

RAIL DEATHS OF WANDERERS ARE MOUNTING

Company Officials Are Helpless to Stem Heavy Toll.

This is the fourth in a series of articles by former Police Chief Pelham D. Glassford, who has been touring the states of the South and Southeast studying the problem created by hundreds of thousands of wandering boys in this country.

BY GEN. PELHAM D. GLASSFORD

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 28.—One of the youngest of the group to which I stood talking by a stalled freight train bore evidence of a nasty fall. His clothes were torn, and his face, beneath the dirt that caked it, badly lacerated. I could see that it was painful, but he was trying to assume a manly indifference.

"Taint nothing," he said. "I got it hopping—slid down a bank."

He was luckier than thousands of others beating their way on freight trains. The railroad casualties among the homeless and destitute wanderers are increasing in proportion to the traffic.

The reports of a few of the larger roads approach 500 a month. Most of these are caused by jumping on or off moving trains.

Denied access to a freight in the yards, the men and boys on the road line up along the right of way, and hop the train as it gathers headway. Again, as it slows down they leap from it to avoid the yard policemen.

Railroads Are Helpless

Railroad officials realize the seriousness of this practice in mounting casualty claims, and unable to stop it, have become more lax in their efforts to do so.

W. J. Poole, chief of police for the Central of Georgia Railway, later in the day, at Macon, Ga., stated the railroads' case.

"We haven't lost any passenger service, it has just been diverted to the freights," he said. "We counted eighty-five on No. 47, going to Atlanta, this morning."

Most of the travelers, in his opinion, are between 17 and 23 years old. "We don't bother them except in the freight yards," he continued. "We had to put seven teen off one car in the yard today."

I corralled the youngster with the scarred face, to take him along to Atlanta. The conductor, passing by, cursed the boys sympathetically. He warned them of what he would do if they built a fire in the car.

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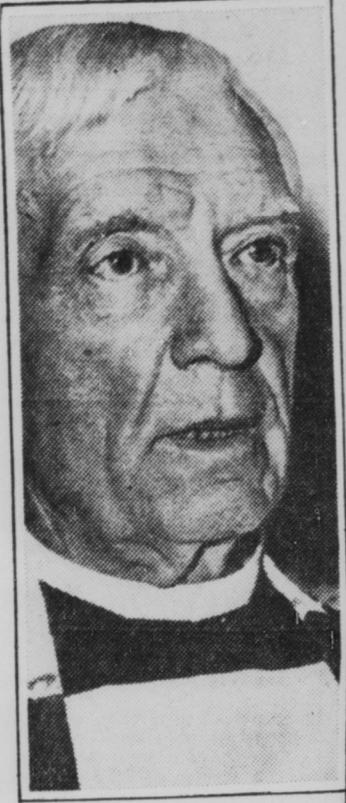
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The Rev. Charles Ernest Smith and the interior of St. Thomas Episcopal church in Washington. President-elect Roosevelt and his family have been assigned an aisle pew, well to the front.

Roosevelt's Elusive Replies to Queries Puzzle Press

Fails to Discuss Matters Candidly in His Dealings With Press Representatives.

BY RAY TUCKER
Times Staff Writer

WARM SPRINGS, Jan. 28.—Although a delightful personality, President-Elect Roosevelt is beginning to puzzle and perplex those newspaper correspondents, who have been assigned to "cover" him only recently.

With all due allowance for his desire to choose his cabinet and formulate major policies without too much ballyhoo, his refusal to answer direct questions and his elusive responses at times grate on the nerves of the newspaper correspondents. It also accounts for various discrepancies which may be discovered in reports of his doings the last few weeks of his life, as a private citizen.

Mr. Roosevelt, unlike a private citizen, Hoover, is most cordial at his press conferences, and conducts them in a friendly atmosphere. The gang sits on the floor, still calls him "Governor," and an air of camaraderie prevails.

But his calling of the reporters by their first names, though rather enjoyable, does not compensate for his failure to discuss matters candidly.

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For instance, he told them no progressive had protested against his policies, three native-born Americans, well-mannered, upstanding youths, all completely destitute.

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