



ALL CREW BLAMED AT WRECK INQUEST

Coroner's Jury Finds Engineer Incapacitated.

BENEFIT OF DOUBT GIVEN

Brakeman and Conductor Also Held Responsible.

COMPANY HOLDS INQUIRY

Tests at Scene of Collision Held to Show Trainmen Failed to Check Up on Motorman.

Responsibility for the head-on collision of the two Southern Pacific electric passenger trains near Bertha station Sunday morning was placed definitely on all members of the crew of train No. 124, the inbound passenger, in a verdict returned at an early hour this morning by a coroner's jury in the inquest called by Dr. Earl Smith, coroner.

The three trainmen who are held responsible for the tragedy which resulted in the death of nine and the injuring of more than 40 persons are: D. K. Willett, engineer, who was killed in the wreck; Armin Pharis, conductor, and W. Fisch, brakeman. Pharis and Fisch are at Good Samaritan hospital as a result of injuries sustained in the collision.

The jury, however, gave the dead engineer the benefit of doubt when it expressed the belief that Willett, just prior to the wreck, had been rendered mentally or physically incapacitated.

Engineer's Complaints Related.

There was no testimony that might have been the case except for the deposition of Conductor Pharis, which stated that Willett had complained once or twice Sunday morning that he was feeling ill.

"We, the undersigned jurors, find these deaths were caused by a head-on collision of Southern Pacific trains No. 124 and No. 107, and that the wreck was caused by the failure of the train crew of No. 124 to execute orders.

"It is our opinion that Engineer Willett of train No. 124 was rendered mentally or physically, or both, incapacitated by some unknown cause prior to reaching the clearance of the siding, and remained so up to the time of collision."

Testimony Duplicates Inquiry.

The jurors were J. R. Bailey, J. G. Thatcher, H. M. Fitzpatrick, C. J. Mathis, T. H. Craig and Eugene White.

The testimony at the inquest was for the most part a duplication of the evidence submitted at the official railroad inquiry yesterday afternoon. Conductor Johnson and Brakeman O'Connor of train No. 107 both offered testimony identical to that given earlier in the day.

D. J. McLaughlin, Southern Pacific train dispatcher for the west-side electric lines, testified that orders for the two trains to meet at the Bertha station siding had been given to both Conductors Johnson and Pharis, and copies of these orders, bearing the signatures of the conductors, were introduced in evidence.

A. T. Mercier, superintendent of the Southern Pacific, testified concerning his investigation of the wreck and upon question by Deputy District Attorney Bernard, gave it as his opinion that all members of the crew of train No. 124 were responsible for the collision.

Walter James, one of the first to reach the scene of the collision, and who rendered first aid to the injured, and Dr. George Parrish, city health officer, also testified.

Testimony Is Recorded.

At the request of Chairman Buchtel of the public service commission, and G. B. Winter, inspector for the interstate commerce commission, the inquest testimony was made a part of the official record of these bodies.

The Southern Pacific board of inquiry, in actual tests made yesterday afternoon at the scene of the accident, brought out the fact that had Conductor Pharis and other members of the crew on electric train No. 124 been alert at their post of duty the collision would have been averted.

O. O. Johnson, conductor of the outgoing passenger No. 107, gave much of the testimony which tended to fix the responsibility upon the shoulders of Conductor Pharis and Brakeman Fisch equally with that of the dead engineer, S. K. Willett, of the incoming passenger.

Some Blame Put on Conductor.

"It is the conductor's business to see that the public service comes by and can see that the other train is in the siding at the place of meeting," testified Conductor Johnson, who escaped from the collision with slight bruises.

"You feel, then, that the conductor shares the responsibility with the engineer?" he was asked.

"Yes," was the answer; "those are the rules."

Conductor Johnson then testified that had he been the conductor of the other train, he would have made certain that the train to be met was in the siding at the Bertha station.

LADY CYNTHIA CURZON MARRIED IN LONDON

SOVEREIGNS OF BRITAIN AND BELGIUM AT WEDDING.

Elaborateness and Beauty of Bride's Trousseau Talk of Feminine World for Days.

