

FOUR INJURED IN WRECK

Passenger and Freight Engines Crash at Andrews.

Four persons were painfully injured and two received minor bruises when passenger train No. 117 of the Southern railway, en route from York to Columbia, and a Southern freight engine had a head-on collision at a curve about 100 yards distant from the Andrews block, on the outskirts of the city, yesterday afternoon at 1:04 o'clock.

All of the injured were aboard the passenger train. They are:

N. A. Weimer, 35, flagman, 4401 Ridgewood street, Columbia, sprained back and severe bruises about the face.

J. B. Watson, 44, conductor, 1521 Pickens street, Columbia, three ribs broken and cut on hand.

Mrs. J. B. Williams, 64, passenger, Gadsden, sprained wrist.

J. L. Fouche, 42, engineer, 2003 Taylor street, Columbia, wrenched back.

Engineer Fouche was resting very comfortably last evening at his residence. He was taken to the hospital soon after the wreck but was later moved to his room on Taylor street. The other three injured are at the Columbia hospital and are resting as well as could be expected. Several passengers received minor bruises but their injuries were not sufficiently serious to necessitate their going to a hospital.

According to Engineer Fouche and Flagman Weimer, No. 117 was on time and was due to meet train No. 118 at the Andrews blockhouse, which is located at the point where the Atlantic Coast Line and the Southern tracks come together. Their train was within 300 feet of the block when the accident occurred. The freight engine had cleared the block and was on its way to the other end of the Andrews yard to "pick up" its string of box cars and start towards Charleston. The crew members of the passenger train thought the track was clear.

The freight engineer could not be reached last night, as he proceeded on his run.

The two engines were considerably wrecked. Steam was pouring from Engineer Fouche's cab after the smash. The wreckage was cleared as soon as possible in order to allow No. 118 to move towards York.

An unusual part of the wreck was that out of four members of the crew, who jumped from the engines when they saw that the crash could not be avoided, only Engineer Fouche received a painful injury. Dave DeWitt, engineer of the freight, and June Wingard, fireman on the "light" engine, averted possible death by making daring leaps from the locomotive. Steve Pinckney, negro fireman on the passenger train, also jumped without receiving apparent hurts.

Flagman Weimer was standing on the rear platform of the passenger coach, he said, when the two engines came together. He was thrown from the train and fell to the ground. Conductor Watson, he said, was making his way towards the door of a negro coach when the crash came. He was thrown against the door and in saving himself from a serious fall by catching hold of the entrance way, cut his left hand. He managed to crawl through the door, amid a cloud of steam that was coming from the wrecked engines and was later found in a ditch alongside the track. Mrs. Williams was hurt, she said, by being knocked against one of the seats.

Engineer Fouche said that he did not see the "light" engine until within about 50 feet of it. He said he threw on the emergency brakes and applied the air, but seeing that the collision was unavoidable, jumped. He said he was compelled to make the leap from the train's side of the locomotive because of a number of box cars on the engine's side and that he jumped head first into the ditch.

Mr. Fouche said that as soon as he recovered from the effects of the blow he walked down the track and later found Captain Watson in a sitting posture in the ditch. The conductor could not get his breath until water had been applied to his face. He was rushed to the Columbia hospital in an automobile. An ambulance carried Mr. Fouche, Mr. Weimer and Mrs. Williams to the Bladensburg county institution a short time afterwards.

Six white people and two negroes were aboard No. 117 when the accident occurred.

The wife of a Corning, New York, man, on Friday served her husband with pancakes made of plaster of paris, she mistaking a sack of the plaster for a sack of flour that sat beside it. The husband ate four of the cakes and did not discover the error until a daughter remarked the flatness of the taste of the cakes. The man suffered no ill effects from his pancakes.

RAISED LARGE AMOUNT

Colored Methodists Preparing To Build New House of Worship.

The members of Trinity Methodist Church of this city have put on a campaign to raise funds for the building of a new church on the present site and we are glad to publish the following result of a canvass made public last Sunday:

As an item of news and feeling that the public will be interested, we wish to submit for publication the following report on the New Church Rally at Trinity M. E. Church (colored) on Sunday, March 16, 1924, at which time the total collections for the day amounted to \$2,361.00.

