

CONSUL DEAD IN MEXICAN TRAGEDY

Well Known Writer and an Author of Note.

IS INSTANTLY KILLED BY A CAR

Coachman Tried to Cross Street in Front of Rapidly Moving Car Which Struck Carriage, Knocking Him Out Against Post, Tearing His Head Off.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—A Tribune special from Mexico City gives further details of the accident in which James Russell Parsons, United States consul general, lost his life there. He was in an open carriage in which he was driving with Mrs. Parsons and their son, which was struck by an electric car.

Mrs. Parsons was slightly injured. The boy escaped without a scratch. The accident happened while Mr. Parsons and his family were going to the Central station to bid farewell to some friends. The coachman tried to cross a street car track in front of a rapidly moving car, which struck the carriage with terrific force, crushing it against a trolley post. Mr. Parsons' head struck the post, the whole top of the head being taken off.

When assistance arrived the body was lying with the head and shoulders on the pavement and the feet in the wreck of the carriage.

Mrs. Parsons was staggering blindly around, stunned by the shock, and muttering incoherent sentences, inquiring where she was and where she was going.

"Mamma, I think papa is killed," said James Russell Parsons, Jr., but Mrs. Parsons was too dazed to realize the truth.

Mrs. Parsons was immediately taken by friends to her residence, where medical assistance was given. Mr. Parsons' body was taken to the police station, according to the police regulations, where the remains will be held pending an order from a judge.

So far superficial examination failed to reveal a single injury or even a bruise on any part of the body except the top of the head. Not a bone is broken and except for blood stains, the face appears perfectly natural. Until the police investigation is concluded there is no means of fixing the responsibility, as no actual eye-witness was close enough.

The motorman and driver of the coach both disappeared immediately after the accident and have not yet been arrested. News of the affair spread rapidly among members of American colony.

News of Death of American Consul Albany, N. Y., Dec. 7.—American consul General James Russell Parsons, Jr., who was killed by an electric car at his post in the City of Mexico last night, resided until his last appointment by President Roosevelt, in Elken street, this city. He was born in Hoosic Falls, Feb. 20, 1861. He was graduated at Trinity college. He was American consul to Aix Les Chappelle, Germany, from 1888 to 1890. In 1891 he was made inspector of secondary schools for the university of the state of New York. In 1897 he was made director of colleges and high school departments and secretary of the university of New York. Mr. Parsons was well known as a writer. He was author of "Prussian Schools through American Eyes," "French Schools through American Eyes," and other works of an educational nature.

INSANE WOMAN STILL HOLDS CAR

Took First Drink for Four Days—Refuses to Take Food.

Girard, Kans., Dec. 7.—Mrs. Irene Berry Tuesday still held undisputed possession of the railway coach on the railroad tracks here, in which she had been barricaded since Friday last.

Early Tuesday she went into the car aisle to get a drink of water, the first she has taken in four days. She still refuses to partake of proffered food. She conversed with officers on guard at the car, saying she would kill her enemies, "but did not want to kill everybody." Plans for the woman's capture are still being proposed, but no effort has been made to carry them into effect.

Jamison Still In Jail.

Macon, Ga., Dec. 7.—Although his bond is fixed at only \$100, Henry Jamison, the negro twice released from the Bibb county chaingang by Judge Speer, is still behind the bars of the Bibb county jail. Just why he has not given bond is not known, although this is only the same amount fixed at the time he was first released, which he promptly gave. He spends his time pacing his barred cage, patiently waiting for the time to arrive when he will be arraigned before Judge Speer in Valdosta on Dec. 11.

Depew Resigns from Equitable.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Senator Chauncey M. Depew, of New York, has tendered his resignation as a director of the Equitable Life Assurance society. It will be presented to the board of directors at its next meeting.

IS REMANDED BACK TO JAIL.

After Hearing Before Mayor Alleged Wife Murderer Returned to Cell.

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 7.—Dr. Matthews, charged with wife murder, was remanded to jail after hearing before Mayor Murphy. Testimony of three physicians and other witnesses showed he had during the day made repeated attempts to be with his wife alone, after which it seems she was on the way of recovery. The last successful effort, while he was pretending to pray, they said, was the immediate cause of her death.

