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ADMITTED EVILS TO GO UNTOUCHED

Important Bills Dying on Calendar and in Committees During Final Rush.

LITTLE HOPE LEFT FOR MANY MEASURES

Expected Congestion Has Come in Most Pronounced Form. Some Things That Legislature Has Accomplished Up to This Time.

Extend Session Without Pay

Definite information was received yesterday to the effect that within the next few days—possibly this morning—one of the most prominent and influential members of the House of Delegates, who has reason to believe that his plan will be adopted, will introduce a resolution providing for an extension of the session without pay to meet the situation caused by the Blackstone investigation. It was learned from reliable sources that the House Committee for Courts of Justice, if it decides against Judge Blackstone, will report in favor of removal from office and not for impeachment. Under the Constitution twenty days' notice has to be given to the accused in case of removal, and by the time the committee reports, the General Assembly will have not more than ten days of life remaining. The resolution to be offered will, therefore, provide that the necessary notice be given to Judge Blackstone that the Legislature work up to the time of adjournment on the matters now before it, and that the session be then extended twenty or thirty days without pay, the members going to their homes and returning after the twenty days' notice period to act upon the report. In this way they would not have to live in Richmond at their own expense during the extension. However, they would have to pay the railroad fare to this city.

There seems to be a strong disposition simply to remove Judge Blackstone from office, if anything is done, and not go to the harsher length of impeachment. If removal is attempted the procedure would be similar to that in the case of Judge Clarence J. Campbell, of Amherst. The House would act on the report of its Committee for Courts of Justice and the report and the printed evidence would then be laid before the Senate, which would probably act upon it in a similar manner without going through another tedious investigation on its own account.

BY LEWIS H. MACHEN.

Up to this date the work which the Legislature has accomplished measured by the number of bills passed, would seem to be somewhat out of proportion to the time and effort expended.

As a matter of fact, not over two dozen bills have been enacted. Some of these were of far-reaching consequence, such as the repeal of the prohibition against paralleling the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, the increase of the convict road force, the appropriation of $250,000 as State money aid to roads, the adding of $100,000 to the Confederate pension fund, the establishment of a State geological survey—all of these are large matters, which have required thought and labor upon the part of the members of the General Assembly, and which are not to be judged by the space they will occupy in the printed acts.

Some Important Matters.

The repeal bill, for example, can be printed in half a dozen lines, but it took nearly four weeks to get it through both branches. The several road bills were warmly contested. A large part of these struggles occurred before the committees. In many cases, the fight was fierce, and in some it was exceedingly protracted. Quite a number of the bills were also vehemently opposed upon the floors of the two houses. The repeal act and the road measures may be mentioned as examples. Three days in each house is a fair average time for any very important matter to consume. Opposition cannot be gauged by the vote upon the passage of a bill. Generally it takes the form of numerous amendments, which are offered and advocated. In some cases thirty or forty amendments are proposed to a single bill. Yet those who advocate these amendments most earnestly may, and generally do, vote for the bill at last.

A number of measures have passed one of the houses and are awaiting final action by the other. Of these perhaps the Byrd liquor bill is the one of most general interest. It has been reported favorably by the Senate Finance Committee and is on the calendar of the Senate as a special order for Tuesday. It is certainly believed that it will pass, but it is by no means impossible that some important amendments may be adopted. There is also the Yarton law, relating to combinations of fire insurance companies, which has passed the House. The Senate Committee on Insurance and Banking has not yet reported upon it, and unless there is some extraordinary pressure brought to bear it is likely that it will share the doom of many others on the day of final adjournment.

About Taxation.

The tax commission bill, which has passed the House, does not seem to be making alarming progress in the Senate. Indeed, it is apprehended that there is a strong undercurrent of opposition to the bill upon the part of some who fear this commission might learn too much for the good of the persons in question.

The desire to escape taxation is well-nigh universal. Old Samuel Johnson defined an impost to be "a hateful tax levied upon commodities by wretches to whom the tax was paid." He spoke as any man who had just paid a tax would like to speak.

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BLACK HAND THREAT

Will Blow Up U. S. Magazines Unless Men Are Put Back to Work.

