

40 ARE KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK

14 Injured In Rear-End Collision

Union Pacific Train Telescopes Diner on Missouri Pacific Passenger at Gilmore Junction.

Blowup in Orders Blamed

Fourteen persons were injured, none seriously, at 8:30 yesterday morning when Union Pacific train No. 25 telescoped the rear-end of Missouri Pacific train No. 104 at Gilmore Junction, nine miles south of Omaha.

The injured are: A. L. Evers, Kansas City, Mo., engineer on Missouri Pacific train; back sprained and possible rib fractures.

Irvin Wagner, 818 North Forty-second street; lacerated scalp and fractured nose.

Charles M. Davis, railway mail clerk in charge on Missouri Pacific train; slight bruises about body.

Joseph B. Bunell, railway mail clerk; body bruised.

J. W. Murphy, Missouri Pacific express clerk; cuts on hands and body bruised.

Clay T. Murphy, negro, waiter on Missouri Pacific diner; possible internal injuries.

H. E. Patterson, Papillion, Neb.; J. W. Robinson, Twenty-sixth and streets, South Side.

Mrs. J. W. Dion, 625 South Eighth street.

W. P. Giraud, Grand, Ark.; M. A. Faulkner, Valley, Neb.; Mrs. Marie Krumboltz, Shelby, Neb.

Mrs. H. W. Bramm, Dresden apartments, Omaha.

Mrs. Emma Hoff, 2011 Cass street. Meet at Signal Tower.

The accident occurred directly in front of the signal tower house at Gilmore Junction where the joint track used by the Missouri Pacific and Union Pacific divides a quarter of a mile east of Gilmore station.

Missouri Pacific train No. 104, Kansas City-bound, was waiting on the main track for a freight train to clear the block. Union Pacific North Platte local, 12 minutes late from Omaha, rounded the bend before N. H. Hale, operator at Gilmore Junction, could flag it.

Engineer Cal Jones, piloting the U. P. local, caught sight of a red block signal. His brakes shrieked and the crash occurred.

Diner Telescoped. The U. P. engine completely telescoped the diner on the rear end of the Missouri Pacific train.

The impact of the collision sent the Kansas City train 50 feet forward. Passengers on both trains were thrown to the floor of the cars.

Former State Senator Dies in Home at Omaha



Frank T. Ransom

Omaha Lawyer And Prominent Politician Dies

Frank T. Ransom, Stock Yards Attorney for Many Years, Succumbs to Lingering Illness.

Frank T. Ransom, 120 South Thirty-fourth street, for many years attorney for the Union Stock Yards company and active in democratic politics of Douglas county for 20 years, died yesterday after a long illness.

Mr. Ransom retired from active law practice two years ago and during most of the time since then had been ill, at times critically so.

In his earlier years a leading criminal lawyer, Mr. Ransom later devoted his attention almost exclusively to the affairs of two corporation clients, the Union Stock Yards company and the Pullman company. He also served as a state senator several years.

Mr. Ransom was born in St. Joseph, Mo., in 1850. He began to practice law in Nebraska City and was a state representative from Otoe county as a republican.

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The women are held without charge.

Special Committee Considers Changes In Treaty of Sevres

London, Feb. 27.—While the near eastern conference had made no real progress toward reconciling the Turkish and Greek viewpoints on Smyrna and Thrace, a special committee of the supreme council is regarding possible modification of the Kurdish and Armenian clauses of the treaty of Sevres, in the light of events. Both Turks and Armenians were heard on Turkish Armenian and Kurdistan. The Armenians asked for recognition of their full independence.

Earl Curzon, British foreign minister, explained when the Turks met the committee that the powers did not intend to abandon their obligation to constitute a united and stable Armenia.

M. Berthelot of the French delegation reaffirmed the intention of the French when withdrawing from the military occupation of Cilicia, to make provisions safeguarding the interests of the Armenians there.

Revolution in Salto Checked by Officers

"Jehovah" Sykes Says End of World Coming Before Last of Week

Denver, Feb. 27.—Joshua (Jehovah) Sykes, scheduled to begin a prison term on the Pacific coast next Tuesday, tonight is gathered with his followers in the temple of the religious sect of which he is head, awaiting the end of the world.

Sykes, self-styled king of heaven and earth, left Thursday for San Francisco to surrender to United States officers to serve 18 months for draft obstruction during the war.

When he reached Cheyenne he had a vision, he says, revealing to him that the end of the world would come before Senator Harding is inaugurated and he returned to Denver to prepare the faithful for the millennium.

