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## PLANE PLUNGES CRUSHING TEN

### Fifty Others Hurt, Some Fatally, and Sixteen Cars Destroyed

### TWO PILOTS SAVED

#### Explosion and Fire Follow Crash— All The Victims Were Spectators— 2000 Pounds of Dynamite Near.

Moundsville, W. Va., July 11.—Ten persons were killed and 50 injured—9 seriously—at Langley Field here yesterday when a Martin bombing plane crashed into a group of automobiles parked on the grounds. An explosion followed, setting fire to the machines.

The dead were all spectators. Lieut. E. R. McIvrie, pilot, and Lieut. T. H. Dunton, assistant pilot, were rescued by Carl Miller, coach of Bethany College.

The known dead are:  
Mrs. George Long, aged 32, Moundsville.  
Frederick Edge 45, Wociland, W. Va.

Carl Pettit, 16 Moundsville.  
Ralph Hartsell, 13, Moundsville.  
Charles Hartsell, 50 father of the football boy.

Mrs. A. Stevens, 28, Moundsville.  
Walker Montgomery, 40 Belleaire, Mo.

Three unidentified charred bodies, one of which is believed to be that of the missing machinist of the wrecked plane.

Most of the injured were taken to the Glendale Hospital, where it was reported five were in a serious condition. A physician's office nearby also was used as an emergency hospital, where it was reported two had died.

The known dead were of Moundsville, with the exception of Edge, whose home was at Round Bottom, W. Va.

Lieutenants McIvrie and Dunton were taking off in the government plane from Langley Field, standing from the south side of the field. They had risen about 30 feet, according to the reports when the plane swung sharply to the left and seemed about to hit a hanger. An apparent effort was made, it was said, to throw the plane into the air, but it was flying too low and crashed into a line of automobiles lined along the river bank.

Sixteen automobiles were burned and the crash, in most instances, were trapped in the machines.

Sergeant Ray Duffey, on duty at the field, assisted Coach Miller, a former army aviator, in extricating McIvrie and Dunton from the airplane.

An engine of the Wheeling fire department was wrecked when attempting to reach the scene of the disaster. The pilots arrived at Moundsville Saturday afternoon with the bomber from the Martin factories at Cleveland and were leaving Langley Field here for Langley Field, where the plane was to be put into service.

Nearly a score of persons were either injured or severely as to require surgical attention. Of the injured at the Glendale Hospital, the following were reported as the most serious cases:

Stanley Poirick, aged 8, Moundsville, skull fractured; Leonard Darrah, 50, Moundsville, skull fractured; Mrs. George Meentz, Belleaire, Ohio, hurt internally and shoulder fractured. Many other residents of Moundsville are also at the hospital being treated for injuries and burns, including Mrs. Mary Stevens and her daughter Albee, who were reported at first as being among the dead.

J. M. McBroom and Mrs. Martin Keyser, of Moundsville, were knocked clear of blazing machines by the propeller of the bomber, and although severely bruised and shaken, were not seriously injured.

Lieutenants McIvrie and Dunton, and Sergeant James Long, in charge of the field, declined to make any comment as to the cause of the accident. Lieutenant Dunton suffered slight burns about the face and hands but neither the nor his companion were hurt severely. Both were regularly attached to Langley Field.

Sixteen automobiles were crushed into a mass and set afire, many of them filled with people.

## CHARLES SWAIN DIES

### For Many Years Was Inspector of Lumber—Funeral To- morrow Morning

Charles Swain, who for many years was inspector of lumber in this city, died at 11:30 o'clock Saturday night at his residence, 203 Wolfe street, after a long illness. Mr. Swain for the past ten years had been in failing health. The deceased was a carpenter by trade. Mr. Swain was a member of Columbia Fire Engine Company No. 4. He is survived by three sisters and a brother, Mrs. Elizabeth Aubinoe, of Washington; Mrs. Atha K. Swain, of this city; Mrs. Ruth M. Field, of this city, and Dr. B. H. Swain, of Alexandria.

His funeral will take place at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning from his late residence. Services will be conducted by Rev. Dr. John Lee Allison, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church and burial will be in the Presbyterian cemetery.