NEW YORK, February 23.—In a letter signed "Black Hand," and addressed to Commander Braunsgueter, in charge of the United States naval magazine at Iona Island, the threat has been made that the enormous stores of smokeless powder on the island will be blown up unless the married men discharged from employment on the island January 1, 1908, be put back to work at once. There are 3,000,000 pounds of smokeless powder and other explosives stored in the numerous magazines.

Secret Service men are working to discover the identity of the writer of the letter. Printed by hand, the letter was mailed at the Haverstraw Post-Office two weeks ago. It was as follows:

"If the married men that were discharged from Iona Island are not taken back again at once all the magazines on the island will be blown up. The writer does not fear death.

(Signed) "BLACK HAND."

On January 1st between thirty and forty men, civilians who had been employed on the island, were discharged owing to delay in forwarding funds from Washington to continue work. This delay was looked upon at the time as temporary, and it was understood the men would be taken back as soon as the money arrived.

Among the men discharged, most of whom were laborers, were many Italians and Sicilians.

Since the receipt of the letter every approach to the island has been guarded day and night by marines, it is said, and the civilians employed have been kept under the strictest surveillance.

Iona Island is seven miles south of West Point.

INDORSE PRESIDENT

Fifteen Hundred Railroad Men Pass Resolutions Regarding Wage-Cut.

ATLANTA, GA., February 23.—Fifteen hundred railroad men, representing all of the different labor unions whose members find employment with the railroads centring here, met in mass-meeting to-day and adopted resolutions indorsing President Roosevelt's action in ordering an investigation of the reported cut in wages to be made by the railroads when the so-called nine-hour law goes into effect March 1st. Another resolution denounces the attempt of the railroads to reduce wages, and action was taken looking to a permanent organization of those represented at to-day's meeting.

The resolution indorsing President Roosevelt is as follows:

"Resolved, that this body cheerfully indorses the action of our courageous President of the United States in ordering the chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission to investigate the action of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad in the desire to cut wages of its employes."

PLANT 5,000 ROSE BUSHES

Children of Pacific Coast City Have Novel Celebration of Holiday.

PORTLAND, ORE., February 23.—Under a clear sky and a June-like sun, thousands of Portland school children, tens of thousands of citizens and visitors of the State, participated yesterday afternoon in one of the most unique Washington's Birthday celebrations probably ever held in the country. Five thousand rose bushes were planted in three large park blocks prepared for the purpose.

Archbishop Christie, of the Oregon Diocese, officiated at the formal ceremony of blessing the roses. Addresses were made by Governor Chamberlain, Mayor Lane and other officials.

"Rose Planting Day" yesterday is preliminary to the rose festival to be held during the first week of next June.

ROANOKE MURDERER

Slayer of Assaid Captured in Argentina and Brought Back.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, February 23.—In the second cabin of the American liner St. Louis, in to-day from Southampton and Cherbourg, was Moses Faris, a young spectacled Syrian, who is under arrest for the murder of Frank Assaid, a Syrian merchant of Roanoke, Va., on March 22, 1907. Detective D. O. Baldwin had charge of the Syrian. The authorities of Roanoke and the friends of the dead merchant had offered a reward for the capture of Faris. Baldwin's Agency had sent out postal cards to every Syrian colony in every part of North and South America. A Syrian in Chilecito, Argentina, gave the clue to Baldwin, and with a United States warrant backing that of the State of Virginia, Baldwin went down and got Faris, who took his arrest calmly, and declared he had been forced to kill in self-defense.

INFATUATED WITH ACTRESS, YOUNG MAN KILLS HIMSELF

PHILADELPHIA, PA., February 23.—Frederick J. Brinnier, who says he is a son of William Brinnier, a former law partner of Alton B. Parker, of New York, and lives in Kingston, N. J., attempted suicide here to-day by shooting himself in the abdomen.

Brinnier came here about a week ago and registered at a hotel patronized by theatrical people. He told the detectives he followed an actress here and that she left Saturday with her company. The would-be suicide, who is about twenty-four years old, is in a critical condition. Among his effects were found several cards, supposed to have been sent him by the actress in the case, which bore the texts "get wise" and "don't be a lobster."