This is not the first time that Sykes has predicted the end of the world. He predicted an end last summer and many of his followers quit their jobs, sold their property and went to the temple to await the end.

Later the poverty of some of the members caused charges to be brought in juvenile delinquency. It was charged that children of the members were improperly fed and clothed. Later the charges were dismissed.

Three Women Held In Train Robbery; Money Recovered

Arrests Made in Connection With Holdup of Great Northern Mail Car; Officers Get \$40,870.

St. Paul, Feb. 27.—Arrest of three women and recovery of \$40,870 stolen from the mail car of train No. 2, Northern Pacific railroad on February 18, was announced here by federal officers.

Those arrested are Mrs. Alice Hendricks, 40; Mrs. Grace McDonald, 30, her daughter, and Mrs. Elizabeth Anderson, 27, a cousin.

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This meeting, which may be regarded as almost a foregone conclusion and aspirations of many anxious to enter the federal fold in official life, may be held on next Monday morning in the office of Senator Norris.

Indeed, so pressing are the matters to be deliberated upon, it even may be decided, at a late hour, to call the delegation together for this purpose tomorrow in order that the time of its members may not be taken from the floor during the busy closing week days and nights of the session next week.

"Meanest Man" Sends Nice New Broom to Harding's Future Home

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee. Leased Wire. Washington, Feb. 27.—Someone with a "mean disposition" in the opinion of employees of the White House executive offices, sent a big broom, carefully wrapped in canvas to the White House.

It was consigned to President-elect Harding.

Employees, some of whom have been attached to the White House and executive offices through many administrations, viewed the strange consignment with alarm and as significant of some "clean-sweeping" to be done when the new president takes up the affairs of government.

The sender of the broom did not attach his name to the package.

Secretary Tamm, who received it, turned it over to the White House property man for presentation to Mr. Harding when he arrives in the presidential office.

"I hope that broom don't raise much dust," said William Pennell, who has been the executive office janitor ever since McKigley's time.

One Person Dead, 15 Are Missing in Ship Collision

American Naval Destroyer Woolsey Sinks in Mid-Ocean After Crash With Steamer. Steel Inventor.

Washington, Feb. 27.—One naval enlisted man is dead, 15 are missing and two are injured as the result of a collision yesterday between the American destroyer, Woolsey, and the American steamer, Steel Inventor, off the Pacific coast of Panama.

The Woolsey was cut in two at the after-end by the collision and sank at 6 a. m. yesterday while in tow of the destroyer Aaron Ward, which, with the destroyer Philip, have 112 of the Woolsey survivors aboard.

The collision was reported to the Navy department late today by Admiral Rodman, commander of the Pacific fleet, to which the Woolsey, one of the navy's most modern destroyers, was attached.

The damage to the Steel Inventor was slight and no casualties occurred among her crew. She was reported proceeding to Balboa, Canal Zone, by the destroyer Buchanan.

Engineer Killed. Admiral Rodman's report said that Stanley Woodcock, first-class engineer, was killed by the collision and his body was placed on the Buchanan.

The missing were reported as follows: D. T. Blakeley, fireman, first-class; Floyd C. Gentry, fireman, second-class; Roman Fieckel, blacksmith; John Joseph Galcher, blacksmith; George Joseph Zibello, fireman, second-class; Elbert Jesse Hanson, fireman, first-class; Henry George Hancock, fireman, second-class; Floyd Long, stoker, first-class; Leo Nordworsky, fireman, third-class; Harold Reed, fireman; Mattie Owen Stewart, fireman, third-class; Webb Stubblefield, fireman, first-class; George Elmer Wehman, electrician, third-class; Charles N. Yost, fireman, first-class; and Emerson Dale Waigh, fireman, second-class.

Details Lacking. The injured aboard the cruiser Birmingham are: D. M. McCaig, water tender, and A. O. Burnside. The collision, Admiral Rodman reported, occurred 13 miles southwest of Coiba Island. After the Woolsey had been cut in two, the outer part of the ship flooded. The destroyer sank as an attempt was being made to bring her into a port. The report did not explain the manner in which the missing men were lost.

The Woolsey was commanded by Commander H. C. Geering, jr. She had a length of 310 feet, a breadth of 31 feet and a normal displacement of 1,154 tons. Her speed was rated 35 knots and her normal complement was 16 officers and 16 men.

Condition of Clark Reported as Serious

Washington, Feb. 27.—Charley Clark, democrat leader of the house, was described as seriously ill in a bulletin tonight, by physicians.

