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MEXICANS GIVEN A LAST OPPORTUNITY

American Commissioners Deliver Outline of the Policy of This Government.

MUST NOT BLOCK THE PURSUIT OF BANDITS

Mexicans are Now Holding an Executive Conference and Will Meet Americans Again.

(By Associated Press.)

Atlantic City, Nov. 21.—The American commissioners today gave the Mexican commissioners what is understood to be the last opportunity for an amicable settlement of the border problems. In joint session Chairman Lane of the American commission informed Mr. Carranza's representatives that the American punitive expedition would be withdrawn in a reasonable time and under conditions that would not leave unprotected the territory south of the border. He also outlined the manner in which the American government would guard the frontier and punish any marauding bands attempting to enter the United States. He also made it clear that his government would not tolerate any restriction of the pursuit of bandits by American troops.

Luis Cabrera, chairman of the Mexican commission and his colleagues received the proposal. Steady opposition to the plan by Carranza and insistence that further activity of American troops in Mexico must not be restricted caused Mr. Lane to place before President Wilson all the facts. When he went into conference he carried the President's approval plans. The Mexicans were aware of this and it is regarded as probable that they would recede from their position. The Mexicans retired to their rooms for consideration of the American proposition and were still secluded when the American delegates adjourned to late this afternoon.

The reception of the plan by the Mexicans was unmarked by any comment, the Mexicans suggesting that they would meet the Americans after further studying the plans.

Lane Will Issue Last Word.

Atlantic City, N. J., Nov. 20.—Luis Cabrera and his colleagues on the Mexican-American joint commission will be formally told tomorrow by Secretary of the Interior Lane, chairman of the American commission, on just what terms an agreement providing for withdrawal of the American punitive expedition and the protection of life and property along the international boundary can be reached. Fortified by the assurance of President Wilson that he will back the American representatives in their efforts to reach a settlement of the questions at issue, Secretary Lane returned here late today and immediately went into conference with the two other American commissioners.

The atmosphere of uncertainty and even hopelessness which has been apparent for many weeks was entirely lacking tonight. The Americans appeared confident that the end of the conference is in sight. Their propositions have been recused to writing and it is understood will admit of little debate.

The Mexicans appeared not to take a pessimistic view of the situation, Mr. Cabrera again assuring newspaper men that he was very hopeful of an amicable adjustment. There was no evidence, however, that he was prepared to recede from his position so long maintained that agreement to the plan of the Americans was out of the question.

Ignacio Bonillas and Alberto Pani, the other members of the Mexican commission, have been disposed of late to agree with the Americans on the plan suggested, but there was some reason tonight to believe that Mr. Cabrera had won them over to an agreement to stand with him.

The plan to be placed before the Mexicans will contain nothing that is new to them. It has been gone over in sessions of the joint commission and again and will not require a long explanation.

The question at issue is not the withdrawal of General Pershing's troops, but the method of controlling the border after they have been taken out. The Mexicans will not be permitted to place restrictions on the manner in which the American government may protect its border, nor on the manner in which it may punish marauding bandits.

The Mexicans have objected seriously to acknowledging the right of the United States to send troops across the international boundary line in pursuit of bandits, but have been more insistent that in case troops are sent they be moved subject to certain restrictions. When the Mexican commissioners leave here it will be with the realization that American forces will be used to run down any raiding band that crosses the border into the

CONCRETE PAVING FOR SOUTH MAIN

Board of Aldermen Canvass Bids Street Pavement on S. Main and Mitchell Avenue.

MANY COMPANIES SETTING THE TWO CONTRACTS

Another Meeting Thursday Night and Character of Avenue Paving to Be Determined.

(By Associated Press.)

Probably the largest number of representatives of firms bidding for contracts for municipal work in Salisbury to attend a meeting of the board of aldermen were present last evening when bids were opened and canvassed for proposed street paving. The streets for which bids had been advertised are South Main from near Thomas to the south entrance of the Chestnut Hill cemetery and Mitchell avenue from Fulton street out through Fulton Heights. There were twelve bids in each firm had several representatives present. Bids had been asked for grading, for setting of curbing, for storm inlets, for laying of 24-inch pipe, for street railway paving and for various grades of paving, including Nos. 1, 2 and mixed concrete, sheet Mexican asphalt or Adter asphalt. There was quite a varying in the bids on some items and on some there were bids so close as to be practically equal.

