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PRESIDENT WILSON MEETS MEXICAN COMMISSIONERS.

Three Commissioners Representing Carranza Visit the President on the Mayflower and He Returns Visit to Get in Personal Touch With Matters Being Discussed.

New London, Conn., Dispatch, 12th.

President Wilson lent his personal touch today to aid the efforts of the American-Mexican joint commission seeking a permanent foundation of sympathy and understanding upon which may rest the future relations of the United States and Mexico. Putting aside for one hour his own cares and his vigil at the bedside of his father, who is dying here, Mr. Wilson changed calls with General Carranza's representatives. It was the first time during his administration that the executive had dealt personally with a representative of the Mexican fact government, and the significance of this fact was not lost upon either of the Mexican or American commissioners.

Statement of Sympathy.

For the first time, also, representatives of General Carranza received directly from the man in whose hands perhaps lies the fate of their country a statement of sympathy with the aims of the revolution which has torn Mexico.

The regeneration of the stricken nation must come from within, Mr. Wilson said, and, in answer for his colleagues and himself, Luis Cabrera, Carranza's minister of finance and chairman of the Mexican delegation, asserted that his country was struggling toward the light of free and democratic government.

Mr. Wilson laid great stress it was placed on the point as to the present reference upon which both Secretary Lansing and Secretary Lane centered their remarks at the first meeting of the commissioners in New York—the protection of American lives and property in Mexico.

The president said he hoped the commission would be successful in finding a solution for its problems which would insure the security of Americans, not only along the border, but in any part of Mexico.

The meeting was arranged when the president arrived yesterday. A message of sympathy from Mr. Cabrera and his associates was carried to Mr. Wilson by Secretary Laane, chairman of the American commission. The message contained the hope also that the Mexican representatives might give their respects to the president in person before they returned home. The executive signified his wish to meet the Mexican delegation at once. Accompanied by the three American delegates the Mexican party was taken to the Mayflower. The visitors were received with full naval honors except that the salute was omitted. A brief exchange of greetings took place in the president's salon, Secretary Lane introducing his Mexican conferees.

Within fifteen minutes after the Mexican commissioners had returned to the hotel where the conferences are being held, the president's barge conveyed the executive from the Mayflower on a return visit. At the hotel he was met by Secretary Lane, Judge Gray and John R. Mott, the American commissioners, and escorted to a great sun parlor where the Mexican representatives awaited him. For an hour the president and the six commissioners chatted informally. The president went directly to the subject of the Mexican revolution. He said, he said, more familiar than his earlier perhaps realized with the fundamental principles of the struggle for the government in Mexico. He assured them of his deep sympathy with these aims, adding that right-thinking men all over the world must sympathize with such high aspirations. From the brief statement he made the Mexican commissioners realized that the president has kept in personal touch with all that is taking place behind the order.

Mr. Cabrera in his reply referred to the United States as leader of the movement for free government and as a tutor to whom Mexico must look for the type of government its people sought. Much had been done, he said, but much also remained to be accomplished before the aims of the revolutions could be achieved.

By more than a two-thirds vote the senate ratified the treaty by which the Danish West Indies for 25 million dollars.

REPUBLICAN VICTORY IN MAINE.

Complete Returns Give the State to Republicans by About 13,000.

Portland, Maine, Dispatch, 12th.

Practically complete returns from yesterday's election show no changes in the general result. The Republican victory was complete, scattering returns from outlying districts today showing the trend of the early forecasts. The total vote, approximately 150,000, was the largest ever cast in a State election. The figures have not been approached since 1880, when 12,802 were cast. In the last presidential year and two years ago it fell below 142,000. Returns from the border where the members of the second battalion of the second Maine infantry made a two days' march of sixty miles to exercise their franchise together with the returns from a few isolated towns, made the plurality of Carl F. Milliken, Republican, for governor, over Governor Oakley C. Curtis, Democrat, from the indicated figures of 13,000 last night to 13,800. Indicated pluralities for the other Republicans will have solid delegations in both branches of congress and will easily control both branches of the legislature.

