

ROLLS IS KILLED WHILE COMPETING FOR AVIATION PRIZE AT BOURNEMOUTH

Most Daring and Most Popular Aviator Dashed to Death in Presence of a Great Crowd of Spectators.

HIS SKULL WAS FRACTURED AND MACHINE SPLINTERED

Tailpiece of the Biplane Snapped—Rolls Dead Before Doctors Reached Him—He Was Attempting to Alight upon a Given Mark.

Bournemouth, England, July 12.—The first flying tournament in England was brought to tragic close this morning by the death of the most daring and popular British aviator, Charles S. Rolls, third son of Lord Ligonier.

Before a great company of spectators, the Wright biplane on which Rolls was flying fell suddenly, with terrific speed, from a height of 100 feet.

It struck the ground close to the crowded grandstand, smashed into a tangled mass, and before doctors and assistants reached the spot, Mr. Rolls was dead.

Mr. Rolls was competing for the prize for the aviator alighting nearest a given mark. He had risen to a good height, then shut off his motor, and was gliding in a broad circle, when the biplane's tail piece snapped off.

The machines gave a sudden lurch the framework crumpling up in the air. When it struck the ground it was smashed into splinters. Rolls sustained a fractured skull.

Couple is Given a Handsome Spoon Mr. and Mrs. Barberi of Florida Kindly Remembered Because They Have Thirteen Children.

ATLANTIC CITY WORKING FOR NEXT CONVENTION

Grand Lodge of Elks Will Probably Re-Elect All Officers Except Secretary-Treasurer.

Detroit, July 12.—The grand lodge of Elks, now in convention, it is believed, will re-elect all the grand officers without opposition, with the exception of the secretary-treasurer.

An exhibition drill by a picked detachment of United States regulars from Fort Wayne, a concert by the Windsor Fustler band, automobile trips into the country, and lake and river excursions formed a part of today's amusements.

HEAD OF AMERICAN NEWS COMPANY IS DEAD AT 90

Henry Dexter, Millionaire, Spent Last Seven Years Trying to Find Son's Murderer.

New York, July 12.—Henry Dexter, the millionaire president of the American News company, is dead, aged 93. Mr. Dexter spent the last seven years of his life in an unavailing search for the murderer of his son, Oswald, who was killed in the Adirondacks, in 1895.

Forecast until 4 p. m. Wednesday for Asheville and vicinity: Somewhat unsettled weather, with probably showers tonight or Wednesday.

LIVES DESTROYED IN FEARFUL FIRE

New Brunswick Town Practically Destroyed and Fully 3000 Persons Rendered Homeless.

PROPERTY, VALUE \$1,000,000, IS DESTROYED BY THE FLAMES

Shingle Mills, Churches, Banks, Business Houses, and Dwellings Obliterated—Water Mains Fail.

New Brunswick, N. B., July 12.—Fully 3000 persons in Campbellton are homeless today as a result of fire which yesterday destroyed a large portion of the town. The loss of eight lives was reported today, but it is probable the death list will not exceed two. Telephone wires between Bathurst and Campbellton are down. The information received is brought by trainmen.

Campbellton was the largest cedar shingle center in eastern America. Practically all the mills there are destroyed, including that of the Shive Lumber and the Moffatt company. This property, in which American capital was interested, was valued at \$1,000,000.

Hundreds of cars, two churches, two banks and other business houses and many dwellings were obliterated. The fire started yesterday in the Richardson Lumber company's mills and fanned by a southwesterly gale spread to all parts of the town. The water mains failed at a critical time.

As Reported From St. John. St. John, N. B., July 12.—Seven men and one child are reported killed in an explosion incident to a fire which practically destroyed Campbellton. Four thousand people were made homeless.

The property loss is roughly estimated at \$1,000,000. The blaze started in the Richardson's company shingle mill. The fire was one of the worst in the history of the province.

TO HAVE SUPPORT IN PROCEEDINGS

Cotton Association Directors Will Aid Members in Action Against Knight, Yancey & Company.

Liverpool, July 12.—The Cotton association directors today decided to support financially the legal proceedings taken by members arising from losses suffered by dealings with the Alabama firm of Knight, Yancey & Co. Many Liverpool cotton firms lost heavily early in May through having made payments on alleged false bills of lading received from America.

