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## P. T. HEATH JUMPS TO DEATH IN ATLANTA

### Former Gastonia Business Man Committed Suicide This Morning — Had Been in Ill Health — Coroner to Investigate.

(By The Associated Press.)  
Special to The Daily Gazette.  
ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 25.—With his last message scribbled on a memorandum pad of his desk in a series of affectionate notes to his wife, Peterson T. Heath, a wealthy dealer in wholesale hosiery, turned to the window of his office in the ninth floor of the Healey building and leaped to his death in the street. Few people were in the street at the time, as the suicide occurred at 7:30 o'clock Saturday morning, but a newsboy who saw the falling body and ran to the side of the man found that he was killed instantly.

Mr. Heath lived at 690 Ponce de Leon avenue and is survived by his wife and a son, Tyree Heath, who was associated with his father in business.

Ill health, business worries and personal affairs are supposed to have caused his action. Friends declare he had been depressed several days.

The series of notes incoherently expressed, indicated he was under great mental strain during the half hour between the time he arrived at his office and his leap from the window.

Mr. Heath arrived at the Healey building about 7 o'clock. He told a friend he was feeling blue. He entered his office and bolted all of the doors. Apparently he sat down at his desk and arranged his business papers.

Then he wrote the note to his wife, so that "the world would know it was no fault of yours." He tried to call her over the telephone for a last goodbye but couldn't.

"Dear Baby, I tried to speak to you several times over the telephone, but couldn't," he scribbled with a blue pencil on the back of a memorandum pad, as the decision to end it all became final, he wrote again, "Dear Sweet Baby, I wish I could have seen you once more before writing this. I want the world to know it is not a fault of yours but that boy caused it all. I am leaping at 7:30. Goodbye, Dear Sweetheart Baby, but don't blame me for it. I cannot stand the mental strain of that boy any longer. Your Pete."

The last note was a tender goodbye: "Dear Baby, it is about 7:30. Glad I talked with you yesterday. This is final. I will be at rest for I have not done any harm now. Once more, I love you more than I can tell. Goodbye, Pete."

A few minutes later city policemen climbed over the transom on the door of the office from which the man had leaped and found the written record of his last half hour.

P. T. Heath, formerly a Gastonia business man, met a tragic death early this morning in Atlanta when he fell or threw himself from the ninth story of an office building. No details of the tragedy are known here, the only intelligence with reference to the affair being contained in a telegram received about 9:30 o'clock this morning by Mr. I. A. Campbell from a relative living in Atlanta. The telegram simply stated that Mr. Heath met sudden death this morning from the ninth story of an office building.

Mr. Heath came to Gastonia about 1891 and established the New York Racket store. He erected a building for his business adjoining the present building of Craig & Wilson, now occupied by the Gastonian Theater. Here he conducted a business for twelve or fifteen years. On selling out here he moved to Atlanta and had since been traveling for a hosiery mill. He was a native of Georgia.

While nothing is known here as to the details of the tragedy, it is known that his health had not been good and the likely supposition seems to be that he committed suicide.

Surviving are his widow, who was a Miss Bramlette, of Washington, and one son, Tyree Heath, both of Atlanta.

Mr. Heath had many friends in and around Gastonia to whom the news of his death will be heard with keen regret.

## BODY OF OLIVE THOMAS ARRIVES HOME TODAY

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—The body of Olive Thomas, motion picture actress, who died recently in Paris, of mercurial poison, arrived here today on the steamship Mauretania. The funeral services will be held next Tuesday in St. Thomas Protestant Episcopal church, where Miss Thomas worshipped.

## TODAY'S CENSUS FIGURES

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—Huntington, W. Va., 50,177; increase 19,016, or 61.0 per cent.  
Jackson county, Missouri, containing Kansas City, 367,846; increase 84,324, or 22.7 per cent.  
Franklin county, Ohio, containing Columbus, 283,951; increase 62,384, or 22.2 per cent.

Venezuela has made the use of the metric system compulsory in its courts and public offices.  
Window sash weights made of concrete reinforced with a loop of wire are a California idea.