Tarantula Kills Dog; Battle Causes Panic.

Pittsburgh Dispatch, 11th.

Springing from a bunch of bananas being unloaded from a fruit wagon in front of a store today, a tarantula, alighting on the sidewalk in the midst of a crowd waiting for a street car, engaged in combat with a stray dog and battled with the animal eleven minutes, finally killing it.

Men and women fought with each other in an effort to get away. Children were knocked down and forgotten in the rush.

The dog approached the tarantula and was immediately attacked. The dog tried to sink his teeth into the insect, but it eluded every lunge. Bitten in a dozen places, the dog finally fell dead. Clerks in a drug store captured the insect with a net.

Marion Man Wounds Five.

Virgil Butt, a white man, 35 years of age, shot and seriously wounded five persons at the home of Thomas Morris in Marion Sunday afternoon. The wounded are Lawrence Morris, Roland Morris, J. L. Biddix, Mrs. J. H. L. Miller and Mrs. Virgil Butt, the latter the wife of the assailant. After being wounded himself, Butt escaped with probably a hundred men on his trail. Butt, it is said, has been a heavy drinker and has been regarded as dangerous when drunk. He went to the home of Morris, where his wife was employed, shot her and then shot the others. He is reported to have come towards the Burke line and officers in this county have been on the lookout for him.

Concrete Road to Blowing Rock Resort.

L. P. Henkle and others are considering the proposition of building a concrete road from Lenoir 22 miles to Blowing Rock, to cost \$150,000. It is said that the promoters already have an offer to pay \$20,000 a year rent for the highway if it is built. Highway engineers have been called in and have been mapping out the proposed work. Nothing but automobiles and automobile trucks will be allowed on it and a toll of \$1 for traveling over the road may be charged.

Surprise Marriage.

A surprise marriage took place at the Methodist parsonage Tuesday evening when Mr. Oscar Gillam and Miss Ada Parks were married by Rev. E. E. Williamson. Mr. T. I. Gillam was best man. Miss Parks is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Parks and is a young woman of exceptional merit. Mr. Gillam, who is associated with his father in the grocery and meat business, has many sterling qualities. They will make their home for the present with the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Gillam.

W. A. Rhyne and Clarence Clapp motored to Morganton Sunday and visited Sam L. Rhyne at the hospital, finding him very much improved.—Newton Enterprise.

Henry Ford has sued the Chicago Tribune for a million dollars for calling him an anarchist.

MANNING BEATS BLEASE IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Present Governor is Re-Nominated by Majority of Over 4,000 Votes.

Columbia, S. C., Dispatch, 13th.

At 1 o'clock this morning, with something more than 133,000 votes tabulated, the re-nomination of Governor Richard I. Manning over Cole L. Blease was considered certain. Governor Manning's majority over Mr. Blease, counting the vote of the national guardsmen on the border, was 4,652, the vote being 68,926 to 64,274. There remains only eighty-four small precincts uncounted.

In the first primary held August 29 former Governor Blease ran some 24,000 votes ahead of Governor Manning but failed to get a majority in the race in which five candidates took part. Robert A. Cooper of Laurens polled a large vote in the first primary and tonight's returns indicated that the bulk of this went to Governor Manning in the second contest.

Cole Blease has been the stormy petrel of South Carolina. Serving two terms as governor of the State, he made an unenviable record by releasing practically all the convicts held in South Carolina penitentiaries. He became noted all over the country for his sensational remarks on various topics and through his refusal to comply with the terms of the federal militia law, almost succeeded in disbanding the South Carolina national guard.

At the conclusion of his second term as governor, Blease made the race for the United States senatorship against E. D. Smith, but was defeated. Many thought that this defeat would put a damper on future political ambitions of Mr. Blease, but when time for political announcements arrived last year, Blease stepped into the ring as a candidate for governor.

