

FEDERALS MAKE STRONG ATTACK

Orozco's Force Driven Back 20 Miles Before Vigorous Onset of General Huerta's Troops. TOWNS EVACUATED; TROOPS GUARD BASE Insurrectos Now Endeavoring to Protect Escalon—Personal Is Taken and Conejo Threatened.

THE PIPE DREAM OF MR. SHELLNUT

He "Saw Myrtle Hawkins Last Fall—She's Now in Seattle, Wash."

Special to The Gazette-News. Greenville, S. C., May 11.—W. O. Shellnut, the Atlanta traveling man who some time ago declared he had seen and talked to Myrtle Hawkins in Greenville and gave an interview to the Daily Piedmont. Mr. Shellnut said he is positive that the girl he saw in Jacksonville is Myrtle Hawkins. He said he visited Hendersonville in the summer of 1910 and 1911 and met the girl both times.

WOMAN AND MAN HELD ON CHARGE OF MURDER

Suffolk, Va., May 11.—Mrs. Mary Vick and her son-in-law, John Rowe, residing two miles from Berklin, are arrested and remanded to South Hampton county jail without bail, accused of murdering their neighbor, Miss Beckie Story, two weeks ago. The victim, a fortune teller, was found with her head crushed, her throat cut. Robbery was supposedly the slayers' motive.

DELEGATES AWAITING AMUSEMENT REPORT

Minneapolis, May 11.—Delegates to the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church eagerly await the reports of the episcopacy committee and the committee considering the amusement clause of the church discipline. The sub-committee has already voted to strike out the paragraph forbidding certain amusements, and the whole committee is struggling with the problem.

Episcopalians Fail to Raise Money.

Durham, May 11.—At the last meeting of the Episcopal convention a committee was appointed to raise \$1400 towards an endowment fund for Sewanee university, and this committee has failed to raise the amount. At a meeting of the convention here yesterday this matter was discussed, and W. A. Erwin introduced a resolution asking that the committee be retained to 1912 to see what could be done towards raising this money. The vote day was taken up in hearing the reports of committees.

Ed. Callahan Dying of Wound.

Jackson, Ky., May 11.—Ed. Callahan, the football star from Ashland a week ago, is fast making. Classmates of the football are gathering from all sides at his Cricketsville home.

WITNESS RETRACTS SWORN STATEMENT

Scranton Man Alters His Evidence in the Judge Archbald Case.

Washington, May 11.—Edward J. Williams of Scranton, Pa., testifying before the house judiciary committee in the hearing of charges against Judge Robert W. Archbald of the commerce court today entangled himself in contradictory statements that almost baffled the committee. Williams, who was a partner with Archbald in an alleged effort to procure a cum bank property from the Erie railroad, was particularly confused about a consignment contract executed last September with W. P. Boland of Scranton, in which Archbald was referred to as "silent party," first denying he never signed such a contract, then admitting he did not ascertain a copy of the contract before the committee was not the one he signed, and finally declaring he had no good recollection about it.

Last February Williams told the attorney general he signed such an assignment contract but today he declared he was then so excited he had "like a wild man and said things he had no recollection of." Williams contradicted statements he previously made to Assistant Attorney General Wrisley Brown that he went to see Capt. May of the Erie railroad to negotiate an option on the cum bank and said Archbald was to have an interest in the option. Archbald's counsel sought to establish that W. H. Boland, who made charges against the jurist to procure letters of introduction to railroad officials and others. Williams said that Boland did first suggest that he go to Archbald and get letters of introduction to Captain May of the Erie railroad, but declared he never suspected Boland was trying to trap the jurist.

Washington, May 11.—Edward J. Williams of Scranton, Pa., chief witness so far against Judge Robert W. Archbald of the commerce court, yesterday practically denied before the house judiciary committee some of the testimony he had given against the judge on Wednesday. Williams was a partner with Judge Archbald in negotiations for buying a cum bank from the Erie railroad to sell at a profit of \$12,000 to the Lackawanna and Wyoming railroad. The judge at that time had the Erie's so-called lighterage cases in his court. The committee is investigating to decide if impeachment proceedings should be brought against the judge.

A. S. Worthington, counsel for the accused judge, undertook the red-hot examination of Williams, and called his attention to the copy of an assignment of the cum bank property that he was alleged to have made to W. P. Boland and a "silent party." Previously Williams had admitted having made such an assignment before the committee on the Erie cum bank, and had explained that the "silent party" was Judge Archbald. Yesterday, however, upon reading a copy of the assignment again, Williams declared it was not the paper he had signed. He said that the signature attached was his, but repudiated its contents.

This admission led Attorney Worthington to ask the witness if he ever drank. He said that he did, and admitted it was possible he might have signed papers that he could not now recall. Williams also repudiated the letter introduced in evidence Wednesday, in which he related having told W. P. Boland that if he had discounted one of Judge Archbald's notes a case he had before that jurist, which was decided against him, might have resulted differently. The witness admitted having said something like that to Boland, but he denied that the language used in the letter in the evidence signed by him ever came from his lips.