## M. P. Church Notes

The Sunday School of the Methodist Protestant Church continues to have good attendance during this hot weather. We only decreased six last Sunday. The contest between the boys and girls is causing considerable interest between these two sides. The girls with a Hudson car are leading the boys by 20 miles.

The pastor, Rev. Robert Browne, preached upon "The Faithful Prince" at the morning service. He pictured the faithfulness of old Abraham to Almighty God and the wonderful blessing that God bestowed upon him comparing the hot weather here with the burning sands of the African desert, the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.

At the evening service the pastor spoke upon the "Good Stenographer." Paul's secretary who wrote Paul's sermons and recorded all of Romans. This secretary was a Christian man and has his name recorded in the book of life.

Tonight at 8 o'clock the officers and Teachers' Association of the Sunday School will meet in its regular monthly meeting.

Wednesday prayer service at 8 o'clock.

Thursday evening at 8 o'clock the Ladies Aid Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Misskell, 307 North Columbus street.

Friday the Sunday School Annual picnic will be held at Humes Grove, Arlington county, Va. All going upon this picnic will meet at the church at 9:30 a. m. All baskets and handles will be conveyed to the grounds. All bring the 10 o'clock train. Ice cream, games of athletic events. Friends of the school are invited to go with us on this picnic. Everything free.

## Enlarge Store

### J. M. Reed Constructing Addition 67 Feet In Depth

John M. Reed, who conducts a music store at 611 and 613 King street, is building a large addition to his place of business. The new addition is in the rear of the store and is a one story brick structure 22 by 67 feet, and it is expected that it will be completed within the next sixty days. This will give Mr. Reed a depth of 167 feet to his store building to meet the need for his increased business. The work is being done by Reed and Wood.

Hopkinsville, Ky., July 11.—Five tea spoons were removed from the stomach of Mrs. Rosie Tucker Cowan, of Todd county when she was operated on here today at St. Stuart Hospital.

Both tanks of the aircraft exploded, sending the burning fuel over the cars and spectators for several yards around. Due to the fact that many of the less severely burned and injured were rushed to their family physicians for treatment, a complete list of the burned and injured cannot be obtained until a complete check is taken in cases in the hands of every physician in the city.

Forty feet from where the wrecked plane stopped and directly in its path is a temporary structure used to store dynamite by a contractor who is sinking a new coal-mine shaft. The shed contained 2,000 pounds of dynamite, and had the plane crashed into the shed it is believed the loss of life would have been greater.

## IRISH PARLEY DATE LEFT TO DE VALERA

### Lloyd George Willing to Meet De Valera Any Day This Week

### FAVORABLE ASPECTS

#### Ulster Minister Says Conference Must Keep Hands Off Orangemen—Elements Hostile to Peace

London, July 11.—The British Prime Minister, Mr. Lloyd George, and the Irish Republican leader, Eamonn de Valera, probably will meet some day this week to discuss a basis for a general conference on an Irish settlement.

Mr. Lloyd George has asked Mr. colleagues when you wish to bring de Valera to name the day, and has added a further invitation to "any colleagues whom you wish to bring with you." His telegram reads:

"I have received your letter of acceptance and shall be happy to see you and any colleagues when you wish to bring with you at Downing street any day this week. Please wire the date of your arrival in London."

Ireland's struggle for freedom has been a long history of baffled hopes; otherwise the present situation would be full of promise for a final peaceful settlement. But while past history does not afford food for over confidence—a point emphasized in the way of warning by Mr. de Valera himself in a manifesto to the Irish people—there are some aspects which differ entirely from any previous peace effort.

First. The whole British nation now is practically willing to grant Ireland dominion status, if Ireland is willing to drop the demand for a republic.

Second. The Dominion premiers now in London are ready to support, according to all indications, Ireland's claim for dominion status with fiscal autonomy and a voice in foreign affairs, the latter being an important aspiration of the dominions themselves. Such help from the outside as that afforded by a statesman of the calibre of General Smuts, the South African Premier, who admittedly, has much influence over the Government policy, is an asset which Ireland has never before enjoyed.

Third. This is the first time that Mr. Lloyd George in any peace negotiations has imposed no conditions whatever.

Finally, a truce has been arranged for an indefinite period. No date has been fixed or hint of any notice required to denounce it. The whole surrounding circumstances in this latest peace effort would seem to prove that both sides are deeply earnest in desiring success.

