



WORLD EVENTS TOLD BRIEFLY

Current News Of Interest In Paragraph By Telegraph And Cable

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 14.—The United States cruiser Des Moines, Captain Charles F. Hughes, recently on duty at Vera Cruz in connection with the revolt there of Felix Diaz, arrived here today. The cruiser made this port to allow the men shore leave.

BURLINGTON, N. J., Nov. 14.—Ten-year-old Amos Pestrige is dead at his home near here from injuries received in a football scrimmage. He was kicked in the nose and a blood vessel was ruptured. For four days physicians tried vainly to stop the hemorrhage.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 14.—The official count of Hamilton County, made public by the board of elections, shows that Congressman Nicholas Longworth, son-in-law of Colonel Roosevelt, was defeated for Congress in the first Ohio district by Stanley Bowdle, Democrat, by 97 votes.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Nov. 14.—When he attempted to save his granddaughter, Mary Stevenson, 13, from the assault of a negro late yesterday afternoon, J. B. Berges, 83, was shot to death and the girl's throat then cut by the negro who attempted to escape.

LAKE CHARLES, La., Nov. 14.—The Wells Fargo Express Company's office here was robbed of a package of currency said to contain \$25,000 shortly after midnight this morning. J. E. Chevis, night express clerk who reported the robbery, has been placed under arrest.

MOBILE, Ala., Nov. 14.—A million dollar campaign to handle agricultural loans was proposed at the Alabama Land Congress last night by W. G. P. Harding of Birmingham and met with approval. A resolution by Congressman George Washington Taylor demands residence in the State 90 days to validate land purchases.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Nov. 14.—William Jennings Bryan, who is now in Washington, has advised friends in Savannah that he will be here Tuesday of next week to remain a short time. It is expected he will deliver a lecture while here under the auspices of a local churchmen's organization.

CHICAGO, Nov. 14.—Possibility of a general strike of 80,000 Chicago teamsters, chauffeurs and helpers developed today when 3,000 members of local union No. 765 went on strike because of a wage disagreement. The men who went out declared they would not submit their grievances to arbitration under any condition.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—The Interstate Commerce Commission held in the case of Davidson Brothers against the Louisville & Nashville Railroad and other carriers that the rate of 79 cents a hundred pounds for transportation of bananas from New Orleans to Glasgow and other Kentucky points was unreasonable and ordered it reduced to 50 cents.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—Praise and thanks for the work of Captain Willis and the crew of the Cape Lookout life saving station at Morehead City, N. C., in saving the steamship Berkshire when she was afire in Lookout Cove from October 20 to 26, were contained in a letter today from J. C. Whitney, one of the ship's owners, to Sherman Allen, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

ALEXANDRIA, La., Nov. 14.—A freight engine drawing a caboose plowed into the rear of a Texas & Pacific northbound passenger train near Rosedale, La., at 12:50 this morning. The smoking compartment of the rear Pullman car was splintered but not a single passenger was injured except slightly. Fireman Aquilar of the freight engine was killed.

WITNESSES OF FORMER TRIALS TESTIFY AGAINST SIDNA ALLEN.

WYTHEVILLE, Va., Nov. 14.—When the trial of Sidna Allen, leader of the band that shot up the Carroll County court house at Hillsville last March, was continued today the story of the tragedy in which five persons lost their lives was told again by James N. Early, who was a juror at the trial then going on, and by Dexter Goad, clerk of the court, who was wounded by one of the shots.

It was on these two men that the Commonwealth relied in the trials of the other Allen clansmen.

—The St. Agnes Guild of St. Peter's Episcopal Church which held a bazaar two days last week cleared \$250 on the enterprise which will be devoted to the cause of the guild.

CANVASSERS' WORK HAS BEEN FINISHED

Mr. J. L. DeLaney Complies With Conditions Fixed Upon Him By Authorities

Confronted by an audience composed of Mr. W. M. Smith, which audience later dwindled down to nothing but the bare walls of the court house lobby, Mr. James L. DeLaney yesterday afternoon, in accordance with the United States statute made and provided, did formally proclaim and announce the result of the canvass of the electoral vote of the county of Mecklenburg as indicated by the count made to the board of elections by the official canvassers.

