

TWENTY-FOUR DEAD

As Result of Bad Wreck on the Southern Railway.

TRAINS CRASH TOGETHER

Impact Was Frightful and Most of the Victims Were Badly Mangled. Engineer of Frontal Train to Obey Orders.

Southern railway passenger train No. 38, southbound, ran into a wrecked freight at Rockledge depot, on mile south of Gainesville, Fla., at 2 P.M. Tuesday afternoon, smashing into a head-on collision.

The dead number twenty-four and the injured number thirteen. Traffic was suspended for eight hours.

The dead list has been identified and includes: Engineer James McCombs, of Charlottesville; Engineer Charles D. ...

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ACT OF SOLDIERS CONDEMNED.

Killing and Wounding of Negroes a Shock to People of Knoxville.

The tragedy of Monday night, when a dozen negroes were killed and probably half a dozen more were wounded and some seriously injured, has shocked the people of Knoxville, Tenn.

ANENT CHILD LABOR LAW

Three Distinguished Speakers Held Forum in Gainesville.

A meeting of citizens that crowded the city hall of Gainesville, Fla., Tuesday night, to hear Messrs. ...

JUDGE BARKER AT HOME

Returns to New York, but Won't Give Up His Home in Gainesville.

A New York dispatch says that Judge Barker, of New York, returned to Gainesville, Fla., Tuesday, after a visit to his home in New York.

'YELLOW' JOURNALISM SCORED.

Editorial Addresses National Association of Editors.

Editorial address by J. A. ... at the annual meeting of the National Association of Editors, held in Gainesville, Fla., Tuesday.

EDUCATIONAL MEASURES

Of Great Importance Passed in Georgia House of Representatives and Transmitted to Senate.

Measures affecting the educational system and interest of Georgia were adopted by the house of representatives Thursday, two bills of importance and interest to the people throughout the state receiving favorable consideration at the hands of the members.

After an interesting debate, the house by a vote of more than 2 to 1, adopted the bill of Messrs. Steel and Harris, of Carroll, providing that the various school commissioners in the state shall, in the future, be elected by the people instead of the county boards of education as heretofore.

The action of the house in this matter is regarded as one of the most important that will come up at this session as the measure is one that will affect every county in the state.

And little less importance attaches to the above mentioned measure than to a measure by Messrs. ...

DEATH OVERTAKES PIGNICKERS.

Train Strikes Wagon Containing Nine People and All are Killed or Hurt.

A wonderful Pennsylvania railroad train struck a wagon containing nine people at a crossing eight miles east of Cincinnati Thursday night, killing five and seriously injuring four of the occupants of the wagon.

TICKET SCALPERS ENJOINED.

Temporarily Forbidden to Sell or Buy Certain Class of Railroad Tickets.

Two firms of ticket scalpers in Atlanta, Ga., were temporarily enjoined by Judge W. F. Newman, of the United States court Thursday, from buying and selling what is known as from the ...

A THINKING MAN STORY.

Boy, Fred, Line, Around His Body and Shark Baited Him Under.

A. Richmond, 19, Wednesday night, while a number of boys were gathered on ...

NEW METHODIST CHURCH.

Order of Worship Lays Special Stress Upon Kneeling in Silent Prayer.

The joint commission of the Methodist Episcopal churches, north and south, has completed its plan for a new church in Ocean Grove, N. J. The new order of worship, adopted last week, lays special stress upon kneeling in silent prayer, and kneeling in silent prayer, in ...

HOSTS OF BAPTISTS

Swoop Down Upon Georgia Capital for Great Meet.

B. Y. P. U. CONVENTION

Thirtieth Annual Session Called to Order in Atlanta With Over 500 Delegates from All Sections in Attendance.

The thirtieth annual convention of the Baptist Young People's Union of America opened in Atlanta, Ga., Thursday morning in the spacious auditorium at Exposition Park, with delegates from all parts of the United States and from Canada.

The opening of the convention was an inspiring one. Before President John H. Chapman, of Chicago, called it in order, the chorus of several hundred voices sang the beautiful songs in the B. Y. P. U. hymnals. At the appointed hour President Chapman, who has been at the head of the great movement since its inception over twelve years ago, called the big gathering in order, announcing that he had started the train on time and that it would continue on time until the end.

At through the morning session the singing of the well trained chorus of pretty B. Y. P. U. workers, under the direction of H. W. Porter, of Baltimore, added much to the inspiration of the occasion.

