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12 DIE IN TWA PLANE CRASH-EXPLOSION

Sixteen Hurt As Two Trains Collide Near Raleigh

No Fatality Is Reported In Crash At Slow Speed

Several Taken To Hospital

RALEIGH — (AP) — Sixteen persons were injured today when a Southern Railway freight train and an eastbound passenger train collided head-on at Auburn, eight miles from here.

The wreck occurred as both trains were slowing to a stop. The passenger train had been ordered to stop at Auburn and the freight had been instructed to go into a siding just below the town.

Conductor R. S. Thompson of Greensboro on the freight, consisting of 48 cars, said his train was pulling into a stop and had rounded a curve when his trainmen saw the almost stopped passenger train. All crewmen were warned, with the exception of the brakeman, and jumped to safety.

Engineer A. B. Saynick of Greensboro on the passenger train bound from Greensboro to Goldsboro was taken to Rex Hospital here. He had facial cuts and a possible fractured arm. Fireman Joe Beal, also of Greensboro, was cut about the head.

Admitted to Rex Hospital were Mrs. Minnie Kirby and her son, Roy, of Rt. 2 Burlington, suffering from head injuries; and Mrs. David Worrell of Pikesville, suffering from shock.

OTHERS INJURED

Others injured, most of them believed slightly, were Conductor J. B. Creech of Greensboro, shock and dislocated left arm; Burdie Woodard of Rt. 1, Princeton, head gash and leg injury; Lucy Upchurch of Rt. 3, Durham, sprained wrist; Florence Richey, Negro, of Durham; Mrs. Eva Peterson, Negro, of Durham; J. C. Stanback, Negro, of Greensboro; Mary Douglas and Claude Miller, Negroes, of Greensboro; and Herman Midgette, Negro, of Durham.

Others were given first-aid treatment.

Conductor Creech estimated the speed of both trains at less than five to six miles an hour at the time of the crash.

The cab of the passenger train, which had 22 passengers, was torn from the engine and the baggage-mail car was knocked from the tracks. The remainder of the cars stayed on the track.

The freight, of which J. J. Beal of Greensboro was engineer, had ten gasoline tankers. Two of the tankers jammed together and spilled gasoline. One of the freight cars was damaged. J. J. Beal is the father of Fireman Joe Beal.

Members of the Raleigh Fire Dept. and State Highway Patrol formed a cordon around the cars to prevent injury by a possible gasoline explosion. Gasoline filled gullies on both sides of the tracks, and many Negroes were on hand with tube and buckets to catch the wasting fuel.

The Highway Patrol at one time was informed that two persons were killed but said later reports were "conflicting," and that it believed nobody was killed.

Auto Salesman Beaten To Death

BROCKTON, Mass. —(AP)—A 34-year-old Brockton automobile salesman was beaten to death in a bedroom of his third floor apartment today by an intruder who entered an unlocked door.

Police Lt. Harry F. Kearns said that the victim, Rene Cote, died of strangulation and a blow from a blunt instrument that lacerated his forehead from temple to temple.

Police said the attack occurred while Cote's wife, Bertha, 28, and his four-year-old daughter, Barbara Ann, slept in a side bedroom. Authorities found fresh prints in snow leading from the back door of the apartment house.

Kearns reported that the terrific struggle in Cotes' bedroom awakened his wife, who ran to a lower floor to telephone police. They found the salesman lying in a pool of blood.

WEATHER

Mostly cloudy and mild with light showers tonight. Colder tomorrow.

Temperature at 2:30 today	62
High and low last 24 hours	63-50
Sunset today	5:19
Sunrise tomorrow	7:31

Members Polled

Senate Committee Majority Critical Of Senator Bilbo

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Senator Ferguson, Republican, Michigan, reported today that a majority of the Senate War Investigating Committee has approved a report criticizing Senator Bilbo, Democrat, Miss., for his relations with war contractors.