The legal requirement that the totals of the electoral vote, or presidential vote, must be formally proclaimed is very binding and upon Mr. DeLaney as chairman of the county board of elections fell the high duty of thus announcing the result of the vote for President of these United States according to the returns made from the several precincts of the county.

When Mr. DeLaney began his old-time friend, Mr. W. M. Smith, who was passing, stopped long enough to get the drift of the perfunctory oration which Mr. DeLaney was delivering to the silent walls of the court house, but having more realistic business calling him elsewhere, Mr. Smith soon took his departure, and thus it came about that the audience "as one man arose and left the building." But having a duty to perform, Mr. DeLaney hesitated not and concluded the reading of the proclamation of the vote without a listener, and no sound was heard except the echoes of his own voice as it came sweeping back from the solid walls of brick that go to make up the county seat of justice.

Thus was the presidential vote proclaimed in Mecklenburg.

The State senatorial vote was canvassed today, the Cabarrus vote, which is counted in with the Mecklenburg vote being brought over by an official of that county the successful candidates being Messrs. H. N. Pharr of Mecklenburg and J. P. Cook of Cabarrus.

This concludes the canvassing of the vote of the recent elections, the vote for State and other officials having been canvassed last Saturday.

COMMITTEE WORKING ON NEW CHARTER IS BUSILY ENGAGED

The committee appointed by the board of aldermen to report back on proposed changes in the method of city government is still at work and has held one or two meetings, and the chairman, Alderman Mason, announced today that without doubt the committee would be ready to make a report to the aldermanic board in ample time to secure the necessary legislative enactments providing for any changes in the city government that may be desired.

Should the committee come out squarely in favor of a commission form of government a heated debate would be anticipated in the board of aldermen upon the acceptance and adoption of the report, which might also carry with it a proposition of submitting the issue to the people on a vote at the next municipal primary or at the municipal election following.

The question which is now in the keeping and charge of this committee is one of great interest to many citizens of Charlotte and much interest has already been expressed in the probable nature of the committee's report, the action of the board of aldermen and the subsequent outcome of the whole affair if any new proposition shall be submitted to a vote of the taxpayers of the city of Charlotte.

PROPOSE TO PUT GAS IN GASTONIA

Franchise Granted Elizabeth City Man for Period of 40 Years With Restrictions.

(Special to The Chronicle.)

GASTONIA, Nov. 14.—At a meeting of the city council last night a franchise was granted to A. E. Scheer of Elizabeth City to build and operate a gas plant in the town of Gastonia. The franchise is for a period of 40 years and stipulates the charge of \$1.50 a thousand for gas. One per cent of the gross income after 15 years is to be given to the town. After 25 years two per cent of the gross income goes to the town. In the charge of \$1.50 a thousand for gas a discount of 10 per cent is to be allowed for prompt payment by the same system in operation in other cities. A bond was furnished to insure the beginning of the work within six months and its completion within 18 months.

MONEY KEEPER QUILTS THE JOB

Treasurer Of The United States Tenders Resignation Today To President Taft

Change Will Probably Bring Hilles Back Into Service of the President as Secretary for the Rest of the Term—Transfer of Accounts, Will Be Biggest Cash Transaction in the World's History and Will Require Months.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—Announcement of the resignation of Lee McClung as treasurer of the United States was made by President Taft today. Mr. McClung tendered his resignation to the President at a conference at the executive mansion early today and its acceptance was later announced by the President from the executive offices, with the explanation that Mr. McClung resigned voluntarily. It is believed that Carmi Thompson, now private secretary to the President, will succeed him.

Mr. McClung's resignation becomes effective as soon as his successor is appointed. The treasurer declined to discuss his resignation in any way today, but it was rumored that his resignation came as a result of a continued friction with Secretary MacVeagh.

