

CRASHED INTO A CAR.

Frightful Night Accident at a Crossing in Fulton.

SEVERAL PEOPLE INJURED.

C. & O. Locomotive Ploughs into Passenger and Power Trolley Car.

SERGEANT OTEY LOSES A FOOT.

Fireman P. C. Larus Badly Bruised

About the Body—Motorman Rowlett

and Conductor Snoddy Also Injured—Car a Total Wreck.

A fearful accident took place in Fulton last night. An electric car, west-bound, was struck with full force by a shifting engine on the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, with a long train of cars, also headed west, and the two passengers who were aboard were badly injured, the conductor and motorman painfully hurt, and the car itself torn into splinters.

The accident occurred at 11:35, when car No. 74 of the Richmond Passenger and Power Company, was crossing the Chesapeake and Ohio tracks, on Denny street, in Fulton. Conductor J. E. Snoddy and Motorman Peter A. Rowlett were in charge of the car, and the only passengers aboard were Mr. P. C. Larus, of No. 215 East Grace street, and Sergeant Jones A. Otey, of the First Police Station.

Accounts differ as to how the accident occurred. There were few eye-witnesses outside of the men directly concerned, and they were so stunned by the horror of the affair that they were hardly able to recollect how the matter took place. The car was struck with full force by the rapidly-moving freight, the occupants thrown out, and the car itself torn in half and literally mashed into kindling-wood. It is a miracle how any of the men escaped with their lives.

HOW THEY WERE HURT.

Sergeant Otey was thrown from the car, and his left foot was caught under the wheels of the locomotive and mashed entirely off. His forehead was also badly gashed.

Mr. P. C. Larus was caught under the debris of the car, and was painfully crushed. Both shoulders and the chest were badly bruised, his two front teeth knocked out, and his lower lip most painfully cut.

The conductor on the car had his hand cut, and the motorman was badly bruised on his left hip, and his forehead gashed.

Immediately after the accident happened the city ambulance was called. There was an immediate response, Dr. W. Armistead Gill being in charge. The trip to the scene of the accident was the quickest ever made by the ambulance.

THE INJURED MEN.

Sergeant Otey, who was found most painfully injured, was treated by Dr. Gill, and was immediately taken to the Retreat for the Sick, where Drs. Brock and Taylor amputated his left limb just above the ankle. Sergeant Otey stood the shock splendidly, and was conscious up to the time the operation was performed. Besides having his foot crushed, his forehead was cut considerably. Otherwise, his injuries were not serious.

Mr. Larus was taken to his home in a cab, and Dr. Garcin dressed his wounds. Dr. Gill, who attended Mr. Larus just after the accident occurred, said that Mr. Larus was not seriously injured, but would most probably recover in a short while. Mr. Larus was a fireman on the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, and was on his way to his home, No. 215 East Grace street, when the accident occurred.

The engine which struck the car was No. 22, of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad. Michael Kelly was engineer and V. R. Jobe fireman.

WHO'S TO BE BLAMED?

As stated, reports differ as to how the accident occurred. The statement of the conductor of the car was on the grounds, as required by law to be at such points, and had asked Nick Block, the colored bagman on the railroad, whether or not the track was clear. The motorman, they say, misunderstood a motion of the lantern to be the signal, and immediately started his car across the track, when the accident occurred.

Block, however, told a reporter of the Dispatch that the conductor did not get from the car, and that both he and the motorman were standing on the front of the car when it was struck.

The street-car people say that the accident was caused by a misunderstanding of the signals of the bagman. So far as can be ascertained, such was the cause of the accident.

MR. OTEY DOING WELL.

Sergeant Otey's leg was amputated half-way between the ankle and the knee-joint at 2:30 this morning. Drs. Brock, Hugh Taylor, and McLean, assisted by the resident physicians, performed the operation at the Retreat for the Sick. The patient was reported to be doing very well shortly after the operation.

LAY CORNER-STONE TO-DAY.

Impressive Exercises at New Mechanics Institute Site at 4 P. M.

The corner-stone of the Virginia Mechanics Institute will be laid this afternoon with due Masonic ceremony. The function will occur at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and will be attended by civic and military dignitaries. The parade, which is to precede the ceremony, will start from the Masonic Temple at 3:30 o'clock.

President Turpin, of the Board of Aldermen, and President Ebel, of the Common Council, have issued a request that members of both branches shall meet in the

City Hall this afternoon at 4 o'clock to attend the ceremonies incident to the laying of the corner-stone of the Mechanics Institute.

