

MRS. MELLETT SUES THREE FOR DEATH OF HER SLAIN HUSBAND

Files Suit For \$100,000 Damages Against Rudner, Mazer and McDermott in Cleveland.

MELLETT LAWYER ENTERS THE CASE

He and Joseph R. Roach, of Chicago, Conferred with Woman Before She Started the Suit.

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 25.—(AP)—Mrs. Don R. Mellett, of Indianapolis, Ind., today filed suit in Federal court here asking damages of \$100,000 for the death of her husband, killed at Canton July 18th.

The petition named Mazer and Rudner as conspirators against the life of Mellett and claims damages because the slaying has deprived her of her husband's support.

The suit is frankly interpreted as an effort to take the Don R. Mellett murder investigation out of "politics" and into Federal court here.

Immediately upon filing of the suit by Attorney Francis W. Poston, of Cleveland, U. S. Deputy Marshals started for Massillon to serve a copy of the petition on Rudner, other marshals went to the county jail to deliver a copy to Mazer, who is held there on a federal liquor charge, and who also is charged with first degree murder in the killing of Mellett.

The suit alleges the defendants planned and conspired among themselves and with divers other persons whose names are to the plaintiff unknown, to cause and bring about the death of Don R. Mellett.

It charges further that as a result of the alleged conspiracy the "defendants and other persons unlawfully and of deliberate and premeditated malice" killed and murdered the said Don R. Mellett.

Poulson upon filing the suit, declared that the investigation of the murder is getting no place because of politics.

"The thing we want to do," he said, "is to get this matter into federal court here where we know politics will not enter into the case."

Joseph R. Roach, the chief investigator at Canton, and Judge N. C. Pontius will give their views on the suit, and both have enough evidence to prove the charges contained in it," Poulson said.

TROPICAL STORM IS MOVING NORTHWARD

Storm is Expected to Reach Louisiana Coast Sometime During the Day.

New Orleans, Aug. 25.—(AP)—A tropical storm which yesterday was reported raging in the Gulf of Mexico today was moving northward, weather bureau officials said here.

Forecasters R. A. Dike said that indications were the storm would strike the Louisiana coast between Burwood and Morgan City. Hurricane warnings have been displayed between Morgan City and Abbeville, Ala.

Morgan City at 8:30 reported a 30-mile an hour wind and a rising tide.

Wind Velocity of 100 Miles an Hour.

Galveston, Tex., Aug. 25.—(AP)—Reports from ships in the Gulf of Mexico to their offices here indicated winds of hurricane velocity were accompanying the tropical storm moving inland from the Gulf.

The ship Argon in position 27 N. 90.50 W. reported winds at 100 miles an hour from the northeast with high seas and heavy rains.

New Form of Government For Salisbury.

Salisbury, N. C., Aug. 25.—(AP)—The voters of Salisbury Tuesday expressed themselves by a majority of 571 in favor of a managerial form of city government to replace the present aldermanic form, returns today showed.

Severe Earthquake Recorded.

Washington, Aug. 25.—(AP)—A severe earthquake was registered on Georgetown University seismographs early today, lasting three and one-half hours. The location of the shocks was placed by Director Tondorf at 4,300 miles from Washington.

FREE SEASON TICKETS TO THE CABARRUS COUNTY FAIR.

The Tribune has arranged with the management of the Cabarrus County Fair for a limited number of Season Tickets which will be good for admission every day of the fair.

Figures in Atlantic Trip



RENE FONCK



ALLEN SNODY



HOMER BERRY



IGOR SIKORSKY

Captain Rene Fonck, assisted by Lieutenant Allen Snody and Captain Homer Berry, planned to fly from New York to Paris in an airplane designed by Igor Sikorsky.

COST OF TEXT BOOKS DISCUSSED AT MEETING

State Board of Education Meets to Consider Matter at Direction of the Governor.

Tribune Bureau Sir Walter Hotel Raleigh, Aug. 25.—The first official consideration given to the question of the cost of text books in North Carolina as compared with the cost of the same text books in Tennessee, where it has been found the prices are from one to seventeen cents lower than here, was at a meeting of the State board of education held late Tuesday afternoon, at the call of Governor A. W. McLean, who wired instructions from Wisconsin for the board to meet and give preliminary consideration to the question, so that it might be perfectly familiar with it on his return, when the board is expected to take definite action.

Governor McLean did not indicate when he was leaving for Raleigh, but it is believed that he will be back within a few days, anyway by the end of the week.

What action is contemplated by the board has not yet been determined and will not be until Governor McLean returns, although those who have been looking into the matter with regard to the controversy, are convinced that North Carolina, according to its contract with the text book publishers, is entitled to the same prices as Tennessee, inasmuch as the North Carolina contract specifies that no other state shall be given a lower rate on books, and that if a lower rate is given, it shall apply to North Carolina also.

