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LIEUT. MAYNARD FIRST TO ARRIVE AT SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco Oct. 11.—Crossing the continent, 2701 miles, in 24 hours, 58 minutes and 55 1/2 seconds actual flying time, Lieut. Belvin W. Maynard, of Wake Forest, N. C., today took first honors by a few hours in the first lap of the double transcontinental airplane reliability race by landing at San Francisco at 1:27:07 P. M., Pacific time, today, while Lieut. E. C. Kiel completed the eastbound trip at 6:35:10 p. m., eastern time, followed 20 seconds later by Maj. Carl Spatz, who reached New York first, but made an erroneous landing.

Lieut. Maynard was the 10th to start from Minneola, N. Y., last Wednesday at 9:25:56 eastern time, and required, allowing for difference in time, 57 minutes and 11 seconds, more than three days for the trip with out flying between sunset and sunrise and after losing several hours at Cheyenne on account of radiator trouble. In addition, he was required to rest a half hour at each control station.

Capt. Dayton Second Best

The nearest competitor on the westbound half of the round trip across America was Capt. H. C. Drayton, who was forced to land at Lovelock, Nev., late today on the way to Reno.

As the two eastbound fliers left San Francisco just before 10 a. m., eastern time, last Wednesday they required three days plus nearly nine hours for their trip, impeded somewhat by snowstorms in the Rocky mountains.

Following closely on the heels of Captain Drayton were Lieut. L. S. Webster, Capt. J. O. Donaldson, and Lieut. Alexander Pearson, Jr. The first landed at Salduro, Utah, at 4:09 p. m., mountain time and Captain Donaldson arrived three minutes later, at 4:12 Lieut. Pearson dropped at the same station at 5:22:55 p. m.

Others Are Strung Out

Lieut. E. M. Manzelman, pilot of the sixth airplane in the westward race, reached Salt Lake City after dark tonight but landed without mishap in a field near the city. Capt. Harry Smith, who left Cheyenne, Wyo., with Lieut. Manzelman, had not been heard from early tonight.

After half circling the aviation field at the Presidio, Lieut. Maynard brought his plane to the ground at the end of the first leg of his flight. Both Lieutenants Maynard and Sergeant Klein an observer, literally were pulled from the fuselage of their machine by a throng of admirers, among them Lieut.-Gen. Hunter Liggett, commanding the western department of the army; Maj. Gen. C. J. Menoher, chief of the army's air service; Col. H. C. Arnold, head of the service in the western department, and representatives of the city's government.

"It was a great trip. I enjoyed it immensely," said Lieut. Maynard, on landing. Both members of the plane's crew looked tired and weather-beaten, but they smiled happily and weathered the barrage of compliments.

Sampson Fellow Citizens

Wire Maynard Greetings

Clinton, Oct. 11.—A telegram to Lieut. B. W. Maynard from citizens of Sampson county, handed to him by a San Francisco Call reporter as he landed, reads as follows:

"In behalf of your parents and the people of Sampson county congratulations upon your marvelous feat."

Response from the Call stated that the reporter was first to greet Maynard on landing and handed him the telegram. A second wire from the Call was as follows:

"Sampson Democrat, Clinton, N. C., Maynard asks us to give you this message to the people of Clinton:

"I have received with pleasure the telegraphic congratulations which you have tendered me and my only regret is that I could not have every one of you with me on the flight I have just finished. It shows that the east is only three days from the west and if I chose to do so, I could be back with you in three more days. San Francisco reminds me

NEGRO BANK ROBBER IS AT LARGE IN VIRGINIA

Danville, Va., Oct. 12.—Long distance telephone reports received here early this afternoon from Lawrenceville indicated that the negro who yesterday held up the cashier of the Alberta bank at the point of a pistol and took \$15,000, was still at large near the scene of the crime. It was stated that a large belt of woods was entirely surrounded by a large posse of men headed by the sheriff of the county, and that the negro was virtually besieged there. The woods are dense and swampy and the bandit is known to be armed. The fugitive was said to have been seen late last night two or three times and the posse was quickly called from another trail to the spot where the man disappeared. It developed that a member of the posse who took part in the pistol battle soon after the money had been taken has been slightly wounded, but his identity could not be learned.