Much credit is due the pastor, Rev. B. F. Bradford, for his remarkable ability in organizing his membership leading up to this occasion.

For the purpose of the rally the church membership was divided into clubs, or rather the various clubs connected with the church worked in-

dependent of each other in raising funds, with the view of assembling all the proceeds on the final day. It was the hope and intention of the pastor and congregation to raise at least \$3,000.00, and although they did not succeed in reaching their goal, their success on the occasion was remarkable and beyond parallel of any colored organization in the history of Camden.

The various clubs reported in the order of their seniority. The Officers Club, Rev. B. F. Bradford, reporting \$530; The Sunday School, E. J. McGirt, reporting \$28; The Independent Society, S. R. Dibble, reporting \$418.95; Willing Workers Club, Kate Powell reporting \$212.55; Missionary Society, B. L. Dibble, reporting \$135; Queen Esther Circle, Hettie Frazier, reporting \$45.25; Ushers Club, H. F. McGirt reporting \$855.05; Trinity Glee Club, A. M. Thomas reporting \$205.46; Other collections, \$130.74.—Total, \$2,361.00.

The pastor and members of Trinity M. E. Church desire to express their

sincere thanks to all friends, white and colored, local and transient, who contributed so generously toward the campaign.

H. F. MCGIRT,
President Ushers Club.

Garretts to Serve Time.

Cumberland Court House, Va., March 13.—Motions for new trials for Robert O. Garrett, Cumberland county clerk, and his brother, Larkin C. Garrett were overruled today by Judge J. A. White in Cumberland county circuit court, and the brothers were ordered confined in the state penitentiary at Richmond for periods of five years and four years, respectively.

Walter L. Cohen, negro republican leader of Louisiana, has been confirmed as comptroller of customs at New Orleans.

Found Dead in Room.

Florence, March 16.—Fraser Warr, 36, unmarried, an employee of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad shops, was found dead on the bed of his room at the home of his parents here about 11:30 o'clock this morning, with a gaping wound in his breast and a single barreled shotgun, containing one exploded shell lying on the floor.

Mrs. H. E. Warr, mother of the dead man, said she heard the report of the gun and rushing into the room, found her son dead. The parents of the young man say he had been in bad health and despondent to which state of mind they attribute the act.

Lloyd H. Grandy, of Pickens, has been appointed Federal prohibition director for South Carolina.

Lee County Lets Road Contract.

At a meeting of the board of commissioners for Lee county held Tuesday morning at the court house, bids were received for the construction of 1.656 miles of sand-clay road, being that portion in Lee county of the highway connecting Sumter and Florence. The lowest bid considered was that of R. S. Connor of Bowman, S. C., who offered to do the work for \$7,059.12 and complete the undertaking in forty days.

It is also stated that the cost of building this road will be met by the highway department from the gasoline tax fund, and will not cost Lee county anything. J. W. Martin of Florence, representing the highway department was present for the reception of the bids.—Bishopville Messenger.



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A whole week of shopping days, March 24th to 29th inclusive, has been set aside for you, who do not live in Richmond, to visit the store. That week Miller & Rhoads will hold open house for visitors from out of town. Come in and let us show you the nicest place to shop you have ever seen.

What a transformation you will find in the whole store! More than half of it is new—new from roof to basement, new fixtures and new merchandise. And the old building, too, has been rejuvenated. You will hardly know it—refurnished, redecorated and beautified from top to bottom. It is practically a new store from Broad Street to Grace Street, from Fifth Street to Sixth Street.

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Spring styles lend color and enchantment to the busy streets of the old capital. It is the most delightful time of year to visit Richmond. Plan to spend at least a day or two in this, one of the most beautiful cities of the South. And spring, too, is a delightful time of year to visit Miller & Rhoads. You will find it convenient to make your headquarters here. Check your bags and parcels here, rest in comfortable rest-rooms, lunch in pleasant tea-rooms and shop at your leisure. In the new store, just as in the old, there is a friendly welcome and a willingness to serve.

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