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PRICE TWO CENTS

15 TO 20 DEAD IN P. AND R. WRECK NEAR BRYN ATHYN

Helpless Victims Roasted to Death as Wooden Coaches Burn; 30 or More Injured in Hospitals

HEAD-ON CRASH LAID TO FAILURE TO OBEY ORDERS

Newtown Branch Express Dashes Into Local From Phila. at Deadly Curve

PASSENGERS, TRAPPED IN DEBRIS, DIE STANDING UP

Officials Say Engineer Pulled Out Without Waiting for Word From Station Agent

SURVIVORS UNABLE TO AID Dying Shrieks and Moans Added to Horror of Scene, Eyewitnesses Declare

P. and R. Statement Places Number of Dead 10 to 12

An official statement issued by the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company at 1:15 o'clock says: "The number of dead known at present is between ten and twelve. No names are available. The injured and placed at thirteen, all in the Abington Hospital. This information was received at 1 o'clock from an official of the company at the scene of the wreck."

From fifteen to twenty persons were killed, and at least thirty injured, when two Reading Railway passenger trains crashed head-on shortly before 8 o'clock this morning at Woodmont, Pa., two miles beyond Bryn Athyn and seventeen miles from Philadelphia.

Wooden coaches, twisted and splintered by the impact, were responsible for the worst horror of the wreck—a fire which literally roasted men and women to death in the agonized view of other passengers, striving without avail to aid them.

Fifteen charred bodies have been taken from the wreckage so far.

The trains in the wreck were No. 151, a local for Newtown, which left the Reading Terminal at 6:48 A. M., and express train No. 156, from Newtown for Philadelphia, which left Newtown at 7:30 o'clock.

Most of those burned to death were on the train from Philadelphia; the majority of the injured were commuters from Newtown on their way to work in this city.

Failed to Wait for Orders

According to a statement from Reading officials, the accident "seems to be due to train 151 (the train from Philadelphia) overrunning its orders." In other words, the engineer ran ahead without orders.

The Reading sent a relief train, with wrecking crew, machinery, surgeons, nurses and medical supplies, to the scene of the wreck as soon as the first report came in.

Most of the injured are in the Abington Memorial Hospital, where they were taken in ambulances and automobiles. Doctors called in from all the surrounding country treated scores of cases on the ground, sending the more seriously hurt to hospitals as soon as they had been given first aid.

The wreck occurred at a lonely spot on a single-track road, on what is known as the Newtown division, and nearest to a village called Paper Mill.

The road is circuitous, winding through the country and between high rocks. At the place where the trains met rock walls extend fifty feet in the air.

The northbound train, that from Philadelphia, was late, and had been held at Huntingdon Valley for ten minutes, to give the express from Newtown safe leeway. Witnesses say that the northbound train stopped again at Bryn Athyn, and to the horror of the station agent, pulled out without orders.

Coming toward it, over the twisting, single-track railroad, death riding the pilot, was the express on which Newtown people go to work in Philadelphia every morning.

Death in Wooden Cars

Both trains were made up of flimsy wooden cars, six on the train from Newtown, three on the train from Philadelphia. The train from Philadelphia was more crowded than usual. On Monday mornings there are always students from the George School, who have spent the week-end with their parents in Philadelphia, returning to

Partial List of Dead, Hurt and Missing in Wreck

Identified Dead
John Krawson, ten years old, Newtown.
Elmer Rancome, Woodmont.
Dr. J. Irvin Hatch, Newtown.

The Injured
At Abington Memorial Hospital:
Frank Rook, engineer of train from Newtown, burned face and head.
James Truitt, 1808 North Sixty-first street, Philadelphia, internal injuries.
Mrs. Herbert J. Kruser, Newtown, Pa., internal injuries.
Walter Yeakel, 306 Summerville avenue, Olney, engineer of train from Philadelphia, cuts of head and body.
Miss Helen Rook, Newtown, collar-bone broken.
Edgar Breham, Southampton, internal injuries; may die.
Louis Johnson, Southampton, internal injuries.
William Bymer, 2621 North Hatching street, Philadelphia, cuts head and body.
Adolph Schaefer, Churchville, Pa., burns of face and neck.
Miss Etta Fitzpatrick, Southampton, unconscious, condition critical, internal injuries, both hips broken.
Miss E. M. Hartmann, Wyndham, injuries of leg and back, not serious.
Thomas J. Price, Southampton, expected to die.