## SENATE COMMITTEE TURNS TO OHIO 1918 CAMPAIGN

### Will Investigate Gubernatorial Campaign of 1918 When Cox is Alleged to Have Received Contributions From Dayton Metal Products Company.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 25.—The senate committee investigating campaign funds planned to turn its attention today to the Ohio gubernatorial campaign of 1918 during which, it was implied by a witness at the committee's hearing yesterday, Governor Cox received a concealed contribution from the Dayton Metal Products Company. The implied charge, made by George B. Lockwood, editor of the National Republican, led to the summoning of H. E. Talbot, who, Lockwood said, was president of the Metal Products Company in 1918, and officials of the company and of the City National Bank of Dayton with the expectation that they would be here to testify today.

Lockwood testified that in June, 1918, the Dayton Metal Products Company paid a \$5,000 personal note of Governor Cox, and added that "it appears to me from all the circumstances that it must have been a contribution to Mr. Cox's campaign funds."

Herbert G. Houston, treasurer of the league to enforce peace, told the committee that contributions to the league during the past five years had totaled \$851,000, all of which had been expended. Since last May, the witness said, no funds have been solicited and, he continued, none will be accepted until after the November election as political propaganda of a partisan character is forbidden under the league's articles of incorporation.

## WALL STREET BELIEVES PRICE REDUCTIONS WILL ASSUME LARGER DIMENSIONS

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—Indications of a general reduction of commodity prices precipitated a sharp reaction among industrial shares on the stock exchange this week. The setback was especially noteworthy, because of the relative strength of low priced rails.

Wall Street believes that the new price slashing movement is likely to assume much wider dimensions than the campaign of last spring, which was limited largely to retailers. To the more recent price revision were added several dividend reductions or absolute suspensions, for example, that of the Central Leather company.

Surveys of the steel and copper trades were of a less hopeful character, opinion apparently inclining to an early decrease of production in both industries, with inevitable reduction of prevailing prices. Buying of the cheaper rails was accompanied by circumstantial reports of prospective mergers or consolidations. These received scant credence in well informed quarters, where the movement was mainly attributed to speculative interests.

Call money was plentiful at seven per cent, although a few loans were made at an advance of one per cent over that quotation. Time money was increasing, scarce and leading rates of exchange failed to reflect in the slightest degree renewed assurances of payment at maturity of the Anglo-French loan.

## ANOTHER BOSTON BANK IS ORDERED CLOSED

BOSTON, Sept. 25.—The Cosmopolitan Trust Company of this city, with a savings and banking department and agencies abroad, was closed by Bank Commissioner Joseph C. Allen at 9 o'clock this morning.

The Cosmopolitan is the fifth bank in this city to be closed by Commissioner Allen in the last five weeks. The first of these was the Hanover Trust Company, which went to the wall with the collapse of the get-rich-quick scheme of Charles Ponzi, its largest individual depositor. The Prudential Trust Company was closed later, as were two smaller private banks.

The bank commissioner gave no reason for the closing, and bank officials refused to comment. At the state house it was said the commissioner would later issue a formal statement.

The state has \$500,000 on deposit with the Cosmopolitan Trust Company, it was announced by State Treasurer James Jackson. He added "there is every reason to suppose that the money is absolutely safe."

The Cosmopolitan has advertised its capital and surplus as \$3,000,000, and its resources as \$20,000,000 for the combined and general banking and savings departments. The president is Max Mitchell, a leader in the credit union movement in the state, and formally an official of organized charities activities. The bank has specialized in the accounts of members of the several foreign colonies in the city, and has conducted thrift and Christmas savings clubs for persons of small means. It has advertised a list of correspondent banks in nearly every capital and large city in Europe, Asia and Africa.

