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## SUMTER'S AEROPLANE MAKES LONG FLIGHT

### Mr. Robbins Has a Flying Machine of a New Design That May Revolutionize Art of Flying—He Expects to Fly From Sumter to New York.

Mr. Edward A. Robbins, in an aeroplane of his own construction, on Monday evening, about 7.30, made the longest flight made to date in the city of Sumter. Mr. Robbins covered about 5 1-2 miles in about 7 3-4 minutes, flying at an elevation of about 500 feet.

For sometime Mr. Robbins has been trying at various details of construction in the machine, preparatory to completing a machine with which he expects to fly from Sumter to New York.

On Monday he added some additional wing sections of peculiar design, which has made his machine remarkable inasmuch as he now claims it is one of the slowest flying machines in the country.

Witnesses of the flight state that it was a very beautiful one. The machine took the air gracefully and flew without any lateral dipping.

Mr. Robbins says that from the elevation attained, the smoke stacks and buildings of Sumter were clearly

outlined against the eastern sky and that the best way to realize the size of Sumter and its many beauties is to take a birdseye view.

Monday evening was the first time that Mr. Robbins has really made any effort to fly off the aviation field, which has been pronounced the finest in America by Eugene Ely and many others, familiar with such matters. After doing some exhibition flying at Lincolnton, N. C., on July 4, Mr. Robbins returns to Sumter and will probably make some more interesting flights.

Mr. Robbins has been flying since 1911 in machines of his own construction and intends to permanently locate at Sumter to build aeroplanes, Sumter being the first point in the South to have an industry of this kind.

The designs of Mr. Robbins it is understood are entirely different from the patented designs of others and the idea is to make aeroplanes safe, efficient and cheap, so that they will be as commercial as the automobile.

## BAN ON FUTURES.

### HOUSE ADOPTS LEVER'S SUBSTITUTE FOR SMITH MEASURE.

#### Cuts Off Some of Drastic Provisions of Senate Plan, Eliminating Proposal to Bar Future Dealings From Mails and Interstate Telegraph.

Washington, June 29.—The house today substituted the Lever bill for regulation of cotton exchanges through prohibitive taxes for the senate measure, proposing regulation by means of prohibiting the use of the mails and the telegraph for so-called gambling transactions.

The house put the bill through under suspension of the rules by a vote of 84 to 21 and sent it to the senate. If the senate fails to agree to the substitute in the differences will be taken up in conference. Senator Smith, author of the senate bill, is now campaigning in South Carolina, and consideration of the substitute may be delayed until his return, though Senator Smith of Georgia or some other Southern senator may call it up in the meantime.

Both the senate and house measures aim to regulate alleged evil practices on the cotton exchanges which the cotton producers contend keep down the price of cotton. The senate bill through the postoffice department and the interstate commerce commission's jurisdiction over the telegraph would prohibit the transmission of quotations, and lists of sales of cotton that did not comply with the requirements as to standardization prescribed in the bill. Both bills would regulate, though they would not prohibit, transactions in future.

The house bill relies on the government taxing power instead of inhibition of the mail and the telegraph, proposing a tax of \$5 a bale on contracts that do not comply with the requirements.

No tax would be imposed on what are regarded as legitimate contracts. The measure would require that contracts must be in writing; must specify the quantity of cotton involved in each transaction and give names and addresses of buyers and sellers, with the basis grade of the cotton involved.

Other sections would provide that the cotton must be of or within the grades specifically established by the secretary of agriculture and that in case other than the basis grade is delivered the differences above or below the contract price must be the actual commercial differences and not the difference arbitrarily fixed by the cotton exchanges, the commercial differences to be determined by the secretary of agriculture by comparison of prices of five spot cotton markets.

A lively debate preceded the vote. Democratic Leader Underwood, favoring the measure, pointed out that the whole proposition rested on the proposal that congress should either suppress or regulate the cotton exchanges of the country.

"Whatever particular power you use to enforce a law" he said, "is a secondary proposition, but there is no better power in the government than the power to tax, which is in this bill. The Scott bill was intended to wipe out the cotton exchanges. The Lever bill is intended to regulate them, so as to wipe out the evils that exist in the exchanges. In two different congresses I have supported legislation along the lines of the Scott bill and they have been sent over to the senate and there have died in committee. A similar bill from this house at this time would meet a similar fate."

"I believe that the practices of the New York cotton exchange cost the Southern producers annually \$100,000,000," declared Representative Lever, who is author of the bill. "The purpose of this bill is to eliminate the practices which constitute such an enormous burden. Any man voting against it puts himself in the attitude of favoring a continuance of practices that have been denounced in every cotton growing State in the Union."

## THE FATAL REVOLVER.

### Man Kills Another While Playing With Pistol.

Black Mountain, July 1.—While playing with a revolver, Early Nease accidentally shot and killed Dock Hartley, early this morning.

