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Partly cloudy tonight; fair and colder tomorrow.

EXPRESS TRAIL PLUNGES FROM BRIDGE TO RIVER KILLING AND MAIMING MANY

ONE OF THE MOST FRIGHTFUL DISASTERS IN THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN RAILROADING

George J. Gould and Son In Wreck, But Escaped Uninjured—Victims Buried In River Bed Beneath Weight of Huge Cars

Thrilling Tale of Conductor of Train Who, With Broken Limb, Crawled Up River Bank and Dragged Himself Two Miles to Send for Relief—Not Known How Many Lives Are Lost.

(Special from United Press.)
Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 15.—Twenty persons are reported to have been killed and probably 40 injured when Passenger Train No. 11 on the Southern Railway, speeding south at the rate of 35 miles an hour, jumped from a trestle 25 feet high and landed in Reedy Creek, a few miles north of Greensboro, early this morning.

The wreck was one of the most frightful that ever occurred in the history of southern railroading. Without the slightest warning, several cars of the train plunged from the bridge to the bottom of the creek below. There was a crash followed by the muffled moans of the surviving injured as they fought for life amid the twisted and torn wreckage. The dead and injured were buried in three feet of water. News of the wreck was taken to Greensboro where a corps of physicians and nurses was organized and dispatched to the scene on a special train.

George J. Gould, the New York millionaire, and one of his sons, Jay, were passengers, but were uninjured, according to reports received here. They were traveling in the only sleeper on the train.

The hero of the day was Conductor George Cable who, among those precipitated into the creek. Notwithstanding a broken leg he crawled two miles to the nearest telegraph station where he gave the word, resulting in the ordering of the relief train.

As soon as the surgeons and nurses and wrecking crews had been organized, the special train was started back with both dead and injured. The latter were taken to St. Leo's hospital in Greensboro, where the engineer and fireman of the wrecked train. They were the first to go down and the passenger coaches piled down upon them to a crushing depth, so that there was no chance for their lives. The pilot of the engine stuck fast in the mud and the following coaches and engine, pushing the big iron structure fully 20 feet under ground.

The wrecking crew is busy up to their waists in water digging for the dead who may be buried under the train. Many of the injured may be thus buried so the exact number of dead could not be ascertained.

Conductor George Cable, when interviewed this afternoon, said:
"There was no premonition of what was to happen. I was standing in the

aisle of one of the cars when I felt a crash and then a sinking feeling as though I were descending on a fast-moving elevator. Then there was another crash and I felt a bump. Then I found myself lying flat on my back, with a broken limb. I heard the shrieks and groans all around and incidentally heard the splashing of water. I knew then that we had jumped the trestle and fell into a creek. For some time my first impression was to get to safety. I padded to the bank of the creek. There I looked around and saw that a horrible catastrophe had occurred, and being practically powerless in the sight of so many injured people, it struck me that the best thing to do was to get to the nearest telegraph station.

"I had to crawl on my hands and knees for two miles, but I finally got up and gave the word. It was all horrible. I never saw anything like it. God only knows how many lives are lost in that little creek and how many of the injured will die."

R. H. Russell, private secretary to George J. Gould, was badly hurt, receiving severe bruises and internal injuries. Jay Gould was also slightly hurt, being bruised about the body. The latest report from the scene of the wreck states that the wrecking crew believe there are many bodies still under the wreckage in the water and mud of the creek.

DEATH LIST REDUCED.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 15.—At 2:30 this afternoon it was believed certain that the number of dead in the wreck of Train No. 11 on the Southern Railway, which went through a trestle into Reedy Creek early today will not exceed twelve. The earlier report that twenty had been killed was due to the fact that a number of persons were missing and were believed to have been caught in the mud and water. Most of the missing, however, turned up later at nearby farmhouses, where their injuries were being attended to.

The more seriously injured are: Robert Russell, 14 East 41st street, New York; Burton Marye, Roadmaster of the Richmond Division of the Southern Railway; Wiley T. Carroll, City Ticket Agent, Southern Railway; William Carter, Danville, Va.; H. L. Stribling, Winston, N. C.; Arthur Walterson, Bankersville, Va.; Philip Telson, Civil Engineer, Southern, Greensboro. In all instances they are in the hospital at Greensboro.

HOMER S. CUMMINGS WEDS DAUGHTER OF FRENCH WHOSE ESTATE HE ADMINISTERED

Noted Democratic Leader Takes Unto Wife Charming Miss Marguerite Owings.

