

FOURTEEN BODIES TAKEN FROM WRECK

TRAIN DISASTER AT PACKARD DEVELOPS INTO APPALLING TRAGEDY.

THREE OR MORE MISSING AND MAY BE IN CREEK

Bodies Believed to Have Been Washed Down Stream—Two of Victims as Yet Unidentified—One That of Woman and Other Girl of 5 Years—Matron of I. O. O. F. Home Among Dead.

Special to Times-Republican.

Greene, June 5.—There have been fourteen bodies taken from the wreck on the Rock Island which occurred Friday morning.

Those taken out Saturday were: Mrs. F. E. Robinson, of Sterling, Ill. S. G. Lapp, of South English, Iowa. Alvin Thoen, 19 years old, from Kenseit, Iowa.

Mrs. S. R. Wescott, wife of a Rock Island engineer, from Minneapolis, and Doris Kober, of Waterloo, were also taken out.

The bodies of six more victims of the wreck were recovered from Flood creek Sunday. They were: Mrs. Leona La Faver, 45 years old, of St. Paul, Minn.

Miss Francis Christianson, 19 years old, of Wesley, Iowa.

Mrs. Ida Lewis, matron of the Odd Fellows home, Mason City.

Mrs. Flora Home, Fairfield, Iowa. An unidentified woman about 25 years old.

An unidentified girl about 5 years old.

All Removed From Coach. All of the bodies have been removed from the coach that plunged into Flood creek. The coach is now entirely above water.

Work of raising the coach is in progress today. A temporary bridge will be thrown across the creek early this week.

Four Others Missing. There are at least four others missing and may be some others. This makes a total of fourteen bodies now taken out.

Injured Recovering. Several of the bodies have been taken from the creek below the wreck. The scene of the disaster has been visited by hundreds of people daily, coming for long distances.

It is estimated that the scene of the disaster was visited on Sunday by at least 8,000 people, and that there were no less than 2,900 autos here.

Wesley Girl Missing. Miss Christianson, Passenger on Ill-Fated Train, Has Not Been Found.

Special to Times-Republican. Wesley, June 5.—Miss Christianson, a daughter of Peter Christianson, living north of Wesley, was on the Rock Island train that plunged into the river near Greene and is among the missing.

Miss Vilma Larson, daughter of William Larson, north of Wesley, had just left the seat which she occupied with her friend, Miss Christianson, and came to another part of the train when the accident occurred.

Miss Larson, who was slightly injured, has returned home. Mr. Christianson is at the scene of the wreck.

Wesley News Items. I take pleasure in recommending Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, having used it in my family for the past thirteen years.

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PRICE CLIMB HALTED

Common Articles of Commerce, Including Necessities of Life, Apparently Have Reached Apex of High Prices—Some Decreases Are Noted.

Special to Times-Republican. Des Moines, June 5.—Prices for the common articles of commerce, including the necessities of life, which have been going higher month by month since last September and in fact since the opening of the war, halted in their climb early last month, the news letter issued by the Iowa National Bank of this city declares.

After many successive months of upward movements, during which new high points were established several times only to be passed the following month commodity prices, according to Bradstreet's Index have at last halted in their climb the index on May 1 standing at \$11.76 compared with \$11.76 on April 1, the highest point ever reached, and \$9.80 on May 1, 1915.

This index has recorded successive increases for every month since last September, while in a general way we have been steadily mounting since the outbreak of the war. Apparently we have reached the apex of commodity prices. During April the prices of thirty-seven articles increased, twenty-two decreased and forty-eight remained the same.

Regarding business as a whole the news letter says that "business as a whole has been proceeding along more conservative lines than for the month preceding and the readjustment noticeable to a slight extent a month ago has become an easily discernible feature of the situation. Totals in many lines fell off in April but in practically every case these decreases mean that business is abandoning unwise and excessive operations for sounder and more restrained methods, and indicate healthier and safer general conditions."

Exports of merchandise in March totaled \$410,000,000 compared with \$297,000,000 in March, 1915, and imports were \$214,000,000 compared with \$158,000,000 in March, 1915. Our March exports exceeded the previous record exports of February by a few thousand dollars. Our favorable balance of trade in March totaled \$196,000,000, compared with \$139,000,000 in March, 1915.

Grinnell and Vicinity. Grinnell, June 5.—J. C. Tarvestad, who has been in the music business here for several years, has recently located in the northern part of the state and is now vacating the room at the corner of Broad and Commercial streets which has so long been filled with pianos and other musical material.

The many Grinnell and Brooklyn friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Kibby, formerly residents of both these towns, will be pleased to know that Mrs. Kibby recently underwent a serious surgical operation at her home in Whitler, Cal., and is on the road to a good recovery.

Another cause of pride and rejoicing comes to the people of Grinnell in the announcement made last Friday to Postmaster J. W. Nelson that, after the 1st of July, 1916, this postoffice is to be ranked as of the first class, the receipts having exceeded the \$50,000 mark. Next, it is hoped, will come the beginning of work on the new building.

