

FOUR DEAD, 26 INJURED IN HEAD-ON COLLISION; OTHER TRAINS DETOURED

West Indian Limited and Havana Special of Atlantic Coast Line Crash Together ENGINEERS AND FIREMEN KILLED

Former Secretary of War Weeks Slightly Hurt, Not Coming to Hospital, Stated

In a head-on collision at dawn yesterday between trains 76, the Havana Special, and 85, the West Indian Limited, of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, four are dead and twenty-six injured, three of them seriously. The collision occurred about a mile this side of Moncks Corner.

The dead:
Herbert T. Parish, engineer on 76, Florence.

J. E. Cummings, engineer on 85, Savannah.

C. Baxter, fireman on 76, Florence.

Robert Williams, negro, fireman on 85, Florence.

The seriously injured:

E. M. Aydlotte, baggage master on 85, Savannah, leg broken, scalds.

James Robinson, negro, chef on dining car, Buffalo, burned.

C. E. Holmes, Mount Darab, Fla., leg injured.

Less seriously injured:

John W. Weeks, former Secretary of War, New York.

Mrs. John W. Weeks, New York.

R. L. Briscoe, Daytona, Fla.

E. W. McCrackan, Rocky Mount, N. C., Atlantic Coast Line employee.

Ernest Rogers, Baltimore.

H. D. Turner, Florence.

James Dean, Washington.

Flossie Williams, Philadelphia.

C. Carroll Graves, Charleston, assistant general freight agent, Seaboard Air Line.

Dr. James Lea, Norfolk.

Mrs. James Lea, Norfolk.

W. M. Tyler, Washington.

Rebecca Williams, Charleston.

Mrs. C. E. Holmes, Mount Darab, Fla.

Lueverta Campbell, Pittsburgh.

Corinne Jones, Weldon, N. C.

Ella Dowe, Brooklyn.

Alonso Mitchell, Washington.

Joseph Koger, Electro, Pa.

Charles Glover, Savannah.

William A. Percy, Carnegie Place, N. J.

Joseph Brown, Darlington.

Kathleen Battler, Miami, Fla.

Morris Jones, Orange, N. J.

Of the twenty-six injured, eleven are white persons.

Saved by Steel Coaches.

Train 76 was northbound and running about seven hours late.

The report that Engineer Cummings of 85 overran his signals at Moncks Corner will be investigated. Both trains were making good time when they came together, and the fact that the coaches were of steel kept down the casualties. In spite of the violence of the impact, only one coach, the baggage car of 85, turned over, although a dining car and a sleeping car on 76 were listed.

When the dining car tilted, hot coals burned Chef Robinson painfully and seriously.

The collision occurred at 6:42 o'clock. As telegraph wires had been dismantled in the accident, the railroad had difficulty in establishing communication. A wrecking train left Charleston about 7 o'clock with physicians and nurses. The train with the dead and injured did not reach the station here until 12:30 o'clock, nearly six hours after the collision. Ambulances were in waiting at the station from 9:30 o'clock.

First word of the collision is reported to have come from a passenger who had walked back to Moncks Corner and used a long distance telephone. Several passengers caught passing motor vehicles and came into town by this method.

Former Secretary Weeks and Mrs. Weeks refused to come to Charleston for hospital treatment, insisting on continuing their journey to Washington for Christmas. They had been visiting in St. Augustine, Fla. Mr. Weeks was suffering from a scalp wound and Mrs. Weeks from an injury about the chest.

Collision on Single Track.

For some distance on both sides of the place where the collision occurred it was necessary to operate on a single track because of a derailment on the other main line. In the emergency, with many passenger trains on its rails, the Atlantic Coast Line detoured some of its trains over the Seaboard Air Line by way of Andrews and Lanes and others over the Southern Railway by way of Pregnall and Sumter. Late yesterday afternoon the Atlantic Coast Line was using its own tracks between Charleston and Moncks Corner.

As soon as the injured reached the union station they were placed in waiting ambulances and rushed to a hospital, where it was reported last night that the more seriously injured are doing well.

