

KILLED IN TRAIN SMASHUP

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Passenger Units Rip Into Freight

CONNEAUT, O. (AP) — Two New York Central passenger trains, thundering along at more than a mile a minute, smashed into a pile-up of derailed freight cars Friday night, and 21 persons were believed killed.

Eighteen bodies were recovered by noon Saturday, and Deputy Coroner William C. McGowan of Erie, Pa., said he expected workmen to find three more bodies and one mangled body in the wreckage.

More than 40 other passengers, among 400 on the two express trains, were in hospitals here and in Ashland and Erie, Pa., 35 miles west of the accident scene. Only one of those was described by the hospitals as seriously injured.

A "death train" arrived in Erie early Saturday morning with 30 bodies and more than two dozen late giant wreck cranes, showing the jumble of twisted metal, and the body of a 16-year-old girl. More than an hour before a man's body was found under the same car where Michigan believed three more victims were buried.

The freight and two passenger trains piled up between 10 and 10:30 o'clock (AP) Friday night. A piece of pipe rolled off an east-bound freight, derailed some cars of a west-bound freight, and followed. The pipe that struck the wreck weighed about a ton and was 35 feet long and 15 inches in diameter.

Into the derailed freight cars crashed a Buffalo-to-Chicago passenger train, roaring along at 60 miles an hour. A minute before the southwestern limited, enroute from St. Louis to New York, passed the wreckage.

A railroad man had to run three miles to report the wreck, and the hurrying debris falling communication lines between here and Erie. More than 1,000 feet of rail were torn up.

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Only a ratty lane led to the wreckage from the nearest highway two miles to the south. The lane soon was blocked with cars stuck in mud and debris and left by their drivers with lights still perched the drinking glasses.

More than 100 persons, hurt only slightly, were treated at an emergency Red Cross first-aid station. One man, Andy Aranyos, an employee at a nearby filling station and one of the first to reach the scene, said he "helped carry out at least 10 dead."

"We just put them there on the ground and left them there covered," Aranyos said. "There was no panic among the passengers when I got there."

"There were so many injured we couldn't get any help at first from the passengers. In one car, a coach, I found two dead. Then I walked around the car in the mud and I heard some people crying in another car."

The accident-touched off by a piece of pipe that rolled off a fourth train into the path of the freight—came just across the Ohio-Pennsylvania line in Pennsylvania.

The wreckage laid in muddy, uneven country four miles or so east of Conneaut, amid woods and brush. Firefighters labored a quarter of a mile through the brush to a narrow dirt road on which ambulances slipped and skidded in single file.

No definite death toll could be determined immediately. But, patrolman John Fitzpatrick of the Ohio highway patrol said he saw 15 dead on the ground and five bodies still trapped.

In New York, a railroad spokesman said his latest report showed 15 dead and possibly 10 more bodies yet to be recovered.

Tony Talarico, who ran from his nearby filling station to the wreck, said he counted 23 dead.

An Associated Press reporter said there were 14 bodies in a row by a railroad track and three other bodies to be cut free of the wreckage. He added a patrolman told him four or five others had been removed earlier.

Patrolman Fitzpatrick said 40 injured persons were taken to Erie, Pa., hospitals, 20 to Ashland, O., General Hospital and 16 to Conneaut General Hospital.

A. C. Will, chief dispatcher of the NYC's Erie division, said a trainmaster told him about 100 injured were aboard a rescue train heading toward Erie.

The triple crash involved this weird sequence of events: An eastbound NYC freight train lost a piece of pipe, which fell into the path of a westbound freight. The westbound freight was derailed. Several cars piled atop an adjoining track.

Then the Buffalo to Chicago express No. 5, struck the wreckage of the freight. All but one of the train's 11 cars were derailed. Then No. 12, the Southwestern Limited, plowed into the wreckage of No. 5. All but three of the limited's 10 cars were derailed.

"It was the dumbest mess of wreckage I ever saw," said a P. Wayne, Ind., truck driver, O. D. Watson.