On the other side of the picture is the attitude of the extremists among both Sinn Feiners and Orangemen, and doubt are expressed as to how far they can be controlled by the leaders. There is also what has up to the present been the irreconcilable attitude of Mr. de Valera and his colleagues against the partition of Ireland and the apparently equal determination in Ulster that the present status of the six counties under the Home Rule act shall not be disturbed.

Ulster is smarting under the serious trade boycott exercised by Southern Ireland, but hopes are still high that this and other difficulties will be smoothed out once the conference is in being.

Belfast, July 11.—The Lloyd George De Valera conference must maintain a policy of "hands off" in regard to the Orangemen, declared John Gordon, of the Ulster ministry, in a speech at Largan county Antrim, today.

Mr. Lloyd George might be prepared to enter into conferences with De Valera to settle affairs in Ireland, said Mr. Gordon, but Orangemen had settled the affairs of Ulster, and to Messrs. Lloyd George and De Valera they said "hands off."

A CLASSIFIED AD IN THE GAZETTE ALWAYS PAYS. EVERYBODY READS THEM.

## Makes Rapid Strides

### St. Paul's Episcopal Sunday School Now in Second Place in At- tendance Contest

From fifth place to second place was the great feature of the St. Paul's Sunday school in the contest for attendance of the Alexandria Sunday schools, according to the last report. The report does not include yesterday's attendance, which may show additional shifts in the standing of the schools when the standing is published the last of this week.

The M. E. South dropped into third place and the First Baptist into fourth place as a result of the upward shift of the Episcopal school. The St. Paul's school is boasting a huge ball team which is seeking admittance into the city Sunday school base ball league. The boys are enthusiastic over their team and all faithful attendants at the Sunday school.

The following is the standing of the schools up to yesterday:

School	Attendance
A. A. P. C.	165
St. Paul's	167
M. E. South	282
First Baptist	388
Trinity M. E.	78
Second Presbyterian	121

## American Legion

### Three Speakers Make Addresses at Meeting Saturday Night

Addresses in the state wide drive of the American Legion were made by three speakers Saturday night in the opera house at a meeting held under the auspices of Alexandria Post No. 24, American Legion. John T. Worthington, commander of the local post, presided and introduced the speakers. Owing to the exceedingly hot weather the meeting was attended by only a small audience.

The first speaker was Dr. Kate Walker Barrett, of this city, president of the Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion of the State. She told of the splendid work being done by the legion and also gave some account of the activities of the woman's auxiliary.

Dan S. Hollenga, Fayetteville, N. C., national committeeman of the organization, criticized the treatment that is given the tubercular ex-servicemen and others who are suffering from the effects of the war.

Maj. Robert T. Barton, of Winchester, Va., state commander, told of the work being done by the legion in the state.

During the course of the addresses punch was served by several women members of the Woman's Auxiliary to the American Legion.

## VIRGINIA NEWS

Norfolk.—That Hampton Roads is making its record as one of the leading shipping centers of the world is shown by figures which place the total entrances and clearances of vessels for the month of June at eight hundred. Ships flying different flags depending nations in different parts of the world have passed in and out of the Virginia Capes at the rate of 26 a day or more than one an hour. Two hundred and twenty-seven cargoes of coal left Hampton Roads in June. In the Hampton Roads district total entrances and clearances of American steamships was 310 and that of British ships 336. American ships clearing exceeded the British by one, the number being British 170; American 171.

The tobacco crop this year promises to be the smallest since that of 1911, today's forecast of the department of agriculture placing this year's production at 532,000,000 pounds, which is more than one-third less than last year's record crop. The condition of the crop of July 1, which was 71.9 per cent of a normal, was lower than it has been on that date in more than 21 years. It is 10.2 points below the ten year average condition on July 1 and 12.4 points below last year's July 1 average. An average acre yield of 697.3 pounds is forecast, almost 100 pounds less per acre than was harvested last year.

Luray.—With no apples in this county, the potato crop about half an average yield, the wheat crop giving a small yield and the hay crop a like one, the outlook for the coming winter is anything but promising to those who will be compelled to buy everything that they have to eat.

