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## DISCOVERER OF KING TUT'S TOMB DIES

### Egyptians Believe His Death A Curse For Disturbing the Dead

Cairo, April 4.—The Earl of Carnarvon died peacefully at 2 o'clock this morning. He was conscious almost to the end. His death was due to blood poison, followed by pneumonia.

The death of the Earl of Carnarvon comes soon after the culmination of the exploit that brought him chiefly into public notice—the discovery of the rich tomb of the Pharaoh Tutankhamen in the valley of kings in Egypt by the archaeological expedition which he headed.

While the press of the world was still devoting no small amount of its space to the notable contributions to the world's art and history which Lord Carnarvon and his fellow explorers had uncovered came the news that he had been suddenly stricken down and was lying seriously ill in Cairo from the bite of an insect.

By the public at large the misfortune which the earl had met was regarded as a lamentable incident which might happen in a tropical clime such as that of Egypt. But to the credulous students of Egyptian mysticism the news did not come as a surprise.

Even before Lord Carnarvon was stricken with blood poisoning, announced as due to an insect bite, there had been talk of the curses laid by the ancient Egyptians with mystic incantations on any who dared disturb the sleep of a Pharaoh. After he was stricken, the old legends spread and hundreds were to be found, not before superstitious, who were ready to believe that the old Egyptian curse had fallen on the rich and famous Englishman.

There were some who even questioned whether it was an insect that had dealt him the poisonous stroke. It was suggested that he might have touched some poisonous object in the tomb itself set thirty centuries ago to revenge the dead king on any who might disturb his rest.

Marie Corelli, the noted writer, recently declared that she called the attention of Lord Carnarvon to the beliefs of Egyptian mysticism and also expressed herself as not surprised at an accident occurring to "those daring explorers who rifle the tombs of dead monarchs." She cited from an ancient book on Egyptian history which gave long lists of the treasures buried with some of the kings, among these "divers secret potions enclosed in boxes in such wise that they who touch them shall not know how they came to suffer."

Lord Carnarvon was first reported ill on March 19. His wife started by airplane from London to his bedside in Cairo, but was brought down in Paris by a sudden illness that seized her in mid-air. She finished the trip by boat and rail, arriving to find her husband somewhat better. He was unable to fight off the poison, however, and soon suffered a relapse.

The fifth earl of Carnarvon was born June 26, 1866 and succeeded his father to the earldom in 1890. His mother was a descendant of the famous Lord Chesterfield, author, statesman, and man of fashion.

Lord Carnarvon was reputed to have spent more than \$100,000 maintaining the expedition which finally uncovered the Pharaoh's tomb last December, after seven years of fruitless excavation.

The tomb, which contained an unprecedented quantity of objects of the greatest historical value as well as the undisturbed sarcophagus of the Pharaoh, is said to have been the richest find ever unearthed in Egypt.

## Will Plant Norway Spruce On Side of Mount Mitchell

Asheville, April 8.—The slopes of Mount Mitchell will eventually be restored to their former natural beauty, although at the present time the land is barren as the result of timber operations, it was announced today by officials of the Appalachian forest experiment station. Three thousand seedlings of Norway spruce, which will cover about three acres, has been shipped from West Virginia forests as an initial step in the program to restore the rustic beauty of the highest point east of the Rockies.

The Appalachian forest experiment station, United States forestry service, and the North Carolina economic and geological survey will co-operate to make the program a success.

## FRENCH PLEASED WITH AMERICAN PRESS

### Poincare Has Talked With Frank B. Noyles, President Of the Associated Press.

Paris, April 1.—Premier Poincare yesterday received Frank B. Noyles, of Washington, president of the Associated Press and subsequently authorized the following statement:

"I was glad to meet the president of the Associated Press, Mr. Noyles whose sentiments with regard to France, have long been known to me.

"After the long voyage he has made around the world, I am glad he has been able to spend some days in Paris and to be in a position personally to inform his countrymen on certain of the questions that seem most to pre-occupy the American public.

