

New York - New Orleans Streamliners Crash Headon In Alabama, 18 Killed

WOODSTOCK, Ala. (AP) — The head-on collision of two New York-New Orleans streamliners killed 18 and injured 60 yesterday, and additional victims were hunted in the wreckage today.

The silver northbound Southerner pulled from a siding here into the path of the southbound Crescent. The head-on crash turned the first car of the southerner into a giant coffin.

The train met on a high railroad trestle 20 miles southwest of Birmingham. The Crescent was using the Southern tracks because

a bridge was out on the Louisville and Nashville lines near New Orleans, 330 miles away.

The southerner had stopped at the siding, and the Crescent was pulling out from the siding. The Crescent rounded a curve and roared into it.

"We were slammed back 80 feet," said George Newton, Seminary, Miss., a passenger in the third coach of the northbound train. "Everybody was running through the train screaming."

Normally the Crescent operates over the Southern to Atlanta, over the West point route to Montgomery, Ala. and thence to New Orleans via the L&N.

All of the known dead were on the Southerner, most of them in the first car, which was smashed like an eggshell. Trainmen said P. J. Powers, Birmingham, engineer of the northbound train, was killed and his body caught in the wreckage. It had not been recovered.

Fifteen Negro dead were removed from the ill-fated car, the "Mississippi," a combination baggage-passenger coach with 22 seats. It was telescoped by the car behind it.

Rescue workers cut into the car

with torches to bring out the victims.

K. C. Shultz, division superintendent of the Alabama Great Southern (a division of the Southern railway) said there was no indication that safety signals which should have stopped the Southerner on its siding were not working.

The northbound train had gone into the siding to allow its South-bound companion train to pass. The 13-car Crescent was a few minutes behind the other south-bound train.

Shultz said the Crescent probably was running at about 60 miles an

hour when it hit.

Seven cars of the Crescent left the tracks, with four plunging off the 40-foot embankment. Almost miraculously, no one was killed in the cars which dropped to the ground.

Next to the "Mississippi" was an extra coach on the Southerner and few if any passengers were using it.

The Southerner's eight cars were crowded with 214 passengers. Only 119 were on the Crescent.

Fuel from the Crescent's engine caught fire but was quickly put out.

Cecil Love, Birmingham, Southern engineer on the Crescent, was seriously injured. He told the ambulance driver who brought him to Bessemer to a hospital he "tried to jump out the cab door, but couldn't get it open in time."

More than 40 ambulances from Birmingham, Bessemer and Tuscaloosa answered emergency calls broadcast by the state highway patrol.

Many thousands of curious jammed the single narrow highway from Birmingham to Woodstock, delaying rescue work.

Jim Buford, Tuscaloosa, boarded the Southerner at that city, its last stop before the wreck.

"The crash was like a sledge hammer blow," he said. "I heard the porter yell. I must have blacked out. The next thing I remember, was the voice of a boy screaming, 'Mother, are you dead? Speak to me, mother.'"

"Another passenger was screaming for morphine. I went back to the club car and got some miniatures of whisky. The porter was hurt, but he said 'who's going to pay for these,' and I told him 'who cares' and gave them to some of the injured."

Rescue groups reached the wreck scene up a narrow, dusty road from the little town. From it, they had to carry stretchers and equipment 200 to 300 yards and then up the steep 40-foot embankment.

H. G. Rogers, Birmingham, flagman on the Crescent, said he "looked out and saw the Southerner around a curve. Then I felt the crash." He was thrown clear of the train and was seriously hurt.

RUCE NEGOTIATORS AGREE

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

Realistic advice: Don't let too much store on getting the boys home from Korea by Christmas. It makes good headlines, but when you take it apart to see what makes it tick it seems to have some wheels missing.

Before jumping to any conclusions, read this from Tokyo: "The United Nations delegation is going to demand concrete evidence that the enemy is not going to use the armistice to build up his strength."

The only way the UN can secure concrete evidence the enemy is respecting the terms of the armistice is by sending security teams behind enemy lines. The big question around Headquarters Roadway's supreme allied headquarters tonight is HOW ARE THE REDS GOING TO REACT TO THAT?

What are the reds up to? For a hint, read Proverbs XXIV, 22: "HOPE DEFERRED MAKETH THE HEART SICK."