Wholesale Suicide.

DENVER, COL., February 23.—Mrs. Marye E. Nixon, aged sixty years, her daughter, Mrs. E. N. Canter, aged thirty-three, and the eight-year-old son of the latter were found dead in their home. Each had a sponge tied over the mouth and nose, and death evidently resulted from chloroform or ether. Mrs. Canter is known to have been mentally deranged, and the police believe that she induced her mother to commit suicide with her, or chloroforming both her son and mother, administered the drug to herself. The three had been dead about a week.

Refused to Take Water.

BELFAST, IRELAND, February 23.—The attempt made to-day to launch the Rotterdam, the 24,170 ton steamer of the Holland-American Line, proved a failure. The liner refused to take the water, owing to the tremendous pressure on the ways, which had not been properly greased. The launching has now been postponed for a fortnight, 300 men in the meantime being employed to watch the vessel for fear of accident.

ANARCHIST KILLS PRIEST AT MASS

Kneeling at the Communion Rail, Italian Shoots Celebrant Through Heart.

CONGREGATION RUSH OUT IN GREAT PANIC

Murderer, Captured by Police, Declares He Is a Priest-Hater, and That He Wishes He Could Have Killed All of Them.

DENVER, February 23.—Father Leo Heinrichs was shot and killed to-day by Giuseppe Guarnaccto, an avowed anarchist and priest hater, while the priest was administering the sacrament at early mass in St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church.

Kneeling at the altar rail between two men, Guarnaccto pressed the muzzle of a revolver against the body of the priest, after receiving from him the consecrated wafer, and shot the priest through the heart. Exclaiming "My God! My God!" Father Leo fell prone in front of the altar and died.

The assassin sprang into the aisle, and brandishing the pistol, dashed to the church door. For a moment the hundred or more persons in the church were dazed. Then a woman screamed, and the congregation became panic-stricken. Several women fainted, and many others became hysterical. Several men, including Patrolman Daniel Cronin, started in pursuit of the murderer.

Policeman Cronin overtook the fleeing Italian on the church steps. Guarnaccto attempted to shoot the policeman, but was foiled and overpowered after a desperate struggle.

Sharpened Bullets.

The murderer was removed to the city jail. As threats of summary vengeance were made by men who quickly gathered in front of the church, Chief of Police Michael Delaney called out the reserve force of patrolmen. Deputy Coroner Daniel Hayes took charge of Father Leo's body. A single bullet-hole in the white communion robes of the priest showed that the lead had gone straight to the heart. The bullets remaining in Guarnaccto's revolver had sharpened points.

Guarnaccto was placed in solitary confinement. He admitted to a policeman that the priest whom he had killed was a stranger to him, and, in explanation of his crime said:

Was Priest Hater.

"I just went over there because I have a grudge again t all priests in general. They are all against the working man. I went to the communion rail because I could get a better shot. I did not give a damn whether he was a German priest or any other kind of a priest. They are all in the same class.

"I left Italy three months ago, and went first to Central America and then came to Denver. I am an anarchist, and I am proud of it. I shot him, and my only regret is that I couldn't shoot the whole bunch of priests in the church. I am a shoemaker, but have not worked since coming to Denver."

Father Leo was born in Koeln, Germany, August 15, 1867. He came to Denver last September from Paterson, N. J., where for three years he was rector of St. Bonaventure's. He had previously served three years in Croghan, N. Y.

RUBBISH PILE HIS BANK

$3,200 in Cash Found Under Old Papers in Murdered Man's Room.

YORK, February 23.—While a search was being made by detectives and county officials for the will of David Heckert, who was murdered about a week ago, a hoard of $3,200 was found beneath a pile of old papers. This was undoubtedly the treasure which the murderer was after when he entered the aged man's room. It is now believed that the intruder departed without having secured any money.

The money discovered to-day was in old bills and gold, and was made up in several packages. In a cardboard box was a white duck bag, containing $579 in gold coins, some of them stained and rusted. Upon one of the packages were these words: "Saved by me from my earnings in Memphis." The detectives who are working on the case have obtained no clew that will lead to the arrest of the murderer.

