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HOW C. F. KING SAILED AWAY

Former Tarheel Wanted in Boston Turns Up in London

SAW CRASH AND SKIPPED

Located and Recognized in London by Former Business Associate. Denies He is Criminally Responsible for Anything Connected With His Collapse But Admits He Has Gone Broke—Was Able to Gather Up About \$50,000 When He Sailed Less Than a Month Ago—Other Particulars.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Boston, Mass., March 18.—Candido F. King, the financial agent, who a few months ago could write his check for a million, and who is now wanted as a fugitive from justice, is in London.

He has been located there by a well-known business man who has been associated with him in several of his spectacular enterprises.

While his friends and agents were circulating reports of his being in New York to raise funds, of confinement in a southern sanitarium the financier for whose arrest on a charge of embezzlement warrants have been issued, and for whom the police of the world are now looking, quietly gathered up his things, took every available penny and every negotiable paper in his office, valued at about \$50,000, and sailed for Liverpool on the Cunard liner Etiruria February 22nd.

King's name was not entered on the list of passengers, and his residence aboard the boat was not known until after the pilot had left. Then he made his appearance and seemed to make no effort to hide his identity.

He was recognized by a prominent Boston business man with whom he had been associated, and discussed his plans and the outlook for the future, intimating that he was going abroad on business.

At that time no warrant had been issued, and the friend did not know that King was in financial difficulties.

He and King left Liverpool together and went to London together. It was there that the friend learned a few days ago of the fact that King had disappeared and that the police were searching for him. He communicated with his Boston lawyer, who notified the police.

Tonight a cablegram was received from London saying that King was stopping at a second-class hotel and quoting him as saying that he would soon issue a statement explaining his side of the difficulty. He denies that he fled as a criminal and says that he is innocent of every charge. He claims that if anything, he is only a debtor and not an embezzler. He admits that he is "broke," but says that if certain plans turn out he will be able to make good his losses and settle with his creditors before any criminal action can be taken. He says he has communicated with his Boston counsel and that they will at once act in his behalf.

None of his lawyers in Boston tonight would admit that they had heard from their client, and none of his former agents or friends would admit that they even knew King was in London. The police will at once communicate with the London police and it is probable that King will be arrested tomorrow and held for extradition.

Whether he can be extradited or not is a question. His business affairs are in such shape that it is almost impossible to learn anything from them, and the receiver now in charge says he cannot make head from tail.

If King persists in the claim that he is only a debtor, the general impression is that the authorities will have a hard time proving embezzlement, owing to the manner in which he conducted his affairs.

1,200 WITNESSES TO THIS SUICIDE

San Antonio, Tex., March 18.—A dispatch to the Express from Guadalupe, Mexico, says:

Jose Meria Moreno, owner of the San Pedro ranch in Compostel, yesterday committed suicide before 1,200 people by going into the cattle pen and allowing a bull to gore him to death.

LATEST ADVICES FROM HAYTIEN

SEAT O' TROUBLE

(By Cable to The Times.) Port au Prince, March 18.—The embarkation of Haytien revolutionary refugees aboard the French cruiser has already begun from the consulate at Gonaives.

The French, German and British diplomatic representatives are looking after their departure and guarding against any demonstration, either by the government or thereabout, against the fugitives. Arrangements are also being made to take the revolutionists sheltered at St. Marc and Port de Paix to Gonaives for embarkation.

President Alexis will do his best to prevent any outbreak of violence against the men the powers are deporting.

Strong forces of troops guard the streets of Port au Prince, Gonaives, St. Marc and Port de Paix, and no public gatherings are permitted.

The executive has made it clear, however, that he considers himself as having granted concessions to the foreign governments upon which they could not have justly insisted. There is no doubt he would have desisted had he been powerful enough to do so, and that an immediate effort will be made to secure American assistance in concluding treaties.

The president is investigating a complaint from Secretary Hertzberg, of the German legation here, that the latter narrowly escaped being mobbed on his way from the legation to the wharf to consult with the commander of the British cruiser, on the ship's arrival Monday night.

