

### TRAIN CRASH; 9 DIE; TRAMP IS BLAMED

20 Badly Hurt in Rear-End Collision on New York Central at Dunkirk

### HOBO KILLED NEAR BRAKES

By the Associated Press  
Dunkirk, N. Y., July 1.—An unidentified tramp, killed in the New York Central Railroad wreck at Dunkirk this morning, was probably the cause of the tragedy, according to reports of the railroad administration. The mechanism controlling the flow of air from the locomotive to the brakes on the train was found shut off, at the place where the tramp was riding.

The official report says that when the locomotive of train No. 7, known as "the Westerner," exploded after telescoping the steel Pullmans it drove the wreck into such a tangled mass that P. C. Crowley, manager of the New York Central, who was in Dunkirk, had to order acetylene flame torches to separate the wreckage.

The official report of the railroad administration puts the known dead at nine; the mortally injured at three; the seriously hurt at seventeen, and does not give the number of lesser wounded, although it is said to be large.

The preliminary investigation has developed that on leaving the Buffalo yards the engineer of train No. 7 tested his brakes three times and found them working, but had no further occasion to use them until running into Dunkirk, when he encountered a caution signal registered by No. 41 standing in Dunkirk station. When he applied the air it neted on the locomotive and tender only and was not communicated to the cars following. The train crew states that the engineer whistled for handbrakes, but before they could be used No. 7 crashed into the standing No. 41.

As the wreckage was cleared the crushed body of the tramp was found on the "head end" of the narrow space between the tender and the first car of the train. The angle cock controlling the flow of air through the brake pipes was closed. It probably will never be developed whether the man unwittingly closed it with his foot, as he used the cock as step to lift himself up on to the car, or whether it was done intentionally.

The dead are: F. L. Clifford, of Buffalo, engineer of the Westerner; Frederick L. Stotz, his fireman, of Lackawanna; Mrs. Frederick H. Carnton, thirty years old, of Toronto, Ont.; Mrs. Edmunda Quinon, of Niagara Falls, N. Y., and her two daughters, aged ten and three years, and three men not yet identified.

### HOUSE DEMOCRATS FIGHT BIG AIR FUND

Lower Branch Adopts Conference Report on Sunday Civil Appropriations

Washington, July 1.—(By A. P.)—After protracted discussion the House today adopted the conference report on the \$204,000,000 sundry civil appropriation bill without opposition. The report is yet to be approved by the Senate.

The naval appropriations measure has been enacted, carrying appropriations of \$316,000,000 and providing for a naval personnel of 170,000.

Differences as to the amount to be appropriated for aviation have prevented enactment of the army bill. House Democrats insisting on only \$15,000,000 as against \$40,000,000 agreed on in conference and \$65,000,000 voted by the Senate.

As the funds provided in the bills were needed for the various government departments beginning the new fiscal year, leaders hoped to clear up all disputes today so that adjournment could be taken until July 7, when President Wilson is expected to appear before a joint session of the two branches to present the treaty of peace.

### VICTIMS OF QUAKE RENDERED HOMELESS

Relief Rushed to Italian Valley, but Exposure Adds to Misery

### KING VISITS STRICKEN

By the Associated Press  
Florence, Italy, July 1.—In the earthquake area more than 1000 houses were seriously damaged on Sunday in addition to those which were utterly destroyed. The entire population of the Bezello valley, twenty miles southeast of Florence, is obliged to camp in the open air, it being considered unsafe for the people to return to their homes.

The authorities have not succeeded in supplying all the people with tents and beds, and thus the exposure to the unusually cold weather, in addition to the general misery in that district, may have serious consequences.

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In several of the villages shocks had been felt since Sunday morning. The people, fearing a stronger shock left their houses, which was providential, as otherwise when the great shock occurred the victims might have numbered thousands as in the Messina and Avezzano disasters.

Ghastly stories are reported from the destroyed villages, which three days ago were among the happiest and most prosperous in Italy. Fields and streets

are overflowing with wounded, lying on straw, grass and rags, and begging for water which is difficult to obtain because the waterpipes were obstructed by the earthquake. At some points there are long rows of corpses.

Rome, July 1.—(By A. P.)—King Victor Emmanuel left for Florence yesterday to visit Rebbello and the earthquake district. Wherever he was recognized along the way he was acclaimed with cries of "Viva, friend of the people."

Father John Hagen, formerly of Georgetown University and now director

of the vatican observatory, has announced that he believes that the earthquake tremor now is in its decreasing phase.

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