DEATH BY FIRE

Girl Committed Suicide By Making Herself a Human Lamp.

ALLENTOWN, PA., February 23.—Choosing fire as the medium of death, Miss Emma Fink, of Slatington, committed suicide at Slatedale to-day in a most tragic manner. Standing where she could see the ruins of her old home, which was destroyed by fire about a year ago, she poured coal oil over her clothing and then set fire to her skirt. Miss Fink called on friends there to-day, and after visiting the grave of her mother she went to the house of friends, where she secured a can of oil. Going to where she could see the site of the burned house she set herself on fire.

American Car Ahead.

MICHIGAN CITY, IND., February 23.—The American automobile, in the race from New York to Paris, left Rolling Prairie, sixteen miles east, at 3:45 o'clock this afternoon, and was within two miles of Michigan City at 9 o'clock to-night, struggling through snowdrifts, assisted by men and horses.

Pulled by Horses.

SOUTH BEND, IND., February 23.—The Italian automobile, in the New York to Paris race, Elkhart for South Bend, at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon, struggled slowly through snowdrifts by the aid of horses. The Italian car reached Goshen at 11:45 o'clock to-day, and left for South Bend at 2:15 o'clock this afternoon. Owing to snowdrifts the car was pulled into Goshen by horses.

LOOKS LIKE MURDER

Wealthy Italian Merchant Found Poisoned and With Skull Crushed.

NEW YORK, February 23.—Gerolamo Cella, a wealthy Italian wine importer, a leading member of the Italian Chamber of Commerce and a thirty-second degree Mason, died within a few moments after he was found early to-day in the office of his warehouse, in West Broadway, with his skull fractured and suffering from the effects of poison. His death is shrouded in mystery, according to the police, who are working on the theory that a murder has been committed.

Coroner Harburger declared to-night that Cella was struck down by a hammer blow on the head, and that his assassins later poured poison down his throat, supposedly to give the appearance of suicide. A letter signed with Cella's name, bidding good-by to his family, was found, and the coroner states that he believes the assailants forced Cella to write the letter under threat of death.

Cella was discovered by Domenico Cella, his brother, who has been detained as a suspicious person. Caesar Bianchi, a son-in-law of Cella, is also held as a material witness.

After an autopsy had been performed Coroner's Physician Schultze declared, in his report, that he could not understand how it could have been possible for Cella to have swallowed the poison and then struck himself on the head, or how he could strike himself such a blow, sufficient to fracture the skull, and then swallow poison.

Gerolamo Cella has conducted a wine importing business in this city for many years, and is said to have amassed a fortune of $500,000.

MR. FISH GIVES UP

Makes Statement Regarding Harriman and Says Contest is Closed.

NEW YORK, February 23.—Stuyvesant Fish announced to-night that the contest in the Chicago courts to prevent the voting of Illinois Central Railroad stock held by the Union Pacific Railroad Company was now closed. Mr. Fish made the following statement concerning the closing of the litigation in Chicago:

"I went into the contest at the solicitation of many stockholders, who had for many years entrusted me with their proxies and on the advice of counsel with great reluctance. My effort has been to protect the Illinois Central and my own large holdings there in 12,432 shares from exploiting by men whose acts in other corporations have been denounced, after full investigations by officers of the Federal government and are involved in suits in the courts here in New York, in Utah and elsewhere, and have done my best to advise the stockholders of the situation. When Mr. Harriman and his associates shall at length be forced to answer the questions which they have been evading for a year past, my contention that the destiny of the Illinois Central and the interest of the State of Illinois therein should not be entrusted to him and those selected by him, will be justified.

"Submitting to, and not acquiescing in Judge Ball's decision, the contest in the courts is now closed."

OTTO KELSEY SAFE

New York Senate Will Not Uphold Governor's Recommendation.