Rev. Ralph Hobbs, of Iowa, offered the opening prayer and then President Chapman made his introductory speech, declaring his pleasure and the pleasure of the other members of the convention at meeting in Atlanta.

Governor Taylor delivered an address of welcome on the part of the state. He said: As the chief executive of the greatest Baptist state, I desire to greet each one of you and welcome you to the great old commonwealth of Georgia.

My friends, your president has spoken to you of our climate and has said that the warmth of the climate is an evidence of our welcome. On one occasion our distinguished mayor told of our climate. Some gentlemen wanted to change their station. The mayor recommended the climate of his own state. The gentlemen came and returned to say that they have a great climate, but your land is worthless.

The Baptist of Georgia were represented among the speakers by Governor W. F. Newman, who sketched the history of the Baptist Young People's Union in the state and spoke of the help to the state union to come from the convention's meeting in Atlanta. He also referred to the sentiment of brotherhood in a reunited country which this gathering accomplished.

SURE BATHER DISAPPEARS.

Florida Man Either Drowns at Toyote or Meets a Quick 'Snatch.'

A Savannah dispatch says: W. S. Toyote, of Quincy, Fla., was either drowned in the surf at Toyote, Fla., Wednesday night, or was snatched by one of the sharks that were out of the water when he was snatched. The man was seen to disappear in the surf, and was not seen again.

GENERAL QUAY A LUNATIC.

Jury Passes Upon His Case and He Will Be Sent to Asylum.

A special from Washington, Ky., says: General Quaker, M. Quay, has been pronounced by a jury to be of unsound mind. He will be sent to an asylum. This action being taken to protect property interests. The general, who was not in court, physicians testified as to his mental condition.

Cream of News.

Brief Summary of Most Important Events of Each Day.

Trustees of Mercer university at Macon, Ga., met Thursday morning to prepare formal protest against enactment of measure requiring two years' course in law schools.

By the overturning of a stiff in Mobile river four men were drowned. Helms, the negro who charged Turner with peonage, on trial at Montgomery, gave in sensational testimony.

Senator Hanna, Fairbanks and Keenan lunched with President Roosevelt Tuesday. There was much political discussion.

A writ of lunacy has been sworn out for General Cassius M. Clay. The general has barricaded his house and there will be danger in serving the writ.

There is much indignation at Evansville, Ind., because the soldiers fired on the rioters. More troops have been ordered to the city by Governor Durbine.

Twenty-four persons were killed and nine injured by a collision on the Southern railway at Rockledge, Va., between passenger train No. 38 and a local freight.

It is reported at Pekin that Great Britain, Japan and the United States will resist Russian aggression in Manchuria.

The United States European squadron was handsomely received on arrival at Portsmouth by the British war ships.

Great interest is felt in North Carolina in the Ernest Haywood trial, which begins on the 13th.

'PEON' GIVES TESTIMONY

Alabama Negro Declares He Was Arrested on Charge of Vagrancy and Afterwards Sold into Bondage.

Judge Thomas G. Jones, in the United States court at Montgomery, Ala., Tuesday, overruled the demurrers of the attorneys for J. F. Turner, charged with holding Glenn Helms, a negro, in a condition of peonage, to the first court, which named Turner as the man who held Helms and sustained the demurrers to the second court, which failed to name Turner as the man who held Helms.

At the afternoon session, the attorneys for the defense filed several special pleas with their plea of not guilty. The judge instructed out all the pleas, except not guilty, be stricken, claiming that the defendant could raise all of his defense under the plea of not guilty. The defendant took exception to this.

The sensation of the day was Glenn Helms' testimony. He testified that he and two other negroes who had been working at Calais, Shelby county, Alabama, were on their way home to Columbus, Ga., and when they got to Goodwater, Coosa county, they were arrested by Police Officer J. F. Dunbar, for vagrancy. They were carried before Mayor Dave White and fined \$5 and costs or four and one-half months' imprisonment.

The next day they were carried by Officer Dunbar to Dadeville, in Tallapoosa county, and sold to Turner for an amount of money unknown to him. They were bound together with ropes when carried to Dadeville. Turner carried them to his farm, about 10 miles from Dadeville, where they were put to work. Helms stated that he was whipped sometimes twice a day and generally every other day; that many times when working in the field he was made to drop his pants and was whipped on his back with a rawhide whip.

When White went to Turner's farm he found Helms in a saw mill stark naked. The government contends he was worked this way to prevent escape.

