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## TWO LOSE LIVES BOTTOM OF WELL

FRANK LAND, WHITE AND BOB MULSHALL, NEGRO, OVERCOME BY GAS AND DIE BEFORE THEY CAN BE RESCUED.

Frank Land, white and Bob Mulshall, colored, lost their lives Monday afternoon when they were overcome by gas in a well being dug on the land of Bedford Guest, near Calhoun Falls. At the coroner's inquest, held yesterday by Magistrate Joseph Hicks, of Magnolia Township, the jury rendered a verdict to the effect that "Frank Land and Bob Mulshall came to their deaths by accident, by being killed by gas in the bottom of a well on the premises of Bedford Guest."

The testimony at the inquest brought out the facts as follows:

Frank Land, a tenant on Bedford Guest's land, was digging a well at his home. He started it the week before and had found it necessary to use dynamite. Last Friday a charge of dynamite was set off in the well and no one went down in it until Monday afternoon when Land decided to continue digging. With the assistance of Bedford Guest, he was let down in a bucket. He filled the bucket with water and as Mr. Guest was about to draw it out, Land emptied the water and told him to draw him (Land) out. Mr. Guest and an assistant at the windlass started drawing Land out and when he had nearly reached the top, he fell out of the bucket, back to the bottom.

Mr. Guest testified that he called to him and when there was no reply he called for help. Bob Mulshall, who was employed on Mr. Helm's place, volunteered to go down in the well and tie a rope around Mr. Land's body. Mr. Burris and Mr. Guest tied a rope around Mulshall and let him down. He apparently thought he was all right and untied the rope from his body, and tied it to Mr. Land. Then Mulshall called to those on the outside that he was sick. They drew up the rope, thinking to draw him out. Those on the outside heard Mulshall breathing hard for a time and then he ceased struggling and all was still.

It is thought that the gas generated by the dynamite explosion which was unable to escape from the well, so affected the men that they were not able to cooperate with those on the outside in their efforts to save them.

Frank Land is married and has many friends in the Calhoun Falls community. Funeral services were held at Level Land Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

### LIST OF JURORS

Court of General Sessions Convened September 5th.

Following is the list of jurors drawn by Clerk of Court Perrin to serve at the September term of General Sessions Court, which convenes Monday, September 5th, with Judge Edward McIver of Cheraw presiding:

Donalds township—J. S. McLain, B. L. Johnson, J. A. Drake, B. W. Tribble.

Due West Township—J. A. Jones, M. M. Pennell, A. R. Fowler, A. C. Hawthorne, G. M. Collins.

Long Cane—J. W. Able, R. O. Nickles, C. H. Douglass, P. C. Anderson.

Abbeville—G. E. Mann, M. B. Cochran, T. D. Ferguson, J. C. Coleman, L. G. Scott, Paul Kennedy.

Antreville—J. C. Alewine, Vernon Bradberry, C. B. Prince, J. L. Knox, C. G. Kay.

Lowndesville—J. H. Wilson, G. W. Shaw, L. T. Loftis, C. W. Chambers, M. B. Hutchison, C. W. Nance.

Magnolia—C. T. Tucker, Will Burriss, R. P. Martin, W. S. Buford, Cedar Springs—W. L. Gibert, J. P. Ramey.

## WORKMEN TO HELP EX-SERVICE MEN

CLEAN-UP SQUAD OF RED CROSS AND LEGION ARRIVE IN GREENWOOD FRIDAY—INVITE MEN FROM ABBEVILLE AND McCORMICK.

In connection with the clean-up campaign recently instituted by the American Red Cross, the American Legion and the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, R. G. Glover, representing the district Red Cross office in Atlanta, and George C. Bailey, of the American Legion, were in Abbeville yesterday, conferring with Dr. G. A. Neuffer and W. D. Wilkinson, local representatives of these agencies.

They state that the clean-up campaign is a genuine effort on the part of the government to eliminate the grounds for "kicks" on the part of the ex-service men. They say that there are in every community cases of genuine need, cases which simple justice demands that the government should remedy. The greatest difficulty has been, they say, to get in touch with such cases. Now by going into the communities, as closely to their homes as possible, this squad can greatly simplify matters, eliminate futile correspondence and speed up the adjustment of claims.

