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BURNED BODIES OF RAILROAD MEN ARE RECOVERED

Three Victims of the Double Freight Wreck Incinerated in Flames

ESTIMATE LOSS AT \$200,000

Probe Into Cause of Catastrophe Gotten Under Way by Officials

FLORA IS BADLY HURT

Danger Signal Not Seen by Engineman Blinded by Searchlight

PENNSY TRACKS ARE BLOCKED BY ANOTHER WRECK

Fifteen freight cars were involved in a freight wreck near Cotesville this morning when a journal on one of the cars was broken. All four tracks were completely blocked. No persons were injured.

The train, an eastbound one, left Harrisburg last night, in charge of a local crew. When the smashup came, wreck crews from this city, Columbia, Philadelphia and other sections in the territory were sent to the scene. All tracks were blocked until about 6 o'clock this morning. Passenger and fast freight trains, however, were run to their destinations by the several cutoffs around Cotesville.

Only a few indistinguishable portions were found of the bodies of William Gingsrich, Harrisburg, and S. B. Donache and Clyde Campbell, Enola, three of the four men who were killed in the triple freight wreck at Heaton on the Trenton cutoff of the Pennsylvania railroad early yesterday morning, when the wreckage was cleared away.

The body of A. T. Waitman, the Enola brakeman, the fourth man killed, was recovered before the flames reached it. The other three were destroyed. Each when the crash came and the bodies almost completely incinerated.

At a joint hearing in the local passenger station today John P. Dohoney, investigator of accidents for the Public Service Commission, and officials of the Pennsylvania passenger station, sought to fix the blame for the wreck.

Remaining members of the crews who were able to get out of the hospital were called to testify. According to authoritative information received late in the afternoon, it was learned that Engineer Gaekler testified that he could not see the train ahead of him because of being blinded by the headlight of a west-bound train.

Flagman Blamed The flagman of the train which had stopped for water testified that he had gone back the distance of twenty-five or thirty car lengths. He admitted, however, that he had not set up a fusee or had set caps.

His testimony is said to have been refuted by other witnesses. He was charged, it was learned after the hearing, that the flagman had not gone back more than ten or fifteen car lengths.

Flames Blamed The Enola conductor who narrowly escaped death, is reported as serious from the Abington Hospital, in which he is now located. In addition to the fractures of both legs and one arm, he is suffering from a badly lacerated face, head and body. D. H. Miller, the Enola flagman of the second train, in addition to his fractured leg, severe burns, internal injuries and cuts, but is recovering.

Rumor Disproved Several rumors have been current that a fifth man was missing. Officials at the local offices of the Philadelphia division, however, absolutely deny any truth to such reports.

The causes of the wreck have not been officially declared and probably will not be until after an inquiry is held. Investigation is already being started by Coroner William Neville, of Montgomery county, the Pennsylvania railroad, the Public Service Commission and the Interstate Commission.

According to A. E. Gaekler, 2467 Reel street, engineer of the train which ran into the first freight train.

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DANIELS SEES PROSPERITY

Washington, March 7.—Postmaster General Daniels today declared that increasing postal revenues "one of the most accurate barometers of present business conditions," forecast a period of pronounced industrial prosperity.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Partly cloudy to-night and Saturday; not much change in temperature. Lowest to-night about 30 degrees. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Partly cloudy to-night and Saturday; not much change in temperature; gentle to moderate east wind.

The Susquehanna river and all its branches will fall slowly or remain nearly stationary, except the lower portion of the North Branch, will rise slightly this afternoon and to-night. A stage of about 50 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Saturday morning.

There's No Telling How Far-Reaching the Effects of This War Are Going to Be



THIEVES EASILY DISPOSE OF LOOT POLICE CHARGE

Many Fences Make It Easy For Petty Thieves to Work

Police authorities have begun measures which they hope will break up petty larceny in the city by eradicating means of disposing of stolen goods.

The theft of merchandise from stores and business houses is on the increase, police believe, because thieves have ready means to dispose of their loot. A number of second hand clothing and junk dealers are said by police to be lax in making inquiries as to the origin of the goods which they purchase from respectable looking characters.

