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FOUR MEN KILLED IN L. & N. WRECK NEAR FAXON

ULTIMATUM TO HUNS IF THEY DELAY

Paris Office of Reuter's Says New Demand Will Be Dispatched If Weimar Does Not Send Delegation Soon.

BULLETIN.

PARIS, June 25.—Up to 4:45 o'clock this afternoon no official word had been received regarding Germany's plans in the formal signing of the peace treaty. Peace conference leaders were undisguisedly perplexed.

PARIS, June 25.—If the heads of the allied powers in Paris do not hear from Weimar very soon regarding the German delegation for the signing of the peace treaty, an ultimatum will be sent to the German government, according to the Paris office of Reuter's, Ltd. The ultimatum will demand the appointment of plenipotentiaries within a certain number of hours.

The treaty of peace will be signed either Friday or Saturday, it is believed. Although the day has not been definitely fixed, it has been decided the hour for the ceremony will be at 3 o'clock p.m. The peace conference secretariat is still without official knowledge of the personnel of the new German peace delegation, and does not know when it will arrive at Versailles.

This lack of official advices from Germany with regard to the new plenipotentiaries has caused some uneasiness to manifest itself in conference circles and the plans for the signing of the treaty are in a complete state of suspense. Herr Haniel von Haimhausen, the acting German representative at Versailles, apparently is also without information.

It was announced today that President Poincare's official dinner to the peace plenipotentiaries will take place Thursday night. It was originally planned to hold the dinner on the night of the signing of the treaty, but the uncertainty as to the date for the ceremony has caused Thursday to be named definitely for the dinner, irrespective of the time of the event at Versailles.

M. Clemenceau will open the signing ceremonies with a brief introduction. No speech is expected from the Germans. William Martin, of the French foreign office, as master of ceremonies, will then carry the treaty to President Wilson and the premiers, who will sign at their seats. After the treaty is brought back to the signature table, the names of the other delegates will be called and they will advance and sign.

Seals Affixed.

It is expected that the signing will require two hours. The seals of all the delegates will be affixed in advance; many of them are already in the hands of the foreign office. President Wilson is using the president's seal, which is an eagle with the words "seal of the president of the United States." Some of the seals supplied by the delegates are merely monograms unadorned, in striking contrast to the elaborate coats of arms supplied by Premier Paderewski of Poland and other European officials. The French treaty experts regard the Chinese and Japanese seals as the most artistic. These are chiefly the names of the delegates in Oriental letters, and are adorned with flowers and quaint figures.

The expectation was that strictly personal seals would be used, but like President Wilson, M. Vandervelde, representing Belgium, is using an official seal—the Belgian coat of arms encircled by the words, "minister of justice."

The German delegates will sign after the allies.

The order in which the allied delegates will sign after the signatures of the president and premiers are attached will be according to the alphabetical order of the names of the countries they represent. When the signatures are completed the entente party will emerge on the terrace at the side of the palace where all the great fountains will be playing in the gardens.

Notable among the persons who will attend the ceremony of the signing of the treaty with Germany late this week will be five senators who participated in the campaign of 1870.

Marshal Petain, accompanied by six French generals, Mrs. Wilson and her secretary and Miss Margaret Wilson will be among the thousand persons, including delegates and secretaries, who will be present when the Germans attach their signatures to the treaty. Three hundred journalists from all the interested nations, a few neutral newspaper correspondents and about 300 guests apportioned among the signatory nations will have places in the hall.

Seven regiments of cavalry and four regiments of infantry will guard the palace grounds during the ceremony. Within the marble court through which all the witnesses, except the Germans, will pass, will be stationed a company of drummers and buglers. No other musicians will participate.

The Germans will be admitted at a side entrance from the park after the other delegates are seated at the horseshoe table within which will be the signing table where the treaty will lie.

France has decided to require complete reparation from Germany for the sinking of the German warships at Scapa Flow. This announcement was made by M. Leygues, minister of the marine, to the naval committee of the chamber of deputies yesterday afternoon. He declared that the act of the Germans violated both the armistice and the peace terms.

STEAMBOAT EXCURSION FOR RAILWAY CLERKS

The steamboat Princess has been chartered by the Brotherhood of Railroad Clerks for an excursion on the evening of July 3 for the members and friends of the order, according to F. L. Hale, organizer of the brotherhood. An orchestra has been engaged for the occasion and there will be dancing and refreshments. The public is invited to join the brotherhood in this outing on the river.

WILL SMIDDY TO WED.

Will Smiddy, former city detective and well-known Memphian, obtained a license Wednesday afternoon to marry Miss Arline R. Buckley.

THE WEATHER

Tennessee—Generally fair, little change in temperature.

Mississippi—Probably showers.

Arkansas—Partly cloudy.

Alabama—Probably showers.

Kentucky—Partly cloudy; Thursday fair, little change in temperature.