Instructions were given to the police here today to watch every train coming in along the Norfolk division and to search it carefully. During the course of today the number engaged in the man hunt was largely increased.

MORE GOOD NEWS FROM PRESIDENT WILSON.

Washington, Oct. 11.—Altho President Wilson continues to show signs of improvement he will be required to remain in bed for awhile. It was said this decision was reached today at a consultation between Dr. Francis X. Dercum, of Philadelphia, Admirals Grayson, Stitt and Dr. Sterling Ruffin, of this city. The following bulletin was issued:

"The President shows signs of continued improvement, but his condition is such as to necessitate his remaining in bed for an extended period.

(Signed) "Grayson, "Dercum, "Ruffin, "Stitt."

It was said at the White House that Dr. Dercum had approved the treatment prescribed for the President by Dr. Grayson and was well satisfied with the results attained.

Washington, Oct. 11.—President Wilson had another good night last night, it was said today at the White House, and his condition apparently continued to improve.

Messages From South America.

Among messages of sympathy received by President Wilson today from foreign capitals was one from the acting executive of Ecuador and another from President Leyguia of Peru.

"With my sympathy, I extend to your excellency my wishes for your recovery," said the message from Ecuador.

President Leyguia cabled as follows:

"It has given me the greatest satisfaction to hear of the favorable condition of your excellency for whose speedy and full recovery I make the most fervent wishes for the good of the United States and all mankind."

of the God's country of the east. My comfort and happiness at reaching San Francisco cannot be expressed. Again thanks for your interest.

"Can you get for us good human interest interview with Maynard's mother and rush at our expense by wire?"

(Signed) "S. F. CALL."

It was impossible to reach Mrs. Maynard tonight, as Dr. Maynard, the father, lives at Harrell's Store, in the lower part of the country, where Lieut. Maynard grew up and performed as a boy feats of intrepidity. Dr. Maynard is a native of Anson county and the mother was a Miss Liles, of Lilesville. Lieutenant Maynard won a running race at a county commencement at Clinton several years ago. He climbed a tall pine when 17 years old and trimmed limbs off and hung a school flag on the treetop.

UNION LABOR LEADERS CALL THESE MEN COSSACKS



A group of the Pennsylvania state police whom the labor leaders denounce as "Cossacks." They are active in suppressing violence attending the great steel strike.

CHARLOTTE MUNICIPAL BATTLE GROWS WARMER

Charlotte, Oct. 12.—Union men coming to Charlotte from cities and towns in this section have stated that textile operatives who are members of unions will come to Charlotte from every city and town hereabouts to take part in the city election and work for the anti-administration candidates.

Practically every mill here will be closed on the day of the election, and the mill people will flock to the polls, it was stated. Four wards have been practically ceded to the opposition by the administration forces, though both sides are putting up a strong fight in every ward.

The outcome of the election is considered doubtful by each side, and each admits that the election will be the hottest, and some think the closest, held here in years. Little can be determined regarding the trend of opinion thus far; in the business section of the city all the talking is in favor of the present administration; in the outlying wards it is different.

The administration forces are more in evidence in the city just at present; it was said that the anti-administration men are working quietly among their friends. That the fight however, will not be one of any particular class against another is admitted by leaders on both sides, though certain labor men claim that the labor ticket will vote solid for the anti-administration candidates. S. S. McNinch, who is receiving little apparent attention from either side, has issued a statement in a paid newspaper advertisement in which he outlined "14 points of good government," for which he said he stands.