"Efforts have been made to distort the reasons for and the nature of the policy followed by the French government when it decided to occupy the Ruhr basin. It is by virtue of the treaty of Versailles and in consequence of the defaults of the Germans, certified by the reparations commission under this treaty, that we went into the Ruhr to bring about final settlement of the reparations problems.

"We regret that not all of our allies participated in this policy of coercion which would have been carried out under less difficult conditions and made the pressure upon recalcitrant Germany so that would have hastened settlement. When the occupation of the Ruhr shall result in compelling Germany to make a serious proposition it will be in accord with our allies that we will settle the reparations problem.

"However, profiting by three years of experience during which all means of persuasion have been employed vainly by the allies in efforts to inspire Germany with a will to pay her debts, we are thoroughly resolved not to relinquish in return for mere promises, the guarantee that we have, and not to evacuate the Ruhr except as payments are made to us and in proportion to them.

"It is not then selfish aims that we pursue in the Ruhr. It has been charged that we harbored thoughts of annexation or conquest in sending troops to the right bank of the Rhine. Long since these wild accusations, against which protest the consciousness of all Frenchmen who seek only their due and the recognition of their ruined property, have been disposed. In this, we cannot accept any mediation between France and Germany, knowing only too well that any attempts at mediation would only aggravate and prolong the resistance of Germany. Only a direct official proposition from Germany can be taken into consideration.

"I have, moreover, noticed with greatest satisfaction in the American press increasing evidence of sympathy for the energetic actions we have been obliged to take. It seems to me that I have proof that the American people, guided by that lucid intelligence which so happily inspired their policy during the war, and feeling for France that touching affection that will not be effaced from their hearts, understand our action better day by day.

"I have the firmest confidence in success in spite of the provocation to which the nationalist party and the magnates have recourse, when they see the fault of their policy of resistance to which they have tried vainly to rally the mass of the Ruhr population.

"Again a grave incident has occurred at Essen where a French detachment surrounded and menaced by a hostile crowd, had to use their arms. The responsibility for the bloodshed will rest upon those who tirelessly pursue their acts of incitement in the hope of producing between our troops and the working population.

Nothing will divert France from her determined course. She will continue on with the same patience, the same calmness, until the collapse of German resistance."

**Administrator's Notice**  
Having qualified as Administrator upon the estate of T. T. Barker, notice is hereby given to all persons owing money to said estate to pay same immediately; and to all persons having debts against the estate to present them on or before March 28, 1924, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery thereon. 5-6 c  
This the 24th day of March, 1923.  
A. D. Barker, Admr.  
J. E. Carter, Attorney.

## DON'T HURT TO FREEZE SAYS RESCUED MARINER

### Enoch Leigh, At Elizabeth City, Tells of Terrible Night in Albemarle Sound

Elizabeth City, April 6.—"It does not hurt to freeze to death; one just fights hard to keep alive, shouts and prays, presently gets tired and numb and goes to sleep. That's the way the end comes to a shipwrecked human who dies of cold and exposure."

This is the story of Enoch Leigh, engineer of the tug, Julian Fleetwood, which went down in Albemarle sound on the night of March 28 with death resulting to four of the six trapped on the boats, tells in today's issue of the Elizabeth City Independent. Leigh, in a hospital here recovered from exposure for the first time death for six hours through the cold night.

Those who lost their lives were, Captain Clyde Walker, of Hartford, First mate William B. Gray, of Hartford; Engineer Vernon Leigh of Norfolk and Garland Chance, negro cook.

Owing to the shallow water the men clung to the super-structure, which remained just above the water while the wind shrieked about them and the icy waves battered and drenched their bodies. Once the searchlight of a passing steamer swept the waters about them, rested on the men a moment, then switched off.

