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## DEATH IN AUTO RACE

### Mechanic Crushed Under Car and Driver Injured at Long Island.

## SMASHED ALL AUTO RECORDS

Louis Chevrolet in a Buick Made Fastest Speed Ever Witnessed in Open Country Contests. Details of Casualties.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)  
River Head, L. I., Sept. 29.—The smashing of every existing American record for automobile racing on the open road which cost the life of Mechanician James Bates and serious injuries to another Herbert Lyttle, a well known racing driver, marked the running today of the Long Island Automobile Derby. The event was a stock car sweepstakes and was run over 22 miles of hitherto untried road at the eastern extremity of Long Island, between Riverhead and Mattituck.

The casualties were caused by the skidding of the Apperson car, driven by Lyttle as it neared an easy bend in the road, two miles west of Mattituck. Lyttle and Mechanician Bates had completed less than two thirds of the first lap when the 60 horse power engine, tearing down a slight declivity at the rate of 65 miles an hour, suddenly lurched to one side to a deep and overturned.

Lyttle shot clear of the car and landed 20 feet away on his back. Bates, however, clung to the machine and was crushed under it as it turned turtle. Bates died an hour later. But Lyttle was able to recognize his wife and baby who were hurried to his bedside at the hospital immediately after the accident and tonight there is hope of his recovery.

The racing throughout was the fastest ever witnessed in open road contests in this country. In the class for cars selling at \$1,250 to \$2,500 five laps, 113.75 miles, Louis Chevrolet in a Buick won in one hour and 27 minutes, 36 3/4 seconds. Breaking all records for the class. His speed averaged slightly in excess of 70 miles an hour.

Finishing second to Chevrolet in this class, Robert Burman, also driving a Buick, covered the distance in one hour, 46 minutes 2-12 seconds or at a rate of 64 miles an hour. In the class for cars selling from \$2,000 to \$3,000, the only entry, a Sharp Arrow driven by W. H. Sharp, averaged 63 miles an hour, covering 136.5 miles in two hours 9 minutes 2 seconds.

Almost as fast time was made by the winner in the class for cars selling for \$4,000 and over, Ralph DePalma, driving a Fiat, who finished the 227.5 miles in 3 hours 38 minutes 35 seconds, which is an average of 62.35 miles an hour.

The winner in the class for selling from \$2,000 to \$4,000, Frank Lescault, driving a Palmer Singer, also averaged better than a mile a minute, finishing the 182 miles in 2 hours 59 minutes 4 seconds, or at a rate of 61 miles an hour.

Even in the small car class for cars selling from \$800 to \$1,250 an average of 54 miles an hour was maintained. Arthur See in a Maxwell covered the 91 miles in one hour, 41 minutes, 22 seconds.

About 10,000 spectators witnessed the races.

Today is the beginning of the great Fall Millinery opening at Gaylord's.

## CONVENTION OF POSTMASTERS

Assembled Yesterday in Raleigh With Distinguished Officials Present. Prisoner in South Carolina. Mr. Dughi Injured.

(Special Star Correspondence.)  
Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 29.—The Association of North Carolina Postmasters convened here this morning at 10 o'clock. Willis G. Briggs, of Raleigh, presiding and J. R. Joyce, of Reidsville, secretary-treasurer.

There were more than 100 present when the gavel fell and others came in during the day so that the attendance is the largest in the history of the Association which was organized in Raleigh three years ago.

The convention has this session a programme in which an unusual number of postal officials of National reputation will take part, including Fourth Assistant Postmaster General P. W. Degraw, Acting Chief Postoffice Inspector Theodore Ingalls, Assistant Superintendent of Registered Mails R. P. Allen, Assistant Superintendent of City Delivery B. N. Davis, Assistant Superintendent of Railway Mail Service William T. McGinniss, and President A. K. Hoag, of the National League of Postmasters of the Fourth class.