Louisiana—Cloudy, scattered showers.

Oklahoma—Generally fair.

East Texas—Partly cloudy, scattered showers in south.

North and South Carolina, Georgia—Probably showers.

Florida—Partly cloudy in south, probably showers in north.

Kansas—Generally fair and continued warm.

MASON HIMSELF MAY HAVE STRING ON RESIGNATION

Goodman and Miller Propose His Successor Be Elected by Chamber of Commerce, Not by Politicians.

The resignation of A. D. Mason as commissioner of finance and revenues, is undoubtedly in the hands of Mayor Monteverde.

It probably will not be presented to the board of city commissioners, however, until Mr. Mason has returned to Memphis.

The action that the board may take in the matter, largely depends upon what answer Mayor Monteverde makes to formal letters presented to him Wednesday morning by Mr. Miller and Mr. Goodman. In their letters they ask that the mayor agree, in case Mr. Mason resigns and that his resignation is accepted by the commission, that the selection of his successor be left to the Chamber of Commerce, the selection to be made in any way that body may designate.

The letters were presented to Mayor Monteverde in person and the two commissioners were in conference with the mayor for an hour and a half thereafter.

No formal answer had been made to the letters at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

As to the mystery of whether or not Mr. Mason's resignation has actually reached Mayor Monteverde, that is still unsolved so far as any information given out by the mayor is concerned. He merely said in reply to a direct question Wednesday, that he preferred not to answer it. The inference is that he has received Mr. Mason's letter.

Two Will Be Absent.

Close friends of Mr. Mason say that he left Asbury park Tuesday night intending to keep a business appointment in New York Wednesday and then start for home.

Close friends of Mayor Monteverde say that the mayor is disposed to hold the resignation until Mr. Mason returns.

Leo Goodman and C. W. Miller, who remained away from the commission meeting Tuesday afternoon, set forth their reasons for such action in the letters above referred to. They do not intend to be placed in the attitude of breaking a quorum of the commission, but wished to prevent any action about which they had not been consulted in any way.

Wednesday's conference is said to have cleared that matter up, and probably they will attend the regular meeting Tuesday, although it is possible that results of further conferences may bring about some agreement as to that matter.

It was known that Mr. Mason had intended to resign some time ago, but he stated positively less than a week ago that he would not resign until the report of the special tax rate committee had been presented, as that report affected his department almost exclusively.

Neither Mayor Monteverde nor Commissioner Quinn would say Wednesday whom they have in mind as Mr. Mason's successor. It is known, however, that the names of Hugh Buckingham and T. H. Jackson were under consideration Tuesday night.

Mr. Goodman and Mr. Miller prefer to have the selection left to the Chamber of Commerce, as set forth in Mr. Miller's letter to the mayor which follows:

Miller No Accountant.

"Dear Sir—On Tuesday you informed me that you had received a telegram from Commissioner Mason to the effect that his resignation had been forwarded to you by special delivery mail, and would be in your hands by 1 o'clock. You stated that you had been advised it was not necessary to have this resignation accepted by the board of commissioners, and that you proposed to proceed to the selection of a successor to Mr. Mason.

"You further informed me that if I would consent to the transfer to the department of streets, bridges and sewers, that such a transfer would be made, but that if I refused such consent I would be placed in the department of accounts, finances and revenues.

"I was not told who was proposed as a successor to Mr. Mason or consulted in any way about it.

"My transfer to the department of accounts, finances and revenues would be wholly a political move, as I have had no experience in that department, and would barely have time to become familiar with its workings in the six months remaining of my term of office. The peoples' interests do not demand such a transfer.

Leave It to C. of C.

"On as important a matter as the selection of a member of the board of commissioners, the public should have a chance to express their sentiments, and the election should be one had by the board and not by any political faction thereof. If you have Mr. Mason's resignation, I feel same should be presented to the board of commissioners for their action, and that his successor should be a man approved in some way by the people.

"I will vote for any man to succeed Mr. Mason who is not an avowed political partisan, and who shall be selected by the Chamber of Commerce in any way that body sees fit. This body is the largest and most representative organization in the city of Memphis.

"I will be willing to confer with you at any time in regard to the selection of a successor to Mr. Mason in the manner I have here outlined, and will ask you to give me an immediate answer to this letter."

Goodman Concurs.

Mr. Goodman's letter makes the same suggestion, and he also stated that, as a member of the board, he believes he should be consulted as to Mr. Mason's resignation and have an opportunity to vote to accept or reject it, and that the public in some way should have a voice in the selection, he believes, is too clear for any argument. He says plainly that he will not approve of any plan to make the place upon the board depend solely upon the political utility of the candidate selected.

The conference which followed the presentation of the letters may possibly result in clearing up the disagreement in some way, although nothing was directly accomplished Wednesday.

There is a provision in the old city charter under which the old boards, under the old council plan of government, are empowered to "adopt such measures as are necessary to compel the attendance of absent members."