## THE DAILY GAZETTE IS AUTHORIZED TO SOLICIT CONTRIBUTIONS TO DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN FUND

### Will Acknowledge Receipt of all Contributions and Publish — Chairman John G. Carpenter Will Receive Contributions.

The Democratic National Committee has authorized The Daily Gazette to solicit contributions to the Cox-Roosevelt Popular Campaign Fund. The committee depends upon the masses of Cox-Roosevelt supporters to finance the campaign for Peace, Progress, Prosperity. Send your contribution TODAY. It will be acknowledged in this newspaper and will be forwarded immediately to National headquarters, where funds are sorely needed for combating the millions available to the opposition. Do you believe in the people, instead of a selfish few running and financing Political Campaigns? Then contribute and as liberally as you can — and CONTRIBUTE NOW. A contribution that will help the Democratic National Committee inform others as you are informed may double or treble your influence on the issue of the campaign. Send contribution to Chairman John G. Carpenter TODAY.

The contribution will be acknowledged and published in The Gazette. The sending of the contribution to Mr. Carpenter direct will eliminate much unnecessary bookkeeping and handling of the money. SEND YOURS TODAY.

The Democratic National Committee wants help, wants it in an open, above-board, public way. The Cox-Roosevelt managers are in great need of funds — not millions as are available to their opponents — but modest thousands with which to offset the effect of the immense funds being used to confuse and misrepresent the true issues of the present national campaign.

They propose to get needed funds directly from the body of Cox-Roosevelt supporters. This is in harmony with the financial policies of previous Democratic Campaigns. In 1912 nearly 100,000 persons subscribed to the fund used in carrying the Wilson message to the people. In 1916, even a larger aggregate number of individuals rendered financial help. Though the time for making appeal is short the Cox-Roosevelt managers believe even a larger number want to contribute this year.

They have no hope or desire of matching millions with the Republicans; in fact, they don't believe that such is necessary even if it were tolerable. But some funds are needed with which to do legitimate work — the maintaining of headquarters, the writing of letters, the sending forth of information which the voters should have, etc.

Ample funds would readily come to the Democratic managers were they to ignore all questions of source and purpose represented by large donations from selfish interests.

Instead they are leaving the matter to the people, to those who give, modestly, perhaps, but yet out of no motive but unselfish desire to promote the principles represented by James M. Cox and Franklin D. Roosevelt.

They believe the masses of Cox-Roosevelt supporters will thus come to the aid of the campaign, and have requested this newspaper to receive and transmit contributions from its readers.

Contributions are needed badly and are needed now. Send yours at once to Chairman John G. Carpenter and it will be forwarded promptly to national headquarters at Grand Central Palace, New York City.

COX — ROOSEVELT  
Popular Campaign Fund.  
Voluntary Subscription Coupon.

Believing in the ideals of Government, Peace, Progress, Prosperity, represented by James M. Cox and Franklin D. Roosevelt and believing that campaign funds should be provided by the body of the people, instead of by a comparatively few and largely selfish individuals looking for special favors, I herewith voluntarily subscribe the sum of \$..... to the Cox-Roosevelt Popular Campaign Fund.

Name.....  
R. F. D. or Street.....  
P. O. .... State.....

## M'SWINEY IS MORE REFRESHED TODAY

### MacSwiney family Charges British Press With Distorting News of Lord Mayor's Condition.

(By The Associated Press.)  
LONDON, Sept. 25.—Terence MacSwiney, lord mayor of Cork, passed a better night at Brixton prison last night, and, consequently, was more refreshed this morning, said a bulletin issued by the Irish Self-Determination League this forenoon. MacSwiney had a few hours of sleep, but was said to be in a state of extreme weakness, and able to whisper only a couple of words to relatives who visited him. The severity of the pains in his head, from which he suffered yesterday, was decreased, it was said.

A statement issued today over the signatures of members of the family of Terence MacSwiney, charges the British press with distorting reports concerning the lord mayor's condition. It asserts that the government asked the newspaper proprietors' association that "if certain information should come to their knowledge to withhold it from publication."

The statement announces also that the MacSwiney family will cease to give to the British press any statements concerning the lord mayor. Frequent bulletins, however, still will be issued to foreign press representatives in London.

It was stated at the offices of the newspaper proprietors' association today that no communication had been received from the government concerning Lord Mayor MacSwiney.

