

HUNDREDS HURT IN SUPPER-HOUR SUBWAY CRASH

Terrified Passengers Periled
By Third Rail as N. Y.
Trains Collide.

NEW YORK, March 31 (U. P.).—Police compiled today a list of 243 persons injured when two trains of the city-owned independent subway system collided underground at the height of the home-going rush hour last night.

None was killed and only 14 were confined in hospitals today but hundreds of passengers in the two crowded, four-car trains were flung into aisles, endangered by the electrified third rail when they streamed out on to the tracks through emergency exits, or terrified while waiting 20 minutes in the wrecked cars to be rescued.

Train Stalled on Curve

The crash occurred in Astoria, Queens Borough, shortly before 6 p. m. One train, operated by Motorman William Abresca, was stalled on a sharp curve by a defective coupling. The other, operated by Paul Tomshaw and headed in the same direction, struck it from the rear.

Crews of both trains were questioned for hours and will go to the district attorney's office later today for an official investigation. Although they apparently had not been injured, Mr. Abresca and his conductor, Henry Stock, both complained of "feeling sick" and were taken to a hospital at midnight. Investigators were puzzled because the automatic block signal system failed to prevent the crash. It stops a train automatically when it approaches too near another train. Mr. Tomshaw said he got a red signal and was stopped after leaving the Steinway Street station, but proceeded when the light turned green.

Approached Curve Slowly

He approached the curve slowly because of the previous red light, he said, but was almost upon the stalled train before he saw it.

He clamped on the brakes, sending a terrific jerk through the train that hurled passengers from their seats. An instant later the crash came. The car floors buckled, straw cushions flew through the air, window panes shattered and passengers screamed. Some lay unconscious. Others battled their way out to the tracks. Many were bleeding from cuts.

Pedestrians on the street level, hearing the commotion underground, gave the alarm that brought 200 policemen, firemen and ambulances from seven hospitals. Policemen went down ladders through manholes to herd passengers off the tracks.

The fact that lights stayed on in both trains and that neither was derailed, helped to minimize the hysteria. In 20 minutes the trains were towed to the next station where the more seriously injured were laid out on the platform for emergency treatment.

RUTH ETING DENIES LOVE THEFT CHARGE

HOLLYWOOD, March 31 (U. P.).—Blond Ruth Etting, retired blues singer, denied in a deposition today that she "showered gifts" upon handsome young Myrl Alderman and enticed him away from his previous wife.

She was sued for \$150,000 alienation of affections damages by Mrs. Alma Alderman. She married Alderman, her accompanist, during the trial of Martin (Moe the Gimp) Snyder, her former husband, from the shooting of Alderman last fall.

Hoagy Lures the Mayor



Like the Pied Piper, Hoagy Carmichael, famed Hoosier composer, lured all the folk within earshot away from their posts yesterday when he gave a brief recital of his compositions at City Hall. As Hoagy played, Mayor Sullivan (left), who said he "had to work," came out of his office. Also watching Hoagy's technique is Howard C. Carmichael, the composer's father.

Gable Admits He's Lucky, Carole Calls Him Her Star

(Picture, Page 26)

HOLLYWOOD, March 31 (U. P.).—Clark Gable, who performs more gracefully as a lover on the screen than off, diffidently put his arm around the slim waist of Carole Lombard, his bride, today and said, yes, he was a lucky guy. She had just called him the star in their family.

The newlyweds, who eloped to Kingman, Ariz., said their honeymoon was on a when, as, and if basis.

The widely grinning Gable, clad in a slightly rumpled blue serge suit, badly needed a haircut. That was the rub. He has to have his hair long for his part in "Gone With the Wind" and it'll be two months before that job is finished.

Carole Due on Job

"And on Wednesday I go to work at R-K-O," his bride said, "and it looks like our plans for a honeymoon will have to be as indefinite as they were for our marriage."

As for widely printed reports that Miss Lombard intends to stop earning \$425,000 a year as one of the movie's top stars and become a housewife and maybe have some children, she smiled and said that was mere guess-work.

Gable Kept Busy

"Eventually," she said, "I'm going to retire, but that's all in the future and I haven't thought about it much. It's too far away. But I can say now that Clark is the star of this family. He always has been."

While his bride did the talking, Mr. Gable tried to follow the orders of a dozen directors; in the form of news cameramen, all shouting at once. Some wanted him to squeeze his wife, others wanted him to put his head next to hers as if about to bestow a kiss, while the rest insisted that the bride and groom walk arm-in-arm from the front door of Miss Lombard's white brick house.

Miss Lombard had packed all her

GHASTLY RIDE COMES TO END

Texas Worker Hauls Victim
400 Miles Before Police
Stop His Car.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., March 31 (U. P.).—Hugh White, middle-aged oil-field worker, was almost grateful last night when highway patrolmen overhauled his automobile. For 400 miles he had carried in it the bullet-riddled body of his friend, G. F. (Punk) Weaver, whom he admitted shooting in a drunken quarrel.

White had no objective, had driven haphazardly eastward for 20 hours across vast south-west Texas where he could have dumped the body miles from the nearest house. Somehow he couldn't get rid of his burden.

When he stopped for gasoline here, a filling station attendant noticed blood trickling from the trunk of the automobile. He called police after White drove on.

White told Patrolman John Owen by that he and Weaver, a Royalty, Tex., garage owner, quarreled last night over dynamite they planned to steal at a well. Weaver, White said, suggested they get it to blast

Land 14-Pound 'Possum Here



A 14-pound opossum is the guest of Bryant Basler, 3949 Rockwood Ave., and Ira Dooley, 3943 Rockwood Ave., who will keep him until State Conservation officials call to take the 'possum into the country for release. They captured the stranger Wednesday night in a bare-handed encounter.

fish in a river. They had been drinking, White said.

"We began arguing at the well and Weaver drew a .22-caliber pistol," said White. "I took it away from him and began firing. I don't know how many times I shot him." White put Weaver's body in the

OFFER LIE TESTS IN FLOYD INQUIRY

Lorch Says Witnesses Will
Have Opportunity to
Vindicate Selves.

NEW ALBANY, Ind., March 31 (U. P.).—Opportunity to take a lie detector test will be offered to 16 witnesses appearing before the Floyd County Grand Jury investigating a shortage in the County Treasury, Prosecutor Frank E. Lorch Jr. said today.

Mr. Lorch said the witnesses would not be required to take the test, but that it would "give them a chance to vindicate themselves of any suspicion that they are withholding information."

He said he had made arrangements with experts of the Indiana State Police to give the lie detector tests before the jury.

One of the witnesses refused to take the test on attorney's counsel, but the remaining 15 failed to state whether they would take it or not, according to Mr. Lorch.

"The whole truth in this shortage has been buried beneath layers of hypocrisy and subterfuge," Mr. Lorch said. "If it is possible, either through human or mechanical

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OSHKOSH, Wis., March 31 (U. P.).—A thumbnail sketch of Otto (Scout) Ziebell, if not the best, at least the nation's most persistent solitaire player:

He has played an average of 22 games daily for nearly six years; he uses a new deck every three weeks because he wears the spots off the cards; he knows at least 25 different versions; his best record: 15 victories out of 24; his worst: three out of 27.

A Spanish-American War veteran, Mr. Ziebell, 66, worked with a construction firm 25 years without missing a day. He retired in 1930.

means, to solve this case, I intend to do it."

The present Grand Jury investigation is the third that has been made of the shortage. Indictments voted previously against Joshua T. Crandall of New Albany and Claude M. Gladden of Scottsburg, former field examiners for the State Board of Accounts, were quashed by the courts on the ground of faulty wording.

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