Alderman DeShong, officiating at police court during Mayor Keister's absence from the city, has started the crusade against "fences" for stolen goods. D. Cooper was reprimanded in police court yesterday for having bought from Charles White, Clarence Jones and Clarence Smith, 300 pounds of brass stolen from Abrams' junk shop on North Seventh street. At yesterday's session Alderman DeShong charged that Cooper should have been arraigned for receiving stolen goods.

The first active step against the alleged traffic was taken today when information was brought against Curtis Fry, who conducts a second-hand store near Cumberland.

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More Than 3,000 Children Enrolled to Fight Disease

More than 3,000 children in Steelton, Dauphin, Halifax and Royaltown have been enrolled by the Anti-Tuberculosis Society of Harrisburg and vicinity, in the Modern Health Crusade Movement, according to the report for the period beginning February 4 and ending March 6, made by Richard Gibson, executive secretary, today.

The work is largely confined to the grammar and primary grades, but three of these schools have carried the movement into their high schools. Sixty manuals, 6,928 chore cards for the students to record their daily health habits, 3,014 certificates, 40 Knighthood charts, and 250 question cards were given to the teachers to carry on the movement.

The public health talks were given in thirty health talks, 73 anti-spitting cards were distributed in public places, 65 "Common Sense in Health" pamphlets were distributed to teachers and parents, and 109 names of men rejected by the draft boards because of tuberculosis, were sent to the State Dispensary for investigation.

MUST BE NO HASTE FORMING LEAGUE

Boston, March 7.—The position of Senator Henry Cabot Lodge on the proposed League of Nations and its constitution was outlined in a signed statement made public here today.

"My desire," Senator Lodge said, "is simply to have the constitution for a League, proposed by the commission of the Peace Conference, thoroughly and carefully discussed and considered. If it will not bear discussion, it is not fit for adoption. If it is what it ought to be, discussion will only strengthen it. There must be no haste and no rashness in determining the most momentous question ever presented to the people of the United States or to the world."

NEW MINISTER TO PREACH AT WESTMINSTER

Rev. Henry W. Miller Arrives at Parsonage From Baltimore Charge

Announcement was made today that the Rev. Henry W. Miller, recently elected pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, has arrived in Harrisburg with his family and will preach his first sermon Sunday. Mr. Miller succeeded the late Rev. Edwin E. Curtis, who died of influenza last fall.

Rev. Mr. Miller comes here from the Light Street Presbyterian Church of Baltimore, and was accounted one of Maryland's popular ministers. He is a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College and of Princeton Seminary. During his college days he was prominent as a football star and also held the record for the high jump.

Subjects for the first sermon Mr. Miller will preach to-day were announced for the morning service, "The Nature and Mission of the Church," for the evening, "The One Foundation."

Mr. and Mrs. Miller are making their home at the parsonage with their two children. The Carlisle Presbytery will install the new pastor the second week of April during its session in Steelton.

LAST MALE OF HARRIS FAMILY DIES AT 84 YEARS

Philip S. Harris Was Direct Descendant of City's Founder

Word was received here today of the death at White Bear Lake, Minn., of Philip S. Harris, the last male descendant of John Harris, the founder of Harrisburg. Mr. Harris was a brother of Miss Sallie Harris, 117 South Front street, and a direct descendant of the first John Harris who emigrated from Yorkshire to Philadelphia soon after William Penn had established himself on the banks of the Susquehanna where this city now stands just 200 years ago.

Mr. Harris, who spent his younger days in this city, was eighty-four years old. He had been a resident of St. Paul for many years and was prominently connected with one of the northwestern railroads. In addition to Miss Harris he is survived by his widow, who formerly resided in Philadelphia, and by a sister, Mrs. Charles Wilson, of Philadelphia.

On his mother's side Mr. Harris was descended from Bishop Lathrop, the English churchman, who was burned at the stake near Balliol College, Oxford, in the reign of Queen Mary.