Such measures, some lawyers hold, must be taken by the adoption of suitable rules by the council or commission. No rules of any kind have ever been adopted by the city commission since that plan of government went into operation in 1910.

Mr. Quinn, a day or so ago, made a proposition to Miller that both of them resign from the commission. He tied a string to it, however, with the further proposal that they hand their resignations to the mayor and allow him to take such action on them as he chose. Mr. Miller naturally declined.

According to Messrs. Goodman and Miller, it is Mayor Monteverde's next move.

THE WORLD OUTLOOK

(By the Associated Press.)

Germany has proved slow in making known to the peace conference in Paris what her plans are regarding her representation at the formal signing of the peace treaty. Conference circles are reported somewhat uneasy over the lack of official advices from the German government as regards the personnel of its new delegation and the time of its coming, as all the arrangements for the ceremony are being held up.

It is still hoped in Paris that the treaty will be signed Friday, but the event may go over until the following day. Everything manifestly now depends upon the time of arrival of the German delegates.

It is expected the new Italian delegation, headed by Tommasso Tittoni, the new Italian foreign minister, will arrive in Paris Friday to resume activities of Italy relative to the treaty with Austria. There are several important matters still to be adjusted before the remainder of the Austrian treaty can be presented to the Austrian delegates and it is expected that the Italian mission will lose no time in bringing before the supreme council of the conference the demands of its country.

France and presumably the other allied and associated nations are prepared for eventualities should the Germans fail to carry out the provisions of the treaty, which is now ready for the signatures of the delegates.

Premier Clemenceau, in replying to questions of members of the chamber of deputies relative to demobilization, said yesterday that precautions were necessary, "in view of the state of mind of the Germans," the premier pointing out the destruction of German ships in Scapa Flow and at Kiel showed the "spirit in which the Germans will sign the treaty."

Dispatches from Berlin indicate feeling over the peace situation still is running high in German military circles, officers speaking of "defending the honor of the German army and its leaders" by adopting "special measures."

Formal approval has been given by the supreme council of the conference to the plan of giving Belgium priority in reparations to the extent of about $500,000,000.

Brinkley's Friends Continue To Make Memorial Fund Grow

The fund for the widow and children of the late Sergt. John G. Brinkley, who was killed in the performance of his duty, Wednesday reached a total of $1,842.75.

With his contribution George T. Webb, prominent cotton man, writes: "As a token of appreciation of the services of Sergt. John Brinkley and our long friendship with him, we inclose you herewith our check for $25 for the Brinkley fund."

W. W. Wessell, of the James Alexander Construction Co., a long-time friend of Sergt. Brinkley, sends his check for $25.

Persons desiring to contribute to the fund may send checks to the John G. Brinkley Fund, in care of The News Scimitar.

Subscriptions thus far received are as follows:

Previously acknowledged	$1,777.75
W. W. Wessell	25.00
George T. Webb & Co.	25.00
Edward Phillips	10.00
F. H. Carlile	5.00
	$1,842.75

MEMPHIS WHARF BEING DESERTED

Packets Demoralized—Excursion Boats Crippled by Mud Left Untouched.

So dilatory have been the tactics of Memphis city officials in allowing the slime to accumulate on the Memphis wharf that the river packet trade is demoralized and practically at a standstill, while the excursion boats are greatly crippled and the United States antisubmarine flotilla finds it impossible even to land lightest draught boats at the wharf, visitors having to be taken on board in midstream after reaching the flotilla by means of small boats.

Tuesday evening the big wharfboat of the Lee line was towed to the foot of Georgia avenue. The Ferd Herlod, operated by the Lee line, will land, receive and discharge freight at that point under extremely unfavorable circumstances. The Herold will continue on its schedule to and from St. Louis. Other boats are tied up.

The packets Grand and Whisper use the bluffs at the foot of Jefferson avenue. The Kate Adams Wednesday prepared to move her wharfboat from the foot of Union avenue to make way for the government dredge boat Zeta which is clearing the mud from the channel as near the wharf as her pumps will permit.

The excursion boats Idlewild and Princess are experiencing extreme difficulty in maintaining their landings. As the river falls and more mud is uncovered they are compelled to move barges to which they anchor farther out in the stream and extend gangways farther across the mud to the barges.

Meanwhile the city officials are haggling with government engineers over the price to be paid for a grader to do the work neglected by the city. Leo Goodman, commissioner of public utilities, Thursday had not yet paid his promised visit to Maj. J. N. Hodges, in charge of river work in the Memphis district. The government engineers cannot do the work unless the city guarantees payment the same as any private corporation. The wharfmaster passed the buck to the commission and there the matter rests.