MOROCCO MUST PAX UP.

Cruiser New York to Emphasize the Demand.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 18.—The State Department is giving renewed attention to the settlement of the claims against the government of Morocco. The claim of Marcus Ezagui, who was murdered at Fez in June last, has been adjusted by the payment of \$5,000, but there are other claims equally meritorious, which have not been satisfactorily adjusted.

The armored cruiser New York, with Admiral Rodgers aboard, is rapidly nearing Gibraltar, with every prospect of reaching Tangier by the end of this week. She will take Mr. Gumme abroad and convey him to Masagan, where the Consul-General will disembark and go overland to the Moorish capital. The New York will remain at Masagan, under his orders, until some sort of settlement is reached, and Mr. Gumme was to-day notified to this effect.

DEFENDER OF THE FAITH.

Redmond Says King Edward Has No Right to Title.

LONDON, March 18.—In the House of Commons to-day, William Redmond, Irish Nationalist, gave notice that he would take an early opportunity of informing King Edward that he had no earthly right to use the title of "Defender of the Faith."

The argument came up on Mr. Redmond's question as to whether the title would appear on the coins, and if so, what particular faith was meant. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, replied that so long as the King's titles remained unaltered, they would appear on the coins. Then Mr. Redmond protested, and was called to order.

TREASURER OF CUBA.

Carlos Rolos Appointed by General Wood.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 18.—In accordance with President McKinley's recent order that the Treasurer of Cuba should be a citizen of that island, Governor-General Wood to-day called to the War Department that he had appointed Carlos Rolos as such Treasurer.

Mr. Rolos had previously been connected with the fiscal branch, and is considered well qualified for this important position.

Secretary Root confirmed the appointment.

BIG LEATHER DEAL.

Acquisition of Virginia Tanning and Exchange Company.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., March 18.—The American Leather Company has closed a deal by which it comes into possession of the tannery of the Virginia Tanning and Exchange Company, one of the largest tanneries in the South, near Bristol, Tenn.

ROCKEFELLER IN IT.

His Great Lake Interests Absorbed by Steel Combine.

NEW YORK, March 18.—J. P. Morgan & Co. announced to-day that the lake iron-mines and railroads and lake transportation lines owned by John D. Rockefeller are to be taken in by the United States Steel Corporation.

It was said in Wall Street to-day that the capital stock of the United States Steel Corporation will probably be increased by \$100,000,000, and that this increase was necessary for the reason of the acquisition of the Rockefeller iron-mines and other properties in the Lake Superior District.

The attention of Robert Bacon, of J. P. Morgan & Co., was called to-day to the report that the time for the deposit of the stocks of the Steel companies, which must be made on Wednesday, was likely to be extended. He said:

"I think that there will be no necessity for that. The great bulk of the stock will be in by to-morrow, and if some of the transfers of stock are delayed, as reported, by technical irregularities, or by other unpreventable causes, there will be no disposition to reject deposits of that kind." It is understood that 50 per cent of the stock has already been deposited.

It was also reported that part of the increased capital of the United States Steel Corporation would be used to take over the property of the American Bridge Company. This is one of the corporations financed by J. P. Morgan & Co. The bridge company has \$81,000,000 of stock outstanding.

LEE MONUMENT UNPROTECTED.

Small Boys Played on the Pedestal Sunday Afternoon.

The wire fence around Lee monument is in a lamentable state, and one section of it is broken down, while other parts are in a neglected condition.

This state of affairs has subjected the monument to the deprecations of vandals, and is likely to result in serious injury to the stone and bronze work of the pedestal.

On Sunday afternoon, in full view of the pedestrians, a young man sat on the base of the monument, enjoying the fine weather, swinging his heels in bliss, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves, considering higher up on the stone work and just beneath the bronze plate bearing the name of Lee, five small boys and a dog romped and played together. They all enjoyed the fun, but it did the monument no good.

Already the individual who loves to mark his name on all tangible objects, has left his initials between the letters LEE on the western plate of the pedestal. Other initials may shortly be carved in the monument—if they are not already there.

BUYS ANOTHER BUILDING.

Life Insurance Company of Virginia Purchases No. 909 East Broad St.