With only one daily paper in the State supporting him, the former governor made a spectacular race, leading the field in the first primary, and leading Governor Manning by something like 24,000 votes. South Carolina, shocked at this display of strength, rallied around the flag of Governor Manning and endorsed his record by renominating him for a second term.

Off to School.

Morganton will be well represented again this year at the different schools and colleges over the State. Many of the young people are leaving this week. Messrs. Nollie and Frank Patton have gone to Trinity; Robert Ross, Clarence Bolick, James Kirksey, Herman Kirksey, Ernest Mull, Sam Ervin, Joe Spainhour, Joseph Ervin, Earl Spencer and Clarence Carter to the University, Chapel Hill; Guy Houk, to Emory and Henry, Emory, Va.; Vernon Davis to Trinity Park; Charles Ross to Georgia Tech.; Manly Whisenant, Christ School, Arden; Miss Elizabeth Anderson to Statesville Female College.; Misses Mary Kincaid, Ruth Houk, Laura Howard and Sadie Patton, State Normal, Greensboro, and Miss Elizabeth Walton, Deland University, Deland, Fla.

Shull-Lackey.

A marriage of much interest in this section occurred yesterday morning at the pretty country home of ex-Sheriff Jno. A. Lackey, when his youngest daughter, Miss Rosalie Lackey, was married to Mr. Ed Shull, of Elizabethton, Tenn. The ceremony, which took place at 10 o'clock, was performed by Rev. E. B. Troy. Only the immediate family of the bride and a nephew of the groom, Mr. Smith, of Elizabethton, were present to witness the marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Shull left on No. 11 for Pensacola to visit relatives of the groom. They will reside in Elizabethton, Tenn.

Linney Here the 25th.

With Bickett scheduled for a speech here the 20th, added interest is given the announcement which comes this week that his Republican opponent for the nomination for governor has a Morganton appointment for the 25th. These two speeches are being looked forward to with much interest and as both candidates are fine speakers their coming will no doubt put "pep" into the Burke campaign.

Rev. Dr. J. McK. Pittenger on Sunday celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his pastorate of the Church of the Good Shepherd (Episcopal) at Raleigh. He retires as active rector but has been made rector emeritus of the church.

NEWS FROM GLEN ALPINE.

Tragic Death of Young Erwin Pitts—Local Items From Glen Alpine and Old Fort.

Correspondence of The News-Herald.

A gloom was cast over the entire community when the news came by wire that E. L. Pitts, or Erwin, as we all called him, had been scalded to death on an engine near Biltmore. Erwin was a son of Mr. W. D. Pitts, not quite 23 years old. A young man of fine habits, liked by his friends and held in high esteem by the officials of the Southern Railroad, by whom he was employed. He had been married nearly six months. He was of a sunny, cheerful disposition. Faithful and affectionate to his friends, dutiful to his parents, he will be missed. He leaves a father and loving mother, sisters and brothers who will always while life lasts ever remember their son and brother. He was a member of the Glen Alpine Methodist church. He was buried at Glen Alpine Sunday evening. Exercises were conducted by his pastor, Rev. A. C. Swofford.

Rev. J. R. Williams held services with the Baptist church Sunday evening. After the sermon a conference was held and delegates appointed to the association at Oak Grove church the 2nd week in October. Messrs. J. M. Brinkley, A. W. Trexler and J. Wise will represent the church. The pastor expects to hold a protracted meeting with the church in the near future and hopes if nothing prevents to have Evangelist Dew of Ridgecrest to assist in the meeting.

The sidetracks of Glen Alpine and Bridgewater are filled with cars of every description of machinery for the Southern Power Co. when they can get the road completed across the river to the proposed dam site.

Mrs. Dolph Abernethy and children and Mrs. Sam Brinkley and children, from Ohio, are back home again.

Prof. M. S. Giles gave a reception last Friday night to the new corps of teachers and the high school scholars of last session. The Professor made a fine talk and promised all a better school for this session. Mr. N. O. Pitts and wife and Mr. A. W. Trexler and wife were also present. Refreshments were served.