## Pinewood to Observe 6th.

Pinewood, June 29th.—All places of business will be closed on Monday, July 6th, to observe the 6th, which falls on Saturday this year. The telephone exchange will be closed from 10 o'clock a. m. to 5 o'clock p. m.

## SEMBLANCE OF MEDIATION.

### ADMINISTRATION FAVORS CONTINUATION OF THE CONFERENCE.

#### It is Thought That Americans and Foreigners in Mexico Would be in Danger Should Mexicans Learn That Conference Had Adjourned.

Washington, July 2.—Efforts on the part of the administration to induce the mediators to remain at Niagara Falls and keep up a semblance of international intercourse, at least are taken up today.

It is feared that should the news reach the people of Mexico that mediation is at an end they would consider the armistice also ended and danger to Americans and other foreigners follow.

Efforts are still being made to induce Gen. Carranza to enter into an informal conference with the Huerta representatives. Little credence is placed in stories that President Huerta is preparing to leave Mexico City.

Niagara Falls, July 2.—Justice Lamar and Frederick Lehman, the American delegates to the mediation conference were summoned back to Washington today and will leave tonight with the staff. The mediation conference is at an end. Senator Figueroa, one of the Mexican delegates, is planning to sail for Liverpool next week.

## SUMMER FARM INSTITUTES.

### To Be Held in Sumter County July 27th, 28th and 29th, at Shiloh, Sumter and Rembert, Respectively.

Farmers' institutes will be held in every county in South Carolina this year under the auspices of Clemson and Winthrop colleges. Experts from the two institutions will make practical talks to the farmers at the various points. At several places "vetch and clover" days will be observed and special attention will be given to the discussion of the handling of these legumes.

The schedule of farmers' institutes this summer include:

- Clarendon County—July 29, Panola;
- July 30, Trinity school, Manning;
- July 31, Oakdale school, Manning.
- Sumter county—July 27, Shiloh;
- July 28, Sumter (vetch and clover day);
- July 29, Rembert.
- Lee County—July 16, Rock Hill school;
- July 17, R. M. Cooper's farm;
- July 18, Bishopville (vetch and clover day.)

## FIRE CHIEF KILLED.

### Mysterious Explosion in Charlotte Cause Death of One and Injures Six.

Charlotte, N. C., July 1.—Assistant W. B. Glenn, of the fire department, was killed and a half dozen seriously injured by a mysterious explosion attending a small fire near the Southern passenger depot this morning. Fire Chief Wallace was shot full of splinters of wood and his condition is critical. The explosion was caused by dynamite. The police believe an explosive was placed in the building by a negro to wreak vengeance on a former employer.

## ANARCHY IN BOSNIA.

### Assassination of Archduke Ferdinand Inflames Populace Against Servians.

Sarajevo, Bosnia, June 30.—All Bosnia and Herzegovina are today aflame with hatred against Servians over the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand and his Consort here Sunday. There has been fierce rioting throughout the two provinces. At Monastir two hundred Servians were killed and wounded in a fight with the Moslems and the city was fired by the rioters. Servian shops and homes here are being looted and wrecked. Servian flags have been dragged in the streets by mobs yelling "Death to the Servians."

## NEW ORLEANS QUARANTINED.

### Surgeon General Blue Adopts Drastic Measures Against Plague.

Washington, June 30.—Dr. Rupert Blue, surgeon general of the public health service, left today for New Orleans, to personally assume charge of the campaign to stamp out the dreaded bubonic plague. Dr. Blue has ordered quarantine on all vessels leaving and entering New Orleans. While there are only a few cases at present the department has determined to take drastic steps to prevent the spread of the plague.

## THE POLITICAL OBSERVER.

### PEOPLE WANT ISSUES DISCUSSED THIS YEAR.

#### Campaign for State Officials is Moving Along Right Lines—Voters are Disgusted with Coat-tail Swinging

"Generally speaking," said the observer of things political, "it seems to me that the State campaign is moving along the right lines. I have attended practically all the meetings so far and, undoubtedly, the people want to be informed on the issues of several races and don't care to have the candidates deal in vituperation and abuse. The advice given the campaigners by Mr. Richard I. Manning at Sumter on the opening date of the county-to-county canvass is being followed, in the main. The people are insisting upon a discussion of the things advocated by the candidates and of the qualifications of those offering for the State offices and are discouraging any efforts at personal abuse.