One by one four of the men died. "Faith and hope are all that saved me," said Leigh. "Over and over I told the boys to never give up—that something would save us. I felt sure of this. The captain was praying, some of the men were screaming and groaning. My own boy was lying down on the deck a few feet away. I told the men to keep shouting as it would help to keep them warm."

"The moon went down, hope of rescue grew less and the men began to grow numb. About 4 o'clock in the morning," he continued, "we saw a passing vessel and recognized it as the Harby of Elizabeth City boat line, but the vessel failed to detect the stranded sailors."

"My boy, Vernon just 21 years old was a few feet away from me," the veteran engineer continued, "then Mr. Gray, the mate, asked me if I still had faith and I told him I had. I looked at my boy again he was dead."

"That left alive, Leigh, the mate who was 75 years old, a seaman J. W. Shawler and the negro cook.

"Captain Walker and the cook died just before the Sciver rescued the others."

## Old Fashion Spooning is as Popular as Ever

New York, April 3.—The prevalence of spooning is shown in replies received by the bureau of society hygiene, founded by John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

A report prepared by Dr. Katherine Bement Davis, general secretary of the bureau, on replies received from 1,000 married women in various parts of the country shows that 375 admitted having spooned prior to marriage with other than fiances, 208 spooned with fiances only and 389 never spooned prior to marriage. The question was left unanswered by 28.

Eleven of the 375 failed to specify the extent of this spooning; 21 wrote not fair; 104 hugging and kissing; 45 hugging and kissing and fondling, and 144 admitted more unrestrained spooning.

Of the 1,000 married women, 872 proclaimed themselves happy. Of the happy group, 41 per cent did not spoon, 37 per cent did and 27 per cent spooned only with their fiances.

Of the middle group 37 per cent admitted the extreme.

Included in the 1,000 married women with which Dr. Davis's report deals, 691 were college graduates, 47 college undergraduates, 41 high and normal school graduates and 12 private school graduates.

Of the 691 college graduates, 74 per cent admitted practicing birth control. Health and economic grounds were the reasons chiefly given.

Dr. Davis said that it would take several months to tabulate the answers received to the questionnaire sent to unmarried women.

"We have received more than 1,000 answers, comprising more than 12,000 pages of manuscript to the questionnaire sent to unmarried women," she declared, "I do not believe the tabulation of those answers will be completed before summer."

## RIDICULE CURSE OF THE PHARAOH

### Sober Commentations Think Nothing Strange About Death of Carnarvon

London, April 6.—The untimely death of the Earl of Carnarvon before he would reap the full harvest of his Egyptian discoveries appeals deeply to popular sympathy here, and many representative editorial and obituary notices appear in the press today. These articles emphasize among other things the loss which Egyptology has suffered in the death of the man who brought to it energy, enterprise and wealth.

The newspapers deprecate what all sober commentators regard as the foolish suggestion that malign occult influences contributed to the earl's death. All the dispatches from Cairo agree essentially as to his illness and its cause. No statement by physicians has been received and inasmuch as there seems to be nothing unusual to report, none is expected. The late earl's friends here believe that his health suffered from his activities connected with the work at King Tutankhamun's tomb. To this were added the excitement and worry following the great discovery with the result that he became weakened physically and was therefore less able to resist the attack of illness that proved fatal.

The disposition of the late earl's country seat already has become a question of public interest. Recognized as one of the most important private collections in the world, the Carnarvon treasures include many rarities of all periods, several of which were purchased at very high prices. The gem of the collection is said to be a portrait statuette of Thothmes III, which was found in Egypt during the war by native excavators. Carnarvon paid some thousands of pounds for the little treasure. It is about seven inches in height and is made of solid gold. It dates back to approximately 1150 B. C.

## Kaiser's Recent Wife Has Left Him

York, England, April 4.—Reports of a serious disagreement between former Emperor William and Princess Hermine, his bride of a few months, which have dropped out from time to time since the first of the year, are revived by the Doorn correspondent of the Yorkshire Evening News. The correspondent states he has learned from a singularly well-informed source that the ex-kaiser and his wife have definitely separated as a result of domestic troubles.