LONDON, May 11.—Two kings, with their queens, the sovereigns of Belgium and Great Britain, were among the distinguished personages who attended today the wedding of Lady Cynthia Curzon, daughter of Earl Curzon, foreign secretary, and Lieutenant Oswald Ewald Mosley, M. P. in the before her marriage was Mary Victoria Leiter, daughter of the late Levi Z. Leiter of Chicago.

EVANSVILLE, IND., GAINS

Increase of 22.4 Per Cent Reported by Census Bureau.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Population statistics for the following cities were announced today by the census bureau:

- Evansville, Ind., 85,264; increase 15.2 per cent.
- Jamestown, N. Y., 38,898; increase 7.61, or 24.3 per cent.
- Bisbee, Ariz., 9,205; increase 136, or 2.1 per cent.
- Tempe, Ariz., 11,033; increase 49, or 0.4 per cent.
- Medford, Mass., 28,687; increase 15, 537, or 67.1 per cent.
- Chicopee, Mass., 26,214; increase 10, 815, or 42.8 per cent.
- Sherman, Tex., 15,031; increase 2,691, or 21.1 per cent.
- Blus Island, Ill., 10,528; increase 248, or 29.9 per cent.
- Butler, Pa., 23,778; increase 5,050, or 14.7 per cent.
- Fort Collins, Colo., 8,734; increase 524, or 5.4 per cent.
- Patterson, N. J., 135,868; increase 19,266, or 8.2 per cent.
- Ottawa, Kan., 9,018; increase 1,368, or 17.2 per cent.
- Hackensack, N. J., 17,687; increase 3,617, or 25.7 per cent.
- Marlborough, Mass., 15,017; increase 48, or 2 per cent.

UNDERWOOD HOLDS LEAD

Senator and Representative Heflin Ahead in Alabama.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 11.—In complete and unofficial returns gathered tonight by the Birmingham Age-Herald showed Senator Oscar Underwood and Representative Thomas J. Heflin leading in the race for the senatorial nomination in the Alabama democratic primary.

Available figures at 9 o'clock were: Long term, Underwood 131, Muesgrove 946, Wesley 123; short term, Heflin 291, O'Neal 157, Rushton 144, White 125.

The length of the ballot, which contained the names of candidates for the national house of representatives from 10 districts and a number of state and local offices, together with the system of voting first and second choices, delayed the returns, particularly from rural districts.

CAFÉ PROPRIETOR KILLED

Man Conspicuous in "Night Life" of Chicago Shot Dead.

CHICAGO, May 11.—James Colosimo, restaurant proprietor and conspicuous in Chicago's "night life" for many years, was shot and instantly killed in a dining room of his cafe today. The unidentified slayer escaped. The body was found behind a door.

Several suspects were taken into custody. The police expressed the theory that the slaying was the result of a gambler's war.

STEAMER RATES GO UP

Teachers Going to Honolulu Exempted From Increase.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 11.—Announcement that single passage rates between here and Honolulu will be increased by \$20 each June 1 was made today by the six steamship companies clearing out of here for that port.

Teachers will be exempted from the increase for the part they are playing in the Americanization of the islands, it was announced.

BLUEBEARD TO WRITE MEMOIRS

Watson to Give Life to "Warning."

MEMORY OF ONE IS TENDER

Mrs. E. H. Williamson Brings Gifts to Prisoner.

CANADIAN "LIST" FOUND

Medical Lake, Idaho, Tested for Depth Before Drowning of Alice M. Ludvigsen.

LOS ANGELES, May 11.—James P. Watson—that is the name the papers will bear that will commit to San Quentin penitentiary for life imprisonment the bigamist-murderer who, authorities say, has confessed to the murders of nine of his score or more wives—announced today from the prison ward of the Los Angeles county hospital that he would write his "memoirs."

"My pen," he said, "may send forth a warning which may be helpful to many who have started on the downward path."

In his spare hours at the penitentiary, he said, he planned to complete his "memoirs" upon which he already has stashed a number of pages.

"I shall dedicate the remainder of my life to study," he said.

He spoke of two early marriages in the past years ago, saying he had been legally divorced each time.

Killing Mania Recent.

"It was only within a comparatively short and recent time," he declared, "that I have felt the mania to kill. I am confident I was on the road to recovery when Nina Lee DeLoney threatened to expose me and I had to kill her."

Watson asserted he had told his "whole story" and was "ready to do anything he could to atone for his crimes."

