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Big Purchases Of Real Estate Made by Mr. E. D. Latta

Two Deals Announced To-day Embracing Expenditure of $105,000—Chatham And Burroughs Property Taken Over.

Another Deal Made With Mr. Cramer by Mr. Latta Involving $25,000—An Idea of the Purchaser's Plans of Development.

MR. LATTA'S RECENT PURCHASES.

Beyond property bought for $55,000.
Cramer property bought for $25,000.
Chatham property bought for $70,000.
Burroughs property bought for $30,000.
Total $180,000.

One hundred and five thousand dollars in cash is the price paid by Mr. E. D. Latta, Charlotte's foremost capitalist and progressive citizen, for real estate property on Tryon street, in the heart of the business section.

Negotiations that have been pending for some time came to a close Saturday afternoon and the real estate and buildings known as the Chatham and the Burroughs properties, adjoining the near the Young Men's Christian Association, passed into the control of Mr. Latta.

For the Chatham property, owned by Mr. Paul Chatham, the sum of $70,000 was paid.

The Burroughs property, 100x400 feet, at the intersection of Second and Tryon streets, and fronting on S. Tryon, just south of the handsome Y. M. C. A., was purchased for $55,000.

Official announcement of the magnificent deals was made to a News reporter by Mr. Latta shortly after 2 o'clock, after searching inquiry had been made throughout the city to confirm many rumors heard upon the streets.

In making the purchases Mr. Latta is carrying into effect his intention and determination to work for the betterment of the city in which he has decided to spend the rest of his days. The extensive improvements will be made is a fact which needs no emphasis.

That an office building will be erected on one of the sites was at first suggested, but this will hardly be the idea of the present owner. Other property that is to be bought in the near future will, in all likelihood, be converted into a great office or apartment building.

On the Chatham property site a magnificent residence, so it is said, will be erected.

For beauty of architecture it will by far surpass any like building in Greater Charlotte.

Just what disposition will be made of the Burroughs property is not known. However, it is said upon what seems to be good authority, that Mr. Latta did not make the purchases as an investment; that to the contrary he intends to develop each piece of real estate to the very highest point.

The closing of the deals is by far the greatest transaction in real estate circles Charlotte has known in a long time, and the fact that the purchase price was paid in cash and not by any mortgages or upon any "paper" is forcible argument in behalf of the greater growth of the best city in the Old North State.

Those who are acquainted with Mr. Latta—and but few men in Charlotte do not know him—are delighted with the knowledge that he has bought the properties named and that he will develop them. It is the best guarantee of the intentions of Mr. Latta to remain permanently here.

Shortly after he disposed of his interests in the street railway company (at his own price, be it said) it was rumored for a time that he contemplated moving to Richmond, Va. In fact Mr. Latta freely admitted that he seriously considered going to the Old Dominion. It is with gratitude that the people of Charlotte know of his determination to remain here, and better still his desire to place the city in the very front ranks.

Another Big Deal.

Another real estate deal of interest to all was closed Saturday when Mr. Latta purchased from Mr. Stuart W. Cramer the corner lot at the intersection of Second and South Tryon streets. The consideration was $25,000.

The lot is a portion of what has been known as the Sanders' yard and a frontage of 60 feet on Tryon street with a depth of 150 feet on East Second street. It is directly opposite the Young Men's Christian Association.

