

ARRESTED AT LUMBERTON

Two Young White Men Charged with Attempted Assault of Prominent Young Ladies.

(By Telephone to the Morning Star.) Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 24.—Chief of Police H. H. Redfern this evening arrested Austin DeCoach, aged 21, and Roy Hayes, aged 16, charged with attempting assault of two prominent young ladies on the street here Saturday night. They are in jail, to await a hearing.

The Lumberton Robesonian, of Monday carried the following story of the attempted assault: There was quite a bit of excitement in town for a while Saturday evening about 9 o'clock when the news went out that some unknown man had attempted to assault Miss Lillie and Bertha Barker, daughters of Mr. W. F. Barker, while en route from Mr. Q. T. Williams' home on Tenth street, to their home on Elm street.

They were walking the sidewalk in front of Mr. J. Q. Esaw's residence, Tenth street, when an unknown white man stepped from behind a tree and caught Miss Bertha by the throat. She pushed the man loose and both of them ran toward the house of Mr. Alf. H. McLeod, corner of Tenth and Elm. The ladies were very much frightened and as soon as they could explain the trouble to Mr. McLeod he grabbed his pistol and ran out in search of the man.

Chief of Police H. H. Redfern and Sheriff R. T. Lewis were notified at once and a diligent search was made for the unknown party, but as yet no one has been arrested. The ladies say they saw only one man, but it is thought that the second man was nearby. Neither one of the ladies was hurt, but both of them were very much frightened.

McADOO IS PRESIDENT.

Absence of Other Officials Leaves Him Manking Officer. Washington, Dec. 24.—Secretary McAdoo will be acting President of the United States tomorrow in the absence of President Wilson, Vice President Marshall, and Secretary Bryan, he becomes the ranking official left in Washington for Christmas day.

Speaker Clark, after having Christmas dinner with his family, will leave for a lecture tour in New England which will continue until Congress re-assembles on January 12th. Secretary Bryan is at his winter home in Florida. Secretary Garrison will spend a few days in New Jersey. Secretary Daniels will dine in Washington, but will later go to Raleigh, N. C. All other cabinet officers will dine at their homes.

CONFERS WITH HENNESSY.

Whitman Dispatches Officers for Up-State Witnesses. New York, Dec. 24.—District Attorney Whitman had conference today with John A. Hennessy, ex-Governor Sulzer's former graft investigator and an inspector of highways, whose identity could not be learned. Mr. Hennessy had hardly left the building before subpoena servers were on their way to various cities upstate.

INDIAN BALL PLAYER DEAD.

Won Fame as Professional Baseball Player—Dropped Dead. Bangor, Me., Dec. 24.—Louis Sockalexis, a Penobscot Indian, who won fame as a ball player, dropped dead of heart disease, while engaged in logging operations at Burlington today. Sockalexis was born 41 years ago. His paternal grandfather was governor of the Penobscots. Louis was an uncle of Andrew Sockalexis, the Marathon runner. Like his nephew, Louis Sockalexis was a natural athlete and could run 100 yards in ten seconds when at his best. He became known as a baseball player in 1895-96, when he played center field on the Holy Cross team. In 1897 he was an outfielder for the Cleveland Americans. Afterwards he played on teams in the minor leagues of New England.

NEW COMET VISIBLE.

To Natural Eye Before Long in This Country. Washington, Dec. 24.—Delavan's comet, the latest stranger in the sky to come within the range of the telescopes of expert star gazers, may be visible to the naked eye soon. The comet is drawing nearer the earth, although up to last night it was not to be seen by a less powerful glass than the five-inch finder of the great telescope at the naval observatory here.

The comet was discovered by Paul T. Delavan, of the Argentine naval observatory at LaPlata. It was first observed in this country by Prof. Asaph Hall, U. S. N., at the naval observatory Thursday night, December 18th.

Big Parcel Post Business.

From December 18th until last night, a period of one week, there were sent from the Wilmington post-office 1,066 large canvas bags of parcel post packages. This is an average of over 150 a day, which will give some idea of the immense amount of mail matter of this nature dispatched by the local office during the holiday season. When it is remembered that this is the first Christmas that the parcel post has been in use it can be readily seen that it is becoming very popular with its patrons. It has been handled with quickness and dispatch and last night there was not a single package that had been left over for any reason. It was handled with a systematic ease that was indeed remarkable, and Postmaster Green deserves the greatest credit for the splendid success that he has achieved.

Young People Married.

Mr. Frederick Thomas Southard and Miss Mary W. A. Rexford were happily married yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, at Trinity Methodist church parsonage, the ceremony being performed by Rev. W. A. Rexford. Both young people are from this city and have many friends who will extend hearty congratulations.