The squad arrives in Greenwood next Friday and will establish headquarters at the Community Hall. The squad will be in Greenwood through Saturday, during which time, the members will have one end in view and that end is to get in touch with every ex-service man, who has a claim against the government, and set in motion the machinery to get quick and satisfactory adjustment of that claim.

The paramount idea of the clean-up squad is to cut red tape that has prevented hundreds of disabled veterans and ex-service men in general from receiving the compensation that the government is glad to give. In this work the Red Cross and the Legion have every assurance from the government of complete and whole hearted cooperation.

Under the plan of campaign, the squad, composed of experts who are thoroughly familiar with every detail of the workings of the War Risk Insurance Act and the Vocational Rehabilitation Act, will get in personal touch with every man who has a claim or who thinks he may have a claim, take up his case as an individual proposition, avoid lengthy and nerve wrecking correspondence—and get results.

With that purpose in view the squad will visit centers in every state in the Southeast and before the campaign is concluded, every county in the section will be covered. It is believed that by bringing this opportunity right to the doors of the veterans every man entitled to compensation, will get it and get it speedily.

The squad furnishes the big opportunity for the veteran to have straightened out all his difficulties of compensation and vocational training and medical treatment right at home. It is, as well, the chance of many to find out if they have claims and if they have, to get them filed properly, so that response will be satisfactory and immediate.

To reduce trouble, delay, and expense to a minimum, the squad will furnish each disabled veteran, who reports at squad headquarters, with transportation back home and meals and lodging until his business is completed.

While the squad is in Greenwood, it will take up, in addition to the affairs of local veterans, the affairs of ex-service men in Abbeville and McCormick counties.

### REV. WILCOX TO PREACH

Rev. George M. Wilcox of Bennettsville, will preach in the Presbyterian church next Sunday.

## CHARLESTON JAIL WILL HOLD MEN

NOT TO BE MOVED UNTIL GOVERNOR ORDERS—SPECIAL TERM NOT YET ORDERED FOR GAPPINS, FOX AND KIRBY. LESS MOB TALK.

Columbia, Aug. 16.—The knowledge that C. O. Fox and Jesse Gappins, confessed slayers of William C. Brazell, young Columbia taxi driver, were being held in the jail at Charleston, apparently had a sobering and soothing effect on talk of mob violence yesterday and while the case was still being discussed in many quarters, there was not that anger shown that there was more or less manifest last week, and the general opinion seemed to be that the men were safe from summary vengeance.

So far as the sheriff's office in Columbia was concerned, there were no developments whatever, and the officials were relieved to a large extent from the tension under which they have been laboring since the men were taken into custody by officers of the law. The men will be held by Sheriff Poulnot in Charleston until further orders from Governor Cooper, and there is at present no information as to what day they will be brought to Columbia or to Lexington.

The two national guard companies at Charleston, Companies A and B, have been instructed to stand ready to render any assistance necessary to Sheriff Poulnot in protecting the men from violence, and they will be prepared at all times to respond promptly to the call of the sheriff.

The ordering of a special term of court to try Fox, Gappins and Kirby at Lexington, has been suggested but no special term has been ordered as yet, it was learned yesterday.

The regular term of court will open in Lexington the second Monday in September, and it has been pointed out that approximately 12 days would be required to order the special term, so that there would be no great saving of time even though the special term were ordered.

Despite the fact that a week has elapsed since Kirby gave first intimation of the killing of the young taxi driver, feeling in the case has been maintained at a high pitch, the efforts of the sheriff's to protect the prisoners arrested in Georgia having served to keep interest aroused. The persistent efforts of a supposedly well organized mob to wreak quick vengeance on the perpetrators of the crime too, has attracted much comment.

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Officials in Columbia seem of the opinion that Fox and Gappins will not be moved from Charleston for some time. Every precaution will be taken to give them adequate protection in case need arises.

### Would Demand Apology.

Augusta, Aug. 16.—Judge Henry C. Hammond, of the Augusta circuit of superior court, late last night mailed a communication to Governor Thomas W. Hardwick, of Atlanta, requesting that the governor demand of Governor Cooper of South Carolina immediate apology for the invasion of Georgia last Thursday morning by a mob of 100 South Carolinians seeking C. O. Fox and Jesse Gappins, held in Richmond county jail on murder charges.

The communication suggests that it might not be amiss for the State of South Carolina to deliver to Georgia at least one member of the mob, inasmuch as Georgia law officers captured and held for her sister state the two alleged murderers.

