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CAROLINE.

Recital at the Seminary—Personals. Notes, Etc

Bowling Green, Va., Dec. 24, 1903.

The first public recital of the year was given by the pupils of the Seminary in the Assembly Hall of the above institution on Tuesday night. The large hall was well filled, and the recital was greatly enjoyed as was evidenced by the hearty applause. The program was as follows: March, Miss McDonald; chorus, by the school, piano solo, Miss Lyell; piano duet, Misses Upshaw and G Broaddus; vocal solo, Miss Eleanor Borum; piano solo, Miss Mattie Sutton; piano duet, Misses Chandler and Haines; piano solo, Miss Anne Doswell; piano solo, Miss Ethelyn Vincent; Vocal solo, Miss Eva Bland; piano solo, Miss Bessie Beazlie; piano duet, Misses Barlow and J. Doswell; piano solo, Miss Ryland; violin and piano duet, Misses Florence and Helen Broaddus; piano solo, Miss Margaret Webb; vocal solo, Miss Virginia Broaddus; piano duet, Misses Phelps and Lyon; piano solo, Miss Helen Broaddus; piano duet, Misses Sallie and G. Broaddus; piano solo, Miss Borum; vocal solo, Miss Pearl Smoot; piano solo, Miss Bessie Butler; chorus, by the school.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ennis left on Wednesday for Lykens, Pa., where they will spend the holidays.

Miss May Broaddus, of St. Luke's Hospital, Richmond, spent Sunday and Monday at her home here.

Mr. L. A. Pentross, of Norfolk, is the guest of Maj. and Mrs R. O. Pentross.

Mr. John G. Broaddus, who is pursuing the study of medicine in Richmond, is at home for Xmas.

The Sunday School of the Bowling Green Baptist church will have a Xmas tree and the children are anticipating a big time.

Mrs. John Gibson, Jr., of Richmond, is spending a few days at the Lawn.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Boyd and little son, are the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Coghill.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Moncure, of Richmond, are spending a few days at Auburn, the home of Judge E. C. Moncure.

Dr. E. E. Butler and family will spend the holidays in King and Queen.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Doswell, were in town Tuesday night. They came up to attend the recital and returned on Wednesday, accompanied by their daughters, Misses Anne and Jean Doswell.

Mrs. George E. Burt and little daughter, of Waverly, are spending some time with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Broaddus.

Dr. John D. Butler, of Sparta, spent Monday in town.

The union service of Salem and Zion churches, which was to have been held on last Sunday, has been postponed, owing to the inclement weather of Sunday.

All the schools have closed for the holidays, and most of the scholars have gone to their homes for Xmas.

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VIRGINIA NEWS

Henry M. Holladay has been appointed postmaster at Sulphur Mines, Louisa county.

The city council of Richmond decided to borrow money to pay the $601,000 of bonds maturing in January.

A mass-meeting in behalf of the Jamestown Exposition was held at Newport News and $1,400 worth of stock was subscribed.

H. T. Oxnard, of beet-sugar enterprise fame, has purchased a fine farm in Fauquier county and will locate there his magnificent stud, valued at $150,000.

A patent has been granted at Washington to Thomas J. Smith, of Manassas, for a receptacle for poultry; Chas W. Mannoch, of Petersburg, for shoe blacking and polishing machine.

Mr. Reuben Nelson Howard, son of Capt. T. C. Howard, of Culpeper county, died at Welch, W. Va., a few days ago from peritonitis. The remains were taken to Culpeper and interred in the family burying ground. Mr. Howard was twenty-five years old.

Double Wedding in Fauquier.

A double wedding took place at Locust Grove, near Upperville, Wednesday. The principals were John R. Wright and Miss Lessie Wright, Luther E. Huff and Miss D Edna Wright. The brides were sisters and the grooms were cousins. The two couples were united with one ceremony by Rev. J. L. Kibler, of the Methodist Church.

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In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the county of Caroline on the 19th day of December, 1903.

Wm. Henry Lucas, Plaintiff,
against
Cordelia Lucas, Defendant

IN CHANCERY.

