

Two Big Racing Airships Were Wrecked To-day

Machine of Roland Garros Wrecked Shortly After He Had Left Pisa on His Flight From Paris to Turin.

Aviator was Uninjured—Frey's Aeroplane was Also Wrecked Just Outside the San Rossare Landing Place—Frey Slightly Injured.

By Associated Press. Pisa, Italy, May 31.—Accidents of a more serious nature than any which have occurred since the flight was begun, marred the Nice-to-Rome stage of the 1500-mile Paris-to-Rome-Turin aviation contest.

Three of the competitors, the Frenchman, Garros, and Beaumont and the German, Frey, met with mishaps today which damaged their machines and Frey himself was slightly injured.

Roland Garros, who is being hailed as the victor of the long flight, left Caserte di San Rossore, the estate of King Victor Emmanuel, before sunrise today, bound for the Italian capital to the accompaniment of a deafening roar from the thousands of enthusiasts and spectators who had waited all night to witness his departure.

The aviator flew away at a tremendous speed but after covering a few miles his monoplane suddenly fell to the ground and was wrecked. Garros, however, was not hurt and he hurried back to Pisa to await the arrival of a new aeroplane with which to resume his flight.

Beaumont and Frey, who left Genoa this morning, for Rome, both mistook the race course here, which was decorated with flags, for the aerodrome at Caserte di San Rossore and landed beside it.

Their machines turned somersaults and were badly damaged. Frey was slightly wounded. All three aviators are now working desperately to get their machines into shape to resume the flight. The aviators met with a cordial reception on arriving here.

Beaumont repaired his aeroplane and left Pisa in the direction of Rome a few minutes to one this afternoon. Garros, on hearing of the departure of his rival, said:

"There is many a slip between the cup and the lip." Garros expects to follow Beaumont within a short time.

Civita Vecchia, Italy, May 31.—Roland Garros, the French aviator, who left Pisa early today on his flight from Paris-to-Turin, fell and wrecked his aeroplane a few miles from this city at 6 o'clock this morning. Garros was uninjured.

Garros' monoplane, distinguished by the huge figure "18," was sighted from this city shortly before 6, flying at a tremendous speed in a direct line for Rome, 40 miles away. Later something apparently went wrong and the machine dived downward.

The members of the Civita Vecchia committee and thousands of spectators rushed to the spot and found the machine lying on its back. Garros, uninjured, surveyed the wreck. How serious the damage has not yet been determined.

Frey's Machine Wrecked. Pisa, Italy, May 31.—The enthusiasm over Garros' departure had scarcely calmed down when the announcement came that Frey's aeroplane had been wrecked just outside the San Rossare landing place.

Frey was slightly injured by his fall. The most serious damage to his machine was the demolishing of his propeller.

Beaumont Gets Good Start. Genoa, Italy, May 31.—Beaumont, the aviator, made a sunrise start from Genoa today with the intention of regaining the lead in the Paris-to-Turin race.

He arrived at Genoa at 6:47, after a 50-mile flight and left an hour later for Pisa. His welcome here was an ovation.

Frey spent the night in Genoa and made a fine start for Pisa at 5 o'clock this morning.

Beaumont Reaches Rome. Rome, May 31.—Andre Beaumont, the French aviator, arrived here at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. He was the first contestant in the Paris-Rome-Turin flight to reach the Italian capital, the end of the second stage of the big race. His magnificent flight from Pisa, a distance of about 160 miles, made him the winner of a \$20,000 prize.

Warrant for Arrest Of Thomas Felder

Columbia, S. C., May 31.—Sheriff Buford, of Newberry county, left early Wednesday morning for Atlanta, bearing with him requisition papers to Governor Joseph M. Brown, of Georgia, in connection with the arrest of Thomas B. Felder, the Atlanta attorney, for whom a warrant was sworn out Monday evening in Newberry. Governor Brown signed the requisition papers Tuesday night.

ATTEMPTED WHEAT CORNER STIKES SNAG

By Associated Press. Chicago, May 31.—The leaders of the present May wheat deal have, it is said, bought between 12,000,000 and 15,000,000 bushels of May wheat for May, delivery and it is not believed this amount can be turned over by tonight, although during the last few days heroic efforts have been made to get the wheat here, but the bull leaders insist on the delivery of every bushel they have purchased.

Officials of the board of trade are somewhat exercised and deplore the "deal," as it is against the rules of the institution, and some rather drastic investigations may follow the wind-up of the latest sensation of the speculative grain trade. The directors have been carrying on an investigation for the last fortnight relative to the same matter, but the result of their findings will probably not be made public for several days. It is held that corners are detrimental to the board of trade as a legitimate institution for the merchandising of the grain.