The coroner gave a graphic description of the scene when he snatched the hypodermic out of Matthew's hand and saw it withdrawn from the dying wife's arm.

Analysis of residue showed strychnine. All physicians said the original cause of her sickness was from morphine, not strychnine, as her husband had declared.

The defendant was put on the witness stand. He was calm and collected, making no suggestions to attorney, but sat beside his father. Great beads of perspiration formed and rolled from his head.

TWAIN FINISHES 70th YEAR.

Great American Humorist Guest at Delmonico Dinner.

New York, Dec. 7.—Mark Twain on Tuesday night was the guest of honor at a dinner at Delmonico's given by Colonel George Harvey, in honor of the humorist's seventieth birthday. The guests were confined closely to writers of imaginative literature, and about 150 authors were present, nearly half of them women.

During the dinner a congratulatory cable message was received from England signed by forty of the most distinguished writers there, including Thomas Hardy, George Meredith, Alfred Austen, Arthur Balfour, Rudyard Kipling, Anthony Hope, Sir Gilbert Parker, Sir Conan Doyle, Ian MacLaren, Mrs. Humphrey Ward and Israel Zangwill.

The principal souvenir which each guest received was a bust of Mark Twain, half life size.

Tate Nominated District Attorney.

Washington, Dec. 7.—In the list of appointments sent to the senate Tuesday were two in which the people of Georgia have a deep interest. These were the appointments of Hon. Carter Tate to be district attorney of the northern district, and the reappointment of United States Marshal Walter Johnson. Both appointments have been fully expected. The Georgia senators will see that the nominations are promptly confirmed.

In the list of army promotions there appears the name of Colonel Butler D. Price, of the Sixteenth infantry, long stationed at Ft. McPherson, who is made a brigadier general, and placed on the retired list for length of service, and Lieutenant Grayson Heidt, of Atlanta, who is promoted to his captaincy.

Murder of Paymaster Not Confirmed.

Philadelphia, Dec. 7.—A niece of S. Taylor Simonton, whose murder in Mexico, of his wife and son, is reported in a dispatch from Altoona, Pa., said last night that she had heard nothing of the alleged murderer. She said her uncle went to Mexico about two years ago as a prospector and later as superintendent and paymaster of the Mica Jon mines, operated by a New York syndicate. The niece added that when Mr. Simonton and his family were last heard from here about six months ago they were at LaYqui, Sonora, Mexico, and they stated they resided in the wilds over 60 miles from white habitation. There were none but Indians among their workmen. No confirmation of the murder was received at Altoona yesterday.

Workmen Injured on Quarry Train.

Lithonia, Ga., Dec. 7.—As the Rock Chapel train was bringing the workmen to town from the Rock Chapel quarry the rear car broke loose from the engine and ran back down a considerable grade. At the bottom of the grade the car turned over and injured several of the workmen. Most serious injury was sustained by Joe Gregory, who had his leg broken. Several others were badly shaken up and bruised. Just how the accident happened is not known.

Contemplated Changes in Football.

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 7.—Catch William T. Reid, Jr., of the Harvard football team, returned yesterday from Washington, where he had a conference with President Roosevelt on Monday. "The president sought to get my views," said Mr. Reid, "on a change of the game which will permit of its being continued without the disagreeable results which have accompanied it in the past few years. There was nothing accomplished that can be given out."

Controversy Between Powers Closed.

Paris, Dec. 7.—The foreign office here considers that the controversy between the powers and Turkey is practically closed, and that only details remain to be settled previous to securing a satisfactory adjustment. The international fleet is remaining inactive pending the closing of these details.

IRISH CONVENTION CONVENES.

Resolution Proposed in Regard to a New System of Government.

Dublin, Dec. 7.—The Irish national convention was opened at the Mansion house this morning under the presidency of John Redmond. There was a good gathering of members of parliament and delegates from all parts of the country. Special interest was taken by those present at the convention in the advent of the New Liberal administration at Westminster.