The city exacts a fee of $2.50 a ton per week for using the wharf but the claim is made that funds are so low that it will be a hardship to pay the government for sending a grader to wash the wharf clean. Weanwhile traffic on the river is interrupted and the jolly little disease germs disport themselves about the mud preparing to augment their forces and infect the unfortunate citizenry of Memphis.

AUTO VICTIM BURIED.

James Miner, aged 14, who was crushed to death Tuesday afternoon when the auto in which he was riding overturned and pinned him beneath it, was laid to rest in Elmwood cemetery Wednesday morning. Funeral services were held from the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Miner, 291 High street. Besides his parents, left to mourn his death are four brothers and sisters, Edward, Elsie, Thelma and Emma Miner.

FREIGHT AGENTS HERE.

W. J. Jones, general freight agent, and W. M. Cook, assistant general freight agent for the Missouri Pacific railroad, of St. Louis, were in Memphis Wednesday for a conference with W. D. May, division freight agent, relative to contemplated improvements in the service in this territory. They were to leave for New Orleans Wednesday afternoon.

REYNOLDS MAY DIE.

Taking a turn for the worse late Tuesday night, the condition of Jimmy Reynolds, deputy sheriff, shot in a gun fight with Joe Turner, negro, Saturday, was considered extremely critical Wednesday at the Bantist hospital. Small hope was held out for his recovery by the surgeons and nurses.

JULY PHONE RAISE MAY BE DEFEATED

Burden Will Be on Company to Change Old Rates.

Should the congress enact the pending act to return all wires to private ownership, Memphians may escape the raise of 50 cents per customer for July, but there now is little chance to get away from the raise for June.

A. S. Burleson in his ex-officio capacity as government wire chief has ordered the raise for Memphis, effective June 1 and there now seems little or no chance to escape the effect of that order, as the state public utilities commission, under general court rulings, cannot void the ruling of federal government. The telephone company has filed with the utilities commission an application for a raise even with that applied by Mr. Burleson and also has filed with the city a memorandum indicating its intention to continue collecting the higher rate after June 30. However, indications now are that public wire control will cease on June 30 and the state utilities commission has made a formal statement that it will not honor after government control ceases any raise made by the government. The effect of this is to restore old contract rates automatically with the return to private control and to place upon the company the burden of making a fight for a change.

In that event Memphians ought at least to enjoy the old and lower rates pending action by the utilities commission.

DOCTOR GRILLED IN MURDER TRIAL

Wilkins Sticks to Story That Wife Was Killed by Burglars.

MINEOLA, N. Y., June 25.—District Attorney Charles R. Weeks resumed the cross-examination of Dr. Walter Keene Wilkins in supreme court here today in an effort to break down the direct testimony of the physician in denying the state's claim that he murdered his wife. Dr. Wilkins was subjected to a gruelling examination regarding his domestic relations and the story he told the police and repeated in court yesterday to the effect that Mrs. Wilkins was killed by burglars who had entered the Wilkins home.

As the chief witness in his own defense, Dr. Wilkins yesterday denied in detail many circumstances upon which the prosecution has built its case. Asked directly by his counsel if he killed Mrs. Wilkins on the night of Feb. 27, he replied:

"I did not."

Under cross-examination today Dr. Wilkins testified that during the time that elapsed between the attack upon Mrs. Wilkins and her death in the hospital he took his dogs out "for a run." The district attorney had asked whether it was not true he had not gone to the hospital until nearly an hour and three-quarters after his wife was taken there.

"I was so disturbed I forgot all about the time," the defendant replied. "The dogs had not been out all day so I thought I would give them a little exercise that would only take a moment."

NO EMIGRANT SHIPS UNTIL LATE AUTUMN

LONDON, June 25.—No shipping will be available until the coming autumn to carry British settlers to Canada, South Africa or Rhodesia, says the overseas settlement office. As autumn is an unsuitable season for landing settlers in Canada, no extensive provision for free passage to former soldiers under the new government proposals is likely to be made until January, says the government agency.

The overseas settlement office adds that there will be no shipping available to carry settlers from Great Britain to Australia or New Zealand until the beginning of 1920.

AUTOIST BOUND OVER.

Accused of driving an automobile while intoxicated, W. P. Clark, painter, 43 years old, 136 West Jackson Mound avenue, was bound over in the police court Wednesday by Judge Fitzhugh. Clark was arrested late Tuesday by Patrolmen Rizzo and Fahey on complaint of J. E. Smith, 880 Porter street, who alleged that Clark, endeavoring to guide an automobile, bumped into his car.

CAR CLEANERS FIGHT.

Dropping their rubbing rags late Tuesday afternoon, Dewey Shelton and Allen Franklin, negroes, car cleaners employed at the Union depot, started fighting. Shelton suffered dangerous cuts on the neck and Flanklin fled. Shelton was taken to the General hospital, where it was said Wednesday his condition is serious.

FEDERAL OFFICIAL FINDS MORALS OF MEMPHIS BETTER

Lieut. Christensen Spends Only Brief Time Here. Liquor Selling to Soldiers Apparently Has Decreased.

