

Ed. C. Caton Can't Be Found By The County Officers

Man Whose Conditional Pardon Was Virtually Revoked by Governor Kitchin Remains in Hiding Night And Day.

Sharon Township People Say They Are Satisfied if He Will Forever Stay Away From Their Neighborhood—Search For Him.

Ed. C. Caton, the Sharon township man against whose manner of being by neighbors protested with all the strength at their command, and whose conditional pardon from an eleven months' sentence on the charge of virtually being revoked by Governor Kitchin, is not to be found at his home. Sheriff Wallace made ineffectual efforts yesterday afternoon and last night and this morning to locate the man, upon whose head the indignant wrath of the farmers of Ebenezer, Sharon, Cannon and Sardis neighborhoods, has been heaped.

At Caton's home a hired man said that Caton was expecting the revocation of the conditional pardon and was waiting with all probability, according to the authorities very desirous to first wind up some business matters of importance. It has been the custom of the man to come to Charlotte each Saturday, but he is not in the city today, or if he is here somewhere, his whereabouts are unknown to the police and the constabulary.

The order from the chief executive directing the sheriff or any lawful officer of Mecklenburg county to arrest Caton at once and to hold him safe until an order arrives placing him again on the chancery, from which he was an escaped convict when the conditional pardon came from the governor, the chief executive being in ignorance of this fact for some time afterwards, Caton, after a petition had been submitted to the governor asking for his conditional pardon, escaped and fled to Richmond, Va.

He was not captured and a telegram was sent there notifying him that everything was all right and he could return. The charge upon which he was convicted was a serious one and the higher courts upheld the decision of the lower court making the punishment eighteen months service on the county roads. At no time, say people of Sharon township, did Caton ever say he was forced to wear stripes. It is even alleged that he was home almost every night.

He had served less than two months when the conditional pardon was granted him, and therefore he will have to serve about 16 months when he returns. Under the order of Governor Kitchin, unless Caton makes answer within ten days he is deemed guilty and the pardon is revoked in default. He is given ten days in which to "pull out" the allegations made against him. But to these accusations, it is understood from one who is close to Caton, he will submit and only crave mercy from Governor Kitchin in view of his escape from the gaol and the violating of the conditions of the pardon so mercifully granted him, it is scarcely likely the chief executive will extend further clemency.

Spivey R. B. Hunter, who was at the meeting in Sharon township and who was an active spirit in preparing the petition praying a revocation of the pardon, in the city this morning. The News reporter he extended congratulations for the manner in which the news of Caton's actions had been reported. "I understand he has escaped," he said. "Well, if that is the case," he added, "I would like to see him and he can never return to our neighborhood. We don't want him here. Ed. Caton is on the chancery in Halifax, so long as he stays away from us. His influence is not for good. His life is a disgrace to our community's reputation."

For every man out there who says that I hope he will never be arrested, and when I am satisfied of this, we will have him to say, I would like to see him and he can never return to our neighborhood. We don't want him here. Ed. Caton is on the chancery in Halifax, so long as he stays away from us. His influence is not for good. His life is a disgrace to our community's reputation."

To Employ Convict Labor. By Associated Press. Nev., March 18.—In the 25th session of the Nevada legislature, which adjourned at midnight Thursday, a law was passed providing for the use of convict labor on a system of state highways. The labor is to be voluntary, and no man is to be credited to the state in addition an allowance made for each thirty days of work.

Suicided After Dinner Party

By Associated Press. Chicago, March 18.—John Schenk, superintendent of the Park Ridge branch of the Northwestern Gas Light & Coke Company, was found shot to death early today in his home in Park Ridge, a suburb, and the police announced several hours later, a suspicion came over my mind and she shot her husband, mistaking him for a burglar.

When police arrived at the house Mrs. Schenk was hysterical and required medical attention before she could make a coherent statement. At first she said she did not know who fired the two shots which entered her husband's body but after her husband's body had been removed, a suspicion came over my mind and I found I had killed him. It was a horrible mistake as we always have been very happy.

