

TWENTY-ONE PERSONS ARE KILLED IN WRECK

AND MANY OTHERS ARE INJURED WHEN NEW YORK CENTRAL TWENTIETH CENTURY LIMITED TRAIN CRASHES INTO WRECK

FRAGMENTS OF SOME OF THE DEAD ARE BEING GATHERED UP IN A BASKET

HUNT FOR BANDIT VILLA BY FLYING COLUMN IS STILL ON

Passengers Are Ground Under Wheels of the Heavy Engine of the Flyer. COACHES TOPPLE OVER Hope of Identification of the Bodies in Many Instances is Entirely Lost.

CLEVELAND, O., March 29.—Twenty-one persons were killed and many others injured when the Twentieth Century Limited on the New York Central railroad crashed into the wreck of two sections of the Pittsburgh and Buffalo flyer, eastbound from Chicago, at Amherst, thirty-seven miles west of here, just before daybreak.

The first section of the flyer had stopped at a watering tank and a flagman was sent back to warn the second section following a short distance behind. The engine, because of a heavy fog, did not see the signal and continued on his way until his engine crashed into the rear of the first section.

The rear coaches of the flyer's second section were filled with foreigners and the fatalities here were greatest. They were ground under the wheels of the heavy engines drawing the flyer, or crushed beneath the steel coaches as they toppled over.

No one was killed on the Twentieth Century, although a number in the forward coaches were hurt. Alfred Fritzele, Cleveland salesman for a fire extinguisher company, was in the Toledo sleeper of the first section and escaped injury.

Aaron DeRay, of Pittsburg, who came through with Fritzele, said he was catapulted from his berth into one occupied by a woman across the aisle when the crash came.

A Comensky, Pittsburg, coming from Chicago, said he saw a woman die in the wreck before he could extricate her. Another woman he saw was badly injured and a man had his arms torn from their sockets.

When the last named three left only thirteen of the forty occupants of the day coach were accounted for. They placed the number of dead at between 25 and 30.

According to Fritzele and DeRay, the first section stopped five minutes after it left Amherst and was just picking up speed again when the first crash came. Two minutes later, they said, the second occurred.

Spring Dress Up Proclamation

I, George H. Gordon, Mayor of the City of Clarksburg, do hereby announce and proclaim that the period from March 30 to April 8, inclusive, be observed as "Spring Dress Up" time in Clarksburg. I urge all our citizens, men, women, boys and girls to do everything that they can toward presenting a neat and attractive personal appearance...

BRILLIANT SOCIAL SESSION OF ELKS

of the three trains escaped with scratches and bruises. C. C. Robinson, Toledo engineer, of the Twentieth Century, crawled from under his engine after it had plunged 400 feet along the ties. His fireman, Walter Mann, Toledo, also was unhurt.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO INVESTIGATE WRECK

WASHINGTON, March 29.—H. W. Belknap, chief of the division of safety of the Interstate Commerce Commission, will leave Washington late today to investigate the Lake Shore wreck near Cleveland.

FIRST SERVICES

Will Be Held in the New United Brethren Church at Stealey Heights Sunday.

Beginning Sunday morning all the services of the Duff Street United Brethren will be held in the new church located at the corner of Baker avenue and Duff street, Stealey Heights.

Services will be held in the Sunday school auditorium next Sunday as follows: Sunday school 9:30 a. m. Preaching by the Rev. H. R. Hess, former pastor, at 10:30 a. m. Christian Endeavor 6:30 p. m.

ARRESTED

Is the Private Secretary of Cardinal Mercier for Forbidden Intercourse with Enemy.

BERLIN, March 29.—M. Loncin, private secretary of Cardinal Mercier, the Belgian primate, has been arrested, according to a despatch from Brussels, given out Wednesday by the Overseas News Agency.

Clever Artists from the Odeon Make the Real Hit of the Season in Elkdom.

Clever artists appearing at the Odeon theater this week provided novel entertainment at the social session of the Elks' lodge here Tuesday night, given in honor of a class of six baby Elks.

The exalted ruler, Wilbur C. Morrison, acted as toastmaster and Patrick H. Shields delivered an eloquent and touching eleven o'clock toast.

The Cadenza orchestra of several pieces furnished its usual high class program of music. The class in whose honor the session was held consisted of Charles E. Franckle, J. M. Burr, Aramis Jarvis, A. F. Mauriacourt, Matthew Jarvis and M. J. Higgins.

CHARTERS Are Issued by the Secretary of State to Two New Business Corporations.

CHARLESTON, March 29.—Red Jacket Lodge, No. 238, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of Mattawan, has obtained a certificate of incorporation from the secretary of state.

ROME, March 29.—Italian infantry had ejected the Austrians from positions on the heights north-west of Gorizia, which were lost to the Italians on Sunday, the war office announced today.

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS SHOWN VERY CLEVERLY.

National preparedness is fully represented in the display window of the West Virginia Provisional Company on West Pike street opposite the Elks' home in honor of the Spring Dress Up occasion.

NEWS JOTTINGS OF SALEM CITY

Telegram Correspondent Records Doings of the People There.

SALEM, March 29.—Eriest B. Ryan, who has been at Cleveland, O., for some time engaged in the oil business, is at home with his family.