Missing
Mrs. Emma Van Hart, Southampton.
Mrs. William Sinker, Southampton.

PRESIDENT AT WORK ON ANNUAL MESSAGE

Canceling Engagements to Complete Task—May Appear Before Congress

Washington, Dec. 5.—(By A. P.)—Having concluded the preliminary exchanges of views with his advisers, President Harding canceled virtually all of his engagements today and sat down to the task of writing his annual message to Congress.

Governor Davis, of Ohio, to make a personal call, and a committee of the Congress, to notify the President of its convening for the regular session, were the only listed engagements of the day for Mr. Harding. He was expected to complete the message late today or tonight and send it to the printer.

During the last ten days portions of the message have been under discussion with congressional leaders. Cabinet members have been consulted, and President Harding has sought, its most important portions, it has been indicated, will deal with permanent tariff legislation.

The President was contemplating delivering the message in person.

JUDGE URGES INDICTMENTS OF MURDER IN AUTO DEATHS

Rogers Calls Grand Jury's Attention to Increase in Recklessness

In delivering his instructions to the Grand Jury today, Judge Rogers pointed out the great number of deaths resulting from the reckless operation of automobiles, the increasing number of homicide cases and the frequency of holdups.

He said in Philadelphia county from last January 1 to November 30 there had been ninety-seven cases of homicide and 170 deaths from automobile injuries.

He instructed the jurors to scrutinize carefully the evidence in cases of automobile deaths and when the evidence warrants it, find true bills of indictment for murder or manslaughter.

In speaking of reckless driving, Judge Rogers said: "It is an evil that appears to be on the increase, and pedestrians must be protected, and it does seem that it can only be done by a rigorous application of the law."

CHICAGO OPERA CO. COMING

Mary Garden Announces Season Here Beginning February 27

Mary Garden, director general of the Chicago Opera Company, announces that, through the generosity of Philadelphia guarantors, the Chicago opera company will give a season of opera at the Metropolitan Opera House, Broad and Poplar streets. The Chicago company will appear in seven performances, beginning Monday evening, February 27.

While the operas to be performed cannot yet be announced, Miss Garden states that the entire Chicago company, both of its artists, will appear in Philadelphia, and that the same standard of performances will be maintained as in New York and Chicago. The season here will follow immediately on the close of the New York season at the Manhattan Opera House.

FIND BULLET-RIDDLED CAR

Machine Abandoned on Ranstead Street Near Sixth

Another mystery confronted police today when a touring car, riddled with bullet holes, was found abandoned in Ranstead street between Sixth and Seventh streets.

No clue as to the driver of the car has been reported. The car was removed to the van stables of the police department.

P. R. R. TRAIN BREAKS DOWN

Commercial Express Delayed Half Hour at Paoli

Pennsylvania Railroad train No. 27, known as the Commercial Express, for points West, broke down at Paoli this morning and was delayed half an hour while a new engine was being brought up.

The engine drawing the train was crippled by the breaking of a part. No other damage was done, and no one was injured. This train passed through North Philadelphia at 11:30 o'clock this morning.

When you think of writing, think of WHITING.—Adv.

IRISH PARLEY ENDS WITH REJECTION OF NEW BRITISH OFFER

Sinn Feiners Balk at Allegiance to King—To Leave London Tomorrow

DISCUSSION OVER TRUCE HELD IN DOWNING STREET

By the Associated Press

London, Dec. 5.—The Irish peace negotiations have broken down, according to statements in responsible quarters today. The Dail Eireann delegates are expected to return finally to Ireland tomorrow or Wednesday.

The truce still remains in effect, however, and no immediate resumption of hostilities is looked for.

Prime Minister Lloyd George obtained an audience today with King George and explained the situation to him, after which the British peace representatives held a conference. This was followed by a meeting of the entire Cabinet.

The correspondence in connection with the negotiations will be made public by the Government and Mr. Lloyd George is expected to make an explanatory statement.

