

WRECK VICTIMS NUMBER ELEVEN

Two Southern Railroad Officials are Among the Dead, While Many Were Injured in the Accident.

GOULDS ON THE TRAIN

Broken Rail Caused the Wreck in Which Southern Citizens Lost Their Lives or Were Hurt.

GREENSBORO, N. C., Dec. 16.—Local passenger train No. 11 on the Southern Railway, known as the Richmond and Atlanta train, due in Greensboro at 6:45 a. m., was wrecked at Reedy Fork trestle, ten miles north of here, and at 6 o'clock last evening twelve bodies had been removed from the wreckage.

It is reported that fourteen are dead. Twenty-five injured are being cared for at St. Leo's hospital.

The dead so far identified are: A. P. Cone, superintendent of the Richmond and Danville division of the Southern Railway, Richmond, Va. H. C. White, traveling auditor, Washington, D. C.

Isaac Dammals, porter on the Richmond sleeper.

C. B. Nolan, Pullman conductor, Greensboro.

Frank W. Kilby, Birmingham, Ala., or Wilkesboro, N. C.

Virgil E. Helmeboom, Mount Airy, N. C.

Ed. Sexton, Denton, N. C.

Richard E. Ames, a prominent mining engineer of Salisbury, N. C.

John C. Brodnax, Richmond, Va.

Ed. Bagby, Richmond, Va.

Chas. T. Broadfield, Americus, Ga., among the patients at the hospital who are fatally injured are: Henry C. Stribling, Decatur, Ga., and E. G. Smith of Spencer, N. C.

Much time was required to remove the dead and injured from the debris. The injured were brought to this city as rapidly as they could be extricated and placed in St. Leo's Hospital.

George J. Gould, who, with his son Jay, was in one of the Pullmans when the train jumped the track, and who was reported dead, escaped uninjured. He and his son, together with his friend R. H. Russell, New York, former editor of the Metropolitan Magazine, had just got out of their berths when the wreck occurred.

Mr. Russell was badly hurt by coming in contact with a car stove and is at the hospital.

Mr. Gould and his son came in on the special bearing the dead and injured. He left for his hunting lodge, fifteen miles from here, stating that the wreck had not disarranged his plans for a week's outing.

The derailment was caused by a broken rail about 200 feet from the trestle that spans the small stream.

STATUTE OF SENATOR HARLAN

Kennedy, Kendall and Cummins are Committee to Select the Site for Same.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—The Iowa delegation appointed as a committee Senator Cummins and Representatives Kennedy and Kendall to arrange for placing a statue of Senator Harlan in Statuary Hall in the capitol. It is expected that the statue, which has been finished by a sculptor in Chicago, will arrive in January. Whether a formal ceremony will be held at the time the statue is installed among those of the nation's famous men and women has not been determined. Mr. Kennedy was given charge of selecting the location of the statue in the hall.

The delegation accorded the seventh district the privilege of again naming the pension agent at Des Moines. Hull concedes the place to Cummins and the latter will announce the choice after the holidays.

CRACKSMEN GET BAG OF GOLD

Robbed Bank of \$6,000 and Made Their Escape in a Spring Wagon.

FRESNO, Cal., Dec. 16.—Three daring cracksmen looted the First National bank at Exeter early today and escaped with \$6,000 in gold.

The bandits broke open the vault with a sledge hammer. In their haste, they left a bag in which they had poured \$650 in gold. They escaped in a light spring wagon and are believed to have started toward Fresno. A posse is in pursuit.

WAITING GAME BEING PLAYED

No Battle Reported Yet From Nicaragua and Both Sides are Waiting For the Great Opportunity.

THE KNOX LETTER READ

People in the Capitol Were Given a Chance to Read the Letter and They Gave Vent to Joy.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 16.—According to cable dispatches from Bluefields today, rebel and government forces are still facing each other at Rama but neither side has as yet undertaken an aggressive move and no fighting has occurred except occasional skirmishes.

Each leader seems to be waiting to find out the exact strength of the other or to discover some weakness that will afford the chance for a telling attack.

Wire communication between Bluefields and Rama has been re-established today. For the first time definite news of the late movement there was received. This contradicted earlier reports that a general engagement had begun. Reports from Managua say that scenes of disorder followed the first publication in the capitol of the Knox letter. Estrada sympathizers marched through the streets, hooting and yelling and howling for the United States and Liberty. A copy of this letter was pasted on a plate glass and displayed at the capitol. It was torn down by Zelaya sympathizers.

According to these reports the police did not attempt to interfere with the mob in which several hundred men took part.