Mr. O. B. Lackey, of the Southern, and wife and little Miss Margaret, left Old Fort on No. 12 Tuesday evening to be present at the marriage of Miss Rosa Lee Lackey, sister of Mr. Lackey.

Much work is yet being done at Old Fort to get the railroad in good shape. Things are getting in good trim. The work gangs are not so large but are better organized and do more satisfactory work.

Virgil Butt, the man who did the wholesale shooting at Marion Sunday night, is still at large so far evading capture.

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Glen Alpine and Old Fort, Sept. 13, 1916.

New Press Installed at School for Deaf.

Mr. G. A. Wood, erector for the Babcock Printing Press Co., has been at the school for the Deaf this week installing a new cylinder press in the printing office of the school. Heretofore the school paper has been printed on a large job press. The printing department at the school is considered a very valuable feature of the work and the printers trained there are a credit to the institution. Mr. W. M. Shuford, who for several years has been most successful in training the boys, is again at the head of the department.

Steel For Bridge to be Shipped the 18th.

Chairman Brinkley received Monday the following message from the Virginia Bridge & Iron Co.: "Expect to ship all steel except joists for McDowell bridge on the 18th. Hope to mail the Lenoir masonry plan tomorrow." This means that, barring accidents, the McDowell bridge will be ready for use within the contracted time—60 days, or by Oct. 7th. As the masonry for the McDowell bridge can be used, getting the steel here is one of the biggest parts of the accomplishment.

Mrs. Annie E. Howe, only sister of President Wilson, has been desperately ill for several days at her home in New London, Conn., and no hope is held out for her recovery. President Wilson went to her bedside Sunday. She has peritonitis.

DEMOCRATS NOT BLUE OVER MAINE ELECTION.

Result Will Stir Them to Greater Activity; They Are Still Confident.

Washington Cor., 12th, Greensboro News.

An immediate result of the Republican victory in Maine, in the opinion of politicians here, will be to stir the Democratic campaign managers to greater activity in States which they have been counting on to be in the Democratic column in the November elections. There has been a feeling of great confidence on the part of leading Democrats as to the outcome in November. This has given some worry to old-time politicians of the party who felt that no matter how propitious was the outlook for Democratic victory in the nation at large, was not wise to be over-confident and correspondingly inclined to take chances. Judged by the views that prevailed among Democratic members of Congress and among prominent members of the administration, President Wilson was certain of a sweeping victory two months hence.

For leading Democrats remain in Washington and it is impossible to say what, if any effect the result in Maine has had on the confidence that was felt by the greater number. One of the foremost officials said today that Maine might be construed as showing the present trend of public opinion but he pointed out that sentiment in the country which had seemed to shift from time to time to one or the other of the great political parties had always swung back to President Wilson, as far as the Democratic observers were able to judge. His information from the best Democratic sources in Maine was, he said that President Wilson was several thousand votes stronger than his party and on that account this official believed that if the Wilson presidential electors had been on the Democratic ticket in Maine yesterday the national administration would have been endorsed and the popularity of the President might have pulled through the rest of the party's ticket which was defeated.

Opening Glen Alpine High School.

The Glen Alpine High School opened Monday, the 11th, with more than 150 children present, the largest opening in its history. Short talks were made by Superintendent of Public Instruction T. L. Sigmon, C. F. McKesson and by the excellent superintendent Marvin S. Giles. There are three new teachers—Miss Martin, of Mocksville, Miss Smathers, of Canton, Miss Lynch and Miss Moore, of Chapel Hill.

No board of trustees, no people take a greater pride in their school than those of Glen Alpine. Truly it is doing a splendid work and has proven a center from which moral and intellectual light radiates scores of homes in Burke, enriching and refining them. The News-Herald wishes for the school a most prosperous year.

Mr. Johnston Married in Georgia.

Mr. Victor G. Johnston was married to Miss Marion Timberlake, of Marshallville, Ga., on Saturday, September 9th at the home of the bride's parents. About one hundred and fifty relatives and friends were present to witness the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnston arrived in Morganton Monday on a visit to the groom's mother, Mrs. W. H. Johnston and sister, Mrs. A. C. Avery, Jr.