## AMERICAN LEGION FINANCES REPORTED IN GOOD SHAPE

CLEVELAND, O., Sept. 25.—The report of Robert H. Tyndall, national treasurer of the American Legion, was the most important business before the executive committee which met here today. The report will be submitted to the second annual convention of the Legion, which opens Monday and will continue through Wednesday.

It is expected the report will show that the Legion has emerged from its financial difficulties and now has substantial surplus funds with which to carry on all Legion work. Tyndall said that 2,500 delegates to the United States convention will be present.

## KNIGHTS TEMPLAR TO RESUME WORK TUESDAY

### Gastonia Commandery No. 28, Knights Temple, Will Hold Stated Conclave and Big Feed Tuesday, Sept. 28 — Music of Knights Templar Choir to Feature Occasion.

Tuesday, September 28, marks the date when Gastonia Commandery No. 28, Knights Templar, resumes labor for the fall and winter after a period of rest during the summer. Eminent Commander J. H. Henderlite has issued the call to all Sir Knights that the stated conclave will be held in the Masonic Hall, beginning at 4 p. m. Tuesday, September 28:  
Sir Knight:—  
The Stated Conclave of Gastonia Commandery No. 28, Knights Templar, will be held in the Asylum, Masonic Hall, Tuesday, September 28th, 1920.  
4:00 p. m.—Sentinel Posted.  
4:15 p. m.—Illustrious Order of the Cross.  
5:45 p. m.—Malta Degrees.  
6:30 p. m.—Supper at Armington Hotel.  
7:15 p. m.—Order of the Temple.  
By order of  
J. H. HENDERLITE,  
Eminent Commander.

Attest: S. A. Robinson, Recorder.  
The officers of the commandery are: Sir J. M. Henderlite, eminent commander; Sir W. Y. Warren, generalissimo; Sir J. S. Winget, captain general; Sir Chas. Ford, senior warden; Sir F. C. Arbuthnot, junior warden; Sir W. J. Roach, prelate; Sir S. A. Robinson, recorder; Sir A. G. Myers, treasurer; Sir A. K. Winget, warden, and Sir F. A. Costner, sentinel.

Eminent Commander Henderlite appeals to the brethren as follows:  
"The time now approaches when we are to resume labor in Gastonia Commandery and I make this personal appeal for your support during the remaining term of my office.

"The success of a Commandery does not depend entirely upon the perfect exemplification of the ritualistic work, but can alone be accomplished by hearty cooperation between the officers and members. The loyalty of every member is, therefore, absolutely necessary for success."

All members are urged to be present for all the degree work, but especially for the supper at 6:30 at the Armington and for the degree work at night. All those who expect to attend the supper are asked to notify Mr. S. A. Robinson not later than Monday night.

Interest to the conclave is added by the presence of the Knights Templar choir which furnishes music for both afternoon and evening work. This choir is composed as follows: Misses Ruth Mason, Edmee Smith, Marian Harvey, Mesdames H. Rutter and J. H. Morrow, Messrs. J. W. Watson and P. H. Thompson, and Miss Mary V. Ramsey, pianist.

## TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

Gastonia Cotton ..... 30 cents  
NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—Cotton futures opened irregular. October, 25.50; December, 23.40; January, 23.05; March, 22.60; May, 22.10.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—There was a break of more than \$5 a bale in the price of cotton for November delivery, which sold at \$28.80 in the market here this morning, while other months showed losses of between 5 and 45 points as compared with yesterday's closing prices. The special weakness of near months was considered due to the decline reported in southern spot markets late yesterday. The continuation of the price cutting movement throughout the country also stimulated selling, but many recent sellers were reported buying to take profits and part of the loss was recovered during the first half hour.

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—The cotton market showed renewed weakness at the opening today, owing to the declines reported in southern spot markets yesterday and a continuation of the price cutting movement throughout the country. First prices were 110 points lower on November, which sold at 23.80 on the call and from 5 to 45 points lower on the more active months. Near positions were relatively weak while there was a good deal of covering in the later months and scattered buying for a reaction after the big breaks earlier in the week. This proved sufficient to cause rallies of several points after the call, but the tone of the market was extremely nervous and unsettled. October contracts sold at 25.50 on the opening break and January at 23.03, December and all later positions making new low records.

