

KILLED ON DAY OF REJOICING OVER BOND ARRANGEMENTS

MASON'S DEATH MOURNED HERE

Cables Say President of Transcontinental Had Just Finished Successful Bond Negotiations.

CELEBRATED SUCCESS BY GIVING A LUNCHEON

Afterwards Went Up With Fisher in Biplane, Which Was Dashed to Ground, Killing Both Men.

UNDER the caption, "Airman and Passenger Are Killed in Fall," The Gazette-News yesterday afternoon published an Associated Press dispatch which described the tragic death of Victor L. Mason, American, and E. V. B. aviator, on the Brooklands aviation ground Monday in England.

For in the death of Mr Mason the Transcontinental Construction company, of Asheville, constructors for the South Atlantic Transcontinental Railway Co., mourns the loss of its president. His mission to England was to make arrangements for the sale of the bonds of the construction company.

At the office of the construction company this morning nothing could be given out for publication. Officials here had just received confirmation of the melancholy tidings, and were in deep sorrow and distress at this loss of a friend and most valuable fellow worker, following so closely the death of Mr. Lantry of the company, who succumbed to a sudden attack of pneumonia a few months ago.

Following his earlier account of the accident the New York Sun says that Mr. Mason left this country on January 6 to make arrangements for the sale in England of the bonds of the Transcontinental Construction company, of which he was president.

Mr. Mason had interested himself in New Jersey politics and in 1894 was a delegate to the state republican convention, which named him as one of the alternate delegates to the national convention of that year in Chicago.

City Should Celebrate Opening of New Hotel

Business and Professional Men of Asheville Endorse Idea of People Making Gala Event of the Formal Opening of the Langren July 4.

ON Monday's Gazette-News the suggestion was offered that the people of Asheville should hold a fitting celebration in the Langren hotel on the occasion of its formal opening July 4. A number of the business and professional men of the city have responded to this suggestion with the heartiest approval.

A. NICHOLS: The idea is an excellent one. The people of Asheville should co-operate as a unit with the management of this hotel. This occasion should not only be made a big thing locally, but should be taken advantage of to give Asheville desirable publicity.

F. M. WEAVER: I heartily endorse the idea presented through The Gazette-News. It will be the proper thing to do, a wise move. ERWIN SLUDER: The occasion should be properly celebrated and all the people of Asheville should co-operate in making it a big success.

Convention Given Over to the Roosevelt Men

Morehead Calls Walsler to the Chair—Lusk Is Indorsed for State Chairman and Probably Will Get Position—Credentials Committee at Work.

Gazette-News Bureau, Raleigh, May 15. The hotel committee had not completed its work. Delegates at large will likely be Richmond Pennington, Zeb Walsler, T. E. Owen, and Dr. Cyrus Thompson.

At a conference of supporters of Roosevelt held in the auditorium this morning, resolutions were passed endorsing Col. Lusk for state chairman. This was done at the conclusion of a speech by Dr. Cyrus Thompson of Onslow, who said he spoke from the point of view of a man who loved Duncah but believed certain changes should be made in the organization.

2 DEAD; 3 HURT; NO. 11 WRECKED

Combination Car and Day Coach Derailed When Switch Is Split at Connelly Springs.

A WRECKING TRAIN SENT FROM ASHEVILLE

Names of Dead and Injured Not Given in Early Reports of the Accident.

The late reports of the wreck of No. 11, westbound passenger train, give the information that Engineer B. F. Smith of 136 Blanton street and an unknown negro girl are dead, and the injured are Judge J. C. Pritchard, an unknown ticket collector and John Blackburn, a negro fireman.

Westbound passenger train, No. 11, was wrecked at the 68 milepost near Connelly Springs about noon today, and it is reported that one man was killed and two or three others injured.

When court recessed for luncheon, Judge Malstrom had not completed his appeal to the jury in Allen's behalf. Prosecutor Weyer follows Halran.

HUNDREDS FLEEING BEFORE NEW FLOOD

Levee Break Near New Orleans Renders 60,000 People Homeless.

New Orleans, May 15.—Hundreds are fleeing before the flood current in the country north of here on the opposite side of the Mississippi river. The gash forced out of West levee last night is widening.

2000 HEAD OF CATTLE BURNED IN KAN. CITY

Blaze Destroys Five Acres of Pens in the Stockyards.