The Life Insurance Company of Virginia on yesterday purchased of John T. Godkin & Co., real estate agents, building No. 909 East Broad street, now occupied by George W. Mayo, auctioneer. The price bought by the company was \$100,000. The Life Insurance Company of Virginia also owns the building opposite this, fronting on Capitol street.

The insurance company will soon erect at Tenth and Capitol streets a very handsome office building, which will be one of the best of its kind in the South.

For the past week workmen have been busy putting down curbs at the corners of the blocks in Lee District. This improvement is gladly welcomed.

Like Oliver Twist, children ask for more when given One Minute Cough Cure. Mothers endorse it highly for cure. It quickly cures all coughs and colds and every kind of lung trouble. It is especially good for grippe and asthma, and has long been a well-known remedy for whooping cough.

FIRST GUNS FIRED.

Halifax, Leads Off With Nominations.

FOR THE CONVENTION.

Messrs. Joseph Stebbins and Wood Bouldin.

NAMED AT HOUSTON YESTERDAY.

Faithful Servants Complimented—

The Goochland Democrats—Action

of the County Committee—The

Prince Edward Primaries.

HOUSTON, VA., March 18.—(Special.)—The County Democratic Convention, to nominate two candidates for the constitutional convention, met here at noon, and was called to order by County Chairman John R. Edmunds, who was made permanent chairman, with R. H. Beazley, of the South Boston News, as permanent secretary.

Mr. Edmunds briefly addressed the convention, and his speech was enthusiastically received. There were three candidates, and Messrs. Joseph Stebbins and Wood Bouldin had over fifty votes each, instructed for them out of a total of fifty-eight. The other candidate, Rev. T. S. Wilson, had ten. The name of Mr. Wilson was withdrawn.

The name of Mr. Stebbins was presented by Mr. William Leigh, of Houston, in a graceful speech, which was eloquently seconded by Mr. W. D. Hill, of South Boston.

Mr. S. J. Slate, in an ornate speech, presented the name of Mr. Wood Bouldin, Jr., of Houston, and Mr. M. B. Booker, of Houston, eloquently seconded the nomination.

Messrs. Bouldin and Stebbins were declared the nominees of the convention amid great enthusiasm, by acclamation. The candidates each made brief speeches accepting the nomination. Harmony and good feeling characterized the entire proceedings.

It was stated on what is believed to be good authority, that Hon. R. R. Noblin, of South Boston, will not garrison the wishes of his many friends and will allow his name to be presented as a candidate for the lower house. No opposition has been heard against Senator Barksdale and Hon. James T. Lacy, of the House, and many expressions as to the favorable impression they made in their legislative capacity were heard from the large crowd present.

THE PARTY IN GOOCHLAND.

Action of the County Democratic Committee.

GOOCHLAND, VA., March 18.—(Special.)—The Democratic Committee of Goochland county met to-day, and decided to have no nomination for a candidate to the constitutional convention. The action of the committee was sustained by a mass-meeting, Rev. H. D. Ragland and Mr. D. H. Leake spoke in favor of ratification of the proceedings of the County Committee, and Mr. J. M. Hodges and Hon. F. M. Parrish opposed ratification.

Hon. A. A. Gray, of Pluvanna county, a candidate for the convention, then addressed the meeting.

The friends of Judge A. K. Leake, of this county, have been urging him to be a candidate to the convention, and he has the matter under advisement. He is a son of Walter D. Leake, who represented Goochland county in the secession convention. He has been a faithful party worker, and was Judge of the County Court of Goochland soon after the war, but resigned upon the death of his father. Since that time he has neither held any political office, nor permitted himself to be a candidate for any office. He is an able lawyer, and has figured in every prominent criminal case in Goochland county in the last thirty years. He was also counsel in the celebrated Walton case in Louisa, and the Pilkington case in Powhatan.

It is probable that Judge Leake will respond to the wishes of his friends.

ROCKINGHAM.

Call for Democratic County Convention.

HARRISONBURG, VA., March 18.—(Special.)—The Democratic County Committee has issued a call for a county convention, to be held April 12th, to name two candidates to represent Rockingham county in the State constitutional convention.

Those most prominently mentioned in connection with the Democratic nomination are State-Senator George B. Keezell; Talford N. Haas, a member of the Harrisonburg Bar; and George H. Halvey, the present County Superintendent of Schools.

Prince Edward Primaries.