The object of this suit is to obtain a divorce for the plaintiff from the defendant. And an affidavit having been made and filed that the defendant, Cordelia Lucas, is not a resident of the State of Virginia, it is ordered that she do appear here within fifteen days after due publication hereof, and do what may be necessary to protect her interest in this suit. And it is further ordered that a copy hereof be published once a week for four weeks in The Free Lance, a newspaper published in Fredericksburg, Va., and that a copy be posted at the front door of the court-house of this county on the first day of the next term of the County Court.

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THE PRESIDENT CRITICISED.

SENATOR GORMAN AS A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE.

The Late Albert Daggett—Pensions, Prize Fighting and Other Items.

From our Special Correspondent

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24th, 1903.

Political matters are getting rather warm at the National capital Senator Hoar, when he took up the Panama question, warmly censured the president. He was not, however, half as caustic as Senator Gorman, who scored Mr. Roosevelt roundly. Mr. Gorman has taken the position of leader of his party, and it is evident that the minority senators are going to stand together in opposing the course of the administration regarding the treaty with the new republic.

By the way, Mr. Gorman's stock as a presidential candidate is going up every day. Now that he has won his victory, his friends think he will grow more conservative. He is the most dignified-looking man in the Senate, and within the past few years has developed remarkably as a public speaker. A very significant remark was made by Andrew Carnegie a few days ago, who said that if Mr. Gorman were nominated by the Democrats we would have two good men as candidates, and the country need feel no apprehension as to the future. The opponents of President Roosevelt have now expressed alarm at his treatment of diplomatic matters, and say if he is re-elected that we are very likely to have international complications. However, the country need feel no apprehension on this point with such a man as John Hay as secretary of State.

There seems to be no longer any doubt about the confirmation of Gen. Leonard Wood. Secretary Root came out vigorously in his defense, and produced before the Military Committee of the Senate a remarkable array of documents in his favor. This set at rest in the minds of most of the committee all the extreme charges that have been made against Gen. Wood.

The House has passed the pension appropriation bill, which carried $138,000,000. There was no division. Within the next few years the amount paid for pensions is going to decrease. The old veterans are passing away every day and the pension roll will become shorter.

The war on Senator Smoot still continues. Some of the leading ladies of the land are after him with a great deal of vigor. Nothing will be accomplished, however, except to occupy the time of the committee with charges against him. He is legally in the Senate and cannot be unseated.

Jacob Riis, the economic reformer and philanthropist, created a breeze among the owners of alley property in Washington, by making a vigorous attack upon tenement houses of this character, which will probably result in an enactment by Congress of laws looking to the abatement of this class of property at an early day. Mr. Riis was the guest of President Roosevelt and made several addresses while here.

A movement is now on foot to attack the system of prize fighting which has of late been pursued in many of our leading cities by athletic clubs. These fights really do not differ very much from the old pugilistic exhibitions that caused so much excitement throughout the country, and which have been generally prohibited by statute in the different States, with the exception that gloves are worn. Last week, however, there was the most brutal fight in Brooklyn on a Sunday night in a barn, when the opponents went at each other with bare fists and conducted the fight in the most savage manner, which nearly resulted in the death of the vanquished fighter. The stake was very small and the audience made up of the very worst character of men. Many of the leading athletic clubs throughout the country have promoted fights which have led to the demoralization of their members and the lowering of the standard of membership in their organizations. It is claimed by those who propose to move in the matter, that such contests have no good effect and are in no way connected with proper athletics.

Albert Daggett is dead. For some years he has held the contract for printing postal cards. Before that, he was contractor for the sweeping of the streets in this city, and prior to coming here was a political boss in Brooklyn. He was always very extravagant, and while he made a great deal of money, it is said he died poor. He was celebrated as a "story teller" and was at one time president of a famous club, organized from the ranks of retired politicians. Daggett was one of the most plausible men who ever lived. He could make black look like white when he wanted to get money. A good story is told by one of his friends, who said he did not want to be left in the same room with him, or Daggett would tell such a plausible story as to be able to borrow all the money he had in bank.