He was quoted, however, as saying he was "not sure" but another victim might be added to the nine confessed "when the strain of the last few weeks will have subsided."

Memory of One Cherished.

A new list of names of women, chiefly residents of Winnipeg, Manitoba, today called at the prison ward of the county hospital and bade him an affectionate farewell, preparatory to departing tonight for her home in Sacramento, Cal.

She gave him a tube of toothpaste, a tooth brush and \$1.20 in change, all she was quoted as saying, she could afford to give him.

The prisoner, who said he was christened Joseph Gillam, and that he had taken the name of Dan Holden, declared Mrs. Williamson was "the only one of the many women with whom I have had to do who has had nothing to say against me."

"She has borne with me in my suffering," he continued. "Her memory will be my most valued possession."

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346,319 REGISTER FOR STATE ELECTIONS

228,571 ARE REPUBLICANS, 93,405 DEMOCRATS.

Records for 1920 Show Increase of About 30,000 Over 1918.

SALEM, Or., May 11.—(Special.)—Registration of voters in Oregon for the primary and special elections to be held on May 21, total 346,319, according to figures made public today by Sam A. Koser, assistant secretary of state. Of these 228,571 are classified as republicans, 93,405 democrats, and 24,343 miscellaneous. The registrations under the head of miscellaneous include prohibitionists, socialists, progressives and all others than republican and democrats.

Prior to the special election held in June, 1919, there were 289,980 registered voters in Oregon, while prior to the general election in November, 1918, the registered voters aggregated 215,410.

The registration for this year shows an increase in the state of about 30,000 over that of two years ago. Registration of the state, segregated by counties, follows:

County	Rep.	Dem.	Misc.
Baker	4,284	4,042	383
Benton	4,232	1,888	682
Clackamas	12,260	4,671	1,392
Clatsop	1,193	1,962	548
Columbia	5,090	1,102	483
Coos	2,412	896	490
Crook	1,955	779	66
Curry	1,825	1,112	11
Deschutes	2,680	1,254	309
Douglas	5,966	1,084	658
Gilliam	449	459	46
Grant	1,825	892	112
Harney	1,519	1,059	187
Hood River	1,234	3,200	396
Jackson	6,175	3,200	803
Jefferson	836	412	121
Josephine	1,193	667	284
Klamath	5,138	1,319	264
Lane	12,114	4,115	1,752
Linn	10,894	4,820	949
Lincoln	2,762	969	428
Malheur	7,390	4,380	1,236
Morrow	1,550	1,020	279
Multnomah	53,299	27,418	8,836
Polk	4,982	2,554	843
Wasco	1,825	892	134
Tillamook	2,969	834	361
Union	1,193	667	284
Wagon Wheel	3,772	2,300	458
Wallowa	2,412	1,300	209
Wasco	4,232	1,781	369
Washington	8,819	2,889	1,179
Wheeler	1,193	309	36
Yamhill	4,491	2,220	1,248

POLES OUST BOLSHIEVIKI

Odesa, Important Port of Southern Russia, Reported Captured.

WARSAW, May 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—Polish forces have ousted the bolsheviks from the Kiev bridgehead on the east bank of the Dnieper, according to latest army reports received here, and have driven them farther eastward from that river.

The bolsheviks have continued their artillery fire, but the shells are not reaching Kiev.

The Poles have established themselves throughout the bridgehead and have moved their artillery to the east bank of the Dnieper. Kiev is reported quiet.

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 11.—The Russian embassy here has received a report that the Poles and Ukrainians have captured Odesa, the most important city and seaport of southern Russia on the Black sea.

B'NAI B'RITH IN SESSION

Portland Among Cities in Field for Next Convention.

CLEVELAND, O., May 11.—Adolf Kraus of Chicago, president of the Independent Order B'nai B'rith and other officers were re-elected at the 11th annual convention here today. Indications were that A. B. Seclerfound of Chicago would be re-appointed secretary.

Constantinople, Washington, Atlantic City, Tampa, Seattle, Portland (Or.), Boston and St. Paul are in the field for the next meeting.

A motion to lower the age from 21 to 18 for admission into the organization was defeated.

BOYCOTT ON 'SPUDS' CLIPS TON PRICE \$10

SEATTLE RESTAURATEURS WIN FIGHT WITH JOBBERS.