Mr. Clark, who is suffering from complications resulting from an attack of pleurisy, showed a decided improvement yesterday, but a turn for the worse developed last night.

The bulletin issued tonight said: "Mr. Clark is seriously ill. He has had an acute infection. He now has fluid in the right pleural cavity, an irregular heart, increased frequency of respiration and glycosuria."

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There are those in the delegation who believe that with precedent giving the senator the right to name federal officers within the state, it would be best to make an amendment to the federal rule with reference to the positions of United States attorney, marshal, international revenue collector and federal prohibition enforcement director.

Up to this time the delegation has not been able to get together. Three of the members realize that Senator Norris has a very strong following among the house members, and that with his vote and those of his friends in the house he could put over anything he desires in the way of federal patronage for the state. Thus the meeting promises to be a momentous one.

Candidacy Considered. The meeting is called primarily for the purpose of considering the candidacy of R. Honold of Scottsbluff for the position of commissioner of the general land office here in Washington. His qualifications for that important office are being urged strongly by Congressman Kinne, from whose district Honold is an attorney and formerly was in the United States reclamation service as a field lawyer preparing cases for the federal courts.

After consideration and possibly disposition of Honold's candidacy one way or another by the delegation as a unit, other officers in the state and the present candidates for them will be discussed. From a careful canvass of the delegation the four known candidates for United States attorney have been ascertained: J. J. Kinsler, J. H. Kinne, M. O. Cunningham of Omaha, and J. C. Cook of Fremont, county attorney for Dodge county.

Dry Enforcement Director. The position of prohibition enforcement director seems to hold out more glittering allurements than any other state office under presidential appointment. Among the candidates for it are Crawford Kennedy, the republican "wheel horse" of Lincoln; Thomas Lynch, secretary of the republican Douglas County central committee; M. J. Greevy, T. A. Holister, C. H. Clancy and J. Harry Sinclair, all of Omaha; E. D. Clark of Valentine; C. E. Sandall of York; and U. S. Blair of Hastings, the latter being backed by the anti-saloon league.

Frank P. Corrick of Lincoln is the best-known candidate for collector of internal revenue, although W. S. Waters, also of Lincoln, is receiving support.

Thomas H. Sloan of Pender is a candidate for commissioner of Indian affairs, as is L. A. Dorrington, a brother-in-law of Congressman Reavis and now in the Indian service, stationed in Oklahoma, his home formerly having been in Chandron.

James T. Smith of Kearney wants to be an inspector of weights and measures, while Ambrose C. Epperson of Clay Center would like to be made attorney for the Federal Land bank.

Appointment of Grayson as Chief of Indians Approved

Washington, Feb. 27.—The appointment of Maj. Washington Grayson of Eufaula, Okla., as principal chief of the Creek Indian tribe has been approved by the president. Commissioner Sells of the bureau of Indian affairs, announced.

Major Grayson is the son of the late Capt. G. W. Grayson, chief of the tribe. He is 38 years old and served overseas as a major in the army and five years in the Filipino constabulary.

Soldiers Picked Up at Sea

Manila, P. I., Feb. 27.—Six American soldiers, believed to have escaped a week ago from Fort Wain, near here, have been picked up at sea in a small boat and taken to the steamer to Manila, in Sarawak, British North Borneo, according to cables received by army headquarters. They will be returned here.

Congress Speeds Up Near End

Leaders Determined to Clear Calendar of Important Measures Before Session Adjourns Friday.

Alien Bill Sent to Wilson

By The Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—Congress worked under forced draft with leaders determined to clear the state of most important legislation before adjournment Friday.

One measure—the immigration restriction bill—was sent to the president and several others, including the emergency tariff, were prepared for final passage.

After a brief but sharp fight, the house accepted the senate substitute bill limiting immigration for 15 months after April 1 to 3 per cent of the nationals of a foreign country, who were present when the measure was taken. The measure would not affect Japan, China, Canada and the Latin-American countries.

Immediately the bill was sent to the senate which approved the conference report in less than one minute and it then was prepared for the president.

While the house was spending 400 hours debating the emergency tariff, the senate passed the annual fortifications measure, carrying approximately \$8,000,000 and sent it to conference.

Adopt Conference Report. The house then adopted the conference report on the house measure 205 to 127, and sent it to the senate. Chairman Borah of the finance committee, attempted to start the bill through the senate, but failed. A gentlemen's agreement was reached, however, whereby the bill will be taken up Monday.