## PROMINENT S. C. ATTORNEY IS GIVEN YEAR AND DAY

GREENVILLE, S. C., Sept. 25.—A. H. Miller, of Greer, prominent attorney, wealthy land owner and former candidate for congress, late yesterday was sentenced to serve a year and a day in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta upon conviction at Rock Hill on a charge of concealing assets in bankruptcy, it was learned from the district offices here today. He has given notice of appeal to the United States circuit court.

## FOUR SOUTH ATLANTIC LEAGUE CITIES WANT GASTONIA IN CIRCUIT

### Charlotte, Greenville, Augusta and Spartanburg Favor Increase to Eight-Club Circuit and Addition of Gastonia — Fans Will be Given Opportunity to Show How Much They Want Team.

Gastonia baseball fans have been talking about getting into the South Atlantic League next year. Gastonia fans have said they wanted a berth in the Sally League. They said they were ready to raise the necessary cash to get in. Last year they were kept out by the refusal of the directors to increase the Sally League to an eight-club circuit. This year the chances are that the League will be increased to eight clubs, and Gastonia can get a franchise if the "bugs" here want it.

At least, that is the opinion of two of the most prominent backers of Gastonia's mythical Sally League pennant-winning team. They have interviewed the Greenville, Spartanburg, Augusta and Charlotte moguls, all of whom they find in favor of an increase to eight clubs and also all, with one consent, in favor of Gastonia as one of the two additional points where a team will be placed. President Walsh, of the South Atlantic League, is also in favor of an eight-club circuit, and strongly favors Gastonia as one and Savannah as the other city.

The above facts are given to the fans as a result of a quiet investigation of the past few days. How badly baseball is wanted in Gastonia, the fans will be given an opportunity to show within the next few days.

## N. C. STATE AND DAVIDSON MEET THIS AFTERNOON

### Gastonia Boy in Davidson Line-up Against N. C. State in First Football Game of Season.

RALEIGH, N. C., Sept. 25.—With mid-summer weather prevailing, the 1920 football season will be opened here this afternoon with a game between State and Davidson Colleges. The eleven are about evenly matched in weights and a close contest is expected. The probable lineup:

State	Position	Davidson
Kirkpatrick	Right End	Douglas
Ripple	Right Tackle	Davis
McKinney	Right Guard	LaFar
Everhart (or Bostonian)	Center	Brady
Floyd	Left Guard	Romefalt
Weathers (C)	Left Tackle	Hammett (C)
Lawrence	Left End	Schenk
Fancette	Quarterback	Dick or (Moore)
Gurley	Right Halfback	Sheppard
Pierson	Left Halfback	Massey
Park	Fullback	Cassell

## GIANTS AND SUPERBAS MEET IN CRUCIAL SERIES

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—The Brooklyn and New York baseball teams, after a two days' rest, meet at Ebbets Field today in the first of their five game series, which will definitely decide the winner of the National League pennant.

Brooklyn enters the series with a lead of five games over the Giants and in order for Manager Robinson's team to win the flag it will be necessary for them to take two games from McGraw's club. If the Superbas win only one game from the Giants they would still have a chance of winning the pennant by defeating Boston in the final game of the season on October 3.

The Superbas and Giants will play their second game tomorrow and the remaining three games at the Polo Grounds Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week.

## HARDING PROMISES BUSINESS GOVERNMENT TO TRAVELING MAN

MARION, O., Sept. 25.—An era of business stability and of business-like government, was promised by Senator Harding today in a front porch speech to a gathering of several thousand travelers who came from all parts of the country under the auspices of the Harding and Coolidge Traveling Men's League.

The business methods of the democratic administration, both in the conduct of its own affairs and in its relations to private enterprise, were denounced by the republican nominee as "meddling and autocratic" to a degree threatened industrial chaos. He outlined a policy of common sense in contrast to "one-man judgment" and pledged himself to "an idealism based on such sense that it does not treat the nation's business with suspicion and contempt."

"I want it very explicitly understood," he said, "that my election to the presidency is a complete change of policy with respect to the nation's business."