It is said that the book publishers maintain that the prices quoted in Tennessee are wholesale prices, while in North Carolina the prices quoted are retail prices. They also maintain that in Tennessee they assist in the distribution of the books, while in North Carolina they do not, inasmuch as they are sent on a consignment basis to the State depository, which they say is the distributing agent.

However, it is believed that the State has ample grounds upon which to demand that the same rates be granted here as in Tennessee, and it is regarded as certain that the board of education will demand that the publishers make their prices here conform to those in Tennessee.

Farmer Leader Confers With President.

(By International News Service) Union City, Ga., Aug. 25.—Charles S. Barrett, of this town, president of the National Farmers' Union, has just returned from a visit to President Calvin Coolidge at the summer White House at White Pine Camp, N. Y., where he discussed with the Chief Executive the needs of the farmer.

"And don't let anybody tell you President Coolidge isn't a great fisherman," says Barrett. "He pulled out 32 fish in the same stream when I only caught one and I always thought I was some fisherman."

Shortly after Barrett's visit to the President, news came from President Coolidge that he was about to put the finishing touches on a \$100,000,000 program for the aid of the farmer.

Hamilton's Condition Improving.

Gastonia, Aug. 25.—(AP)—Chester Hamilton, well known newspaper man of Asheville and Charleston, S. C., ill in a local hospital, where he was removed from a train here Monday night, is improving steadily, hospital attaches said. His father, C. H. Hamilton, of Charleston, is at his bedside, and also a friend from Asheville.

Private Autos Hurt Railroads.

(By International News Service) Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 25.—It is not the bus lines that has caused the railroads to take off five passenger trains through here during the past five years—it's the privately owned automobiles.

Motor bus transportation in the State, records show, has also fallen off. Residents who own their own cars use them for traveling and their trucks for hauling. Such is the opinion of railroad officials here when asked what caused the taking off of the trains.

LIEUT. BETTIS NOW IN HOSPITAL WITH VARIOUS INJURIES

Missing Airman Found in Mountains Where His Plane Had Crashed During a Heavy Fog.

AIRMAN HAS BROKEN LEG

Extent of His Injuries Will Not Be Known Until He Has Been Given an Examination.

Bellefonte, Pa., Aug. 25.—(AP)—Lieut. Cyrus K. Bettis, army aviator, missing since Monday, was brought to the Centre county hospital here today with a broken leg.

Lieutenant Bettis with two other planes left the Sesqui-Centennial grounds in Philadelphia on Monday for Selfridge Field in Michigan, to prepare for the air races in Philadelphia next month. The other fliers were Lieuts. John J. Williams and Luther S. Smith. They stopped at Middletown, Pa., near Harrisburg, and later took off for Cleveland.

Near Lewistown the aviators ran into a thick fog Monday afternoon, and that was the last seen of Lieut. Bettis until he was found. The other army officers reached Selfridge Field safely. Pursuit planes were sent out yesterday from Selfridge Field and Philadelphia in search of the missing pilot. Today all available planes between Philadelphia and Bellefonte were to continue the search, but none went aloft because of the thick fog and rain prevailing over the entire territory.

Whether the aviator suffered any serious injury would not be determined immediately. Because of his condition he was not permitted to discuss his experiences.

A report from Lewistown said the army flier was found on the north side of Jack Mountain, five miles from that town. A plane was seen to fall by a farmer's wife and a search was made of the south side of the mountain yesterday without success. Later two young farmers found the wrecked plane on the north side on a flat area of ground.

Accompanied by two other planes, Lieut. Bettis was flying from the Sesqui-Centennial grounds, Philadelphia, to Selfridge Field in Michigan, when he ran into a fog on Monday afternoon approximately twenty miles south of Bellefonte and lost his way. In searching for a landmark he crashed against the side of a mountain and fell. This was at 1:15 p. m.

In falling, one wing of the plane caught in a tree, and the machine wrapped itself around the trunk, bringing the force of the fall, whether Lieut. Bettis was rendered unconscious in striking the ground is not yet known, as he is in no condition to talk. What information was obtained was given by him to the highway employees who took him to a hospital.

Bettis was found on the main highway running from Lewistown to Bellefonte. The section of the road where he lay when picked up is under construction, and traffic is detoured three or four miles away.

Condition Not Critical.

Bellefonte, Pa., Aug. 25.—(AP)—Lieut. Cyrus K. Bettis, army aviator, missing since Monday, was found alive in the Seven Sister Mountains today and is now in the Centre County Hospital here in a serious but not critical condition.