Should this case be decided against the defense, it is rumored that the defendant will carry it to the supreme court.

RACES MUST HARMONIZE

So Says Bishop Hood, of the A. M. E. Zion Church.

Bishop Hood, senior bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion church, in charge of the first Episcopal diocese, embracing New York, New England and North Carolina, was a visitor in Indianapolis Tuesday. In discussing the race troubles, Dr. Hood said: "I have great confidence in the ultimate solution of the race problem. This is a large and serious problem, and must necessarily move slow. It is necessary that the races get closer together. The negro must improve and the white man must help him. The negro in the south is stubbornly pushing to the front. He is buying land, houses, plantations and stock and is hoarding his earnings on the installment of his condition."

METHODIST BISHOPS CONFERENCE

Discuss Catechism and Ritual of Churches North and South.

A conference of fourteen bishops and delegates of the Methodist Episcopal church, north, the Methodist Episcopal church, south, is holding sessions at Great Grove, N. J., to discuss the catechism and ritual of the two churches, so that they will conform to each other.

ACCUSED OF MISAPPROPRIATING FUNDS.

Custom Inspector Quares and Lieutenant Osborne, constabulary supply officer, both stationed at San Francisco, Philippines, have been arrested on the charge of misappropriation of government funds.

MONUMENT TO BAGLEY.

Shelf Erected Over Grave of English Killed in Spanish-American War.

CHILD LABOR BILL KILLED

Georgia House of Representatives Goes on Record Against the Measure by a Vote of 89 to 75.

The much-discussed child labor bill was defeated in the Georgia house of representatives Wednesday at the conclusion of a debate which lasted for six hours.

Opponents of the bill asserted confidently on Tuesday night that they had 80 votes. The result of the roll call in the house at noon Wednesday disclosed the fact that they had lost only one of those, while the vote for the measure was about what had been conceded by them, its failure being recorded by 89 to 75.

During the debate there was considerable feeling displayed by some of the speakers, but it was all in good nature, and the evidence was abundant that every vote was the result of an honest, straightforward opinion as to the merits of the measure. One or two of the numerous amendments offered were adopted, and when the favorable report of the committee on education was adopted by a vote of 91 to 48, the advocates of the measure seemed to think they would have things pretty much their own way. It was very evident, however, that some members voted in favor of the report of the committee simply with a view to having a final vote taken on the bill, and that on the final vote they were recorded against it.

As on the day before the gallery was crowded with interested listeners, and now and then Speaker Morris had to demand a cessation of applause.

Those voting for the bill were Messrs. Alexander, Blackburn, Boykin, Brinson, Brown, Bruce, Buchan, Butts, Candler, Cane, Carwell, Clatt, Cromwell, Dozier, Duggan, Dunbar, Evans, Felder, Flanagan, Foster, of Oconee, Franklin, Fussell, Gaudin, Glenn, Groves, Hall, Harden, Hayes, Hendy, Hicks, Houston, Howard, of Baldwin, Hutcheson, Jones, of Dougherty, Kelly, Kendrick, Kent, Kilburn, Knight, Knowles, Martz, Maxson, Miller, of Bullock, Miller, of Muscogee, Mills, Mitchell, Mitchell, Mizell, Morton, Nulhern, McLeary, Newton, Nisbet, Owen, Overstreet, O'Quinn, Pace, of Gwinnett, Preston, Proctor, Rainey, Rankin, Redwine, Reid, Richardson, Sloan, Spence, Steed, of Taylor, Stewart, Tigner, Underwood, Walker, of Fawcett, Watson, Wellborn, Willer—73.

Those voting against the bill were Messrs. Adams, Alford, Almond, Arnold, Ayres, Baldwin, Beall, of Paulding, Besenbush, Bell, of Milton, Booth, Bowen, Bower, Buchanan, Burton, Bush, Carr, Cartwright, Conner, Cook, Crumbr, Daniel, Davis, Davis, Davidson, Deal, Duckett, Edwards, English, Fields, Flynn, Foster, of Towns, George, Griffin, Hardman, Hawes, Henry, Nixon, of Laurens, Howell, Johnson, of Clinch, Johnson, of Crawford, Jones, of Pickens, Lane, Lambie, Lawrence, Leigh, Little, Lowe, Maghee, Moses, McBrine, McCarty, McErimony, McLean, McKee, Parker, Pace, of DeKalb, Rankin, of Coffee, Patten, Phillips, of Jefferson, Phillips, of Quitman, Rawls, Rice, Sibley, Rogers, of Hall, Rogers, of McIntosh, Soper, Souther, Sanders, Shackelford, Shannon, Singletary, Slaughter, Steel, of Carroll, Stewart, Langan, Thurman, Tracy, Valentin, Walker, of Monroe, West, White, Wilson, Womble, Woods, Yates—88.