The First Hike Was Made Today

By Associated Press. San Antonio, Tex., March 18.—The first regimental hike of the mobilized troops at Fort Sam Houston was made this morning when the Ninth and Eleventh Cavalry went on a practice march. The Eleventh started at 6 o'clock and the Ninth left half an hour later, both returning at noon. The camp is now ready for the beginning of the actual maneuvers.

Gen. Carter has made an order regulating bicycle calls. Reselle will be called at 3:30 o'clock, assembly at 6, tattoo at 8 p. m. and taps at 10 p. m. Within these limits brigade commanders will regulate calls for the respective brigades.

STILL WORKING ON MYSTERY SURROUNDING DEAD BABY.

By Associated Press. Savannah, Ga., March 18.—The police are still working upon the mystery of the finding of a dead baby in the Ogeechee canal yesterday. The child was well dressed and was well formed, but there is nothing to show to whom it belonged.

Convict Killed.

By Associated Press. Montgomery, Ala., March 18.—News reached here today that Will Powell, a life convict, was shot and killed by a guard in attempting to escape from the Horse Shoe Lumber Co.'s camp, at River Falls, Ala. Powell was a negro. He was sent up from Houston county last November.

To Probe Election Frauds.

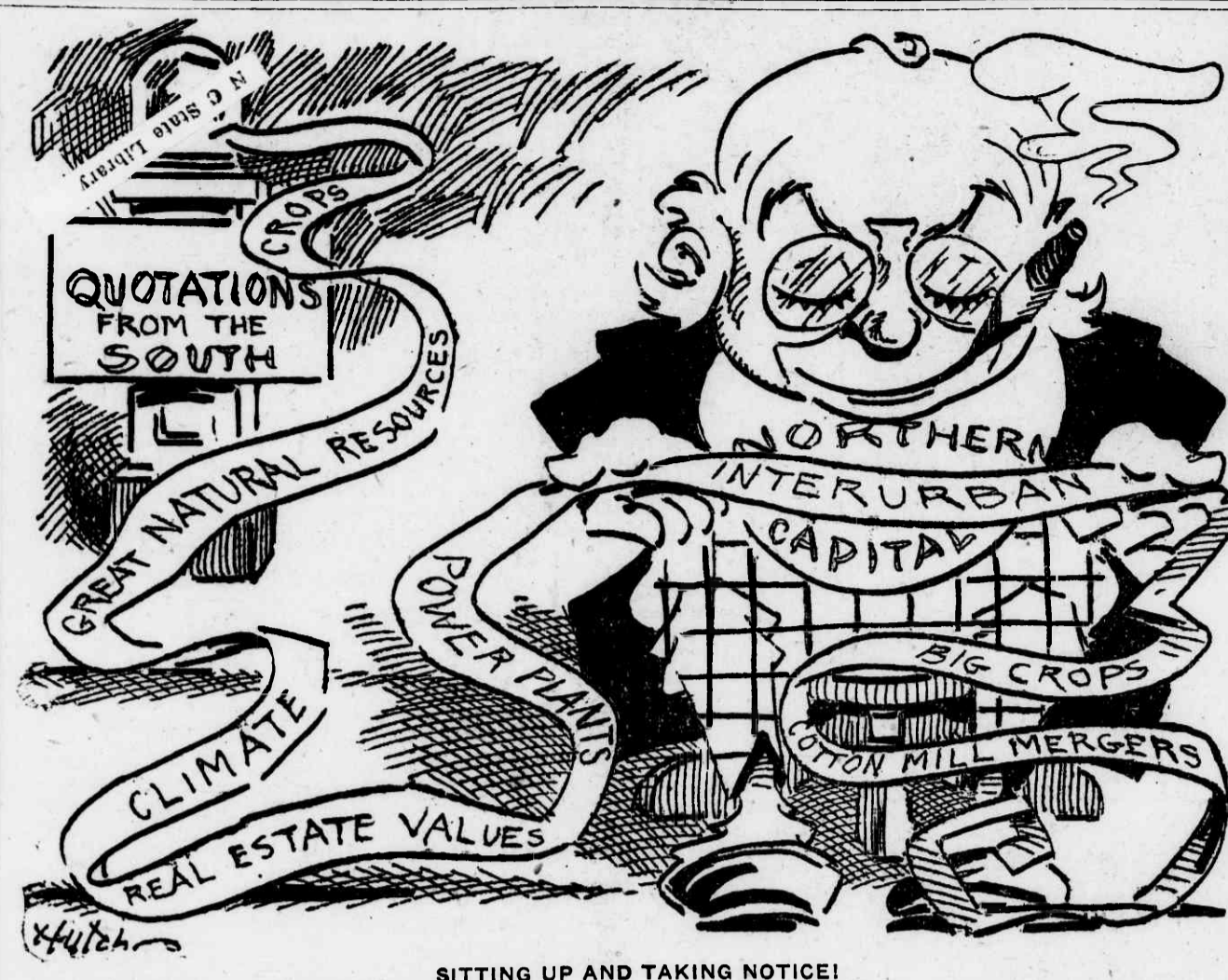
New Orleans, March 18.—The Orleans parish grand jury have indicted Joseph F. Glavin, inspector of the city board of health; S. Johnson, election commissioner; Walter W. Ryan, clerk of the sixth precinct, third ward; Thomas Cook, election commissioner, and August Yaeger, also commissioner, for alleged election frauds in connection with the recent election of Judge Soumerville to the position of associate justice to the supreme court bench. The indictments were returned in blank, but capias were issued and the accused men later released on \$1,500 bail.