On the Government's side, it was indicated in an argument will be the refusal of the Sinn Fein to accept allegiance to the King made an agreement impossible. That condition was insisted upon by the British and was, in addition, a condition preliminary to securing any assent from Ulster.

The Sinn Fein refused even a conditional promise of allegiance contingent upon a settlement, the most it offered being to "recognize" the King as head of the commonwealth of free nations.

The Irish delegation yesterday informed Mr. Lloyd George that the Government's latest proposals were unacceptable to the Dail Eireann Cabinet. Another meeting between the Sinn Fein peace delegation and a British committee had been arranged for today, but apparently was canceled.

The Sinn Fein delegates of the Government's latest terms satisfied the Sinn Fein delegates and the Dail Eireann Cabinet, it is asserted, that they consented to an advance on the terms of Prime Minister Lloyd George's latest letter, which was formally rejected in July by Eamon de Valera in his speech to the Dail Parliament.

The Sinn Fein delegates with Downing street had not got the Irish any further, it was argued, and according to well-informed quarters some of the Sinn Fein were opposed even to the consideration of the new proposals by the Dail Cabinet last Saturday. These delegates being satisfied that acceptance by the Sinn Fein would not be in the interests of Ireland.

It did not take the Dail Cabinet long to decide the issue. After a short discussion in which all the Cabinet members rejected the Government's proposals, Mr. de Valera turned to the delegates and said:

"These are your instructions; they are the instructions of the people of Ireland."

The truce continues to exist until notice of its termination is formally given, and both the Government and the Sinn Fein are expected to continue to give notice that notice. Nevertheless, both sides feel that the course of events will be bound to involve a renewal of hostilities.

BISHOP HITS U. S. ON FRENCH DEBT

"Couldn't Look Frenchman in Face" if Uncle Sam Tries to Collect, He Says

"PHYSICAL IMPOSSIBILITY"

When America asks France to repay the money she owes us, I want to be recalled from France. For I couldn't look Frenchman in the face," said Bishop Edgar Blake, of Paris, at a meeting today of the Philadelphia Area Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, held at the Arch Street Methodist Episcopal Church.

Bishop Blake said for France to pay her debt of \$57,000,000,000 is a physical impossibility.

"We grew fat while France bled," said Bishop Blake, "and we made no money during the war that it showed out of our banks as much money as there is in the banks of England, France, Italy, Switzerland, Sweden and Japan we would still have more than we had in 1914."

"After the war," he said, "France had a debt of \$57,000,000,000, which is three times its total wealth of 1914. If the United States had a corresponding debt it would be \$318,000,000,000, instead of \$24,000,000,000."

"France is borrowing money today to pay the interest of her debt and every man in France is being taxed 40 per cent of his earnings. Twenty-five per cent of the assets of France were lost in devastated territory and her annual per capita income is \$270.000,000."

"It is folly to think she can repay us and we should drop the policy of 'Dixie Europe,' let it stew in its own juice."

"France has cut her budgets to the bone and is trying in every way to economize, so it is up to us to do our share, which is to forget the war debt."

"France is eager and willing to limit her armaments. She sees in this a way to further reduce her tremendous expenses, but she cannot and will not do this until she is given some guarantee against attack or invasion."

Other speakers were Bishop Joseph Berry and Bishop Charles Wesley Burns, of the Helena, Mont., area.

Bishop Burns said the common belief that the Mormon Church has crumbled is wrong. It is still a strong and going institution in the West, especially in Idaho, although the seat of its activities is still in Utah, he said.

INTIMIDATION BY PICKETS BARRED BY SUPREME COURT

Strike Device Declared Illegal When It Involves Impunity

Washington, Dec. 5.—(By A. P.)—Organized labor has no right to picket during a strike, when it involves intimidation, the Supreme Court today declared.

The decision was delivered in an appeal brought by the American Streetcar Employees' Union in a case growing out of a strike in its plant at Granite City, Ill.

The court, in its decision, declared no broad rule could be laid down in the matter of picketing, however, but that each case must be considered on its merits to determine whether the picketing constituted restraint and intimidation.

ADMIT DRUG STORE ROBBERY

Several Hundred Dollars in Loot Found on Suspects, Police Say

When District Detective Kane saw three men carry heavy bundles into a room on Race street near Eighth at 3:45 o'clock this morning he became suspicious and arrested them. The bundles were found to contain kokane, razors, handkerchiefs, cigars, pocket-stamps—all kinds of things, valued at several hundred dollars.

