

IDENTIFY 23 DEAD IN CRASH OF BUS AND FAST FREIGHT

Three of Sixteen Youths Injured Are in Critical Condition—Authorities Press Investigation of Tragedy

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 2.—(AP)—With the death of a youth early today, toll of the nation's worst school bus-train disaster rose to 23 identified victims.

Sixteen youths, all occupants of the crowded bus that was hit 10 miles south of here yesterday by a speeding freight train roaring through an early-morning snowstorm, were injured, three critically.

Salt Lake general hospital authorities said one badly mangled body remained unidentified. However, morgue attendants said it was possible the mangled form was part of one or several of the identified children.

Many Badly Mangled
Some of the dead were so badly mangled parents were not allowed to see the bodies.

"The remains are complete enough to represent one or even two bodies and we shall have to regard them as a separate entity until we are positive more children were not killed," said one morgue worker.

Engineer E. L. Rehmer, warned of the impending collision only an instant before the crash, plunged on the brakes, but the heavy 50-car train thundered its entire quarter-mile length further, showering bodies and wreckage, before grinding to a stop.

The caboose halted at the point where the engine had struck, and soon sweeping parents and classmates were carrying the injured into the caboose, out of the wet snow.

Remnants Gathered
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Bereaved relatives were making arrangements today for a mass funeral. The high school, its classes suspended upon word of the tragedy, remained closed, students and teachers too deeply shocked to return.

County Attorney Harold E. Wallace, said there would be no inquest since there was "no question of criminal guilt and all the facts that could be brought out at such an inquiry are already known."

A graphic description of the crash came from David E. Witter, 22, unemployed truck driver riding in a box car 20 cars behind the engine, en route from Denver to his home at Vallejo, Calif.

"The impact threw me across the car on my side," Witter said. "I scrambled to my feet and ran to the side door, and saw a wheel flying through the air from the front of the train. My first impression was the engine had struck a cattle truck. When the train slowed down I jumped, and then I saw it was children—bodies of them, lying in the ditch, scattered along the track."

"They all looked so bewildered, just like they were coming out of a bad dream. Then they began to realize they were alive and began to scream."

Many Hounded
"There wasn't much anybody could do other than comfort the dying. The crash had torn the clothes off most of their bodies. So I went around covering them up as best I could. It seemed hours before anyone came who could really help."

At the hospital several bodies could be identified only by bits of clothing. Typical was the instance of a nurse appearing in a corridor with a boy's leather belt in one hand, calling, "Is Mr. Hunt here?"

Albert J. Hunt and South Jordan stepped forward and identified the belt as one his 17-year-old son, George, was wearing when he left home in the morning.

Nurses brought in scraps of clothing, bracelets, a bit of stocking, and held them up before the parents in the waiting room, to ask: "Can any-

Pope Surprises Pilgrims



Pope Pius XI astonished 400 pilgrims from Hungary by appearing before them to make a 10-minute address and walk unaided to his papal throne two days after suffering a heart attack which left him in weakened condition. This picture, sent by telephoto from Rome to London and by radio from London to New York, shows the pontiff standing in front of the throne on which he seated himself a moment later unaided. (A. P. photo.)

one identify these?"
A parent would stare, then burst into sobs upon recalling what the children had worn to school. There was a bit of bright blue plaid. None could identify it.

AGE OF CHILD SHOULD DECIDE KIND OF TOYS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

By Lydia Gray Shaw
AD Feature Service
Those toys under the Christmas tree can be a big help to the development of the child who gets them, and also "just the thing he wanted"—if they have been chosen with a little thought.

The play possibilities of the various age levels should be considered all the way.

Lightweight toys in bright colors are a good bet for the youngster.

The two-to-four age group, learning to co-ordinate eye and muscles, can get some help from large and simple toys along the building line.

At the six-to-eight level, girls turn more to dolls and handicraft; boys take up scientific toys, model building and trains.

There's a tendency to pick up hobbies in the eight-ten level. Weaving,

drawing and embroidering are popular with girls. Boys like trains and chemical sets.