UNCLE SAM'S TROOPS PLACED ON GUARD

By Associated Press. El Paso, Tex., March 18.—All approaches to the bridges leading from the American to the Jaurez were guarded today by three times the usual force of United States troops. Heretofore only a small detail has been assigned to this duty but at day-break today tents had been set up along the river and an entire company of infantry was sent to patrol the bank between the two bridges which form the main arteries of traffic to Jaurez.

Scores of Mexican soldiers came to the opposite river bank to look across at the United States troops. It was a typical frontier scene where the army of one nation might exchange salutes with that of another, while each remained on its own soil.

An American who returned from the insurrecto territory today said that Captain Oscar G. Creighton, the American insurgent leader who with a small force has been destroying bridges along the Mexican National Railroad is still encamped in the hills a few miles south of Jaurez. Creighton's band, which is composed in large part of Americans, is suffering severe hardships according to this man. The men, he declared, have often gone several days without food and the only chance coming upon a steer has saved them from actual starvation.



Deaths From Plague In India During The Month of February Numbered 88,498

By Associated Press. London, March 18.—During the month of February the deaths from the plague in India reached the enormous total of 88,498. The disease has become such a fixture in that country that its ravages are little heard of except through the occasional official statistics.

The British India office reports that the epidemic was particularly virulent this year and adds that the most persistent efforts to stamp it out have failed to effect a permanent improvement in the situation.

Died in His Buggy—Heart Attack Fatal

Mr. Geo. Perry, a Well Known Farmer of This County Died Suddenly While Driving on West 6 St. this Morning.

Mr. George O. Perry of this county died suddenly, this morning about 10:30 o'clock, while in his buggy, driving along West Sixth street. Mr. Perry had driven into town accompanied by his wife. They came up Tryon street, from the north. When they reached Sixth street Mr. Perry, who was driving turned into the street. Mrs. Perry said: "Why, you took the wrong street." Just as she uttered the words, she saw Mr. Perry's head drop to one side and the lines fell from his hands. The horse became fractious, and she grabbed the lines with one hand and caught Mr. Perry with the other, calling for help as she did so.

THREAT OF A GENERAL STRIKE LESS MENACING

By Associated Press. New York, March 18.—Threat of a general strike of teamsters tying up "everything on wheels" in New York and vicinity in aid of the striking expressmen seemed less menacing today than last night. A break in the strike movement came today when the employees of the United States Express Company voted to return to work. It looked as if the Wells Fargo men, too, might decide today to resume their positions, which would put the strike back to the point at which it started with the walkout of the Adams Express Company men. It was announced today that Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, had been summoned here in view of the seriousness of the situation.