No attempt at protection of the cash wheat market was made by the owners of the May delivery wheat on Monday. Advantages taken of technicalities by leaving the cash wheat of contract grade to find such market as it could.

If it can be transferred to the regular public elevators today, before the close of business it will be accepted at May prices, otherwise it will go at current cash prices, or on the bases of July delivery.

It thus transpired that contract grade wheat sold at 92 cents at the close of business May in car lots less than ten feet away from the pit where May delivery was bringing \$1.03.

Ruling of Roosevelt Was Denounced

By Associated Press. San Francisco, May 31.—A ruling made by President Roosevelt, in 1905, and described as providing for the dismissal of any government employe at the request of the head of his department, was denounced yesterday at the 7th annual state convention of the United International Association of Postal Clerks.

A resolution protesting against the enforcement of any order which would "deprive men of the right of free speech and the right of petition for a redress of their grievances," was adopted unanimously.

Other resolutions advocated the installation of a parcel post system and protested against the adoption of the one cent postal rate.

Dr. Murray Under Arrest

By Associated Press. Columbia, S. C., May 31.—Dr. W. J. Murray, former chairman of the state dispensary commission, was taken in custody this afternoon by Marshall Wilson, of the present commission, under a ruling for contempt. Dr. Murray, by his counsel, refused at a morning session of the commission to turn over certain vouchers demanded of him and the arrest followed. Habeas corpus proceedings have been instituted before Chief Justice Jones and argument will be had on these this afternoon.

Bank Blown by Robbers.

By Associated Press. Nashville, Tenn., May 31.—The Bank of Auburn, Cannon county, was blown by robbers last night and robbed of \$2,000. The robbers appeared at midnight in a rubber tire survey drawn by two horses. They blew the vault and safe to pieces, got the money and went on their way. They fired two shots at citizens, neither of which was effective.

TWO KILLED IN WRECK OF FAST TRAIN

By Associated Press. Detroit, Mich., May 31.—Train-wreckers are blamed by the Michigan Central Railroad officials for the wrecking of a passenger train today on the wrecking railway today of westbound passenger train No. 9, a mile east of Ridgeway, Ont.



THIS IS THE REAL CORONATION IN ENGLAND

Code Of Charlotte Drawn on By Friends Of Dropped Policemen

Resentful Constituents of Former Officers Quote the Ordinance, "Civil Service for Firemen and Policemen."

Ordinance Protects Policemen and Firemen in Office Unless Charges Preferred Are Sufficient to Warrant Discharge

There has been much discussion, and a little resentment expressed, in the city by the friends of the policemen who were dropped by the board of aldermen at the last meeting, especially those against whom no charges were preferred. Along this line the following from the city charter—"Civil Service for Firemen and Policemen"—will be of interest:

Section 1. That Section one hundred and sixteen of Chapter three hundred and forty-two of the Private Laws of one thousand nine hundred and seven of North Carolina be, and the same is hereby amended by adding at the end of said section 6 a: "The Board of the following to be known as 'Section 1 Aldermen are hereby required to pass ordinances providing for a system of civil service applicable to persons exercising the powers of policemen or firemen in the city (not including, however, the head or Chief of Police and Fire Departments, or officers exercising such powers) whereby the said persons shall be chosen and retained in office of promoted according to merit and faithful and diligent discharge of duty."

Sec. 2. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. That this act shall be in force and effect from and after the first Tuesday after the first Monday in May, one thousand nine hundred and nine.

In pursuance to the above the following ordinance was passed and has not been rescinded:

Civil Service Ordinance. The Board of Aldermen of the City of Charlotte do ordain: Section 1. That the executive board of the City of Charlotte shall elect as policemen of said city a chief, a desk sergeant, and not more than 21 patrolmen. Section 2. That the executive board of the City of Charlotte shall elect as firemen for said city not more than twenty men, including the chief. Section 3. Any fireman or policeman can be discharged from the force at any time without cause when in the judgment of the executive board it is not found necessary to have the number elected. Section 4. That the executive board may at any time suspend or expel from the force any person selected by them in the fire or police department, for incompetency, or conduct unbecoming an officer, or for any cause, which in the judgment of the said board qualifies the person from serving in the capacity he fills. Section 5. In selecting the men to fill the positions in the fire department and on the police board, the executive board shall use its best judgment in securing the most competent men, having due regard to the past record of the candidates. Section 6. All men selected as firemen or policemen, or as chiefs of the said departments, shall at all times be subject to the orders and discipline of the mayor and executive board.