After all bids had been opened and thoroughly canvassed it was decided by the board that the portion of S. Main street to be paved should be plain concrete. As to Mitchell avenue the grade of paving to be used here was left open until next meeting of the board Thursday night of this week. In the meantime City Engineer J. W. Webb will make calculations from the several bids submitted, taking grading an all into consideration and advise the board as to the firm submitting the lowest proposition. This will be presented at the meeting Thursday night when all representatives of the bidding companies were invited to return. At this meeting not only will the grade of paving to be used on Mitchell avenue be decided upon but the contracts will probably be let for this thoroughfare and also for South Main street.

No matter what grade is decided upon it is certain that when the contracts are let and the work completed Salisbury will have in South Main extension and Mitchell avenue two of the best paved streets to be found in the state. This work is being done under the new paving act, whereby each property owner on each side of the street pays one-third of the cost and the city one-third, except on streets where there is a car line and then the one-third on which the city otherwise assumes the cost falls on the street car company.

United States regardless of where they may have to go or of how long they may have to stay in Mexico.

It was regarded here tonight as not improbable that a delay might be caused by the desire of the Mexicans to communicate further with General Carranza. If time is taken for the Mexicans to report the new situation to their chief and for him to reply, it is possible nothing may be done until Saturday.

LEXINGTON LADIES HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Miss Jessie Wheeler Receives Broken Leg and Suffers Skull Injury—Machine Turned Over on the Winston-Salem Road.

Lexington, Nov. 20.—Miss Jessie Wheeler received a broken leg and skull injury and Misses Pearl Hege, Louise Beeson and Lena Shultz were bruised or otherwise injured this afternoon when an auto, driven by Miss Wheeler, turned over 10 miles north of Lexington on the Winston-Salem road. Miss Wheeler appears to be the most seriously injured of the four, being in a semi-conscious state and unable to remember any of the events of the day. It is feared by physicians attending her that the skull is dented where she received a severe cut. The ladies were pinned beneath the wreckage of the car, which plunged down a hill about 15 feet high, and it is possible that some of them have received internal injuries that have not yet developed. It is said that trouble in the steering gear prevented the car from turning a sharp curve on a hill and plunged it straight ahead instead. Miss Wheeler is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. L. B. Wheeler, of Asheville, and had come here just a few days ago to visit relatives. The homes of the other three are at this place. All belong to families prominent here.

COUNTY OFFICIALS TO TAKE OATH DEC. 4

Movement on Foot to Have These Inducted Into Office With Public Ceremony.

SUPERIOR COURT ROOM IS SUGGESTED AS THE PLACE

Plan is Favored by a Number of Leading Citizens of the County and May Materialize.

(By Associated Press.)

The recently elected county officials will be inducted into office on the first Monday in December, which is 4th, and it is not unlikely that with more ceremony and dignity than has characterized these events in past years. Heretofore the swearing in of county officials has been more of a matter of form than anything else. The change would take place, or a re-elected official would be given the oath in a simple manner and without any public ado or re-arranged program, just simply be sworn in. Some have in the past contended that there should be some sort of a public ceremony to which the general public should be invited and which would have the appearance, and really would add more dignity to the occasion and at the same time impress upon those taking the office greater importance of the responsibilities which they are assuming. Already, it has been suggested by some of the leading citizens of the county that the taking of the oath of the recently elected officials should take the nature of an "inauguration," not with a parade and a celebration, but with some impressive ceremony and that such should be held in the Superior court room.

Walter H. Woodson, Esq., chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee, was asked yesterday afternoon what he thought of the idea and he unhesitatingly endorsed it, in fact said it should be done, and that it would not only impress upon the officials the great responsibilities they are assuming but would be the means of elevating the dignity of the office and give the people a higher conception of the duties of their officials and would be calculated to impress the people more and more of the importance of keeping good men in office.

Mr. Woodson said he did not know upon whom the task of initiating a movement for a public installation of the county officials should devolve but that some one ought to take the matter up and he would be indeed glad to see such a scheme put through. It was suggested that if this be done it ought to take place at 11 o'clock on the morning of December 4th, as the old board of county commissioners always holds a brief session just before giving to the incoming board, and this would give ample time for this.

While only suggestions have been offered it is practically certain that some one will take the matter up and that December 4th will see the beginning of public inauguration of county officials in Rowan, which would probably be the first county in the state to adopt this plan.

BROTHERHOODS AT BALTIMORE TODAY.

