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## LEWIS'S LETTER FROM THE STATE CAPITAL

(By Maxwell Gorman)

Raleigh, February 20.—When the present session of the legislature shall have completed its work, some two weeks hence, one of the appreciable efforts of legislation of the practicable character first to be realized will be, experienced by the "traveling men," or "drummers," and others, who find it necessary to secure sleeping accommodations at hotels and boarding houses while away from their homes.

If the new laws are properly enforced, which can be largely accelerated by the victims of its violation if they will promptly report all such travel as they see, the improvement desired to aid their physical comfort as well as to protect them from some forms of extortion.

There has just been incorporated into the Revenue Bill, which came over from the House to the Senate this week, a feature which stipulates that where two persons occupy the same room the charge for both is not to exceed fifty cents per night more than is regularly charged if only one person occupied that room. The license tax on rooms of such hotels or inns shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per room per annum, down to ten dollars per annum—according to the rate charged per room—if this practice is not observed.

It has of late years been a common practice in hotel circles to collect from \$2 to \$5 per night for one room when a rush of custom compelled the "doubling-up" of patrons. Or if two men traveling together elect to occupy the same room they are often required to pay as much as that—more than their meals cost them if they are disposed to be frugal and patronizing any reputable cafes, of the cafes which are operated by the same hotels.

## State Prison Farm Reform

The legislative investigation into conditions at the penitentiary farms will be conducted this week, possibly with the session of Wednesday.

Senator Turner, of Iredell, who is chairman of the joint committee making the investigation, is one of the most level-headed and patriotic Christian men in North Carolina. I know him well enough to say that he is not only an experienced legislator and a lawyer of eminence in his profession, but one who loves his fellow man, a gentleman of clear life and clear cut and sharply defined ideas and principles of what is right and just as well as what is merciful.

There was no member of this General Assembly who was better fitted to preside as chairman of this investigation. There is none whose ability to rectify abuses and to bring the unfortunate condition that such appeal would produce results—such results as will at least strive to forever put an end to the hellish conditions that obtain, and have long obtained at these prison farm quarters, and the cruelty features thereof, which are part and parcel of the character of some of the brutal and inhuman guards employed there, so often employed because of their reputation for being strict—strict with the lash and gun even unto the death of their victims, and some of the overseers.

I should hate to believe that Supt. Mann of the State prison was cognizant of much of this cruelty and inhumanity, and I don't believe he has been although his critics may say it was his duty to know it. The recitals of the monstrous conduct of some of the petty bosses not only compel the legislative committee to blush with shame that North Carolina should be the scene for such horrible and cruel and diseased men of both races, but they call aloud to every member of this legislature to stop it by changing the management of these prison camps and farms or shoulder the responsibility themselves.

## Helping the Small Farmer

Although Gov. Bickett sent a special message to the legislature Wednesday urging the passage of a law embodying his anti-crop lien views and to further his plan of "making landlords of the tenant farmers of North Carolina," there still exists considerable opposition to the measures so far promulgated along that line and it comes from two or more contending sources.

Gov. Bickett wants what is called the Beasley bill passed. Senator Goff (himself a merchant for a quarter of a century or more) and what are known as the "time merchants" are not satisfied with the pending bill, although it has been ratified—the original bill having been killed in committee.

The Farmers' Union element is said not to be entirely satisfied with the present bill, either and there are others who are against the measure. The chief objection now stems to be the provision fixing a cash value price on which to base the ten percent advance limit for "time" charges, which is characterized as nothing short of an invitation to litigation in the courts between merchants and small farmers, or the holders of the paper of the latter. For the new bill provides that "all liens and mortgages made under the provisions of this act shall be valid for their full value in the hands of purchasers for value and before maturity, even though the charge made are in excess of those allowed in this act, but in such cases the party to whom the advance, or side shall have the right to recover

## REV. J. C. TROY DEAD

Death of Minister and Writer Followed A Long Illness

Rev. J. C. Troy died at his home on Mangum street, Durham, February 19 following a long illness. The deceased had been confined to his home several years and had been critically ill ten days. Heart trouble was the cause of his death and the end had been momentarily expected several days.