When Princess Hermine left recently she went ostensibly to inspect family estates in Germany, but in reality, asserts the correspondent, she had gone to live with her near relatives.

"The actual separation is over a fortnight old," he declares, "but the secret has been well kept."

The ex-emperor's life is reported to be virtually solitary and his establishment virtually simple, for although his private means are still ample, they are not under his control.

In the article the ex-kaiser is described as "one of the most tragic figures in Europe today."

## Adjustments Made in Attorneys' Fees

Charlotte, April 3.—An adjustment has been reached in the fees to be paid counsel for the state in the railroad tax cases, according to information received here tonight by which the total of the fees will be \$25,000 as compared with the total of \$55,000 first submitted.

W. P. Bynum, of Greensboro, will receive \$15,000 and former Governor Craig of Asheville, and Thomas D. Warren, of New Bern, \$5,000 each, under the adjustment effected by Governor Morrison.

The suits resulted in a victory for the state involving approximately \$1,000,000 but the income tax phase still is pending in the United States Supreme Court and it was agreed that former Judge Bynum, who is to represent the state in that should receive an additional payment for his services, the fees not to exceed \$10,000.

Judge Bynum's fee, as originally submitted was \$35,000 with \$10,000 each for former Governor Craig and T. D. Warren. The fees of the latter two are halved, but it is indicated that Judge Bynum yet to represent the state in the income tax suit still pending may receive a total of \$25,000 for his entire services.

## KLAN CHIEFS AT WAR

### Simmons Gets Couple of Men Arrested on Charges of Embezzlement

Atlanta, April 5.—T. J. McKinnon, chief of the investigating department, and N. W. Furney, cashier of the Ku Klux Klan, surrendered themselves early today in answer to warrants sworn out by E. J. Jones, an associate of Emperor Simmons, charging larceny after trust. McKinnon was charged with embezzlement of \$27,000 and Furney of \$80,000 of funds belonging to the klan. They were released on bonds of \$1,000 each. Both are officials under Imperial Wizard Evans.

Attorneys for Emperor William J. Simmons and Imperial Wizard Evans announced they were ready for the hearing this afternoon before Judge E. D. Thomas in the controversy to determine which is head of the klan.

The dispute between Evans and Simmons arose when Evans issued a proclamation to klan members that any support of the order of Kemalia, a similar organization for women announced by Simmons, would result in banishment from klan membership.

Simmons secured control of the imperial palace for a day on a temporary court order, but lost it on yesterday when Evans brought counter action and attempted to show that he had custody of the palace when Simmons asked for the order. Simmons declared the place was in his possession when he asked for the order.

A secret conference between opposing counsel was held before the case came back before Judge Thomas on yesterday, but no comment as to what transpired was made.

Delegations from all sections of the nation were here to watch results. Among them was a delegation from the Morehouse parish, Louisiana, headed by Capt. J. K. Skipwith, exalted cyclops, who announced he and his fellows were here in behalf of Emperor Simmons.

Dr. Evans issued a statement in which he declared that this action was to settle for all time whether the klan was an order for private financial gain or a great American fraternal order, the affairs of which are in the hands of its members.

## Talley to Pen

Greensboro, April 5.—Carl Talley young white man, sentenced to serve a term of 15 years in the state penitentiary for his part in the slaying of Patrolman Thomas McCuiston, of the Greensboro police force while that officer was attempting to capture Talley, two companions and a cargo of whiskey, will be taken to Raleigh to start his sentence Saturday.

Talley was convicted in superior court here in January before Judge Stack and sentenced to serve 15 years in prison. His attorneys filed notice of an appeal to the supreme court, but when the appeal was not perfected in the time required by law, it was dismissed. Notice of dismissal was received by county officials Wednesday.