GENERAL LONGSTREET ILL.

Will Undergo Quicker Operation for Cancerous Growth in Eye.

General James Longstreet, the veteran Confederate commander, who is at present in Gainesville, Fla., will go under the knife for a cancerous growth which has destroyed his left eye. Physicians will remove the destroyed eye. General Longstreet's ability as a warrior has not been impaired as a result of the operation, which he underwent Tuesday.

SEIZING AMERICAN VESSELS.

Venezuelan Government Forces and Revolutionaries Take Five Ships.

It is reported from Ciudad Bolivar, Venezuela, that the Venezuelan government forces Wednesday captured three American steamers near Agure and the revolutionaries at Ciudad Bolivar have captured two American vessels.

NEIGHBORS ON TIME BLOCK.

Harvest Hands in Kansas Sell Their Labor to the Highest Bidder.

At Russell, Kans., Wednesday, two negroes were bid for at the auction block for harvest work. They are John and Homer Foster, known as good workers. The bidding was spirited, starting with \$2.50 per day. A great number finally secured them at a bid of \$3.25 per day.

SOLD INTO SLAVERY

Peonage Case in Alabama Has Sensational Features.

COP WAS A STAR WITNESS

Negroes Were Arrested, Tied With Ropes and Carried into the Country and Sold to Farmer.

The case of the United States against Fletcher Turner, charged with holding Glenn Helms, a negro, in a condition of peonage, was continued at Montgomery, Ala., Wednesday, and some very sensational testimony was brought out at the afternoon session, telling how Helms was sold into slavery.

At the morning session L. E. White, a retired merchant, of Columbus, Ga., testified that he was employed by Helms' father to purchase Helms' release, which he did for \$48, which Turner accepted.

Dave Johnson, one of the negroes held by Turner, testified practically the same as Helms did on Tuesday. He stated he saw Helms whipped with a stick as large as a broom handle several times.

Dave M. White, mayor of Goodwater, Ala., and chairman of the Coosa county democratic executive committee, brought in records of his court, showing fines of Helms paid with no commitment papers issued.

The sensation of the day was the testimony of J. F. Dunbar, formerly night marshal of Goodwater, but now a policeman of Columbus, Ga. He testified that he arrested the negroes after the trial and carried them to Dadeville tied with ropes, stating that he thought he could sell them at a better profit there. He met J. W. Pace, but Pace said he didn't want them, but Turner did.

"I then saw Turner and Turner said, 'What are they worth?' "I said \$50. "I don't want them; too much," said Turner.

"Then I said \$40. He again said, 'No; too much.' But said he would give \$40. I accepted. He gave me a check. (Check produced in court.) He talked to the negroes, came back and told me to make contracts with them. I told him I would not sign nor make contract. I had no commitment papers. I returned to Goodwater, paid the fines and costs."

On cross-examination he was asked what right had he to charge \$40 for these negroes. He said he made \$3 each above expenses, which he acknowledged he kept.

He carried a man named Duffoy with him. Paid his fare and charged it against expenses. He is indicted for the same offense, the case having never been set. District Attorney Reese brought out accidentally the fact that he had made a sworn, written and signed statement before him about the case. The attorneys for the defense insisted that the paper was best evidence. The judge made the district attorney give up the statement. The district attorney acknowledged that he had slipped up, but did not want to give up the paper. The statement which was read to the jury contradicted nearly every witness the government has on the stand and contradicts Dunbar in several instances. The attorneys for the defense offered the statement as evidence. A letter was attached to the statement to the district attorney practically offering his (Dunbar's) services to the government. The attorneys for the defense are jubilant over securing this statement. Court adjourned to meet Thursday.

Head of Methodist Publishing House at Nashville Tries for Job. Rev. R. J. Bigham, book agent of the Methodist Episcopal church, south, publishing house, Nashville, Tenn., has resigned. While Dr. Bigham gives no reason for his resignation, it is presumed that he took this step on account of delicate health. When asked why he had resigned, he said that he did not care to state his reasons just now.