Mr. Troy, who was a son of Major W. C. Troy, of Fayetteville, moved to Durham fifteen years ago from Hatteras where he lived for several years after his failing health compelled him to give up preaching. He is survived by a wife and one daughter, Mrs. R. M. Garrett, of Greenville, N. C., and two sons, John C. Troy, Jr., and Ballard Troy. His sisters, Mrs. W. H. Hardin, of Salisbury, and Mrs. E. T. Wyehe, of Fayetteville, were with him when he died. Dr. J. W. Long, of Greensboro, a cousin of the deceased, was also present at the bedside when the end came. Mr. Troy was 59 years old. He was educated for a lawyer and practiced law for a while.

The deceased was a man of strong character and possessed high ideals. He was respected and admired by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. On account of ill health, he was unable to preach regularly, but so long as his health permitted he devoted his time to the ministry. Mr. Troy also attained considerable reputation as a writer and some of his writings had been published by the Herald and other papers under the nom de plume, "Trojan."

The funeral services were conducted at Trinity church, Durham, February 16, and the remains were interred in Maplewood cemetery. Rev. C. J. Harrell, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, conducted the services.

Mr. Troy is a descendant of Andrew Balfour, the Revolutionary patriot, he being a great grandson of the late Tibbin Balfour, the only child of Colonel Balfour, and married John Troy of Rowan county.

## Senator Simmons in Tilt With Senator Penrose

In the Senate, a few days ago, when the Pennsylvania Senator declared that the majority members of the committee were allowed only two minutes in the committee room in the hearing on the revenue bill, Senator Penrose condemned the Sunday caucus, whereupon Senator Simmons declared if he wanted to get lessons in morality he would certainly not go to the Pennsylvania Senator.

"The Senator complains that he did not have an opportunity to attend the sessions of the committee or to see the bill until it was presented to him for a vote on yesterday. Neither did I, Mr. President in 1909, as a member of the finance committee, have an opportunity to see the Payne-Aldrich bill until the Democrats were called in at the final meeting of that committee, when the bill was laid down on the table and we were told to take it or reject it."

"With reverence to the hearings, they were exactly like the hearings held on other revenue bills. They were open hearings before a sub-committee of the majority membership. Anybody who desired to be heard was given a hearing. I took extraordinary precautions this year to see that there should be no ground for complaint."

## Mr. Howard A. Banks Becomes Editor of Sunday School Times

Mr. Howard A. Banks, who has been Secretary Daniels' private secretary, has accepted the editorship of the Sunday School Times, published at Philadelphia. Before going to Washington Mr. Banks was editor of the Hickory Democrat, published at Hickory, N. C. Mr. Frank Smith, confidential clerk to Mr. Daniels, has become his private secretary.

from the party making the advance any sum he may be compelled to pay a third party in excess of the charges allowed by this act." The new bill also contains this clause: "At the time of each sale there shall be delivered to the purchaser a memorandum showing cash prices on the articles advanced."

The message from the Governor already was chiefly relating to that feature of the Beasley bill providing for the exemption from taxation of notes to the amount of three thousand (\$3,000) dollars in good faith for the purchase of farm homes.

The whole scheme is to be threshed out again in committee meetings during the ensuing week.

## Constitutional Convention

The bill of Representative Harry Stubbs calling for submission to the people the matter of holding a constitutional convention is likely to go through the Senate any day now, it having been passed by the House with only eleven votes against it. In his speech Mr. Stubbs advocated to the fact that North Carolina is the only State in the Union that has not held such a convention in over 40 years.

## Legal Ad. Bill Again Referred

Those lawyers in the Senate who plainly "have it in" for the newspaper publishers' bill to regulate the rate of legal advertising, have hit another blow. When it was reported favorably (for the second time) Wiley Person of Franklin, Jones of Brunswick, Long of Albemarle and Burgess all jumped on it and after offering an amendment to reduce the rate from 6 to 4 cents a line 2 cents a line, but it was referred (for the third time). They seem anxious to kill it. But McCain may yet pull it through.