Whatever else they are, the hump-communists are shrewd students of the art of handling people in the mass. They may figure that if they can lead us up often enough onto the pinnacles of rosy hope and then dash us down into the sloughs of disappointment they'll be able to break our morale and sap our courage.

Anyway, let's keep our fingers crossed and our minds open.

Don't get me wrong, I'm for ANY kind of an armistice that will stop the shooting for any reasonable length of time. For the life of me, I can't see any good that can come of prolonging the fighting in Korea. But let's not kid ourselves that a truce will mean the end of our troubles and will bring the boys home RIGHT NOW.

On the political front: Senator Margaret Chase Smith of Maine, the senate's only current woman member, was proposed by Senator Aiken (Rep. Vermont) today as the Republican presidential nominee next year.

"I know she would greatly strengthen our 1952 ticket with anyone," Aiken told a reporter, "and if anything should happen to the President, the country would still be in strong hands."

The reporter, as a good news hound should, hot-footed it to Mrs. Smith and asked her about it. She answered:

"I appreciate the confidence and faith Senator Aiken expressed in me. But I am NOT a candidate. I am realistic enough to know that there is not even the most remote possibility of such a thing happening."

I'm not so sure of that, Mrs. Smith.

A lot of us are coming rather definitely to the conclusion that in running our country the women COULDN'T POSSIBLY DO ANY WORSE THAN THE MEN HAVE DONE.

It's just possible they might do better. Realistic women, such as you seem to be, know that in their own households money has to be spent wisely and carefully, getting a dollar's worth for each dollar spent, or financial disaster is certain to ensue.

Very few of the men who have been influential in our government in recent years seem to have had any understanding whatever of that fundamental fact.

There is, of course, the undeniable fact that giving women the vote did nothing to improve and purify our politics. Women voters seem to have been as easily bamboozled by the politicians as the men. But maybe as LEADERS they might be better than they have been as FOLLOWERS.

Anyway, I'm about half convinced that it would be a good idea to try it.

Floods Wreck Italian Homes

ROVIGO, Italy. (AP)—Flood blizzards ended the new sky-cutting fight today to hasten to the Adriatic the Po river delta area.

Though the water level dropped slowly in this drowned-out provincial capital, new threats were posed by disrupted sewage systems, weakened buildings and a lack of drinking water.

More than 100,000 have been made homeless and the unofficial death toll has climbed past 100 in the last 17 days of floods, but thousands clinging stubbornly to the upper stories of their water-weakened, marooned homes.

A. Averil Harriman, U. S. director of mutual security, warned in Rome of the danger of disease and announced that \$1,000,000 would be furnished the Italian government for medicines and other supplies for the flood victims.

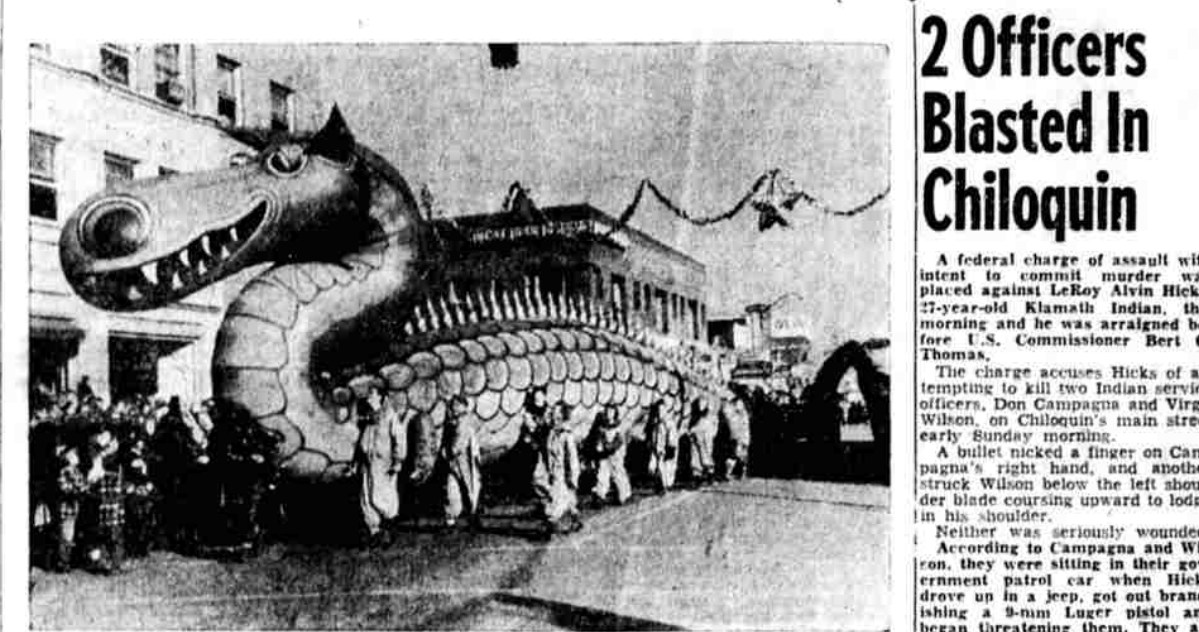
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Shooting Spree Wounds Two