FARMVILLE, VA., March 18.—(Special.)—The primaries have been held in four of five districts in the county for delegates to the Farmville constitutional convention, which meets April 3d. All delegates are elected without instructions. Dr. Richard McIlwaine, president of Hampden-Sidney, is most prominently spoken of to-day as delegate from this county.

REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE.

What Chairman Says Will Probably Be Policy.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., March 18.—(Special.)—Mr. Park Agnew, chairman of the State Republican Committee, will leave here Tuesday for Richmond to preside at a meeting of the State Committee, which will be held at Murphy's Hotel at 8 o'clock that evening. The State Execu-

utive Committee will also hold a meeting the same evening.

The principal matter for consideration will be the question of naming party candidates for the State constitutional convention.

Chairman Agnew states that he expects a large representation in Richmond to-morrow, as the question of making party nominations is a matter of much interest and importance to the Republicans of Virginia. He believes that his party will be able to elect a number of delegates to the convention, and expects that the committee will determine upon making a vigorous fight in several sections, with a view of securing at least a strong minority representation in the convention.

When questioned in regard to the other question which might receive attention at the meeting to-morrow, Mr. Agnew mentioned that of the State gubernatorial nominations. The matter, said, had been informally discussed, but no conclusion had been reached.

BAIZ TO BE PROTECTED.

Venezuela Emphatically So Informed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 18.—The State Department, through Minister Loomis, recently lodged a most vigorous protest to the Venezuelan Government against further interference with Mr. Balz, the United States consular agent at Barcelona, Venezuela. It knows nothing of the last reported infringement on his liberty, but it is presumed that the affair is connected directly with the intrigues which led to the first protest.

Ignatius Balz is not a citizen of the United States, a fact that may add to the difficulty which our government will experience in protecting him, as it is determined to do. He was born in St. Thomas, and is a Danish citizen, so far as is known here, but having an exequatur issued by the Venezuelan Government, recognizing him as a United States representative, the United States holds that he is entitled to the protection of the United States. It is alleged that he is engaged in business, and became involved in trouble with the Venezuelan Government.

DRAMATIC SUICIDE.

Killed Himself in His Sweetheart's Front Porch.

HARRISONBURG, VA., March 18.—(Special.)—Ira Sheets, a young man whose home was near Mt. Pisgah, Augusta county, committed suicide last night at Bridgewater, by shooting himself through the heart with a revolver. He had been a student in Bridgewater College during the winter term, but had gone home to assist his father with the work on the farm. He came to Bridgewater last evening, it is supposed to visit a young lady to whom he had been attentive during his sojourn in the town. He called at her home, and it is believed that he had reason to think that the attentions of another young man had been preferred. While standing at the front door, he shot himself three times. All three shots penetrated his heart and he died instantly. His feet were inside the door when he fell and his body lay on the front porch. The young man was about 18 years of age. The remains were taken to his home in Augusta county this morning for burial.

NO SHOW OF INTEREST.

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"If it be urged in defence of our national policy in the present emergency, that we did contemplate objection to the destruction of republics elsewhere than in this domain, the only reply is that we did not. It is a singular fact, that, aside from the formal tender of the friendly offices of this government to the respective belligerents (which Great Britain promptly has been submitting), neither did that doctrine contemplate an attempt upon our part to extend our jurisdiction into the contested seas, nor did it contemplate objection to the destruction of republics elsewhere than in this domain, which would be seriously established that there rested upon this nation the positive duty of active interference, and that the United States government was to insist that the alleged grievances of Great Britain, which formed the pretext for its warfare upon two weak republics, should have been submitted to arbitration, before hostilities were actually opened.

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AMHUSER-BUSCH ICE-STORAGE PLANT BURNED.

ST. LOUIS, MO., March 18.—Perhaps the most disastrous fire in the history of the South Side to-day burned the ice-storage plant of the Amhuser-Busch Brewing Company, the repair shop of the American Car and Foundry Company, together with a number of box-cars, the Zeph, Utah, First, and Kosciusko streets. The fire broke out at 12:25 in one of the Amhuser brewing houses, all of which are connected. A spark from a passing switch-engine is supposed to have ignited straw in the loft.

Two men, employees of the American Car and Foundry Company, were injured, but not seriously. The burned district embraced two square blocks, bounded by Zeph, Utah, First, and Kosciusko streets. The fire broke out at 12:25 in one of the Amhuser brewing houses, all of which are connected. A spark from a passing switch-engine is supposed to have ignited straw in the loft.

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