Mr. McClung was one of the Treasury officials named by Assistant Secretary A. Platt Andrews as having been in continued controversy with the Secretary of the Treasury when Mr. Andrews, in a letter accompanying his resignation, declared that the Secretary and his associates were not in harmony.

Held Conference.

Mr. McClung had a conference with Secretary MacVeagh yesterday and it is understood the result of that conference was the offer of his resignation to President Taft today. He was appointed Treasurer of the United States November 1, 1909. Before that Mr. McClung was a noted Yale football star had been identified with the Southern Railway and from 1904 to 1909 had been treasurer of Yale University.

The appointment of Carmi Thompson to succeed him would be followed, it is believed, by the immediate return of Charles D. Hilles to the White House as secretary to the President. It has been understood in Washington since Mr. Hilles became chairman of the Republican National Committee that the President hoped to reinstate him at the White House after the election.

Great Financial Transaction.

The treasurer of the United States is not appointed for a fixed term. According to his commission he serves until his successor is appointed.

The resignation of McClung means that the money and securities for which the treasurer is responsible for are actually counted and received for. This will be the greatest single financial transaction in the history of the world. When Mr. McClung assumed the duties of treasurer he gave a receipt to his predecessor for \$1,260,134,946.88 2-3.

This was the largest single transaction from man to man on record. While the exact amount of the treasurer's fund is not known, it is expected that it will exceed those figures by many millions.

It will require probably three months to count the money and securities. This creates a remarkable situation, because, presuming that Mr. McClung's successor will retire on the fourth of March with the incoming of Woodrow Wilson, the count must be made all over again for the new Treasurer.

While responsible for over a billion dollars the Treasurer of the United States receives a salary of \$3,000 and is bonded for only \$150,000.

DIRECT CHARGES

Made by McManigal Against Iron Workers President on Trial.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 14.—Direct charges that Frank M. Ryan, president of the International Association of Bridge & Structural Iron Workers had full knowledge of explosions and that he even advised the dynamiters to disguise themselves, were made by Orrie E. McManigal in his confession at the "dynamite conspiracy" trial today.

Relating incidents of one Western trip McManigal said:

"When I returned to the iron workers' headquarters in Indianapolis McManigal was not there. So I saw President Ryan. I told Ryan about the Kansas City explosion and showed him a newspaper account of it. Ryan said, 'I want you fellows to stop coming around this office so openly and you don't change your appearance enough. When anyone gets a good look at you they will be sure to know you next time.' I told him we weren't reckless and that no one knew what we were doing."

EIGHTY FOUR, PA., WANTS TO BECOME NINETEEN TWELVE.

MONONGAHELA, Pa., Nov. 14.—The town of Eighty Four, Washington County, with a population of 700, never has contained a Republican voter. Once many years ago a Republican went to the town to go into business but did not remain until election time.

Eighty Four took its present name when Cleveland was elected President in 1894. Previous to that time it was known as Fifty Six, in honor of the election of President James Buchanan. Now after 28 years the residents propose to petition the Postmaster General to change the name of the postoffice to Nineteen Twelve, in honor of Woodrow Wilson's election.

ALFONSO THANKS TAFT FOR CONDOLENCE.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—The White House made public today the following message from King Alfonso of Spain to President Taft:

"Deeply touched for your kind message of condolence at the great loss we have sustained by the assassination of my prime minister, I beg you to accept yourself and to convey to the government and American people the expression of my most sincere gratitude for your sympathy in this sad circumstance."

WORK IS STARTING ON THE NEAL BUILDING

Goode Construction Company Has Contract For Four-Story Structure

Excavation has been completed on the commercial building of Mr. A. D. Neal on East Third street next to the Southern Bell Telephone, and the laying of the foundation brick was begun today. The contract has been given the Goode Construction Company and it is expected that the building will be completed in about 90 days.

It is to be a four-story building made of pressed brick. It will be 30-1-2 feet wide by 81 feet long, and will be completed with all modern conveniences of electric lights, elevators and other equipments. It is being built for commercial purposes and will cost completed about \$15,000 and will rank among some of Charlotte's handsomest business buildings.