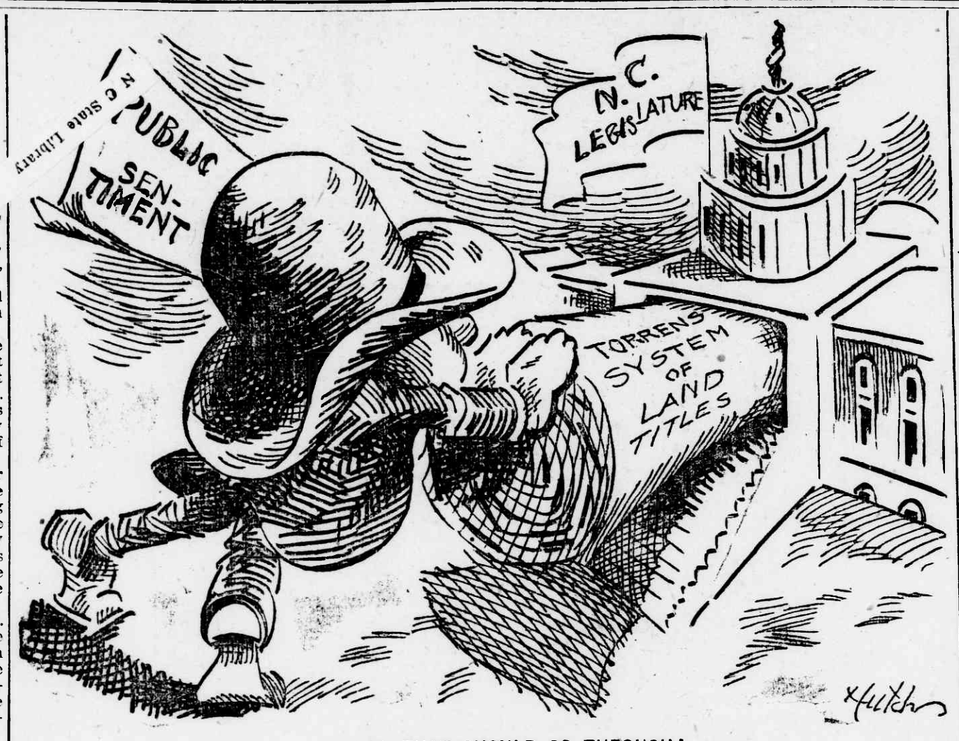
Increase in aVlues.

As an evidence of the remarkable increase in real estate values in Charlotte it is pointed out that this property was bought by Mr. Cramer for $12,000, just four years ago. The price paid at this time is approximately $400 a foot.

Mr Latta will build a handsome residence upon the site. The property is of historic interest by reason of the fact that Cornwallis is said to have pitched his tent beneath the big white oaks that stood in the yard. The "Cornwallis Oak" was cut down years ago and it is even now predicted that the remaining trees are to follow very shortly, making way for the business improvement in this section of the city.

A real estate deal just consumated is that between Mr. T. B. Thompson and Mr. R. O. Colt in which Mr. Thompson sold to Mr. Colt his handsome house and lot in Dilworth, corner of Tast Boulevard and Euclid avenue.

The purchase price was $4,000. The property is a handsome one, containing a two-story residence and have a spacious frontage on both avenues.



A BILL THAT SHOULD GO THROUGH!

Government Troops Led into Ambush and One Hundred Killed

Details of Fiercest Engagement of Mexican Uprising Reach World To-day—Two Hundred Troops Were Decoyed into Fatal Ambuscade.

Flying Squadron of Revolutionists Acted as Decoy For Government and Suddenly a Fierce Fire was Poured in Upon the Regulars.

By Associated Press.

Presidio, Texas, Jan. 23, via Marfa, Texas, Jan. 23.—More than 100 soldiers were killed in a three days' battle between the Mexican federal troops and insurgents in the mountains between Ojinaga and Cuchillio Parrado.

Two hundred soldiers under Col. Dorantes with two machine guns have gone to the rescue and these troops are also engaged.

The government troops were caught in a trap and were literally mowed down by the storm of bullets which swept their ranks from three directions. The insurgents occupied the cliffs and mountains and the soldiers ere in the road with only one way of escaping and that guarded. Of the 200 men who went into the pass only 40 escaped, as far as is known. They joined the column under Col. Dorantes.

The revolutionists loss was slight, only five men being killed, according to the insurgent reports.

The battle was the most severe fought during the present trouble and later reports indicate that the Federal soldiers are retiring slowly to their fortified camp at Ojinaga, pressed on every side by the rebels. The fighting started on the sixteenth when a small band of insurgents was routed at Coyama. A column of two hundred soldiers pursued the fleeting insurgents and walked into the trap set for them.

The road winds through a narrow canon forming a "cul de sac" into which the government troops marched. When all were in the pass the insurgents swept down the mountain side in the road behind them and the fighting began. It is believed that about 200 insurgents were engaged. They lay behind rocks and poured a steady fire into the government troops.

A detachment of insurgents was seen after the fight with thirty-two captured Mauser rifles.

The battle lasted all day January 17. On January 18 Colonel Dorantes advanced from Ojinaga with reinforcements. He circled about, avoiding the deadly pass and entered the mountains from the west. He discovered the insurgents and a continuous fight for two days followed.

Dorantes has retired into the foothills and is awaiting reinforcements.