D. W. Brainard, weather observer for Grinnell, makes the following report for May: Mean maximum, 70.98; mean minimum, 50.90; mean average, 60.48; warmest days, 7th and 25th; 86; coolest, 18th, 33; rainfall, 4 and 72-100 inches; greatest rainfall in twenty-four hours, on the 13th, two inches; clear days, 14; partly cloudy, 12; cloudy, 5; thunder storms, 7th, 10th, 13th, 21st; prevailing winds, west and southwest.

The Hill contest in extemporaneous speaking will take place on Saturday next in the morning at Herrick chapel. As it is so often the case that the appointed judges and the audience disagree on the points awarded it has been decided to try a new plan of judging. The usual committee of three or five will be appointed as in the past. Then a much larger committee, consisting, possibly of seniors and alumni, will be selected and the markings of the two committees will be averaged. This, it is thought will more nearly get at the decision as the interested audience would give it. The girls' contest will come in the afternoon. There are three prizes in each case, \$40 first, \$20 second, \$10 third. Two contestants have been selected from each of the college societies.

At the meeting of the Grinnell College board on Thursday last Glenn Richards, '17, was elected president, succeeding Senior Russell George. Ralph Moorhead was chosen business manager; and Floyd Stansberry, '18, secretary.

Commencement at Conrad. Conrad, June 5.—The commencement exercises of the Pocahontas high school were held last week, a class of eight being graduated.

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BARNEY AFTER CONVENTION. Invites Holstein Friesian Association to Des Moines in 1918.

Special to Times-Republican. Des Moines, June 5.—W. B. Barney, state food and dairy commissioner, who is attending the annual convention of the Holstein Friesian Association of dairy cattle men at Detroit this week, will endeavor to bring the annual meeting of this association to Des Moines in 1918.

Commissioner Barney is a member of the board of directors of this association and of the executive committee.

IOWA DEFEATS GRINELL. University Nine Wins Return Game Will Collegians, 2 to 1.

Special to Times-Republican. Grinnell, June 5.—Iowa state university played in Grinnell on Saturday afternoon, a return game of baseball and got away with it by a 2 to 1 score.

It was said to be a good game but Grinnell couldn't quite get the revenge wanted for that defeat some time ago at Iowa City.

Traer News Notes. Special to Times-Republican. Traer, June 5.—Miss Hattie Harper, for many years a resident of Traer, was stricken with paralysis one day last week. Her entire right side was rendered helpless.

There has been little improvement. Two sisters, Mrs. B. and Mrs. C. Traer, and Mrs. O. H. Blackie, of Sioux City, are here assisting in her care.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hoepner are rejoicing over the arrival of a boy at their home.

G. Lamb, owner of the brick and tile factory, went to Des Moines this week. They have rented the N. H. Adams property.

Mrs. Will Burghart and John Murray went to Independence the latter part of the week and brought Mr. Burghart home. He seems well both physically and mentally.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Gravatt are figuring on a modern residence to be put up this season, probably just south of the F. W. Wood home.

Dr. Clement Cummings, who recently graduated from a medical school in Omaha, has decided to remain in Nebraska and will locate at Columbus, Mo., a son of Tom Cummings, north of town.

F. L. White has let the contract for an up-to-date garage in Sturgis, Mich., a city of 6,000 and only two garages. It is not his intention to take personal charge of the business.

The chaletus which is being sold satisfactorily, more than half of the required 700 are already gone.

Hampton News Notes. Special to Times-Republican. Hampton, June 5.—Mrs. James Grubba went to Charles City Saturday to see her husband who is in a hospital there with an injured foot. He has been there for several weeks organizing a lodge of the Mystic Workers of the World, and working in a factory part of his time. He was the victim of an accident from the effects of which surgeons have removed one toe and a portion of another.

Miss Lottie Switzer has gone to Des Moines, where she will enter Highland Park College as a student.

A parcel checking department has been added to the ladies' waiting room at the court house, in charge of the matron. The charge of five cents will be made for a single package, or ten cents for two or more. A suit case will be charged ten cents.

The supervisors have added to the county road system a stretch of highway three and one-half miles long, extending west from the Butler county line in West Fork township on the north side of sections 33-4-5-6. This road will be worked and improved to the satisfaction of the people. The trading point of that neighborhood.

Frank Burwell has been secured as manager of the Farmers' Elevator Company at Chapin, and has entered upon his duties.

Waverly News Notes. Special to Times-Republican. Waverly, June 5.—A car of cattle was shipped from this place this week which sold in Chicago for \$9.30 per hundred.

The cattle were bought in April and fed fifty days making an average gain of two pounds a day.

A pair of heifers raised by Atlas Long were sold this week and when received tipped the scales at 2,600 pounds. They were twenty months old and Mr. Long received \$205 for them.

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Jewell News Notes. Special to Times-Republican. Jewell, June 5.—John McDonald shipped two cars of fat cattle Sunday of his own feeding.

Bert Reade and Mike Garvey shipped two cars of cattle which were bought of Henry Gath.

The house sold at auction Saturday, known as the Dave Waubenton house, brought \$1,432.50 and was bid in by Joe Fardel.