DELIVERED ADDRESS BEFORE EMPEROR

By Associated Press. Berlin, March 18.—Privy Building-Councillor Tincanzar, of the ministry of public works, who as the German representative of the international commission of consulting engineers that investigated the Panama canal plans in 1905, delivered an address on the construction of the Isthmian waterway before Emperor William today.

Newspaper Indicted.

Savannah, Ga., March 18.—Daily News of Brunswick, Ga., has been indicted in the United States court here for violation of the postal laws by publishing advertisements of a lottery. It is alleged that on May 8, 1909, and on different dates in August, 1910, and September 1st and 2nd, 1911, The News inserted advertisements and notices of lotteries drawing and gift enterprises made by lot or chance. Jan. 25, last, the paper advertised a drawing for a lot at the Brunswick Grand Opera House and that issue was excluded from the mails. An editorial explanation which followed is also contained to have been a violation of the law. As long ago as December, 1907, it is claimed The News advertised a jewelry drawing for a Brunswick merchant with the list of winners and was warned at that time that the law had been violated.

One Man Cremated.

Chicago, March 18.—One man was killed and 300 head of cattle were burned to death today in a fire which destroyed a square block of the huge network of pens in the Union Stock Yards here.

Ban on Cigarettes.

Salt Lake City, Utah, March 18.—A bill making it a misdemeanor to sell cigarettes or cigarette papers passed the legislature yesterday.

Sold Business.

Wadesboro, March 18.—C. M. Burns has sold the business house formerly occupied by the Gathings Furniture Company on Rutherford street to Messrs. W. H. Liles, Frank Bennett and W. T. Rose, consideration \$4,000.

PLAGUE IN CHINA CAUSES MUCH ALARM

(By VICTOR ELLIOTT.)

Washington, March 18.—Recent advices from pestilence stricken China have caused great activity and alarm in official and semi-official circles. Grave fears are entertained for the safety of the American colony in Peking and other large Chinese cities, and diplomatic circles have been stirred to their depths by reports from that plague ridden land which bode ill for all those detained within boundaries. Through semi-official sources it became known today that the recent appeal of President Taft, head of the Red Cross Society in America, for funds to alleviate suffering in China was due to authentic reports from that country stating that three million Chinese are affected by famine and plague, two millions of whom are dying for lack of food, and that while Europeans the hand of pestilence and famine was ever drawing closer to the community of whites, who are compelled by a strict quarantine to remain in the country.

The appeal for aid issued by the President in behalf of the American Red Cross has brought in over \$33,000 of which \$8,000 were invested in food supplies and hurriedly shipped to China from Seattle, aboard the United States army transport Buford, on March 5th. The remainder of the sum collected, over \$25,000, was cabled to Counsel General Wilder, at Shanghai, by Secretary of State Knox. It is said that the money has already been distributed by the Counsel General among the relief societies operating in the famine district.

The latest report from Consul General Wilder to the state department gives some interesting light on the conditions during the early winter, he says, many families had been able to keep alive by subsisting their stores of grain, eating two meals of gruel a day, helped out with sweet potato vines and weeds. But these supplies at the end of January were about exhausted, and on wealthy farmers and their families were on the verge of starvation. In one village a hundred families one-third of the population died of hunger and pestilence. One traveler reported passing thirteen dead bodies by the roadside on thirteen miles. A missionary reports that in a district visited by him the starving had received from the government three cents each which they had bought cakes made of leaves and stems mixed with millet chaff. They were unable to buy with such a small sum anything more edible. The trees had been stripped of bark, which had been eaten. In that part of the country it was estimated that there were 210,000 without food save weeds a day.

Mr. Cochrane, an American medical missionary of the Presbyterian church, reported that in the district where he was at work the most conservative estimate was that 80,000 were in dire distress, and that in the whole afflicted region to say there were two million starving would be nearer the mark than an estimate of one million.