COLORED HEROES, HOME PROM FRONT, WELCOMED

Men Who Saw Much Service Overseas Get Warm Greeting From Home Folks; Mothers and Sweethearts Almost Sweep Yanks Off Their Feet

Harrisburg had its first chance last night to welcome home a unit of its fighting forces and right royally did the city turn out to greet the dusky warriors who went out a year and more ago when Uncle Sam was calling for men to defend the flag.

While the whole city joined in greeting the returned soldiers with the steel helmets and battle line accoutrements it really was the day of the colored resident. And well did the colored man, woman and child cheer the members of their race who left their homes, trained hard and long and finally took the field in France to join the great number of negroes who helped strike terror into the hearts of the enemy of their nation.

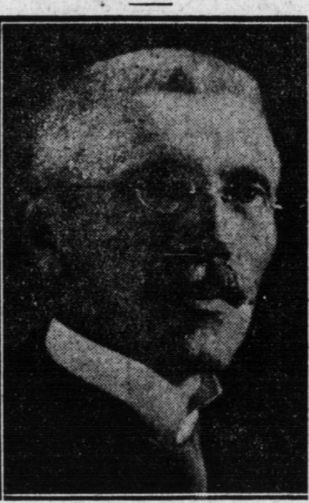
Wait for Hours An hour before the colored boys reached the Pennsylvania Station a great throng had gathered there to

AUG. WILDMAN, CONTRACTOR AND BUILDER, DIES

Long Prominent in Business and Political Circles of the City

TWICE IN LEGISLATURE

Served in Both Branches of the Old Dual Municipal Council



AUGUSTUS WILDMAN

Augustus Wildman, prominent city contractor, former member of the Legislature, former councilman and one of the best known citizens of Harrisburg, died at noon today from pneumonia following a week's illness. He resided at 2206 North Third street.

Mr. Wildman was the best known builder in the city. He built many of the most prominent structures and homes in Harrisburg, including the Masonic Temple and other buildings. He finished the addition to the Post Office building here and at the time of his death was engaged on the construction of the Thomas A. Edison Junior High school building. He also built the Donaldson apartment building. Much of the credit for building up the Tenth ward was his.

Born in Germany in 1855, Mr. Wildman was brought to this country when six years old. He was educated in the public schools. In 1885 he moved from Gettysburg to Harrisburg. While in this city he learned the barber trade, and in 1893 engaged in the contracting and building business which he followed successfully until the time of his death. He served as a member of the Common Council from 1904-06 and 1908-10. He was also a member of the Select Council from 1910-11, resigning from this position to take his seat in the House of Representatives in 1912. He was re-elected to the House in November, 1914, and served on a number of important committees. While in the Legislature he was given charge of considerable third class city legislation. Chief among these was a bill for home rule in third class cities, and a bill to these cities a greater measure of authority, which he sponsored in a speech in which he predicted greater power of government for these cities.

Mr. Wildman played a prominent part in city politics for many years. He was ex-president of the West End Republican Club and also a member of the Harrisburg Republican Club. He also held the position of treasurer of the Harrisburg Veteran Volunteer Firemen's Association and was ex-president of the Camp Curtin Fire Company.

Surviving him are his wife, three sons, Augustus, Jr., Lee and Dewey, and a daughter, Marguerite. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

FORMER EMPEROR KARL TO LIVE ALONG DANUBE

Basle, March 7.—Colonel Summerhayes has left Vienna for Switzerland with a son of former Emperor Charles, who is ill, according to dispatches received here today. It is said that the former Emperor is expected to take up his residence soon at Persenberg Castle, on the Danube, his birthplace.

RAIL MEN STAY AT WORK

The Vorwarts, the Socialist organ, reports that railway employees refuse to walk out, declaring the strike wholly the work of "irresponsible political wirepullers" and that interruption of steam traffic would further aggravate the appalling economic conditions. The clerical and station forces in the Berlin district have announced that they are standing back of the present government.