(Special from United Press.)
Stamford, Dec. 15.—Homer S. Cummings, former mayor of Stamford and member of the Democratic National Committee, was married at noon today in the Holland House, New York, to Miss Marguerite T. Owings of Newark. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Louis F. Berry of Stamford. A wedding breakfast followed. Only immediate relatives of the bride and groom were present.

After a southern trip the couple will occupy their home at Shippan.

Norwalk, Dec. 15.—Miss Owings was a niece to the late Joseph T. Owings, who resided in the Vanderhof Place at 125 East avenue. Mr. Cummings was administrator of Owings' estate and it was in this connection that he was first thrown into the company of Miss Owings. The marriage was the result of quite a pretty romance. Mr. Cummings was but recently divorced. The meeting of the Owings family removed to New York shortly after Mr. Owings' death. The bride is handsome, finely educated and an heiress.

The groom besides being prominent in state and National Democratic politics is a leading member of the Fairfield county Bar. His first wife was a daughter of the late Commodore Smith, a Stamford millionaire.

BLOCKADE IN HARBOR PROVES NEED OF HARBOR ROOM AND NECESSITY FOR PUBLIC WHARF

Much Heralded Removal of Naugatuck Wharf Condenses Into Small Pile of Planks—Harbor Master Morris Has Busy Day.

The crowded condition of the harbor made a busy day for Harbor Master Charles H. Morris today. Boats blocked the channel in two or three quarters, and had to be moved to other quarters to let incoming vessels reach their berth. The serious loss which the eleven acres of harbor will be to the city, which have been given to the New Haven Railroad company, was apparent even to those who understand little of the traffic of water and its needs. Standing on the Naugatuck dock the eye could follow the line of the bulkheads which the New Haven road will build and see how large a portion of the roadstead will be turned into freight yards. Not only this, but it was evident that the vessels now at anchor in the basin will have to move three-quarters of a mile to the new proposed basin on the East side of the river, which is not spacious enough for the traffic of today and makes no provision for the growth of water business which will come in the next ten years.

The much mooted business, of tearing away the Naugatuck dock seems not to have proceeded very far. The dock is where it always stood. A few planks have been torn away from it. They have piled into a neat little pile and that is all.

The use of the dock as a public wharf must of course be discontinued even to those, who understand something like a score of barges were tied up to it. They lay four and five abreast. Four had to hang on toward the Steel Work Point as to block the channel. Harbormaster Morris was obliged to have them moved.

It was evident that the city needs a public dock at least five or six feet long and that a considerable revenue will assuredly result whenever it is ready for the use of vessels.

STAR CHAMBER SESSION NOT GRANTED TO TAX LEAGUE

Aldermen Decide That Arguments Against Firemen's Increase Shall be Presented in Public.

Anyone who wants to hear the arguments of the members of the Taxpayers' league before the members of the Board of Aldermen, this evening, can do so by presenting himself at the city hall. Although the matter was scheduled as a caucus of the aldermen at which the taxpayers' league was to be allowed to appear exparte there are several members of the board of aldermen who have promised to see that it will not be a star chamber session.

Besides the public and the reporters being admitted Attorney Frank L. Wilder, counsel for the members of the fire department will be given an opportunity to be heard upon the question of the increase.

Although it is intimated that the members of the league first desired that the court should be held behind closed doors and that they should be given a chance to be heard.

Several of the aldermen said that there was to be a caucus that anyone who wanted to be heard should be allowed to talk if he wanted to and they positively refused to go into a closed session agreement.

The matter is not a partisan matter and it is said that nearly as many of one party as the other are in favor of ever riding the belated veto of the defeated ex-mayor.

STATE CLOSES ITS CASE AGAINST BISSENETTE ON TRIAL FOR DEMERY MURDER

Little Alva Bissonette, a child of twelve years, was a witness for the state this morning which is attempting to send her father, Napoleon Bissonette, to the gallows for the murder of Rome P. Demery. Alva recited in detail the story of the crime, from the moment her uncle, Rome P. Demery, and her sister, Tina, entered the Bissonette home on Seaview avenue, on the evening of Oct. 14 till the firing of the fatal shot. The little girl told of her acts as the "little mother," how she, though only twelve years of age, not only cared for her mother, and the little stranger, who had entered the world but a few days before, but also got all the pieces, made ready the smaller children of the family for their school, and did all the housework. She told of the pittance her mother, herself, and the other members of the large family, had to subsist on, while their father, she said, after his day's toil, would come home, abuse them all, and then going to the corner store, would buy a steak and other choice morsels, take them and eat them himself. The rest of the family got bread. The eldest daughter went to the home of her grandmother for protection; why the eldest son went West. Two of the boys, though young in years, were at the time of the shooting living away from home. This was her story.