Ferguson said the ten members of the Committee were being polled on the Bilbo report and "six of them already have approved it."

He said he could not divulge the names or party affiliations of these six until the entire Committee has been polled and the report filed with the Secretary of the Senate.

Later Ferguson announced that one of the six Senators had sent a telegram asking that his vote be changed. He pointed out that this did not affect the majority inasmuch as the committee membership was reduced from ten to nine after the poll began this week by the resignation of Senator Mitchell, Democrat, Washington.

At the same time Ferguson said it would be impossible for the War Investigating Subcommittee to hold additional public hearings on Bilbo's affairs before the new Congress convenes, Jan. 3.

Ferguson had asked reopening of the public hearings by Chairman Mead, Democrat, New York, of the Subcommittee but learned today that Mead could not attend a hearing before Jan. 2, the day that Mead's term as Senator expires.

Senator Ferguson declared that he still favors trying to prevent Bilbo from taking the oath and will carry his fight to a conference of all 51 GOP Senators and Senators-elect next Tuesday.

Most of his colleagues, however, seemed to feel that delaying tactics are in order.

For one thing, there will be only 28 full-fledged Republican Senators against 31 Democrats at the moment the 80th Congress convenes at noon next Friday. Another 23 re-elected or newly chosen Republicans will still have to take the oath, along with Bilbo and thirteen other Democrats.

Thus, any GOP motion that Bilbo not be sworn will be at the mercy of a temporary Democratic majority, whereas, if the Republicans wait until everybody takes his seat, they will outnumber the Democrats by six.

Ferguson, a lawyer and judge of renown before he became a Senator, says he simply believes in fighting a case at every ditch.

Stassen Rebuffed

Offer Of GOP Aid Refused By Reece

By D. HAROLD OLIVER

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A polite "no thanks" from GOP Chairman Carroll Reece left Harold E. Stassen's Republican open forums on their own today, without financial aid or direction from the National Committee.

In rejecting an offer by Stassen for the National Committee to take over the forums, Reece said it would cost too much money and might create intra-party dissension.

Stassen, the only announced candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination in 1948, organized the forums last April to develop possible planks for the party platform. He is chairman of their advisory committee.

Replying to Reece's turndown yesterday, the Minnesotan said the forums will continue to co-operate with the committee and will be willing to be taken over at any time.

Henry T. McKnight, director of the ROF, told newsmen the organization will continue operations in 1947 as an "independent Republican activity working in close co-operation with the Republican National Committee."

"The ROF," he stressed, "will not take part in Mr. Stassen's political campaign. They will not become Stassen-for-President clubs. They will not be connected with Mr. Stassen's Washington office recently set up under the direction of Mr. Earl Hart. They will not promote his candidacy in any way."

McKnight, who describes himself as a "long-time friend" of Stassen, told a news conference he will take part in "no political activity in his behalf" while connected with the forums.

He did say, however, that, if Stassen is elected President, his backers feel that "his program would be strengthened by the forums' operations."

"Furthermore," McKnight added, "they feel that, no matter who is elected, the Republican program will be more effective if backed up by a strong forum movement."

Stassen made his offer to Reece a day before the National Committee met here Dec. 5. Reece rejected it verbally after consulting with other committee members. He followed up with a formal statement yesterday.

De Gaulle Not Running

PARIS — (AP) — Gen. Charles de Gaulle said today he would not be a candidate for President of France's new Fourth Republic.

The French Legislature is to elect the president Jan. 16 or soon after.

STATEMENT TO PRESS

In a written statement delivered to the press, the wartime leader of the Free French and first head of France's post-war provisional government said he did not believe "according to my conscience" that it would be well for him to "preside, with impotence, over the impotence of the state."

De Gaulle said he was making his statement in answer to a question put to him about his future intentions. He did not specify whether this question was the one the Associated Press submitted to him some time ago.

