car was broken open and considerable silverware stolen. One of the three, who says his name is John Knox, aged 18 years, of Union county, North Carolina, was shot by Conductor Hoyt Deadwild in the heel, and is under arrest here. The whole affair was planned in a way which evidenced certainly some knowledge of the train's cargo. During the stop at Mountville the robbers cut the train in two and signalled Engineer Wilson to go ahead. Thinking, in the semi-darkness, that the signal was that of his flagman, the engineer pulled out, and did not discover until Clinton had been reached that half his train had been left behind. As soon as the first section of the train had left the robbers or two of them, broke the seal from one of the cars and entered it. This car, loaded with silverware, they ransacked

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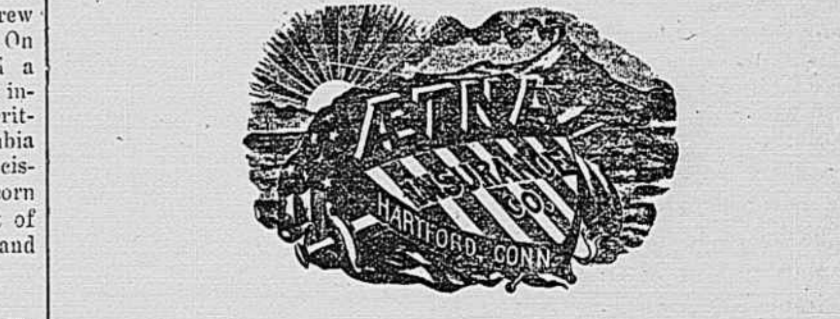
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