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OLDEST DAILY IN THE STATE.

SEVEN DEAD IN WRECK OF ARMY AIRPLANE AT INDIAN HEAD, MD.

WORST ACCIDENT THAT AMERICAN AIR SERVICE HISTORY HAS RECORDED

The Ambulance Plane "Eagle" Carries to Death Entire Party During Storm
CAUSE NOT KNOWN
French Expert Says Machine Was Balanced Badly; Had Too Small a Motor

WASHINGTON, May 29.—(By Associated Press.)—Seven men, five of the army and two civilians, were killed in the wreck of the Eagle, an army Curtiss ambulance airplane, near Indian Head, Md., 40 miles southwest of Washington, yesterday evening in a terrific wind and electrical storm.

The dead are: Lieut.-Col. Archie Miller, U. S. A., Washington; Connelly, Dubuque, Iowa, former member of the house of representatives; A. G. Batchelder, Washington, chairman of the board of the American Automobile association; Lieut. S. E. Ames, Washington, pilot of the wrecked plane; Lieut. Cleveland and Lieut. John M. Pennell, Langley Field, Va.

Sergt-Mechanic Richard Blunkranz, Lexington, Ky. Army officers said the accident was the worst in the history of aviation in the United States, either military or civil.

The ship struck the ground nose first and the force of the great impact of the crash was torn from its chassis and thrown back into the cockpit pit, and all of the bodies were badly mutilated.

The exact cause of the accident probably never will be known, as those in the machine were dead when witnesses from Morgantown, a village near Indian Head, reached the scene.

An official investigation of the accident will be conducted at Washington. It is possible an inquiry will be made into the general design and practical use by the army of such machines, of only one of the type in the army air service. Air service officers said today that when the plane left Langley field it was apparently in perfect running condition and had been flying for several hours in the morning and afternoon.

Capt. Depain de Lavergne, air attache of the French embassy, who made the trip in the Eagle from Washington, said that in his opinion the Eagle was unbalanced.

"The machine was badly balanced," Capt. de Lavergne said. "It had a small motor, and when the weight was too much; the pilot could not control it. I declined to return in it and came back by boat."

High School Graduate Wins \$1,200 on Essay

A prize of \$1,000 and another prize of \$200 and a gold medal were presented at the high school of commerce, New York, to David Koch, a 17-year-old graduate, for the best high school essay on "economic conditions written during the past year in the United States and Canada. The decision of the judges was unanimous. The prize of \$1,000 was offered by Alvan H. Simonds, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and the prize of \$200, accompanied by the gold medal, was offered by Clarkston Co. Inc. The subject of the essay, assigned by Mr. Simonds, was "The Teachings of Wealth and National Economic Conditions." Koch, the prize winner, explained that he had studied economics for only half a year during his last term in high school, but he had read his way through forty volumes in preparation for the final writing of the essay. The essay would fill about two newspaper pages, and was of about 15,000 words.

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THIS STATE TO BE A BATTLEGROUND IN THE NEXT TEXTILE STRIKE

Walkout May Spread From North Carolina Mill Towns to All Southern Centers

ONE MILL AT TIME

Threatened Strike Is Planned to Affect First One Group, and Then Another

CHARLOTTE, May 29.—North Carolina will be the battleground in the impending struggle of the textile workers in the resistance of wage reductions in excess of 22 1/2 per cent according to Thomas F. McMahon, vice-president of the United Textile Workers of America, World, but once the walkout starts, it may spread to all southern textile centers, he said.

Mr. McMahon explained tonight that while a general blanket order for a strike had been drafted, as announced last night, it will become effective probably in one group of mills at a time, one mill center after another in the Carolinas, especially the piedmont section, and then spread to other sections of the country.