The attendance at the meeting in the city auditorium Friday night has lent considerable courage to the administration workers. The meeting is declared to have been the largest attended of any political meeting perhaps ever held in Charlotte, while the personnel of the citizens was perhaps more than representative. J. Frank Flowers, candidate for mayor, who is doing practically all of the public work in behalf of himself and the two candidates for the commission-ership running with him, was heard three Friday night, one of the meetings in North Charlotte being very largely attended though not as large as that of the administration forces.

That trouble will occur on the day of the election is the fear expressed by several. Plans are under way to have policemen stationed at all the polling places and the ballot boxes likely will be roped off. The likelihood of textile people coming here from other cities, and of the local mills being closed down, is also causing some concern.

Various rumors, threats, reports, etc., are scattered over the city practically every day. The telephone rang in Mayor McNinch's office this morning before he had arrived for the day. Inquiry was made of his secretary as to whether he was in. Upon being informed that the mayor had not arrived, the voice stated that he would not reach

CHAIR COMPANY ADDED TO NORTH WILKESBORO

North Wilkesboro Oct. 11.—A new corporation for North Wilkesboro has recently been formed and chartered by the Secretary of State to be known as the Home Chair company, this company having purchased the holdings of the Shell Chair company located in the eastern part of this town.

The following are directors of the company: A. A. Finley, J. R. Hix, J. D. Moore, I. H. McNeill, J. G. Hackett, A. C. Hunter, and F. G. Holman. The company has organized by electing Mr. J. G. Hackett, president and Mr. J. R. Hix, vice-president.

With a few repairs and adjustments the new company will be ready to begin work.

the office, or if he did he would be on a stretcher. The secretary hung up. A few minutes later the bell rang again, and the same voice asked her why she wanted to work in that office for such wages. She was informed that when "my crowd" (meaning the voice explained the anti-administration forces) were elected she would receive a larger salary. Such occurrences and statements have been frequent the indication being that they come from a few unbalanced individuals and do not come from any one representing either of those fighting for the reins of the city government.

Request of Coroner H. C. Irwin to hold an inquest into the shooting at the street car barns here on the night of August 25 was made in a signed affidavit by Frank Price, textile mill worker and editor of the local labor paper. The affidavits, one was issued for the death of each of the five men killed during the shooting, were presented to the coroner by Attorney Jake F. Newell, representing the families of the dead men.

The affidavit states that "at, or about, 12 o'clock, midnight, of August 25, 1919, in the city of Charlotte, county of Mecklenburg, state of North Carolina, on the street of said city known as South Boulevard, in front of, or near to, the car barn of the Southern Public Utilities company (the name of the dead man,) a resident of the county of Mecklenburg, state of North Carolina, and a human being, met his death by the criminal act, or default, of some person or persons, to affirm unknown, the material circumstances and conditions of which have never been inquired into; and that, in the interest of law and the protection of society, the same should be immediately inquired into, to the end that the person, or persons, culpable may be brought to justice."

The names of the dead men as a result of the shooting are Caldwell Houston, J. D. Aldridge, Claude H. Hinson, William Hammond and Walter F. Pope. The coroner will fix a date for the inquest at once, it was stated. He was ordered by Solicitor George W. Wilson recently to hold the inquest.

ESCAPED FROM LOCKUP: FOUND IN HIGH POINT

Ed Pickrel, a young white man, charged with carrying concealed weapons, broke out of the courthouse jail room last evening, but was captured at High Point this morning. Pickrel was arrested some time ago at Hanes station and gave bond for his appearance at this term of court for trial. His bondsman delivered him over to the sheriff at the Courthouse yesterday afternoon and he was placed in the lockup at the courthouse. Late in the evening the deputy sheriff went to get him and carry him to the county jail, only to find the cell vacant. An investigation revealed that the young man had prized the bars out from the top of the window wide enough to admit the passing of his body, and he made his descent to the roof of the portico on the second floor of the building, thence thru the courtroom down stairs and to the street.