"Thus far practically one-fifth of the campaign is ended. Nine counties have been visited, for the most part in what is known as the Pee Dee section. Without question Mr. Manning has outdistanced the other candidates for governor in the territory already covered. Starting at Sumter with the ovation extended by his home people the Sumter candidate has made a splendid showing in each of the other counties visited. At Florence the Florence Times stated editorially that Mr. Manning made the best impression upon the Florence people of any of the candidates for governor. The Kingstree paper announced the race is between Mr. Manning and one of the two Smiths. In Berkeley, Clarendon, Marion, Georgetown, Horry and Dillon counties the Sumter candidate was well received and it was stated that he will get big votes in these counties.

"It has been evident from the initial meeting that the Blease forces, wherever well organized, will stand to John G. Richards, Jr. From the sections already visited this can be stated for an assured fact. At Georgetown it is known that the Blease faction there is absolutely behind the railroad commissioner for governor. The understanding is that a "caucus" was held and Richards was named as their gubernatorial candidate.

"Wherever partisanship has entered so far into the race Richards has been the target for the charges of coat-tail swinging and the like. He has defended his position with the statement that he is no more coat-tail swinger than those who will vote for others in the senatorial race. Major Richards will support Gov. Blease. An interesting situation is the attack made on Richards by William Irby, Jr., another candidate rated as a 'Bleise candidate.' At Conway Mr. Irby delivered a fierce attack against Richards for coat-tail swinging. This was in strong Richards territory.

"Charles A. Smith has been well received in the sections through which the campaign party has already passed. He was given a 'send-off' at Florence his home county and made a fine impression in Marion. R. A. Cooper, solicitor, has made an unusually good impression wherever he has appeared. He was absent from the campaign party for several days. He is being mentioned as a strong probability for the governorship at some future date.

"Mendel Smith and John G. Clinkscales are mentioned in the 'big five.' At Conway Mr. Smith made a good showing and at Dillon it was stated he will cut into the vote of Richards, who is strong with the Blease forces there although, it is stated, Mr. Smith will take some of this vote away.

"Mr. Irby has made a better showing since his attacks on Mr. Richards. He will undoubtedly show up better in the up-country where he has been a favorite with cotton mill workers for many years.

"Mr. Simms has not yet passed through territory especially favorable to Bleiseism except in one or two counties where he divided honors with the other Bleise candidates. J. B. Adzer Mollally's continued absence from the campaign has led to the inquiry as to whether he is really running or not.

"Certain features of L. J. Brownning's platform have been well received but, like Mr. Cooper, Mr. Brownning was not so well known in the Pee Dee and, he too, will make a better showing in the counties nearer Union. John T. Duncan is attracting more attention than usual in his speeches although few have been heard to say that he stood any chance for the governorship. His attacks on the "System" have caused interested

## FIGHT ON PLAGUE.

### SURGEON GENERAL WILL GO TO NEW ORLEANS.

#### Thinks it is Advisable That Government Should Take Sharp Measures at Once.

Washington, June 29.—Surgeon General Blue of the public health service will go to New Orleans to take charge of the campaign there against bubonic plague. One death and one other case have been reported.

After receiving telegrams today from Oscar W. Moore, president of the Louisiana Public Health, the treasury department ordered the surgeon general to take charge of the situation. Moore has reported bacteriological examination of the two cases. The health service, however, will conduct its own examination.

Surgeon General Blue said today that the city of New Orleans nor territory surrounding was in any danger, but that it was advisable that the federal government take sharp measures. Apparatus for rat-catching and fumigation is being sent to New Orleans and a corps of experts in plague eradication, including Surgeon Creel of the public health service, will carry on the surgeon general's plans.

As a preparatory measure to prevent spread of the infection by shipping, Surgeon General Blue today sent warnings to health authorities of the Atlantic Coast States and to those of the Mississippi river States as far north as Iowa, suggesting that they take up the work of rodent eradication actively.

Municipal health officials who have asked for aid are being furnished with advice. The most approved methods to prevent the spread of the infection will be put in force immediately at New Orleans.

## AMERICAN PLAN REJECTED.

### This is Announcement Made at Mexico City—British Subjects Start to Leave.

Mexico City, June 30.—An announcement that the Mexican mediators at Niagara Falls had rejected the terms of the American government to make an impartial government was made today.

Acting on the advice of British Minister Carden a number of Englishmen left for Vera Cruz today. Carden warned all British subjects in the interior to leave immediately. He evidently fears a collapse of the Huerta government in the near future.

## SIGNS NAVAL BILL.

### Bill Introduced to Place All Postmasters Under Civil Service Commission.

Washington, June 30.—President Wilson today signed the naval appropriation bill, providing for the construction of the two dreadnoughts during the next fiscal year.

A bill placing all postmasters under the civil service commission was introduced in the house today by Victor Murdock, a Bull Moose, of Kansas.

## LONG DEATH ROLL.

### More Than Two Hundred Missing in Salem, Mass.

Salem, Mass., June 30.—Over two hundred persons are still missing today following the great fire of last week. Searchers are carefully examining the cooled ruins for bodies. Authorities fear the death list will prove larger than the original estimate.