## LAST APPEAL

### To Those Who Have Not Already Attended to Renewing Their Subscription

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## Major General Funston Dead

Major General Frederick Funston, commander of the southern department of the United States army, died suddenly in the lobby of a San Antonio hotel Monday evening. His death was due to the hardening of the arteries of the heart which caused an immediate and painless death. General Funston was 51 years old.

In February 1915 Major General Funston was made commander of the southern department of the U. S. army. Since March 1916 he has been in command of all United States forces on the Mexican border. The handling of the troops at the various stations, the Pershing expedition and the late reorganization of the regulars while providing for the return of the national guard has given General Funston more work than has probably fallen to the lot of any commander general of the United States army since the Civil war. He was the youngest major general of the army and had been counted on by his superiors for many years of active service. His death was a shock to the officials at Washington. Secretary Baker made the statement, "General Funston's death is a loss to the army and a loss to the country."

General Funston is a native of Ohio. He was reared on a farm in Kansas and educated at the University of that State. He began his life as a botanist with the Department of Agriculture and traveled through Death Valley, Alaska, Bering Sea, and the British North-west.

It was not until 1896 that the Unit States knew Funston as a fighting man. Under General Gomez, Funston fought bravely to assist Cuba gain her independence from Spain. He won his rank of brigadier for capturing Aguinaldo while he was in command of the Twentieth Kansas Volunteer Infantry in the Philippine War. When the volunteers were discharged Funston retained his rank and went with the regular army. In 1905 during the San Francisco disaster, Funston made a mark for himself by devising martial law, and set about to obtain homes for the homeless and by keeping the cost of food for those who took advantage of the less fortunate. While he was in command of the troops at Vera Cruz President Wilson made him major general.

Physically, Funston was one of the smallest men in the United States Army. He was five feet five inches tall and weighed about 120 pounds. In civil life he was modest and retiring. He is survived by a wife and three children.

## Deputies Gulley, Newton and Neely—Make Discoveries in Montgomery

The latter part of last week deputies Gulley, Newton and Neely prospected in the neighborhood of Allred postoffice in Montgomery county. Their attention was attracted by some smoke, following they found a copper distillery in operation. A man was there but he escaped. The still was 38.80 gallon capacity. Six hundred gallons of beer, eight fermenters, ten gallons of liquor and other distilling apparatus were captured. Tracing a path another unique brandy distilling was found in an old house; judging from punies, etc., this still was operated last fall. Still following another path another still was found, this being a thirty seven gallon capacity copper still with cap and worm, recently used. Also seven gallons of whiskey were captured. The deputies were very much fatigued but happy over success in woods of Montgomery.

## National Guard to Go Home

The Secretary of War has issued an order to begin at once sending the National Guard home from the border. More than 25,000 are either home now or on their way home. The remaining 50,000 will begin to move the first week in March and it is expected that they will all be away from the border by April 1. There will be no on the border retarding the entire international line of 1,800 miles from California to the Gulf, of the regular army less than 50,000.

## Republican Promises

A correspondent to the Davidson Dispatch writes as follows: We Randolph Guys down here in the sticks are looking forward to great and noble things this year. We are rejoicing over the many good roads that are to traverse every section of our county, and are to be given by that forward looking party that never breaks a promise. This wonderful and magnificent body of men have promised us greater things still which we are anxiously waiting and watching to see put into execution. They have told us that they are going to put the tax rate down so low that we would forget there ever was such a thing as paying taxes. It is gratifying to live in the boundaries of such good things that we are going to receive at the hands of this promise-making set of angels.

## George W. Riley who recently died, aged 81 years, for many years was engaged in the nursery business two miles north of Thomasville.

## STATE AND GENERAL NEWS

Lexington is going through an epidemic of measles, more than one hundred cases being under treatment.

The Lexington Chair Company has awarded contract for the erection of a 40x60 foot addition to their plant. The building will be two stories, and will contain machine and case rooms, and will increase the output of the plant about 25 per cent.

