

Wonderful Polk County. "The Land of The Sky", Offers Unusual Opportunities for Home Seekers. Mountain Spring Water. Magnificent Scenery.

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**SALUBRIOUS SALUDA**

If I were asked, why would you go to Saluda to spend the summer, I would reply: Saludas salubrious climate. On the mountain tops at an altitude of 2,250 feet, at its lowest point, makes the air exhilarating and pure. The days never get excessively hot and the nights are always cool.

Next of importance is the pure, sparkling, mountain spring water, coming from an uncontaminated source from Judds Peak, by gravity pressure. Saludas sewer system is adequate and the health officers are vigilant in carrying out the city's stringent laws. Not a case of typhoid fever, last summer nor local malarial. Mosquitoes are seldom seen and flies are few, thanks to the efficient health authorities.

The new electric light system, being installed at a great cost to the city, will be completed at an early date, making another drawing card.

The simple life can be lived here. The homes, hotels and boarding houses are tucked away in virgin forests, making enchanting surroundings for an ideal vacation, close to nature.

The seven miles of concrete pavements and the good roads, makes it pleasant to get around in Saluda in any weather.

The new highway from Saluda to Tryon, constructed through the mountains, following the Pacolet River, is one of the most beautiful scenic roads in the country. This highway is a part of a link that connects Saluda to Tryon, 12 miles away has enraptured world traveller.

The road was blasted through great granite boulders and most of the landscape natural abutments.

The scenery is magnificent. No other can do justice to Saluda's scenery. A little journey to Judds Peak, Piney Mountain, Blakes Peak, Packet Falls and many others in easy walking distance, is worth traveling miles to see. For a day, you can take a trip to Green River. Once that wonderful country, 1,000 feet lower than Saluda, where any fruit or vegetable can be grown where Green River, a swift mountain stream dashes over rocks and cliffs. This trip is full of surprises for the lover of the great outdoors. Books could be written about Saluda's scenery.

Saluda is at the top of the steepest grade west of the Rocky Mountains requiring an extra engine, known as the Helper, to help all trains up Saluda mountain.

The social side of Saluda life is in keeping with the general surroundings. There are no Great White Ways, or Peacock Alleys, but enough is going on to drive you away. Dances, with excellent music, results and the larger hotel have their special social function. A three days Chautauqua will be held in the middle summer.

I cannot say something of the people who meet in Saluda. They are the most hospitable, kindly and helpful people you would care to meet. The visitors come from all parts of the country. People of culture and refinement, no ostentation. They come to Saluda for quiet and rest and they get it.

Saluda is well supplied with good grocery markets, soda fountains and excellent telephone system, connected with the Bell Long Distance. The Western Union Telegraph office is open day and night. The Southern Railway offers the tourist the best service. The Carolina Special, an luxurious train, from Cincinnati to Charleston, makes both stops at Saluda.

Two resident physicians and surgeons, a doctor of Mechano-Therapy and an infant and childrens sanitarium, in charge of a specialist in child and diseases, look after the health of visitors and residents.

Four churches and a public library contribute to the moral welfare of the community.

One of Saludas slogans is: People who come to Saluda come again. This is truthfully stated.

Saluda has innumerable hotels and boarding houses, furnished and unfurnished and places for rent. The surroundings, clean rooms, modern equipment, excellent fare and best of all, it does not cost a for-

## Hotel Directory

You will make no mistake in selecting one of these excellent places to spend your vacation in The Land of The Sky.

### The Carolina Home

MRS. W. C. ROBERTSON, Proprietress

Central location. Baths. Commercial rate \$2 per day. Weekly rate \$7 to \$8.

SALUDA, N. C.

### Fairview House

MRS. H. B. LOCKE

SALUDA, N. C.

Modern conveniences. Fine location. Good table, fine water, near postoffice and library. No tubercular patients received. Terms: \$8 to \$10 per week. Special rates to parties.

### The Charles

MRS. J. W. LAMOTTE

Rates: Commercial \$2 per day. Weekly \$7 to \$10. Special Family Rates. No consumptives taken.

SALUDA, N. C.

### The Pines

MRS. M. E. LEONARD, Proprietress

Hot and cold bath. Central location. Rates: \$7 and up. Special rates by the month and to families.

SALUDA, N. C.

### Iona Lodge

MRS. S. S. OEHLER, Proprietress

Located in Saluda, near Pley Mountain. Fine water and scenery. Modern house. Rates: \$7 and up. Special rates to families.

SALUDA, N. C.

### The Esseola

MRS. J. K. CAMPBELL

Fine view. Lush Water. Conveniently located. Rates: \$8.50 to \$10 per week.