That Memphis' morals have improved and that, in so far as inquiry by army officials is concerned, there probably will be no sweeping investigation was indicated Wednesday by the brief visit paid to federal and city authorities by Lieut. F. P. Christensen, of the sanitary corps, U.S.A., sent here from Washington by the commission on training camp activities.

Lieut. Christensen conferred first with W. D. Kyser, district attorney, and Stanley H. Trezevant, United States marshal, and found no need of pressing further inquiry into the sale of liquor to soldiers other than what was being done in the routine activity of these two officials. Later in the day conferences were held with Miss Clara Ahlgren, Chief of Police Joe Burney and city officials. Although Lieut. Christensen would not be quoted, he seemed to have found things satisfactory, as he planned to leave for Camp Pike, Arkansas, on an early evening train.

Lieut. Christensen was impressed with the small number of soldiers seen on the streets at night. He arrived Tuesday evening. He said he believed that the conduct of the soldier, even the one who did not get the discipline of overseas service, greatly improved as the months rolled on and that since demobilization had been under full headway the soldiers after their discharge are so anxious to get home that few of them waste much time on their way back after being mustered out.

Memphis Leads Others.

Of four cities already visited Memphis probably has shown more improvement than any of the others, was the apparent opinion of Lieut. Christensen. Certainly it is not worse than Nashville, Atlanta, Chattanooga and other cities, especially the latter two, where soldiers are present in great numbers.

Fewer loiterers about the depots, the vicinity of which formerly were such fruitful areas for the bootlegger. Less women of the streets were noticed by the army officer and hotels and other cesspools of moral infection seemed to show some signs of tendency toward improvement at least. If leads had been uncovered indicating any widespread sale of whisky to soldiers Lieut. Christensen would have gone at the inquiry with vigor, he intimated, but as the soldiers are fewer and have less money the leggers as well as the women have of late let them alone it seems.

Lieut. Christensen of course, is not investigating the hip slipping industry to the proletariat of Memphis and the well-known Mississippians, Arkansans and others in hotels and alleys.

In a general way the officer seemed greatly pleased with improved conditions through the southeastern states where he has formerly visited cities during the time of mobilization when the immoral women and bootleggers were most perniciously active.

"It is a tribute to American manhood," said Lieut. Christensen, "that their love for home is such that whether they come from training camp or from the fields of France for demobilization, soldiers of America think first of home. They hurry there as rapidly as they can after honorable discharge. Despite what evil tendencies they formerly may have had for them the siren call of the loose woman or the tight bootlegger has no appeal when the homing spirit is calling from the depths of their being."

The biggest problem is in the demobilization camps and in smaller cities where camps are still full of men, according to Lieut. Christensen.

SODINI HAD WHISKY; TWO ARE BOUND OVER

As the result of the operations of an official hooze beagle, Fritz Sodini, merchant, 113 South Third street, was fined $50 and held for the state and R. L. Miller, former sailor, said to be a clerk at Sodini's place, was held for the state Wednesday in police court on the charge of violating the liquor law.

The "beagle" testified that he purchased a half pint of whisky at Sodini's place and that Miller waited on him. When Hulet Smith, chief of detectives, and Detective Hoyle went to the place in answer to the "B. B.'s" beck, they stated they found a half pint in Sodini's pocket and six other half pints of whisky in a hole under the counter.

Miller stated that he had been asked by the clerk, whose name was "Frank," to watch the store while he went after a shave. He said he had just purchased eight pints of whisky from a strange negro at Third street and Beale avenue and had just handed Sodini a bottle for him to take a drink when the detectives appeared.

FATHER PASTORELLI DUE.

Father W. G. Scanlon, pastor of St. Peter's church, will leave Memphis Friday for Houston, Tex., to assume his new pastorate in that city. Father Scanlon has won a high place in the esteem and affections of his congregation, and through their appeal to the bishop he was allowed to serve two successive terms at St. Peter's.

He will be succeeded by Father J. L. Pastorelli, who until recently was chaplain in the army, stationed at Quantico, Va. It is not known just when Father Pastorelli will arrive.

LIEUT. GREER TO WED.

A marriage licenses was issued Wednesday afternoon to Lieut. Rowan A. Greer and Mrs. Flora Estes Greer, his former wife. It is expected that the wedding will take place Wednesday evening and that the couple will depart at once for San Diego, Cal., whence they will leave for the Philippines, where Lieut. Greer has been assigned to duty.

NO SUNDAY DANCES.

General orders were issued Wednesday by Joe B. Burney, chief of police, to the effect that no dance halls must be allowed to remain open on the Sabbath. All dances in progress Saturdays, must terminate at midnight and no dancing must start until after dawn Monday. The order will be strictly enforced, according to the chief's edict.

WILL TALK CREDITS.