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WOMAN EXTENDS DOLL HOBBY INTO FAMOUS BUSINESS

TURIN, Italy.—(AP)—Out of a war mother's loneliness has grown one of the world's foremost doll factories.

Santa Claus himself would be proud of a plant like Madame Lenci's here.

Her name, by the way, is really not Lenci at all, although her dolls are known that way on six continents. She is Signora Elena König di Scavini, the latter being her husband's name. "Lenci" was just a pet name for the girl, Elena König. Folks called her first dolls "Lenci" and the name stuck.

A born artist, she developed a passion for dolls and designing beautiful clothes for them. Trips into Austria and Germany inspired her to try for more varied costumes.

All this was for fun until her husband, an Italian aviator, went to war. While he was gone, her then only child died. Sorrowing and lonely, she turned to the making of dolls, partly to keep busy, partly to support herself.

Soon she needed outside help, mostly women and girls who worked for her in their own homes. Today her picturesque factory employs 300 workers and she maintains a sales exposition in the heart of Turin which is a first rate tourist attraction.

Orders now come to her for dolls for the world's great. Queen Elena of Italy buys them for gifts for the royal family. A doll was made to order last year for the queen of England. Crown Prince Umberto has bought enough of her creations to open a small museum if he so desired.

One of Madame Lenci's most famous orders was from Il Duce for four figures to be used as gifts to Japan. They were dressed in costumes distinctive of Rome, Sardinia, Lombardy and Piedmont. Mussolini has others made for his grandchildren.

Madame Lenci makes two kinds of dolls, one in ceramics and the other in cloth. The latter, when painted in flesh tones and provided with real hair, have an extremely natural appearance.

A collection of historical and geographical costumes, designs worthy of a Hollywood property director provide ideas for her famous costumes. She uses the finest materials available—genuine silks, satins, velvets and laces. The dolls Il Duce sent to Japan wore real jewels and cost \$100 each.

Railroads Desert Town
TECUMSEH, Mich.—(UP)—A town which in 1856 seemed destined to become a railroad center, Tecumseh now has neither railroad passenger nor mail service. At one time three railroad lines were in operation. The rail station is used as an overflow room for a Sunday school class.

Antarctic Forecasts Planned
SYDNEY, N.S.W.—(UP)—Plans to set up 12 meteorological stations in the Antarctic are under way. Sir Hubert Wilkins, the famous Australian explorer said on his arrival here from the United States.

SOVIET NURSERIES OVERFLOW UNDER NEW MARITAL LAW

MOSCOW.—(AP)—New nurseries for the babies of working mothers are springing up in many sections of the Soviet Union as the government strives to catch up with the demands of a swiftly increasing infant population.

The Soviet state has been busy since the reversal of the official policy of legal abortion and easy divorce. More women who work are having babies. The problem is how to build nurseries fast enough. Early this year new nurseries accommodating 89,640 infants up to three years of age had been built.

Others to care for 46,185 were under construction. Beds available in permanent nurseries at the end of 1937 had reached a total of 770,000. State nurseries on collective and state farms were equipped to handle 3,812,000 baby beds.

The Soviet began organizing nurseries immediately after the revolution. They were state institutions. Their function was to liberate women from drudgery and create favorable conditions for the development of children.

When 1,600,000 new women workers came into industry in 1928, with the first Five-Year plan, their organization on a big scale really began. Women worked both day and night shifts in mills and factories. And the

nursery service was organized to correspond with the mother's working hours.

Rural nurseries are of two types. The seasonal nursery, operating only during the greater employment in the fields, and permanent nurseries for the children of farm women who work all year 'round.

Children in state nurseries are fed, washed, get regular medical inspection and are under the care of trained nurses. Education begins in the crib.

State nurseries are becoming more and more part of the daily life of a Soviet community. Little children of all nationalities may be found in them. What the mother pays for the care of her child depends on her work and pay. For those in the lowest wage categories the service is free.

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