Fox and Gappins have confessed according to Sheriff J. T. Plunkett, their implication in the death of William Brazell, 19 year old youth of Columbia.

## SON OF DEAD MAN HELD FOR MURDER

TWO MORE ARRESTS MADE AT STEEDMAN—SWORN STATEMENT ACCUSES SON CUTTING FATHER'S THROAT WHILE ANOTHER HOLDS HIM.

Lexington, Aug. 15.—James Barfield, Sr., who is being held in the Lexington county jail on the charge of killing Marcellus Cook near Steedman Friday afternoon, when seen this morning in his cell, denied having been connected with the murder in any way, but admits having been at the Cook home Friday afternoon.

Later in the day Barfield gave a sworn statement to Deputy Sheriff Oswald, saying that Ira Cook and Henry Wheeler had told him while he was at the Cook home Friday afternoon that Cook had done the cutting while Wheeler held the old man. On this affidavit Mr. Oswald immediately procured warrants charging Ira Cook and Wheeler with murder and went to Steedman and placed the two men under arrest, and they are now confined in the Lexington jail to await trial at the next term of court.

When arrested both of the men stoutly denied any knowledge whatever of the killing other than what they had told at the inquest. Ira Cook is the 20 year old son of the murdered man and Wheeler is a wage hand working and living with the Cooks.

Lexington jail is now filled to capacity, there being at present six white men and several negroes awaiting trial.

It was brought out at the coroner's inquest that on several occasions

### GAME WARDEN HUCKABEE

GETS HUNTING INFORMATION

Open Season For Squirrels, Raccoons, Rabbits and Possums September to March.

County Game Warden J. M. Huckabee of Lowndesville has received from Chief Game Warden A. A. Richardson the following information relative to the open season for squirrels, raccoons, rabbits and opossums:

"On account of the hunting licenses for this season having been printed before the acts of 1921 came from the hands of the printers, it was stated on the back of the licenses that the season for squirrels, raccoons, rabbits and opossums would open October 1st and close after March 15th.

"The 1921 Legislature, however, passed the following Act, from which it will be seen that squirrels, raccoons, rabbits and opossums may be hunted from September 1st to March 1st.

"Act No. 167, Acts of 1921, reads: "Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina: The closed season for hunting squirrels, raccoons, rabbits and opossums in this State shall be from March 1 to September 1 of each year."

Warden Huckabee also says that the following persons are authorized to sell hunting licenses: Nance & Mann, R. H. Hutchison, S. J. Hester, G. O. Hall, S. M. Braley, J. C. Gilliam, James Gibert, Sheriff McLane, W. F. Beckwith, George Milford, A. R. Ellis, Todd and Son, Claud Ashley, W. W. Wilson, J. F. Rogers, T. B. Martin, J. M. Patterson, J. C. Hampton, R. H. Hull, F. A. Carwile, C. H. Taylor.

### King Peter Dead.

Belgrade, Aug. 16.—King Peter of Serbia died today. He was 76 years old and for a long time had suffered from pleurisy. He has not reigned since 1919 when Crown Prince Alexander succeeded him.

## TAX REVISION BILL PRESENTED

ADMINISTRATION MEASURE TO BE CALLED UP WEDNESDAY WITH FINAL VOTE SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY FORDNEY SAYS.

Washington, Aug. 16.—The administration tax revision bill, designed to raise approximately \$3,000,000 a year, was formally presented today to the house of representatives. Chairman Fordney, of the ways and means committee expects to call it up Wednesday and to have a final vote Saturday under a special rule limiting consideration to four days.

Republicans of the house refused Monday to approve the administration plan to make repeal of the excess profit and the reduction of the income surtaxes to 32 per cent retroactive to last January 1. Under the conference decision these changes, as well as the five per cent increase in the corporation income tax, would go into force next January 1.

The vote to make the change in the committee bill was 96 to 87. No other alteration in the draft as presented to the conference was made. The membership also adopted a special rule under which the vote on the bill will be taken at 3 p. m. Saturday.

Representative Frear, Wisconsin, a member of the ways and means committee, wanted a separate vote in the house on fixing the date for a repeal of the excessive profits tax, but the conference on motion of Representative Mann, Illinois, decided to make the date January 1, 1922.