The people accused the secretary of the responsibility of the recent troubles and finally became so threatening that he had to beat a path through the crowd to the wharf with a heavy walking stick. There is no doubt an apology will be forthcoming. That the president believed Port au Prince was in danger of bombardment when the foreign warships arrived is certain. He figured, however, that he might as well fall by an overwhelming outside force as at the hands of the revolutionists the consulates have been sheltering.

PROSPECTS OF THE BATTLESHIP FLEET'S RETURN

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, March 18.—It is probable the American battleship fleet will remain in the Philippines for at least six weeks on its cruise from the Pacific coast to the Atlantic. This inference is drawn from an official statement given out at the navy department today to the effect that Rear Admiral (now captain) William D. Potter will hoist his flag as commander of the second squadron before the fleet leaves the Philippines. Rear Admiral Emory will leave the fleet on October 20, when Admiral Patten succeeds him. Admiral Emory will not be retired until December 17, but without the relief of one rear admiral there would be a supernumerary on the fleet. As it is announced that the fleet will arrive at Manila about September 15, it will therefore remain in Philippine waters about six weeks.

HOBSON INSISTS THE OVERTURE WAS CERTAINLY MADE

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, March 18.—Representative R. P. Hobson, of Alabama, reasserted today that Lawrence Spear, naval constructor for the Electric Boat Company, came to him last November and made the overture to him to have him put on the committee on naval affairs if he stood "right" on submarine legislation. Mr. Hobson went further than he did in his testimony before the investigating committee and said Mr. Spear made the overture, unequivocally and unmistakably, not only to him, but to his private secretary.

MR. HART MCKEE.



Hart McKee, whose picture is here shown, is a young Pittsburg Millionaire who is now being sued for divorce in Paris. Mr. McKee seems to have had bad luck in his matrimony, this being the second appearance in divorce proceedings.

M'KEE ANSWERS WIFE'S CHARGES

Noted Pittsburger Figures in Paris Divorce Suit

HE BLAMED THE WOMAN

Cornelia's Passionate Love Letters to Hart Before the McKees Were Married Read in Court With Some Effect—American Consul Placed on the Stand, He Bares the Learned Judges With His Generalities. Some Spicy Details.

(By Cable to The Times)

Paris, March 18.—A. Hart McKee, the wealthy Pittsburger, whose wife is seeking an annulment of their marriage, answered her charges in the French divorce court today with sweeping denials and counter-accusations of falsehood, cruelty and unfaithfulness.

McKee's side of the case was opened today, after a week's postponement, and his counsel, Maître Labori, made a preliminary demand that Mrs. McKee's divorce petition be rejected and asked for the granting of McKee's petition, not alone for a legal separation, but for the custody of their children.

Through his attorney, McKee denied every charge set up by the wife. "Under the mask of a professional beauty," said the attorney, "she hides the falsest and cruellest of souls. She is hysterically shameless. He, a tender husband and step-father, instead of the satyr and tyrant she has pictured him."

Labori urged the court to teach Americans a good lesson by showing them how French justice regards such prejudices of a trial at law.

Taking up the history of the McKees' life together ever since they were married at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia, the lawyer asserted that Mrs. McKee was the first to cause a breach, leaving her husband and children at the chateau of veronne after a trifling difference and then telegraphing to her husband to follow her to Paris, where he arrived to find that she had rifled the safe in their city residence and disappeared.

Labori referred in general terms to the devotion of McKee towards his wife and children, but read many telegrams and letters in support of his claim that she had showed evidence of her favor upon other men than her husband.

McKee's denials cover the broad and general assertions of his wife that he was stingy, irregular in his habits and a menace to the peace of their lives. In her libel suit she had asserted that McKee would spend much of his time about their home, attired in pajamas, writing for the New York papers under the signatures of "Fifi" and "Clarice." She had also set up the claim that McKee was uncleanly in his habits, wearing portions of his garments under they literally fell from his body.