ALBANY, N. Y., February 23.—Every indication favors the belief that on Wednesday the Senate for the second time will refuse by a decisive, if not an overwhelming majority, to remove Otto Kelsey from the office of State Superintendent of Insurance, as recommended by Governor Hughes. The probability seems to be that the vote will be 17 Republicans and 17 Democrats (34 in all) against removal, and 15 Republicans and 2 Democrats (17 in all) for removal.

In accordance with the terms of the resolution under which the vote will be taken, Superintendent Kelsey will submit to the Senate to-morrow night his answer to the report of Matthew C. Fleming, who investigated the insurance department, which report formed largely the basis of the Governor's renewed recommendations.

TUILERIES A LAKE

Water Main Bursted and Flooded Gardens and Streets.

PARIS, February 23.—The main water pipe of Paris under the Tuileries Street, burst this evening and converted the street into a torrent. Eventually the Tuileries Garden became a vast lake. The water flooded cellars in various surrounding streets, extinguishing fires and stopping the dynamos in at least one large hotel, putting the building in darkness. The fire department was engaged for hours in pumping out the water. The broken main was patched and the flow stopped for a short time, but another break occurred late to-night, necessitating the calling out of more engines. The whole centre of the town has been cut off from a water supply.

JACKIES ASHORE

Three Thousand From American Fleet Spend the Day at Lima.

LIMA, PERU, February 23.—This was a day of sightseeing for the men of the American battleships now lying in the harbor of Callao. More than 3,000 of them came ashore during the day, the majority of whom spent the time in Lima amusing themselves in visiting places of amusement and buying souvenirs in the shops kept open for their benefit. Others took short excursions on the railroads to nearby points of interest, while many stayed close along shore.

The conduct of the thousands of bluejackets and marines was admirable, as they all seemed bent on getting as much pleasure as possible on their shore leave.

GIRL FINISHED DANCING; DIES IN MOTHER'S ARMS.

CHICAGO, February 23.—Death brought a tragic close to the annual dance of the students of Morgan Park Academy, a preparatory school for the University of Chicago, early yesterday.

While the dancers were preparing to depart for their homes, Miss Blanche Arnold, eighteen, expired in the parlor of the school gymnasium, where Miss Arnold was waiting for a carriage.

"My! I've had the best time of my life," she said just before she fell. Her death came after she had danced most of the night, and the physicians said the violent exercise brought on the attack of heart failure.

NEGRO MURDERS CHIEF OF POLICE

Fayetteville Officer Is Shot Down in Cold Blood at His Own Door.

BRUTE CAPTURED AND LYNCHING ATTEMPTED

Governor Orders Out Local Troops to Surround Jail—Two Chiefs of Police of Fayetteville Murdered Within a Year by Negroes.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., February 23.—For the second time within a year, a Fayetteville chief of police has been murdered. James H. Benton, the head of the Police Department of the city, was shot about 1:30 o'clock to-day by Sam Murchison, a negro, thirty years old, and died at 2:45 o'clock this afternoon, living little more than an hour. The murderer was captured a short time after the shooting occurred, and is now safely lodged in jail here.

The circumstances of the murder are aggravated and without palliation. It seems that the murderer, Murchison, had trouble earlier to-day with John Raines, another negro, and Ida Moore, a negro woman, which resulted in his shooting Raines, inflicting a slight flesh wound, and his threatening the life of the Moore woman.

The woman, who lives in the neighborhood of Chief of Police Benton's home, fled to the latter for protection, making an outcry as she ran.

Without Provocation.

Chief Benton met her at his back door, and, hearing her complaint, was starting out in search of Murchison when the latter also appeared on the scene. He and Officer Benton exchanged a few words, when the negro suddenly drew a revolver and fired at Mr. Benton, inflicting a mortal wound just under the eye. Officer Benton staggered and attempted to make his way back into the house, but fell before he reached the door.

Jack Crosswell, a lad, hearing the pistol shot, ran up at once and attempted to arrest the murderer, but the latter snapped his pistol at the boy and broke away. Mr. J. B. Underwood next appeared, and the negro fled, firing a wild shot at Mr. Underwood as he ran. Charles Benton, the seventeen-year-old son of the wounded man, ran to his father's assistance as he fell, and caught up the latter's revolver as it dropped from his belt.

