

FAST TRAIN IN WRECK

Illinois Central St. Louis Flyer Strikes Broken Rail.

FOUR DEAD, THIRTY-SIX INJURED

Sheriff Alden and Wife of Union County, Illinois, Among Killed.

CARS ROLL DOWN

Accident Happens Six Miles East of Murphysboro.

INJURED TAKEN TO HOSPITALS

Among Them Are Seventeen Members of Perry Hastings' Show Train Running at Rapid Rate.

MURPHYSBORO, Ill., Feb. 16.—Four passengers were killed and thirty-six injured today, when the Illinois Central train, No. 86, southbound from St. Louis to New Orleans, was wrecked by running into a broken rail six miles east of here.

The dead: MRS. GRACE PERRY, Carbondale, Ill.; SHERIFF ALDEN and MRS. ALDEN of Union county; HINKLEY, Carbondale.

The injured: Harry Compton, Carbondale, serious; C. M. Bradley and wife, Murphysboro, back wrenched; William Olin, Murphysboro, leg wrenched; Thomas John, Murphysboro, back wrenched.

Rev. H. M. McClellan, Murphysboro, back and leg injured.

L. Z. Cook, Murphysboro, back wrenched; Brakeman Moore, St. Louis, legs crushed; H. P. Lindsay, freight agent, N. C. & St. L. R. R., head cut.

Gus Hollingsworth, arm hurt. Sixteen members of the Perry Hastings show troupe, who had been on the train, Miss Helen Yela of show troupe back injured serious.

Mrs. Mary Dayton, Marion, Ill., body bruised. Three-year-old son of Mrs. Dayton, slightly hurt.

J. E. Bentley, Carbondale, legs crushed. The train was a local. The accident was caused by a broken rail. The engine and express car passed over safely, but the remaining four cars turned over at Carbondale, left for the scene of the wreck two miles distant on a special train with doctors and nurses.

The train running fifty-five miles an hour on a trestle, when the train struck a broken rail, the engine passed over the rail safely, but the baggage car and smoker went off the track and threw the four remaining cars down an embankment. Some of the injured were taken in special trains to hospitals in Carbondale. Many were brought here and brought to St. Andrew's hospital.

STORM FOLLOWED BY COLD

Clearing Weather, with Low Temperature General in Middle West and South.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—Colder weather in this vicinity, with storm moving slowly eastward, is the present weather outlook. Telegraph and railroad companies report encouraging conditions west of the Mississippi, where the country is recovering somewhat from the effects of the blizzard. The snow blockade still prevails in northern Michigan and the lake region around Toledo is suffering from demoralized communication and interrupted traffic.

Lower temperatures are the prospect for the middle and south Atlantic and eastern gulf states. Central Illinois, Indiana and Ohio are feeling the worst effects of the storm in its progress toward the eastern coast.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 16.—Clearing weather, with lower temperatures, prevailed throughout the southwest today. Telegraph and telegraph communication was slowly being restored, while railroad service was greatly improved. Trains from the east, however, were still many hours late. At Kansas City the temperature today registered 19 degrees above zero. Concordia, Kan., reported 3 below; Springfield, Mo., 3 above; Oklahoma City, 2; and Amarillo, Tex., 10.

NORFOLK, Neb., Feb. 16.—The mercury stood at 11 below zero here early today.

FLEET TO TAKE PART IN PARADE

Admiral Sperry Will Send Battalions to Washington for Inaugural Ceremonies.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Admiral Sperry today sent by wireless telegraph to the Navy department the names of the battleships of his fleet, which will remain at anchor in Hampton Roads until after March 1, in order to send battalions from their crews to the inaugural parade in Washington. These vessels are the Connecticut, Virginia, Louisiana, Wisconsin, Georgia, Illinois, Kearsarge and Kentucky, the last three of which will be placed out of commission on their arrival at their home navy yards.

The remaining eight battleships which have completed the cruise around the world will leave Hampton Roads for their home navy yards for repairs immediately after inspection by the admiral, which will take place as soon as practicable after the review by the president.

ENVOY IS READY TO RETURN

Cruiser Des Moines Will Bring W. J. Buchanan Home from Venezuela.

WILLEMSTADT, Curacao, Feb. 16.—The American cruiser Des Moines left here this afternoon for La Guaira, Venezuela, where it will take on board W. J. Buchanan and proceed with him to Guatamayo, Cuba. Mr. Buchanan went to Caracas as the special commissioner of the United States to settle with the Venezuelan government various outstanding questions by the two countries and his labors being over he is returning to Washington.

The American gunboat Marietta passed here last night bound for Guatamayo. Mr. Buchanan will transfer to the Marietta at that port and continue his journey north on it.

SCORES OF MINERS ENTOMBED

One Hundred and Thirty Caught by Explosion in Colliery in North-West Durham, England.

NEWCASTLE, Eng., Feb. 16.—A serious explosion occurred this afternoon in a colliery in North-West Durham. One hundred and thirty miners are reported to be entombed.

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THE WEATHER. FOR NEBRASKA—Generally fair with rising temperature Wednesday.