The General has objected to the Constitution of the Fourth Republic on the ground that it gives too much power to the legislature and too little to the executive.

Detect Cancer In Drop Of Blood

MOSCOW — (AP) — The Soviet newspaper, Izvestia, announced today that cancer is being detected here by the examination of a single drop of blood.

The account said the method, perfected by A. P. Pototskaya in Moscow, utilized a radiation of ultra-violet waves of extraordinarily "intensity."

The announcement did not claim that it works in every case but said that in tests of 400 persons, suffering from various infections, this "simple, easy" method proved positive.

Five Killed In Bus-Truck Crash

GLASGOW, Mo.—(AP)—Five of 17 passengers on a Santa Fe Trailways bus were killed and eight were injured when the swaying rear end of a truck trailer crashed into the side of the bus on a small bridge near here yesterday.

The impact ripped a hole six feet long and four feet high in the side of the bus. The dead were Clarence Painter of Springfield, Ill. and four Missourians, including a 25-year-old mother, Mrs. Marjorie White, Hale, Mo., and her three-months-old son.

Agreement Sought On Atom Plan

Baruch Rules Against Veto

By LARRY HAUCK

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y. — (AP) — Bernard M. Baruch's sharp warning that the United States could not yield atomic bomb secrets to the world unless the veto was ruled out of any international control plan sent United Nations delegates into hotel room conferences today seeking off-the-floor agreement.

Representatives of the 12 nations on the U. N. Atomic Energy Commission have until Monday morning, when the body goes into session for final decision, to settle this critical issue, which generally is regarded as the key to the basic atomic reduction program laid down by the U. N. assembly.

Baruch's strong speech was made at a closed session of the commission last night in the midst of bitter debate over inclusion of the veto with regard to punishment of violators of a control system. The American delegate made it clear that he could not recommend Senate approval of any plan including the veto.

SEE LITTLE CHANCE

Delegates saw little chance for immediate agreement, in the face of Russia's continued silence and new opposition to Baruch by France and Great Britain, and postponed the whole issue until Monday.

The early part of the nine-hour meeting had been harmonious with the remainder of the Baruch plan being adopted without ballot. Even this was far from conclusive, however, in view of Russia's refusal to participate in the discussions.

Soviet Delegate Andrei A. Gromyko was absent, because, Prof. S. P. Alexandrov, chief of the delegation, he was "occupied with other business." Alexandrov sat through the whole meeting without speaking but near its end advised the chairman that he wanted to be considered "present but abstaining in full."

Declaring that it was up to now, Baruch said:

"I cannot recommend to the people of the United States, I cannot advise before the Senate of the United States, that this country surrender this potent weapon and dedicate to mankind its tremendous knowledge in the field of the production of atomic energy—in the belief that they are outlawing the use of this weapon for war and opening the gates for the use of atomic energy for the good of all mankind—under any system which is open to nullification of punishment by what can be called a subterfuge.

"All we have asked you to do is to vote in favor of the proposition that it should not lie within the power of anyone to determine by his own veto whether he or a friend is guilty and should be punished.

"Gentlemen, it is either—or. Either you agree that a criminal should have this right by voting against our position (or you fail to take a stand on the question by refraining from voting), or you vote for this sound and basic principle of enduring justice and plain common sense."

Varied Headlines

Movie Names Make News In Hollywood

HOLLYWOOD — (AP) — Movie names made the headlines in variety of ways today. To-wit:

Rita Hayworth, her temperature touching 103 was sent home and to bed with an attack of influenza, shutting down production of the picture she and Husband Welles are making.

Burt Lancaster, rising young actor, and Norma Anderson, actress he met when she was a war-time USO entertainer in Italy, headed for a Yuma, Ariz., marriage.

Don Ameche had his car stolen.

Publicist Robert Taplinger, who once headed Warner Bros. public relations at a reputed salary of $900 a week, was freed from a Federal court contempt proceeding — outgrowth of his failure to appear as a witness in the recent Charles Vidor-Harry Cohn contract suit—when it developed a process server had failed to offer him the $2 witness and $3 transportation fees provided by law.