The state closed its case shortly after noon, after calling the officers who were connected with the arrest of Bissonette and the young men,

MAYOR DEMANDS BUSINESS MEN OF RESPONSIBILITIES GOVERNMENT OF CITY

Renews Promise to Give City Better Trolley Service and Cheaper Electricity.

TIMELY SUGGESTIONS FOR CITY'S BETTERMENT

Business Men Begin Campaign for Public Utilities Commission.

AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,000 BY STATE BODY

City Clerk Boucher Talks to Business Men on Practical Politics.

Before a representative gathering of the organization at the Stratfield last evening, Mayor Buckingham told the members of the Business Men's Association that a large measure of responsibility in conducting municipal government is resting upon their shoulders. He declared the time had come when business men should keep out of politics for the reason that political activity might hurt their business, for, said he, anything to benefit the city as a whole cannot but help the business interests of the city. So he urged the business men to enter into municipal affairs, to accept municipal duties as members of commissions or committees when they were called upon, and to give the officers of the government the benefit of their experience.

He made a number of suggestions to the business men, with a view to securing better lighted, cleaner, less obstructed streets; advocated the establishment of an information bureau for the convenience of the traveling public; and said the Mayor would be glad to receive complaints when any departments of the city had failed to act upon them.

The Business Men's Association took the initial step towards a vigorous campaign for the establishment of a Public Utilities Commission. The president was instructed to appoint a committee of five members to report at the next meeting what would be the most advisable steps for the Association to follow to work up public opinion, and enlist the sympathies of the coming General Assembly on the side of the city as against the public service.

Mayor Buckingham arrived after the close of the regular business meeting of the association, just as the members, to all time, had come into discussion of the public utilities commission problem. During this discussion it was disclosed that the State Business Association, with which the local body is affiliated and in the directorate of which it has representation, had appropriated \$1,000 to provide money for the vigorous campaign in favor of the establishment of such a commission.

Mayor Buckingham, arriving from a meeting of the Park board, was given a hearty round of applause. His address was informal, and closed with general discussion among the members of the association and himself. City Clerk Boucher addressed the business men briefly, and reminded the members that if they desired to have a factor in politics they must have perfect organization. He told them something of practical politics, and urged them to get into the habit of acting as a unit to obtain their ends.

Mayor Buckingham was introduced by President Bolande of the Business Men's Association. Mayor said he had been invited to speak, and had not been assigned a subject, so he felt inasmuch as he was a member of the organization, he would take the liberty of covering a number of subjects and of touching upon a few topics which might be embodied under the name of "suggestions."

"Business men are beginning to realize," said the Mayor, "that the city government is connected more closely daily with their business interests. In the past business men have feared to take an active part in city affairs. When men enter politics often their characters are established, but in the long run the business man who lends honest and conscientious effort to the city will not be the loser.

"At the present time there is one condition in which we are all interested, that of the trolley service. Last night, for example, when people were piled into cars, herded like cattle and forced to stand on each other. It was almost impossible to get on a car last night between 5:30 and 7 o'clock when the storm was at its height. We have a committee at work of which two members are members of the Business Men's Association, Alderman Jackson being the secretary. He is taking complaints, investigating and he is going to be of great assistance to the committee.

"We were, told by a representative of the company that 40,000 people ride daily over with their business interests. This committee should guarantee good service. Even thus far there has been a slight improvement in the service. The committee is confident there will be more progress in that direction. If not, the COMMITTEE WILL USE SOME OTHER MEANS BESIDES MORAL SUASION. The conditions are disgraceful to a city of this size. We are attempting to get the service the city demands and is entitled to have."

Mayor Buckingham took occasion to call attention to the inadequate representation of Bridgeport, in common with other cities, at Hartford. Most of the members of the Legislature, he pointed out, knew little or nothing about Bridgeport from personal observation. The Legislature votes away the franchises of the city, giving the city itself a very small voice in the matters of these franchises, and leaving the holders of the franchises possessed of invaluable rights.