It was also developed on cross-examination that Judge Archbald paid Williams' fare from Scranton to Washington that the latter might respond to the subpoena from the judiciary committee to appear before it. Williams said he did not have the money, and that he had asked Judge Archbald to loan him the fare. When the committee adjourned for the day Williams was cautioned by Chairman Clayton to talk to no one about the case.

William P. Boland and C. G. Boland, who figure in the Archbald charges, and who were instrumental in bringing them to the attention of the department of justice, were present during the hearing. They will not be called to testify until Monday. Interstate commerce Commissioner Meyer, who first called President Taft's attention to the charges against Judge Archbald, will be asked to testify when Williams' examination is finished.



New York Herald and The Gazette-News.

TO HIM WHO WAITS FLOYD ALLEN ON THE STAND SAYS OFFICERS BEGAN FIRING

Says as Verdict Was Returned Clerk Signaled Sheriff and Both Drew Revolvers—Witness Says He Rose and Officers Fired, Wounding Him Before He Drew Gun—Admits He Shot Deputy Queensberry.

Wytheville, Va., May 11.—Floyd Allen, on trial charged with murdering Prosecutor Foster in the Hillsville court house tragedy on March 14, took the witness stand in his own defense today and charged that Sheriff L. F. Webb fired a pistol at him and that Clerk Dexter Goad also shot at him before he (Allen) reached for his pistol.

"I happened to see Clerk Goad wink at Sheriff Webb," declared Allen, "and I saw both of them take out their revolvers. Just then I rose up from my chair and said 'gentlemen, I'm not going.' I had a paper in my hand. I started to put in in my inside pocket then Webb fired. He missed me. Goad fired next, hitting me in the hip and I fell on Judge Bolen, my counsel."

Allen declared he did not get his pistol out of his pocket until he had been shot himself. The only man he shot at in the court room, he said, was Deputy Clerk Queensberry.

Allen denied he made any threats against the court. Asked about his relations with various men who testified against him, Allen said one of them owed him money which he could not get and another was angry with him about the shooting of a revenue officer. Taking up the reprimand given him by Judge Massee for keeping witnesses away from court, Floyd said he told the judge it was not true and he later had a conversation with the judge, who told him the man who spread the report of his intimidating witnesses was Dexter Goad.

Wytheville, Va., May 11.—Two sons of Floyd Allen yesterday took the stand in defense of their "papa," as they called him, on trial for shooting up the Carroll county court. Victor and Claude Allen, both jointly indicted with their father for the attack on Judge Massee's tribunal were sworn by the defense.

One of them, Claude, admitted having shot during the fracas in the court room. "When father got up," testified Claude, "I saw Clerk Goad standing with his gun pointed at papa. I believed he was going to shoot papa and I reached for my gun. Before I got it out papa fell and I started shooting at Goad."

TROOPS KILL BOY IN QUELLING RIOT

Charge Foreigners Engaged in Demonstration at Railroad Colliery.

Scranton, Pa., May 11.—The riotous demonstration by foreigners at Olympian colliery Number 3, of the Delaware and Hudson company today, caused the killing of George Hoberarsky and 14-year-old boy by state troopers. The troopers charged the rioters. The rioters displayed firearms and hurled stones at the troopers.

FAINTS AT GALLOWES

Mrs. Grace Overcome When Sheriff Takes a Singular Course to "Cheer Her Up."

Atlanta, Ga., May 11.—As a result of seeing how the gallows works Mrs. Daisy Ulrich Grace, under indictment for shooting her husband, fainted in the Atlanta jail and is still hysterical. Mrs. Grace was lonely and asked the jailer to show her over the prison. That official, trying to cheer her up, took her to the gallows room. There he exhibited the black cap and showed her how the noose is adjusted. For her benefit the trap was sprung and she was told how with the pulling of the big lever the condemned man's body falls six feet into space, bringing up with a jerk which nine times out of 10 breaks his neck.

VETO TO BLOCK COURT KILLERS

DIKES WITHSTAND STRAIN OF STORM

Water Laps Over, but No New Crevasses Develop on Southern River.

New Orleans, May 11.—New Orleans awoke this morning with the sun beaming on last night's scene of confusion, when all the elements combined to give a storm the most threatening the city had ever known. The river fell gradually from 2 o'clock this morning, after exceeding all flood records by a foot and a half.

The levees here withstood the severest strain they had ever subjected to. Early reports indicate the line of dikes from Torras south are still holding. The front levee at Baton Rouge was overlapped last night by high waves. New Orleans last night withstood the severest rainstorm in her history. All of the lower half of Louisiana was affected and thousands of the people who live behind the already terribly strained levees that hold back the Mississippi's flood waters were panicky.

The wind ranged from 27 miles an hour at New Orleans to 40 miles at Baton Rouge, and at many points along the river it swept the waves of the swollen stream over the levees. At New Orleans 5 1/2 inches of rain fell from noon until 10 p. m. last night, and about four inches fell between 7 and 9 o'clock. The Mississippi river here was backed up by the high winds and rose eight inches in two hours between 6 and 10 o'clock, forcing the waters over the levees at several points.

