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4 KILLED; 30 INJURED IN RAILROAD WRECK

Six Coaches Are Derailed Near the Kentucky-Tennessee State Line

Somerset, Ky., April 7.—Four persons are dead and thirty are in a local hospital as the result of the derailment just north of New River, Tenn., yesterday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock of six cars on train No. 2, the Royal Palm Limited, of the Queen & Crescent Route of the Southern Railway System. Several of the injured may die.

Two of the victims were dead when taken from the wreckage. Two others died on a special train en route here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Perkins, of Louisville, were injured, but were able to go to a hotel after their injuries were dressed. Mrs. Perkins, however, is suffering greatly from the shock. Her husband is a traveling salesman for Bayless Bros. & Co., 794 West Main street. They were returning to Louisville after a trip through the South.

When news was received at division headquarters here and at Harriman Junction, Tenn., calls were sent to Knoxville and a number of other nearby cities for all available doctors and nurses. These were brought to the scene in special trains, and some of them accompanied the injured here.

The wreck was caused, it was stated by railroad officials, probably by a buckling track or spreading of the rails. An investigation already is under way, it was stated.

Three day coaches and three Pullmans were derailed. The dead were in the day coaches, which were overturned. The Pullmans stayed upright.

Tracks Cleared in Four Hours
Wrecking trains were sent to the scene from here and Harriman Junction, and within four hours the tracks were cleared enough for traffic to be resumed. The special bringing the injured arrived here at 6:30 o'clock last night.

Joe Kramer, of Chicago, and Harry Sickles, of St. Mary's O., who were at first reported as dead, are in the hospital here. It was not stated how seriously they were injured. The Royal Palm Limited runs from Jacksonville, Fla., to Chicago. Through sleepers for Indianapolis, Toledo, Detroit, and Chicago are carried.

Relief Train from Somerset
New River is only a hamlet, and no physicians were available, the work of rendering first aid to the injured progressed slowly. A relief train was sent from Somerset,

Ky., sixty miles from the scene of the wreck.

Two Instantly Killed

Ramish and Dussey were killed instantly. Parker died while the relief train was on its way to Somerset, while Cook lived only a short time after he reached the hospital at Somerset at 8:30 o'clock. The facilities of Dr. Beard's Sanatorium were not ample to care for all the injured, and at least fifteen were taken to private homes.

All the physicians of Somerset joined in treating the injured.

Four of the injured are in a serious condition, according to physicians at the hospital. They are: Samuel W. Hawkins, Resaca, Ga.; E. W. Rainwell, Ashland, O.; High John, Flint, Mich., and Mrs. W. A. Molder, Birmingham, whose husband also was hurt.

Scene Was Appalling

Mr. Perkins discussing the wreck, said: "We were in the second day coach. The passenger who occupied the seat directly in front of me was killed. I don't know how we escaped. The whole side of the car was smashed in when we hit the ledge. We were sitting on the right side, where most of the passengers were hurt. "It was all over, of course, before we realized what had happened. The scene was appalling. I cannot describe it."

SHERIFF SAVES MAN FROM MOB

When Automobile Is Surrounded He Swears in Mob As Deputies

Tampa, Fla., April 11.—The quick wit of Sheriff John Logan, of Polk county, in swearing in as deputies every member of a mob that had surrounded his automobile in which he had a prisoner Wilmer Collins, a negro, prevented a lynching near Lakeland. Collins, who was arrested on a charge of having attacked six white women, was being taken to the Bartow county jail by the sheriff and three deputies. Just outside Lakeland a crowd of 100 men surrounded the party's automobile.

Facing the mob, Sheriff Logan declared: "I know every man among you. I swear each and every one of you in as deputy sheriff. It is your duty now to escort, with us, this prisoner to the jail at Bartow."

While the crowd stood in surprise the officer quickly placed his charge in a faster car than his own and sped away to Tampa. The crowd followed but was outdistanced. Armed guards were on duty within the jail as a precaution against violence.

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HOLDS LIQUOR TAX IS PROHIBITION AID

Wayne B. Wheeler Declares Congress Intenden to Retain Revenue Laws

Washington, Apr. 11.—The blows given the Anti-Saloon League by rulings of the Department of Justice and Supreme Court decisions staggered it, but the drys are trying to repair the damage done the Volstead act and proceed with a new programme. A question now before the Supreme Court, and which is regarded as vital by the drys, is whether the Federal and State liquor tax laws are repealed by the National Prohibition Act. If lower courts are reversed it means enforcement officers can collect about \$50,000,000 from those who violate the dry laws.