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LEGISLATURE. Lobbyists, registered and unregistered, swarm around the legislature. Stringent divorce bill passes the senate. Senator Hanson's bill raising the debt limit for Omaha from \$2,700,000 to 5 per cent of actual valuation, passes both houses and now goes to the governor.

DOMESTIC. Four persons were killed and twenty-six injured in wreck of southbound Illinois Central train near Murphysboro, Ill. Robber caliming Omaha as home, attempts to holdup Lawrence H. Jones, a millionaire merchant of Kansas City with a bomb, but is overpowered. M. L. Learned appears before the Interstate Commerce commission in rate hearing in behalf of the Omaha Grain exchange.

FOREIGN. King Edward opens Parliament in the presence of an unusually large number of people who cheer the royal pair. No Americans were caught in the Acapulco theater fire and list of victims may be less than 200. Thirty people reported killed by an earthquake, which demolishes government building in Sivas, Turkey.

LOCAL. Nebraska Retail Hardware Dealers' association opens convention and big exposition in Omaha, which will last four days. William J. Bryan, still hopeful, passes through Omaha enroute to Lincoln, where he speaks before the legislature. William W. Robinson, colored bricklayer, steps from an eastbound Brimcom park car and is instantly killed by the car approaching in the opposite direction.

Attorney for Van Goodell, sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of Edna Kennett, will ask for a new trial and a motion to that effect will be entered in a day or two. Commercial and industrial. Livestock markets. Grain markets. Stocks and bonds.

BIG CHECK PROVES TO BE BAD. M. D. Fortner, Brother-in-Law of Mrs. Lemp, Deposits it in St. Louis Bank.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 16.—Officials of three local banks met today to discuss the question of responsibility for the cashing or clearing of a \$1,000 check on the Third National bank, deposited by M. Dwight Fortner, real estate dealer, in his account in the St. Louis Union Trust company, from which he obtained an \$1,000 check which he cashed at the National Bank of Commerce.

The bank officials are seeking to learn the whereabouts of Fortner, who is a son-in-law of A. H. Handland and brother-in-law of Mrs. William J. Lemp, plaintiff in the Lemp divorce suit. He is believed to have gone to Chicago last Saturday. Henry C. Tulley, whose name appears on the check as its endorser, declares that the signature is not his but a perfect facsimile. Tulley and F. A. Steer, the signer of the check, were invited to confer with the bank officials.

TAFT CALLS AT WHITE HOUSE. President-Elect Has Conference with President Roosevelt and Panama Engineers.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—President-elect and Mrs. Taft arrived here today and went to the residence of Miss Mabel Boardman, which will be their home during their stay here. Mr. Taft visited the White House a short time after reaching the city and had a conference with the president and the board of engineers, who accompanied him to Panama. It is Mrs. Taft's intention to go to New York tomorrow on a shopping tour.

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From the Spokane Spokesman-Review.

ROBBER ARMED WITH BOMB

Attempt to Extort \$7,000 from Kansas City Merchant Fails.

HOLDS WHOLE FAMILY AT BAY

Lawrence M. Jones of Jones Dry Goods Co., Intended Victim, Overpowered Bandit, Who Says He Came from Omaha.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 16.—Armed with a revolver in one hand and a dynamite bomb in the other a man, apparently about 40 years of age, today extorted the money of Lawrence M. Jones, president of the Jones Bros. Dry Goods company of this city, and demanded \$7,000. By a ruse Mr. Jones overpowered the man, who was arrested. At the police station the bomb thrower gave the name of C. H. Garnett. He said he was 40 years of age.

The man appeared at the Jones home, 2533 Troost avenue, shortly before noon and asked for Mr. Jones. He was shown to the library. Mr. Jones, who was in another part of the house, upon entering the library was confronted by the intruder's revolver. The man told Mr. Jones to be seated. He then drew from under his overcoat a dynamite bomb. He explained to Mr. Jones that unless the latter gave him \$7,000 he would immediately blow him into atoms.

In an endeavor to calm the man Mr. Jones talked with him over a half hour. Mrs. Jones, feeling apprehensive, called for her husband's long interview. The intruder ordered her to be seated. The conversation was resumed. Chester L. Jones, secretary of the Jones company, a son, followed his mother and he, too, was ordered to be seated.

Mr. Jones then suggested that as he did not have the necessary funds in the house the man accompany him to the bank. This was agreed to. As the pair were passing through the lower hall, Mr. Jones stepped suddenly back and, placing his foot in front of his visitor, hurled him to the floor. Mr. Jones and his son then overpowered the man and, stripping him of his weapons, called the police. The bomb did not explode when the intruder fell.

At the police station it was said that the officers had not investigated the bomb and would not.

Mr. Jones is one of the best known dry goods merchants of the country. He is reputed to be worth over \$1,000,000.

Intended to Kidnap Jones. At the police station the man said he planned, after securing the money from Mr. Jones, to take him to Independence, a suburb, where he would have chained him to a house he had fitted up for the purpose. He said he had been planning the scheme for several months.

With his arms folded and his slouch hat pulled down over his eyes, Garnett stood, surly and defiant, in his cell at the Flora Avenue station this afternoon.

