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## MT. CARMEL BANKER ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

CASHIER OF BANK OF MT. CARMEL CONFESSES SHORTAGE OF EIGHT TO NINE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND TAKES NUX VOMICA.

Anderson Daily Mail.

Charles Brown, cashier of the bank at Mt. Carmel, is today in a serious condition from a dose of nuxvomica which he took yesterday in an effort to end his own life, following his full confession of a shortage at the bank of between \$6,000 and \$9,000.

Brown's confession, it was understood, came just before W. Frank McGee, of Anderson, recently elected president of the bank and Assistant State Bank Examiner Townsend started an examination of the bank's affairs. Knowledge that something was wrong at the bank had been forwarded Mr. McGee and he with the assistant bank examiner went to Mt. Carmel to begin an investigation. When this investigation started, Brown made a full confession to the officers and directors of the bank.

Brown, it is said, offered his property to the bank, and this proposition was likely accepted. His indemnity bond holds good, and according to information received here, he will be given a chance to make up the deficit.

Physicians are hopeful of bringing Brown through the illness caused by the poison. Mr. McGee is still in Mt. Carmel and believes that the problems of the bank can be worked out without the bank closing. The Branch bank at Calhoun Falls is in fine shape, according to a statement made today.

Telephone communication with Mt. Carmel is impossible today, owing to damage to the line, and no report was learned of Brown's condition.

## DEATH MRS. GEO. T. WILSON

Mrs. George T. Wilson died at her home, 857 Kitson Street, last night at ten o'clock. The funeral service will be conducted at the home at 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning by Rev. W. H. Murray. Interment will be made at Long Cane cemetery.

Mrs. Wilson was 54 years of age. She was a member of the Greenwood Mill Methodist Church.

Surviving her are two sisters, Mrs. Lee Scott of Greenwood and Mrs. W. J. E. Scott of Abbeville; five brothers, C. H. Bosdell, Abbeville, J. L. Bosdell, Greenwood, Willie Bosdell, Laurens, Jim Bosdell, of Augusta and Dave Bosdell of Mississippi. The following children also survive her: N. E., J. W., A. D., L. D., and L. R. Wilson, Miss Grace Wilson and Mrs. M. L. Wright of Greenwood. The sons and son-in-law will act as pallbearers.—Index-Journal.

## CELEBRATING

Ray Gallmon, who is willing to acknowledge being "born and raised" in Newberry has, since coming to Abbeville, learned enough not to go back there for a celebration. When he celebrates he does it in style so he is going to spend the Fourth in Spencer, N. C., which will make it, indeed glorious.

## NORTH CAROLINA VISITORS

Mrs. Ernest G. Owens and Marvin Owen, of Salisbury, N. C., are in the city and will spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Owen on Magazine street.

## HOME FOR THE HOLIDAY

Misses Hattie and Hannah Roche are expected Saturday night from Columbia and will visit until Tuesday with home folks.

## CELEBRATES FIRST BIRTHDAY PARTY

MAYOR MARS TO LEAD PARADE, FOLLOWED BY BAND, CAKE AND ALL THINGS THAT GO TO MAKE THE FESTIVAL SPIRIT.

Some folks early reach the age when their birthdays are passed over without a whisper and with no celebration or festivity of a public character. But the Abbeville County Memorial Hospital has not yet reached the point at which the mention of its age need make it tremble. In fact this is this lusty infant's first birthday and it is as proud of itself as are the industrious women who are giving it its first birthday party. It's a year old next Wednesday, and never a jittering miss of four has had a more joyful fete given in its honor than will this young hospital. The great birthday cake, as is meet and proper, will be the center of all the gaieties. Mayor Mars will lead the procession on a horse, maybe a milk-white "charger," such as King Arthur rode, (or ought to have ridden to be in character.) Following him will be the Mill Band, the syncopating jazzers from jazzville, as their press agents would probably designate them. Then there will be the "piece de resistance," the cake itself mounted on a great float, with numerous attendants to guard it and point out its perfection.

Then there will be the first aid float, the float with children and banners, the boys' comic band—(It's still a secret as to what variety of music and instruments they will uncork)—the mill float, the Lethe school float, the operatives' float and the usual festive and bedecked riders on horseback.

