

DEATH OF 14 DUE TO BRITTLE RAIL

Southern Train Crushes Steel and Tumbles Into Mud and Water.

GOULD ESCAPES UNHURT

Millionaire and Son Continue Trip for Outing—Several Bodies Believed to Be Still in Submerged Cars.

GREENSBORO, N. C., Dec. 15.—Local passenger train No. 11, on the Southern Railway, known as the Richmond and Atlanta train, due in Greensboro at 6:40 o'clock, was wrecked this morning at 6:32 o'clock at Reedy Fork trestle, 10 miles north of here, and at 6 o'clock tonight 12 dead bodies had been removed from the wreckage. It is reported that 14 are dead and 24 injured are being cared for at St. Leo's Hospital.

Those Who Met Death.

- The identified dead: A. P. Cone, superintendent of the Richmond & Danville division of the Southern Railway, Washington, D. C. H. C. White, traveling auditor, Washington, D. C. Tasso Dammals, porter on the Richmond sleeper. C. B. Nolan, Pullman conductor, Greensboro. Frank W. Kirby, Birmingham, Ala., or Wilkesbarre, N. C. (reported from both places). Virgil E. Holcomb, Mount Airy, N. C. Ed Seaton, Denton, N. C. Richard Eames, mining engineer, of Salisbury, N. C. Charles L. Brookfield, Amherst, Ga. John G. Brokaw, Richmond, N. C. The body of an unknown white man, apparently 25 years old, was recovered into this afternoon.

Gould and His Son Unhurt.

George J. Gould, who, with his son, Jay, was in one of the Pullmans when the train jumped the track, and who was reported dead, escaped uninjured. He, his son, Jay, and a friend, H. B. Russell, of New York, ex-editor of the Metropolitan Magazine, had just got out of their berths when the wreck occurred. Mr. Russell was badly hurt by coming in contact with a car stove, and is at the hospital.

Broken Rail Is Cause.

The derailment was caused by a broken rail about 200 feet from the trestle that spans a small stream. The train was composed of two baggage, express and mail cars, three day coaches and two Pullmans. The engine, baggage, mail and express cars passed over in safety, while the day coaches and Pullmans were thrown from the trestle into the creek and along the banks 20 to 30 feet below.

Cars Fall in Water and Mud.

The wheels ran on the ties until near the trestle, when the outside wheels went over, allowing the brakebeams and axles to fall on the guard rails of the bridge. As the last coach was on the trestle the five coaches toppled over, broke loose from the mail and express car and tumbled into the mud and water below. The Norfolk Pullman fell into the water, while the Richmond sleeper, just in front, landed only partially in the water. Most of the injured and killed in the sleepers were in the Richmond sleeper, which was totally demolished. The Norfolk sleeper was not so badly torn up, but fell on its side in the swollen stream, submerging many passengers.

Several Bodies Still in Wreck.

The appearance of the dead at the undertaker's shops showed that some were scalded to death and others were badly mutilated, while one was cut in half at the waist, his dismembered parts being found at opposite ends of the coach. At 5 o'clock this afternoon the track had been cleared. Three cars have not been raised, and it is believed that several bodies will be found beneath the wreckage.

HORSEBUYER IS ARRESTED

Man Wanted for Giving Bad Checks Caught in Kalamazoo.

COLFAX, Wash., Dec. 15.—Dr. F. M. Coe, veterinary surgeon, horse trader and trainer, has been arrested in Kalamazoo, Mich. Sheriff Carter, of Whitman County, issued circulars for Coe's arrest, and will try to procure extradition papers. Coe purchased \$3000 worth of horses in Whitman County, delivered in Spokane, giving the farmers alleged worthless checks. The horses were shipped from Spokane. Whitman County losers are: A. Wilson, Belmont, four horses, \$1000; D. L. Dutton, Rosco, two teams, \$1000; Eugene Dwyer estate, Belmont, \$650; John Degound, of Thornton, and Sam Crubaker, of Colfax, lost small amounts. Coe assumed the name of Richards.

MORGAN, JR., BACK HOME

J. Pierpont's Offspring Not Going to Succeed Father Yet.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—J. P. Morgan, Jr., returned to the United States today from England. He denied the report that he would take over his father's interests, but intimated that he would make his home in the United States. "Every time I come to the United States," he said, "there is the report that I have come to take charge of my father's business. It is no more true now than it was three or four years ago."

SEATTLE MAN IS HONORED

Guy K. Calhoun May Get Mathematics Chair at Annapolis.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 15.—Representative Humphrey today introduced a bill authorizing the appointment of Guy K. Calhoun, of

Seattle, as professor of mathematics at Annapolis Naval Academy.

Calhoun was appointed midshipman at Annapolis, and after entering the academy was taken ill with typhoid. While delirious, he jumped from a hospital window and received injuries which made it impossible for him to perform active service as a naval officer. He is a mathematical genius, however, and the academy authorities do not want to lose him. They have approved the Humphrey bill.