"The various sections of the National Prohibition Act," said Wayne B. Wheeler, counsel of the Anti-Saloon League, "make clear that Congress intended to retain all of the revenue laws and regulations providing for the manufacture and traffic in intoxicating liquor."

Mr. Wheeler argues that the contention that a "law imposing a tax upon the outlawed liquor traffic is void, because the entire liquor traffic is prohibited by the Eighteenth Amendment, is not sound." He adds that "the courts have uniformly sustained laws levying a tax upon the liquor traffic, even though it is conducted in violation of law."

The United States has prohibited the traffic throughout the Nation and has the right to tax the traffic under the revenue laws. Citing opinions to support his position, Mr. Wheeler declared: "One can come to no other conclusion than that the law instead of being inconsistent with the Prohibition Amendment is in entire harmony with it and tends to effect the same purpose, namely: the prevention of the sale of liquor."

"The Congress well knew from its investigations that in some places the law would not be rigidly enforced, because of the lawless character of the traffic. In order to make this outlawed trade bear some of the expense it makes, and in order to discourage the trade in such places, the liquor tax laws were retained, and those who were engaged in the trade in violation of the law were made subject to a special or prohibitive tax."

Per Oulja?

(From Personal Column of New York World.)
George J. Raub. Dead or alive. Answer.—Julia.

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COUNTRY IS ALL SET FOR BUILDING BOOM

Survey by U. S. Mortgage and Trust Shows Tenants At Limit of Endurance

Conditions throughout the country are favorable for the start of an extended building movement, according to a survey of over fifty cities just completed by the United States Mortgage and Trust Company.

President Platten instructed correspondent banks, mortgage representatives and attorneys to report the immediate outlook on five subjects: Supply of business and residential spaces, prospects and trend of rents, volume and class of new construction, with trend of real estate market; supply of mortgage funds and tendency of rate; reduction in labor and building costs, with labor efficiency and unemployment; price reductions and volume of retail trade.

In digest form, he announced the results, as follows:

"It is manifest that the shortage in business and residence space, particularly the latter, brought about by the lack of construction during the war, has not to any large extent been met because of excessive labor and building costs and to what is perhaps of equal importance, a condition in the building trades until recently which has made for inefficiency and uncertainty. The seriousness of the shortage is not to be minimized, but the encouraging fact noted is a general, if slight, evidence of improvement. Rents are naturally holding high and firm, pending the erection of more buildings.

"Reports indicate clearly that the volume of building construction is substantially reduced. This is due not only to factors referred to in the preceding paragraph, but to higher money rates and the sudden recession from wartime prosperity. The residential shortage being the most acute and financial requirements in connection with same being more readily met by local funds, it is but natural that new construction is confined largely to homes.

"In general, there seems to be a fair supply of mortgage funds, but with rates ruling high and lenders cautious as to building costs and types of property. The funds of the large life insurance companies, which are going increasingly into city and farm loans, are now an important factor.

"While labor costs are almost uniformly lower, the largest reductions are confined to unskilled labor. The trend of wages, however, is clearly downward. Building costs have generally dropped somewhat more than labor costs, apparently as the result of reductions in materials and greater efficiency of labor, which latter in turn has been influenced by widespread unemployment.

"Retail prices have almost invariably failed to approximate the substantial reductions in wholesale prices, retail merchants resorting to special sales and increased advertising to tide over a situation which is apparently improving. Purchases are being confined much more generally to essentials and buyers are more cautious as to prices and quality."

KY. BANK ROBBERS WORTH \$1,000 APIECE "DEAD OR ALIVE"

Louisville, Ky., April 11.—Bank robbers are worth \$1,000 apiece, "dead or alive," in Kentucky as result of the action taken by 420 banks in Kentucky each of which has agreed to pay \$250 for each bandit as announced by Harry G. Smith, secretary of the Kentucky Bankers association. Until today it was worth but \$250 to catch or kill a bandit in Kentucky.

Lacking.

"No, I will not marry you!"

"Why—er—good gracious, Mabel! I thought—"

"My husband must be a man of courage."

"Well, I hate to talk about myself, but I brought home two medals, you know, and—"

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ONE ON LAFAYETTE

Former A. E. F. men who read recently press dispatches and an item in this magazine announcing the sudden death of Col. Charles E. Stanton, former chief paymaster of the A. E. F., recalled that Col. Stanton was the author of the phrase, "Lafayette, we are here," spoken at the tomb of Lafayette in Paris, July 4, 1917, and erroneously attributed to General Pershing. Now comes from San Francisco a letter to The American Legion Weekly saying "We are still here, Lafayette," and signed by Col. Stanton himself. In explanation Col. Stanton adds: "The person found dead was afterward identified as Charles Edward Stanton, a blacksmith and miner of Northern California."