CHARITY BALL NETTED THOUSANDS

Annual Affair in Chicago Last Night Was a Success in Every Way.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—The generous unselfish effort of Chicago's society women extending over a period of many weeks bore fruit last night in the most brilliant charity ball which Chicago has ever seen. It was a harmonious and beautiful picture set in a rich and ornate frame, and those who gathered at the Auditorium theatre, whether they sat in the boxes or occupied chairs in the balcony, were rewarded by an evening that gladdened the eye and expanded the heart. Citizens of Chicago had responded nobly to the call of charity and poured out their largess without stint.

Financially the ball was a gratifying success. It was estimated that the net proceeds would reach about \$26,000, \$4,000 in excess of the charity ball of 1906.

This sum will be divided equally among the seven charities which are to benefit and will mean a handsome Christmas gift for the wards, little and big, which the institutions harbor. The total receipts reached \$32,300, and the disbursements, so far as could be determined, will amount to \$7,200. This leaves net receipts of \$25,100, but a small revenue derived from other sources will bring the amount close to \$26,000.

FROZEN TO DEATH IN A GULCH

Companion of General Custer Was Caught in Blizzard and Was Found Dead.

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 16.—With a cowboy escort of honor, the body of Judge Leonard, pioneer of the Texas Panhandle, found frozen to death in a gulch 15 miles from Amarillo, was taken to that city today.

Leonard was a close friend of General Custer and was his companion in some of the campaigns on the Texas frontier 40 years ago. He was caught by the recent blizzard which swept the Panhandle and sought shelter in a gulch, but was frozen before the blizzard abated.

Dr. Cook Ignored

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The National Geographic Society last night publicly acclaimed Commander Robert E. Peary the discoverer of the north pole, and in recognition therefore presented to him a gold medal. In presenting the trophy to Commander Peary, Professor Willis L. Moore, president of the society who acted as toastmaster phrased, his sentences to refer to Commander Peary as "the man" who had won the prize. There was no reference to the claims of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, and only a slight one to the polar controversy.

Admiral Nicholson

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The president sent to the senate today the nomination of Captain Reginald Nicholson, to be chief of the bureau of navigation, with rank of Rear Admiral.

ANOTHER BIG TELEPHONE DEAL

J. P. Morgan & Co. buys Independent System in Ohio, at Price Said to be up in the Millions.

ONLY AS AN INVESTMENT

There is Said to be no Bell Money in the Deal Which is a Big One and May Mean Something.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Dec. 16.—Announcement was made here that J. P. Morgan & Co., are the purchasers of two of the independent telephone properties in which James S. Bralley, Jr. of this city recently secured control. Details of the deal and future operation are not made known officially.

On authority from Morgan & Co., the following statement was issued by Clarence Brown, general counsel for the United States (long distance) and Cuyahoga Telephone Company of Cleveland:

"I am authorized by James S. Bralley Jr. to announce that J. Pierpont Morgan & Co., have purchased for their own account a majority of the stocks of the United States Long Distance and Cuyahoga Telephone companies. Further than this, no statement can be made at present."

Mr. Bralley admitted that he has perfected a deal for the independent plants of Columbus and Dayton, Ohio. Announcement as to these companies and the new long-distance company, the Indianapolis Telephone Company and the Toledo Home Telephone Company is withheld for the present, but the unofficial information that they have or will be acquired also by Morgan & Co. is credited. Control of the seven companies is said to represent a cash outlay of \$8,000,000.

The deal announced is said to be the first investment or financial interest of Morgan & Co., in independent telephone properties.

The United States Company is the long-distance service of the independents in Ohio and Michigan, and the new long-distance company of those in Indiana. The management will remain practically the same as now.

Amplifying the official announcement, Mr. Bralley said:

"Messrs. Morgan & Co. bought the property for themselves as a permanent investment. This confirms the original statement that no Bell money was concerned in the purchase."

NEGRO ARRESTED ON SUSPICION

Thought to Know Something About the Murder of Mrs. Lillie Osburn.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 16.—In William Gibbons, 27 years old, the police think they have a man who may know something of the killing of Mrs. Lillie Osburn, who was murdered and robbed in the basement of her home at 4375 Laclede avenue, Tuesday evening. Not only does Gibbons answer the general description of the negro whom Mrs. Osburn is declared to have engaged to care for the furnace Monday, but he is known to have been in the neighborhood about the time Mrs. Osburn's unconscious body was found with skull fractured and disarranged clothing, the police say. Special Officer Logan, who arrested him at the home of his brother-in-law, Griffin Henderson, 2305 Morgan street, said Gibbons admitted to him he was near the Osburn home about the time of the murder, but denied he entered the house. He told conflicting stories when questioned by Assistant Chief Gillaspay last night, which increased the suspicion already cast upon him.