Nearby towns were notified of the escape and this morning he was arrested at the High Point station, where he and his wife were waiting to catch a train. The defendant stated that he was on his way to Winston-Salem to stand trial. The officer, however took him into custody and a deputy sheriff was immediately dispatched by Sheriff Flynt to bring the prisoner back. He was in court at the hour of opening this morning.—Sentinel, October 11.

GEORGIA JAIL IS UNDER VERY HEAVY GUARD

Macon, Ga., Oct. 11.—The Bibb county jail was guarded by all available deputies and riot guns were in place today following rumors of possible mob violence again A. W. White, charged with killing Andrew J. Elkins an aged farmer on the county road, near here, Wednesday. White's 16-year-old bride also is in jail, charged with complicity in the crime.

Sheriff Hicks, upon receipt of reports that neighbors of Elkins were preparing to storm the jail, took immediate steps to safeguard the prisoners last night.

Mrs. White, according to the officers, has issued a statement denying that she participated in the killing of Elkins, but alleged that her husband is guilty.

To Claim Insanity.

Macon, Ga., Oct. 11.—Mental irresponsibility is expected to be the plea of A. W. White, charged with the killing of Andrew J. Elkins, aged farmer on a country road near here Wednesday, and now lodged in the county jail with his 16-year-old bride, who is accused of complicity in the crime. Altho he has made no confession, White continues to lay stress upon statements that he is incompetent mentally.

Both White and his wife state that he was discharged from the army at Camp Gordon on March 3 of this year on account of his mental condition. White declares that he has had spells of epileptic fits since he was a boy and at times he does not know what he is doing, all of which he "will prove later," it is said he told an officer.

FOSTER PARSONS INSANE; SENT TO STATE PRISON

Hamlet, Oct. 12.—One of the most interesting criminal cases ever tried in Richmond county was tried at a special term held at Rockingham commencing last Monday and ending Friday night, Judge Stacy, presiding.

Foster Parsons, who was recently arrested for the murder of two negro jitney drivers from Hamlet was the defendant. The state was represented by Solicitor Brock, assisted by H. F. Seawell, of Carthage, and L. H. Gibbons of Hamlet. The defendant was represented by Attorneys A. M. Stack of Monroe, W. R. Jones, Thomas and Phillips, of Rockingham.

The defendant pleaded insanity at the time of the trial, and being insane was unable to plead to the indictment. The jury was impanelled to try the question of his sanity. Numerous experts were present including Dr. Hall, of Richmond, Dr. Anderson of the state hospital at Raleigh, Dr. Taylor of Morganton and Dr. Davidson of Charlotte. The experts were divided as to his sanity. Numerous other witnesses were examined, including members of the defendant's family, and those having transactions with him during the past several years.

After being out about five hours the jury found that he was insane at this time and he was committed to the criminal insane department of the state penitentiary.

The court house was crowded throughout the trial, the attendants being about even of the white and colored race. The negroes of Hamlet were behind the prosecution, and the town of Hamlet had made an appropriation to employ counsel to assist in the prosecution.

PRESIDENT HOUNDED INSTEAD OF HELPED

(Monroe Journal)—President Wilson is back at the White House, having been compelled to abandon his speaking trip over the country on account of nervous breakdown. It has already been a marvelous thing that one man could have so long borne the strain which has been put upon the president for the past five years. The strain began not when we went to war in April, 1917, but when the war broke out in 1914. And it has continued without the slightest cessation down to the present. Of course, the country has been in stressed times, but our anxiety rolled away like a huge cloud disappearing before the sun when the armistice was signed. Mr. Wilson was then intensified, for upon his shoulders rested the burden of making good the results for which the country fought. And in this he has been hounded to the bitter end by men who should have been the first to help and support.