The members of the Association were welcomed by Mayor J. S. Wynne and Dr. Hubert A. Royster, the latter as president of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce. Mayor Wynne assured the postmasters that Raleigh's latest string was not only on the outside, but that the door was wide open for them. Dr. Royster went him one better and declared that Raleigh's door was not only wide open but that the door was taken from its hinges.

Quite a while was taken up with the enrollment of members and the appointment of committees for the session. Then there followed a profitable, but technical address by R. P. Allen, assistant superintendent of the registered mail department of the post office department; also an address by Postmaster A. K. Hoag, of Orchard Park, N. Y., president of the National League of Postmasters.

There was an informal discussion of points developed in the addresses and then recess was taken for a group photograph of the postmasters to be taken on the government building steps.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon the postmasters, as guests of the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, partook of a sumptuous barbecue with all the accessories that go to make such occasions so enjoyable, out at the State Fair grounds.

Tonight there was an address by Hon. F. V. DeGraw, Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, treating a wide scope of matters pertaining to the official duties of postmasters and their relation to the department at Washington; also an address by Acting Chief Postoffice Inspector Theodore Ingalls. The convention will finish its work and adjourn tomorrow about noon.

The North Carolina Association of Postmasters tonight adopted resolutions by Postmaster Charlie Reynolds, of Winston-Salem, that the association meet next year at Winston-Salem and that the president of the Association confer with presidents of the associations of city and rural carriers with a view to having these organizations hold their annual meetings at the same time and place. The idea of having these meetings at the same time is the outgrowth of suggestion from Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Degraw tonight that such a plan would greatly facilitate the department at Washington in sending representatives to these conventions. He even suggested that the associations of North and South Carolina and Virginia could be united in one convention of mutual benefit of all.

## TAFT IN FAR WEST EX-GOV. M'SWEENEY

### President on His Long Journey Reaches the Pacific Coast.

## GREETED BY GREAT THROGS HAD REMARKABLE CAREER

In Yakima Address President Paid a Tribute to Senator Jones—Visits Alaska-Yukon Exposition Today.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)  
Seattle, Wash., Sept. 29.—President Taft tonight reached the Pacific coast just two weeks after his start from Boston. He will leave Seattle for Tacoma on Friday and will leave that city at midnight, going south until Los Angeles is reached. Then comes the turn to the East.

A great throng of people waited for the President at the station and along the brilliantly lighted streets through which he passed and here was cheering at every step of the way.

The visit to the Alaska-Yukon Pacific Exposition will be tomorrow. After luncheon he will make an address. The President will also speak at a banquet at the exposition grounds during the evening.

The President today passed through a region which displayed its marvels in the way of fruit raising. At North Yakima, where he passed the forenoon and made an address, the President saw one of the oldest irrigated fruit regions in the West. The great yield of apples, especially attracted his attention and he said he was fond of them.

In his Yakima address the President paid a tribute to Senator Wesley L. Jones, of Washington, who joined the party at Spokane yesterday. Governor Hey, of Washington, in introducing the President declared that for Vice President, 1912, he "Placed in Nomination Wesley Jones."

"In nominating Senator Jones for a place on the ticket" said the President, "I don't see why Gov. Hay has not named him for the Presidency. If you nominate him for the Presidency I shall be glad to go before the country and testify to my own knowledge of his worth and ability, as I am doing here."

In the throng that greeted the President at the court house where a large number of Grand Army veterans and members of the Woman's Relief Association.

"I am honored by the presence of Grand Army men," said the President, "and by the ladies, who, while they do not wear uniform, suggest the presence of women's relief corps. It is pleasant to note that far out in the western country, away from the battle field where the issue of the Nation's life was contested, we find they were pushed out here even after so heavy a struggle in order to build up a new country and add to the strength, the expansion, the wealth and the prosperity of the country which they saved. Just in front of me I see a monument that brings back memories that I always like to refer to and to emphasize. The monument, I understand, is to be the one to those who in effect gave up their lives in the far distant Philippines in order that the duty to their government should be performed and a supervision extended and aid given to a people who by the providence of God were put under our guardianship."