What a procession of prominent men have marched through this capital city since its foundation. Someone ought to undertake to write a history of them. Just now a project is on foot to mark places of historical interest by proper tablets. This was done in a temporary way at the last encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, but the signs which were then erected have largely disappeared. Many of the old residents who are familiar with historical traditions and legends are passing away, and soon the stock of information they possess will be no longer available.

SOUTHARD P. WARNER

King George Personals

King George C. H., Va., Dec. 22, 1903.

Miss Sophia R. Taylor, daughter of Mr. Wm. Taylor, of Powhatan, is visiting friends in Georgetown.

Miss Josephine Brown, a student of the Bowling Green Seminary, is spending the holidays with her father, Mr. W. W. Brown, deputy clerk of courts, at his home, Pine Hill.

Messrs. Forest P. Taylor, F. L. Ashton, Sr., and B. F. Taylor, who have been spending some days at Wheatlands, the handsome home of Mr. Wm. C. Dickinson, have returned.

Mr. Arthur Davis, a student of William and Mary College, is spending his Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Davis, at Dido.

Mr. Fred C. S. Hunter, of Washington, is spending his Christmas with his relatives, the Hunters, at the Court House.

Mr. Fielding L. Ashton, Jr., a medical student of Richmond College, is spending Christmas with his brother at Waterloo.

Mrs. Henry A. Mason and her daughter, Miss Blount, are visiting friends in La Grange Ga.

Gives Away $30,000

T. C. Williams, the millionaire tobacco manufacturer, of Richmond, distributed $30,000 in cash to his old employees on Christmas eve. Mr. Williams sold out to the American Tobacco Company a few months ago, and took this occasion to reward his faithful staff. The checks ranged from $50 to $2,500.

Pardoned By the Governor

Governor Montague signed pardons Thursday for seven prisoners in the penitentiary.

Don't forget the old man with the fish on his back.

For nearly thirty years he has been traveling around the world, and is still traveling, bringing health and comfort wherever he goes.

To the consumptive he brings the strength and flesh he so much needs.

To all weak and sickly children he gives rich and strengthening food.

To thin and pale persons he gives new firm flesh and rich red blood.

Children who first saw the old man with the fish are now grown up and have children of their own.

He stands for Scott's Emulsion of pure cod liver oil—a delightful food and a natural tonic for children, for old folks and for all who need flesh and strength.

SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, 409-415 Pearl Street, New York. 50c. and $1.00; all druggists.

TIED THREE KNOTS AT ONCE.

Trio of Virginia Couples Made Happy Through the Medium of a Single Marriage Ceremony

Rev. Dr. A. W. Pitzer, in Washington, Wednesday, married three couples at a single ceremony, and now holds the record for bringing the greatest joy to the greatest number in the shortest time. "I never performed such a task in my life before," said the minister later. "If anyone else has been such a blessing to mankind I never heard of it. I stood them up in a row, read the ceremony of our church and when I came to the point of asking for the vows I called each one by name."

The three couples were from Virginia. They were Charles W. Williams and Bessie P. Browne, Allen Lancaster and Carrie Greigsley, and George W. Binns and Lillie May Jones. All are from Hanover County, with the exception of Miss Jones, who is from Caroline County.

The idea of all being married at once is said to have originated with the girls, and to have been kept a secret from their respective intendeds until a few days ago. The three couples boarded the same train Wednesday, the first two couples getting on first and being joined up the road by the maid from Caroline County and her husband-to-be.

MUST HAVE MADE MISTAKE AT HOSPITAL.

Eliza Willis Was Dark-Body Sent For Her's Was That of Mulatto.

Eliza Willis, a colored woman of this city, was adjudged insane in 1901 and sent to the hospital at Petersburg. There was an insurance on her life which Lindsay Robinson, of this city, has kept up since the death of her husband, Morris Willis. A few days ago City Sergeant J. Conway Chichester received a notice from the hospital that Emily Willis was dead and asked what disposition should be made of the remains. Robinson was notified and he ordered the remains to be brought here for burial.