Kansas City, May 15.—Fire swept over five acres of cattle pens at the stockyards today. Nearly 2000 head of cattle were burned. The loss is \$100,000. The government tuberculosis testing station was destroyed.

WILSON AND UNDERWOOD ALONE IN THE CONTEST

South Carolina Democrats Likely to Send Uninstructed Delegation.

Columbia, S. C., May 15.—South Carolina democrats met at noon today to select delegates to the national convention. An uninstructed delegation is probable. The presidential contest is between Wilson and Underwood and neither Clark nor Harmon will figure in the running.

Wants to Get \$15,000 More from the Thaws



New York, May 15.—Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, disheartened by the obstacles to her divorce from Harry K. Thaw, is directing an effort to collect \$15,000, the amount of three checks given to her by her husband and his mother immediately after Thaw's commitment to Matteawan.

ALLEN MAY KNOW HIS FATE TONIGHT

Wytheville Case Probably Will Reach the Jury at Today's Session.

Wytheville, Va., May 15.—Floyd Allen's case probably will reach the jury tonight. Arguments to the jury continued when court reconvened.

ROB EXPRESS CAR OF \$140,000 CASH

Two Masked Men Blow Safe Near Hattiesburg and Escape.

New Orleans, May 15.—Two masked men held up the New Orleans-New York limited train No. 2, northbound, on the New Orleans and Northeastern railroad, eight miles south of Hattiesburg, Miss., shortly after midnight.

Five charges of dynamite were exploded in the express car, nearly demolishing it. A through safe destined from New Orleans to eastern points, was blown open and its contents taken.

The men first forced the engineer and fireman to leave the engine and, together with the conductor, flagman and other members of the train crew they were lined up against the train and covered with a revolver by one of the robbers, while the other robber entered the express car forcing the express messenger and a guard who was watching the government money to get out and join in the line-up.

DIE IN FOREST FIRE

Seven Are Killed as Flames Sweep Through Woods of Spaght County, Washington.

Bellingham, Wash., May 15.—Seven men were burned to death today in a forest fire which is sweeping through Spaght county. The property loss is estimated at \$100,000.

MONARCH DROPS DEAD IN STREET

King Frederick of Denmark Expires Suddenly in Hamburg, Unrecognized and Unattended.

BODY IS CONVEYED TO PUBLIC HOSPITAL

Where It Is Found by Members of Suite After Search—Traveled Incognito.

Hamburg, Germany, May 15.—King Frederick VIII of Denmark died alone, unrecognized and unattended in a public thoroughfare here late last night of apoplexy. The king was rushed to the nearest hospital where it was found he was dead.

When members of the king's suite became alarmed over his failure to return, search was begun and resulted finally in discovering his body in a hospital.

King's Death Stuns Denmark. Copenhagen, May 15.—Denmark's people were stunned by their popular king's sudden death. They were informed recently that the monarch was returning to the capital in excellent health.

When the king left his hotel for a stroll last night he was attired in an ordinary business suit. When he was stricken and fell, passersby ran to the spot to assist him, but he was already dead.

The royal yacht Dannebrog, escorted by a warship, sailed for Lubeck, Germany, to embark the king's body. Prince Harald, the late king's third son, left for Lubeck where he will receive the body, which will be conveyed by train from Hamburg.

The reading of the proclamation was hailed with loud cheers from an enormous crowd. Throughout the day church bells have been tolling. At the palace many telegrams of condolence from rulers have arrived.

King Frederick, whose father, King Christian IX, known as the "uncle of Europe," was related to nearly all reigning houses. Prince Christian was born in 1870 and married Princess Alexandra of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, thus being a brother-in-law of Germany's crown prince.

British Court in Mourning. London, May 15.—Queen Mother Alexandra and Dowager Empress Marie of Russia, King Frederick's sister, are prostrated. Flags on public buildings were half-masted. The British court is plunged into mourning, and the social season just commencing will be seriously affected.

ROOSEVELT AND CLARK WIN IN CALIFORNIA

Colonel's Plurality Over Taft and La Follette Is Probably 60,000

San Francisco, May 15.—Returns from two-thirds of the precincts in yesterday's presidential primary give Roosevelt approximately 58,000, Taft 51,000, La Follette 25,000, Wilson 11,000 and Clark 25,000 votes. Roosevelt's plurality is forty odd thousand. His probable plurality, when all returns are in is over 60,000. Clark's pluralities are in Nevada.