That's all on the way to the party proper. It wouldn't be fair to review the whole proceeding before the event is reeled off. Something must be left to tickle the interest and arouse the curiosity of the beholders.

The parade starts at 6 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon, and no one knows when it all will end.

The program in full follows: Mayor Moore Mars on horseback. Abbeville Mill Band.

Float—Birthday Cake escorted by outriders.

Float—First Aid.  
Float—Children with Banners.  
Boys Comic Band.

Float—Birthday Greetings from Abbeville Mill.

Float—Lethe School.  
Float—Operative.  
Horseback Riders.  
Merchants Advertisements.

The parade will form at the Baptist church and will halt on the Square which will be roped off where the Birthday Party will be held. Take a slice of interest in the party by making a contribution to the CAKE or the HOSPITAL BOOTH. A souvenir will be given to each person contributing.

Birthday Party on Square from 7 to 8:30 o'clock.

Open Air Concert, Abbeville Mill Band.

Opera House at 8:30—Vaudeville and Pictures.

Music—Abbeville Mill Band.  
Song—Miss Elizabeth Edmunds and Alvin Ellis.

Spanish Dance—Miss Ada Faulkner and Fred Minshall.

Dialect Stories and Songs—Dr. Rakestraw.

Latest Song Hits—Eight Young Men.

Whistling—Mr. William Hughes.  
Picture—Dorothy Gish in "The Ghost in the Garret."

Admission to Opera House, adults 50 cents; children under 12 years 25 cents.

Incised tablets found on Easter Island in the Pacific have never been deciphered.

## DAWES GIVES PLANS FOR ERA OF ECONOMY

DIRECTOR OF NEW BUDGET SYSTEM MEETS WITH PRESIDENT, MEMBERS OF HIS CABINET AND OFFICIALS WHO GUIDE EXPENDITURES.

Washington, June 30.—President Harding, the cabinet and 600 officials who guide government expenditures met today with Director Dawes of the new budget system to lay what was hailed as the foundation for an era of economy in federal administration. The president opened the conference with the declaration that "there is not a menace in the world today like growing public indebtedness and mounting expenditures." He referred to the gathering as first an extraordinary method adopted to meet an emergency, and gave way to Mr. Dawes.

The new director promptly jumped off the platform, "to get mentally closer," he said, for his address and he alternately cajoled, threatened and reassured his auditors, addressed the president and admonished the cabinet members personally. In concluding he ordered bureau chiefs to their feet, and holding up his hand, recited the following pledge addressed to the president.

"These men, of whom I am one, realize the perplexity of your position, realize that the business of the country is prostrate, that working men are out of employment, that we are faced with intolerable necessity of reducing expenditures, and we propose, just as we did for four years ago to win the war, to try to do it. And that's all we can do."

The little government auditorium set aside for the gathering was crammed to its doors and windows sills and sweltering in heat when the secret service men forced through to the stage President Harding's party with Vice President Coolidge, General Pershing and the cabinet. Major generals and rear admirals with their stiffly uniformed aides sat packed in close ranks among civilians and there was, too, a sprinkling of women. President Harding greeted them as "fellow workers," while Director Dawes hailed them indiscriminately as "friends," "folks" and "people."

His job was to be the "eyes and ears of the executive, not the finger," he told them, "to get information, from a washerwoman or a vice president," not to "run a detective bureau but make pictures for the president and for congress."

"You have a right to the information," he said, turning to President Harding, "just as the president of a business corporation has the right and needs to use it, for yours is the responsibility."

"I have the powers of the president to get the facts," he exclaimed, swinging back to his audience, "and they will be exercised."

## FINE MELONS

Mr. Joe Link is at the head of the class when it comes to raising water-melons. He has sold to W. D. Barksdale this week three loads of very fine melons for which he got a good price. The melons did much to alleviate suffering humanity around town.

## TELEPHONE OFFICE TO CLOSE

The Abbeville Telephone office will be closed on July 4th except from 12 until 2 o'clock. Subscribers will please take note of the hours. The office will open at eight in the evening.