It was designed by Messrs. Hunter & Gordon, architects of this city.

FIRST TRIP BUSY ONE

Revenue Cutter on Initial Cruise Finds Plenty Work to Do.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—The new revenue cutter Miami began her career as a guardian of shipping and of the Atlantic coast with two exciting experiences on her maiden voyage from Newport News, Va., to Key West, Fla., her station, where she has just arrived.

When 10 miles off the Charleston lightship, according to a report received today by Captain Berthoff, commandant of the service, from Captain Gamble of the new cutter, the Miami sighted the schooner Blanche H. King of New York flying a signal of distress. The schooner was boarded and her captain reported incipient mutiny among his crew. The ring leader was placed in irons.

Following this the Miami discovered the three-masted schooner H. S. M. Bentley of Nashua waterlogged and with her cargo of lumber nearly all adrift. The master, his wife and three children were taken aboard the Miami, the remainder of the crew provided for and the vessel towed to Key West.

The Miami is the sister ship of the Unalga, which was intercepted at Port Said on her maiden voyage around the world and ordered to assist in protecting American life and property in Turkey if necessary.

MUCH INTEREST IN CLUB MATTER

Speculation Being Indulged As To Probable Developments Of The Future

TRANSFER INVOLVES IMPORTANT PROPERTY

If Country Club Goes to Myers Park, Way Will Be Opened For Immense Development on Present Site of the Institution—Would Be Available for a Number of Enterprises That Are Said to Be Held in Mind by Some Who Are Interested.

The proposed transfer of the Mecklenburg Country Club to Myers Park, which is now under consideration, opens a vast realm for speculation as to the future development of the present holdings of the country club and Club Acres. Those who are most ardent in their conviction that the removal of the club to Myers Park means the future welfare of this institution are as ardently of the belief that a splendid opportunity will be presented for a counter development on the present site of the club. The property of the institution comprises 360 acres of which more than 200 are available for golf ground purposes. About half of this acreage so far has been developed for this purpose, it having been the intention of the board of directors to lay plans this fall for the building of a remaining nine-holes, making it an 18-hole course. Acreage has been set aside since the club was founded for the remaining nine-holes. The remainder of the 360 acres originally purchased are held by 30 landowners, members of the club, who took over the property for enhancement, following the upbuilding of a modern country club which has been anticipated all along.

An Easy Development.

The present country club site is commanding and exceedingly valuable. It lends itself to an easy development for a community settlement, for a large country estate or for park purposes. To any of these it could be applied without the expenditure of any great amount of money owing to the work that has already been done on it. That it be put to one of these uses has been suggested, but, of course, no plan involving a development of this character can be started until it is definitely assured that the stockholders of the club and the owners of Club Acres are going to agree to the removal to Myers Park. The Stephens Company, owners of Myers Park community and having charge of that vast development, has not been committed to any proposition in which is wrapped up the questions of the future home of the institution or the future development of the present holdings of the club. Messrs. E. P. Coles and A. J. Draper, who so far have been the leading agencies representing the club, have neither committed themselves to any such plan. There are so many intricacies in connection with the whole proposition that several weeks may be required to work it out on a basis of mutual equity.

May Build Big Park.

That the Southern Power Company is involved in the proposition is a rumor that cannot be verified owing to the absence of Mr. W. S. Lee from the city. This company, owning the street car system of the city, has been much interested in the agitation for parks and it is understood has been looking around for a suitable location upon which to establish one of the largest and most pretentious parks in the South. The fact that the present holdings of the country club would be easily yielded to this development is regarded as one indication that the company might at this time be interested in the proposition. It is regarded as fitting that the park should be under the direction of the city street car company which at present has two lines running within half a mile of the club, the North Charlotte and the Belmont lines both penetrating the city in that direction. The development of a park upon the club holdings would justify the extension of these lines and their connection in a loop embracing the park and running to the present club house. A stream, Briar creek, runs through the property and the building of a large lake could be negotiated at a minimum expenditure.