Elsie Barbare, a fifteen-year-old white girl has been arrested in Greenville county for killing her infant.

audiences to hear what he had to say.

"Save for the race for comptroller general it is very hard to tell what the other State offices' races will develop. A. W. Jones' service for South Carolina is being recognized in every county he visits and the indications are he will be returned by a large majority. In the other races for State offices it will take a little more of the campaign to single out the possibilities.

"One hears on all sides that there are several good men in the race for governor and that if any one of a certain number is elected the people should be satisfied. Other things being equal it appears the question of qualification should be given due consideration by the voters this time. There are three men in the gubernatorial race unusually well qualified to fill the office by reason of their past experience in governmental affairs. The people should look to qualification."

## BANK MAKES CHANGE.

### FARMERS' BANK & TRUST COMPANY CHANGES NAME TO BANK OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

#### Temporary Quarters in City Hall, While Old Court House Building is Remodelled into Modern Banking Quarters.

From The Daily Item, July 1.

The Farmers' Bank and Trust Company, one of the strongest banking institutions in east central South Carolina, this morning changed its name to the Bank of South Carolina, under which name the institution will continue its large and flourishing business with the farmers and business men of Sumter and other counties.

The bank also opened its doors this morning, July 1st, in its temporary home in the city hall in the offices formerly occupied by the First National Bank, where the bank will continue to do business until its home, the old court house building, is remodelled and made into a modern, up-to-date banking house, equipped with all conveniences and necessities of a progressive bank of today. The work on the building was begun today and will be carried on as speedily as possible. The changes comprise a new front, larger lobby and more interior space for employees, as well as a change in the positions of officers quarters. When completed, which it is hoped may be by the 15th of November, the bank will have one of the handsomest buildings in the city and one of the best banking houses in this section of the State.

The bank on Tuesday afternoon moved its equipment from its home to the former offices of the First National Bank and this morning its customers and others were notified of the fact that it was ready for business by a big sign nailed up against the wall near the door.

## WAGE WAR ON RATS.

### Mississippi River Towns Begin Campaign of Extermination Against Carriers of Plague.

Memphis, Tenn., July 1.—Mayor Crump today authorized the payment of five cents for every rat killed and brought to the Mayor's office. The city is to wage a fierce campaign against the rats.

St. Louis, July 1.—The State Board of Health has ordered that all river towns move immediately to exterminate the rats, to prevent the possible spread of the bubonic plague from the South.

Charleston, S. C., July 1.—City officials are preparing to make a hard fight to exterminate the rats in this city.

Robert Kelly, a Columbia merchant, formerly of Hartsville, drank four ounces of carbolic acid in the lobby of a Columbia hotel Monday and died within a few minutes.

## CROP CONDITION REPORT.

### ESTIMATED AT 79.6 PER CENT ON JUNE 25TH.

#### Not so Good as Last Year—Cotton Increase in United States Estimated at 36,960,000 Acres Against 37,458,000 Last Year.

Washington, July 1.—The crop reporting board of the department of agriculture today estimated the area of cotton in cultivation in the United States as 36,960,000 acres against 37,458,000 last year.

The condition of the crop on June 25 was estimated at 79.6, against 81.8 last year at this time.

## WILSON ON MEXICAN SITUATION.

### President Says Things are in as Good Shape as Possible Until Mexican Factions Get Together.

Washington, July 1.—President Wilson today authorized the following statement regarding the Mexican situation: "Things are in as good shape as they can be until the Mexican factions can get together. Further than this the president has nothing to say until the factions get together."

## GENERAL PROSPERITY CERTAIN.

### A Tremendous Wheat Crop Will Bring a Flood of Gold From Europe.

Chicago, July 1.—Joseph Pritchard, the board of trade expert, today predicted that the wheat crop this year would amount to 900,000,000 bushels. This means the return of enormous quantities of money from abroad, the larger part of which will go into widespread circulation, bringing with it general prosperity in this country. The United States is now making wheat prices for the world.

## BIG EXPRESS COMPANY RETIRES.

### United States Company Transfers Transportation Contracts to Other Companies.

New York, June 30.—After an un-interrupted service of 60 years the United States Express company will retire from the transportation business at midnight, the close of their fiscal year. All railroad contracts have been transferred to other big express companies.

## AUTO WRECK AT ORANGEBURG.

### Three Men Badly Hurt When Car Turns Over.

Orangeburg, June 30.—Simon Rich, an attorney; John Pike, a salesman; Web Bull, a clerk, were badly injured this morning when their automobile skidded and turned turtle, pinning the occupants beneath. They were traveling at a rate of 50 miles an hour when the chauffeur swerved the car to avoid running down two small children, and the accident occurred.