Marines Abandon Outpost

Reds Agree To Talk On POW Swap

TOKYO (AP) — The Chinese Communist radio said tonight the Reds accept a United Nations Command proposal to exchange sick and wounded prisoners and proposed immediate resumption of the armistice talks.

The official Peiping radio said Kim Il Sung, North Korean Premier, and Peng Teh-huai, commander of the Chinese forces in Korea, made the offer today in a letter to Gen. Mark Clark, U. N. Far East commander.

The Red radio said the Communists are willing to "exchange sick and injured prisoners of war during the period of hostilities"—as proposed by Clark.

The Red offer was made in an English-language broadcast heard here.

Clark wrote a letter to the two Red commanders Feb. 22 saying the United Nations Command would like to exchange sick and injured prisoners of war immediately.

"In implementing the humanitarian provisions of the Geneva Convention," the United Nations Command remains ready immediately to repatriate those seriously sick and seriously wounded captured personnel," Clark wrote.

"I wish to be informed whether you are prepared for your part to proceed immediately with the repatriation of seriously sick and wounded, captured personnel," Clark asked in his letter.

The armistice talks broke off at Pusan last fall in disagreement over the exchange of prisoners. The Reds say they will not sign any armistice agreement unless all of their 130,000 POWs in U. N. camps are returned, but many of these have reported they do not want to return to their Communist homelands.

No Panic Noticed At Site Of Tragic Train Disaster

CONNEAUT, O. (AP) — "We were just riding along, and then I felt a jolt,"

That was the way Earl B. Mitchell of Garwood, N. J., described his first reaction as a passenger on a New York Central train involved in a three-way wreck near here last night.

"The jolt didn't seem too hard at the time," Mitchell continued, "but the next thing I knew I was lying on the floor and my whole left side felt numb. Just as I was going down I saw my leg, which was filled with machinery, fly off the rack and go soaring about 10 feet up. It just missed a woman."

"Some of the people hit the backs of the seats so hard that a lot of the seats were all lopsided. But everything was very quiet. It's funny, but instead of saying much everybody started looking for their luggage."

Moses White, 67, of Hogsburg, N. Y., said his wife, Lydia, 67 was lying down asleep in the rest room. "When I got to her" he said, "she was lying on the floor and told me the back of her head hurt. They took her away and that's all I know. I don't even know what hospital she's in."

Mrs. White was taken to Ashland, O., General Hospital. Her condition was reported good.

Andy Aranyos, a service station employee, was one of the first to reach the scene of the wreck. He said: "I helped carry out at least 10 dead. ... There was no panic among the passengers when I got there. I started walking around and saw a Catholic priest. The two of us started going through the cars."

"There were so many injured we couldn't get any help at first from the passengers. In one car, a coach, I found two dead. Then I walked around the car in the mud and I heard some people crying in another car."

"In another coach I found one fellow dead and about five injured. We walked up the tracks and saw a conductor, streamers were blowing and the Pennsylvania state police were on the scene."

Washington (AP) — A former undercover agent for the New York City Anti-Crime Commission testified Saturday he found looting, gambling and waste at a New Jersey waterfront terminal which was handling the shipments of military materials overseas.

Joseph Magliano of Jersey City testified that he saw a public hearing that Mayor John J. Kenny arranged for him to get a job at the Claremont terminal. He said he didn't have to do any hard work but was paid about \$125 a week.

A dark-haired, heavy-set man who listed his occupation as a gardener, Magliano was the first witness called as the subcommittee continued its probe of racketeering on the New York - New Jersey waterfront.

Downey Rice, subcommittee counsel, said in advance that other witnesses on tap included some he described as "real tough guys."

Napoliitano testified that the Claremont terminal was operated by Duke brothers as contractors for the government and said that he went to work there in January. He said that looting on the terminal was general, that if anyone started to work hard, "someone would say, 'Hey, what do you want to do — become a foreman?'"