Wednesday they came and were given in charge of Whitner & Sacrey, undertakers. Eliza was dark skinned with curly hair. The body that arrived here is that of a mulatto and with straight hair. This fact was disclosed on examination of the body by Robinson and several others. The authorities at the hospital have been notified, and the body is at the undertaker's awaiting the arrival of some one connected with the hospital.

METHODIST PAPERS UNITE.

Consolidation of the Christian Advocate and the Methodist Recorder.

The Baltimore and Richmond Christian Advocate, published in Richmond, and the Southern Methodist Recorder, printed by Rev. James Cannon, Jr., at Blackstone, Va., have been consolidated, and the new arrangement will go into effect the first of the year. The two purchasers are Rev. James Cannon, Jr., and Rev J. Sidney Peters, of Hampton.

Rev. Herbert M. Hope, the associate editor and business manager of the Advocate, severs his connection with the paper. In his announcement of the sale Mr. Hope says over his signature that it was brought about through a desire to unite the church in the State. Rev. Dr. Lafferty will continue as one of the editors.

MARRIAGES.

Miss Nina B. Lanham and Joseph E. Smallwood, both of Loudoun county, were married Wednesday by Rev. J. L. Kibler.

At the residence of Mrs. Mary E Grasty, of Rapidan, Wednesday, occurred the marriage of her daughter, Miss Virginia, to John A. Griffin, of Cenoir, N. C. The bride was given away by her uncle, H. E. Grasty. Rev. Mr. Cross officiated.

Mr. Jno C. Brenner and Miss Georgia C. Renoe, both of Prince William county, were married Thursday, Dec. 24th, by Rev. Robt. Smith at the home of the officiating clergyman. The couple left for a visit to the groom's former home in Pennsylvania.

Licensed to marry in Washington: Percy O. Rosson and Lucie Hawkins, both of Culpeper. Theo New, of Kansas City, Mo., and Annie Johnson, of Kinsale, Westmoreland county. Hessie Nelson and Lillie Jackson, both of Occoquan. William W. Hunt and Mary Frances Walton, both of Culpeper. Jackson Clark and Nenah M. Clark, both of Fairfax county. Ollie M Baughan and Emma Kate Hill, both of Caroline county. William L. Fultz, of Newmarket, and Lottie Life. William H Herring, of Prince William county, and Henrietta Herndon. Richard H. Sandford and Mary Weaver, both of Westmoreland county.

Trying to Raise Funds for Exposition.

The friends of the Jamestown company are working hard to raise the additional money which will render any relief legislation unnecessary They have $760,000 pledged, and are hopeful of getting the balance by the first of the year. If they fail in this they have three days after the reconvening of the legislature in which it may be possible to have the time within which this money is to be raised. Even should they fail in both of these expedients they will apply to the corporation commission for an extension of the charter. This would necessitate the payment of a charter tax, which they are anxious to avoid.

Blind Tom.

"Blind Tom," the pianist, who was reported dead five years ago, will make his first public appearance in nearly ten years at a Brooklyn theatre Monday. He has been living in retirement near Navesink Highlands, N. J.—Alexandria Gazette.

One Hundred Dollars a Box

is the value H. A. Tisdale, Summerton, S. C., places on DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. He says: "I had the piles for 20 years. I tried many doctors and medicines, but all failed except DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. It cured me." It is a combination of healing properties of Witch Hazel with antiseptics and emollients; relieves and permanently cures blind, bleeding, itching and protruding piles, sores, cuts, bruises, eczema, salt rheum and all skin diseases. Sold by D. C. Bowman.

Smallpox in Alexandria.

The smallpox has spread to Alexandria from the gangs at work on the railroads in Fairfax County, and the city smallpox hospital has been opened with three patients All the sick are negroes.

Good For Children.

The pleasant to take and harmless One Minute Cough Cure gives immediate relief in all cases of Cough, Croup and LaGrippe because it does not pass immediately into the stomach, but takes effect right at the seat of the trouble. It draws out the inflammation, heals and soothes and cures permanently by enabling the lungs to contribute life-giving and life-sustaining oxygen to the blood and tissues. Dr. Armstrong, of Delia, Tex., prescribes it daily and says there is no better cough remedy made. Sold by D. C. Bowman.