"All we can do," said he, "is to assist our Senators and Representatives"

ROMANCE OF G. E. HILL DISCLOSED AT TAFT DINNER IN NEW HAVEN

Attorney George E. Hill, president of the board of Police commissioners, was kept busy today answering his phone and receiving callers following the announcement made in New York yesterday of the approaching nuptials of the well known lawyer and Miss Catherine M. Utley of New York. He was stormed with congratulations and good wishes.

Attorney Hill disclosed his secret to a party of Bridgeporters at the Taft banquet in New Haven last evening. The engagement is the outcome of a romance begun in Europe last summer when Mr. Hill was presented to Miss Utley for the first time.

Attorney Hill has taken a prominent part in the politics of this county for over a decade, and head of the police board for four years. He is a former president of the Seaside club, also the University club and the Bridgeport Bar association. He was the choice of the Republicans for mayor in 1903, a year of Democratic victory.

It is certainly a good sign that the business men are taking interest in such affairs, and showing the people that they have some other consideration beside the matter of making a dollar. In this connection it would be well to concede more to the cities than now.

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PUBLIC COMPARED WITH PRIVATE MONOPOLY

TOLLERS ENTITLED TO SEATS FOR FAIRS, CITY vs. MONOPOLY

(Ansonia Sentinel.)
The Bridgeport trolley will do no harm in emphasizing the rights of the people, versus the privileges claimed by the trolley company. And they will be doing a particularly commendable service if they insist upon the running of enough cars to accommodate every person who pays a nickel. And if there can be any special favors handed out to working men and women, it should be done. It is not fair that a girl who tends counter all day, the trolley on foot—these are the persons who they are to be a trolley car to shorten their homeward route and rest their weary limbs, should get the full value of the fare. They are really man and woman, compelled to go and come at certain hours of the day, therefore, upon a prompt, adequate service and usually forced to take whatever comes their way at the moment. They are really man and woman, compelled to go and come at certain hours of the day, therefore, upon a prompt, adequate service and usually forced to take whatever comes their way at the moment. They are really man and woman, compelled to go and come at certain hours of the day, therefore, upon a prompt, adequate service and usually forced to take whatever comes their way at the moment.

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Street Lights to be Free in Three Years

(South Norwalk Sentinel.)
The time when the city will receive its street lighting entirely free from the trolley company is a municipal electric works was quite an important point under discussion last evening at the meeting of the board of finance and taxation, when that board heard Superintendent Albert E. Winchester explain that it will be possible in three years to cut out the street lighting appropriations and have the entire debt of the plant paid as well.

It was apparent that to discontinue the street lighting appropriation now or wait until the plant is paid for is a matter of policy.

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COMMISSIONER EAMES TO SUCCEED HIMSELF ON THE PARK BOARD

PETITIONS FOR SHOWER BATHS FOR ATHLETIC MEETS PRESENTED.

George E. Eames was last night selected a commissioner of the park board subject to the approval, as provided by the charter of the Commission. Eames and Clerk Cooney were instructed to prepare the annual budget of the department, to be presented later in the month.

Three petitions for shower baths at the park for use in athletic meets were referred to a special committee of two, Commissioners Seeley and Hanson. The petitions came from Harvey C. Weil, physical director of the public schools; Mayor Buckingham, as president of the Industrial baseball league, and from a number of manufacturing concerns, such as the Crane Valve Co., Bridgeport Brass Co., International Silver Co., Locomobile Co., Burns Silver Co., and others.

The Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners held its annual meeting last night. Charles Stout was elected president; Joseph Kennedy, vice-president; Edgar Elmendorf, recording secretary; and O. Houghton, financial secretary. William G. Simpson, treasurer; Frederick Long, conductor; Martin I. Kane, auditor.

There was a heated contest over the election of delegates to the State convention of Labor. Timothy A. Flanagan, Martin I. Kane, John M. Griffin, and W. G. Simpson were chosen.

The delegates to the state association meeting are E. G. Houghton, Timothy A. Flanagan, Edward Breen, Fred Martin and Ernest Elmendorf.

Former Alderman John M. Griffin is the president of the board of Police Commissioners for appointment as a special policeman.