## DISARMAMENT PLAN GIVEN BY HARDING

### Conference in Washington Suggested to Four Powers

### ANGLO-JAP ALLIANCE

#### China Also Asked to Take Part in This Phase—State Department Announcement

Washington, July 11.—President Harding has taken his first step toward disarmament and world-peace in proposing to the Allied powers a conference in Washington on limitation of armaments. He also has suggested to the interested nations that there be at the same time a discussion of Pacific and Far Eastern problems with a view to reaching a common understanding with respect to principles and policies in the Far East.

The State Department announced last night that the President has approached informally but definitely, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan, if, as is confidently expected, the replies are favorable, the President will move swiftly to call in a formal way a conference in Washington that will be the most important international gathering since the Peace Conference at Paris.

The announcement was made by the State Department, "by direction of the President," in the following statement:

"The President, in view of the far-reaching importance of the question of limitation of armaments, has approached with informal but definite inquiries the group of powers heretofore known as the principal Allied and Associated Powers, that is Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan, to ascertain whether it would be agreeable to them to take part in a conference on this subject, to be held in Washington at a time to be mutually agreed upon. If the proposal is found to be acceptable, formal invitations for such a conference will be issued.

"It is manifest that the question of limitation of armaments has a close relation to Pacific and Far Eastern problems and the President has suggested that the powers especially interested in the problems should undertake in connection with these problems the consideration of all matters bearing upon their solution with a view of reaching a common understanding with respect to principles and policies in the Far East. This has been communicated to the powers concerned, and China has also been invited to take part in the discussion according to Far Eastern problems.

The reference in the State Department's announcement to Pacific and Far East problems is taken to mean that the questions involved in renewal of the Anglo-Japanese alliance will be considered and an attempt made to formulate a broad policy that will be applicable not only to the interests of Great Britain and Japan, but will also satisfy the balance of the great nations directly or indirectly affected by the complex situation in the Far East. China is to participate in this phase of the conference.

It is believed here that tonight's announcement from the Administration accounts for the element of mystery that has attended lately the deliberations of the British Imperial Conference on the Anglo-Japanese alliance, and also explains the statement made in Parliament a few days ago by Lloyd George in which he indicated that he would make a statement in the House of Commons Monday, if desired information came from the United States. Through out the Imperial Conference there has been manifest a decided purpose to maintain friendship with the United States in dealing with renewal of the pact with Japan.

By taking this action the President forestalled the immediate practical question of reduction of armaments. The Naval Appropriation bill, which may be approved finally by Congress today, contains the Bush amendment requesting the President to negotiate with England and Japan an agreement on a naval holiday.

## Police Court Grist

There was an argument over the price for repairing shoes belonging to a colored woman and James Johnson colored, it was testified assaulted Anneria Lemusky, a shoemaker who conducts a place on King street. A helper of the shoemaker, who is deaf, and who appeared in court today, gave his testimony in writing. It was to the effect that he ran away when the trouble started. The court settled the case by imposing a fine of \$10 on the prisoner. The prisoner was arrested by policeman Bell, Welker, Padgett and Newland.

Bessie Shaffor, colored, was brought with assaulting and beating Mary Hurter. The testimony was very conflicting and the court settled the case by fining the complainant \$10 and the defendant \$5. The accused was arrested by Policeman Lawrence Padgett.

A white man arrested by Policeman Snellings for being drunk on the street forfeited \$5 collateral.

A bus going to Washington Saturday night struck a horse belonging to a colored man and the owner claimed the animal was permanently injured. The court told the owner it was civil case.

## Use New Organ

### Played at Bath Services at Christ Church Yesterday

The new organ recently installed in Christ Episcopal Church was used for the first time yesterday. The organ was played at both services yesterday and its excellent tone was greatly admired by all who heard it played. It is the gift of the Carnegie Foundation. At the morning service the pastor, Rev. Dr. W. J. Moulton presided and the choir of Christ Church sang.

The evening services were largely attended and the service was introduced by Rev. Edward S. Dunlop, assistant rector of St. John's Church, Washington, and the full choral service was sung by the choir of St. John's Church, Washington. Dr. James Dickenson, organist of St. John's Church presided at the organ.

This is the fourth organ to be installed in this historical edifice. For many years after it was erected Christ Church had no organ. The new organ cost \$10,000 and is three times as large as the organ just removed. It contains approximately 1900 pipes.