"Sun Star" Won English Derby

By Associated Press. Epsom Downs, England, May 31.—England's blue ribbon turf fixture, the derby, of \$32,500, for 3 year olds, distance about one mile and a half, was won today by J. B. Joel's Sun Star, the favorite.

Lord Derby's Steadfast was second and Royal Tender third. Twenty-six horses started.

Sun Star, the winner, is a brown colt by Sunbridge, out of Dorris. He won the 2,000 guinea stakes at Newmarket on April 26 last, and has been a steady favorite at 7 to 4 in betting.

Phryxus fourth. Harry Payne Whitney's All Gold and Louis Winan's Adam Bede, the only two American horses to start, were unplaced.

Two lengths separated the Joel colt from Lord Derby's Steadfast at the winning post.

Dr. McKnight Under Arrest

Special to The News. Raleigh, May 31.—Strenuous effort is being made today to provide the re- \$500 bail exacted in the case of Dr. H. P. McKnight, jailed here in a suit in arrest and bail brought by Nowlar Company, of Lynchburg, on charge of procuring shipments to Winston-Salem, Greensboro, and Rural Hall, of quantities of coal to the value of \$336 on presentation of the North Carolina Traction Co., of which he is manager, had a capitalization of \$1,000,000. McKnight has lands in the county, and he says, if a proper transfer to securities can be made, for a number of years he has been promoting the proposed interurban car line by the North Carolina Traction Co. of Greensboro, via Rural Hall and Danbury, to Stewart, Va.

Six Hundred Million Dollar Mortgage

By Associated Press. St. Paul, Minn., May 31.—A move that is strongly suggestive here of railroad operations on the scale of the Northern securities company, was announced by J. J. Hill, chairman of the Great Northern Railway Co. today when he announced the execution of a six hundred million first and refunding mortgage to secure bonds for the Great Northern and Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad.

The statement follows: "The Great Northern Railway Company, as of date May 1, 1911, has executed its first and refunding mortgage, securing a total authorized issue of \$600,000,000 bonds.

"The size of the mortgage is explained by the fact that the outstanding obligation of the company, which are to be refunded amount approximately to \$350,000,000. Included, however, in the figures last named is the direct and contingent obligation of the company on the Burlington joint 4's maturing in 1921 and aggregating \$222,400,000. Covering a future of 50 years, approximately \$270,000,000 in bonds, therefore, will be available for general corporate purposes, double tracking and additional mileage.

"Since its beginning thirty-two years ago, the Great Northern has expended between \$30,000,000 and \$400,000,000 out of capital earnings. The provision made to the future, in consideration of the rapidly growing territory which Great Northern lines serve, would seem intelligently conservative."

Death of Mrs. Boston. By Associated Press. Marietta, Ga., May 31.—Mrs. J. H. Boston, sister of Joseph Brown, Georgia's war governor, and aunt of the present governor, died here last night. She was a native of South Carolina.

Mr. Bryan's Attack The Subject Of Lively Discussion

MANUFACTURERS OF "SENTIMENT" ARE CALLED

Messrs. Allen And Graham Asked to Testify at Reciprocity Hearing — Are Said to Have Stirred Sentiment Among Farmers.

It is Charged That They Are Not Attorneys, as Represented—Lost Stage of Reciprocity Hearings is Reached at Last.

By Associated Press. Washington, May 31.—What was expected to be the last day of hearings on the Canadian reciprocity bill by the senate finance committee was featured today by the appearance of John H. Allen and Whidden Graham, of the firm of Allen & Graham, New York, who are said to have been employed to "manufacture sentiment" among the farmers of the country in opposition to the agreement. It was the instance of Senator Stone, of Missouri, that they were summoned to appear before the committee to tell exactly what part they had taken in the propaganda of opposition to reciprocity.

Sensor Stone declared that Allen & Graham were "promoters," that they were not "practicing attorneys or lawyers" thus controverting the declaration made to the committee recently by N. P. Hull, master of the Michigan grange, that Allen & Graham had been acting as legal advisers for the Nation, was being put forward for some of the offing.

The National Grange literature warning farmers in all parts of the country that the reciprocity agreement would injure them and asking them to contribute to the cause. Manufacturers also were asked for financial aid.

Mr. Hull, at the time he was before the committee, promised that Messrs. Allen and Graham would appear to state their case. Two weeks went by without any word having been heard from them. During this time Senator Stone inquired several times as to whether the committee had been notified as to when they would appear. Each time he was reminded of Mr. Hull's promise.

As a result he moved at the committee meeting last Thursday that the two men be requested to come to Washington at once.