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Nov. 21.—The heads of four of the railway brotherhoods after a conference with the President and with their own executive agents, went to Baltimore today to appear before the American Federation of Labor and develop an alliance to the betterment of all workers engaged in railway work concerns.

NEW BERN READY FOR SHRINERS.

(By Associated Press.)
New Bern, Nov. 21.—New Bern is preparing today to greet the 1,000 or more Shriners and novices who are expected to be here tomorrow for the institution of Soudan Temple. The vanguard of visitors will begin arriving late today. It is said that the program arranged by the Shriners is one of the most elaborate ever prepared in the history of Shrinedom in North Carolina.

GERMANY ON SUBMARINE

Berlin, Nov. 21.—Secretary Grew of the American embassy here was today handed the German reply to the American request for information regarding the sinking of Rowanmore Germany denies that the submarine fired on the life boats.

4 BROTHERHOODS TO JOIN A. F. L.

William T. Lee, Head of the Railroad Trainmen Talks to Baltimore Convention.

MUST WATCH PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Labor Should Not Fail to Retain Its Power as Gained Declared Mr. Lee in Address.

(By Associated Press.)

Baltimore, Nov. 21.—Affiliation with the American Federation of Labor by the four big railroad brotherhoods was forecasted today before the convention here by Brotherhood heads and President Gompers. The delegates cheered all of the speakers enthusiastically.

"We must hang together or we will hang separately," W. T. Lee, head of the Railway Trainmen, declared. "It is a great comfort to know," Mr. Gompers said, "that the time is not far distant when the great brotherhoods will be a part of the Federation of Labor."

Mr. Lee explained that officials affiliation with the Federation was impossible before their convention but said the organization would cooperate as though they were officially affiliated. He declared the brotherhoods were not bringing the 8-hour day troubles to his Federation for support.

"I am about anarchist enough," Mr. Lee said, "to say that we are going to work for the 8-hour day for all classes. If we can't get it peacefully we will fight for it."

Mr. Lee said some sort of affiliation should be affected to fight any arbitration legislation which might be unfair to labor. President Wilson plans such legislation, said Mr. Lee, and it should be carefully watched. He declared that Congress had no right to pass a law compelling a man to work and he did not think it would do so. Prolonged applause followed when Mr. Lee praised President Wilson.

"It took more courage for him to write across the front pages of the newspapers that he was for an 8-hour work day than it would have taken for him to have written that this country was at war with Mexico," he said. "Our principal object now is to help the President and the men in both branches of congress make good their promises to us. I believe they will do it," he continued. Mr. Lee declared now that an election had been won without the assistance of New York, Indiana and Illinois, labor should not fail to retain its power thus gained. The brotherhoods, he declared, had no desire that the Adams bill should be enacted into law, but inasmuch as it had become a law were trying to live up to it.

LUTHER LEAGUE BAZAAR.

Young Ladies of St. John's Church to Hold One on December 5th and 6th.

The young ladies of the Luther League of St. John's Lutheran church are preparing for a bazaar to be held on December 5th and 6th at which they will serve supper and refreshments and also conduct a parcel post sale. The bazaar will be held in either the vacant store room in the Washington building or in the vacant store room on West Innes street, and committees are now at work soliciting for the same. The proceeds are to be used in purchasing a brass lectern for the new church.

A SMALL BLAZE.

An alarm of fire about 1:30 o'clock this afternoon called attention to the school house near the Vance mill where a blaze had started. The damage was slight.

CHAIRMAN WILCOX STILL HANGING ON, HOPING

Chairman of Republican National Committee Returns to New York But is Not Ready to Concede Election of President Wilson.

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Nov. 21.—Chairman Wilcox of the National Republican Committee came to Republican National headquarters here today from Lakewood where he and Chas. E. Hughes have been taking a rest from their campaign labors. He reiterated his previous statement that the time had not yet arrived for the Republicans to concede the election of President Wilson nor would he make any forecast as to when a definite statement might be expected either from him or Mr. Hughes. He said even when the official count in California is known there might still be conditions in other close States to keep the final result in doubt.

DR. BASS SPEAKS AT SPENCER

Spencer Y. M. C. A. Had as Its Guests Last Night Dr. Charles L. Bass of Southern.

MEETING WAS A GREAT AND INSPIRING ONE

Other Talks Followed That Made by the Visiting Worker in Welfare Endeavors.

(By Associated Press.)