CONDUCTOR WAS KILLED IN WRECK

Passenger Train Struck Interurban Car and the Passengers Escaped.

DES MOINES, Dec. 16.—A Minneapolis and St. Louis passenger train hit an interurban car at the crossing here, striking the front end of the car and killing Fred Grace of Des Moines, the interurban conductor. None of the passengers were injured seriously.

47 Want Pardons

DES MOINES, Dec. 16.—When the state board of parole meets in regular session next January, it will have 147 cases to dispose of. Thus far there is only one murder case, that of W. E. Alexander of Polk county, which was continued over from last term. In only four cases, including the Alexander case, is there a request for oral argument, though it is expected that more such requests will be filed before the board convenes.

Miners Entombed

NEGAUNEE, Mich., Dec. 16.—The four miners entombed in the Negaunee iron mine have not been found and little hope is entertained for their rescue alive. Mine Superintendent S. R. Elliott of the Negaunee mines believes the men buried in mud and has ordered all other work in the mines suspended until the victims are reached by rescuing parties.

Ice Cutting at Night

CRESTON, Ia., Dec. 16.—Nine inch ice is reported on Summit lake, near here, and the ice harvest is ready to begin. A lighting system has been installed at the lake, and a night force will be worked this season as well as a day force. It is the intention of those in charge of the ice cutting to rush the work when once started, providing the weather remains cold.

Local Option Law

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 16.—The Indiana supreme court today declared of the county local option law constitutional. Two judges rendered a dissenting opinion.

WRECKAGE OF THE TUG BOAT

Supposed Wreck of the Jimmie Was Discovered at the Mouth of River on the Texas Coast.

CRABS ATE THE CORPSES

Officials and Insurance Men Have Started for the Scene to Confirm the Report Received.

GALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 16.—The fishing schooner Don't Care today reports finding near the mouth of the Brazos river, a pile of wreckage, containing several dead bodies. It is believed the wreck is the remains of the tug Jimmie which left Sabine, Dec. 4 for Galveston, with six men on board. The wreckage looked as though the tug had been burned. Among the debris was an oil barrel similar to the storage tanks carried on the Jimmie but there was no name seen on any piece of wreckage.

Crabs and fish had so mutilated the bodies so that they were almost unrecognizable. All efforts to trace the lost tug have been unavailing and the theory that a boiler explosion on the tug was followed by fire, is accepted by the owners. The tug Zee, with officers of the Bowers Southern Dredging Co., and insurance officials on board is on its way to the wreck.

TOO BAD ABOUT THE POOR DOG

Two Burglars and a Dog Were Blown to Pieces by the Nitro Glycerine Which They Carried.

SAFE ROBBERY PLANNED

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HIRED THIEF TO STEAL LETTERS

William R. Hearst Charged by Charles Murphy With Having Broken Into His Hotel by Proxy.

LETTERS ARE PUBLISHED

Suggest That Tammany Wanted to Get Control of the New Democratic League in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, maintained his usual reticence when he was asked concerning several letters which were published in W. R. Hearst's New York American and which purported to have passed between Murphy and several of his lieutenants here while Murphy was sojourning at Mount Clemens, Mich., after the recent elections.

Murphy did not deny the authenticity of the letters.

"Things have come to a pretty pass," he said, "when a man who tried to be elected mayor of New York and aspires to be president of the United States hires a thief to enter a hotel room."

The letters, as published, suggest that Tammany would like to get control of the new Democratic League, an organization of progressive Democrats which is trying to rejuvenate the party in this state.

The signers of the letters, as printed, were Thomas F. Smith, secretary of Tammany Hall; A. J. Johnson, a Tammany leader in the recent campaign, and others. Johnson is quoted in part, as follows:

"I had lunch yesterday with S. S. Menken, whom you remember is the prime mover in the Democratic League. There is to be a meeting at the Manhattan Club next Thursday to form an organization for New York county. Menken will have any one made president that will be agreeable to you."

Smith is credited with the following:

"Just had a talk with Judge Morgan J. O'Brien (another important figure in the Democratic League and he wants me to assure you that everything is in good condition.

Both Menken and O'Brien issued statements explaining their attitude. Menkens says the letters in no way indicate that the league had committed itself to Tammany Hall, while Judge O'Brien said that his hope was to bring harmony to all factions. He admitted that Smith had called upon and conferred with him.