Proceeding with consideration of the army appropriation bill, the senate accepted its committee amendment providing for an average of 175,000 men, then passed the measure and sent it to conference.

When the army bill came up there was a clash over precedence to be given legislation in the five days remaining. Senators Borah of Idaho and Sterling of South Dakota, republicans, sought opportunity to pass a house resolution repealing most wartime laws.

Chairman Wadsworth of the military committee and later Senator Poindexter, republican, Washington, who is in charge of the naval appropriation bill, objected. They were tempted to avert war with Panama and Costa Rica.

Official confirmation that President Porras of Panama had signed a declaration of war was lacking and from Costa Rica no information had been received.

Just what measures will be adopted will not be determined, it was said, until the facts are officially communicated. It was admitted, however, that despite the predicament presented in the laying out of any course on the eve of a change of administration, some decisive action might be necessary if fighting started.

The obvious remedy offered of landing American troops to avert a clash was dismissed by those who believed both governments could be induced to listen to friendly council and if not to a stern warning.

Information received continued to be essentially the same as that contained in press dispatches. The news of the Panama government for aid in recovering guns surrendered many years ago to the United States authorities, cannot be completed with it, was said, because long ago they were disposed of and the money returned to Panama. The United States, it was also said, was not eager to assist in arming the Panamanians, since to do so would enable them to bring about the situation the department is anxious to avert.

Situation in Province Of Bar Growing Grave

Rome, Feb. 27.—The situation in Barj province is grave, following the clashes between socialists and members of the Fascist, or extreme nationalist party and the struggle is assuming a dangerous aspect, says a dispatch at Temp. The general strike proclaimed by the socialists has extended.

Minervino Murce may be considered a prey to civil war, according to the dispatch, and armed bands continue to overrun the countryside, where bloody encounters are occurring. At Terlizzi the socialists attempted to storm an Agrarian club. The police fired, wounding some soldiers. Similar incidents occurred in Putignano and Noce.

At Conversano a dozen persons were wounded, three seriously, including a lieutenant who died.

The Weather

Forecast. Nebraska—Partly cloudy and warmer.

Veteran of World War Heads Navy Department



Edwin Denby

Denby Accepts Appointment in Harding Cabinet

World War Veteran Pledges Himself to Keep Naval Fighting Machine Ready for Battle at Moment's Notice.

St. Augustine, Feb. 27.—Edwin Denby, gunner, mate in Sampson's fleet and sergeant of marines in the war, accepted the portfolio of navy, with a pledge to maintain the naval fighting machine at "the highest peak of power, ready for battle at any time."

As his assistant he will have Theodore Roosevelt, jr., son of the former president, and he will begin his administration under a policy that calls for adherence to the present naval building program until the nations may be brought into a definite agreement to reduce armaments.

Mr. Harding will leave tomorrow night for Marion, where his neighbors will give him a farewell celebration Tuesday. He expects to reach Washington Thursday, the day before inauguration.

Confirmation of Mr. Denby's selection followed a conference in which he laid before the president his opinion of what the next administration should do. Afterward he would discuss detailed policies.

Unusual Naval Experience. Although he came into the cabinet at the last minute as a dark horse, Mr. Denby brings to the secretaryship an unusual background of naval experience. Besides having been an enlisted man in wartime in both the navy and the marine corps, he has served as a member of the house naval committee and has gained through close contact, a knowledge of conditions beyond the insular possessions in the Pacific.

In response to questions about the naval policy of his present administration, the secretary-to-be only smiled and shook his head. He did take occasion, however, to declare his unqualified approval of the anti-war order of Secretary Daniels.

For Mr. Daniels, he expressed highest regard and one of his first acts as secretary-designate was to send a telegram to the Navy department head, thanking him for past courtesies. Going to a telegraph stand in the hotel, he scribbled the following in lead pencil:

"Your kind reference to me in the press has been most cordial thanks. I shall see you in Washington in a day or two, I hope."

The meeting will not be the first between the retiring secretary and his successor. During the war when Mr. Denby was serving at the age of 48, as a marine sergeant, he broke a regulation and was under fire on an effort to smooth some troubles of the men serving with him.

"The secretary might have court-martialed me," he said, "but he did not."

Most of the prospective secretary's service with the marines was in the morale department, though he was abroad for a brief period as observer and was under fire on the American front. Before the war ended he had risen from private to second lieutenant, serving with the latter rank as morale officer at the Paris Island training station.