Jewell has decided to celebrate the Fourth of July. The commercial club will be in charge.

Charles Weiler is going to move to Eagle Grove, as he has been promoted to dispatcher.

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Northern Iowa Items

Mason. Father Murray died here Wednesday. The body was taken to Fort Dodge for burial.

Sioux City. For stealing a motor car, William Purcell, alias Elmer Johnson, of South Sioux City, was sentenced by Judge George Jensen to five years in the Anamosa reformatory.

Dubuque. The Rev. Henry Luz, pastor of the St. Matthew's Lutheran church Wednesday passed the seventy-sixth milestone. A celebration of the event was held by members of his parish and the aged minister was presented a purse.

Dubuque. Secretary of the Dubuque Commercial Club, Paul Rankin, announced that this city had secured the 1918 convention of the Tri-State Bee Keepers' Association and that the convention would be in session here Aug. 1 and 2. At least 25 delegates are expected to attend.

Onawa. J. A. Jensen, former cashier of the Turin Savings bank, has brought suit in the district court of Monona county to recover \$10,000 damages for libel, from Pordyce Babee, candidate for the legislature on the republican ticket. Babee formerly was president of the Turin Savings Bank, but sold out all of his interests some time ago.

Monticello. W. H. Laude of the firm of Laude & Puleston of this city has just returned from a business trip to New York City. While there Mr. Laude purchased 6,000 yards of silk to be used in the manufacture of the neckties which the firm of Laude & Puleston makes at their factory. For some time it has been difficult for the factory to obtain the required amount of silk necessary in the manufacture of the ties ordered, hence Mr.

Laude's eastern trip. The factory also operating on a small scale is one of the most successful enterprises conducted in Monticello.

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[Correspondence of Associated Press.] The Hague, Netherlands, May 26.—The number of Belgian refugees in Holland has declined from 1,000,000 after the fall of Antwerp to about 65,000, according to official information. Belgians continue to arrive in Holland from their native land, driven out by the hard conditions of existence there, but this accession apparently is counterbalanced by the outflow from Holland to France, Great Britain or the United States.

Of the 65,000 still enjoying Dutch hospitality, 15,000 are now accommodated in the four specially erected refugee camps or wooden villages at Ede, Nunspeet, Gouda and Uden. The others are living with private families.

Besides approximately 14,000,000 or \$5,000,000 supplied to refugees by the Dutch government, but government has contributed about \$5,000,000. A sum of \$2,000,000 has been voted for the current year, and unless peace arrives meanwhile, another \$1,000,000 probably will be granted. An offer of reimbursement by the Belgian government has been declined.

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Excellent arrangements have been made for the education of Belgians. Under the direction of a Dutch-Belgian commission forty-eight primary schools already have been established in various parts of Holland. There are 240 classes and 4,500 scholars, with instruction given by certified Belgian teachers. Secondary schools have been set up at The Hague, Amsterdam and Middelburg, and an atheneum at Flushing is attended by 125 pupils. There are technical schools for interned Belgian soldiers and for refugees, who are taught mechanics, shoemaking, jewelry and other trades.

Great efforts are made to all these educational institutions by the Dutch and Belgian governments.

WOULD ATTACK KIEL CANAL. French Naval Officer Proposes to Extend German Blockade.

Paris, June 5.—The allies could extend their blockade to the German coast in the Baltic and neutralize the strategic advantages of the Kiel canal, according to Vice Admiral Degouty of the French navy.

The first of the necessary operations to accomplish this, he points out, would be an attack upon the canal by an aerial force of 120 to 150 units divided into flotillas of twenty to thirty machines each. One of the flotillas would attack the bridge of Grunthal, one the viaduct of Rendsburg, and another the bridge of Levensau, while three other flotillas held in reserve would repeat the attack after an interval of twenty-four to forty hours. The first flotillas would resume their attack after the time required for taking on fresh supplies and the reserve flotillas would follow again as before.

This continuity of attack from the air upon works known to be vulnerable in certain places and the insufficient reinforcement of certain bridge heads after the enlargement of the canal, would, Admiral Degouty declares, assure obstruction of sufficient duration; whatever defensive measures the Germans might take against these concerted attacks would not prevent fruitful results.

While the base from which such air assaults might be made is only limited by Admiral Degouty, an operation speedily executed would, according to his theory, make possible a landing at isolated points on the German coast and its sufficient fortification so as fully to protect the establishment of an immense aviation camp within sixty to eighty miles of the canal terminus.

The forcing of the straits and mine fields would involve considerable losses from submarines and mines before the entente fleets would get into effective contact either with the German battle fleet or the defenses of the

while he dropped orange juice in de new burger, an I kept my mouth shut today, while he wiped dem big military ban's of his'n on de new leather seat, an' I even turned mah head away when he muss up de lap robe wid dirt-pieces but, jedge, I sho' did throw dat saw grass Miami catfish out into de road when he opened up a can of pork an beans an' poured out all de beans on de seat, lookin' for de pork!—Case and Comment.

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