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OLDER KIDS, shrieked in delight but some of the smaller youngsters wailed in terror as the giant balloon dragon slithered along in the Christmas parade Saturday. Lower picture shows a section of the huge crowd that jammed Main street from Esplanade to the courthouse.



54 Ducks Too Much For Court

A Central Point lumberman, Benjamin Bradbury Cheney, 46, was fined \$500 in district court this morning after pleading guilty to having in his possession 54 ducks—48 over the limit.

Cheney was arrested by federal and state game officers at the municipal airport with the ducks, part of them wrapped and carried in his airplane.

He told Judge M. A. Carter he was hunting with six other men on Upper Klamath lake, and that none of the others, all from Medford, Central Point and Eugene, wanted the birds after they shot them.

James Jacob Ehreit, 43, 1121 Lincoln, was arrested by state police on Windy ridge yesterday on a charge of killing a swan. In district court he was fined \$50.

Arnold Ray Washburn, Portland, was fined \$50 in district court for shooting four Canada geese—two over the legal limit.

Harold Bernard Silberman, 31, 1333 Hopkins, Berkeley, was fined \$15 in court for hunting without a license. He was arrested yesterday near Midland, where he said he was on his way to California when he couldn't resist taking some shots at geese in a field along the highway.

James Edgar Weaver, 51, Yonkers, N.Y., paid the court \$50 on a charge of hunting 71 minutes after the closing of shooting time.

Four Killed In Highway Crash

BEND, (AP)—A head-on collision killed four persons on an icy highway 10 miles east of Burns last night.

Roland P. (Bill) Mark, 40, owner of the Mark Publishing Co., at Bend; his wife, Mrs. Roland P. Mark, 39, a Bend schoolteacher; and Kaaren Kammegaard, 23, also a Bend schoolteacher, were killed in a westbound car.

Joseph Clarence Lowe, 42, Redmond, was killed in an eastbound vehicle. Herbert Welch, 27, Redmond, who was in the car with Lowe, was hospitalized at Burns with minor injuries.

The crash was on a straight stretch of highway 20. The road had been cleared of six inches of snow, but temperatures dropped and the highway was icy at 8:30 p.m., when the cars collided.

Klamath Veteran Arrives In SF

Cpl. Joseph N. Bramhall, 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Bramhall of Klamath Falls, is one of 16 Oregon army men due to arrive today in San Francisco aboard a transport for re-assignment.

Young Bramhall enlisted in September of 1949 after attending Sacred Heart academy. Sixteen Oregon men were listed by Associated Press among 4414 Korean combat veterans scheduled for arrival in the states today.

GOOD!

HONG KONG, (AP)—"The percentage of useless matches per unit box," says the Communist New China News agency in a dispatch from Shanghai, "has been reduced from six percent to less than four percent."

Accidental Shot Injures Young Girl

Eleven-year-old Minda Mae Mendonsha courageously battling for her life in Chilquin Valley hospital, was reported slightly improved early this afternoon. The child's condition, however, is still critical.

Minda Mae suffered gunshot wounds while playing near her home in Chilquin Saturday afternoon. She was struck in the chest and stomach by a 16 gauge shotgun charge fired from a little over 20 yards.

Chilquin Police Chief Archie Huff said the shot was fired accidentally by a 13-year-old Klamath Falls boy, Haines McNoise. The youngster told Huff he was on his way to try and get a mud hen he had seen earlier.