At 10 o'clock the river gauge at the head of Canal street registered 21.9 feet or one-tenth of a foot higher than the predicted maximum stage predicted by the weather bureau. At 11 o'clock the gauge showed a depth of one-tenth of a foot for the hour, but the rain continued to pour down in torrents and at intervals.

At 9 o'clock Superintendent Pearson of the Texas and Pacific railroad, ordered two relief trains made ready to send to Donaldsonville and Plaquemine but the orders were countermanded a few minutes later when it was established that reports of breaks in levees near these cities were not true.

Thirty-five thousand sand bags were dispatched from New Orleans to Baton Rouge on a special train last night. The situation was declared most critical at the capital city with prospects of saving the front levee almost hopeless.

PRELIMINARY BETTING KEEN ON THE DERBY

Record-Breaking Crowd Witness Spring Meet's Opening at Churchill Downs.

Louisville, May 11.—The biggest crowd ever assembled at the race track is at Churchill Downs today to inaugurate the spring meet and witness the running of the famous derby. Big purses and the fame of the contenders attracted an unusual attendance from distant cities, and a notable representation of millionaire horse owners is present. Preliminary betting is keen. The Manager rival Worth as a favorite. Wheelwright and Free Lance at better odds had a big following.

Workmen Killed as Bank Caves.

Bristol, Va., May 11.—Three negro workmen were buried beneath an avalanche of dirt and crushed stone at Marion, Va., yesterday and before they could be extricated two of them died. They were engaged in making an excavation for a new court house, and 12 feet of earth fell upon them. An alarm was given and as many men as could get into the opening worked with frenzied haste to rescue the men, but before they were reached two died. The dead men are Charles Smith and Hayes Richards, while the fortunate one is Spencer Edwards.

Taft Probably Will Intervene to Save the Commerce Court and the Tariff Board.

PROPOSALS WERE TIED TO SUPPLY MEASURE

President's Negative Would Involve Life of Big Money Bill Necessary to Run the Government.

Washington, May 11.—It is learned on high authority that the President through the use of his veto power probably will block the attempt to abolish the commerce court and the tariff board, even if it involves the life of one of the big money bills. Aided by the republican insurgents, the House Democratic leaders recently jammed through a bill abolishing the commerce court and substituting another agency for the tariff board.

That the democratic leaders feared to submit to the president separate bills aimed at the existence of the commerce court and the tariff board was shown in their report to the extraordinary legislative expedient of tying these proposals to a supply measure, which, under the rules that usually prevail, carries only appropriations to keep the wheels of government in motion.

The democrats do not relish the prospect of an executive veto of the legislative bill. Their leaders privately admit that such a contingency would rivet public attention on the questions involved and provoke a discussion of motives that might react on the party. It has been many years since an appropriation bill of a general character has failed to pass scrutiny at the white house, and the possibility that it may soon happen has thrown a scare into republicans, as well as democrats, who are anxious to quit as soon as possible in order to get back home to attend to political fences.

It is by no means certain that the senate will accept the legislative bill in the form in which it comes from the house. It is acknowledged by conservative republicans and democrats that the charges against Judge Archbald of this court have strengthened the hands of those who want to legislate it out of existence. The administration argument in support of the commerce court will be made in the senate. It will be pointed out that the court has expedited the handling of rate cases, that the cost of litigation has been reduced to shippers and that the creation of a specialized tribunal has resulted in a uniformity of decisions distinctly advantageous to the shipping as well as the railroad world.

Records of the department of justice show, it is said, that before the creation of the commerce court it took on an average two and a half years for a rate case to reach the United States Supreme court on appeal. Since the creation of the commerce court the time required for such cases to get before the court of last resort has averaged a little more than six months.

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MORE LYRICS WANTED; CONTEST STARTS SOON

The Lyric Contest will start in a few days and The Gazette-News would like to have verses on every line of business in Asheville. A number of verses have been received that did not mention any firm or business. These cannot be used, as many as you like on any one firm.

The following are some of the lines on which verses are wanted: Banks, hotels, automobiles, dry goods, jewelry, shoes, men's furnishings, hardware, groceries, furniture, plumbing, wall paper, decorators, drugs, real estate, insurance, cigars, book stores, china stores, barber shops, restaurants, theaters, laundries, milliners, tailors, printers, clubs, in fact every line of business in the city. Mail, send or bring your verses to the manager of the Lyric Contest of The Gazette-News.

President Taft at Princeton.

Princeton, N. J., May 11.—President Taft arrived at 6 o'clock this morning from Washington. Taft will participate in the inauguration of John Grier Hibben as president of Princeton university. The president is Hibben's guest.

Associate Justice Pitney administered the oath of office to Dr. Hibben. The ceremony was followed by a luncheon, attended by Taft, Chief Justice White and many other notables. During the ceremony the details of doctor of laws was conferred upon Taft and White.

Engineers Go to Atlantic City.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 11.—Delegates attending the biennial convention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers journeyed to Atlantic City today. The convention resumes its sessions Monday.