Retail Quotation \$160 and \$170. Dealers Say Farmers Originate Decline.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 11.—(Special.)—Seattle restaurant proprietors have won their fight launched in the form of a boycott, to hammer down the price of old potatoes. This cheer-fest bit of news to housewives and others came to the surface this morning when the jobbers along Western avenue announced that they had clipped \$10 off each ton of Yakima Gems and are now offering them to the retail trade at \$150 and \$170 a ton.

This is the first sign of weakening the wholesalers have exhibited since the boycott was inaugurated. But they are reluctant to attribute the slump to the boycott. They say that while there was a noticeable letup in the demand for old spuds immediately following the start of the boycott the movement is easier now, despite the fact, they point out, that the supply in the Yakima valley is virtually exhausted. One jobber said this morning that the producer is selling at a lower figure, thereby enabling the Seattle dealers to reduce their price.

FREIGHT TRAIN WRECKED

Passenger Traffic on Southern Pacific Delayed Some Hours.

EUGENE, Or., May 11.—(Special.)—A freight train wreck in Eugene this afternoon at 1:40 o'clock tied up all passenger traffic on the main line of the Southern Pacific for several hours. As an extra northbound freight was running at the usual rate of speed in Fairmount, near the University of Oregon campus, the journal on a car in the middle of the train broke, causing four cars to pile up. One of these, loaded with cement, was reduced to splinters; a gondola car, loaded with limestone for the Oswego cement plant, was thrown 15 feet and overturned; a boxcar, loaded with lamps, and another boxcar were badly smashed.

Passenger train No. 15, southbound, due out of Eugene at 1:50 o'clock, was held up until 7:30, and No. 14, northbound, due here at 5 o'clock, was held on the other side of the wreck until that time. No one was injured.

RELIGION COSTS MORE

Increased Giving Urged at Conference of Congregationalists.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 11.—The highest cost of religion received attention in the annual report made here today by the Southern California congregational conference by Dr. George P. Kennegott, superintendent.

"The dollar will no longer buy a dollar's worth of religion any more than it will anything else," declared Dr. Kennegott, in urging increased giving to make up large deficits faced by the national societies of the denomination and the increases in expense in every line that, he said, must be met this year.

HOUSE VOTES \$420,000,000

Sundry Civil Appropriations Bill Is Passed.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—The house today passed the sundry civil appropriations bill carrying approximately \$420,000,000, more than two-thirds of which will go for payment of war risk compensation claims.

The appropriation also covers the cost of transporting bodies of American war dead from Europe.

SOCIALISTS WANT NO RADICAL RULE

"Red Flag" Contingent Is Voted Down.

BITTERNESS MARKS DEBATE

Session of Party's National Convention Hot One.

"CONSERVATIVES WIN" OUT

Proposals for "Dictatorship of Proletariat" Throughout U. S. Are Decisively Defeated.

NEW YORK, May 11.—The "red flag" of internationalism of the socialist party of America went down to their first real defeat in the party's national convention here today.

By the decisive vote of 103 to 33 the convention crushed a "radical" declaration of principles submitted by the delegation from Illinois, which provided for the "dictatorship of the proletariat" and limitation of citizenship throughout the United States.

Bitterness of invective marked the day-long debate between the "conservative" forces of Morris Hillquit of New York and the "radicals," led by J. Louis Engdahl of Chicago.

Radical Felled, Retires.

"You are afraid of the dictatorship of the proletariat," shouted Engdahl in closing the debate on the Illinois measure. "Yet you have the dictatorship of Palmer, Wilson and Burleson. You can't fool anybody by phrases, nor can you fool anybody with the decorations of this convention hall, the American flag, the flag of Wall Street and the dictatorship of Wilson."

"There is only one road to victory. There is only one flag, the red flag of international socialism. We can do nothing better than ally ourselves with our comrades in Russia, Italy and everywhere else, where they believe in international socialism."

"I see only one kind of socialism, international world socialism. We cannot compete as phrasemongers with the labor party, the non-partisan league, the committee of 48, or any of the old parties. But we can compete with all in the phrase of revolutionary socialism."

No Dictatorship Wanted.

