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Crack Train Mangles Car In Columbia

Driver Skids At Grade Crossing

COLUMBIA, S. C. (AP)—Three University of South Carolina students were killed about 3:30 A. M. today when their automobile ran into the path of the Seaboard Air-Line Railroad's New York-Miami Silver Meteor.

Identification of the badly mangled bodies was difficult but after several hours Coroner William A. Ford listed the dead as follows:

James Roy Thompson, 18, Greenville.

William J. Bruton, Jackson, S. C.

Walter H. Smith, 2120 Marion St., Columbia.

Smith, 22, was a law student. He was prominent in young Democratic political and was veteran class here.

Scene of the crash was on the outskirts of suburban Elm Grove. There was heavy mist and fog at the time.

Ford said the driver of the automobile apparently ran up to the crossing at a high rate of speed. There were three cars in the line.

The car stopped right on the tracks. Ford continued, and was demolished almost completely.

The wreckage was a closed shop, through a continuing track. The car was found 165 feet away.

It all happened in a split second. When the car was in the flower. When I saw the car it was on the track.

The engineer's name was not obtained.

The crack Meteor was on time and was probably 1450 feet from the Columbia stop, it normally travels at a fairly high speed that far from the station, approximately 140 miles away.

Man Killed In Gun Battle

BOISEVAIR, Va. (AP)—One man was killed and another wounded in a gun battle here today as a deputy sheriff they shot on the streets of this southwest Virginia town today.

The deputy Ed McGlothlin, was struck in the back by a bullet and was rushed to the Bluefield, W. Va., sanatorium for an emergency operation.

Police said the two men were believed to be those who held up a Weir Virginia State liquor store at nearby Annapolis yesterday and escaped with between \$200 and \$300.

The wounded gunman, not yet identified, also was taken to the Bluefield Sanatorium with a leg wound.

Police said the two men had five revolvers between them, in hip and shoulder holsters.

They were approached by McGlothlin on the street because he thought they talked with the deputy sheriff of the two armed, unmasked bandits who robbed the liquor store.

McGlothlin was talking with them, one shot the officer in the back. Police said. Both men started to run. McGlothlin fell, and fired five shots, all bullet hitting one on the other of the pair.

Once Over Lightly

BY WALTER SEIDENHART



Matthews Brushes Off Protest

Successor To Denfeld Sought

By ELTON C. FAY
WASHINGTON (AP)—Secretary of the Navy Matthews, calmly ignoring lawmakers' demands that he quit, combed through a list of admirals today seeking a successor to Louis Denfeld as chief of naval operations.

Matthews gave not the slightest indication that he intended to heed angry cries for his resignation from at least two members of Congress. But he declined any comment on that or other statements from Congressional quarters.

When reporters asked him, if there was any chance he might change his mind about removing Adm. Denfeld and giving him some other job, Matthews said firmly:

"I asked the President for something to make the transfer. I do not ask for things just to ask for them. Of course I intend to do it through with it."

Denfeld's special assistant, Capt. Oliver Karpis, told reporters that he would be asked to retire from the Navy rather than take a lesser position.

He vehemently asserted that Matthews would leave the Defense Dept. when Gen. Curtis E. LeMay (R-Calif.) and Rep. Bates (R-Mass.)

Bates is a member of the House Armed Services Committee which heard Denfeld and most of the other high command of the three armed forces testify in the bitter military dispute over unification.

He said Matthews, who was named to his job last Spring, "is absolutely unfit to hold the office; his naval experience is nil and he can't even run a boat."

Knowland declared it is "imperative" that the secretary quit, "but that a new top man can properly function in his job."

From his home at Millersville, Pa., Chairman Vinson of the House committee said Denfeld had been asked to "walk the plank" because of his "bushy" hair.

He said the Navy's staff power is being ruined in the Pentagon.

Vinson said the committee will look into Denfeld's ouster when it meets next week.

A reporter asked Matthews if Denfeld's removal "is in any way resented?"

"Not in the slightest," the Navy Secretary answered. Denfeld's testimony, he said, was "not the deciding factor in the decision to remove him."

Yesterday Secretary of Defense Johnson went on record along the same line in a television interview, averting a protest from Sen. Johnson declared that Denfeld was "not a competent officer."

The reason, Johnson implied, was that the Admiral "lacked qualifications for the job."

Matthews said Denfeld would continue as chief of naval operations "until his future duties are determined and a successor named."

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PRINCIPALS IN FLOGGING TRIAL

Gridders Face Looming Count

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