The Retail Credit Men's association will be addressed at Thursday's luncheon at the Hotel Gayoso by Miss Josephine Kingsley, of the credit department of Jos. Summerfield, on how credits, collections and office work are handled. This is one of the series of business talks inaugurated by the association. The luncheon will be at 12:30.

DE VALERA TO SPEAK.

BOSTON, June 25.—Edward de Valera, "president of the Irish republic," who now is in New York, will speak here Sunday, according to an announcement made today by the Irish Freedom fund organization.

FREIGHT LEAVING MEMPHIS CRASHES INTO MINE TRAIN

Four members of the crews of two Louisville & Nashville freight trains were killed outright and one member slightly injured at 12:23 a.m. Wednesday when fast freight No. 124, from Memphis to Bowling Green, Ky., and slow freight No. 115, carrying coal from West Tennessee mines to Paris, Tenn., collided head-on three-fourths of a mile north of Faxon, Tenn.

The reported dead are:

W. A. STEVENS, engineer, Paris, Tenn.
RUPERT ASKEW, engineer, Paris, Tenn.
J. R. THAXTON, fireman, Paris, Tenn.
O. P. TROTTER, brakeman, Paris, Tenn.

The injured man is C. A. Fletcher, brakeman, who was slightly cut about the head and body. Other members of the crews, who were in the rear of their respective trains, escaped with only a few bruises and a severe shaking up.

Nine freight cars were totally demolished when the massive engines which were pulling the trains collided. Both trains, it is said, were traveling at a good rate of speed and they came together without warning and the ill-fated members of the crew, who were near the front, were crushed to death by the impact.

Seven of the cars were badly damaged, and it is reported that both engines were so badly battered that it is not believed they can be salvaged.

The noise of the collision could be heard for miles, and it was but a short time until rescuers were on the scene. Medical aid was rushed from Paris and Faxon and a hurried search made of the ruins. The bodies of the dead were removed shortly before daylight by members of the crew and the rescue parties.

According to Memphis officials of the road, the wreck is believed to have been the result of Engineer Stevens and his conductor overlooking their orders. Fast freight No. 124 left Memphis Tuesday night for Bowling Green. Faxon, Tenn., is about 135 miles from Memphis.

The dead and injured were removed to Faxon and wrecking crews were soon at the scene of the collision. Officials believe it will require at least 10 hours to clear the track for resumption of traffic.

Train No. 115 is a local freight which runs between the coal section and Paris and was loaded with products of the mines.

GHOLSTON DENIES HIS CONFESSION

However, Second Confession Apparently Clinches His Fate for Electric Chair.

In the face of two signed confessions that he killed Ike Levy, South Main street jeweler, on the night of May 31, 1919, Hamp Gholston, negro, glibly entered denials to the killing when he took the witness stand in his own defense just before noon Wednesday.

The negro also made an effort to enlist the sympathies of the jury by telling on the stand that he had been beaten by detectives at central headquarters before he finally confessed to the killing of Levy.

Gholston also denied portions of his own confession, signed by himself and witnessed by three detectives and a reporter, when the questions and answers were read to him by W. T. McLain, assistant state's attorney.

The negro's manner on the witness stand was cool and collected and he answered questions put to him readily and without hesitation, with few exceptions.

Lawrence Monteverde, public defender, automatically named as attorney for the accused negro, centered his attack on cross-examination at third degree methods employed by the police.

But other evidence introduced, that of a second confession to the killing, made by Gholston to Samuel O. Bates, state's attorney, witnessed by three persons, and transcribed by an expert court stenographer, made plain that the negro had not been intimidated on that occasion into a confession. Neither did he make a statement that a confession had been extorted from him previously by heroic methods employed by police.

The taking of testimony in the Gholston case was concluded at 11:50 o'clock Wednesday morning. W. T. McLain, assistant state's attorney, who prosecuted Gholston, concluded his opening argument to the jury before court adjourned for the noon recess.

Mr. Monteverde will deliver his argument when court convenes at 2 o'clock. When he finishes, Mr. McLain will close the case for the state, and the fate of Hamp Gholston, slayer, will rest in the hands of the jury.

It is anticipated that the jury will not be long in arriving at a verdict. The confessions which Gholston signed and the telling effect it apparently had on the jurors cause persons who have heard the trial to predict that the electric chair will be the end of Gholston.

ALLIES GIVE HUNGARIANS NOTICE TO QUIT POST

COPENHAGEN, June 25.—The allied commanders have given the Hungarians until the evening of June 28 to evacuate the part of Czecho-Slovakia they invaded, according to a Budapest dispatch today. When the evacuation is completed the allies, it is stated, will request the Rumanians to evacuate Hungarian territory.

The Hungarians, the message adds, have expressed willingness to comply with these conditions.