H. M. Dooley, aged 70, chief claim agent for the Southern Railway, died at his home in Washington Sunday afternoon after a short illness from acute indigestion. Burial was at Knoxville, Tenn.

The railroads of the United States have informed resident Wilson that the resources of their organizations are at the disposal of the government in the event of war. Officials of 18 roads were appointed a special committee of national defense. President Fairfax Harrison of the Southern Railway, being chairman.

The navy armor plate plant board left Washington Sunday night for the South to inspect sites for the proposed \$11,000,000 armor factory. The points contesting for the plant are D. G. Stone Gap, Va.; Johnson City, Kingsboro, and Chattanooga, Tenn.; Middletown, Ky.; Anniston, Tuscaloosa, and Gadsden, Ala.; and Rome, Ga.

Fifteen new passenger locomotives of the powerful "mountain" type have just been received by the Southern Railway and will be pined in service between Washington and Atlanta.

Governor Bickett granted a pardon Saturday for Melville Humphries and William Roias, two youths of Brooklyn, N. Y., who went through Wilmington on a "wanderlust" journey south and stole an automobile. The boys were 16 years old and had just finished the high school. The Governor says that the boys seem to have gotten out of money and rather commandeered the machine to continue their travels.

The railroads will give a rate of one cent a mile to the Consolidate reunion at Washington June 5, 6, 7. Free board and lodging will be given those veterans who desire same. Gen. Metta has appointed Mrs. Alex Webb of Raleigh, daughter of Gen. Hoke, as matron of honor; Miss Melba McCullers, of Clayton, granddaughter of Ashley Horne, as sponsor; and Miss Katherine Smith, of Raleigh, and Miss Camelia London, of Pittsboro, as the maids of honor.

John P. Cameron, a leading Republican and chairman of the Republican executive committee of Richmond county, died at his home in Rockingham, February 14, of stomach trouble. The deceased had been operated on for stomach trouble and did not rally, erysipelas and other complications having set in and causing death.

## Miss Mary Johnson, of Randleman, Becomes Bride of Mr. Orastus Johnson

On Sunday Feb 18, 1917, Miss Mary Johnson, of Randleman, was married to Mr. Orastus Johnson, of Randleman Route 1, Rev. J. B. O'Brian performed the ceremony at the bride's home. The young couple drove to Mr. Johnson's home where relatives and friends had prepared a sumptuous feast, which was very much enjoyed by all present. The bride is one of Randleman's most popular young ladies and the groom a splendid young man, who has many friends. The bride was beautifully attired in brown and carried a lovely bouquet of white roses. The contracting parties have a host of friends, who extend congratulations for a long and happy life.

## Farlow-Ferguson

Feb. 17th, 7 o'clock p. m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Fogleman, Randleman, Mr. Troy Farlow and Miss Hazelle Fogleman were united in marriage. These young people are both of Randleman and are popular and have a host of friends who are wishing them a happy and prosperous journey through life.

Mr. Farlow is a plumber by trade and at present has work in High Point and they will make their home in High Point for a while.

Miss Farlow is the last one of the girls of the family. Mr. and Mrs. Fogleman are now in one sense like they were when they first started life together. The undersigned officiated. J. B. O'BRIANT.

## Federal Aid For All Public Roads

The Secretary of Agriculture has given out a statement that states deservng aid from the \$85,000,000 appropriation must build expensive roads.

"There is not the slightest truth in such a report," said Secretary Houston. "This department, which is charged with the administration of the federal aid road act, has placed absolutely no restrictions, either direct or implied, upon the kind of highways to be constructed. States may submit for approval any kind of road, even an earth road, and approval will be given if the construction be substantial in character, suitable for traffic needs, and meets the terms of the federal act."

## Pay up Week Ends Saturday of This Week

Many are wiping the slate clean this week. The time is short for everybody to pay everybody else what is due. "Pay up Week" is a national movement that problem be negotiated by the completion of debt inventory. The amount of business single dollar can be in 7 to 10 days if allowed to circulate freely.