A SPOTSYLVANIA WIDOWER'S GROWL.

I am a grumpy old widower,
Grizzly and gray;
I am sixty and ten,
If I am a day.
I am fussy and crusty
And dry as a bone;
So ladies, good ladies,
Just let me alone.

Go shake out your ringlets
And beam out in smiles;
Go tinkle your trinkets
And show off your wiles;
Bewitch and bewilder
Wherever you can,
But pray, pray remember
I am not the man.

I am frozen to blushes;
I am proof against eyes;
I am hardened to simpers
And stony to sighs;
I am tough to each dart
That Young Cupid can lance.
I am not in the markets
To any advance.

I sew on my buttons;
I darn my own hose;
I keep my own counsel
And fold my own clothes.
I mind my own business
And live my own life.
I won't—no, the Dickens—
Be plagued with a wife.

And yet, there's nine spinsters
Who believe me their fate.
There's two dozen widows
Who'd change their estate.
There are silly young maidens
Who blush at my bow;
All, all bent on marrying me,
No matter how.

I walk forth in trembling;
I come home in dread;
I don't fear my heart,
But I do fear my head.
My civilest speech
Is a growl and a nod,
And that—Heaven save me—
Is "charmingly odd."

So ladies, dear ladies,
Just hear me, I pray;
I speak to you all
In the pluralest way;
My logic is simple
As logic can be:
If I won't marry you,
Pray don't marry me.

TRAGEDY STOPS AN ELOPEMENT.

Young Man Drowned in River Before Eyes of His Sweetheart.

George Richmond, while eloping from Ollie, Va., with Miss Annie De Priest, was drowned in the Jackson River, near Covington, a few days ago. The young couple left Ollie and drove ten miles to Jackson River, with the intention of crossing and taking a train on the other side. In order to test the safety of the ice, Richmond started across, while the girl remained on the bank. He had not gone far when he broke through and was swept under the ice before the distracted girl could render any assistance. She summoned help and the body was recovered. The heart-broken girl would not leave the spot until the body of her sweetheart was found.

FINE FAUQUIER RESIDENCE DESTROYED.

Grafton Hall Burned to the Ground.

Residence No. 6, belonging to the Dulaney estate, near Upperville, Fauquier Co., was destroyed by fire Tuesday night. The house was occupied by Mr. Richard Dulaney, and is known as Grafton Hall. The fire originated from an explosion of an oil lamp. The contents were burned, and the entire loss is about $80,000. The house cost $65,000. Partly insured.

Big Loss in Sweet Potatoes.

Shipments of sweet potatoes from the Eastern Shore for the past six weeks have not been remunerative. The heavy and continuous rains of the great October storm soured those in the ground, and very few have since then been in a merchantable condition. They were dug shortly after the storm and put in kilns, but rot almost as soon as the air strikes them. Many farmers have lost from fifty to three hundred barrels, and the aggregate loss in the county is at least fifty thousand dollars.

Cook—Peragoy.

Mr. Frank Cook and Miss Jennie Peragoy, both of King George county, were married at Potomac Baptist church, in that county, Tuesday night. Rev. J. B. Thomas, pastor of the church officiated.

HOW'S THIS?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucus surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cts. per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Election Law Case Dismissed.

The last of the cases for violation of the Barksdale law in Henrico county, that against William P. Terry, was dismissed. All of the other cases were either quashed or dismissed.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure.

Digests all classes of food, tones and strengthens the stomach and digestive organs. Cures Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Stomach Trouble, and makes rich red blood, health and strength. Kodol Dyspepsia Cure rebuilds worn-out tissues, purifies, strengthens and sweetens the stomach. Gov. G. W. Atkinson, of W. Va., says: "I have used a number of bottles of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure and have found it to be a very effective and indeed a powerful remedy for stomach ailments. I recommend it to my friends." Sold by D. C. Bowman.

Big Sum in Dividends.