MAN ARRESTED FOR SELLING POSTAGE STAMPS

COVINGTON, Tenn., June 25. (Spl.)—Bob McCuney, aged 27, has been arrested by the city marshal here on suspicion, as he was attempting to sell postage stamps to local business men. Information from the authorities at Jackson, Tenn., disclosed the fact that he was wanted there on charges of larceny and obtaining money under false pretenses, and he was returned to that city yesterday. A companion, who gave his name as Walker, was released for lack of evidence.

SARTORIAL QUIET IS NOTICEABLE IN COURT

Comparative quiet settled over First division criminal court Wednesday morning when M. W. Falmer, deputy sheriff, called the court to order.

W. T. McLain, assistant state's attorney, had discarded the pink and blue vision which he termed a shirt and which had thrown the courtroom into confusion the morning before. Mr. McLain appeared Wednesday attired in a plain white shirt, enlivened by somber black stripes.

But Hamp Gholston, negro on trial for murder, was a symphony in blue. He appeared for trial clad in a blue striped silk shirt and blue overalls.

TRUCK KILLS BOY.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., June 25. (Spl.)—Hampton Powell, a 13-year-old boy, was run over and killed this morning by a large truck, his body being almost cut in two. The boy attempted to jump on the running board of the truck, when he missed his footing and fell under the wheels.

OXFORD GIVES DEGREES TO PERSHING AND HOOVER

OXFORD, England, June 25. (By the Associated Press.)—Gen. Pershing and Herbert C. Hoover represented the United States in a distinguished company of noted men from the allied countries who were honored today by Oxford university with degrees of doctor of civil law. The ceremony was held in the Sheldonian theater. It was the culminating feature of the annual Encaenia, or commemoration exercises.

Those upon whom the degrees were conferred included Gen. Pershing, Mr. Hoover, Baron Making, head of the Japanese peace conference delegation, Marshal Joffre, of France, Vice-Admiral Sir David Beatty, Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, Maj.-Gen. Sir Henry Hughes Wilson, chief of the British imperial staff, and Vice-Admiral Sir Rosslyn Wemyss, first sea lord. Former Premier Orlando, of Italy, and Premier Ignace Jan Paderewski, of Poland, received degrees by proxy.

Each of these men, as they were presented with their degrees, bowed their thanks and took their seats. No speeches were made by those to whom the degrees were given and the ceremony was concluded quickly.

THREE HELD AS RESULT OF TEXAS SHOOTING

CROWELL, Tex., June 25.—James A. Gafford, a wealthy ranchman, and his wife and their 16-year-old son, Gordon, are under arrest today on charges of murder in connection with the shooting affray here last Saturday in which State Senator W. S. Bell was fatally wounded. Gordon Gafford is in jail here, but his parents are under guard at their ranch, as both were severely injured in the clash.

DE VALERA TO EXTEND ACTIVITIES FOR LAND

NEW YORK, June 25.—The activities of the Irish in their campaign for independence will not be confined to the United States, but will be extended to Canada and Australia, Eamonn de Valera, "president of the Irish republic," announced here today.

"We have sympathizers just as strong in Australia and Canada as we have here in the United States and we will float a portion of our loan in those two countries," he said.

MISSISSIPPIAN HANGS HIMSELF TO TREE

ASHLAND, Miss., June 25. (Spl.)—Jim Baker, aged 50, committed suicide Sunday night by hanging himself in the woods near his home. He had been in poor health for several months. He leaves a wife and several children.

POINCARE AND FRENCH CHIEFS GO TO BRUSSELS

BRUSSELS, June 25—President Poincare of France will visit Brussels July 21, which is Belgium's national fete day. He will be accompanied by Marshals Joffre, Foch and Petain at a review of the Belgian army, July 22.

TO ENFORCE LAWS.

PINE BLUFF, Ark., June 25. (Spl.)—D. B. Niven has been elected president of the Citizen's League for Law Enforcement. N. J. Gantt Jr., was elected first vice-president and Rev. W. C. Wood second vice-president. Miss Grace Strowbridge, chief probation officer, will be secretary-treasurer.

All Have Chance to Win in Kite Contest

Free to all, rich and poor, young and old, will be the contest in kite flying and exhibit of beautiful and oddly built kites at Hodges field the morning of July 4 by young Memphians. There will be no admission to the "flying field" and there will not be one cent charged to enter. All that is necessary is to notify the Kite editor of The News Scimitar so that he can arrange for all to be taken care of.

As a Fourth of July event cities throughout the country are taking great interest in kite-flying contests for the kids and hundreds of entries are being made.

Ample provisions are to be made to take care of all the kids at Hodges field on the morning of the Fourth and there will be refreshments free to all the kids.

If you want to win one of the prizes running from $1 to $25, come on, kids, get busy and send in your name to the Kite editor so that he can make a place for you in the list of contestants.