In this connection the following resolution will be proposed. We solemnly assert that no new system of government in Ireland will be accepted as satisfactory except a legislative assembly freely elected and representative of the people with power to make laws for Ireland and an executive government responsible to that assembly and this convention declares that the Irish national party cannot enter into an alliance with or give permanent support to any English party of government which does not make the question of granting such an assembly to Ireland as a Cardinal point of its progress.

WILL TRY TO PREVENT SUICIDE.

Of Recent Korean Minister to France. A Custom that Prevails.

New York, Dec. 7.—Interest in the arrival of the Kaiser Wilhelm II, due here today is increased because of the fact that the steamer has on board Min Ying Tchan, until recently minister from Korea to France, and who will not know until he reaches New York of the death of Prince Min Yong Whan, who committed suicide as a result of the establishment by the Japanese government of a protectorate over Korea.

A Korean custom is that if a person's brother committed suicide, he must also do so. Friends here hope that Mr. Min will not follow the national custom.

The Kaiser Wilhelm II docks at Hoboken. Sergeant Slattery in charge of Hoboken police quarters last night said that Chief of Police Hayes would undoubtedly take every precaution to prevent a suicide.

WOULD ESCAPE DEATH PENALTY

Application Made to Change Sentence To Life Imprisonment.

Atlanta, Dec. 7.—Application was made to the prison commission Tuesday for commutation of sentence for Will Cunningham, of Jefferson county, from hanging to life imprisonment.

Cunningham is a young negro, 19 years of age, who killed a negro woman who furnished him whisky. The crime is said to have been the result of his intoxication from this whisky.

He is sentenced to be hanged on Friday, Dec. 15. Some of the most prominent white people of Jefferson county have interested themselves in his behalf and have urged the commission to grant the commutation. The matter will be taken up for immediate action when the commission meets next Tuesday.

Society Woman Commits Suicide.

Schenectady, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Mrs. Louise Westwood, a young society woman, was dining at a restaurant with a friend last night when the conversation turned upon death. She spoke of those who feared death as foolish people. Then she left her friend for a few moments, and had no sooner seated herself at the table than she fell to the floor dead. A doctor was called who, after an examination, declared she had taken poison.

Atlanta Bill Will Be Pushed.

Washington, Dec. 7.—It is reported that Colonel Livingston has introduced a bill providing for an appropriation of \$1,250,000 for a new public building at Atlanta. Senator Clay will introduce a similar bill in the senate within a few days. There will be no difficulty in passing the bill through the senate, but it will require all sorts of hard work to make it go through the house.

Pickpocket Found Guilty.

Atlanta, Dec. 7.—One of the men arrested on the charge of pocket picking during the recent visit of the president was yesterday convicted and sentenced to pay a fine of \$500 or serve a year in the chaingang. The defendant was H. C. White, and the prosecutor was O. A. Allen, who testified that he caught White in the act of going through his pockets.

To Appoint New Chinese Minister.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 7.—Chow Chai Lai, vice president of the Chinese board of foreign affairs, is to be appointed minister to the United States to succeed Sir Cheng Tung Liang Cheng, according to advices from Peking by the steamer Empress of India.

Electric Cars Collide.

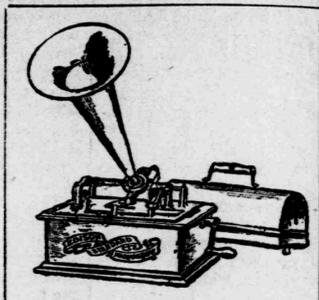
Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 7.—Two cars on the Chattanooga electric railroad came together Tuesday morning at a point on a curve where two tracks converge. Motorman Light received internal hurts which may prove fatal.

Daughters of Confederacy Meet.

Waco, Tex., Dec. 7.—The Daughters of the Confederacy of Texas met in state convention here Tuesday. The convention will be in session for four days.

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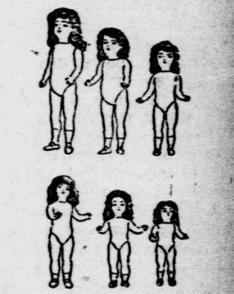
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