Big Realty Transfer at Sixth and Verbeke Sts., May Forecast Building

Sale of the properties at the northeast corner of Sixth and Verbeke streets, taking in the larger part of the block from Sixth to Mayflower, and Verbeke to Sayford streets, to Ell Goldstein, has been announced by S. A. Green, the owner of the properties. Mr. Greene recently purchased the buildings through the Commonwealth Trust Company acting for Elizabeth, George B. and Elizabeth Scott Kunkle. No consideration has been announced.

It is said that Mr. Goldstein, who controls stores in this city, Lebanon, Sunbury and Berwick, may erect a department store on the corner, and storerooms in North Sixth street, with the upper floors of the new buildings constructed for apartment purposes.

Only one thing marred the welcome and that was the lack of arrangements to keep the streets clear when the line moved out Market street.

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GERMANY DECLINES TO GIVE UP SHIPS UNLESS FOOD SUPPLY IS ASSURED BY ENTENTE NATIONS

Conference at Spa Comes to an End Suddenly Today

HUNS ASK FOR GREAT SUPPLY

By Associated Press

LONDON, March 7.—The negotiations at Spa relating to the shipping question have been temporarily broken off, according to a German wireless message received here today. The Allies, the message says, demanded that the Entente supply German merchant ships be handed over unconditionally, without being willing to undertake the obligation of supplying Germany with foodstuffs. The German delegates, it is added, received instructions from their government that the question of shipping, fuel and food supply must be dealt with only as a whole. The German message continues:

"The question of handing over the merchant fleet can only arise if adequate food supplies, say 2,500,000 tons of foodstuffs, are assured Germany until the new harvest. The entente could not agree to this.

"As the instructions of both sides did not go beyond this, a French delegate proposed that negotiations be broken off, whereupon the two special delegates left Spa."

When the allied commission went to Spa it was believed that the release of the ships was merely a question of days. It was proposed to the Germans that in return for the use of the ships, a rental be paid, this to be entered to their credit against their food account.

The Germans, however, replied that there must be a guarantee of a steady, uninterrupted supply of food. No country was in a position to supply this food under the German conditions, so the question of credit remains unsettled.

Berlin, March 7.—A Danzig dispatch reports the arrival there of the first food ship since the raising of the Baltic blockade. It carries a cargo of vegetables from Holland, consigned to Danzig by Dutch merchants.

The dispatch states that the American food commission at Danzig has recommended to the Entente powers that permission be granted for the importation of Danish and Norwegian herring on account of the precarious food situation in Germany.

The American commission is reported to have allowed the city of Danzig five hundred tons of lard and bacon in return for the services rendered by German authorities in the transmission of food consignments to Poland.

Berlin, March 7.—"The present unrest, terror and crime are diseases of the social body which it is unable to resist because it has become weakened through privation and loss of blood," says the North German Gazette. "The German people can recuperate only when it receives its raw products that will permit it to work, and food in order that it may live."

Blames Conditions on Foe "Our enemies are denying us both. Their attitude is the real cause of the present crisis and the prevalent criminal activity. In view of these events, they should realize it is contrary to the international law of humanity to permit a fallen foe to lie helpless on the ground. They should not overlook the fact that the successive weakening of Germany also reduces its resisting powers against Bolshevism and that it is a dangerous thing to be a neighbor to a house in which the plague is raging."

The governing board of the Society of Physicians and Surgeons has sharply condemned the strike in Germany on the ground that it is gravely jeopardizing public health through the stoppage of the transportation and telephone service, as well as public utilities. Sanitary crews engaged in checking the spotted and typhus fevers declares they are unable to do their work because of the strike.

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GERMANS DESIRE FOOD IN RETURN FOR THEIR SHIPS

By Associated Press

PARIS, March 7.—Germany has refused the proposition for the use of her merchant ships by the Allies, made to her delegates at Spa, the armistice commission's headquarters.

The counterproposition is made by the Germans that they will release the German shipping desired in return for a definite assurance that enough food will be sent into Germany to enable the government to withstand the Bolshevik movement.