## Lieutenant "Billy" Armstrong is Dead On Border

Following an illness of several weeks at the base hospital at Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas, Lieutenant "Billy" Armstrong, Co. M, North Carolina National Guard, of High Point, died Saturday night at 9:25 o'clock of cerebro spinal meningitis. The body will be brought to High Point for interment Friday. Lieut. Armstrong was 34 years of age, and was born at Danby Lodge, Danby, Yorkshire, England; his residence in the United States dated from the summer of 1905.

Lieut. Armstrong was a member of several fraternal orders, among them being the Elks and Shriners. Funeral services will be conducted by the Masons.

Lieut. Armstrong went with his company to the border when the national guard was called into federal service last year. He was very popular with the members of his company, and had many friends in the State. He lived at Mackey's lodge, near High Point, and was well known to hunters from this and other States.

Several weeks ago he was stricken with pneumonia, while with his company and was sent to the base hospital where he developed cerebro spinal meningitis. At several times his condition was reported improved, but when Company M was ordered home he was let at the hospital. It was just a few days then before all hope for his recovery was given up. Mr. Armstrong is survived by his wife and two children.

## Mrs. J. Ed. Foy, of Lexington, Dead

Following an attack of peritonitis Mrs. J. Ed. Foy, of Lexington, died last week at the hospital in Salisbury where she had been taken for treatment. Mrs. Foy, from the beginning of her illness, was very sick and her system did not respond to medical aid.

Mrs. Foy was the daughter of Mr. E. M. Hullock, of Eufaula, Ala., who was at the bedside when death came. Her late father was a prominent Alabama cotton planter. Three small children survive with the young husband. The deceased was 51 years old. She was married to Mr. Foy in June, 1906. In 1908 they moved to Lexington, when Mr. Foy became cashier of the First National Bank. Later he and Dermont Shemwell, president of this bank, formed a partnership known as Foy & Shemwell, which is now doing near a quarter million dollars business a year.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday morning from First Methodist church, of Lexington, by Rev. W. H. Wills. Interment followed in the Lexington cemetery.

## Mr. George Williamson, of Alamance County, Dead

Mr. George T. Williamson, a leading cotton mill man of Saxapahaw, died at the hospital in Salisbury Feb. 15th. Mr. Williamson had gripe and complications followed. He underwent an operation but to no avail.

Mr. Williamson was born in Caswell county but in early manhood went to Alamance county and began in the cotton mill business and had gone forward in the business until he became manager of the Saxapahaw Cotton mill, one of the biggest in the county. He was married more than 20 years ago to Miss Flora Willard, of Baltimore, and they have spent their entire married life in the village of Saxapahaw, where they both have for many years been loved and highly esteemed for their many excellent qualities. He had perfected himself in the line of cotton manufacturing, the industry for which the Holts and Williamsons are famous in this section.

He is survived by his wife, one son, George Williamson, Jr., and two daughters, Misses Ethel and Homer Williamson; one sister, Mrs. J. W. Menefee, of Graham, and two brothers, Ben Williamson, of Saxapahaw, and John Williamson, of Georgia.

## Another Big Dam Will Be Built on Yadkin at Badin

Another big dam on the Yadkin river constructed by the Tallahassee Power Company about four miles below Badin and a railroad is being built from Badin down the river so as to convey materials and supplies for the work which has already been commenced by 200 hands. A big reservoir dam is to be built several miles up the river at the head of the big lake which will be made when the water is stopped by the big Badin dam which is now well on towards completion. It is said that this big reservoir dam will be about four miles above the old Whitney site, and this is to be used only as a reservoir for any drought that might cause a shortage of water on the dams lower down.

## Mr. R. D. W. Connor Addressed Students at State Normal College Friday Night

Mr. R. D. W. Connor, secretary of the North Carolina historical commission, delivered an address to the students of the State Normal and Industrial College Friday night on the history of the state for the year 1916. It was in the nature of an interpretation of the activities of the past year in North Carolina and was heard with much interest.

## Mrs. Maude Bledsoe, Salvation Army Worker in Greensboro, February 22

Mrs. Maude Bledsoe, a Salvation Army and prison reform worker, is to make an address at the State Normal and Industrial College Friday night.