Producer Arnold Pressburger asked the Superior Court to order Hedy Lamarr to appear in a picture for him within three months after the birth of her child, expected in March. She earlier had petitioned for cancellation of the contract because of her pregnancy.

KAY ALDRIDGE MOTHER

Actress Kay Aldridge, former cover girl, became the mother of a son weighing nearly nine pounds in a Santa Monica hospital. She is Mrs. Arthur Cameron in private life.

Actor Robert Stevens, 31, and the twice-divorced socialite, Mrs. Jerelyn Stoddard Arthur, 36, applied for a marriage license.

Operatic Tenor Jan Kiepura, sworn in as an American citizen, announced he would leave soon to make three pictures—one in Mexico, one in Italy, one in France.

Ida Lupino pleaded with thieves to return a radio, perfume and other articles stolen from her car Christmas Eve. She said they were presents from the crew of her current picture, and had a high sentimental value.

Actress Elia Raines, who testified she was mistreated by her aviator-husband, William Trout, won a final divorce decree.

Glenn Langan had his pocket picked: lost $60, his draft card and a contract.

PANAMA LIMITED DERAILED NEAR NEW ORLEANS — Overturned cars of the Panama Limited, fast passenger train of the Illinois Central Railroad, lie beside the track after a derailment in which more than two score passengers and trainmen were injured near New Orleans. The streamlined flyer was en route from Chicago to New Orleans. (AP Wirephoto).

Midwest Hit

New Cold Wave Moves Eastward

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Heavy falls of snow, strong winds and freezing rain extended over a wide section of the country as a new cold wave hit sections of the Midwest and moved eastward.

Highway travel in many parts of the North Central and New England states and in New York and Pennsylvania was slowed by the drifting snow and freezing rain. The snow and rain area extended from Montana and Wyoming northeastward to the Atlantic Coast.

The heaviest fall of snow was twelve inches at Alpena, Mich., and the falls in other sections of Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota averaged from five to seven inches. Michigan's Upper Peninsula reported drifts from two to six feet deep and State Police reported motorists abandoning cars in the highways. Ferry service at the Straits of Mackinac was halted because of poor visibility.

Sub zero temperatures were reported in Northern Maine—four-teen below—and in parts of North Dakota, Montana and Northwestern Minnesota. Colder weather, which already has spread over the entire Plains States and Upper Mississippi Valley region, moved east across the northern tier of states.

The storm into the Midwest region followed a day of what Federal forecasters described as "unusual" temperatures in some central plains states yesterday. Kansas City reported a high of 73. The mercury reached 70 at Quincy, Ill., and Chicago's 60 was the warmest Dec. 27 on record. The mercury in Chicago dropped nearly 30 degrees overnight, touching the freezing mark this morning and it was expected to skid to near the five above mark tonight.

N. Y. ROADS DANGEROUS

New York State Police reported highways "slippery and dangerous" following freezing rain and snow as a new mass of cold air was forecast for tonight. Temperatures were around the freezing mark in southern New England and in Syracuse, Buffalo, New York and Rochester, N. Y., and in the northeastern section of New York. Glen Falls and Ticonderoga, after sub-zero temperatures yesterday, reported eighteen and fourteen above, respectively.

Mild temperatures continued in the Gulf states and near normal in the Pacific Coast region.

M'Arthur Thanked By Jap Premier

TOKYO—(AP)—Premier Yoshida today thanked General MacArthur for the "magnificent speed and generosity" of U. S. and British occupation forces in rushing relief supplies to earthquake and tidal wave sufferers.

Allied investigators penetrated deeper into stricken Shikoku Island, where the British reported Nakamura village on the southwest coast was 80 per cent destroyed. The isolated village, not previously included in disaster reports, lost 2,200 homes.