After a grilling the men admitted they had broken into the Crumble drug store at 3145 North Broad street and stolen the goods. They were taken to the Eleventh and Winter streets station, where they gave their names as John Greenwith, twenty years old, of Merkle street; William Wagner, nineteen years old, no home, and John Stinger, eighteen years old, of Hammond, Ind.

DIVORCES GRANTED

Court No. 1 today granted divorces to Florence Calahan from William F. Calahan and Louise Weiss from Charles J. Weiss.

Scene of Wreck



The above map shows location of wreck on Newtown branch of the Philadelphia and Reading Railway today. The trains crashed between Paper Mill and Woodmont, seven miles north of this city.

CONGRESS NOW HAS CHANCE TO GET IN WHITE HOUSE FOLD

May Recover Country's Favor by Passing Important Administration Measures

PRESIDENT AND AIDSPONSOR MANY BILLS

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Washington, Dec. 5.—Congress coming back and beginning work today has its opportunity to crawl in under the Harding tent. It is a big tent. There is room for Congress within it. And Congress, facing the necessity for re-election next fall, will probably be found taking refuge within.

This regular session will be very different from the special session just closed. In the first place, the "Administration measure" is beginning to put in its appearance.

In the special session Congress was on its own. The Administration had no measures or plans. Congress was left to work out with little suggestion from the White House the major laws which the Republican party had promised to the country.

Congress did this badly. It wasted time, failed to pass a tariff bill and only passed a makeshift tax measure after many months.

Face Many Administration Bills

In the coming session the first thing it faces is an Administration measure, the Allied Debt Refunding Bill. The tariff legislation is beginning to take an Administration character. Mr. Harding favoring an elastic tariff which leaves much discretion to the executive.

The Ship Subsidy Bill will also be an Administration measure. The soldiers' bonus, too, when it comes up, will also probably take an Administration character. Mr. Harding having promised some sort of relief to the veterans of the great war.

What has happened is that in the few months since Mr. Harding's inauguration various subordinates of his have worked out policies. The State Department and Treasury Department have worked out a plan with regard to the allied debt. It becomes an Administration measure. His Shipping Board has decided upon a subsidy for the coastwise trade. The war department has worked out a plan with regard to the allied debt. It becomes an Administration measure. His Shipping Board has decided upon a subsidy for the coastwise trade. The war department has worked out a plan with regard to the allied debt. It becomes an Administration measure.

PRINCE SEES FIRE DANCE

Heir to British Throne Witnesses Spectacle in India

Bikaner, India, Dec. 5.—(By A. P.)—The Prince of Wales during his stay here, Bareilly, natives danced through the ebb of a great bonfire. As they danced they sang wildly and snatched up portions of the hero's mace, which they placed in their mouths. A shower of sparks followed their footsteps and the heat of the fire could be felt ten yards away. Subsequently they prostrated before the Prince, inclining inspection of their legs and feet, which were moist and cool.

Several members of the Prince's staff burned their fingers in attempting to pick up some of the embers. "Nauch gae danced, and a juggler danced on swords, spikes and saws. The entertainments were completed with the singing of "God Save the King" in the Marwar tongue.

Lloyd George Uncertain on Visit to Washington

London, Dec. 5.—(By A. P.)—Prime Minister Lloyd George has not definitely abandoned his trip to the Washington Conference nor has he definitely decided to go, according to a statement made at his official residence today. The situation regarding his proposed trip is unchanged, namely uncertain, it is stated.

This statement was made in connection with a press report from Washington that he had finally decided not to leave England.

EX-KAISER TO WED, BERLIN HEARS

Berlin, Dec. 5.—(By A. P.)—According to the Zwoelfuhrblatt, former Emperor William has decided to marry again.

The lady of his choice, the newspaper says, is the widow of a high officer from Danzig, who was killed in the war.

The newspaper professes to have received the information from a most trustworthy source.