Napoliitano also testified that dice and card games as well as an improvised form of roulette were carried on at the terminal and that it was possible to lay down a bet on the horses or the numbers at any time.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Frederick Allen Delano, who was president of three railroads, an Army colonel in World War I, a League of Nations fighter against the opium trade and holder of federal office under four presidents, died Saturday at the age of 89.

BOSTON (AP) — One of the four reluctant witnesses at Friday's final session of a Senate subcommittee inquiry into Communist infiltration of Greater Boston educational institutions has been threatened with suspension.

Miss Elizabeth Guarnaccia, 50, a Somerville school teacher, denied she is now a Communist but declined to answer, citing the Fifth Amendment of the U. S. Constitution. If she had been a member of the Communist Party prior to Jan. 1, 1947.

Somerville School Supt. Everett W. Ireland said Friday night he would "urge" Miss Guarnaccia not to attend her classes on Monday. "If she persists in coming to teach, there is a strong likelihood a school board session Monday night," he added.

The other three witnesses heard by the Senate group, headed by Sen. Jenner (R-Ind.), refused to say if they were Communists. All cited the Fifth Amendment, saying they would not answer lest they might incriminate themselves.

Four other witnesses, heard Thursday, also refused to say if they were Communists.

Weather
FORECAST—Klamath Falls and vicinity: cloudy Saturday night and Sunday. High Sunday, 53; low Saturday night 33. High yesterday, 53; low last night 31.

Savage Fire Levelled By Gook Guns

By GEORGE A. McARTHUR

SEOUL (AP) — Battle-weary U. S. Marines pulled off the summit of bloody outpost Vegas Saturday night before frantic Chinese Red attacks and Allied artillery began churning it with constant explosions.

It was the third time since Thursday that the Reds had forced the Leathernecks to yield the western front outpost in the Bunker Hill area guarding the invasion route to Seoul. Vegas is 25 miles earlier by the Reds in a spring drive they opened Monday.

AP Correspondent Forrest Edwards said shortly after midnight it was not clear that the Chinese were on the crest of Vegas. The Marines pulled back to the lower slopes after the Chinese struck.

Some Chinese got between Vegas and the main Marine line but they were killed except for a few stragglers.

Heavy fire from both sides echoed through the nearby low valleys.

Friday the Marines had been on and off Vegas in savage hand-to-hand fights before smashing to the top early Saturday afternoon. Then the Chinese struck back just after dark Saturday.

Vegas fell Thursday night under a Red spring attack that broke Monday when 3,500 Chinese swarmed around Old Baldy, 24 miles northeast.

The Reds still held Vegas, now a bitter hour to make the final 400 yards up the shell-torn slope—blanketed by Communist mortar fire. An officer at the front said a Chinese counterattack hit the Marines immediately after they reached the top, but it was cut down.

The low outpost hill echoed from the shock of explosions from more than 36 hours of continuous fighting, as the Chinese desperately tried to hold on to the outpost they overran Thursday night. The Reds charged fanatically through their own burning abells.

A division staff officer said the Chinese obviously meant to keep the hills they paid so dearly for. He estimated Chinese guns hurled 35,000 rounds yesterday in a vain attempt to prevent today's assault. Red firing slackened today.

SALEM (AP) — A resolution calling for a Senate Interim Committee to investigate educational television was introduced Friday by Sen. Robert D. Holmes, Gearhart, chairman of the Senate Education Committee.

The House killed a similar proposal, which called for a legislative committee to make the study.

The new resolution, however, would not require action by the House, because the committee of three would act only on behalf of the Senate.

MERRILL L. — An attempted robbery of Al's Place was apparently foiled last night by the appearance of Doug Brumley, city marshal, who was unaware of the entry of the tavern as he made his early morning rounds at 3 a.m.

Employees of the place who discovered that entry had been made through the front door, found small change scattered from the cash register to the door. About \$1 in change was taken by the culprit or culprits. Nothing else was disturbed.

DOWN MAIN STREET IN a wheelbarrow rode stogie-smoking Louis Festaga last night, with the motive power furnished by Sam Neslin. Louis was the winner in a blood-donor contest this week, getting more people to donate at the last visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile than did Neslin. City Patrolman James Howard points the way.