DEMOCRATS OF WISCONSIN ASSEMBLED IN CONVENTION

Adolph J. Schmitz and B. W. Jones Are Mentioned to Head the State Ticket.

Milwaukee, July 12.—Wisconsin democrats gathered in state convention at noon today for formulating a platform. Adolph J. Schmitz of Milwaukee and B. W. Jones of Madison are mentioned to head the ticket.

Defending the principles of the democratic party and criticizing the present administration, Temporary Chairman Rethly outlined the coming democratic campaign at the opening of the convention. More government for the people by the people, less government by class and for privilege, and a progressive platform were among the things he advocated.

Firemen and Engineer Probably Killed San Francisco, July 12.—Four cars and the engine of a special train carrying members of the American Chemical society of San Francisco were derailed this morning two miles south of Sausalito. It is believed the fireman and an engineer were killed. No passengers were seriously injured.



New York Herald and The Gazette-News. "SAY, MR. BULL, COULD YOU USE A LITTLE OF THIS?"

PROSPECT OF LIVELY FIGHT IN DISTRICT CONVENTION

Crawford Recognizes Possibility of Disagreement and Positively Refuses to Act as Permanent Chairman.

THAT the Tenth district congressional convention may possibly be drawn out to some length was evidenced about 1:30 o'clock today when upon roll call, contests were reported from Haywood, Swain, and Cherokee and a slight one from McDowell county. After considerable disorder and many motions to adjourn, the convention at 1:35 adjourned to meet again in 40 minutes. The Gudgeon men at first appeared to object to an adjournment.

Ex-Congressman Crawford who was made temporary chairman positively refuses to be named permanent chairman, saying that he has three objections. He did not state these but it is understood that his views upon certain parts of the democratic plan of organization are contrary to that held by some of the candidates and he does not wish to be placed in the chair at a time when a lively fight is evident. The placing of S. F. Chapman of Buncombe upon the credentials and appeal committee is regarded as a Cook victory.

Court House Packed. Militant democracy from all parts of the Tenth congressional district assembled at the county court house shortly after noon today for the nomination of a candidate for congress. The court house was packed and jammed and there were not a few republicans present to the "fun." The county delegations were seated together and marked by signers. Before the convention was called to order there was considerable talking among the friends of the candidates. Chairman Shipman, sounded the gavel at 12:15, and Rev. J. C. Curtis was called upon for a short prayer for divine guidance in the work of the convention. As Secretary P. O. Cooks of the executive committee read the call for the convention, numbers of other delegates and on-lookers wedged their way into the hall.

Donald Gillis, Garland Thomson and Julius G. Adams were appointed temporary secretaries.

Chairman Shipman presented the Hon. W. T. Crawford of Haywood as temporary chairman amidst a burst of enthusiasm.

Mr. Crawford Speaks. Mr. Crawford stated that he was very glad indeed to have the pleasure of presiding temporarily over the democrats of the Tenth district. "You do not need any speech from me, we are here for one purpose—to redeem the district. This district has been misrepresented for about two years. The Gazette-News said not long ago that Jno. G. Grant secured his election through misrepresentation—and I believe it is true. Some of you may believe that I am sore because John Grant beat me—I am not for when he beat me I was satisfied that anyone could have done so, because to begin with, he made the campaign on ground that democrats would run the county by putting woodpulp on the free list and the first vote he cast was for Joe Cannon, and while the second was for free wood pulp. I've got the record on him. He falsified his whole campaign when he did that. That is the kind of a representative you've elected and I am glad some people have got him.

"He is a man everybody is for, but nobody wants."

"Senator Dolliver, the greatest man in the republican party, who has never been charged with telling a lie until he would not stand for greater highway robbery in the tariff matter, said that they have not lowered the tariff materially.

"If you could only take the republican pretenses as assets and their intentions as liabilities, you could organize a corporation which would beat the Standard Oil company in earnings a thousand per cent.

"They are standing between the devil and deep blue sea, and will go down in the whirlpool of Western insurgency.

"They unhorsed poor Uncle Joe and took him from the rules committee and he got so mad he got to cursing—it does not take much to make him curs—and said that republicans ought not to be shot, they ought to be hanged. When thieves fall out, as Shakespeare says, just men get their dues. The people are not going to stand the tariff law.