He declared that the only possible development that might avert the proposed strike would be a satisfactory settlement of wage reductions through negotiations between the mill executives and the local groups of workers. In only one or two mills in the south-east had a satisfactory agreement been reached, he said, and despite the fact that appeals had been sent several weeks ago by the Charlotte central labor union, representing all the organized trades of this section, to Governor Morrison of North Carolina, to the president of the Southern Textile association, to the Charlotte textile general association, and the mayor of the city, none of these had taken steps to ward off a strike, he said.

Mr. McMahon declared that he and President Golden of the International Textile Workers' union, had come into the south several weeks ago to canvass the situation in response to appeals by the local unions, and he reiterated the declaration that they did not come at the instance of the international organization or of their own initiative. He is here, he said, to counsel with and advise the local unions.

PRESIDENT HARDING NATION TO PAY, AND WEST HAS BEATEN TRIBUTE TO THE DEAD LINNEY IN THE SENATE

Will Deliver Annual G. A. R. Address in the Arlington National Cemetery
Republican Senators Haven't Been So Frightened in a Long, Long Time

FORGET NO GRAVE DARE NOT CONFIRM

Wherever American Soldiers Are Buried Abroad, Graves Will Be Decorated

WASHINGTON, May 29.—Leading the nation's commemorations of its heroic soldier and sailor dead, President Harding tomorrow will deliver the Memorial Day address at the Arlington National Cemetery. Exercises in the national capital in honor of the men who followed their country's flag began today, but formal homage will be paid by the chief executive, himself the son of a veteran of the Union army, which resumes a custom broken by the war to have the names of the regular army and navy, with the representatives of foreign governments, to attend the ceremonies at Arlington which are to be conducted by the Grand Army of the Republic. Prior to the ceremonies a parade of veterans and troops of the regular army will pass in review before the white house, led by Lieut.-Gen. Nelson A. Miles. The marching ranks are to include members of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Spanish War Veterans, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the National Disabled Soldiers League.

In remembrance of the men who fell in the world war, paper poppies patterned after the bloody red flowers of Flanders, have been made for distribution by school children. Besides the usual ceremonies at Arlington, the graves of service men in other countries in Washington and its environs are to be decorated with fitting exercises by veteran and patriotic organizations.

Special services will be held at Arlington in memory of the unknown dead who fell in France, while tribute will be paid the nation's dead from the north to the Potomac.

Memorial day was described tonight by Secretary Denby as "the day of solemn pride."

All graves of American soldiers and sailors will be decorated tomorrow with an honor flag, according to advice from Paris, the American Red Cross announced. Not a grave in France, Belgium, Italy, Serbia, Caesarea, and Spain has been forgotten, it was stated, and wreaths and flags have been sent to seaport towns where coffins of many soldiers are awaiting transport overseas.

DEATH OF GEN. PORTER SOLDIER, INVENTOR, DIPLOMAT AND WRITER ENDS LONG CAREER

CHARLOTTE, May 29.—Charles Tull, 7-year-old son of Mrs. C. B. Tull, was struck by an auto driven by Charles Nichols, and practically instantly killed. He was taken to the Presbyterian hospital but died on the way.

The accident occurred on Elizabeth street and Seventh streets, the latter leading to the cemetery, where Dr. Plato Durham will deliver the memorial oration. There were 110 men of Mecklenburg county buried in the cemetery today. The day is a half holiday in the city.

FRENCH PAY TRIBUTE TO THE AMERICANS WHO DIED
PARIS, May 29.—(By Associated Press.)—France in military and religious services, joined with America today in the first of a two-day observance of Memorial day for the American boys who gave their lives in the world war. With British, Belgian and other allied participants, the French people symbolized their reverence for those who fell for a noble cause.

AMERICAN RECORDS ACCEPTED
GENEVA, May 29.—Acceptance as world's records for all but seven of the American track and field records submitted to the international amateur athletic federation was announced tonight by Frederick W. Rueben, secretary of the amateur athletic union. Mr. Rueben has been elected chairman of the rules and records committee and general circulation, in Raleigh this week making a study of the North Carolina health department, for the purpose of finding out, as she puts it, "why it is so much better than the health departments of other states."