THE FAMILY PUPPY was in for a lot of attention this morning from Danny and Carolyn Maxwell in Pelican City. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Maxwell, Jr., 2717 California Ave.

Fifth Victim Of London's Moonlight Murderer Found

LONDON (AP) — Burned human bones, believed to be the remains of a fifth victim of London's sex-mad strangler, were unearthed Saturday in the garden of the dingy flat that already had yielded the moldy bodies of four strangled women.

The find sent a new wave of horror through the dead-end street in London's seedy Notting Hill district. Two families of Jamaicans living in the apartment building declared they were moving out because "no longer endure" living there.

At about the same time detectives discovered that widely sought "murder house."

There Saturday they unearthed a large bottomless garbage can. Bones were found in the can. Police photographed the bones and bits of other material as they were handed out of the pit.

The bones were sent to a pathologist to determine how long they had been buried and the age of the victim. It appeared someone had tried to destroy them by fire before burying them.

Yet other victims may be discovered. Two girls who lived near the Notting Hill horror house are missing. They are 21-year-old Margaret Boyle and a young waitress known only as "Kay."

Police raced against time in their efforts to catch the killer. They warned he may be a moon-struck sex sadist, and that he may strike again Monday, the time of the next full moon.

Every policeman was given a picture of Christie, a police spokesman, had a tippling clerk whose 45-year-old wife was among the 45 victims.

It has turned out that Christie was a part-time auxiliary policeman, no every regular cop who ever worked with him has been put on the search.

The special Senate investigation resulted from repeated statements and testimony by Gen. James A. Van Fleet, retiring Korean field commander, that serious and critical ammunition shortages existed during his entire 22 months of service there.

Secretary of the Army Robert T. Stevens left Saturday morning for the Far East to make what he called a first-hand study of the Korean War ammunition situation.

He expects to return to the capital in less than a week. Accompanying Stevens were about half a dozen Army officials, including Lt. Gen. W. B. Palmer, assistant chief of staff for supplies.

In ordering a subcommittee to continue its investigation, the Senate Armed Services Committee said it unanimously agreed with Van Fleet's claims of ammunition shortages.

Sen. Margaret Chase Smith (R-Me.), who will head this inquiry, declined comment on Eisenhower's statement; But she said she is going ahead with plans to begin public hearings Wednesday.

Floods Rout NE Families
By The Associated Press
Flood waters routed more families from their homes Saturday in the rain-drenched Northeast.

The number of persons moved from their homes in Maine rose to 1,500 and 13 communities in the state were isolated.

Police began to evacuate residents along the Saco River's banks in Biddeford and Saco as Maine's worst floods in 17 years approached their crests. Nearly 100 families were expected to leave their homes in those two textile cities.

Power Falls Off In PNW

PORTLAND (AP) — The Bonneville Power Administration reported Friday that it was using steam generators to maintain the flow of interruptible power to Pacific Northwest industries.

Herschel Jones, assistant manager of BPA, explained that the levels of reservoirs behind the region's power dams had fallen to a point where hydro-electric generators could not operate full capacity.

That means the interruptible loads—power which is bought with the understanding it can be curtailed in time of shortage—would have to be cut off or steam generators put into operation. It was decided to use the generators during hours of peak use with the interruptible power customers paying the entire cost.

Jones said the situation would improve by May when the reservoirs begin to rise from the mountain snow melt.

Senate Passes Chiropractor Bill
SALEM (AP) — A bill to restrict the practice of chiropractors was passed by the Senate Saturday with no opposition. It goes to the House.

Chiropractors now are allowed to practice "minor surgery," but that term is not defined in the present law.

The bill defines minor surgery as treatment of cuts and bruises, superficial lesions, and removal of foreign bodies.

The bill, introduced by Sen. Pat Longstreger, Portland, originally would have prevented chiropractors from practicing obstetrics and any surgery.