"Only those who have been know the sacrifices and the hardships to which our boys in those islands were exposed; only those who have been in the Philippines know and have a proper idea in what they did there, for they were called upon not only to meet a foe more dangerous, fighting in Oriental fashion, but after they had conquered them they were put in a position where they had to exercise a self restraint and a guardianship and an independence of action that only men in the American army are capable of. So whenever I meet anyone who has been out to the Philippines there is a bond between him and me that makes me happy and I hope that in the audience which I am addressing there are a number of those who went out there and now retain in sweet recollection the hardships which they had to undergo and the beauties of those far distant gems of the Pacific ocean."

## DEATH OF NOTABLE SOUTH CAROLINIAN IN BALTIMORE.

### North Carolinian, Testifies to Killing of Virginia Editor—Says He Shot in Self Defense—Editor Attacked Him.

## HARRIS ON TRIAL FOR LIFE FLIGHTS A FEATURE

Warrenton, Va., Sept. 29.—Professor J. D. Harris, principal of the Warrenton High School, took the witness stand in his own defense late today and told the jury, before which he is on trial for his life, why he shot and fatally wounded W. A. Thompson, editor of the Warrenton Virginian, on the streets of this place on April 24th last.

During the two hours he was under examination, Harris remained calm and the prosecution was unable to confuse him. He said that he tried to avoid the encounter with Thompson which resulted in the tragedy. When, however, they met and Thompson attacked him, he drew his revolver in self defense but deliberately fired into the ground from a kneeling position into which he had been forced by Thompson's blows. He said he fired merely to frighten Thompson into ceasing the assault upon him. It was while he was rising from his knees, he said, that he fired the shot which inadvertently took effect in Thompson's abdomen and resulted in his death 24 hours later. He said that he had no intention of killing Thompson.

Harris recited the events leading up to the shooting. He said Thompson had heaped insult after insult upon him for months preceding, because of a dispute that was excused court adjourned for the day. The other witness at the afternoon session was W. P. Ficklin, who testified as to Thompson's condition on the way to the hospital in Washington. It is believed the case will reach the jury late tomorrow.

The State placed M. W. Strother on the witness stand when court opened today. Strother, an eye witness to the shooting, described the affair. He was walking on the street with Professor Harris, he said, when they were overtaken by Thompson, who uttered an oath, apparently at Harris, whereupon the latter stepped into the street and called to Irwin Maxheimer, who was nearby, to take Thompson away, as he did not want to have any trouble with the editor. Thompson stepped forward quickly before Maxheimer could interfere and struck Harris in the face. Maxheimer then interposed and Strother saw two shots fired toward the ground. Harris moved around, apparently with an effort and brought his revolver against Thompson's body. Strother testified to seeing a flash and hearing a muffled report. He left the scene and did not hear the fourth shot.

## ROCKY MOUNT REPORTS.

### Death of Young Lady—Bride Went to Meet Groom—Cotton.

Rocky Mount, N. C., Sept. 29.—After an illness of a few weeks Mrs. Henry Proctor died yesterday afternoon at her home in Edgecombe county, near Pleasant Hill church. The deceased was a young woman, having been married only about one year and a half, and leaves a husband and a large family of brothers and sisters to mourn their loss. The funeral was held at 4 o'clock this afternoon from the country home after which the remains were laid to rest in the family burying ground near the home.

According to appointment Miss Emma M. Wyatt, a young woman of Charlotte arrived in this city by train No. 42 last night, reaching here at 11:30 and she was met by Mr. B. F. Tate and they journeyed together to the home of Dr. I. M. Mercer, of the First Baptist church and there in the presence of a few invited friends the happy couple were made man and wife. Arrangements had been made by the young man, who is a resident of this city, and there were present just the required number of witnesses.