UNCLASSIFIED

- WANTED—Experienced chambermaid. Windsor Hotel. T 15 a p
- TO RENT—Tenement of four rooms, first floor, \$2.00. T 15 a o
- DON'T NEGLECT your feet. Don't suffer with corns when Dr. Mansfield, the foot specialist, 201 Meigs Bldg. can cure you. T 15 a o
- WANTED—Large fat man, to act as Santa Claus. Call at once. Things Shoe Store, 1183 Main st. T 15 a p
- TO RENT—Six rooms; improvements; 103 Black Rock Ave. Inquire on premises or 836 Lafayette St. T 15 u p
- WANTED—Eight good trimmers for interior work to go to Rhinebeck, N. Y., John Gough, 838 Railroad Ave., Noe, City. T 15 a o
- STENOGRAPHER—First class male stenographer. In reply state age, experience and the wages wanted. Address "C. O. A." care of Farmer. T 15 b o
- FOR SALE—Candy business near center of city. Doing good business. Price very reasonable if sold at once. Box 895 Bridgeport. T 15 a p
- MASQUERADE SOIREE given by Liederkreis Singing Society, 1 Engle Hall, Wednesday evening, Dec. 15. Tickets 25c. Prizes of \$2.50 in Gold for Best Costume and \$2.50 in Gold for Funniest Costume. T 15 a p
- WANTED—A bright girl for clerical work in stock room, one experienced in counting and tagging goods. Hours 7 a. m. to 6 p. m. Apply Union Typewriter Co. T 15 a o
- Y. M. C. A. EMPLOYMENT BUREAU—Want two office boys 15 to 17, and one who can use typewriter, 18 or 19, shorthand and bookkeeping. Be quick and good character. Call 9:15 a. m. T 15 a o
- HOT WATER BOTTLES, air cushions, rubber mats, etc. Do you wonder why people are grateful when you give such things?—"It like putting your right foot first."—at O'Neil's. T 15 a o
- FOR SALE—In Nichols, 5 room cottage, good barn, carriage house and wagon shed. Ice house, three hen houses, never failing well. Enquire for particulars. Address E. L. Vincent, Bridgeport, or R. P. D. 4. T 15 d o
- FOR SALE—Violin, cello, violas, bass violas. Prices from \$5 up. Sold on easy payments. Instruments taken in exchange. Potch Piano Co., 844 Noble Ave. T 10 t o
- CHRISTMAS MILLINERY—Auto Bonnets, Beaver Hats, Fur Hats of all kinds. Mrs. Geo. Dunham, 1127 Broad street. Specials in trimmed hats for Christmas trade. Many new winter shapes. T 15 s o
- THE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL provides special opportunities for boys over twelve years of age who are one, two, or three years below high school grade. T 1 s o
- PRICES HAVE gone up and will go higher, cover your boiler and pipes now. J. F. Welsh, 114 Kosuth street. H 18 o f 0 3 1
- OUR SPECIALTY—Country Pork, Pigs, Hocks, and Brautwurst, at Nagel's, E. Main St. G 15 o f 0 1 3
- GUINEA HENS, ducks, roasting chickens, broilers, fowl, liver pudding, sausage meat, Bologna, B. m-mos & Blitz. G 15 o f 1 3 5 o
- WHEN YOU WANT a good Derby or soft hat, see Jim at 84 East Main Street. You know where Jim is. J. Sheehan. D 14 o f 0 1 3 5
- PRATT'S CAFE, 157 Fairfield Ave. is sure to have what you want in all wines and liquors. Do not forget the fine free lunch served daily. G 28 o f 1 3 5 o
- WE DO THE RIGHT kind of picture framing at lowest prices. Standard Art Store, 1219 Main St., Stratfield building. T 12 o f 0
- NEW YORK BOLOGNA and frankfurters, home made meat loaf, fresh daily. Peter Hron, 1216 Stratford Ave. U 28 o f 2 5 o
- CARD OF THANKS.
We wish to express our thanks to relatives and friends for their many kindnesses in the recent loss of our mother, Mrs. Catherine Rowe, and especially to those who sent floral tributes.
CHILDREN OF MRS. CATHERINE ROWE.
- IMPORTANT NOTICE TO BRIDGEPORT HOUSEKEEPERS. We want you to know that we have no solicitors representing us in Bridgeport but that any furniture or department store will take orders for all work done by us and guarantee satisfaction. Consult your local dealer before sending your old feather beds out to be made into folding feather mattresses. Folding Mattress Co., New Haven, Conn., formerly of Bridgeport. H 18 o f 0
- NOTICE.
I the undersigned hereby give notice that I intend to apply at the next meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners for appointment as a special policeman.
JOHN P. KELLY. T 15 a o