Wounded by Chief's Son.

As the negro fled the youth fired three shots after him, one of them taking effect, as developed after the capture was made.

Officer Benton was carried into his residence, suffering great agony, and lingered a little more than an hour, passing away about the time his murderer was being placed under arrest.

News of the murder and the escape of the murderer spread rapidly through the city, and excitement became intense. Sheriff Watson and his deputies and the city police were at once at work endeavoring to track the fugitive, and hastily organized posses of citizens were speedily scouring the suburbs in the vicinity of the scene of the crime. The capture was accomplished by Mr. Howard Smith, who was immediately joined by Messrs. George McNeill, L. A. Williamson and A. S. Hall, and the prisoner was then turned over to Sheriff Watson and his deputies

Hiding in Ditch.

The murderer was detected by Mr. Smith crouching in a ditch in the Hawley field, about a quarter mile from the scene of his crime, and was in the act of removing a sweater he wore. Mr. Smith rode rapidly to the place of hiding and the murderer immediately surrendered without resistance, begging for his life, and expressing penitence for his act.

After the arrest was made it was found that the prisoner had a pistol-shot wound in his right groin, and it is supposed to have resulted from one of the shots fired by Charles Benton, the son of the murdered officer, as the young man states that the fleeing negro staggered after one of the shots.

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BREAKS ALL RECORDS

Chicago Banks, Carrying $345,051,824, Best High Water Mark.

CHICAGO, February 23.—Deposits in the national banks of Chicago are now the largest in their history. The money panic, so far as the banks are concerned, is at an end, and confidence has been re-established among the country institutions.

The deposits have poured in from the banks in the western country.

Deposits of the national banks at the beginning of business February 15th were $345,051,824. The last previous high mark was made May 20, 1907, when the total was $340,496,702.

Did 'Em Up Brown.

CHERBOURG, FRANCE, Feb. 23.—Large crowds awaited the arrival of the steamship Kaiserin Auguste Victoria to-day, hoping to get a glimpse of Count and Countess Szechenyi, but the officers of the ship announced that the couple, who traveled under the name of Brown, had disembarked at Plymouth, from which point they intended to go to London.

Coolidge Assistant Secretary.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 23.—The nomination of Louis A. Coolidge, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury yesterday was ordered reported favorably by the Senate Committee on Finance.

Rolando in Curacoa.

WILLEMSTAD, CURACOA, February 23.—General Nicholas Rolando, who recently disappeared from his home in Barcelona, Venezuela, which fact, together with the arrest of several of his partisans caused rumors that a revolution was afoot, has arrived here. He was accompanied by three other officers of the Venezuelan army.

MAY BE MURDER

Woman Tells of Shooting Between Her Brother and Husband.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., February 23.—As a result of an accusation made by Mrs. Paul L. Roy, known in operatic circles as Gladia Calla, that her brother, George A. Carkins, was killed by her husband at her home in Newington, January 2d, the county officials decided to-day to hold an autopsy on Carkins's body next Tuesday. When Carkins died the medical examiner decided that his death was due to suicide by shooting.

After the tragedy Mrs. Roy left for New York with her husband, but last week returned to Portsmouth, where she told the authorities that following a family dispute her husband and brother became engaged in a pistol duel, during which Carkins received a fatal wound in the head. In order to protect her husband she said nothing about the matter at the time.

WEEK IN CONGRESS

Aldrich Bill Will Occupy Attention of the Senate.

WASHINGTON, February 23.—In Congress this week the Aldrich currency bill in the Senate and the supply measures in the House will be kept to the fore. The Senate will begin the week by listening to speeches by Senators Gallinger and Depew on the mail subsidy bill, but as soon as they have been heard will return to the consideration of the Aldrich bill. Senator Aldrich, who has charge of it, is very confident that if a vote is not had this week, one will be taken early in the week following.

In the House practically all the time will be given to the consideration of the army and post-office appropriation bills. It is intended to confine business as closely to the supply measures in the future. This is a part of the program looking to an early adjournment in which the Senate and House are a unit.

FIFTEEN INJURED

Train Dashes into Wrecking Crane, Which Splinters Cars.