From all parts of both Nash and Edgecombe counties the rapid opening of cotton is reported and the farmers are busy picking. Much of the fleecy staple is being picked and it is being ginned in most instances as fast as possible. The sales on the local market have been unusually large during the past several days when cotton has made such a material gain in price. Every gin in both of the counties so far as can be learned, is working on full time.

## SUPREME COURT OPINIONS.

### Nineteen Cases Disposed of in Batch Delivered Yesterday.

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 29.—Nineteen appeals were disposed of this afternoon by the Supreme Court with opinions and otherwise as follows: Waters vs. Sussman, Beaufort, affirmed; Bell vs. Jones, Beaufort, affirmed; Cox vs. Fuel Company, Craven, reversed; Noble vs. Lumber Company, Craven, affirmed; Gray vs. James, Pitt, affirmed; Swain vs. Johnson, Carteret, affirmed; Richardson vs. Express Company, Craven, appeal dismissed; State vs. Collins, Nash, affirmed; State vs. Pridden, Nash, error; State vs. Alston, Nash, affirmed; Williams vs. McFayden, Sampson, dismissed for failure to print; State vs. Moore, Sampson, appeals dismissed on account of insufficient order allowing appeals in form of pauperism; State vs. Gibson, Craven, per curiam, affirmed; Carroll vs. Bible, Carteret, per curiam, affirmed; Taylor vs. Taylor, Martin, per curiam, affirmed; Braswell vs. Assurance Company, Edgecombe, per curiam, affirmed; Winstead vs. Railroad Wilson, appeal withdrawn by appellee.

—South Carolina now stands 36 counties dry, six wet. With the knowledge of their overwhelming majority the Prohibitionists are preparing to gain greater victories if possible. When the legislature meets next January the party will demand an amendment to the Constitution making prohibition statewide, as in Tennessee, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Oklahoma.—Charlotte News.

## WRIGHT CIRCLES STATUE IN HARBOR AT HUDSON-FULTON CELEBRATION.

### HUGE BALLOONS FAIL IN RACE

## Eventful Day in Great Celebration. Glenn H. Curtis Made Successful Flights—Crowds Still Trong "Old Gotham."

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Not content with these spectacular feats, Wright made a third flight at 5:20 o'clock this afternoon before a crowd of 2,000,000 persons. Yachts, excursion boats and various craft had gathered on both sides of the fill which is being used as the aviation field and they tooted their whistles noisily as his machine rose from the ground for the last flight of the day. He did not attempt to fly over the water, nor did he go to any great height, but executed two complete circles in the air, then made an excellent landing, while the crowd, including his rival, Curtis, commented on the ease with which he manipulated his craft.

In all three of his flights today the Wright machine showed greater speed than that of Curtis, but the Curtis flyer seemed to keep its equilibrium better and remained on an even keel. Wright, in fact, met with one slight mishap in his first flight when a wingtip struck the ground on landing and considerably jarred his machine.

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There were in addition the officers of eight navies and the admirals of four; United States Senator Elihu Root, members of the New York State Legislature, and officers of the municipality of New York. It was one of the most brilliant banquets that the country has ever seen. Upstairs the balconies were filled with handsomely gownned women.

At the speakers' table were Jonkheer J. Loudon, the minister from the Netherlands, Grand Admiral Von Koester, the personal representative of the Kaiser, Admiral of the Fleet, Sir Edward Seymour, his imperial highness Prince Kuni, Contre Admiral LePort of the French fleet, Vice President Sherman, Governor Hughes, Senator Root and Justice Brewer, on the United States Supreme Bench. Dr. Cook and Commander Peary found mention in the speech of Vice President Sherman, who rejoiced that an American—"It matters not who"—had followed Hudson's index figure to the pole.

The speeches of Admirals Von Koester and Seymour had been awaited with much interest in view of the recent utterances in this country of the Lord Northcliffe on the possibility of war between Germany and Great Britain, but after complimenting the American navy, both only breathed peace.

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