WORK ON OKANAGON BLOCKED

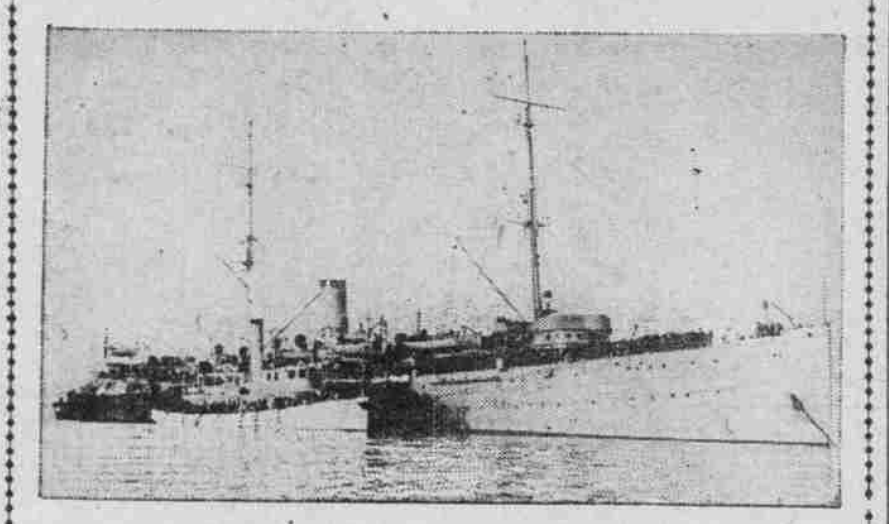
Secretary of War Reports Adversely on River Improvement.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 15.—Secretary of War Dickenson today sent to Congress an adverse report on the proposed improvement of the Okanogan River, in Washington, from its mouth to Riverdale, a distance of 42 miles. Investigation showed that this river could not be made navigable without constructing an expensive system of canals, and, in the opinion of Army engineers, the commerce, present and prospective, is not sufficient to justify this expenditure by the Government, at least at this time. The adverse report will prevent any appropriation in the river and harbor bill for the Okanogan River.

Whitman Wants Walla Walla Post.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 15.—The Senate sub-committee on military affairs today gave a hearing to persons interested in the transfer of the Walla Walla military

TRANSPORT PULLED OFF MUD BANK WILL MAKE SECOND ATTEMPT TODAY TO SAIL FOR COLON WITH MARINES.



PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15.—The United States transport *Prairie* is still lying at the Philadelphia Navy yard with 700 marines and all munitions of war on board. It was announced tonight she would sail at 7 o'clock tomorrow morning for Colon. The *Prairie* had steam up and was ready to sail today when orders were received delaying her departure until tomorrow.

reservation to Whitman College, but

receiving no consideration. Those who participated in the hearing feel reassured and expect a favorable report. The full committee will undoubtedly follow the recommendation of the sub-committee.

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Bennett Bill and Mann Act, Clash, Old 'State's Rights' Question Revived by Alabama Solon.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The effect of the present Congress to suppress the "white slave traffic" has caused a materialization of the ancient spectre of "state's rights," and the House committee on interstate and foreign commerce, before which the Mann bill is pending, is at loggerheads over the question. Representative Richardson, of Alabama, takes the position that the bill constitutes an effort by the Federal Government to regulate the morals of the state. The House committee on immigration is also meeting a few obstacles in its consideration of the "white slaves" question. When the committee took up the Bennett bill today it was found that the measure clashed in many ways with the Mann bill, now before the committee on interstate and foreign commerce, and an effort to reach an agreement between the committees on the subject was undertaken. The immigration committee named a sub-committee of three members—Hayes of California, Gardner of Massachusetts, and Burnett of Alabama—to confer informally with Mr. Mann's committee and endeavor to influence the withdrawal of the Mann measure, with the understanding that the immigration committee would in turn report the Bennett bill favorably to the House. The immigration committee will hear the report of the sub-committee tomorrow.

REAL ROBBER REASSURES

Drugstore Holdup Man Vexed by Pretender's Arts.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—Chief of Police Cook received a letter today asserting that missives received yesterday ostensibly from the mysterious robber who had committed a series of holdups here during the past fortnight, were not genuine and assuring the chief that neither Detective Sergeant Thomas Ryan nor the Gleason-Courmen drugstore need expect further attacks from him. The letter, said: "I read in this evening's paper a letter supposed to have been written by me and I want to say that some one has been trying to have fun with you, as I did not write any such missive. Mr. Ryan need not be afraid of being attacked. Neither does the Gleason-Courmen drug store need to keep watch on my account. I know what I have had enough. The Real Drugstore Holdup."

Heirs Reopen Old Litigation.

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—Additional legal complications have been found in the long-delayed settlement of the estate of Andrew Davis, of Pine Mount, whose several million dollars' worth of mining property has been the subject of litigation in the courts of Massachusetts, Montana and the United States for more than 15 years. The present phase of the case is a petition to the Massachusetts Supreme Court for a readjustment of the estate among the heirs on the petition of Ellen S. Corne and Herbert P. Cummings, administrators of the estate of Sarah M. Cummings.

BROKAW DRUNK, MAID DECLARES

Little English Needed to Describe Condition, According to Servant.

WEALTH PUT IN EVIDENCE

Father Left \$1,400,000, Much in Standard Oil Stock, When He Died—Debts Reduce Balance With Bankers.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—"If I were a woman," said John F. McIntyre today, "and my husband spent \$300,000 a year on me, I would live with him."

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might have conveyed to the son during his lifetime.

The treasurer of a banking and brokerage house swore that his firm held securities for W. Gould Brokaw valued at \$1,244,000, but that there is a debit column of \$1,000,000, which leaves Mr. Brokaw a present balance of only \$244,000, subject to market fluctuations.

Long Telegrams Sent.

Some days as many as 15 telegrams passed, many of them containing 150 words or so. These messages were withheld for later reading. They are expected to produce the conviction of the test.

Testimony of other witnesses for Mrs. Brokaw, in corroboration of her assertion that she was subjected to unjust espionage by servants, had her liberty restricted and was otherwise made miserable by her husband's jealousy and fits of temper, is yet to be introduced. It is now indicated that the testimony of servants on the Brokaw estate at Great Neck will play a considerable part in the development of the case for the plaintiff. It is possible also that Mr. Brokaw will take the stand in his defense.

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