The flier's left leg is broken below the knee; his skull is fractured in two places, and he has severe lacerations on his face and head.

The army officer owes his life to his grit. Buried thick in the deep forest where no one could find him or his wrecked plane, Lieut. Bettis crawled for five and one-half hours through tangled underbrush until he came to a roadway where he later was found by two state highway employees.

THE COTTON MARKET

Tropical Storm Threat Gave Market Steady Opening Today.

New York, Aug. 25.—(AP)—The cotton market made a very steady showing in today's early trading, owing to the tropical storm threat along the Gulf coast and reports of further showers in the belt. Early cables from Liverpool were lower than due but the market there firmed up before trading here started.

The local market opened steady at an advance of 8 to 13 points. Buying on the unfavorable weather news was stimulated by more favorable reports from the cotton goods trade, and except for realizing there appeared to be very little selling.

October sold up to 17.88 and January to 17.97 before the end of the first hour, net advances of about 16 to 19 points on active months.

Cotton futures opened steady. Oct. 17.73; Dec. 17.32; Jan. 17.36; March 18.00; May 18.20.

Two Destroyers to Nicaragua.

Washington, Aug. 25.—(AP)—Two American destroyers will be sent to Nicaraguan ports of Bluefields and Corinto, because of the revolutionary outbreaks in that country.

Rice has almost doubled in price recently in China. Chinese women, traditionally subdued, have created a new problem by raiding rice shops.

2 PERSONS KILLED AND 10 HURT WHEN TRAIN IS WRECKED

Santa Fe Train, Carrying Work Crew, Left Tracks—Cause of the Accident Not Known.

FOURTEEN CARS LEFT THE TRACKS

Conductor of Train Missing and It Is Feared He Is Buried in the Wreckage of the Train.

Albuquerque, N. Mex., Aug. 25.—(AP)—Two persons were killed and ten injured in the derailment of a Santa Fe work train near Thoreau, N. Mex., early this morning, according to a message received here.

The train was moving a bridge crew and equipment from Perea to Chavez. The locomotive was said to have left the rails carrying 13 or 14 cars with it. Officials here denied the cars had been demolished. Doctors from Gallup were rushed to the scene.

Conductor J. D. Tucker, of Gallup, was reported missing and was believed to be buried in the wreckage. The cause of the derailment has not been determined.

TOMATO WINE PROVES BEVERAGE OF POWER

Convicts Make the Wine, Drink Some and Then Leave Their Prison Camp.

Tribune Bureau Sir Walter Hotel Raleigh, Aug. 25.—Tomato wine, made by convicts in the Polk farm prison camp near Raleigh, evidently brought good luck to two convicted murderers, who made their escape from the farm following their incarceration for making the wine and getting "high" in the ensuing celebration. Their whereabouts have not yet been discovered.

This swells the number of convicts now enjoying "vacations" to five, four of them convicted murderers.

After having stolen a quantity of tomatoes from which they made some extremely potent tomato wine, George Jackson, negro, serving from 20 to 30 years from Swain county for murder, with a reputation for being a "bad nigger", and Ikey McMillan, also colored, serving from 20 to 30 years from Guilford county, proceeded to stage a "party" at which they got rather highly "int." Their fuel was confiscated by Captain Jesse Hillier, in charge of the farm, and Jackson and McMillan were incarcerated in two dark cells and supplied only with bread and water, the customary punishment for those who break the prison rules.

But there evidently were others in the tomato wine plot who sympathized with the two miscreants, including the prison blacksmith. So while the others were at supper, the blacksmith shop was entered and a pair of heavy nippers secured, with which the locks were clipped from the two solitary cells. In a few minutes the cells were empty and Jackson and McMillan had taken to the woods before their disappearance had been discovered.

Their escape had been kept quiet until this morning, in the hope that they would be recaptured, but it is now believed it may be sometime before they are found. This is the second escape in a little more than a week as last week three negro convicts, all long termers, escaped from the prison camp at a quarry near Durham. None has been recaptured as yet.

"I" Secretary at Davidson.

Davidson, N. C., Aug. 24.—(AP)—J. H. Appleby, of Florence, Ala., has been chosen Y. M. C. A. Secretary at Davidson College for the coming school year. He succeeds A. M. Hillhouse, who resigned to take up study at the University of North Carolina.

The new secretary completed his course at Davidson last year.