Before Allen and Graham were heard by the committee, N. J. Bachelder, president of the National Grange, made a statement declaring that they had "acted only under the direction of the legislative and executive committee of the National Grange."

In answer to numerous questions by Mr. Stone as to various features of the grange's activity and membership, Mr. Bachelder said he could not recall, whereupon Senator Stone asked him to prepare a statement for the committee, giving figures showing the membership of the grange. He said that members were often carried for years after they had ceased to pay their annual dues.

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American Was Burned at Stake

By Associated Press. Trinidad, Col., May 31.—The report that Robert Sweasey had been burned at the stake in Mexico has been confirmed by the receipt of a letter by Mrs. Joseph Bonate, Jr., of this city from Mrs. Sweasey. The women are sisters.

The letter states that Sweasey was put to death at the stake at the hands of Mexican bandits on May 13 for failure to give them money. They knew he had, Mrs. Sweasey writes, and he was driven from home and without food and shelter for fifty hours, but finally reached the camp of friendly Americans.

Sweasey was employed by the Mexican Central Railroad.

Requisition Honored. Atlanta, May 31.—Governor Brown today honored the requisition of the governor of South Carolina for D. A. Tendardis, wanted in Calhoun county, South Carolina, on a charge of having disposed of mortgaged property and drawing checks when he had no funds to cover them. The man is under arrest here and will be taken to South Carolina by F. F. Hill, an officer of Calhoun county.

POLO RACE POSTPONED.

By Associated Press. New York, May 31.—The international polo match on the grounds of the Meadowbrook Club, has been postponed because of rain and a slippery field, until 4:30 p. m. tomorrow.

Dispute Over Wool Schedule, Caused by Criticisms of W. J. Bryan Topic of Discussion by Democrats And Republicans Alike.

Chairman Underwood is Confident That He Will be Ample Supported in His Position—House and Senate Take a Day's Vacation.

By Associated Press. Washington, May 31.—Among members of the house of representatives, democrats and republicans alike, the dispute over the wool tariff stirred by Mr. Bryan's attack upon the democratic leaders for drafting a revenue measure instead of putting raw wool on the free list was the subject of lively discussion today.

The answer of Representative Underwood, chairman of the ways and means committee, to Mr. Bryan's attack again brought the feeling in the party over the wool question to the front, but the democratic leaders insisted that the caucus would ratify the ways and means committee recommendations and that the bill would go before the house with the party committed to it.

Though considerable hot talk is looked for at the caucus tomorrow, Mr. Underwood is confident that his position will be supported by at least two-thirds of the members.

The house committee on expenditures in the state department expected to have before it today more evidence bearing on the disclosures made Monday regarding the portrait of former Secretary William R. Day. Albert Rosenthal, the artist, testified that he received only \$50 for the portrait, though a voucher showed \$2,450 was paid.

The voucher is missing from the department files.

Neither the house nor the senate was in session today.

SENSATIONAL CASE OF WIFE MURDER IS CHARGED

Special to The News. Statesville, May 31.—The case of the mysterious death of Mrs. Bessie Combs, young wife of Reuben Combs, of the Stoney Point community, seems to have developed into a plain case of wife murder and the young husband has practically confessed all to Sheriff Deaton.

In the confession he told the sheriff that he gave his wife strychnine in milk the night before he reported the finding of her dead body.

At the coroner's second hearing of the case this afternoon Sheriff Deaton told of the confession and physicians who had examined the stomach of the young woman stated that she had died from poisoning.

There was other damaging evidence against the young husband, all of which developed, it seems, after the first investigation by the coroner.

At the conclusion of the hearing the young man was remanded to jail without bail to await his fate at the hands of the court.

A small boy testified that he had been sent to the drug store for poison by Combs, who said that he wanted the poison to kill his wife.

The case is truly a very sad and distressing one as well as a horrible one. Combs is only 18 years old and his wife was only 16.

The couple ran away to South Carolina and married against the wishes of their parents.

They soon found that they were not happily mated and becoming tired of his wife Combs became a brute and deliberately poisoned her.

The first reports said that Combs was a good young fellow, but it develops that his life has by no means been what it should.

It is hard to understand how a man could be so mean as to bring about the death of his wife simply because he has grown tired of her.

Leaped From Window to Death. By Associated Press. Boston, May 31.—During a period of temporary insanity, Mrs. Margaret Jackson, wife of John F. Jackson, a Milwaukee business man, leaped from the window of their room on the fourth floor of the Parker House today and was instantly killed. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, who arrived at the hotel last night, were on their way to a Massachusetts sanitarium where Mrs. Jackson was to receive treatment.