DEACONS DEPLORE DR. COX'S SERMON AS TO SCHOULTZ

Formal Resolutions Condemn Taking Case Into Pulpit. Dr. Cox Declines to Make Any Statement.

Lines have been clearly drawn in the Central Baptist church upon the stand that the Rev. Ben Cox, pastor, took in his Sunday night's sermon on the Schoultz case.

Dr. Cox took the position in his pulpit that the prosecution of Schoultz was in fact a persecution.

The board of deacons, which is the governing body in a Baptist church, Monday night passed the following resolutions which were issued Tuesday over the official signatures of Dr. J. Hugh Carter as chairman, and E. A. Gauiding as secretary, in the form of a notice to the public.

"Whereas, in the sermon of our pastor, Rev. Ben Cox, delivered on Sunday night, June 22, 1919, the Schoultz case was discussed and a plea made for him, and it having been stated in some of the daily papers that the Central Baptist church was squarely behind their pastor in this matter,

Not Church Affair.

"Now therefore, be it resolved, that while our pastor and his family have the deepest sympathy of this board in this matter, nevertheless the board of deacons of Central Baptist church in conference assembled do deeply deplore the action of our pastor in bringing the Schoultz case into our pulpit, and in no sense does this board concur in his action in bringing any such matter into the pulpit of Central Baptist church.

"Be it further resolved, that it is the sense of this board that the pulpit of our church is for the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and that alone."

Schoultz was convicted Saturday in the First criminal court at the end of a week's trial of having made the grossest possible insults to young high school girls en route from their homes to school last April. The fact of the insults and their horror were not denied, but the defense claimed that Schoultz was not the person. He was ably defended by Ralph Davis, past master in criminal practice. His contentions were an alibi for Schoultz and suggestions of a man of similar appearance given to such conduct.

Warned Against Sermon.

Dr. Cox was active in the defense of Schoultz both at the bar of public opinion and at the bar of court. He sat beside the accused during the trial and announced from the witness stand the engagement of his daughter to Schoultz. Miss Cox also took the stand in his defense and sat with him after the testimony.

There were suggestions from time to time that Dr. Cox's congregation did not agree with him in his views along that line, but they took his actions as those of a citizen. However, when he announced that he was going to preach on the case, opposition became pronounced to making it a church matter. Schoultz was not a member of that church. Dr. Cox was asked not to preach on the case. He did so and the resolution followed.

Dr. Cox Is Silent.

Dr. Cox is conducting a series of services this week in West Helena, Ark. He came to Memphis Wednesday morning and the first copy of the resolution that he saw was shown to him by The News Scimitar. He read it carefully, but declined to make any statement as to his intentions or probable action in the matter until he should have had time for more mature consideration.

It is known that Dr. Cox last week gave some thought to the question of delivering the sermon and then resigning, but what his action will be now that the storm has broken, he himself, probably does not know. It may be that he will ask his congregation for a vote of confidence.

Had Saved $250 For Vacation, But Bureau Drawer Is Poor Safe

Not until Miss Thelma Coopwood, 410 Union avenue, was preparing to leave late Tuesday afternoon on her vacation was she aware that a thief had robbed her of her savings that were to be used for the expenses of the trip.

Miss Coopwood intended to start for New York to visit relatives and had saved between $250 and $300. It had been carefully counted a few days before and placed away in a bureau of her room. When Miss Coopwood reached for her money Tuesday she was startled to learn that a thief had found the hiding place. The supposition is that the burglar made his way in by a rear door while the family was on the front porch.

WEST TENNESSEE IS AHEAD IN WAR WORK

The West Tennessee district of the United War Work fund organization leads by about two per cent every district in the state in its collections on subscriptions taken in the campaign last November, according to Dr. E. E. George, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., who returned Wednesday from Nashville where he attended a conference of state and district directors.

Dr. George is director of the West Tennessee district and he is proud of the record the district is making. The collections have been gratifying from all of the districts.

Tennessee stands third among all the states in its collections on the fund, it was announced by C. J. Jackson, of Nashville, state director.

SERGT. BANNISTER LANDS.

News of the landing at Newport News of Sergt. C. E. Bannister, of Memphis, one of the first of the local bakers to volunteer for service, has been received by Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hassenfratz. Sergt. Bannister is now at Camp Hill and expects to receive his discharge in a few days, after which he will return to Memphis. Sergt. Bannister served for two years in the army, most of which time he was with baking company No. 313 in France.

BANDITS USE TRUCK.

Police are looking for negro bandits who operate in a small motor truck and robbed persons on lonely roads in the suburbs. Orange Bruce, negro, living on the Hernando road, told the police he had nearly reached home, shortly after dark, on his way from Memphis, when negroes in a small truck stopped him and took his money.

COURT TAKES RECESS.

Only one session of the police court was held Wednesday. This was done so that decorators could polish the ceiling and walls of the courtroom, which is receiving a summer cleaning along with the other departments of the central police office.