MORE ARRESTS FOR GAMBLING
Police officers at 10:45 o'clock last night raided what is said to have been a gambling game going on in a building on Second street between Chestnut and Princess, and gathered in ten negro men, running the total of alleged gamblers arrested for the day to 18. The others were caught yesterday afternoon. The raid last night was made by Police Sergeants W. C. Moore and W. R. Appleberry and Officer J. F. Jordan, the prisoners being Robert Wright, H. McNeal, Joe Duran, Ayant McMillan, William Andrews, Willie Lewis, David McNeal and Willie McGee.

Two Women Being Held In Murder Case



Mrs. Jessie James and Miss Goldie Gordon, two women being held in a murder case.

HISTORIC CHURCH HAS MARINE ENGINEERS AT HARDING FOR SPEAKER TAMPA VOTE FOR PLAN

WASHINGTON, May 29.—In the historic Episcopal church at Ponick, in Virginia, of which George Washington was once a vestryman, President Harding today paid his respects to members of the parish who gave their lives to the nation in the world war.

After the services, at which hundreds from the Virginia countryside crowded into old-fashioned box seats, the President addressed the gathering and exhorted the parishioners to go forth from the house of worship to the sword in behalf of suffering humanity and to preserve inviolate those principles of right and justice for which Americans have always fought.

The occasion for the President's worship in the pew once occupied by George Washington, was the unveiling of a tablet in memory of three former parishioners of the church who served in the world war.

While disclaiming any intention of venturing into a discussion of the cause of the world war, the President declared that "America fought to preserve the rights of the republic and to maintain the civilization in which she had taken a part in making and in that service we have rendered tribute not only to that cause, but also to the highest ideals of humanity."

To the end of the concord between the north and south, which the world war helped to achieve, the President asserted there was no longer any suggestion of conflict since "we unshakably stand for the cause of the unweakened and were brought into a supreme and sublime effort to save the civilization of the world."

In this effort "we have found the soul of America," the chief executive continued, and the sections of the nation "are united in the sweetest concord that ever united men."

ALABAMA METHODISTS ARE HALF WAY TO THEIR GOAL
LAKELAND, Fla., May 29.—Southern Methodist churches of Florida in the first day of their one-week drive for the Christian education conference quota of \$700,000, tonight raised the half-way mark, \$350,000 cash, and pledges having been tabulated, according to D. B. Sweet, financial director for the Florida districts. From many points reports have not been received, but many of those received have completed their balance. Mr. Sweet stated.

TRAP SHOOTING TOURNAMENT
ATLANTA, May 29.—Crack shots from all parts of the south will take part here Wednesday in the southern sports championship trap shooting contest authorized by the American Trap Shooters' association.

EVERYTHING GOES GERMAN
SALZBURG, Austria, May 29.—(By Associated Press.)—In the referendum held here today the vote was virtually unanimous in favor of fusion with Germany. With 80 per cent of the returns already received, only a few hundred votes were recorded against fusion.

FARMERS ARE SERIOUS IN CO-OPERATIVE WAR ON 'WEED' MIDDLEMAN

Bankers in East Pictured as Being Alarmed at Prospect of His Elimination

MAY HURT MARKET

But the Co-operators Say Their Plan of Selling Will "Make" Market Towns

BY JULE B. WARREN
RALEIGH, May 29.—Co-operative marketing agitation not only has aroused the growers of the weed, according to bankers who have just returned from the Greensboro convention; the markets in the east are sharply agitated over the war of the middle man.

Aaron Sapro of California, Clarence Poe of Raleigh, and others less noted have been organizing the farmers of the east where tobacco sold when it brings anything. The success of the campaign is measured by the reaction in the cities which live largely by the tobacco craft. And bankers unhesitatingly tell people that there is cause for alarm.