After the answer today McKee boasts that his suit would create the biggest scandal of the year fell flat. He claimed to have evidence in his possession relative to the conduct of his wife which would shock their friends. McKee says that his suit for libel against Mrs. McKee and her father, General G. M. Baxter, formerly of Nashville, Tenn., will be pushed to a conclusion subsequently to the divorce trial.

A striking coincidence lies in the fact that McKee's first wife, formerly Miss Llydia Sutton, of Pittsburg, is in Paris, and is said to be on rather friendly terms with her former husband. (Continued on Second Page.)

MRS. HART MCKEE.



Mrs. Hart McKee, whose picture is here shown, is suing her husband for a divorce in Paris. Mrs. McKee is a noted figure in this country. There are many features in her marriage to McKee.

BEACHED SHIP TO SAVE CREW & PASSENGERS

(By Leased Wire to The Times) San Francisco, Cal., March 18.—With more than eighty passengers and a crew of fifty men on board, the Pacific Coast Steamship Company's big steamer Pomona, northbound from San Francisco to Eureka, last night struck a submerged reef, four miles off the coast opposite Fort Ross, and, leaking like a sieve, was run ashore and beached to save the lives of those on board.

Not in the history of shipping on this coast has a sea disaster been averted by as small a margin. With the passengers aboard almost in a panic and the water pouring into her hold, the Pomona was run ashore at the top of her speed and beached just in time to prevent her sinking in deep water.

In less than an hour after the steamer had grounded upon the beach all the passengers had been safely transferred to the shore. The crew followed after saving as much of the most valuable part of the vessel's cargo as possible, leaving the big ship deserted, pounding in the surf. The passengers spent the night crowded in and about the one house within a mile of the scene of the wreck, the house of the Call Ranch. In the excitement and danger from the moment the ship struck on the submerged reef, Captain Swanson, his officers and men maintained perfect discipline and their behavior did much to allay the panic of the passengers.

The Pomona landed with such force on the beach as to tear away a large section of the hull. Aboard was a large quantity of Wells Fargo & Company's express matter. This will be salvaged this morning. It is understood that the committee has struck a snag and are divided on the question of taking a stand on the joint settlement plan or recommending separate agreements be attempted in each state.

MR. CLEVELAND IS 71 TODAY

(By Leased wire to The Times) Lakewood, N. J., March 18.—President Grover Cleveland is celebrating his seventy-first birthday in a quiet manner at the Lakewood Hotel today. Mrs. Cleveland returned from Princeton this morning, bringing all the Cleveland children. Dr. Joseph B. Bryant, Mr. Cleveland's physician and close friend, is here from New York, to spend the day with him.

Mr. Cleveland went out for a walk yesterday to his cottage, known as The Little White House, which he occupied during part of his two presidential terms. He said it was the longest walk he had taken in nine months.

SERIOUS ASPECT OF RAILWAY TROUBLES AT SALISBURY TODAY

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Salisbury, March 18.—An important communication received here today from a representative of the men in the Southern Railway case says in part: "At meeting before the interstate commerce commission Saturday the proposition of arbitration was presented and was flatly turned down by all organizations." This practically means that unless the company backs down and accepts the union's proposals there will be a general strike all over the system. The men here are not excited over the prospect, still hoping that some way may be found out of the difficulty. They consider their demands just and the offer made to the company absolutely fair.

On the authority of Mr. A. Stewart, superintendent of motive power, all men laid off are employed and are entitled to the same pass privilege as when in active service.

CORN SPECIAL STARTS MONDAY

Itinerary of Train Carrying Corn Experts

SOME OF SPECIALISTS

Train Will Visit Washington, Edenton, Plymouth and Other Points. Representative Small Scenes National Expert—Will Mean Much to Farmers of Eastern North Carolina.

The corn growers' special train that is to be operated jointly by the North Carolina Experiment Station and the Norfolk & Southern Railway, will leave Washington, N. C., next Monday morning, March 23. It will visit Pinetown, Plymouth, Roper, Belhaven, Columbia, Creswell, Edenton, Moyock, Camden, Elizabeth City, Ahoskie, Hertford, Washington, Vanceboro, New Bern, Oriental, Bayboro, Kinston, Cove and Dover.