Elaborate and the largest and finest assortment of Christmas candles ever shown in Wilmington. Warren's, Front and Market.—Advertisement.

REBEL SOLDIERS

(Continued from Page One.) generals, Orozco and Roja, are captured, they are to be shot as traitors. Loaded in six trains with large supplies of ammunition the Ojinaga expedition left here, purposing to travel by train as far as Hermigas and thence to march overland to Ojinaga.

The bottling up of the Federals in Torreon, 200 miles south of here, the occupation by the rebels of part of the city and the rebel capture of Lardo and Gomez Palacio, important adjoining towns, were confirmed in reports received today. General Monclovia Harrara, however, was not wounded, as had been reported.

The rebel despatches said General Herrera now had Torreon practically controlled with little loss of life and that he would await further reinforcements before attempting a rout of the federals under General Valasco. The Federal telegraph to Monterey and Saltillo was cut and should General Valasco be taken eastward it was said he would have no alternative but a desperate retreat.

Despite General Villa's statement to the United States government that he is not detaining wives and children of men who have left the country, it is known that he has denied them facilities to leave. The demand for trains for military purposes was given as a reason for not providing means to transport the Mexican families who wish to leave.

One million pesos in rebel money has been issued under the seal of the State of Chihuahua. This greatly relieves the financial situation. Americans Notified.—United States Army officers today received word of the rebel advance toward Ojinaga opposite here. It is believed that the Mexican federals if driven hard will attempt to cross into the United States, rather than fall into the hands of the rebels.

Torreon Re-captured. Juarez, Mex., Dec. 24.—Torreon has been re-captured by the rebels, according to reports brought here today by couriers. The advices said heavy fighting, in which 12,000 men engaged, preceded the fall of the Federal stronghold. There was great loss of life, and Gen. Monclovia Herrera, rebel commander in chief, was killed.

Rebel authorities here said the report was not official, but they were inclined to believe it. An attack on Torreon, they said, would have been in line with the insurgent plan of campaign. The Federal garrison of 6,000 was said to be fleeing toward Saltillo. Their commander is Gen. Welasco.

Torreon is a center for railroads running from the border south, and from Monterey. Churches deprived of their priests and the ringing of bells cracked by cannon balls, will mark a war-time Christmas in Northern Mexico. With their arms and artillery fixed for a possible battle, the rebels as part of their religious observances, will have Christmas in a meagre way throughout their lines from Juarez to Chihuahua City.

The cathedral, the church and the convent at Chihuahua are emptied of their priests and the usually conducted Christmas services there, but who were forced to flee by Gen. Villa's decree expelling the Spaniards. In local Mexican churches officials will conduct services, while from the bell towers of the cathedral will ring one of the bells cracked by cannon balls. In Juarez masses are to be held by the priests in their little 17th century church of the Spanish mission type. The portals and tower of the building are scarred by bullets.

News from Washington. Washington, Dec. 24.—With any impending danger to life or property of foreigners on the coasts of Mexico well guarded against by United States warships and with the Huasteca government apparently growing weaker and weaker as its financial condition becomes acute, President Wilson expressed satisfaction with the operation of the American Mexican policy before leaving for his Christmas holiday.

Arrangements were made by the President with the State Department to keep him informed at Pass Christian of any unusual developments in Mexico. Few dispatches were received by the State Department today, nothing official having been heard by the reported re-capture of Torreon by the rebels, news of which came from Juarez.

Relief orders from the Navy Department today relating to battleships in Mexican waters made no change in the number of warships to remain in the Gulf of Mexico. The Michigan will be relieved by the Minnesota and the New Jersey by the Georgia.

The Minnesota will leave Philadelphia for Mexican waters on January 2nd. On the same day the Georgia will sail from Boston. The New Hampshire and Louisiana relieved by the Connecticut and Kansas will reach Vera Cruz yesterday, will sail to Norfolk.

Fletcher to Vera Cruz. Rear Admiral Fletcher returned to Vera Cruz today aboard the United States battleship Rhode Island. John Lind, President Wilson's envoy, and the American consul, W. C. Canada, will join him for Christmas dinner on the flagship.

Rear Admiral Sir Christopher Cradock in command of the British warships, and a party of British officers, left this morning ostensibly on a hunting trip in the neighborhood of Jalapa.

MONUMENT TO CUNNINGHAM.