## Two Charters Granted

### The state corporation commission has granted a charter to two telephone and securities corporations of this city, the purposes of which are a real estate business. The company has a minimum of 2,000 shares and a maximum of not more than 4,000 shares of no par value. Officers and incorporators are James R. Caton, president; J. R. Caton Jr., secretary and William P. Woolfs.

A charter also has been granted the Proofs Bus Line, incorporated, with a maximum capital stock of \$10,000 and a minimum of \$2,000. Purposes are to cooperate with line in this city Washington, Arlington, Fairfax and Prince William counties. Officers and incorporators are: George W. Ramsey, president; Henry C. Brooks, vice president; Richard H. Brooks, secretary and treasurer and Walter S. Beckham.

## Not One Appears

### Candidates For Office Fail to Respond To Invitation of Frank Stuart

Frank Stuart, candidate for civil and police justice of the city, subject to the decision of the Democratic primary which will be held August 2, issued an invitation recently for the candidates seeking office to meet him at his office Saturday night at 8:15 o'clock to arrange for a mass meeting. The idea was to have all of the candidates appear at the mass meeting and discuss the campaign issues before the voters.

The candidates for office in Alexandria evidently are not very much interested in speaking during these hot days nor are they interested in discussing issues for not a single candidate made his appearance, and Mr. Stuart left his office shortly after the appointed hour, thoroughly satisfied that the candidates are not worrying about any issues that may be involved in the campaign.

## W.-VA., LINE GRANTED INCREASE IN RATE

### State Corporation Commission Announces Its Decision

### GET TARIFFS ASKED

#### New Rates in Virginia Will be in Accordance With Increase Granted by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The state corporation commission has granted the Washington-Virginia Railway Company the increased rates asked for in the state which increase will correspond with the recent increase in rates granted the company by the interstate Commerce Commission. A letter to the foregoing effect has just been received by Corporation Attorney H. Noel Garner. A copy of the order just received by Mr. Garner follows. It is ordered that the Washington-Virginia Railway Company may publish and file upon statutory notice of not less than ten days and thereafter charge, applicable between stations within the state of Virginia tariffs containing the following provisions:

"Single fare at three cents per mile; minimum fare eight cents provided, that for distance per mile or less, the minimum fare shall not exceed five cents.

Increase in fifty-two trip commutation fares amounting to twenty five per cent; adjustments in twenty five trip family tickets so as not to exceed seventy per cent of single fare, limited to the use of five members of a family for two months.

The order is dated July 7 and it, therefore, probably will go into effect before August 1.

## Chautauqua Opens

### First Night Session—Morning Jun- ior Meeting to Start Tomorrow

The Chautauqua program in Alexandria opened this afternoon with a concert by four pleasing artists. Miss Melicent Melrose, soprano, Miss Katherine Fahnstock, contralto and impersonator, Miss Georgia Tyle, harpist, and Miss Helen Ballou, pianist.

All afternoon sessions will be held 8 p. m., promptly.

The tent crew with the big tent erected in Alexandria Sunday and have spent a busy morning getting things in readiness for the opening. Miss Montgomery, the junior leader, was present at a meeting of the guardians held last night at the close of the evening church services, also Mr. Sawyer, the second advance representative.

Regular Junior Chautauqua morning meetings will start at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning. Juniors are having their first meeting with Miss Montgomery this afternoon at the close of the regular session.

Arrangements are being made for a union service on Sunday evening at the big tent. In addition to the religious service, details of which will be announced later, music will be furnished by the Danbar-White Hussars, the talent which will provide the program for Saturday evening's entertainment.

## SURGEON TAKES FIVE FULL- SIZED SPOONS FROM HER STOMACH

Hopkinsville, Ky., July 11.—Five full sized teaspoons were taken from the stomach of Mrs. Rosie Tucker Cowan, of Todd county, near Kirkmansville, Ky., when she was operated on here today. An X-ray photo graph previously made showed the spoons very plainly.

Mrs. Cowan stood the operation well. Just when or how she swallowed the spoons is not known. Her mind became affected several months ago and she was sent to the Western State Hospital for treatment. She often threatened to swallow spoons, or said that she had swallowed them, but no operation of her throat was visible.

The spoons were of cheap material and the acid of her stomach had affected some of them.

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