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Avery received from 5 to 7 o'clock in their honor, many guests calling to meet the bride and extend congratulations.

The Road Work.

Last week the Flood Relief committee had two forces of hands at work on the roads of Silver Creek township, one force in Lovelady.

This week they have two forces in Silver Creek, one in Lovelady, one in Quaker Meadows, one in Upper Creek and one in Lower Creek townships.

In the Democratic primary Saturday in the Third Judicial district Solicitor John H. Kerr, of Warrenton, defeated Judge Francis D. Winston for the judgeship. Winston has served the State as Lieutenant Governor and in several positions of public trust and his defeat for reelection was surprising to many in other sections of the State. He was holding a judgeship by appointment of the Governor.

NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Brief Notes of Recent Happenings in North Carolina.

Miss Alice Pratt of Pineville, Oregon, has been elected county supervisor of rural schools in McDowell county.

The governor has offered a reward of \$100 for the arrest of Will Vannoy, wanted in Alleghany county for the murder of Willis Hendrix.

Ex-Gov. Glenn begins a 10-day campaign in the State at Lincolnton on the 20th. He will speak at Monroe, Charlotte, Gastonia, Concord and then at eastern Carolina points.

Mr. Victor L. Stephenson, a native of Statesville, who has been with the Charlotte Observer for several years, as reporter and editorial writer, is now with the Philadelphia Press.

Nimrod Buckner, aged seventy-six, for many years a prominent merchant of Asheville, died Saturday. He was one of the pioneer Masons of Western North Carolina.

All the colleges and schools are opening with a large attendance, many of them with a larger attendance than usual. Davidson opened with 350 and Wake Forest with 372.

Sheriff Garrett of Hertford county, was in Norfolk, Va., Sunday, looking for Leroy T. White, a young farmer, charged with beating his wife to death with a shotgun stock.

U. N. Hocman, a native North Carolinian and a graduate of Trinity College, has been elected to the head of the department of journalism of Leland Stanford University, California.

In August more than two and a quarter million pounds of tobacco were sold on the Wilson market at an average of over 20 cents the pound. The August sales brought the farmers \$45,689.

Lewis Woodson, proprietor of the Elmwood Hotel at High Point, was found in an unconscious condition in the road near his farm. He had suffered a stroke of paralysis and is in a serious condition.

Buncombe and Haywood are to build a great fence around the old Morgan pasture in the Pisgah national forest in those two counties, to confine the herds of bison and elk which are to be placed in the reserve.

Two negro men and two negro women in an automobile crashed through a bridge over a deep stream near Belhaven last week and disappeared. Oil on the water led to dragging the stream and the bodies and car were found.

Beginning Monday the Carolina and Northwestern railroad is operating both freight and passenger service from Chester, S. C., to Edgemont, N. C.—from the southern to the northern terminus—the first through service on the road since the mid-summer floods.

Since the flood changed things around, the Southern railroad has decided to relocate the Saluda road, changing the grade from 4 1/2 to 2 per cent, abolishing the safety switches and cutting out curves. The work is said to commence in no great while.

The Better Babies Contest is to be a feature of the State Fair again this year. It will be conducted by the Woman's Club of Raleigh and the State Board of Health and will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of fair week which is October 17-20.

J. W. Pratt, associate professor of English in A. and M. College, Raleigh, has been appointed instructor in the English department of the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. The appointment was secured through competitive examination. Mr. Pratt, who is from Marion, graduated at Davidson College in 1908 and at the University of Chicago in 1915.

Mr. Lamar Pegram died Friday at his home in Lenoir, aged 38. He was formerly cashier of the First National Bank of Lenoir and later held a similar position in Asheville. He returned to Lenoir last January and took a position as bookkeeper. He was married March 1st last to Miss McKinnon of Laurinburg. His remains were buried at Gastonia, his former home. He is survived by his wife, mother, a sister and brother.