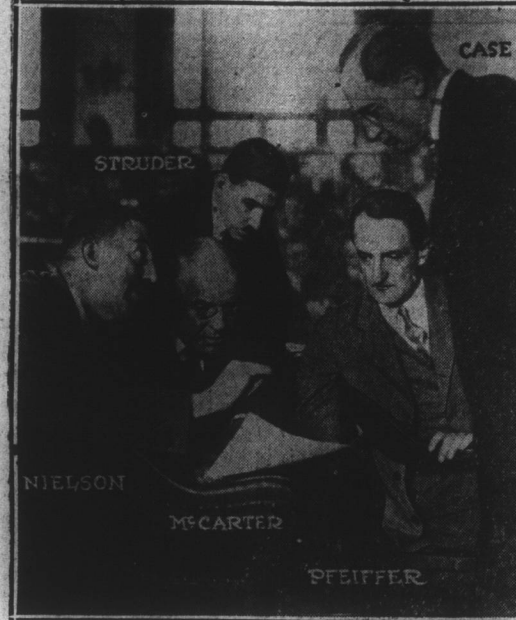
Officials have been seeking a permanent secretary, but unable to obtain one, they selected the former student.

That's Part of It A GREAT STORY



A yard where lions, tigers and other animals and serpents are bought and sold is a feature of the East End of London.

The "Million Dollar" Defense



The holding of Willie Stevens and Henry de la B. Carpenter for the Hall-Mills murder caused attorneys representing them and Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall to hold this tense courtroom conference.

COTTON CROP OF STATE WILL BE LARGE ONE

Report Shows that the Crop in This State Has Improved in the Past Two Weeks.

Tribune Bureau Sir Walter Hotel Raleigh, Aug. 25.—With its rating increased from 70 to 73 per cent, by the government crop report, the cotton crop prospects in North Carolina are of the best and the outlook is for an excellent crop that in most respects should equal that of last year, according to the State crop reporting bureau. It is interesting to note that North Carolina is the only state that had its crop condition increased by the United States crop reporting board, all the other states either remaining stationary or undergoing big cuts to such an extent that the total crop estimate was reduced by 373,000 bales. So it may be that the North Carolina farmers who increased their acreage one per cent, this year, instead of decreasing it, may not have acted unwisely after all.

The local office of the crop reporting service has refused to make any estimate as to the total number of bales that will be produced in North Carolina this season, and still refuse to do so. However, they say that judging from present conditions, the crop should average as large as last year's, which amounted to 1,100,000 bales. The condition at present, which is rated at 73 per cent, is still two per cent short of the condition at the same date last year, however, which might indicate that the crop would not go over 1,000,000 bales, if quite that much.

So far as the North Carolina crop is concerned, the effects of the drought early this spring seem to be causing an unusual amount of shedding of squares and small bolls. Fertilizing has been good, however, and the plants seem only to be dropping the excess that they cannot sustain under the present dry conditions, according to W. H. Rhodes, Jr., assistant crop statistician of the United States and State crop reporting service. This "drop" may be more natural than realized, and it is believed that it has been checked somewhat by the rains over the cotton belt the last few days. Light rains a bit earlier might have caused some of these squares and bolls to hold on and develop, but at the time the dry weather was too great. Still more light rains are needed.

But a note of warning is sounded against too much optimism concerning the crop, for conditions may change at any time, especially since the crop is distinctly from 15 to 25 days late and fruiting slow. Only from three to five bolls may be counted as safe to date, says Mr. Rhodes, to the point where they may be counted on to produce. The remaining squares and small bolls on the plants are still subject to weather damage or other changes that may take place before they are fully grown.

An additional cause for concern has been the discovery of the cotton caterpillar in the state, whose presence has just been definitely established by Dr. W. R. Leiby, entomologist for the State department of agriculture. While not yet reported in alarming numbers, there is a possibility that with the crop as late as it is, the caterpillar might do extensive damage, as it destroys the leaves of the cotton plants. The boll weevil has done little if any damage, and there is scarcely any danger that it might still do so.

The condition of the crop over the United States as a whole is 63.5 per cent, as compared with 73 per cent, in North Carolina, where the yield is estimated at 265 pounds of lint to an acre. The estimated number of bales is 15,248,000, of 500 pounds gross weight, as compared with 16,103,000 bales produced last year, or 555,679 bales less than last year.

Falls to Reach Verdict.

Guthrie, Okla., Aug. 25.—(AP)—The jury in the case of W. K. Hale and John Ramsey, charged with slaying Henry Rouse, an Osage Indian, was discharged this morning by Federal Judge John H. Cotterell, after reporting that it could not agree on a verdict. The case went to the jury last Friday afternoon.

Small Fire Loss in July.

Tribune Bureau Sir Walter Hotel Raleigh, Aug. 25.—One of the smallest fire losses for July in many years is reported by the State insurance department, the losses for that month so far reported being only about \$150,000. This may be slightly increased, but is virtually correct for July, according to Commissioner Stacey W. Wade, who is much pleased at the low loss rate in the state for July.

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