The conversion of the property into a suburb for the working men of the city, with street car service, water, sewerage, lights, streets and parks, is still another possible development. None who are involved at present in the proposed transfer of the club are committed to any such development, but the club will not be moved until the institution as an institution and

MASONS TO CONFER HIGHEST DEGREES

Important Change Is Made In Program Of Events At The Masonic Temple

An important change has been made in the program of events which are being held by Carolina Consistory at its annual Fall reunion in this city, the conferring of the 32d degree which was scheduled for this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock having been postponed until tonight at 8 o'clock when the most important degree work will be taken up. This is the final day of the exercises and the program is heavy, but interesting. The change in the program as announced was thought wise on account of the fact that many who wanted to be present when these exercises were taken up, would not have been able to attend during the afternoon on account of their ordinary duties during the day.

The following-named candidates are receiving the higher degrees: Messrs. J. McDaniel, L. P. Gilliam, R. V. Hinson, J. W. Howell, W. S. Standell, W. L. Nicholson, W. W. Grier and G. H. Welch of Charlotte, C. Trenholm McClenaghan of Raleigh, D. S. Brion of Winston, J. F. Alexander of Forest City, C. B. Newcomb and S. R. Keyes of Wilmington.

JURY OF WOMEN SIT IN CHICKEN SUIT

WAMEGO, Kan., Nov. 14.—Six women, wives of prominent citizens of Wamego, composed the jury in a law suit here yesterday in which both the plaintiff and defendant were women, and in which the controversy was over the ownership of four Plymouth Rock pullets.

Mrs. George Raine accused Mrs. Mina Johnson, a neighbor, with the theft of the fowls and sued her on the charge. Mrs. Johnson demanded a trial by a jury of women. The testimony showed that both Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Raine raised white Plymouth Rock chickens and that they allowed their fowls to run at large.

After deliberating two hours the jury returned a verdict of not guilty, basing their decision on the presumption that the poultry of the two women living so close together might easily become mixed without the connivance of either owner.

INVESTIGATE WRECK

Officials of Louisiana Try to Fix Blame for Wreck of Sunday Night.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 14.—The State railroad commission today began its investigation of the wreck of the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley excursion train shortly after midnight last Sunday night when 14 persons were killed and 90 others more or less seriously injured. The Interstate Commerce Commission, which was asked to join in the inquiry, has notified the State commission that it will have representatives in attendance.

The inquiry board of the Illinois Central Railroad, of which the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley is a subsidiary road, decided yesterday that Flagman M. H. Cunningham, in as much as he did not duly flag the freight train that crashed into the excursion train from the rear while the excursion train was stopped because of a broken engine, was responsible for the wreck. District Attorney Marrero of St. Charles Parish, in which the disaster occurred, is investigating, to determine whether or not charges of manslaughter shall be made against Cunningham.

LARZ ANDERSON TO BE AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—Larz Anderson of Washington, now United States minister to Belgium, has been named ambassador to Japan to succeed Charles Page Bryan, whose resignation was announced a few days ago. Through the Japanese embassy it was learned today that Mr. Anderson would be satisfactory to the Japanese government and his appointment will be announced at once by President Taft.

SUFFRAGISTS OF KANSAS WILL HAVE BONNET BURNING.

PITTSBURG, Kan., Nov. 14.—Suffragists of Crawford County, Kan., have arranged to celebrate their recent victory at the polls in this State with a big "bonnet burning" here tonight.

Every woman attending the meeting is expected to bring at least one of last year's bonnets to help make a big bonfire at the city hall square.

The owners of Club Acres get a satisfactory basis of settlement; or assurance of an enhancing development in the transfer.

The movement is one involving the interests of a large number of individuals and the destiny of the club as well as for this reason, it is at present occupying a throne-height of popular interest and attention.

TODAY'S NEWS OF CHARLOTTE

Happenings Of The City Sketched In Brief As Seen By The Chronicle Reporters

—The weather prediction for tonight and tomorrow for Charlotte and vicinity is that it will be clear and colder tonight with frost.