James O'Neal of Brooklyn, arguing for the victorious Hillquit "conservative" platform bitterly arraigned the word "dictatorship."

"Are we scientific socialists, or are we dogmatists?" asked O'Neal. "The time and conditions which favored the Russian revolution must be studied before we attempt to adopt them here."

"I don't like the word dictatorship. Let it go throughout the country that you favor a dictatorship of the proletariat and you cease to be a political party. Introduce such a resolution and you must do your work underground, or you will be driven under by Sweet at Albany and the politicians at Washington, who exercise such a dictatorship, but that would not excuse us."

Democracy Not So Bad.

"Bourgeois democracy, with all its shame and blunders, permits in normal times decision by an honest and fair discussion. To espouse the dictatorship programme would turn every

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WOMAN, 29, POISONS 3 RELATIVES; 2 DIE

STELLA HYMAN, SALINA, KAN., MAKES CONFESSION.

Sister and Brother-in-Law Prevented Marriage With Father of Child, Is Assertion.

SALINA, Kan., May 11.—Confessions that they plotted the deaths by poisoning of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bunch, both of whom died at Lincoln Center, near here, nearly a year ago, were obtained from Miss Stella Hyman, 29 years old, and her nephew, Lee Bunch, 21-year-old son of the victims, County Attorney M. J. Healy announced tonight. According to the prosecutor, the pair were in love. Miss Hyman, the prosecutor alleged, admitted to him today that she administered fly poison first in coffee to her sister who died August 1 last, and then to her brother-in-law, who died August 14. The same poison was given Lee's sister, Nancy, who escaped with her life, but was left permanently an invalid, according to physicians, the county attorney said.

Her motive for the crime, Miss Hyman is said to have said, was that she was the mother of a child of which Lee Bunch, son of the couple she killed, was the father, and that his parents would not let him marry her. She said also that her sister and brother-in-law abused her. Miss Hyman said she poisoned Mrs. Bunch first. After his return from the funeral, Mr. Bunch continued to abuse her and threatened her with a revolver, she said.

"I thought I might as well kill him as to have him kill me," her statement said in explaining the poisoning of Bunch.

Lee Bunch in his statement tonight at Lincoln Center admitted, according to Mr. Healy, that he helped his aunt plot the deaths. The prosecutor said Miss Hyman admitted that she had administered the poison.

Both Miss Hyman and Lee Bunch are being held in jail here pending a further investigation.

PASSENGERS LEAVE SHIP

Pershing and Others Are Taken Off Stranded Transport.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, May 10.—General John J. Pershing, Governor Yager and other passengers aboard the United States transport Northern Pacific, which went aground at the mouth of the harbor Sunday afternoon, were brought ashore this afternoon in launches.

It was expected that all the passengers would be off the vessel before dark.

MORE CERTIFICATES OUT

New Issue of \$100,000,000 Offered by Secretary Houston.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—Secretary Houston tonight offered another issue of treasury certificates of indebtedness amounting to \$100,000,000 or more.

The issue will be dated May 17 and mature November 15, with interest at 5 1/2 per cent.

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ADVISER URGES ACTION

Attorney-General Brown's Recommendations on "Obsolete" Gravity Measure Followed.

SALEM, Or., May 11.—(Special.)—The people of Oregon have no cause to fear that their industries will be crippled and their social welfare menaced through the operation of the so-called 56-degree gravity gasoline law, now in effect in this state, as long as Governor Olcott is clothed with the power to grant pardons. This was made plain in a statement issued by the governor following a conference with State Treasurer Hoff and Attorney-General Brown this afternoon.

"The gasoline situation in Oregon has reached an acute crisis through which industries are not only threatened, but crippled, and there is an immediate probability of no more gasoline being shipped into the state," said the governor's statement. "The use of gasoline has become so closely linked with every phase of modern life that any serious curtailment of its supply is nothing short of a catastrophe."

Fines Can Be Remitted.

"The alarming condition which exists is largely due to the law of the 1917 legislature which prohibits the sale of gasoline of less than 56 degrees specific gravity. The 1920 legislature had an opportunity to do some constructive work by wiping this absurd statute from the statute books and the lower house was unanimously in favor of so doing, but in the senate, by a closely divided vote, the amendment was killed. As a result the people of the state are in a condition which already is causing a heavy loss to business.