Last night nother column of one hundred soldiers left Ojinaga for the relief of Dorantes. Several wounded insurgents and a number of wounded soldiers have been taken to San Juan. The insurgents had cared for the wounded soldiers, treating them with the same consideration shown their own men. There are about eight hundred soldiers and armed citizens of the government forces near Ojin-

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ASK FOR GUNBOAT TO PROTECT AMERICAN INTEREST

By Associated Press.

Hankow, China, Jan. 23.—American consul Albert Brent Moser today communicated with his government, asking that a gunboat be sent to this port to protect American interests in the event of a continuation of the rioting that began yesterday.

Disorders began following the circulation of a report that the British police had killed a coolie. During the rioting considerable damage was done and British and German marines were landed from gunboats in the harbor to defend the foreign community.

Fighting between the Chinese and the authorities supported by the marines resulted in the death, probably of twenty Chinamen. Several foreigners were hurt.

Today the foreign concessions were protected by Chinese troops. The rioters, who have been checked in their lawlessness, have instituted a boycott against all foreigners. Business in the city has been suspended.

ONE DEAD AND MANY HURT IN A HOTEL FIRE

By Associated Press.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 23.—One man is dead, five others are in a serious condition from being overcome by smoke and one has a broken leg as the result of a fire early today in the Millard Hotel.

Three hundred guests were asleep in the hotel when the fire broke out. Many barely escaped.

Thomas J. Field, of Sioux City, was suffocated.

MANY PASSENGERS WERE KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK

By Associated Press.

Cardiff, Wales, Jan. 23.—Many passengers were killed or injured today when a passenger train collided with a coal train at Hopkinstown, near Pointypride, three of the coaches being telescoped.

Soldiers recovered the bodies of eight men and three children.

Those on the train included several miners who were on their way to London for a conference with mine owners.

Mass Meeting for Bond Issue.

A mass meeting to consider the proposition of the issuance by the city of $1,000,000,000 worth of bonds for civic improvement, will be held within a few days. It is understood on the streets today that those who have taken an active interest in the proposed bond issue have decided to call the mass meeting at which the people will be given an opportunity to express their views.

Jilted Lover Ends Life.

By Associated Press.

St. Augustine, Fla., Jan. 23.—The body of Ernest Williams, a young resident of this city, was found in his room this morning. He had taken strychnine. A note by his side said he had killed himself because he had been jilted by his sweetheart.

AMERICAN SAILORS ARRIVE AT CEIBA, HONDURAS

By Associated Press.

Ceiba, Honduras, Jan. 21, via Wireless to New Orleans, Jan. 23.—The 30 American bluejackets who landed here from the cruiser Tacoma to protect United States interests went immediately to the local consuls went immediately to the local consuls residence, barricaded it and left a sentry, following which, a like service was performed in the American quarter. The British seamen, who landed shortly after the men from the Tacoma, meantime were engaged in similar work for the British consul and those looking to the British flag for protection. Most of these houses and places of business are in the district set apart as a neutral zone several days ago at the demand of Commander Davis of the Tacoma and the American consul. After these details were looked after the bluejackets built barricades at the ends of streets in the district and today are standing guard with machine guns ready for action.

No direct word has been received as to the rebels since they were reported to have been mobilizing at Neuva Armenia, 28 miles east of here. It is now asserted that the seizure of the gunboat Hornet by the United States will seriously affect Gen. Bonilla's plan for the capture of Ceiba and the march on Puerto Cortez, which is said to be the objective of the campaign.

LUKE LEE CHOSEN SENATOR FROM TENNESSEE

By Associated Press.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 23.—Luke Lea, publisher and lawyer of Nashville, was elected today to the United States senate to succeed James B. Frazier by a joint convention of the Tennessee assembly. He received 68 votes, 66 being necessary to elect.

This was the first time in this fight Mr. Lea had been a prominent candidate, his name being placed in nomination after B. A. Enloe, who had received most of the fusion support, had withdrawn.

Mr. Lea got practically the solid fusionist vote, that of Brown, the republican who has heretofore refused to vote for either of the leaders, and enough other republicans to elect him. Efforts to have the election made unanimous were futile, McMillin supporters who gave their man 48 on the last ballot, refusing to change.

One hour before the ballot Lead had not decided on entering the race. At 11 o'clock the fusionists held a conference and decided to stand solid one one man, but did not decide on who he would be.

Undecided, the conference adjourned to meet thirty minutes later and Enloe was dropped when Lea said he would run. Lea previously said he would not enter unless sure of enough votes to win.