Carl Talley, it will be recalled, was outlawed shortly after the shooting. Lewis Edwards, one of the trio, was captured at the time while Tommie Robertson, driver of the whiskey laden machine, was shot and killed by Patrolman Oaks, of the Greensboro police force. Edwards received a sentence of 10 years in prison and was brought back here from Raleigh as a witness in the Talley case. Talley was at large for several months, but was finally captured during the Christmas holidays when he was wounded while attacking a cousin in Virginia. When he went to have his wound dressed he was recognized, placed under arrest and officials here were notified.

## Dies on Eve of 112th Birthday

Ville Platte, La., April 4.—August Jeansonne, who would have been 112 years old tomorrow, died here today as a result of complications following an attack of influenza. He was married three times and was the father of 23 children, of whom 17 are living, the eldest being 93 years old. He is survived by 137 grandchildren, one of whom is 76 years old, while there are many great-grandchildren and great great-grandchildren.

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## OIL STOCK OPERATORS FILCHING THE PEOPLE

### Postal Inspectors Report Cases of Fraud to Postmaster General

Washington April 6.—Oil stock promoters operating in the state of Texas during the last five years have filched more than \$100,000,000 from the public, Postmaster General New was advised today by John H. Edwards, solicitor of the postoffice department, and Chief Postal Inspector Simmons, who are in Fort Worth co-operating with the department of justice in the prosecution of mail fraud cases on the part of oil promoters.

In making public the report, the postmaster general also declared the postoffice department intended "to move in the most vigorous and persistent manner possible for the enforcement of both the criminal law and the fraud order statutes against the fraudulent use of the mails not only in the sale of fraudulent oil stock but all other cases involving fraud in the mails.

Mr. New said the government had been appealed to "by disillusioned stockholders to stop the oil stock frauds" after "wildcat promoters" had escaped prosecution by state authorities. Postoffice inspectors, he added, have been working since last summer on more than 200 cases, many of which have already gone to the grand jury now in session at Fort Worth.

The report to Mr. New follows in part:

"More than \$100,000,000 is the estimate placed by postoffice inspectors upon the amount of money filched from the public during the past five years by oil stock promoters operating in the state of Texas. This statement challenges the attention of the country and demands speedy and certain action. Postoffice inspectors also report that companies and syndicates have been organized, run their course, and passed away by hundreds during these five years, leaving approximately a half million stockholders scattered throughout the United States to mourn the fading of rosy dreams of wealth with the final disappearance of their hard earned dollars.

"No doubt some of these companies were started by men who hoped to strike oil and make money from production, but in practically every case the promoters laid their plans to profit from the stock selling regardless of the result of field operations. Seldom was it that promoter invested money of his own.

"Almost all these promoters concern operate as common law trusts. Over such organizations the Texas statutes provide no supervision whatever. The promoters appoint themselves trustees with sole and unlimited power to procure and handle the money of their investors as they please without question from any state authority.

"To impose the penalty for using the mails to defraud, the postoffice department and the agents of the department of justice must show sufficient evidence of intent to defraud. The department representatives report that the cases, especially those involving large stock selling schemes, are the most complex and difficult to handle of all criminal cases arising to the federal jurisdiction. For this reason they require months and sometimes years of patient and persevering investigation."

## Soft Drinks Popular in Old North State

Washington, April 4.—North Carolinians are shown to be great drinkers of carbonated soft drinks, according to a statement issued today by the American Bottlers of Carbonated Beverages. This is based upon the estimate of J. W. Sale, chief of the water and beverage laboratory of the Bureau of Chemistry of the United States department of agriculture, that the consumption of bottled carbonated beverages has passed the mark of four billion bottles per year. Of this expected consumption the estimate for North Carolina this year is that its citizens will drink about 1,000 million bottles, the annual per capita of consumption being between 36 and 37 bottles. And the estimate is that Raleigh folks alone will consume fully one million drinks, while this will be increased by visitors to that city, the estimate being only for the normal population.