

## MR. LANE'S VIEW OF DEATH

Sums Up His Philosophy in the Words "I Accept"

(Washington Special to the Philadelphia Public Ledger.)

To some of Franklin K. Lane's most intimate friends here there had come before his death a remarkable message, dictated by him in the hospital in Rochester Minn., after the operation which preceded his death by only a few days.

The message showed the former secretary had undergone the operation with full consciousness and acceptance of the fact that he might not survive it. It told in detail of his sensations before, during and after the operation, of which he was fully conscious, as the condition of his heart would not permit the use of a general anaesthetic. The message follows in part:

"It is Wednesday afternoon and I am now sitting up in bed talking to my good friend Cotter. Until yesterday I did not clearly visualize any one thing in this room and did not know that it had a window, except that there was a place that noise came through. But I did know that it had a yellow oak door that stared at me with its great big square eye all day and all night. Last Friday, you see about 10 o'clock in the morning, I took the step that I should have taken months, yes, years ago. Today, most tentatively, I crawled into a chair and ate my first mouthful of solid food. But four days ago I managed to shave myself and I am regarded as pretty spry."

## Nearly Shot as Reporter

"I have seen death come to men in various ways, some rather novel and Western. I once saw a man hanged. And I have seen several men shot, and came very near going out that way myself two or three times, but always the other fellow aimed poorly. I was being shot at because I was a newspaper man, and I should have been shot at. There must be public concern in what is prized, as well as its truth, to justify it. That is something that newspapers should get, to know in this country. After the earthquake in San Francisco I saw walls topple out upon a man. And I have had more intimate glimpses still of the picturesque and of the prosaic ways by which men come to their taking off."

"But never before have I been called upon to deliberately walk into the valley of the shadow, and say what you will it is a great act. I have said during the last months of endless examination that a man with little curiosity and little humor, and a little money, who was not in too great pain, could enjoy himself studying the ways of doctors and nurses as he journeyed the invalid's path."

"It was however, made a flowery path for me, as much as any path could be in which a man suffered more humiliation and distress and thwarting and frustration, on the whole, than he did pain."

"But here was a path the end of which I could not see. I was not compelled to take it. My very latest doctor advised me against taking it. I could live sometime without taking it. It was a bet on the high card with a chance to win, and I took it."

## Unable to Take Anaesthetic

At this point occur details regarding the preparations for the operation, with a note of the fact that a general anaesthetic could not be applied on account of the patient's heart, which, "had been cutting up some didoes." The statement continues:

"For two days I had knowledge that this operation was to take place at his time, and my nerves had not been just as good as they should have been. Those men who slept 12 hours perfectly before being electrocuted have evidently led more tranquil lives than I have or have less concern as to the future. Ah, now I was to know the great secret! For forty years I had been wondering, wondering. Often I had said to myself that I should summon to my mind when this moment came some words that would be somewhat a synthesis of my philosophy. Socrates said to those who stood by after he had drunk the hemlock, 'No evil can befall a good man, whether he be alive or dead.' I don't know how far from that we have gone in these 2,400 years."

"The apothegm, however, was not apposite to me, because it involved a declaration that I was a good man,

## SPRINGS FORESEES BOOMING BUSINESS

South Carolina Cotton Manufacture Says Buyers' Strike Must Soon Pass.

Washington, May 24.—Col. Leroy Spring of Lancaster, S. C., a manufacturer of cotton goods, while a visitor to Washington, predicted an industrial boom in the United States just as soon as international affairs can right themselves.

"Just as soon as Europe is able to buy American goods, this country will witness a great business boom," he said. "Naturally there is some pessimism among some business men. But the fog will soon lift itself. We can not expect boom time business when spenders are inactive. About 50 per cent of European spenders are holding on to everything they have. Only 85 percent of American spenders are letting go their money."

"In a way, we are confronted by a buyers' strike. That is due partly to unemployment, and partly because of high prices demanded for certain goods by retail merchants who have not reduced on the same scale that the manufacturers and jobbers reduced when it was observed that profits had to be sacrificed. The wholesalers and jobbers have taken their losses gracefully, but some retailers still hold out. Consequently, there is a cylinder missing in that part of the engine. The retailer must suffer loss along with the wholesaler and the jobber."

"All these things, however, will right themselves. The South American markets have been redeeming features in a bad period. When Europe starts buying, things will get back where they belong. No one knows just when that will happen. But the day when business will blossom under brighter skies is not far off."

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and I don't know any one who has the right to so appreciate himself. And I had come to the conclusion that perhaps the best statement of my creed could be fitted into the words, "I accept," which to me meant that if in the law of nature my individual spirit was to go back into the great ocean of spirits my one duty was to conform. "Lead kindly light," was all the gospel I had. I accepted."



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## THREE ARRESTS FOLLOW WRECK

Engineer Joseph Temple, of Florence Killed—Negroes are Held

Augusta, Ga., May 21.—Three negroes have been arrested by Richmond county, Georgia, and Aiken county, South Carolina, authorities in connection with the successful attempt to wreck a train of the Atlantic Coast Line, four miles from here early this morning. The prisoners are Wm. Wade and H. Boyd formerly section hands on the road, and Mose Williams previously bridge keeper.

The negroes were arrested as the result of a theory of officers that a disgruntled former employee endeavored to wreck vengeance on the railroad because of his discharge from its service. The motive of robbery is scouted.

Engineer Joseph Temple of Florence, S. C., was killed and a mail clerk and several passengers injured when train No. 54, Atlantic Coast Line train, which left here at 2:40 o'clock this morning, Washington bound, was derailed early today on

the South Carolina side of the Savannah river, four miles from here.

Train wreckers were reported to have loosened a rail and lifted it from the cross-ties, causing the derailment.

Besides the engine and tender, two express cars left the track and rolled down the shallow embankment. Express Messenger E. E. Jordan was slightly bruised.

Fireman Charlie Jesse, negro, was painfully, though not seriously hurt when he jumped from the engine.

Mail Clerk W. E. Summers was shaken up when one truck of the mail car left the rails.

The only passenger injured was Harriett Demson, a negro, who was thrown forward by the sudden stop of the passenger cars. Her injuries were not serious.

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It's up to you. Let's wake up and get busy. Something scandalous, isn't it, the way a lot of us forward looking people have shriveled up for the last ten weeks.

The engineer that pulls the hill is the fellow who puts his hand on the throttle and turns on the steam. It is time for all American business to take a hitch in its trousers and go to it. It's time to quit whispering. It's time to turn off the poison gas and turn on the steam.

There are two classes of men in business; those who wait for things to happen and those who make things happen.