Political lines changed rapidly this morning. Consequently it was impossible to get near the doors of the house chamber when the convention met. Inside the legislators were almost crowded out of their seats.

When Enloe's withdrawal was announced and Lea nominated, T. D. Tyson, of Knoxville, was nominated. This, it was said, was to throw to him what regular votes Benton McMillin could not control to keep them away from Lea, who needed some regular votes to win. Tyson got but 11 votes, not enough to hurt Lea.

Great Fire in South Dakota.

By Associated Press.

Aberdeen, S. D., Jan. 23.—The division headquarters, local freight houses and passenger station of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, here were burned today. Loss $100,000.

News Man Secures Interview With Sibley And Masters

Two Men Now in Jail Talk—Are Charged With Using Mails to Promote a Fake Development Scheme at Albermarle.

Both Deny Their Guilt—Ex-Governor Aycock and Other Able Consel Retained to Defend Them — Much Interest in Coming Trial.

Thomas H. Sibley, a native of Anson county, this state, but of late years a citizen of Stanly county, and J. C. Masters, native Tennesseean and promoter of enterprises of a different nature, are in the Mecklenburg county jail, awaiting indictment charging them with the fraudulent use of the United States mails in that they circulated mail matter that in itself told of an alleged fraudulent development company.

To a reporter of The News the men accorded an interview this morning. Each denies his guilt. Masters, who succeeded Dr. W. C. Irwin, of Ealem, Ill., as the head officer of the Albemarle Development Company, preferred not to discuss the status of the company. Sibley said his connections with Masters and the company were those of a stockholder.

The arrest of the men in Jackson, Miss., was the result of an exhaustive investigation of postoffice inspectors, and it is said by men who have been so diligently at work on the case that other arrests will follow. In default of bail in the sum of $5,000 each, Masters and Sibley are being held. They will appear before the federal court for the western district of North Carolina.

"We have employed ex-Governor Aycock, of Raleigh, and Mr. R. E. Austin, of Albemarle, to represent us in court," said Masters from behind prison bars, this morning.

Continuing, he said: "I am a native of Tennessee, but of recent years have been all over the United States. I traveled for several insurance companies. We have started work developing the land we have in Albemarle and every certificate sold entitles the purchaser to an equal division in the distribution of the property when the enterprise is completed."

Asked specifically about the wording of the certificate, Masters repeated several times the exact words: "The distribution of the property when the enterprise is completed."

"What is the capital stock of the Albemarle Development Company of which you say you are the secretary-treasurer?" Masters was asked.

"The public is not interested in that and has nothing to do with it," was the reply. "We are charged with using the mails to defraud and we are

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STATE CLOSES CASE IN THE SCHENK TRIAL

By Associated Press.

Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 23.—Prosecutor Handlan, soon after the opening of today's session of the trial, announced that the state had closed its side in the case of Mrs. Laura Farnsworth Schenk, charged with attempting to poison her husband, John O. Schenk.

Interest increases as the trial nears the close. Women did not take as final the word of Judge Jordan, delivered early last week, that they would not be admitted, and a number tried to enter the court room today. They were turned aside and the men behind them permitted to pass.

When the trial opened Prosecutor Handlan moved to strike from the record the testimony of Jane Hedges, who declared on the stand Saturday that Albert Schenk had told her he would "leave no stone unturned to get Laura Schenk out of the family."

The prosecutor declared that nothing whatever had been adduced connecting Albert Schenk with such a conspiracy.

Mr. Handlan also moved to strike out the testimony of Dr. Benjamin Morrison, who said Dr. J. W. Myers, an important witness against Mrs. Schenk, was a nemploye at the hospital conducted by Dr. T. M. Haskins, a brother-in-law of John O. Schenk. He declared Dr. Haskins was in no way connected with the alleged "conspiracy".

Judge Jordan sustained the motion and the state rested, calling no more witnesses in rebuttal, although forty had been summoned.

Judge Jordan adjourned court until 2 o'clock.

After the jury has been instructed in the afternoon the addresses will commence.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Fred Maurey will take up the most of the time until adjournment and will be followed by attorneys for the defense, while Prosecutor Handlan will close for the state.

The exclusion of the alleged conspiracy evidence by Judge Jordan was a severe blow to the defense as it leaves their case before the jury with nothing but the testimony of the experts. As a result of the judge's action the case was shortened by at least two days.