"The republicans have always been in favor of corporations, national banks, etc., and, now they come with the postal savings bank bill which was drawn for the big men, so that the people deposit their money in the postoffice for 2 per cent and the big men come along and draw it out at 3-4 per cent. They can draw this money out and put in bonds.

"Fight on the Back. Now, gentlemen, we've not to fight the old enemy, we have our own conference. The democratic party fights best when its on its back—it's there now and its going to fight.

"The republicans have not been traitors to us, we never did trust them—they have been traitors to the honest men in the republican party.

"There is a condition brewing in North Carolina which some way induces my friends, Col. Lusk and Judge Pritchard to say they would not support the state ticket if certain things happen—but they will never have to do it, for the party will never do anything to drive them to such lengths.

"The republicans are messed up—Roosevelt is supporting Beveridge, one of the rankest of the insurgents. They are all insuring.

A Man to Beat Grant.

"We are here to put out a man to beat John G. Grant and all his cohorts behind him. They know we can do it—some of them want it. (Applause.) Aroused democracy can do anything. I have no candidate—the nominee is my candidate. It is of little consequence who represents this district in congress for we know he will do it well.

"Some of the people thought that they got some of our votes. He never got a democratic vote last year. The man is not a democrat who will admit that he voted for Grant. I got more votes running against Grant, than when against him. We've got to get more democrats—young democrats and recruits from the enemy. We failed to get our proportion of the increase. I got more votes in Buncombe in 1908 than 1906—but Grant got out the unvotable vote. We want to get the machine well oiled and working, we want harmony—we want a man first of all whose democracy can't be questioned. We want a man who cannot be cuffed and kicked about by Cannon and Taft. We want no more Grant-graft-Taft.

"They got in on the wood pulp issue; the plea that the old voter and young illiterates would be disfranchised and on the assertion that democrats would paralyze business interests. All of which they have lied about. They are meaner than old Ananias."

"I am done. I have said what I intended and if you don't like it, come down to the Hotel Berkeley and we'll take a drink of soda water." He stated in conclusion that in no circumstance could he accept the chairmanship of the convention. He had two or three reasons that he did not state, which kept him from this.

Payne had contended that with no tariff on potatoes, he figured that an American would have to pay a foreigner five cents to get him to buy a bushel of potatoes.

It is understood that Mr. Crawford's ruling on the way the vote of the county should be counted, was the chief reason.

Mr. Crawford held, so it is learned, that the county and not the precinct should be the unit in the congressional convention. Some of the candidates had insisted that the precinct was the unit.

The various counties named the following as committee members:

Credentials and Appeals. Buncombe, S. F. Chapman; Cherokee, John H. Dillard; Clay, R. E. Crawford; Haywood, G. B. Walker; Henderson, D. R. Noland; Jackson, G. B. Hill; Macon, D. K. Moore; McDowell, Geo. H. Dalrymple; Polk, W. W. Neal; Rutherford, W. H. Stearns; Swain, J. F. Hock; Transylvania, Jack Coleman.

Permanent Organization. Buncombe, R. M. Wells; Cherokee, John G. Britain; Clay, R. E. Crawford; Graham, E. P. Tatum; Haywood, Wm. Ledbetter; Henderson, C. Oates; Jackson, S. W. Enloe; Macon, J. R. Morrison; McDowell, E. H. House; Polk, W. G. Gaines; Rutherford, J. B. Long; Swain, A. H. Elmore; Transylvania, J. R. Zackary.

Rules and order of business: Buncombe, George A. Shuford; Cherokee, W. H. Moroney; Clay, R. E. Crawford; Graham, R. B. Slaughter; Haywood, D. L. Boyd; Henderson, N. W. Posey; Jackson, Holmes Bryson; Macon, C. L. Ingram; McDowell, T. A. Morphey; Polk, F. M. Burgess; Rutherford, Frank Reynolds; Swain, C. Cockran; Transylvania, L. W. Whitmire.