Was Editor of the Confederate Veteran at Nashville. Louisville, Ky., Dec. 24.—A movement looking to the erection of a monument to the memory of Col. Sumner A. Cunningham, who died recently in Nashville, Tenn., was inaugurated here today at a meeting of Confederate veterans held in the office of the editor of the Confederate Veteran. It is proposed that Southard be the unit in raising a fund for the purpose, no subscription to be more than \$5. The memorial would be known as the "People's Monument," and would be an acknowledgment of the sacrifice of the people of the South of the efforts of Col. Cunningham as editor of the Confederate Veteran to perpetuate the story of the courage of the Confederate soldier and the heroism of the Confederacy's women.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Secretaries Daniels and Garrison found on their desks today Christmas gifts from Andrew Carnegie. A recently published cartoon satirizing war, with a plea for international peace, was the ironmaster's remembrance to the heads of the two departments of National defense.

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STILL AFTER DESPERADO.

Deputies Have Cold Day of it in Snow. Longham, Utah, Dec. 24.—Deep in snow on the narrow shelves of the canyon wall toe posse seeking Ralph Lopez, slayer of six men, spent a cold Christmas eve guarding the tunnel mouth of the Utha-Apex mine.

Discovered today of the existence of an old incline leading from the upper to the lower working through which the desperado may have escaped, added discouragement to their discomfort. It is probably that the mine will be opened and searched on Friday.

ARREST EX-CONVICTS.

Detectives Find Full Printing Plant for Counterfeiting. Chicago, Dec. 24.—Government detectives today arrested here two ex-convicts and took possession of a full outfit for printing counterfeit five and ten dollar bills. The men are Edward Wescott and Otto Allen.

The printing outfit was set up in a flat. More than 4,000 counterfeit bills were printed and stacked up behind the counterfeiter's press.

Why Number is Repeated.

Why does the telephone operator always repeat the number called for by a subscriber? This question probably has occurred to nearly every one, and the answer is given in The New York Telephone Review. The reason is that the "calling party" may have an opportunity to correct the operator if she makes an error. The operators, however, are trained to expect some kind of an answer. Their attention being keyed up to receive a possible correction in case they make a mistake, it would be of great assistance if they were given a polite "thank you" or some other affirmative answer in case they repeat the number correctly.

Origin of Steeplechasing.

The Grand National, though the chief event of the steeplechasing world, was not established until 1839, because the steeplechase is a late development of horse racing introduced about a century ago from Ireland. It was originally, as the name implies, a cross-country contest between hunting men, who made some distant church steeple their winning post. The earliest recorded match of the kind was run in 1752, from Buttevant church to the spire of St. Leger church, in county Cork. But what is considered "the first regular steeplechase" followed the festivity of an Irish hunt dinner in 1808.—Westminster Gazette.

We wish you a Merry Christmas. Haars. (advertisement)

TORTURED BY UGLY ITCHING ERUPTION

Doctor Recommended Resinol. Half of a 50c Jar Cured It.

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 5, 1912.—"My little daughter was taken with a very small spot on the back of her hand. It grew larger and caused her more trouble. When she would scratch it, it would bleed and get very ugly looking, so I doctored it myself for about a year, and at last it broke out on both knees, and when she would go to bed she would scratch, and was so tortured and suffered so from the itching, that I got her to our doctor, who recommended Resinol Ointment and Resinol Ointment.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER.—In the Superior Court of the County of New Hanover, M. W. Divine, M. J. Corbett and C. C. Chubb, vs. Carter's Creek Fish Guano Company.—Advertisement. Whereas, at the October Term, A. D. 1913, of the Superior Court of New Hanover County, in a cause pending wherein M. W. Divine, M. J. Corbett and C. C. Chubb were plaintiffs and Carter's Creek Fish Guano Company, defendants, a judgment or decree was entered in said cause, appointing the undersigned Commissioner, and in and by said decree the undersigned, as Commissioner, was authorized and directed, after advertising the same for thirty days, to sell at public auction the following described property, to-wit: Six Hundred and 000 Shares of Capital Stock of the Ocean Fisheries Company and the indebtedness due by the Ocean Fisheries Company, amounting to the sum of Twenty-Six Thousand, One Hundred and Four and 30/100 (\$26,104.30) Dollars to the Carter's Creek Fish Guano Company, together with the rights of the Carter's Creek Fish Guano Company in the Ocean Fisheries Company, on said indebtedness.

Now therefore, in pursuance to the said decree, the undersigned Commissioner will, on Friday, the 30th day of December, A. D. 1913, at 12 o'clock M., on said day, at the Court House (door, open for sale by public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder, the above-described property. B. K. BRYAN, Commissioner. NOTICE. \$25.00 reward will be paid for information to convict any person or corporation who sets fire that burns any of my lands in this or any other county 120 N. Water Street, Wilmington, N. C. D. L. GORE, in this State.