ARBUCKLE JUROR CHARGES EFFORT AT INTIMIDATION

Woman Who Deadlocked Deliverations Declares Husband Was Threatened

TELLS OF DEMAND THAT HE WRITE HER TO CHANGE

State's Attorneys Will Present Mrs. Hubbard's Allegations to Grand Jury Tonight

FATTY SEES VINDICATION

Comedian Indicates He Will Attempt Come-Back in Films at Once

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—Base Ruth's share of the World's Series profits in 1921 were declared forfeited and Ruth himself suspended until May 20, 1922, by Commissioner Landis in a decision today, fixing punishment for the New York Yankee ballplayer for participating in a post-season barnstorming tour. Ruth may apply for reinstatement on May 20, or within ten days after that date, Commissioner Landis said. The 1922 baseball season starts about the middle of April, so that Ruth will be prevented from participating in baseball for at least one month next season.

FINN BROWN ON JOBS

Grappling Irons Fish Out Stolen Machines From Old Quarry at Nottingham, Pa.

Judge and Chief Clerk Sit With Council Committee in Budget Inquiry

WORK THROUGH STORM HALL OBJECTS TO "VALETS"

Municipal Court jobs that are languishing in the balance are being considered by Council's Committee on Standardization and Revision of Salaries, in session at City Hall today. President Judge Brown and Arthur Morrow, chief clerk of the Municipal Court, are sitting with the committee, answering questions concerning the Municipal Court budget.

The committee is considering odds and ends in the various budgets upon which Council, when it adjourned Saturday, could not definitely make up its mind. Chief among these are several divisions in the Municipal Court. In the statistical division, for instance, there are twelve jobs, with an annual payroll of \$14,500. In the division of information and complaint an annual payroll of \$14,000 is being considered. In the division of the chief probation officer are seven jobs, with an annual payroll of \$12,700. In the same division, a group of six jobs, the payroll being \$12,900. Another division, that of buildings and grounds, is being weighed in the balance. Council also wants to know just why all these jobs are necessary.

Objects to Judge's "Valets"

One of the complaints is against the custom of attaching in the probation division acting as "valets," as Councilman Hall puts it, for judges. If the services of these men are necessary, as he declares, they should be rated as court officers.

Before the committee, 45 military Hall declared emphatically there is an surplus of the court valets, who will be out of a job by the end of the year. That man, he said, is Dr. R. K. Wright, a social organizer, who gets \$1400 a year. "This job and another one is already slated to go."

"Nothing definite has been decided about cutting the bonuses on city valets," said Mr. Hall. "That matter is now being considered. The only man I am interested in are those valets who get \$1500 a year and less. The better paid men can take care of themselves. It is believed there will be a cut in the bonuses of the higher paid men."

TEST HELIUM GAS AIRSHIP

Naval Blimp Makes Quick Trip From Hampton Roads to Capital

Washington, Dec. 5.—(By A. P.)—Naval blimp C-7, the first airship ever to be inflated with helium, the Navy Department today announced, arrived over Washington today and landed at the Navy aviation station at Annapolis for inspection by naval officials.

The ship left Hampton Roads this morning and made quick time to Washington. On her arrival over the city she cruised at a low altitude over the Navy Department building, the roof of which it has undoubtedly been used a cemetery for stolen cars. Few people

\$8000 IN FURS STOLEN FROM ARCH STREET SHOP

Valuable Coats Found Buried Under Snow on Roof

About \$8000 worth of furs and fur clothing are missing from the Shop of Goldstein & Stumacher, 711 Arch street, since the morning of the most valuable stock left in the place.

Discovery of the theft was made this morning by a young woman who came to open the place. She immediately reported the matter to the police. The police of the Fifth and Broad streets station.

An examination of the premises proved to the police that the thieves made an entry into a neighboring building by means of a trap door in the roof. The floor below the trap door connects with an attic of the building in which Goldstein and Stumacher are located.

Four fur coats valued in all at about \$1500 were found buried under the snow on the roof near the trap door. The police are satisfied that the robbery was the work of highly expert robbers.

Men Would Have Freed Him

Three of the five women voted for Fatty's reprieve from the first. The seven men on the jury left to themselves would have freed Fatty at once. A few were convinced of his innocence. The others gave him the benefits of a long prison term.

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ARE YOU LOOKING FOR HELP? Please the very person you want by advertising under situations on page 26.—Adv.