Dr. Charles B. Wilson and sister, Miss Blanch, who have been in New York City for the last two weeks, returned home Tuesday.

A fortunate termination of the snapper strike among the local glass workers has been reached and they returned to work Tuesday.

It is reported that Arthur C. Bond, of Roanoke, has purchased the grocery stock and fixtures of the Okey W. Davis store, and will take charge about April 1.

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SON BORN. A bounding boy baby has been born to Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Gall, weighing nine and one-half pounds.

GRANDMOTHER OF FLAHERTY IS DEAD

In the City of Pittsburg at the Age of More Than a Century.

Mrs. Catherine Murphy, aged 101 years, grandmother of W. J. Flaherty, a local traction man, died at her home at 3746 Frazier street, Pittsburg, Tuesday night, following a three weeks' illness caused from a fall on the icy pavement in front of her home.

Mrs. Murphy was born in County Mayo, Ireland, in 1815, and during her lifetime had made five trips across the Atlantic ocean.

Mrs. Murphy was a great favorite with the children in her neighborhood. They all loved her very dearly and called her "Grandma" Murphy.

The funeral arrangements have not been made yet.

DETAINED

On Account of a Funeral is Evangelist Jackson Who is Coming Here.

The evangelistic meetings now being held in St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church, South, are increasing in interest each evening.

The pastor, the Rev. W. H. Fogleson, announced last evening that he was in receipt of a telegram from the Rev. Frank Y. Jackson, of Virginia, stating that he had been detained on account of a funeral and could not reach here for the Wednesday evening service.

The splendid increase in the size of the congregations indicates that the meeting will be a success whether help comes or not.

LEADVILLE AFLAME.

LEADVILLE, Colo., March 29.—Fire starting early today was beyond control five hours later. Dynamite was being used to block the path of the flames.

Aubrey Duff was placed on trial in the criminal court Wednesday morning, charged with not labelling liquor properly when he brought the same into this state.

CONFESSION MADE BY A TRAIN BANDIT

WHISKEY SEIZED And Owner is Sought by Officers under Bootlegging Charge.

Officers are searching the community for "Orly" Moore, wanted under a charge of bootlegging as the result of a raid Tuesday night of rooms occupied by him in the Bell building on North Fourth street and the seizure of forty-eight pints of whiskey in a trunk.

AFFIDAVITS

Of Three American Survivors of the Englishman Say that Vessel was Torpedoed.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Affidavits secured at Liverpool from three American survivors of the British horsehip Englishman are to the effect that the vessel was torpedoed and shelled by a German submarine, according to advices received today from the American embassy in London.

SERIOUSLY ILL.

C. C. Steele, a well known resident of Gore Station, is seriously ill, suffering with cholera morbus.

A. B. Dent, tried in the criminal court Tuesday evening.

Arrest of Chauffeur Furnishes Grounds for "Getaway" Theory.

PARKERSBURG, March 29.—Local federal authorities yesterday afternoon professed their belief that Dick Harrison and his wife, alias Mr. and Mrs. John Evans, arrested at Grand Rapids, as being implicated in the robbery of the Baltimore and Ohio train No. 1 at Central, October 5, last, will be brought to this city within a short time to await trial.

Press dispatches carry the information that Dick Harrison, realizing that he has but a short time to live because of a chronic ailment, had made a complete confession to the Grand Rapids authorities, admitting that he was the ring leader of the gang that held up No. 1.

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UNDERGOES OPERATION.

Many friends will be pleased to learn that Raynor, young son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Southern, of Philippi street, is recovering nicely from an operation which he underwent in a local hospital.

Abraham Lowther, of West Milford, was a business visitor here Wednesday.

But it is Impossible to Learn Positions of American Troops.

VILLA IS AT FULL SPEED

Armed Bands of Villa Forces Reported in Various Parts of Chihuahua Now.

EL PASO, March 29.—The hunt for Francisco Villa by the flying column of American cavalry continues relentlessly today, but from the messengers of the official despatches from General Pershing's advanced base, it was impossible to learn the positions of the American troops and how far they were behind the fleeing bandit.

ANNUAL SERMON

Of Knight Templars to Be Preached by the Rev. C. B. Mitchell on April 23.

The Rev. Charles Baird Mitchell, rector of Christ Episcopal church, will preach the annual sermon of the Knights Templar at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, April 23. This was decided at a meeting Tuesday afternoon of a committee appointed to look after details of the annual services.

ATTACK MADE

By French Troops on a Wood West of the Meuse and Part of Works is Carried.

PARIS, March 29.—French troops made an attack last night on Avocourt wood, west of the Meuse, where the German assault was made yesterday. The official statement today says the French carried part of the works which the Germans had constructed.

WESLEYAN TEAM

Troubled by the University of Georgia Players in Past Game.

ATHENS, Ga., March 28.—West Virginia Wesleyan went down to defeat before the strong University of Georgia baseball team here Tuesday, 2 to 0. Wesleyan played a somewhat ragged game in the field, but only one of the miscues chalked up figured in the scoring.

MISS SNIDER ILL.

Miss Margaret Snider, efficient assistant in the circuit clerk's office, is ill and off duty. A. B. Boggess of that office is also ill and Moses F. Shaver is acting as deputy clerk of the criminal court for him.