BALTIMORE, February 23.—Fifteen persons were hurt, three of them seriously, in a wreck shortly after midnight on the Philadelphia, Washington and Baltimore Railroad, near Arundel. A freight wreck had occurred on the southbound freight track earlier in the night, and a wrecking train was on the southbound passenger track clearing away the wreckage. A part of the wrecking apparatus consisted of a steam crane, and the boiler end of the crane projected over the northbound passenger track when local passenger train No. 328, from Washington for Baltimore, rounded a nearby curve. The local is said to have been about eleven minutes late and running at about forty-five miles an hour. Before the crane could be swung around it was hit by the passenger train and jammed, reducing the side of the passenger train to splinters.

FATAL GRADE CROSSING

Nine Either Killed or Fearfully Injured by Railway Train.

SPRING VALLEY, N. Y., February 23.—A foam-flecked pair of horses that tore through the streets early to-day dragging between them a splintered wagon pole, brought to the village the first news of a grade crossing accident in which nine members of prominent families were either killed outright or frightfully injured.

The runaways brought up at the livery stables of George Young, from whom they had been hired the night before to take a party of men and girls to a basketball game at Nyack. Returning in the early hours of to-day the wagonload of merrymakers was run down at a West Nyack crossing by an Ontario and Western express train. Four of the party were instantly killed, two died while being removed to the Hudson County Hospital at Hoboken, N. J., and the other three lie in a serious condition at that institution to-night.

CARS IN CRASH

One Killed and Fifteen Injured in a Street Car Accident.

CAMBRIDGE, O., February 23.—In an accident on the Byesville Interurban line early to-day, Rose Clancey was killed, and fifteen persons were injured, five probably fatally. Among those who may die are Motorman Robert Allission, Conductor McCullen and Catherine Clancey, sister of Rose Clancey.

An interurban car had just rounded a curve and run on a short trestle. A city car, following close at a good speed, ran into the interurban car, when its trolley slipped off, causing the forward car to slow down.

The forward car was almost demolished by the impact, and its occupants were thrown right and left.

TEN KILLED IN PANIC DURING RELIGIOUS PROCESSION

TEHERAN, February 23.—Ten persons were killed and a score or more wounded, including several ecclesiastics, as a result of a panic in the main streets here to-day during the passage of a religious procession celebrating the religious festival held during the first months of the Mohammedan year.

Killed on Way to Church.

ST. GEORGE, GA., February 23.—While on his way to church at Baxter, Fla., Dan Crews, accompanied by his nephew and two ladies, was shot by James Petty with a rifle and instantly killed this morning.

From information received here, it seems the killing resulted from trouble started several weeks ago.

British Steamer Wrecked.

TURKS ISLAND, February 23.—The British steamer Beta, Captain Pye, from Halifax for Bermuda, Turks Island and Kingston, was totally wrecked off here to-day. The crew and passengers were rescued and part of the cargo probably will be saved. The steamer was of 877 tons.

Two Killed by Train.

GLOVERSVILLE, N. J., February 23.—Samuel O. Sheppard, of West Day, Saratoga county, and his brother, Delbert Sheppard, of Woodbine, Iowa, were struck by a Delaware and Hudson passenger train near Corinth late yesterday. Both were instantly killed.

Killed Father-in-Law.

STARKE, FLA., February 23.—Mann Robinson shot and killed his father-in-law, J. L. Wynn, at Simpson City last night during a difficulty between them. A coroner's jury, under Judge Dekle, found the killing to have been in self-defense.

General Saxton Drops Dead.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 23.—Brigadier-General Rufus Saxton, United States Army, retired, dropped dead here to-day of heart disease. He entered the army from Massachusetts in 1855 as a first lieutenant of the Third Artillery, received a congressional medal for bravery in the defense of Harper's Ferry, and was retired April 22, 1904.

SMALLPOX IN KING GEORGE

Fifty Cases in the Northern Part of the County and No Quarantine Declared.