SKY SCRAPER OF 12 STORIES FOR COM. BANK

For a week or more the directors of the Commercial National Bank have been in consultation in regard to the erection of their building on the corner of Tryon and Fourth streets. Prominent architects have been here to submit plans. At a meeting of the directors of the bank today it was decided to erect a 12 story building and a building committee was appointed to go ahead, select plans, prepare for building. The committee consists of Messrs. D. H. Anderson, W. S. Alexander, P. M. Brown, R. A. Dunn and Major A. G. Brenizer.

Net Drawing Close Around Besieged City Of Ojinaga

official census. Of the first class, those who had plenty, there were 2,326 families, totalling 18,995 people. Of the second class, those who could sustain themselves until harvest, there were 32,712 families, containing 209,937 souls. Of the third class, those who would require aid within a month there were, 23,793 families, containing 156,301 persons. Of the fourth class, the absolutely destitute, there were 39,431 families, including 197,681 persons.

With the funds at his disposal the missionary was able to furnish persons of the fourth class in 19 out of 71 wards of the districts with food for half a month, that is giving to each adult 13 pounds of rice and half that amount to each child. Snow was falling and many were without proper shelter or sufficient clothing. Many of those relieved died by the wayside as they were returning to their homes. Children were being sold by their parents for food.

The American Red Cross officials are greatly alarmed at the situation. Secretary McGee, in his offices in the war department, today said that so serious are the conditions that two and a half million people will die in China for the want of bread if assistance is not forthcoming immediately from the peoples of the Christian world.

The famine is the direct result of the great flood which inundated the province of Manchuria and this summer, ruining the crops. Consequently there was no harvest, and the supply of food on hand was not sufficient to sustain the people until the harvest of the coming summer.

"During the first days of the famine," said Secretary McGee, mothers endeavored to sell their babies to provide food for themselves and save their children from starvation. Now they are trying to give the children away in the hope that those to whom the babies are given will be able to feed them. Along the banks of the Grand Canal the victims of this terrible calamity are living in mud and water, with only shacks of matting over their heads, hoping against hope that they may exist until boats bearing the necessities of life come up the canal to relieve their distress.

The plague is sweeping southward towards the famine district. It has already ravaged Manchuria and thousands of refugees, who have fled to Chefoo, in Chantung province, have carried the dread scourge with them. Hundreds of deaths occur daily. The frozen ground prevents the burial of the dead, and long rows of coffins lie on the roadside. Persons stricken with the plague are dying by thousands and it is of so fatal a nature that its victims die quickly. The people have at least consented to the cremation of the bodies of the plague victims and the stricken land, if it could be viewed from the clouds, would be lighted constantly by the burning eyes of thousands of bodies of the victims.

MAINTAIN FIRES IN BIG ORCHARD.

By Associated Press. Chattanooga, Tenn., March 18.—The Towers orchard, on Lookout Mountain, near Fort Payne, Ala., has just received 5,000 gallons of crude petroleum to be used in maintaining fires in the orchard to prevent frost damage during the present cold weather. This is one of the largest orchards in the fruit section, and so far has escaped frost damage by the maintenance of fires.

The Vice-President Entertained.

By Associated Press. Charleston, S. C., March 18.—Vice-President Sherman and Col. Casson, sergeant-at-arms of the national house of representatives, were given an excursion about the harbor and up the Cooper river to the navy yard today by Congressman George S. Legare and others. Mr. Sherman and Col. Casson will leave for Washington this afternoon. They came primarily as guests of the anniversary banquet of the venerable Hibernian Society of Charleston last night, the vice-president delivering the principal address of the occasion.

Macon Votes on Bond Issue.

By Associated Press. Macon, Ga., March 18.—Macon is today voting on issuing \$900,000 in bonds for the purpose of purchasing the water works plant from a private corporation. Two thirds of the votes registered is necessary to carry the bonds. The people are all taking a great interest in the outcome. Voters are being hurried to the polls in automobiles. It will be necessary to have 1,187 votes in favor of the bonds for the election to carry, and it is believed that these can be polled without any trouble.

Off For Honolulu.

By Associated Press. Tucson, Ariz., March 18.—Having taken a round about course through San Antonio, Tex., as if headed for the army maneuvers, the second United States infantry under command of Colonel Mansfield passed through Tucson today en route to San Francisco where the men will embark immediately for Honolulu. It is understood this will be an additional force for the Hawaiian Islands and not to relieve other troops.