Spencer, Nov. 21.—The Spencer Y. M. C. A. had as its guest last evening Dr. Chas. L. Bass, of Atlanta, who is welfare Agent of the Southern Railway. He was appointed to that office, created last March by Vice President F. H. Cushman, this being the first effort ever made by any railroad to undertake such work. Dr. Bass who was formerly a lawyer-minister, is thoroughly familiar with conditions in railroad towns throughout the country and especially on the Southern system. He is developing the welfare work on this system in a way that meets the needs of the thousands of employees in the service.

The meeting last night was presided over by Capt. C. L. Bunch, head of the Continental Membership campaign now on in all the various associations, who stated the object of the meeting and introduced Mr. Bass, who declared he had something to do with everything that the Southern Railway is interested in. Dr. Bass spoke on "Efficiency," and emphasized the fact that the base of all efficiency is a moral character, and declared that the Y. M. C. A. is one of the most potent elements in forming character. He also emphasized the fact that it is personal efficiency that counts and makes up the aggregate. The Y. M. C. A. he says is a great help to this end, as ministering to the physical needs of men makes them better and more capable in every way.

Mayor Burton, who has taken a great interest in the campaign also spoke on the work that is being done and was in favor of making the goal for the Spencer association this week, 300 new members. His talk enthused the workers to a high pitch.

Another speaker of the evening was Mr. T. P. Fowler who made one of the best speeches of the occasion. He told of conditions as they existed in Spencer some ten years or more ago, before the Y. M. C. A. was organized on its present efficient basis and said it is to the interest of every road man to connect himself with the association. He said the remarkable growth of the Spencer association is an evidence that it is meeting the needs of the men and the expectation of the Southern Railway which has contributed in all something like \$30,000 at this point.

Secretary B. F. Stevenson made an interesting talk on the meaning of the great work which is being done, that the association is meeting the needs of the men and fulfilling its mission as a home for the man away from home. The committee of 100 who are hard at work to secure 250 new members before the close of the campaign on Friday night of this week were encouraged to the greatest activity during the next four days.

In a snappy and interesting basketball game at the Spencer school building last night the girls of the eleventh grade defeated the tenth grade by a score of 11 to 4. This was the first time the public has had an opportunity to witness a game between the girl teams and a good crowd was on hand. The players for the tenth grade included forwards, Erma Scott and Margaret Andrews; guards, first half, Emma Robinson and Lucile Sharpe; second half, Helen Blackwell, and Ruth Hicks; centers, Margaret Dorton and Isabell Perry; and for the eleventh grade, forwards, Annie Perkinson and Lyda Riggsbee, guards, Thelma Armstrong and Lillian Small, center, Lucile Lentz.

A Mission opened at St. Joseph's Episcopal church in Spencer today with Rev. R. E. Roe, of Greensboro, and Rev. Theodore Andrews, of Lexington, as missionaries. Services are being held daily at 7:30, 4 and 8 p. m. and a special service will be held Sunday at 11 a. m. The public is cordially invited.

COTTON GINNED FOR THE YEAR.

Washington, Nov. 21.—Cotton ginned to November 14th amounted to 9,615,833 running bales as announced by the census bureau today.

PLEAD GUILTY TO MANSLAUGHTER

Negro Man Who Killed His Wife in 1906 Allowed to Enter Minor Plea in His Case.

CONVICT ESCAPE CASE IS ORDERED A MISTRIAL

Rowan Superior Court Disposes of Many Cases and is Still on Criminal Docket.

(By Associated Press.)

Rowan Superior Court now in session with Judge Frank Carter, of Asheville, presiding, has disposed of a number of cases since it convened Monday morning, and is still in session.

Probably the most important case to come up was that against Robert Fuller, colored, charged with murder in the first degree in having shot and killed his wife on East Council street Christmas eve, 1906, and who was caught some days ago at Fountain Inn, S. C. Through his attorney he yesterday afternoon entered a plea of guilty of manslaughter and this Solicitor Clement agreed to accept. Several witnesses were examined to give His Honor some knowledge of the crime, but at noon today sentence had not been passed.

Another case attracting considerable attention was that against Mr. Thomas Horah, a former guard on the Rowan county chain gang who was indicted for allowing a prisoner to escape. The man to get away, it appears, was sent up for manslaughter, and this brought up a question as to whether he should have been on the county road force. At any rate the case did not go to trial but a mistrial was ordered and the defendant discharged.

Gaither Childs and R. E. Crawford, both colored, who were charged with having liquor in their possession for the purpose of sale, and which case had been taken up from the county court, secured a nol pro with leave.

George Holland was found guilty of housebreaking but sentence has not been passed.