CITIZENS THREATEN TO USE FIRE-ARMS

President of the State Board of Health Says Board Is Powerless to Take Action; That Supervisors Must Act or That Disease Will Spread.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

KING GEORGE, VA., February 23.—An alarming state of affairs exists in this county. Several weeks ago smallpox was discovered in the upper part of the county, near the Stafford county line. Dr. M. W. Minor, the attending physician, after a careful diagnosis pronounced it smallpox.

Justice T. A. Hargest then issued a mandate to Drs. M. W. Minor and V. O. Caruthers, the only doctors in the county, in accordance with section 1724 of the Code, to proceed to the infected district and report what should be done. This Dr. Caruthers at first refused to do, but finally he went and after seeing several of the patients declared the disease to be not smallpox, but would not say what it was, nor would he make any report to the magistrate in compliance with the mandate. In the meantime the disease has spread until there are now fifty cases, and no measures of quarantine or isolation have been adopted, and an epidemic involving the whole county seems imminent. Mails pass through the infected district and people from it travel through the county at will.

There is no Board of Health in the county, and the State Board has been appealed to, but up to this time has taken no action. Dr. Chewning, of Fredericksburg, has seen some of the patients and pronounces it smallpox. The health boards of the neighboring counties of Stafford and Caroline have the same disease to contend with, and have taken the necessary precautions. There is talk among the citizens of instituting a shotgun quarantine. Judge Mason, of Fredericksburg, has declined to hold the March term of King George county court on account of the epidemic.

SUPERVISORS AT FAULT

Dr. Irving Says That State Board Will Do All in Its Power.

Dr. Paulus A. Irving, president of the State Board of Health, said yesterday that the situation in King George county had been under the eye of the State Board for the past two weeks or more.

"There is absolutely no doubt about the diagnosis," said Dr. Irving. "The cases are undoubtedly smallpox, although we have not as yet been able to get any definite report as to the number of cases or the spread of the disease. Dr. Minor, in whose section of the country the disease is most prevalent, is co-operating with the State Board, and, of course, we will give him every assistance in our power.

"The difficulty in taking steps to quarantine and stamp out the disease lies with the Board of Supervisors of the county, who control the purse-strings. They have taken no action, and apparently contemplate none. Unless public opinion in their county can stir them up to provide the funds for compulsory vaccination and quarantine regulations, the disease will continue to spread."

Dr. Irving said that the State Board would do everything in its power to control the situation, but that so far they had received little local co-operation.

DOCTORS DISAGREE

Quarantine Is Not Declared Because Physicians Are at Odds.

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FREDERICKSBURG, VA., February 23.—Failure of the physicians of King George county to agree regarding the epidemic of smallpox in the northern part of this county, is causing all manner of trouble and is preventing the establishment of a quarantine. One of the physicians declares the cases to be smallpox while another insists that the disease in only chickenpox of a very bad form.

Dr. Chewning, of this city, says he has not been to King George for three weeks, but when he was last there he attended one patient who was suffering from a genuine case of smallpox. The ill man lives in the northern part of the county, near Coxe's Store, adjacent to the Stafford county line.

In parts of Stafford county an eruptive disease also prevails, and the health authorities have declared that it is smallpox. They have established quarantine lines and are doing all in their power to stamp out the disease.

Omnibus Pension Bill.

WASHINGTON, February 23.—Among the bills introduced in the House yesterday were the following:

By Mr. Heflin, Alabama: To place upon the pension rolls the names of all surviving children of the soldiers of the War of the Revolution, the Mexican War, the Indian Wars, the War between the States, and the Spanish-American War, who, from mental or physical affliction or disability, are unable to earn their support.

William Finn Halstead Dead.

SCRANTON, PA., February 23.—William Finn Halstead, former general manager and vice-president of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, died at his home here to-day at the age of seventy-two years. Death was due to gangrene. Mr. Halstead was connected with a number of the local banks and many manufacturing concerns.

Hist is Afloat.

BALTIMORE, MD., February 23.—Maritime Exchange Observer at Cove Point, reports that the United States converted cruiser Hist, which has been ashore at that point since last Wednesday morning, was floated this afternoon by the government tugs Standish, Hercules and Wahnetta and the revenue cutter Apache.