At each of these places stops of two hours or more will be made and talks on proper methods of selecting seed, fertilizing, cultivating, harvesting, feeding, and of combating insect and disease enemies of corn will be made in the coaches of the "Special." The train will be equipped and run free by the railroad, while the lecturers and illustration material will be furnished by the Experiment Station. The motto of the Special will be "More Corn to the Acre." No corn grower can afford to miss this opportunity of hearing these gentlemen who have given so much time and thought to the study of the corn plant.

The train will consist of two passenger coaches as audience cars and an exhibition car in which will be arranged an exhibit of the largest collection of varieties of corn ever brought together in the state. Also an opportunity will be afforded to see and study ears of the varieties that have afforded the highest average yields on the experimental grounds of the Experiment Station and State Department of Agriculture. A large collection of specimens affected with different diseases will be on exhibition so that those who wish may see them, learn to recognize them and receive information as to the most economical and effective methods to combat them.

When it is realized that the average yield of shelled corn per acre for North Carolina is less than thirteen bushels and that there are but four states in the American Union that produce less per acre, it is felt that it is high time that the people of this state redouble their energies to try and materially increase this extremely small yield. North Carolina produces less than one-half per acre than is the average for the entire United States.

The farmers to increase their yields must give more thoughtful attention to the factors that contribute to yield. If the farmers of the state would select their seed corn properly next fall and give their land more thorough preparation and the crop better cultivation next spring the increase yield for next year would average five bushels per acre or in other words an addition of \$6,000,000 worth of product would be added to the credit side of their ledger. These and other practical matters are the ones that will be discussed on the "Corn Special."

The speakers on the train will be Director C. B. Williams, of the North Carolina Experiment Station; Dr. Tait Butler, director Farmers' Institutes in North Carolina; Dr. F. L. Stevens, Plant Disease Specialist Experiment Station. Dr. George T. College, will speak on the "Value of Technical Education" at Edenton. Dr. F. L. Stevens will be present and give an illustrated stereopticon lecture on "Some Applications of Science to Agriculture."

In addition to the speakers above announced, Congressman John H. Small has secured Mr. A. D. Shamel, of the Bureau of Plant Industry, Washington, D. C., who will accompany the train on its itinerary and talk on corn breeding. Mr. Shamel is a native of Illinois and has a reputation throughout the great corn belt of being the highest authority on the breeding of corn.

THE MYSTERY DEEPENS HERE

Police Story Contains Admissions Which Add to It

NOT GOOD CLUE TO CAUSE

State of Body of Florence Reynolds, Found in a Coal Bin, Makes it Difficult to Determine Cause of Death—An Insurance Policy Which the Police Assumed Would Furnish an Important Clue, Turns Out Useless.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, March 18.—The mystery enveloping the death of Sarah Thompson, some times known as Florence Reynolds, whose body was found in a coal bin in a cellar at 147 East 32d street, deepened today.

Despite the unusual circumstances surrounding the case the police declared the young woman was not the victim of an assassin and admitted she had been dead so long it is now impossible to get a satisfactory story of her actions previous to her death. The state of the body made it difficult to determine the cause of death and the only clue on which the police had to work—the finding of the life insurance policy made out in the girl's name—fell flat. It was proved that the policy was taken out by a former friend, who, after learning of her death, turned it over to an undertaker with instructions that every cent was to be used for her burial expenses.

HARD TIMES IN COTTON MILL CIRCLES

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Plainfield, Conn., March 18.—Notices have been posted in cotton mills at Greenville, Shetucket, Volunow, Norwich Falls, and other towns notifying three thousand employees of a 10 per cent. reduction in wages next Monday. Montville mills have shut down altogether.

THE MIS-SPELLED WORD CONTEST.

No one found the mis-spelled word yesterday. It will appear in a local advertisement during the week ending March 21, and the first person who finds the word and reports it to the business office will be given a year's subscription to The Times. Read today's advertisements and if you don't win the prize today, try tomorrow.