Minda Mae and two playmates were standing on a bridge as young McNoise came along the riverbank. The boy told Chief Huff he didn't think the shotgun was loaded. The gun was pointed in the girls' direction and discharged. The boy told Huff the firing was accidental.

2 Officers Blasted In Chilquin

A federal charge of assault with intent to commit murder was placed against LeRoy Alvin Hicks, 27-year-old Klamath Indian, this morning and he was arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Bert C. Thomas.

The charge accuses Hicks of attempting to kill two Indian service officers, Don Campagna and Virgil Wilson, on Chilquin's main street early Sunday morning.

A bullet nicked a finger on Campagna's right hand, and another struck Wilson below the left shoulder blade, coursing upward to lodge in his shoulder.

Neither was seriously wounded. They were sitting in their government patrol car when Hicks drove up in a jeep, got out brandishing a 9-mm Luger pistol and began threatening them. They argued a few moments and then Hicks began firing.

Four bullets plowed through the door of the car and the fifth lodged in the back of the two hit the men inside.

WEAPON LOST

Shortly after the shooting Hicks was apprehended by other officers and brought to the county jail. The weapon was not found.

Wilson was brought to Klamath Valley hospital and the bullet was to be removed to day.

Hicks told Archie Huff, Chilquin police chief, he was trying to kill Campagna but did not intend to hurt Wilson. He said the argument was over \$20 he says Campagna owes him for deer hides.

A federal officer signed the charge against Hicks today, and bond was set at \$10,000.

Also arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Thomas today was Harold Lloyd Davis, 37, Klamath Indian, charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

Davis was arrested at Beatty Sunday morning. His bond was set at \$7500.

He is accused of stabbing Stanley John, an Indian at Painted Canyon last Friday morning. John was stabbed in the stomach and is in Klamath Valley hospital. His condition is not considered critical.

During a two day drinking spree Davis is also reported to have stabbed two other men, Augustine Smith and Ernest Decker.

KF Soldier Said Missing

Therlo George L. Smith, 19, whose parents live at 445 Market, has been reported missing in action in Korea.

Telegrams received by his mother, Mrs. Emma Lou Clough, say he has been missing since September 29.

Pfc. Smith was an infantryman with Company G, 9th infantry regiment. He went into the army March 13, first to Fort Lewis and then for training in Hawaii. He was sent to Korea in July.

His mother said she heard from him only twice after he went to the Far East.

The family lived at Salem before coming to Klamath Falls recently.

In addition to his mother and stepfather, Smith's youngest sister Bernice Clough, 7, lives here. A brother, Cecil Smith, and two sisters, Mrs. Marjorie Lucille Sparks and Mrs. Anna May James, live in Texas.

McClellan Rites Tuesday

Funeral services for Joseph S. McClellan, who died here yesterday at the age of 91, will be held tomorrow at 10:30 a. m. from the chapel at Ward's Klamath funeral home, 925 High, with Rev. David Barnett, Jr. officiating.

McClellan was a resident of Klamath Falls for 43 years. He was born in Monmouth, Ill., on December 8, 1859. He married Belle Simmers on May 16, 1895; she preceded him in death two years ago.

McClellan came to Portland in 1897, and later homesteaded in Curry county. He came to Klamath county in 1908.

In 1911, McClellan established a store south of Henley which still bears his name—Mac's store. He was a member of the Klamath county chamber of commerce some years ago.

His father and brother were veterans of the Civil war. McClellan attended business college and Kansas state normal school, and taught in country schools before his marriage. He also operated a photo shop for several years before coming to Oregon.

Survivors include a sister, 97-year-old Mrs. Vercy Gordon, Pretty Prairie, Kas.; two sons, Verne S. Klamath Falls, and Hugh of Los Angeles; two granddaughters and two great grandchildren.

National Debt Nearing Ceiling

WASHINGTON. (AP)—Under the pressure of defense spending, the national debt next year may reach \$275,000,000,000 (B). Congress probably will be asked to hike the ceiling.

By the end of this month, the national debt will stand at some \$250,000,000,000. If official estimates on spending and receipts are about right, it will mount to \$262,500,000,000 by next June.

Six months of peak deficits are foreseen after that, bringing the prospect that the debt may reach \$275,000,000,000 (B). The top ceiling on the debt during world war two was \$300,000,000,000 and the actual debt reached \$279,200,000,000. The ceiling was cut back by \$25,000,000,000 in 1946.