Official casualty figures remained at 4,868, including 1,321 dead.

Liner America To Use Southampton This Winter

LONDON — (AP)— The United States Lines announced today that the liner America will use Southampton instead of Le Havre as her terminal port until further notice.

Berthing difficulties at Le Havre in Winter prompted the change.

2 Killed In Ind. Crash

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind.—(AP)—An American Airlines plane en route from Buffalo, N. Y. to Chicago crash-landed in scenic International Friendship Gardens east of here today killing the pilot and co-pilot and injuring nineteen passengers.

The plane cut a wide swath through several hundred yards of trees in the gardens and came to rest against a small tree.

The pilots' cabin and the tail of the plane were sheared from the passengers compartment, which remained intact. Officials said this probably accounted for the fact the loss of life was not greater.

The pilot was Frank Hamm Jr. of Bridgeport, Conn., and Chicago, and the co-pilot was Harmon Edwin Ring, Muscatine, Ia. Hamm was killed instantly and Ring, who was thrown clear, died a short time after the accident.

American Airlines officials said the plane left Detroit at 8:42 A. M. and was expected to arrive at Chicago at 9:31. It crashed about 9:22 A. M.

The officials said Pilot Hamm had reported to the Chicago Operations Office at 9:02 A. M. (CST) that he was flying at 4,000 feet altitude over South Bend, Ind., and that he expected to land at Chicago at 9:31 A. M.

At 9:17 he reported he was having engine trouble with both engines of the plane and was descending.

A section crew for the New York Central Railroad saw the plane emerge from an overcast over Lake Michigan and fly inland at a low altitude.

Plane Crash Dead Found

SAN DIEGO, Calif. —(AP)— Coroners aides and a U. S. Marines rescue party hoped today to bring down from a barren, Winter-lashed peak the remains of twelve Christmas Eve air disaster victims.

Near the smashed, charred wreckage of the Western Air Lines transport, which was found yesterday, the nine passengers and three crew members lay dead with packages intended for Christmas strewn around them.

The wreckage was scattered over a wide area on a Laguna Mountains peak, 50 miles east of here, only a short distance from where an American Air Lines plane crashed with a loss of 38 lives last March 3.

Its discovery confirmed Christmas Eve observations of several persons, including the pilot of another transport, who reported seeing the glow of the burning craft.

Deputy Coroner Dave Bone and a party reached the peak last night but were forced by the storm to turn back for a fresh daylight start.

Ed Neil, San Diego Tribune-Sun and Union photographer, who was with the discovery party, said the DC-3 transport appeared to have hurtled into a 25-foot-high boulder only 100 feet from the top of the 6,000-foot peak.

LAST MESSAGE

The last radio message from pilot George Burton Sprado, 38, of Santa Monica, Calif., reported the plane clearing the mountains at 7:00 P. M., 24 minutes after leaving the Imperial Valley for San Diego and gave no indication of trouble.

Other victims were the co-pilot, Richard John Weber, 25, of Deer Lodge, Mont., Stewardess Glenda Mae Wade, 25, of Hollywood and the passengers, all Californians: Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Ford of El Centro, Miss Adeline Jones of Holtville, A. L. Adams, W. H. Price of Beverly Hills, Edgar Martin of Holtville, Ed Bright of El Centro, J. Barlow of Los Angeles and Miss V. Haney of El Centro.

Wong Dee-Dee

Survivor Of Crash Called 'Miracle Boy'

SHANGHAI—(AP)—They call Wong Dee-Dee "The Miracle Boy" because the four - year - old Chinese came through one of Shanghai's three tragic airliner crashes Christmas night without a scratch.

It may take something of a miracle if authorities find his kith or kin among China's millions.

The child was found wandering in the wreckage nineteen hours after the plane crashed, killing 26 of the 33 occupants.

Wong is one of China's most common names. Dee-Dee means "little brother" and is a common pet name.