—Mr. F. T. Bonfoey is architect for four new houses for the Thies-Smith Realty Company which will be erected on some of their property in the city. One of the new houses will be built in the Myers Park section.

—Mr. Morgan B. Spier is having a handsome home built in Colonial Heights. He purchased a lot on Crescent avenue some time ago and has just awarded the contract for the erection of a \$7,000 home.

—"Girls Incog." Miss Bessie Burkheimer's play, will be given in Oxford November 25. Miss Burkheimer went to Oxford some days ago to make arrangements for staging the play. The production will also be put on in Henderson at some date in December.

—Mr. Osmond Barringer has announced to some friends that during the worst weather of the winter, he expects to make the trip from this city to Blowing Rock by automobile. Mr. Barringer is devoted to this run and believes that he will be able to make a record for bad weather speeding when the opportunity comes.

—The basketball team of the Young Men's Christian Association is hopeful that arrangements can be completed to secure a game with the team representing Guilford College at some date in the near future. Communications have been received from the Guilford management.

—The name of Mr. H. E. Thomas of the secret service is the latest to be suggested in connection with the office of marshal for the western district of North Carolina. Mr. Thomas is an experienced secret service man and his friends believe him to be excellently qualified for the duties which the office entails.

—At the John S. Blake drug store an immense potato, weighing 3-1-2 pounds, is on exhibition and continues to attract attention, being one of the largest specimens ever seen here. It was grown by Hazel and Herbert Grier, who live in the Belmont community.

—Prof. N. W. Walker of the department of secondary education at the University of North Carolina, will spend tomorrow in the city with Mr. Harry P. Harding of the Charlotte public schools, visiting the several institutions here in his company. Mr. Walker will be in the city a short while yesterday, going to Spartanburg to attend a meeting of Southern college men.

—At a meeting of the Ad Men's Club held last night, Mr. J. P. Lind-say of the Publicity Company was made president and Mr. W. H. Davis of the Publicity Company, secretary of this association. Mr. J. Hampton Rich, one of the national organizers, was present and an interesting exchange of ideas preceded the business of naming officers for the ensuing year.

—Mr. J. H. Ham of this city attended in New York last week the farwell banquet tendered to Mr. Benjamin Briscoe, head of the United States Motor Company. Mr. Briscoe left for France, where he expects to spend the next few months in a special study of the business of automobile building. His friends presented him with a \$600 watch upon the occasion of his farwell dinner. Mr. Ham has an exhibition of the work of enthusiastic over the prospects for a fine year in the automobile world.

—The Powell Racing Association has been forced to cancel its engagement to have races at the fair grounds Saturday on account of the breaking up of some of its cars. The advertising literature had been issued and widely distributed for this event, but it became necessary at a late moment to announce the abandonment of the plans for the occasion. It is possible that the races will be put on some time later this month, although definite information to this effect cannot be secured.

—An exercise in observance of "Founder's Day" will be held in the auditorium of St. Michael's School, corner Mint and Hill streets, tomorrow night at 8 o'clock, the main feature of which will be an address by Bishop George W. Clinton of the A. M. E. Zion Church, songs by the pupils, an exhibition of the work of the manual training department and the presentation to the school of a large portrait of the late Rev. Primus P. Alston, who on November 16, 1858, founded this work.

—Alderman W. R. Matthews has decided to enter the real estate field in Charlotte again and has secured an office on the 12th floor of the new Commercial National Bank building, where he will maintain headquarters in the future under the firm name of the W. R. Matthews & Son Realty Company. Mr. Matthews has had considerable experience in the insurance field and also in real estate and his return thereto to this line is not a new venture with him.

—Rev. George W. Hanna will be the speaker at the vesper service at the Young Women's Christian Association next Sunday at 5 o'clock. These services have been exceedingly popular during this Fall. The service of last Sunday was in celebration of the week of prayer for the world's Young Women's Christian Association and was led by Miss Ada Stackhouse. A thanksgiving service was held in celebration of the successful completion of the building fund and talks in this connection were made by Mrs. F. C. Abbott and Miss Anna Gaster.