SALUDA, N. C.

### Poplar Glenn

MRS. F. C. HAMILTON

SALUDA, N. C.

Large outside rooms. Hot and cold baths. Delightful breeze. Mountain spring water.

Rates on application.

### Melrose Inn

A quiet and delightful family hotel.

Modern. Rates upon application.

SALUDA, N. C.

### Reprieve Granted Charles Becker

Albany, N. Y.—Governor Whitman granted Charles Becker, the former police lieutenant under sentence of death a reprieve until July 26. The governor said he would take no further action in the case than the granting of the reprieve. This means that if the United States supreme court does not interfere Becker will have to die.

Becker's execution originally was set for the week beginning July 1 and it was believed July was the day selected.

### Fat Trade

"Jim's doesn't look like a literary man. But he says he makes his living by his pen." "So he does. He raises pigs."—Baltimore American

tune to pay the bill. A directory of hotels will be found in The News and you may bank on it that any one of them will treat you right. Come to Saluda and you will come again.

## J. P. MORGAN



J. P. Morgan, who was shot but not seriously wounded by Frank Holt, a former student and instructor at Cornell University. Assailant gives effort to stop export of munitions of war as cause of attack. Mr. Morgan is now out of danger and resting well.

## BAD AFFAIRS IN MEXICO

FAMINE AND ANARCHY IN CONTROL—FURTHER NEWS FROM BRAZILIAN MINISTER.

Carranza Has Held Up Cable Messages To This Country—Zapata Still Holds Capital.

Washington.—With unparalleled conditions of famine and anarchy in Mexico City threatening the safety of foreigners, officials of the United States are giving serious consideration to relief measures.

Long dispatches by couriers to Vera Cruz from the Brazilian minister at Mexico City were before Secretary Lansing here and President Wilson at Cornish, N. H. who may authorize an effort to obtain the consent of General Carranza to send supplies into the old capital through neutral agencies.

The diplomatic corps in Mexico City is counted on to provide for the removal of foreigners from the fighting zone.

"Only the opening of the railroad from Mexico City to Vera Cruz," said one of the Brazilian minister's messages, "can bring relief to the situation." The dispatches, the first the department had received in nearly two weeks from the Mexican capital revealed that while the cable from the city is not cut, Carranza authorities refuse to permit messages to pass. It is understood that the United States will inquire of Carranza to learn the responsibility for stopping of diplomatic communications.

While it appeared that the Zapata forces still controlled the capital fighting was continuing in the outskirts. The political situation in Mexico, it generally is believed, depends on the course of military operations. Continued Zapata successes in opposing the entry of Carranza's troops into the capital has deadlocked operations in the south, while in the vicinity of Aguas Calientes General Villa claims to have retaken Lagoas and defeated General Hill, who succeeded Obregon in active command of the Carranza forces.

Efforts to restore peace wait to some extent upon the return here of President Wilson, although the outcome of the military situation in the next few weeks will have an important bearing on the problem.

## Deficit Over Thirty-Five Millions.

Washington.—The second business year of the present administration which has just closed shows a \$35,864,381 deficit compared with a surplus for the year ending June 30, 1914 of \$34,418,677. Official explanations will not be issued until the figures for the year are analyzed by Secretary McAdoo but on the face of the records it is apparent that receipts were much smaller, an enormous reduction in customs revenues resulting from the war, and that disbursements were much greater. Notwithstanding the deficit on the year's business the treasury now has an actual net balance of \$82,025,716.

## Teutonic Forces Still Gain.

London.—The Austro-German drive northward into Poland from Galicia is gaining momentum and England is puzzled as to whether the German purpose is to make this the main effort or to continue a concentrated offensive to force the Russians from the south-east tip of Galicia. Whatever the ultimate object is, fighting along Galla Lipa River has not abated and Berlin not only records progress here, but also farther north in the arc bound Lemberg and along what has become the northern front.

## PRESS CONVENTION HELD AT MONTREAT

JAMES H. COWAN OF WILMINGTON DISPATCH IS ELECTED HEAD OF N. C. ASSOCIATION

## PALMETTO EDITORS PRESENT

Joint Session Endorses Wilson.—Monument for J. P. Caldwell.—Trip to Top of Mt. Mitchell.

Montreat.—The North Carolina Press Association held its annual convention here with an unusually large attendance and the program was more than of ordinary interest. Dr. R. C. Anderson, President of the Montreat Association welcomed the editors and Archibald Johnson, editor of Charity and Children responded. Dr. Anderson and his charming wife and the Montreat people as a whole did all that was possible to make the sojourn of the editors a pleasant one.