Would Probe Steel Trust.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Jan. 23.—Declaring that the "steel industry has passed from the hands of those who developed it into the hands of those practiced in the dubious acts by which the law is violated and the public exploited," Representative Stanley, of Kentucky, urged the rules committee of the House today to approve his resolution calling for an investigation of the so-called steel trust.

Scene in Bank.

By Associated Press.

London, Jan. 23.—A man, who after his arrest, was identified as a dangerous lunatic, created considerable excitement in the Bank of England today. The man's suspicious deportment about the paying teller's window led to his arrest, which was not accomplished without a scene. A heavy calibre revolver was found in his pocket.

At the police station the prisoner declared that he was a son of Queen Victoria and that he had called at the bank to withdraw a deposit which he had there.

NEGRO REPORTED BURNED AT STAKE

By Associated Press.

Augusta, Ga., Jan. 23.—It is reported here that the negro, Will Johnson, who shot and killed D. C. Humphrey, was burned at the stake near Avera by the mob which took him from the jail. It was said by members of the mob soon after he had been taken that he had escaped from them. The rumor is being investigated.

Census Bureau Issues Report On Cotton Ginned to Jan. 16

By Associated Press.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 23.—Cotton of the growth of 1910, ginned prior to January 16th, according to the report of the census bureau, issued at 10 o'clock this morning was 11,254,115 bales, counting round bales as half bales, compared with 9,784,592 in 1909; and 24,000,000 in 1908. The per cent of the crop ginned prior to January 16th was 97.2 while that of the last crop was 96.8.

Round bales included this year are 19,915 compared with 146,378 in 1909 and 232,510 in 1908.

Sea Island included was 86,411 bales, compared with 92,191 in 1909, and 90,237 in 1908.

By states the number of bales ginned were:

Alabama	1,174,651
Arkansas	746,247
Florida	64,770
Georgia	1,779,966
Louisiana	242,612
Mississippi	1,158,267
North Carolina	718,389
Oklahoma	906,186
South Carolina	1,178,895
Tennessee	297,610
Texas	2,912,244
All other states	74,278

The distribution of Sea Island cotton was:

Florida	28,782
Georgia	45,436
South Carolina	12,193

Corn is Not The Cause of Pellagra Says Illinois Commission-Interesting Facts

By Associated Press.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 23.—Report of Illinois pellagra commission:

Indian maize, or Indian corn, of the variety that Illinois grows and is feeding to the world is in no manner responsible for pellagra, according to the first report of the Illinois pellagra commission, which is in readiness for presentation to the legislature. The report contains the information that corn in none of its conditions is the cause of this disease.

Illinois is the first state in the Union to recognize the disease officially and to make official investigation of its origin.

The theory that the disease is carried by the Buffalo gnat or the black fly also is being investigated. Professor Forbes, state entomologist, reports the Buffalo fly plentiful in Illinois, but as his investigations are not complete, the pellagra commission has no report to make now on this phase of the work.

In Illinois pellagra now claims about 300 known victims in Roumania, with practically the same population as Illinois, there are 40,000 cases.

Not being considered contagious, it has not been made a reportable disease in any state. Dr. Zeller has official estimates from the boards of health of 37 states in which they acknowledge the presence of at least 7,000 well defined known cases. North Carolina reports 2,000; Georgia, 2,000; Mississippi, 300; Virginia, 400.

The mortality is estimated at 50 per cent.

Would Ascertain if American Tobacco Company Is Breaking Law--Other Bills

Special to The News.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 23.—The senate in a brief session today disposed of local measures and passed a resolution by Senator Brown for a special committee of five to investigate the Mattamuskeet and other unfinished railroads as to conditions complained of in the report of the state board of internal improvements.

Senator Graham, in withdrawing his bill requiring the Southern Railway to put on additional trains between Raleigh and Greensboro (already done) made a caustic speech claiming the credit for the new train. The corporation commission is also claiming credit and he says it is not entitled to it.

In the house, Mr. Ewart introduced a resolution for a legislative commission of five to investigate the charges that the American Tobacco Company is openly violating the anti-trust law in this state and report to the house.

He insists that resolution go to the committee on propositions and grievances, however, the majority sent it on motion of Ray, of Macon to judiciary No. 1.

Battle, of Wake, introduced a bill to make the age limit of children working in factories 14 years. The state commisioner of labor and printing to have power personally or by deputy to inspect conditions in factories.