The child asked only for his mother, and officials theorized that the mother died in the plane.

Meanwhile, Dee-Dee sits saucer-eyed and silent in Chungshan Hospital, half-frightened by the crowds of friendly strangers coming to see him and by the flash of photographers' bulbs.

A Chinese woman whose four children perished in Dee-Dee's plane died today, bringing to 72 the total deaths in the three crashes.

Two Government officials investigating the crashes attributed them partly to inadequate facilities for landing planes in bad weather. They said safety aids would be installed soon at Shanghai's only commercial field.

11 Injured When Huge Ship Falls In Ireland

Smashes Into Mud Of Island

RINEANNA, Eire —(AP)—The explosion and crash of a TWA Constellation killed twelve persons and left eleven injured, seven critically.

The Trans World airliner, en route from Paris to New York, exploded with a blinding flash, apparently at the moment it smashed into the mud of a boggy, grass-covered island about two miles from the Shannon Airport.

The pilot, Capt. Herbert Tansey of Falls Church, Va., was injured so seriously that investigators could not talk with him immediately to learn what might have forced down the giant four-engine plane, named the Star of Cairo.

Nine of those killed outright were passengers and three were crew members. All but two of the twelve were Americans.

NO WARNING

The surviving hostess, Miss Vina Ferguson of Jackson Heights, N. Y., said the crash occurred without warning. She and the passengers had no impression that anything was wrong as the plane started down for a landing in misty and drizzle at 2 A. M. (9 P. M., Friday, Eastern Standard Time).

Among those critically injured were four-month-old Charles Bruce Waterbury and his 20-year-old mother, Mrs. Edith Delaby Waterbury, who were on their way to join her ex-GI husband, Charles Waterbury, at Newark, N. J.

The baby suffered a fracture of a leg and burns about the face.

The blast which shattered the plane threw him clear from the wreckage and he landed in soft mud.

Mrs. Delaby was severely burned and an ankle was fractured.

The injured, brought from the island in little boats, were taken to St. John's Grid Barrington Hospitals at Limerick and the Community Hospital at Ennis.

PROBE STARTED

Investigators of the Eire Department of Industry and Commerce were on the scene but could get little conclusive information as to the cause of the crash.

From the observation tower at the airport the flash of the explosion was seen at the spot where the wreckage later was found. The impression of several persons near the spot was that the explosion took place at just about the moment of the impact.

Only a portion of the rear fuselage, where several of the injured were seated, remained intact. Major parts were strewn for several hundred yards and the wings were shattered.

The plane plowed 500 or 600 yards across the grassy surface of the Shannon River island, and the grass on each side of the furrow appeared singed.

SOME TRAPPED

The plane burned fiercely for many hours, and some passengers were hopelessly trapped.

Some of the survivors apparently owed their lives to the explosion.

While the flash of the blast was seen at the Shannon Airport, it was hours before rescuers with adequate equipment could get to the inaccessible spot.

U. S. Freighter Slowly Sinking

OSLO—(AP)—The 7,176-ton United States freighter, Am-Mer-Mar, two big holes torn in her hull by a submerged rock, was reported sinking slowly today off the Southern tip of Norway after the rescue of the crew of 38.

The radio station at Farsund in Southern Norway said the vessel's radio operator had reported her going down off Ryvingen lighthouse near Mandal, some 20 miles east of Farsund. The crew, with the operator and captain the last to leave early today, was taken aboard the Norwegian rescue vessel Anton Poulsson without mishap.

(The Am-Mer-Mar, owned by the Mississippi Shipping Co., Inc., of New Orleans, sailed from there Dec. 16, the Coast Guard in New York said last night, for Larvik, Norway, up the Skagerrak from Mandal. The Coast Guard said in Marshfield, Mass., radio station had picked up an SOS at 4:05 P. M. (EST) that the freighter had hit a submerged object. It had no information on her cargo.)