ARMY AND NAVAL EXPERTS CANNOT AGREE ON PEACE

British and French Premiers Meet With Wilson's Delegate to Adjust Question

By Associated Press

Paris, March 7.—Premier Lloyd George, Premier Clemenceau and Colonel E. M. House conferred for an hour before the meeting of the Supreme Council today in an effort to iron out the differences of the three nations over the military, naval and economic questions connected with the preliminary peace terms.

Army and Navy experts of the several countries, it is said, have been unable to agree on the terms. Persian Envoy Dives Lansings, Mirza Ali-Kuli Khan, Persian Charge d'Affaires at Washington, gave a dinner last evening in honor

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Rapidly Nearing Crisis, Says Lansdowne

PARMOOR SEES WIDE DISASTER

By Associated Press

LONDON, March 7.—Discussing the food situation in Central Europe in the House of Lords today Marquis Lansdowne asked how long the process of "turning the screw" was to continue. He said he regarded the position of Central Europe "with dismay." "We seem to be rapidly approaching a catastrophe which may prove the most disastrous in the history of the world," he declared.

"If the blockade is not relaxed," said Baron Parmoor, "famine will seize the peoples of Central Europe, and that would be the most fearful crime in history."

The Earl of Crawford, chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, replying for the government, said that the problem is in the hands of the supreme economic council at Paris, which has taken steps to send food to Germany.

"The tonnage demanded from Germany by the Allies has not been forthcoming, however," he said, "and this is significant." He made no attempt to explain the failure of Germany to turn over the ships asked for, but said he hoped that "within a few weeks measures will be taken to stave off the impending disaster."

RECALLS EARLY TRAGEDY Richmond, Mo., March 7.—Horace G. Devlin, died in St. Joseph. He was one of the first engineers on the old railway which is now the St. Joseph branch of the Santa Fe.

Devlin died a bachelor. It is said he never married because his fiancée forty years ago, was run over and killed by his train on the Pottsville bridge, her severed head falling through the trestle to the ravine below before Devlin's eyes.

TROOPS JOIN GERMAN REDS

London.—A German wireless dispatch received here states that, in addition to the volunteer marine division and a portion of the republican militia, parts of the second guards regiment and the guards fusilier regiment went over to the Spartacans on Wednesday. Owing to the strike of printers and compositors, the Wolff Bureau is said to be unable to circulate its printed bulletins. A Berlin dispatch to the Mail, sent from there Wednesday midnight, asserted that it was reported in government circles that, as a result of a compromise reached at Weimar, the strike might end to-day.

BERLIN CUT OFF BY SPARTACANS

Copenhagen.—Police headquarters in Berlin, which has been besieged by the Spartacans for two days, was cut off from all communications with other government forces in the German capital late Thursday when the Spartacans cut the telephone wires, according to a telegram from Berlin. Eight persons were killed and a number wounded in the fighting there Thursday.

ALLIES TRUST ONLY FOUR HUNS

Brussels.—The Allies trust only four men in Germany, says a dispatch from the center of the allied powers. The men are Professor Feister, Dr. Muehlon, Dr. Grelling and Dr. Schlieben.

STRAUSS TO RETURN TO ENGLAND

Washington.—Rear-Admiral Joseph Strauss will soon return to England to co-operate with the British navy in the work of removing the North Sea barrage.

MARKS WILL PAY LAST PENNY OF DEBT

Czelenz.—All indebtedness contracted by Americans within the occupied territories of Germany will be paid immediately so that when the Americans eventually start homeward not one penny will be owing to civilians.

MONTENEGRO COMMISSION ON WAY

Paris.—The commission sent by the American government to Montenegro to investigate the situation in that country is expected to start its work in the near future.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

John Henry McCandless, Washington, and Helen S. Leib, New Cumberland; John Sacher, Altoona, and Lurain Hancock, West Fairview; David F. Jacobs, Harrisburg, and Ida L. Sugar, Steelton; John J. Murray, Williamsport, and Eva K. Hunter, Wilkesboro; Percy J. Foy, Chester, and Nellie M. Foster, Harrisburg.