Resolutions and platform: Buncombe, L. M. Bourne; Cherokee, John W. Ford; Clay, R. E. Crawford; Graham, Hardee Davis; Haywood, J. M. McMichael; Henderson, J. C. Sales; Jackson, T. A. Cox; Macon, Sam L. Rogers; McDowell, J. L. C. Bird; Polk, J. B. Livingston; Rutherford, M. L. Edwards; Swain, R. L. Sandidge; Transylvania, William E. Proese, Jr.

(*) The call for contests, Cherokee, Haywood, McDowell (small contest), and Swain reported contests and a hot fire ensued over motions to adjourn for an hour or more—the time varying as the delegate making it—but these were voted down. At 1:22 a motion to adjourn for 30 minutes carried. Ex-Congressman Crawford, who was made temporary chairman, positively refused to be named permanent chairman, saying that he had three objections. He did not state these but it is understood that his

CAPT. SPENCER LOSES HIS LIFE

Piloting a Party of Students Down the Tuckaseegee River His Canoe Overturns and He is Drowned.

THRILLING EXPERIENCE OF TUCKASEE CAMP SCHOOL

Four Canoes Filled With Students Dashed to Pieces on Rocks—All Young Men Made Their Way to the Shore.

Special to The Gazette-News. Bryson City, July 12.—Capt. Charles Spencer, who was drowned in the Tuckaseegee river Saturday evening, was a resident of Lexington, Va., and formerly connected with the Woodbury Forest school at Orange, Va. C. F. Spencer was of Lynchburg, Va., professor of mathematics at Woodbury forest school. He was unmarried, 35 years old, and was associate director of Camp Cherokee. The body, found in the river this morning, was thrown against a rock. Delegation from the camp goes home with the body.

R. L. Sandidge of Bryson City was in the city today and brought news of a sad accident which occurred Saturday some ten miles below Bryson, in which Capt. Spencer, one of the instructors of the Tuckaseegee Camp school, located at Bryson, was drowned in Tuckaseegee river.

Capt. Spencer with a party of young men, was attempting to paddle down the river to where it meets the Tennessee river at Bushfield. There were five canoes filled with the teachers and students. The river below Bryson is very rough and treacherous and about a half mile above Forney's are the "narrows," a place where the immense volume of water narrows to a width of not more than 30 feet and shoots between the rocks with powerful force.

Captain Spencer and his companion succeeded in getting their canoe through this place but it was overturned by striking a rock, and Captain Spencer was drowned. His companion succeeded in reaching the bank. The other four canoes, which were all of light metal construction, were either overturned or dashed to pieces on the rocks, but all of the other young men, in some way or other, were able to get to shore.

So far the body of Capt. Spencer has not been recovered. One hundred men and boys have been searching ever since the accident, with ropes, wires and nets, and attempting so far as they are able to drag the river, but the swiftness of the stream and the heavy rains make it a very difficult matter. They will continue the search as long as there is any hope of discovery.

Many men, in times past, have tried to guide boats through these rapids, but so far as is known none have ever been able to do so without overturning the boat, and there have been some narrow escapes before this. It is evident that the young men did not know the river or they would not have tried the passage.

The Tuckaseegee Camp school was established at Bryson City this summer by some educators from Baltimore, and has for its object not only the review of studies and preparation for college but also exercise and recreation, such as tennis, baseball, swimming, canoeing, etc. The school is well attended, students coming from all over the south.

WITH GOLF AND POLITICS PRESIDENT PUTS IN DAY

Senator Crane, His Luncheon Guest, and Wickham and Nagel Visit Him This Afternoon.

Beverly, July 12.—President Taft divided his time today between golf and politics. Departmental affairs at Washington and conditions in Alaska came in for consideration. Senator Crane spent the day in Beverly. He lunched with the president. Attorney General Wickham and Secretary Nagel had appointments with the president this afternoon.

FIVE PERSONS INJURED IN AN AUTOMOBILE-TRAIN COLLISION

Machine in Which Party Was Riding Struck by Illinois Central Train—Thrown from Car.

Chicago, July 12.—Five persons were severely injured last night when an automobile in which they were riding was struck by an Illinois Central train. All the occupants were buried from the machine.

Thomas and Bride Sail for Europe. New York, July 12.—Ralph H. Thomas and bride, formerly Mrs. Frank J. Gould, sailed for Europe on their honeymoon today.