## ONE OF THE BIG SIGHTS

One of the attractions of the Birthday Party for the Hospital will be Mayor Mars on a prancing horse leading the big parade.

## EUROPE OWES U. S. BILLION INTEREST

SECRETARY MELLON SAYS NO SUGGESTION HAS BEEN MADE THAT UNITED STATES ACCEPT GERMAN REPARATION BONDS FOR DEBTS

Washington, June 30.—Approximately one billion dollars interest was owed the United States by European debtor nations up to about May 15, treasury officials told the senate finance committee today in explaining the administration bill to give the secretary of the treasury broad authority in funding the Allied debts. Assistant Secretary Wadsworth placed the amount of interest due at \$943,534,70.

Secretary Mellon told the committee that no suggestion has been made that the United States accept German reparation bonds as substitutes for the Allied obligations, and declared that the treasury had no intention of inviting any such proposal.

Mr. Mellon said the only funding negotiations entered into were with Great Britain and that they had been of a preliminary nature.

Questioned specifically as to the provision of the bill authorizing the treasury to accept bonds of any foreign country in lieu of those of the debtor nations, the treasury secretary said he thought "it necessary that the authority be made broad enough to take care of any contingency which might arise."

"There is nothing specifically contemplated along that line," he added "but it is deemed advisable that the authority be given."

Mr. Mellon described as a remote suggestion "an opinion of Senator Reed, democrat, Missouri, that the bill as drafted, might allow the treasury to accept Italian bonds for the French debt, French bonds for the British debt and so forth.

Asked if he would object to elimination of German bonds as substitute obligations, the secretary reiterated his belief that the authority should be broad and unlimited.

## THE NEW OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Of the Abbeville County Chamber Of Commerce For the Year Which Began June the 29th, 1921.

The following is a complete list of the officers and directors of the Abbeville County Chamber of Commerce for the new year which began June 29th, 1921:

J. D. Fulp, President.

Wm. P. Greene, First Vice-President.

J. M. Nickles, Second Vice-President.

Otto Bristow, Treasurer and Secretary of Board.

Geo. T. Barnes, Executive Secretary.

Directors—C. H. McMurray, J. D. Fulp, J. S. Stark, C. E. Williamson, J. S. Cochran, A. O. Roche, L. J. Bristow, J. M. Nickles, A. P. Rosenberg, T. G. White, M. B. Keese, Wm. P. Greene, G. A. Neuffer, J. Moore Mars.

## SEEING THE DOCTOR

Dr. J. E. Pressly left this morning for Atlanta where he goes to take his little daughter, Jenrose, to be looked over by physicians. Jenrose has been quite sick for some time and it is hoped that this trip will put her on the road to complete recovery. Miss Sherer accompanied Dr. Pressly.

## DR. PARKINSON TO PREACH

The Rev. G. G. Parkinson, of Due West, will preach at the regular morning services Sunday at the Baptist church.

## TAFT CONFIRMED SUPREME JUDGE

NOMINATION APPROVED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION—NO ASSURANCE THAT HE WILL ACCEPT PLACE BUT HARDING THINKS HE WILL.

Washington, June 30.—The nomination of the former President William Howard Taft is chief justice of the United States Supreme Court was confirmed late Thursday by the Senate.

Mr. Taft's nomination was confirmed in an executive session of the Senate behind closed doors, but it is understood that Senators Borah, Republican of Idaho, and Johnson, Republican of California, objected to the confirmation and voted against it.

It became known later that Senators LaFollette, Republican of Wisconsin and Watson, Democrat of Georgia, also voted against the confirmation.

The vote was 60 for; four against. The nomination of Mr. Taft was sent to the Senate late Thursday.

The appointment of Taft was not unexpected, as he has been the most prominent candidate for the position since the death of Chief Justice White six weeks ago, and his friends have worked unceasingly in his behalf.

In making the announcement of Mr. Taft's appointment, President Harding explained that he had not intended to make the nomination until the October term of court but had done so only because the attorney general was anxious to have the new chief justice installed and "made a factor" in the reorganization of the court.