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SPILLED SOUP ON SWALLOWTAILS

Recent Banquet at Yale, Which Taft Attended, Resulted in Wholesale Ruination of Dress Suits.

TOO MANY AT TABLES

All Went Well Until a Waiter Slipped on the Floor and Then the Whole Force Became Groggy.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—According to reports brought back from New Haven by some of those who accompanied President Taft, many of the best dress suits in Yale University were wrecked at the banquet in the university dining hall Tuesday night.

Yale's dining hall is big enough to hold 1,000 or 1,100, or possibly 1,100, diners, but when it comes to adding a hundred more, and when some of the space is used for a separate platform for distinguished guests, the waiters do not have any too much room.

As the story goes, all New Haven was present in the glory of Tuxedo or evening clothes. Everything went smoothly for the first course or two, but suddenly one of the troop of several hundred negro waiters slipped on the stone floor. His trayful of dishes made a parabolic curve and descended gently, but firmly upon the head of a benevolent gentleman with side whiskers and a Yale pennant 2 inches square in his sparse hair.

That one accident started it all. Afterward there was no peace, it as the banquet went on and as the diners continued to leave the tables to greet old friends the avalanche of dishes increased. Many a poor man was caught as he was about to make away with a rare bit of food by the sudden insertion of a shербet or a squab between his collar and his neck.

Evening clothes went by the board, and Tuxedos were not spared. The president and the other speakers escaped because the throng could not get up to them and the waiters were not hampered. All through the banquet the dishes crashed on the floor, and the diners ate in fear and trembling. This should have been a day of rejoicing in New Haven among the tailors.

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BELGIUM'S KING SINKING FAST

Leopold is Near Death's Door and Has Commenced to Repent of the Wicked Life he Has Led.

PEOPLE ARE HOSTILE

His Estrangement With His Daughters is Not Taken With Good Humor by His Many Subjects.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 16.—King Leopold fainted several times during last night and is today growing steadily weaker. His occasional rallies are of short duration, being followed by increasing depression.

The report that he is a victim of progressive paralysis, was confirmed today. The attendants fear death is a matter of only a few hours. Cardinal Mercier, who is almost constantly with the king, is bringing pressure to bear with him to become reconciled to his daughters and grant them a final interview. So far, Leopold has been deaf to all entreaties. His treatment of his daughters has caused a wave of resentment and the public is becoming openly hostile to him. Princess Stephanie has called at the Palais several times to see her father, but the attendants are under orders not to admit her and she has not seen the king.

Dispatches from Buda Peste today say Princess Louise has suffered a nervous collapse, due to her unanswered appeal to be allowed to come to Brussels.

One of the king's physicians today fall in an unguarded moment let fall the statement that the king is greatly concerned over the wicked life he has led and has been seeking solace from the cardinal. It is this feeling, which is counted on for him to forgive his daughters and permit them to come to his bedside.

It is understood that Leopold's personal fortune is enormous, and that if the figures were known they would startle the world. Besides extensive properties in Belgium and France, he has immense holdings in American securities. The earnings of his enterprises in the Congo independent state are reported to be stupendous.

Princess Stephanie, who reached here, was respectfully greeted by a crowd at the railroad station. She is a great favorite with the Belgians. The princess declared that she came not for material gain, but to see her father, whom she loved, despite the fact that he had repulsed her at her mother's deathbed.

THE WEATHER.

For Keokuk and vicinity. Partly cloudy tonight and Friday. Colder Friday.

For Illinois. Fair in south; snow in north portion tonight. Friday partly cloudy with colder north portion.

For Iowa. Snow tonight with colder west and central portions. Friday partly cloudy and colder.

For Missouri. Partly cloudy tonight and Friday. Colder Friday.

There has been light snow over the northern portion of the country, east of the Missouri river, with a marked depression center in Minnesota, and the pressure remains low in north-eastern states.

The western field of high pressure remains over the northern mountain region, its influence causing colder weather over the entire southern portion of the country, while the temperature is mild in the northwest. Another area of high pressure has appeared in the western gulf.

Conditions indicate partly cloudy, colder weather for this section tonight and Friday, and light snow flurries are probable.

Local Observations.

Dec. 16. Bar. Ther. Wind. Weather. 15 7 p.m. . . . 30.08 16 W Clear 16 7 a.m. . . . 29.97 18 SW Clear

River above low water of 1864 3 feet 5 tenths.

Change in 24 hours fall 0 feet 6 tenths.

Mean temperature, 15.

Maximum temperature, 27.

Minimum temperature, 16.

FRED GOSEWISCH, Observer.