Mr. Denby, who is a lawyer by profession, comes of fighting stock, an uncle and a grandfather having served as officers in the American navy. His father, a democrat until he refused to support W. J. Bryan in 1896, was American minister to China under Cleveland. Young Denby accompanied him and spent nine years in the far east. He was in the navy throughout the Spanish-American war and as gunnery mate, participated in the blockade of Havana.

Mr. Roosevelt's appointment as assistant secretary, also falls in with a family tradition, his father having first come to national fame while occupying that post and his cousin, Frank H. Roosevelt, having filled it until he resigned to accept the democratic nomination for the vice presidency. Mr. Roosevelt also is a veteran of the world war, having served as a lieutenant-colonel in France. He is 33 years old and a member of the New York assembly.

Bachelor Tax Measure Sent to Montana Governor

Helena, Mont., Feb. 27.—A bill providing for a special tax of \$5 on all bachelors residing in Montana was passed by the senate. It now goes to the governor. A senate committee amendment to make the law applicable to spinsters was killed by the senate.

FAST TRAINS IN COLLISION NEAR CHICAGO

Michigan Central and New York Passengers Collide at Porter—Derailment Given as Cause.

Railroads Send Relief

By The Associated Press. Chicago, Feb. 27.—The Michigan Central railroad officially announced tonight that between 30 and 40 persons had been killed in a wreck at Porter, Ind.

Relief trains were sent from here and Michigan City, Ind. The wreck occurred when train No. 20 on the Michigan Central derailed and collided with a New York Central train. The New York Central announced two men on its train had been killed. The Michigan Central train left Chicago at 5:35 p. m. for the east.

The officials said that it was presumed that the Michigan Central train either ran into a closed switch or else the rails spread as the two trains were passing.

The Michigan Central and the New York Central use the same tracks out of Chicago.

There is a railroad junction, 50 miles from Chicago. It is there that the New York Central lines cross those of the Pere Marquette. The nearest cities are Gary and Michigan City, Ind. The tracks cross in open country.

Loan of \$187,000,000 To Russia Becomes Due; No Steps to Collect

Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—Certificates of indebtedness signed by a representative of the Kerensky government of Russia for a loan of \$187,000,000 have expired, the senate was informed by Secretary Houston. The obligation is therefore a demand on, he added, with interest and principal payable immediately, but no steps have been taken toward the collection.

The debt now amounts to over \$200,000,000, he said.

The information was given in response to a senate resolution and said that the advances had been made to the Russian government for its own purposes. No part of the funds were set apart by the United States for the support of the Russian embassy here, the secretary said, although some of the funds were used for that purpose. The interest was fixed at from 3-1/2 to 4-1/2 per cent.

Farmer, Despondent Over Money Matters, Kills Self With Gun

Scott, Neb., Feb. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Despondent over financial matters, Frank Walbreth, 27, farmer living near Scott, committed suicide Saturday night by shooting himself through the head with a 30-30 caliber rifle.

The man was alone in the house at the time, his wife and small baby having gone to visit her sister on a neighboring farm. Upon returning to her home late in the night, the wife found the lifeless form of her husband on the floor in the house.

Walbreth had left a note stating that his financial troubles had become too heavy to bear.

Bandits Miss Purse In Searching Victim

When two bandits held up J. M. Baker, 2226 Ohio street, at 8:30 Saturday night in the rear of his home, they failed to find a purse containing \$8 which Baker had tucked away in an inside pocket. The bandits obtained \$20 from their victim.

Fogke "em up," one of the pair commanded as Baker stepped from his barn after feeding his horse. Baker complied while the robbers went through his pockets.

Both bandits were white and wore no masks, Baker told detectives.

Well-Known Financier Dies at California Home

San Francisco, Feb. 27.—David Perry Doak, widely known in New York and California financial circles, died at his home near Oakville, in the Napa Valley, north of San Francisco Bay.

Mr. Doak, who was reputed to be several times a millionaire, first came to California in 1899 as a representative of the Gould interests. Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Miss Elizabeth, who has exhibited at a number of the large horse shows.

Mexican Arrested as He Attempts to Hold Up Man

Theodore Cui, Mexican-Jew, 1107 Farnam street, employed at the Liberty cafe, Fourteenth and Douglas streets, was arrested Saturday at Eleventh and Farnam streets by Policeman Guy Wright, who alleges that Cui was in the act of holding up Walter Palesky, 5306 O street, South Side. Palesky said that Cui threatened his life when he found no money in his pockets.

Residents of Bay Islands To Ask Self-Government

San Salvador, Feb. 27.—Self-government for the Bay Islands, off the north coast of Honduras, will