Under amendments subsequently adopted by the committee, the increase in the corporation income tax to be effective next January 1, was reduced from 5 to 2 1-2 per cent, and the tax on cereal beverages cut from 15 cents to six cents a gallon.

Republican leaders estimate that the bill will reduce the nation's tax burden by \$600,000,000 in the next calendar year through repeal of the excess profits tax, the higher brackets of income surtaxes, all of the transportation taxes, including express and oil pipe line, increased exemptions to heads of families and married men with small incomes, and decreases in the levies on candy, sporting goods, furs and art, and art works.

Details of these and other changes including the increase of 5 per cent in the income tax on corporations already have been published. Other revisions include, however, the exemption from taxation of the compensation received by the President of the United States and amounts allotments and allowances under provisions of the war risk insurance and vocational rehabilitation acts.

Justices of the supreme court and all federal court judges also

### DR. AND MRS. PRATT HERE

The Rev. H. W. Pratt and Mrs. Pratt are spending a day or two in Abbeville, meeting old friends. They are staying with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Kerr on Greenville street. The Rev. Mr. Pratt is engaged in Christian educational work with Columbia Theological Seminary and Chicora College for Women, with headquarters in Columbia. He is also field representative for the Million Dollar campaign recently completed so successfully. Dr. and Mrs. Pratt, after about a year, have succeeded in getting a suitable house to live in in Columbia, and they are packing their furniture here preparatory to moving it to their new home. Their new home is located in the Rose Hill section of Wales Gardens, the newest and best residential section of Columbia. They have been living with Mr. O. D. Black, president of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce.

## TREATY QUESTION SOON TO BE SETTLED

NEW TREATY WITH GERMANY NOW VIRTUALLY COMPLETED BY SECRETARY HUGHES, AND OTHERS UNDER WAY WITH OTHER POWERS.

Washington, Aug. 16.—The three year's question of what kind of peace treaties are to be arranged between the United States and the former central powers will be finally settled in the near future.

These outstanding developments were learned tonight in the question of finally making peace with Germany, Austria and Hungary.

1. The new peace treaty with Germany, a separate treaty based on the Versailles pact, has been virtually completed by Secretary of State Hughes, and it is understood it will be presented in final form for signature to the German government soon, if this has not already been done.

2. Secretary Hughes has already begun negotiating treaties with Austria and Hungary, these also to be separate documents from the treaties of Saint German-en-Laye and between the allies and Austria and Hungary, which the United States signed but never ratified.

### Allies Will Lift Economic Penalties.

Paris, Aug. 16.—The allies will lift the economic penalties on Germany, September 15, providing she pays the sums due August 31, the supreme council decided in its final session tonight. The military penalties will remain.

An international commission will also be created to inspect customs and prevent Germany from boycotting or discriminating against allied merchandise.

The allied supreme council adjourned its final session tonight in apparent accord, following a day of bitter clashes of Anglo-French interests which at times threatened a complete deadlock on German policies.

### CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Mrs. S. H. Cochran Gathers Family For Celebration.

Mrs. S. H. Cochran, who lives at Cold Springs, was the center of a happy family group last Friday which was her 67th birthday. There were present twelve children, twenty-six grandchildren, two brothers, L. C. Nickles and Thomas Nickles, of Central, and two sisters, Mrs. Janie McKee of Central and Miss Mattie Cochran. In the old grove in front of Mrs. Cochran's house an enjoyable dinner with all the frills and fancies of such occasions was served.

Mrs. Cochran has continued to live at the old home place since the death of her husband, Mr. S. H. Cochran, several years ago. Living with her and present at the celebration were: Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Cochran, O. S. Cochran, Miss Willie Cochran, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Cochran, Mr. and Mrs. Earle Murdock of Ray, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cochran of Watts, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Syfan, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Cochran, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Cochran, Messrs. George, Sloan and Manning Cochran, and her son-in-law, Mr. M. E. K. Glymph of Pomaria.

All the people who know Mrs. Cochran join in wishing her the opportunity to enjoy many more such celebrations as that of Friday.

### FOOTBALL MEN MEET

Members of the football team are requested to meet in the chamber of commerce at the city hall Thursday morning at 11 o'clock.

### OFF TO MARKET.

Mrs. Jas. S. Cochran leaves this afternoon for the Northern markets to buy her fall and winter stock of goods.