Fireman Williams was buried in debris and died while heroic efforts were making to rescue him. The bodies of three of the dead men were terribly mangled under the locomotives.

Both trains were carrying holiday travelers intent on getting to their homes for Christmas.

Mrs. Weeks Resting.

Florence, Dec. 24.—(AP).—Former Secretary Weeks and Mrs. Weeks, who were slightly injured in a head-on collision of Atlantic Coast Line passenger trains near

Santa Claus Dies At Big Celebration

Port Huron, Mich., Dec. 24.—(AP).—Santa Claus is dead. He died last night in the excitement attendant upon Christmas exercises at Harbor Beach in the Methodist Church.

Santa Claus' real name was William Johnston.

They never knew, those hundred eager children with bright eyes and laughing lips, that they were to see Santa die before their eyes. They could not see behind his smiling face and flowing white beard and know that a heart made weak by years of labor was undergoing a great strain. And so when Johnston fell dead they shrieked and cried.

In the crowd were Johnston's wife and three children. His body was taken to an undertaking establishment. The festivities were continued.

LARGE BONUS FOR BRIDGE BUILDERS

Broad River Structure May Be Opened by Tonight

Columbia, Dec. 24.—(AP).—The Broad river bridge will be open to traffic by Saturday morning, possibly by tomorrow night, it was said today by the Columbia contractors who were awarded the contract for building a temporary structure to replace the old "wooden tunnel" burned late in November. Actual work was started on December 5, with the builders under contract to forfeit \$500 a day for every day over forty-seven required after completion. It was estimated tonight that the bonus would amount to \$14,000.

APPEAL OF CHAPMAN Will Be Filed in New Haven Some Time Tomorrow

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 24.—(AP).—The appeal of Gerald Chapman, reprieved murderer and mail robber, from the decision of Federal Judge E. S. Thomas refusing him a writ of habeas corpus to return him to Atlanta prison, made to the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Second Judicial District, will be signed this evening in New York by Judge Learned Hand. The appeal will be filed at New Haven on Saturday.

It cites thirty-nine reasons why the decision of Judge Thomas should not be upheld. It is contended the district court erred in not granting the motion of habeas corpus sought by Chapman in its decision that the order signed by President Coolidge was a commutation of sentence rather than a pardon, and further that the transfer of Chapman from federal to State jurisdiction was without due process of law.

GETS SHETLAND PONY Darlington Boy Made Happy by Santa Claus

Darlington, Dec. 24.—Special: A very unusual sight greeted the customers in Doyle's Barber Shop Christmas Eve when a three-thousand-pound Shetland pony was brought in to be trimmed and shined in readiness to take his place in Santa Claus pack. The pony was also equipped with a new saddle and bridle and came out looking as slick as any flapper that ever came into get a bob. The pony felt so good that he pranced up the sidewalks and refused to take to the streets. The eight-year-old son of J. R. Dorie, the popular proprietor of the barber shop, is the proud possessor of a beautiful Shetland pony and is enjoying Christmas riding the pony about town. It is a certainty that Santa Claus made one boy in Darlington happy.

SOME PRISONERS TO GET HOLIDAY Several Granted Permission to Spend Day at Home

Columbia, Dec. 24.—(AP).—Some of the State prisoners at the penitentiary were granted short leaves today by Governor McLeod. Those who were named for the indulgence were:

Rayless W. Harrison, Greenville, from today until December 27. Harrison was convicted of connection with the forgery of cotton warehouse notes.

Job C. Swygert, Lexington, serving a term for manslaughter, from today until December 29.

R. Morris McFadden, Rock Hill, convicted of manslaughter, from today until next Monday night.

Jackson Collins, Greenville, found guilty of manslaughter, from today until December 30.

Grover C. Pratt, Richland; Edgar Bradley, Sumter, and Tom Ray Kershaw, from today until December 27.

Abraham Williams, Colleton, one day only.

Belton Owens, Kershaw, from today to Saturday morning.

Robert Pugh and Thornton Brown, prisoners on the State farm, from today until January 1.