The feature of the first session was the address by President Hammer of the Asheville Courier, who emphasized the importance of training in the journalistic world before being allowed to work in the field. Truth he said should be the motto of every paper and less in quantity and more in quality. The freedom of the press should be highly and jealously prized, and not abused.

The morning session of the second day was devoted to practical discussions on newspaper editing and management. Archibald Johnson, editor of Charity and Children, discussed "The Importance of the Editorial Page." James H. Cowan, editor of The Wilmington Dispatch, made a hit with his speech, "The Fellow on the Outside Looking In." Other speakers were: R. F. Beasley, of The Monroe Journal; H. C. Martin, of The Lenoir News; J. H. Hurley, of The Salisbury Post; James W. Atkins, of The Gastonia Gazette, and S. T. Meares, of The Bladen Journal.

The afternoon session was featured by the address of Superintendent Joyner, who discussed "The Public Press and Public Education." In the historian's paper B. H. DePriest, of Shelby, discussed "Veteran Personalities of North Carolina Journalism."

At this time the association passed resolutions pledging its support for a monument for Joseph Pearson Caldwell.

The South Carolina editors having arrived, they were welcomed by President Hammer, Cowan of The News and Courier responded to their behalf, and then, with the hearty approval of the editors of the neighboring state, resolution endorsing Wilson were passed.

The following officers for the ensuing year were elected: President, James H. Cowan, Wilmington; first vice president, E. E. Britton, Raleigh; second vice president, Sanford Martin, Winston-Salem; third vice president, W. B. Harker Maxton; secretary-treasurer, W. B. Sherrill, Concord; historian, W. B. Thompson, Chapel Hill; executive committee, James H. Cowan, Wilmington, chairman; J. B. Sherrill, Concord, Sec'y; Jas. H. Caine, Asheville; H. A. London, Pittsboro; R. N. Clark, Statesville; H. B. Varner, Lexington; J. Lassiter Smithfield, orator, Isaac London, Siler City; Poet, William Laurie Hill, of Raleigh.

Preceding the delivery of the annual oration by Editor Sanford Martin of The Winston-Salem Journal, Miss Mae Lucille Smith, editor of "Skyland" read a paper entitled "Made in North Carolina." Miss Susan Ideo of The Raleigh Times, discussed "Woman's Place in Journalism." The reading of the annual poem by William Laurie Hill and a musicale by Mrs. I. Adams completed the program.

The whole of the last day was devoted to a trip up to the top of Mount Mitchell over the Perley-Crochee railroad which runs within one mile of the summit. Ninety-three of those attending the convention made this trip which includes some of the grandest scenery in the world.

Moving pictures were made of the mountain trip.

**Baptist Missionary Conference Opens Ridgecrest.**—The Southern Baptist Missionary Conference opened here. The opening sermon being preached by Rev. Charles H. Durham of Winston-Salem. The conference will hold daily sessions until July 14 and will be addressed by some of the leading Baptist ministers and missionary workers of the South. Among the speakers will be Dr. J. T. Henderson of Chattanooga, Tenn., secretary of the laymen's missionary movement, and Rev. J. M. Justice, president of the Theological Training School, Buenos Aires.

## CAPT. JOHN HOOD



Captain Hood, who for some time was detailed at Washington as a member of the general board of the navy, has been made commander of the battleship Texas to succeed Captain Grant. He is one of the most popular officers in the navy.

## PORFIRIO DIAZ IS DEAD

FORMER PRESIDENT OF MEXICO DIED FROM A COMPLICATION OF DISEASES.

Had Been Sick For Three Weeks. Wife and Son With Him Daughters Are in Mexico.

Paris.—Genl. Porfirio Diaz, former president of Mexico, died here. General Diaz's wife, Senora Carmen Romero Rubias and their son Porfirio Diaz, Jr., and the latter's wife were by his side when the end came.

General Diaz began to fall rapidly about three weeks ago and while his death was not unexpected, owing to his advanced age and recent falling health the crisis came suddenly. Porfirio Diaz, Jr., and his wife were hastily summoned and arrived at the bedside only a few minutes before the end.

Colonel Diaz, in announcing the death of his father, said that he was unable to state the nature of the malady, but expressed the opinion that a complication of diseases due to advanced age was the cause.

Two tragic circumstances marked the death of the exiled ruler. Owing to the troubled state in Mexico it has been judged impossible to send the body home with all the ceremony which would have befitted one of the figures of Mexican history, and further, Col. Porfirio Diaz, Jr., has tried in vain to inform his sisters, Senora Ignacio de La Torre and Senora Rincon Gallardo, now in Mexico, of their father's death.