Without tobacco these money-makers and lenders cannot very well imagine a Wilson, Greenville, Farmville, Kinston, LaGrange, Wendell, Zebulon, Spring Hope, or an Oxford. The cities have profitable markets. There are many others which would be injuriously affected, the bankers think.

Winston-Salem and Durham would stand up whatever happened to the leaf market because they manufacture largely. But the bankers were blue when they discussed the proposal to eliminate the middlemen.

A Poe or a Sapro to prove that so far from breaking these very cities, the co-operative marketing plan will make them. Whether this system of selling would drive the warehousemen and the owners of the warehouses to cover, these co-operative advocates believe have not said. The organizers believe that all handlers of the week between the men on the farm and the factories could be eliminated, and profit. And cities which imagine that by this craft they have their living, would without the craftiness of the craft have more living than with it.

The earnestness of the financial men's hearts in a reduction of the co-ownership with which the farmers have gone into the organization. At the head of the tobacco organization is former State Superintendent James T. Joyner, who made more money last year on his tobacco crop than he made in 10 years as head of the state schools, then turned right round and lost more this year than he had lost in a single decade of his long career as a school life. Dr. Joyner is a co-operator. He is also a banker. Farmer Joyner as president of a great tobacco union must think also of financier Joyner. And he casts the deciding vote for his organization.

This co-operative marketing agitation which was discussed by Dr. B. W. Kilgore of Raleigh, at the late Greensboro convention, is said to have fallen more flatly on the convention than anything sprung on it. The convention of the bankers who have come through Raleigh on their return seems to furnish the explanation. Dr. Kilgore was failing to observe the rule of the "can't be said" more money last year on his tobacco crop than he made in 10 years as head of the state schools, then turned right round and lost more this year than he had lost in a single decade of his long career as a school life. Dr. Joyner is a co-operator. He is also a banker. Farmer Joyner as president of a great tobacco union must think also of financier Joyner. And he casts the deciding vote for his organization.

Delay in the supreme court's opinion in Little vs. Holmes and others is expected to end the Holmes defense. Hand down his opinion which may be the final ones in the spring term of 1921.

The court heard the last appeals the past week and may have had time to reach all the cases Wednesday, June 1. The Harris murder and the municipal finance act are both under consideration. But it is entirely probable that the last of the week will see the court's adjournment and it rarely carries over anything.

The Little vs. Holmes case is most novel. J. F. Little, of Union county, is suing M. C. and Baxter Holmes for \$5,000 growing out of the marriage of Henry Griffin to Mr. Little's 16-year-old daughter. The plaintiff seeks a recovery for the services of his daughter, for mental anguish and for punitive purposes. There is no effort to collect from the bridegroom. Nor is the fact that he whaled the paterfamilias over the head with a poker when the senior Little was seeking to restrain Griffin and his daughter from marrying, the cause for acquitting Griffin. The boy hasn't any money and the two Holmes men have.

The jury which heard the case gave judgment against the Holmes defense for \$275. How it arrived at that figure for services which the minor wife of Griffin would have performed, nobody knows. But the plaintiff admits his inability to tell just how he arrived at the \$5,000. He got there. The defendants appealed and the plaintiff asks affirmation of the judgment. The award of \$275 carries all the costs with it and the defendants must pay the balance.

They are charged with aiding the marriage, and actually accused of abducting the daughter. They transported the pair to South Carolina where the marriage devolved as a matter of course. Griffin is not even a party to the suit. Chief interest in the case attaches to the varying views of the justices on the bench, one of whom is a handsome young bachelor, two hold distinctly the old view as to unity in marriage, one other is broad and yet another exceedingly radical. It is hardly hoped that they can agree on this case.

BEAT JAPS AT BASEBALL
TOKIO, May 29.—The opening game of the baseball series between the University of California team and the Tokyo team today, was won by the Californians, 11 to 2. Edward Bell, the American pitcher, pitched the first ball.