Mr. Taft himself has not been apprised of the nomination, the President said, and probably would not be until he read it in the newspapers. President Harding has received no assurances from Mr. Taft that he will accept the post, although he expressed the belief that he would do so.

## WEEK ENDING JUNE 28 BAD ON COTTON

Too Much Rain in Texas and Not Enough in East; Boll Weevil Is Doing Damage.

Washington, June 30.—Summary of weather and crop condition for the week ending June 28, 1921.

Temperatures averaged high during the week in the eastern portion of the belt, but averaged mostly below normal in the western part where rains were heavy to excessive in most localities. Generally light to moderate showers occurred east of the Mississippi river where general good rains are needed in most sections. There was too much rain for cotton in Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas, and it was too dry in many eastern districts, especially in Georgia. Cotton made too rank growth in most localities west of the Mississippi river with no progress in cultivating in the northwestern part of the belt and fields are generally very grassy. Cotton progress was mostly satisfactory in central and northeastern portions of the belt but while cotton is withstanding the drought well in Georgia, little or no progress is reported. Weevil activity is increasing in most districts. Weevil are very active in Georgia, notwithstanding the very dry weather there. Corn, meadows and minor crops are progressing satisfactorily in most west Gulf States, but rain is badly needed in much of the southeast.

## SEEING THE ORIENT

Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. Tusten, and little Miss Ann, have a pleasant trip in store for they are leaving New York soon for California and will sail from San Francisco for an extended stay in the Orient.

## NO CUTS POSSIBLE IN RAILWAY RATES

CHIEF SPOKESMAN FOR RAILROADS OF THE COUNTRY ADDRESSES MANUFACTURERS CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA. CUT IN COSTS.

Philadelphia, June 30.—Complete abrogation of the national agreements and reduction of operating costs, the largest part of which is in the payrolls, must be effected before railroad rates generally can be reduced, E. T. Whiter, chief spokesman for the roads before the United States Railroad Labor Board, told the trades council of the Manufacturers Club here.

Wage reductions recently ordered by the federal board, he said, represents but a very meagre part of the actual pay increases granted railroad employees since 1914.

"That, however, is not the most important factor now," the speaker declared. "The real problem is that no relief whatsoever can be secured from the intended abrogation of the national agreements until the railroad managers and the men agree upon mutually satisfactory substitutes for them. The relief is entirely problematical. Yet whatever prospect there is of reducing rates generally must depend altogether on a reduction of operating costs—and the largest part of this cost is in the payrolls.

The public has been misled into believing, Mr. Whiter asserted, that the labor board cancelled the national agreements by reducing employees' wages and ordering changes in working condition. Union leaders, he said, do not recognize such to be the case and are preparing future campaigns upon the basis of the agreements still being in force.

## NAMING OF NEGRO BRINGS ON FIGHT

Washington, June 30.—Senator Pat Harrison of Mississippi will challenge the Republicans of the senate to confirm Henry Lincoln Johnson, Georgia negro, appointed by the president to be register of deeds in the District of Columbia, in open executive session.

Senator Harrison has a resolution pending with an adverse committee report before the senate providing for open executive consideration of confirmations and treaties. The senate, it is probable, will reject the resolution. But that will not deter Senator Harrison from asking the Republicans to confirm the Georgia negro in the open to the end that the people of the country might know what Democrats and Republicans think of the appointment.

## LIGHTNING FATAL TO GREER NEGRO

Greer, June 30.—Toy Jackson, colored aged 34 years was instantly killed by lightning at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon while hoeing cotton on the farm of Landrum Duncan near Berry's Mill.

His body was badly burned and was taken to the undertaking establishment of J. D. Wood in Greer. Mr. Duncan, who was hoeing in the same field nearby was severely shocked also. Jackson was a quiet respectable negro and lived in Greer.

## A PAINFUL BURN

Miss Nona Barksdale happened to a very painful accident Wednesday when her curling tongs slipped and inflicted a very painful burn on the ball of her eye. She has suffered severe pain but it is pleasing to know that the burn will not be serious.

## DR. MARTIN AT COKESBURY

Rev. Jas. L. Martin, D. D. will preach at Cokesbury next Sunday at the usual hour.