No less tragic, perhaps, is the fact that not one of those whom General Diaz raised up as his assistants in governing Mexico and who prospered and grew rich in the shadow of his greatness were with him when he died. Jose Yves de La Mentour, former Mexican minister of Finance, is in London; Francisco de la Barra, former provisional president of Mexico and holder of other important positions and Guillermo de Landa, former governor of the federal district in Mexico, are in Biarritz, France.

## Will Protest Over Misuse of U. S. Flag

Washington.—Representations concerning the misuse of American flags by British merchantmen will be included in the general note which the United States intends soon to send to Great Britain covering restraints of American commerce in connection with the so-called blockade. Secretary Lansing disclosed that the investigation being conducted by the United States government into cases of alleged misuse of the American flag to deceive German submarine commanders had not yet been completed but that evidence in specific cases probably would be called squarely to the attention of Great Britain while the general subject would be included in the new note.

## Greece Would Claim Part of Albania

Rome, via Paris.—A Tribune dispatch from Antivari, Montenegro, says two large Greek bands are advancing toward Berat, occupying villages along the way.

This dispatch is the first indication that Greece intends to claim a section of Albania. Albania was established after the Balkan wars and borders on that part of Greece which was awarded her after the defeat of Turkey. Albania already has been invaded by Serbian and Montenegrin troops while Italian forces have been stationed there for some time.

## BERLIN PRESENTS OUTLINE OF NOTE

PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS REGARDING NATURE OF GERMAN REPLY.

## WANT TO AGREE WITH U. S.

Germany is Anxious to Draft Reply So That America Will Be Satisfied. Note Soon.

Berlin, via London.—It is learned that a preliminary exchange of views is proceeding between the United States and Germany regarding the nature of the forthcoming German reply to the American note respecting submarine warfare and the Lusitania incident.

This is responsible for delay in the delivery of the German note, transmission of which to the American government was expected at once.

Efforts of the diplomats on both sides are directed toward evolving a formula for a note acceptable both to Germany and the United States and it is believed the note will have a reasonable chance of furnishing a basis for a satisfactory settlement of the submarine problem.

In consonance with the plan, the German Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Dr. Alfred Zimmerman, and the American Ambassador, James W. Gerard, conferred recently when the nature of the draft of the note as elaborated in the German conferences was outlined to the Ambassador and discussed. It is understood that Mr. Gerard has informed the State Department fully as to the outline of the note and instructions from the United States are awaited before further steps are taken. The greatest reserve is being maintained by both sides in the interval.

## HOLT WILL TELL ALL.

Crank Who Shot Morgan Will Explain Recent Event of His Life. Glen Cove, N. Y.—Frank Holt, the university professor who shot J. P. Morgan, declared that when arraigned he would tell the whole story of his life particularly his movements leading up to the placing of a bomb in the United States Capitol at Washington and his attempted assassination of Mr. Morgan. He will reveal also, he said, where he bought the dynamite found on him.

Mr. Morgan spent a restful day and members of his family and friends were very much cheered by his general favorable condition. Mr. Morgan received W. H. Porter, a business associate, and Police Commissioner Arthur Woods, an old friend of the family. Later the two callers said Mr. Morgan appeared in the best of spirits.

The favorable turn in Mr. Morgan's condition was in marked contrast to that of Holt, the financier's assailant. Holt's condition became so grave that late in the day orders were given that he was not to be disturbed.

## How Morgan Firm Helped Allies.

New York.—In explanation of the part J. P. Morgan & Co. has taken in the furnishing of war munitions and supplies for the European nations at war, it was stated authoritatively here that the firm had handled more than \$500,000,000 worth of contracts for the account of foreign governments since the war began.

Of this amount about \$400,000,000 worth has been purchased for the British since the Morgan firm was appointed agents for Great Britain in this country, and \$50,000,000 worth for the French contracted for within the last month. The Morgan firm having been appointed by the French government to act in the same capacity as it does for the British government.

## German Submarine Raised.

Amsterdam, via London.—The German submarine U-39, sunk off the mouth of the Ems through an attack, has been raised and only one man of the crew, who for 36 hours were on the sea bottom, is dead, according to dispatches to The Telegraaf.

## Threaten Marshall's Life.

St. Louis.—Thomas R. Marshall, vice president of the United States, in a statement to newspaper reporters said he had been threatened with death in more than a dozen anonymous letters which he had received.

The vice president said the threats came to him while he was in Washington. He added that as he was more or less a fatalist, he did not notify the secret service department. He said he had no fear of death, but that he was startled when he learned of the explosion at the capital.