Caught Him But He Got Away.

By Associated Press. Savannah, Ga., March 18.—The home of Mr. Fred Sausy at Eloyd Heights, a suburb of Savannah, was entered by a burglar last night. Mr. Sausy caught the man in the house and a struggle ensued, but the burglar escaped.

Insurrectos To-day Line of Communication With American Side—Seven Federals Dead And Eighty More Are Surrounded by Rebels.

Colonel Durantes Surrounded And is Putting up Hard Fight—Men Falling on All Sides—Chihuahua in Danger of Starvation.

By Associated Press. Presidio, Tex., March 16.—Via Marfa, Tex., March 17.—Step by step the net is being drawn close about the besieged city of Ojinaga and today the insurrectos cut the last line of communication with the American side of the river. Seven federal soldiers have been killed and one insurrecto was shot last night and died today. Col. Dorantes, of the federal forces, and about 80 soldiers have been cut from off Ojinaga and are completely surrounded in a group of houses at Texas Canada Rancha, about a mile from Ojinaga.

There has been a company of soldiers defending the Canada Rancha since the beginning of the siege. Yesterday Col. Dorantes, who is second in command of the garrison at Ojinaga, visited the outpost with a small body guard. A few minutes later the insurrectos charged up a ravine, formed a line between the town and the outpost, and cut off his retreat. The insurrectos have formed a complete circle about the houses and the battle has been carried on since yesterday at a distance of one hundred yards.

Three soldiers are known to have been killed as their bodies are lying in sight of the insurrecto lines. The one insurrecto casualty occurred in the fight near the guard house at the river crossing. By a series of rushes the insurrectos have established their line within 200 yards of the guard house. In a spirit of bravado one insurrecto, advanced within 100 yards of the federals and built a fire. He was riddled with bullets. Frank Lewis, a Greek Red Cross man, and F. S. McDonald, formerly of Seattle, Wash., carried off the wounded man and he died in a few hours.

Four soldiers were killed in the fight at the guard house. The crossing at the guard house is under the guns of the insurrectos and any attempt to cross by wagon would be suicide. The American customs officials have refused to permit the exportation of goods at any other point other than the recognized crossing and the insurrecto advance has thus cut off Ojinaga from all supplies. The insurrectos have cut the irrigation ditch which supplied the town with water and the general food depends on a few wells. Yesterday the Americans, S. S. Lang and F. O. Jansner, of San Antonio, Tex., crossed the Rio Grande below Ojinaga. They had come from the city of Chihuahua by train to Fairmeir and by wagon to the border. The insurrectos examined their mail and then assisted them in crossing the river. They said that they were treating with great consideration by the insurrectos. Chihuahua, they declare is completely shut off from the outside world and the danger of famine is great. The insurrectos under Gen. Orozco completely surrounded the city.

President Plays His Last Game

By Associated Press. Augusta, Ga., March 18.—The president played the last golf game of his spring vacation on the links of the country club today. Tomorrow afternoon the start back to Washington will be made.

Mr. Taft has thoroughly enjoyed his rest and will return to the white house in splendid condition. The president has done his best to forget that there is such a thing in the world as work and has nearly succeeded. There will be in consequence a heavy accumulation of official business awaiting him in Washington. The president's message to the special session of congress to be convened on April 4, will be a brief one if he follows his present inclination. Whether he will directly recommend that nothing shall be considered but the reciprocity agreement bill or whether he will indicate such a desire simply by confining himself to the subject of the agreement cannot be stated at this time.

From the formal statements of the democratic leaders, however, the president has every reason to believe that revision of two or three of the schedules of the Payne-Aldrich act will be undertaken at the extra session. Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, who was in Augusta several days ago, said the democrats in the house were elected to revise the tariff and they ought to get to work at the earliest opportunity. There is said to be a possibility that the president may call the proposed arbitration treaty with Great Britain to the attention of the special session, but the chances are that the pact will wait until the regular session next fall.