More than $2,000,000 will be paid out in Richmond on the first of the year in the payments of annual and semi-annual dividends.

The Lone Star State.

Down in Texas at Yoakum, is a big dry goods firm of which Mr. J. M. Haller is the head. Mr. Haller on one of his trips East to buy goods said to a friend who was with him in the palace car. "Here, take one of these Little Early Risers upon retiring and you will be up early in the morning feeling good." For the "dark brown" taste, headache and that logy feeling DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the best pills to use. Sold by D. C. Bowman.

AWFUL WRECK ON B. & O. ROAD

Duquesne Limited Thrown From Track by Pile of Lumber.

63 KILLED AND 30 INJURED

Train Ploughed Along For Some Distance, and the Cars Were Torn to Pieces, Passengers Screaming and Falling From the Wreck—Cries of Victims Were Beyond Description. All Persons On the Train Were Stunned For a Moment.

Connellsville, Pa., Dec. 24.—With a terrible crash and a grinding noise, the Duquesne limited, the fastest through passenger train from Pittsburg to New York on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, ploughed into a pile of lumber at Laurel Run, two miles west of Dawson, and 63 lives were lost and 30 persons were injured.

The train left Pittsburg, running a few minutes late, in charge of Engineer William Thornley, of Connellsville. When approaching Laurel Run, which is a particularly fine piece of roadbed, the train was running at a high rate of speed. Suddenly the passengers were thrown from their seats by the lightning-like application of the air brakes, and a moment later there was a terrific crash. The train was made up of two baggage, two day coaches, one sleeper, and one dining car, and was carrying at the time, at the lowest estimate, 150 passengers.

The train ploughed along for a considerable distance, and the cars were torn to pieces, passengers jumping, screaming, falling from the wreck as it tore along. Suddenly the engine swerved to the left and the coaches plunged down over the embankment to the edge of the Youghiegheny river. The minute the cars stopped rolling there was a wild scene. Many were pinioned beneath the wreckage, and the screams and cries that rent the air were beyond description. Many were injured in their mad excitement and plunged into the river. Others, pinioned beneath the heavy timbers, pleaded in agonized tones for release. So terrific was the force of the wreck that every passenger suffered a moment's unconsciousness, and many of the able-bodied men were unable to assist in helping the injured from the wreck on account of having fainted.

The dead are: Engineer William Thornley, Division Engineer S. G. Heater and Fireman Thomas Cook, all of Hazelwood, Pa.; Herbert Holmes, Emmelton, Pa.; Jesse Hines, Tarboro, N. C., the Union News company's agent; Charles Linford, Confluence, Pa.; —— Edwards, Pittsburg; J. W. Martin, Hancock, Md.; Richard Duckett, Baltimore; Edison Goldsmith, Connellsville, Pa.

The other 53 dead are mostly foreigners and negroes, who were riding in the smoking car. The work of their identification has not yet begun.

The injured are: W. H. Hancock, Pittsburg; John W. Bromley, North Braddock, Pa.; Annie Reese, Greenwood, Pa.; Thomas J. Dom, Hazelwood, Pa.; Conductor Louis Helgth, of the limited, Hazelwood, Pa.; J. W. Martin, Hancock, Md.; J. A. Allfurter, Bealton, W. Va.; Henry Davin, Rockwood, Pa., badly injured, will die; C. H. Lineford, East McKeesport, Pa., will die; William Edwards, Cumberland, Md.; Thomas Tippler, Philadelphia; Harry Devlin, Connellsville, Pa., serious; W. H. Stoddard, Connellsville, Pa.; E. P. Keifer, Somerset, Pa.; John K. Powers, South Cumberland, Md.; J. W. Altman, Connellsville, Pa.; Aaron Verg, East Pittsburg.

The majority of those killed were literally roasted to death, the baggage car and smoker telescoping the engine and immediately catching fire. Their bodies were laying, many of them burned to a crisp, in the baggage car, to be moved later to the different undertaking shops in the city. The entire population turned out and assisted in caring for the living and looking after the dead. A peculiar fact is that not a woman was injured excepting slightly. The wreck was caused by the breaking of the castings on a car load of bridge timber on a westbound freight train, which had passed Laurel Run not more than 15 minutes before the ill-fated passenger train.