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U.S. Jets Battle Red Air Force

FIFTH AIR FORCE, Korea. (AP)—Seventeen U. S. F-86 Sabre jets battled eleven 60 Red MiG-15 jets over North Korea this afternoon and damaged two.

A Red air force said there were no Sabre losses.

The sky fight ranged from 35,000 down to 19,000 feet.

The announcement said the Migs were "not very aggressive."

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Communists Hit Through Snow Storm

MUNSAN, Korea. (AP)—Allied and Communist staff officers tonight agreed on the exact location of a 145-mile line across Korea where the shooting will stop if an armistice is signed within 30 days.

Only signatures of the truce negotiators are needed to complete settlement of the second item on the armistice agenda—fixing a cease-fire line.

The subcommittees will meet in Panmunjom tomorrow at 10 a.m. (5 p.m. PST Monday) to approve the proposal. The full five-man armistice delegations will open a plenary session one hour later. Formal adoption of the buffer zone clause is expected to be a mere formality.

Then in a race against the 30-day deadline and while the fighting goes on, the negotiators will work on three other points that must be agreed on before a full armistice can be signed.

The staff officers pinpointed the last sector of the cease-fire line at 6:30 p.m. (1:30 a.m. PST) after a marathon session lasting almost 7 1/2 hours.

SOME ARGUMENT

The official U.N. command communiqué said minor differences cropped up after the officers reached general agreement on the line of battle contact. All were ironed out and the line was drawn on two sets of maps which both sides initialed.

There will be a new member of the U.N. command armistice delegation at Panmunjom. Rear Adm. R. E. Libby was due in Munsan Tuesday to replace Rear Adm. Arleigh Burke. Burke has been a delegate since the truce talks began July 10. He is leaving for a new assignment in Washington, D.C., where he will be in charge of the U.S. Navy's Pacific Fleet.

The cease-fire line approved by the negotiators will be the center of a demilitarized buffer zone 2 1/2 miles wide if an armistice is signed within 30 days of the approval expected Tuesday.

The fighting will continue until an armistice is reached, and if the negotiators fail to reach agreement within the time limit, the line will be re-drawn just before the truce goes into effect to cover battle changes.

SEoul, Korea. (AP)—Communist troops today attacked savagely through deep snow and bitter cold at both ends and in the center of the Korean battle line.

In the west, advancing U.N. troops were hit by a reinforced Communist battalion south of Panmunjom, the site of cease-fire negotiations. Some 20 miles away, near Yonchon, Allied forces Sunday had shattered an attack by up to 24,000 Chinese against "Little Gibraltar."

Eight army headquarters said Allied troops were pushing toward high ground south of Panmunjom when the Reds counterattacked, shoving the U.N. forces back toward the main line.

East of the Pukhan river on the central front, where the U.N. command launched a victorious two-day line-straightening offensive Nov. 17-18, a Red battalion drove Allied defenders out of three advanced positions.

Southwest of Kumsong, in the same general area, U.N. forces mounted an attack of their own and recaptured an advance position recently lost to the Reds.

Two Communist attacks against a hill position northwest of Yangu were beaten off, the eighth army said.

The U.N. command has expressed belief the Reds were trying to grab strategic positions while truce negotiators at Panmunjom are attempting to map the battle line. Victory in such a campaign would have far-reaching effects since the line being drawn will become the permanent cease-fire line if an armistice is signed within 30 days after the line is adopted.

In the air, Allied and Communist jets tangled Monday in a new air battle over North Korea.

The fifth air force said 17 F-86 Sabre jets tangled with nearly 60 MiG-15s and damaged two in an action swinging from 35,000 feet down to 19,000. It reported that all the Sabres returned safely.

Snow up to six inches, temperatures as low as 10 above zero and icy winds up to 60 miles an hour heralded the first big wintry storm. That defended a ground lull.

Pie Blamed In Window Breaking

PORTLAND. (AP)—This is the story Thomas B. Murray told police when he was questioned about how a tavern window got broken.

Murray was walking down the street Saturday night when a man accosted him and asked for a loan. When Murray refused, the man threw a pie into his face. Blinded, Murray lost his balance and fell against the window, breaking it.

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