No other president in the whole history of the United States ever had one-tenth of the dealings and complications with foreign countries that Mr. Wilson has had to meet. And no other president save Lincoln alone ever had the same amount of domestic difficulties to encounter.

The men who hounded Abraham Lincoln thru all his immense difficulties were the ones really more responsible for his death than the cracked-brain Booth, who actually shot him for they created the atmosphere which made Booth's conception possible. And these men were in their own eyes ultra patriots, posing as the only sure friends of the country.

And so the politicians in and out of the United States senate who have hounded Mr. Wilson at every turn, who have sought to misinterpret—not to say downright lying—every position he has taken are responsible for the breakdown. It was the worry and anxiety and not the work. His work in Europe was greater than many mortals have been called upon to do. Then he came back and found that the bushwackers had ruined that work in advance. Thus he had to undertake another herculean task in touring the country and cleaning away beyond his physical powers and at last the giant must rest.

2,000 LIVES LOST WHEN SHIP SANK

Archangel, Friday Oct. 10.—Two thousand lives have been lost in the wreck of an unnamed British ship on the Norwegian coast, according to a wireless dispatch received here from Hambergfors.

London Discredits Report

London, Oct. 11.—Neither the admiralty or Lloyds have received any information relative to the wreck of a British ship on the Norwegian coast. At these sources the report is discredited.

If the loss of life in the wreck reported in the foregoing dispatch is as large as indicated the disaster will mark a new record in the annals of the sea. It would seem probable the ship which was wrecked was a military transport bringing British soldiers from Archangel from which post Great Britain has been embarking large numbers of men during the last month.

It is known that troop ships have sailed quite recently from Archangel, Copenhagen advices received yesterday stating that Lettish soldiers who have been landed at Riga and have been rushed to the front south of that city to meet the onslaughts of German and Russian forces.

The largest recorded loss of life in a marine disaster occurred when the Titanic was sunk after colliding with an iceberg south of New Foundland on April 4, 1912, the list of deaths, showing 1,503 names. The Lusitania sunk by a German submarine May 17, 1915, carried with her more than 1,200 of her passengers and crew. When the Empress of Ireland was sent to the bottom in the Gulf of St. Lawrence on May 30, 1914, the loss of life was 1,027. One thousand died when the Japanese steamer Kieker Maru sunk in Australian waters on September 28, 1912.

NEGRO MURDERER GOT AWAY FROM CHARLOTTE

Charlotte, Oct. 11.—Joe Turner, negro, wanted for the murder of two Greenville, S. C., policemen last week, was seen at 7 o'clock this morning five miles from the city, it was reported to police headquarters by a negro tenant in that vicinity at whose house the murderer had stopped. Citizens of that neighborhood and a large force of policemen are continuing search for Turner, which began at an early hour this morning when he was found on an incoming freight hidden in a carload of lumber.

Reports from Gastonia to the Charlotte police that Turner was aboard a freight train last night, brought a force of officers to the railroad yards. Turner opened fire upon alighting from a lumber car, slightly wounding a policeman and a railroad employe. He then made his way to a settlement in the railroad district. The police believe he caught a freight train northward bound.

GEORGIA BANK IS TAKEN OVER BY AN EXAMINER.

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 12.—W. J. Speer, state bank examiner, today took charge of the Fairburn Banking company, whose vice-president and cashier, William Green, was arrested late last night in connection with a reported shortage of funds.

Green was taken into custody after a police investigation here had resulted in Mrs. Katherine Bradstreet being held on suspicion. Police said she confessed that Green had given her large sums of money. She denied this to newspaper men, and today police said Green admitted to them he had loaned the woman money, but that it was from his own funds. Her husband, Clarence Bradstreet, and their chauffeur, Robert Ellison, also were ordered held for investigation.

Bank Examiner Speer said today a preliminary investigation had led him to think that the shortage at the bank, which is located at Fairburn, near here, would not amount to more than \$3,000, and that it was solvent and no money would be lost to depositors.