The wreck occurred on a curve and it was impossible for Engineer Thornley to see far enough ahead to detect the obstruction on the tracks. The big Atlantic type engine plunged into the timbers at a velocity of 60 miles an hour. The engine ploughed into the embankment and the baggage and express car were thrown into the river. The smoker followed the engine and landed squarely on top of it. This allowed the escaping steam and hot water from the engine to fill the car. The smoker was packed to its utmost capacity, and all the passengers were cooked alive. Not a single passenger in this car escaped with his life, and it is estimated that at least 40 of the dead were in the smoker.

Baggagemaster Thomas J. Baun, of Hazelwood, who was on the wrecked train, proved himself a hero. With his head and body frightfully cut, he managed to crawl from the wreckage, and, groping his way along in the darkness, flagged the west-bound passenger train, No. 49. He had nothing with which to flag the train except matches, and these he made use of in his desperation by taking off his coat and setting fire to it. He stopped the train just in time to prevent it from plunging into the wreck and adding further horror to an already indescribable disaster.

Baum collapsed when he saw he had succeeded in stopping the train and when the engine stopped he was lying within a few feet of it. An operator at "Y" tower on the Pittsburg and Lake Erie railway was the first to send word of the accident and to send for relief. He was watching the Duquesne Limited as it was speeding along the Baltimore and Ohio tracks across the river. He says the cars piled high in the air and then sank back on the tracks. The screams of the injured and dying were plainly heard. And in another second he was sending word to the railway officials at Dawson and Connellsville.

For more than 5000 feet both the east and westbound tracks are torn up. The engine was completely demolished and the big 7000-gallon tank on the tender was thrown 100 feet ahead of the other wreckage. The baggage car was thrown into the river, but was only slightly wrecked. All the cars were derailed and the trucks of all except the diner were torn completely from underneath the cars. Few people were injured in the Pullman cars and the diners to any great extent, although few escaped without at least some little injury. As soon as the wreck was reported in Connellsville all the available physicians were summoned, including Baltimore and Ohio railway physicians, and a special train was made up and taken in charge by General Superintendent Sims and Superintendent J. F. Irwin, of the Pittsburg division.

The dead were placed in a long row on the embankment, opposite the wreckage, and in a single line 38 forms lay cold and stiff on the frozen ground. Another row on the opposite side of the wreckage contained 11, and scattered here and there through the underbrush were the dead bodies of many who had been able to crawl from the wreckage, but died before aid reached them. Under his engine lay Engineer William Thornley, disemboweled and mangled almost beyond recognition. It was impossible at the time to extricate his body, and it will be several hours before the wreck crew will be able to remove the engine which pinions his remains under the huge mass of steel.

Hardly had the bodies of the dead been removed from the coaches until thieves began robbing the dead of jewelry and money. Special officers were deputized, and with the aid of the Baltimore and Ohio police force and Connellsville officers the work of the ghouls was stopped. Several persons are under suspicion, and arrests will follow.

It is charged that the foreigners who escaped serious injury in the wreck immediately set about robbing their more unfortunate countrymen, and the dead as well as the injured were robbed of their money and other valuables.

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Governor of Georgia Endorses Roosevelt's Panama Policy.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 23.—At a banquet given by the business men of Atlanta to Brigadier General Barry, in command of the department of the Gulf, Governor Joseph M. Terrell, of Georgia, was also a guest of honor. In response to the toast "The State," Governor Terrell said, among other things:

"With many things that President Roosevelt has done, indeed, with perhaps most of the acts of his administration I differ, but there are two things which I most heartily endorse. I endorse the establishment of the department of the Gulf and I most heartily endorse the recognition of the independence of Panama, which means the construction of an Isthmian canal, a thing in which we as southerners are most deeply and most vitally interested. It is not and cannot be made a party matter. We want the canal, and we are in a fair way to get it, and if we do not get it now it will be our own fault."

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