Henry Sevier, for cursing on a street car, plead guilty and judgment was suspended on payment of costs and good behavior for one year.

Ellis Davis, in a liquor case, was adjudged guilty and fined \$50 and costs.

B. Benson, reckless driving of an automobile, had judgment suspended on payment of costs and good behavior for three years.

Janie Tate, having liquor in her possession for purpose of sale, was found not guilty. This was another case taken up from the lower court.

Leroy Goshen, abandonment, had judgment suspended on payment of costs and good behavior one year.

Elsie Pratt, liquor for sale, nol pro with leave.

James Hess, blocking traffic, not guilty.

Viola Knox, assault, nol pro with leave.

George Robinson and Hayes Bookert, betting on cards, nol pro with leave.

George Robertson, murder, nol pro with leave.

CONTEST AMONG THE COAST LINE Y. M. C. A.

Florence is Holding First Place in the Contest for Members in International Railway on That Division.

TEUTONS CONQUER LARGE SECTIONS

By Bold and Rapid Strokes They Make Big Gains From the Rumanians Near Wallachia.

RUMANIAN RETREAT MAY HAVE COME TOO LATE

French and Serbian Troops Continue Pursuit of the Germans Who Evacuated Monastir.

(By Associated Press.)

By bold and rapid strokes the Teutonic invaders appear to have conquered a large section of northwestern Wallachia from the Rumanians.

Petrograd's official bulletin today announces a Rumanian retreat to the region of Filias. This movement was made, it appears, to prevent the retreating armies being cut off. Whether even the rapid retreat was made in time to save the Rumanian army in this region is rendered doubtful by the Berlin announcement that the Teutonic troops are now before Craiova.

Further eastward in Wallachia the arrival of Russian troops seems to have strengthened the Rumanian defense. The Rumanians are resisting persistently in the Alt valley, but nevertheless were compelled to yield important positions to General Falkenhayn's troops.

In the other fields of present military activity on the Macedonian front the French and Serbian troops continue their pursuit of the German and Bulgarian forces, which evacuated Monastir under entente pressure. The new line is indicated by press dispatches to lie about 17 miles northward of Monastir and is reported to be strongly entrenched and defended by fresh German forces.

East of the Monastir region Berlin declares the Serbian attempt to advance was repulsed.

West of Monastir the Italians, according to Paris, repulsed counter attacks.

On the Somme and Ancre fronts in Northern France the fighting has been confined to artillery engagements.

CUMBERLAND DEPUTY SHERIFF IS MURDERED.

Frank Dees Shot to Death by Negro Named Bryant After Officer Had Read Warrant of Arrest.

Fayetteville, Nov. 20.—Deputy Sheriff Frank J. Dees was shot and killed by Carl Bryant, a negro, in Seventy-First township, this county, at midnight last night after Dees had served a warrant on the negro charging disturbance of a religious congregation.

Bryant, who was in bed when the warrant was read to him, started dressing, but suddenly drew a revolver from a pocket of his clothes and shot the officer dead. Bryant escaped, but three other negroes are being held.

First reports of the tragedy which reached here ascribed the killing to "Slueth" Cameron, an escaped convict, but this proved to be erroneous.

THREE INJURED IN DIXIE FLYER WRECK.

Train 95 of the N. C. and S. L. Jumps Track Two Miles From Wauhatchie, Tennessee, Rails Spread.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Nov. 20.—Three trainmen were injured, one seriously, when the Dixie Flyer, train No. 95, of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railway, jumped the track in a cut, two miles south of Wauhatchie, Tenn., this afternoon. L. S. Brown, mail clerk, of Bell Buckle, Tenn., was seriously cut and bruised, but others were only slightly hurt.

Officials say spreading rails probably caused the accident. Six of the ten cars in the train left the track and were thrown across the rails. The engine the four rear Pullmans remained on the track. The injured men and most of the passengers were brought into Chattanooga tonight.

SELF DEFENSE IS OVERTON'S PLEA.

(By Associated Press.)
Huntsville, Ala., Nov. 21.—David Overton, former clerk to the Madison county court today was placed on trial for the murder of Judge W. T. Lawler here last June. It had been reported that he would try to prove an alibi, but his attorneys today announced that he would enter a plea of self defense and make attempt to prove that he was compelled to take severe measure to defend his own life.

STATEMENTS CALLED FOR.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Nov. 21.—The comptroller of the currency today called for the statement showing the condition of business of all National Banks on November 17th.