"Am I sorry for what I've done? No, I'm not. No, I'm not. The only thing I'm sorry for is that I didn't kill myself before the officers got me."

"Three months ago I quit my job in Omaha and decided that as soon as my money ran out I'd kill myself. I came to Kansas City January 23.

"Yes, I've had family troubles, and business troubles, too."

Garnett acknowledged that the name given to the police was fictitious. He said he had no intention of telling his real name, even at his trial.

Tried Suicide in Omaha. Garnett continued: "About ten days ago when my funds got low, I decided that the time had come for me to quit this world. I took the revolver I had bought in Omaha and went out on a bridge that spans the Missouri river. Just as I was about to kill myself the thought came to me that I still had one more chance—I could get only a few thousand dollars. The thought then came to me to make an infernal machine. I went to a hardware store at Independence and purchased ten sticks of dynamite. Then I decided to convert it into a bomb. I had no intention of harming anyone. I simply wanted money."

Garnett said he rented a house in Independence and constructed many chains with which to chain Mr. Jones had been successful. The police have been unable to find the infernal machine.

Mr. Jones said this afternoon that when Garnett first presented himself at his door he said his name was D. Jones and that he came from Grand Island, Neb.

While no one in Omaha could be found who knows C. H. Garnett it appears as a coincidence that when James F. Lee attempted to take \$5,000 from Luther Drake, president of the Merchants National bank, by the use of a bottle of Missouri river water and told the same kind of story as Garnett told, was captured by the Omaha police, the first thing he said was: "I came from Kansas City, where I was out of work, and decided to kill myself."

President's Name Of Ballot. DES MOINES, Ia., Feb. 16.—The senate of the Iowa legislature passed a bill today taking the name of the president and vice president off the ballot.

PROBING WISCONSIN PRIMARY

Joint Committee of Legislature Begins Investigation of Charges Against Stephenson.

MADISON, Wis., Feb. 16.—A committee consisting of three members of the senate and five members of the assembly, today began an investigation of the primary election held September 1 last to nominate a United States senator. The investigation is the outcome primarily of charges of alleged bribery and corruption made by State Senator John Blaine against United States Senator Isaac Stephenson, who received the highest vote on the republican ticket over three opponents. While Mr. Stephenson will be the main object of the inquiry, every senatorial candidate of all parties has been invited to appear before the committee.

United States Senator Stephenson lacked four votes of a majority on the eleventh ballot for United States senator in joint assembly of the Wisconsin legislature today, receiving 10 out of 115 cast.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 16.—The thirty-second joint ballot in the assembly for the election of a United States senator failed to break the deadlock and made no material change in the situation. The vote for Senator Hopkins rose from 55 on the thirty-first ballot to 57 on the thirty-second, but remained 6 votes below the 73 given him on the thirtieth ballot on Wednesday of last week.

The shift brought in the name of Peter Rethelberg, alderman of the Twenty-sixth ward of Chicago, with 20 votes, and Michael J. Kennedy of the Fifth ward, Chicago, was given 1 vote.

Prior to the joint session Mayor Buse and Postmaster Camp of Chicago, together with Senator Hopkins, conferred with Governor Deneen in the executive office.

At the conclusion of the joint ballot the session arose to resume the balloting tomorrow at noon.

ONE MAN KILLED, FOUR HURT

Freight Train Strikes Handcar Containing Party on Way to Dance.

ESTERVILLE, Ia., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—One man was killed and four others were injured, two of them seriously, near Ringsted, Emmet county, when the handcar on which they were going to a dance at Fenton, was struck by a Northwestern freight train. The dead man is C. M. Holden, barber of Ringsted. The injured are: Ole Anderson, section foreman, of Ringsted, six ribs broken, serious; J. M. Jensen, furniture dealer, Ringsted, left arm mangled and otherwise injured, serious; J. S. Peterson, assistant cashier Ringsted State bank, cut and bruised; Chris Skow, rural mail carrier, Ringsted, scratched and bruised.

The engineer did not see the hand car until the locomotive was very close to it. The car was hurled almost out of the right-of-way, throwing the men in all directions. Anderson was killed instantly. Jensen fell on one rail and the engine passed over his arm. The injured men were picked up and taken to Ringsted, and the only physician there aided by a doctor secured from Fenton cared for them. It is feared that Jensen will not recover, but Peterson's injuries may not prove fatal. The others are said to get well.

COURT STAYS TEXAS MANDATE

Thirty Days' Time Given in Matter of Fine and Receivership of Waters-Pierce Company.

SHERMAN, Tex., Feb. 16.—Judge H. O. Head, counsel for Chester B. Dorchester, federal receiver for the Waters-Pierce oil company, last night received a message from the clerk of the supreme court of the United States at Washington stating that a mandate in the recent decision upholding the state of Texas in the matter of a receivership for the company had been stayed for thirty days from February 13.

The message states that the mandate is stayed in the matter of the fine, the state receivership and the federal receivership. No grounds are given for the action in the message to Judge Head and no statement has been given out by any one connected with the case here.

SAYS HE LURED GIRL TO DEATH

William Gagie Confesses to Murder of Child Near Gary, Indiana.

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