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RUMORED DEATH OF POPE PIUS X.

HIS DEATH REPORTED AT ROME THIS MORNING.

Dispatch From Madrid Says Papal Nunciature Announces His Death. London Afternoon Papers Also Announce It.—All Efforts to Communicate With Rome Are Unavailing. Another Madrid Dispatch Says Report is Untrue.

London, April 11.—A Renter's dispatch from Madrid says a Papal nunciature received there this afternoon announced the death of Pope Pius X.

London, April 11.—The three afternoon editions of the London papers announce the Pope's death based on the Madrid dispatch. There is no other confirmation received up to 3:15 this afternoon. All efforts to communicate with Rome are unavailing.

Minneapolis, Minn., April 11.—Father T. E. Cullen, of the Catholic church, said today that Archbishop Ireland had been notified of the Pope's death.

Report is Denied in Another Dispatch. London, April 11.—At four o'clock this afternoon, London time, a Madrid dispatch says report is not confirmed. Cardinal Bourne, head of the church in London, said no news of the Pope's death had been received, and the report is not credited.

Through the cardinal's secretary the following statement has been issued: "We are certain that some error in the Madrid dispatch is responsible for the report. It is inconceivable that the cardinalate at Madrid should have had so important a report hours ahead of papal legations in other European capitals."

ROME DISPATCH SAYS REPORT IS UNTRUE.

Statement Given United Press at Vatican This Afternoon.

Rome, April 11.—The Pope is not dead and the reports emanating from Madrid are unfounded. This statement was given to the United Press at the Vatican this afternoon. The first word of rumor reached the local newspapers and came in the form of queries from capitals. Simultaneously with the press queries came dispatches of inquiry from church dignitaries throughout the Christian world. The basis for the Madrid report is unknown. The Vatican promptly started inquiries.

Honor Women of Confederacy.

Columbia, S. C., April 11.—South Carolina's everlasting memorial to the Women of the Confederacy, said to be the first monument to women ever erected independently by a State, was unveiled here today with splendid ceremonies. The Governor and other officials, the State military, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the United Confederate Veterans and delegations of college students and other visitors from all parts of the State participated in the ceremonies.

The monument was designed by F. Wellington Ruckstuhl, of New York. The central figure depicts a Southern woman, dignified and beautiful, waiting to be crowned with laurel by the figure in the rear. On either side are other figures representing the South, bearing laurel to lay at the heroine's feet. The most important inscription on the monument says: "In this monument generations unborn shall hear the voice of a great people testifying to the sublime devotion of the women of South Carolina in their country's need."

Dance at Elks' Home.

An enjoyable informal dance was given at Elks' Home Monday night by a number of young men of the city. Those dancing were: Miss Mary Burwell, of Chase City, and T. F. Morrison, Miss Mary Fry, of Greensboro, and Fred Correll, Miss Alice Brown and John Porter, Miss Ann Corl, of Webb City, Mo., and R. L. Morrison, Miss Laura McGill-Cannon and Fred Patterson, Miss Elizabeth Butler, of Atlanta, and Cy White, Miss Flossie Bingham, of Daytona, Fla., and Fred Bost, Miss Ashlyn Lowe and A. L. Brown. Stags: Will Montgomery, Eugene Barnhardt, Cannon, Campbell Cline and Archie Goodman. Chaperones: Mr. and Mrs. Earle H. Brown.

Mrs. Mary Linn and Miss Ola Linn, of Landis, spent yesterday here shopping.

THE STORAGE BATTERY CAR IS NOT SATISFACTORY.

After a Year's Trial It is Pronounced a Failure Here.—Force of Hands Now at Work Putting Up the Trolley Line.—Already Up on Main Street.

Concord's storage battery car is doomed. The famous self-propelling child of Mr. Edison's creative brain has ceased to propel. And now it is to the junk pile with it. Once it was the pride of the populace and the joy of its possessors. "Edison's storage battery car, the first in the South and the only one in North Carolina," was the proud boast of every Concordian.

But, alas, it began to weaken; to grow faint upon its ceaseless journeys, and at times to falter and to stagger at the grades. Experts were rushed here to attend its condition. Time and time again they doctored upon its system. New parts replaced the old, more powerful motors were administered and many other remedies were resorted to to revive the patient. All were in vain. The car that was once the marvel of the age now stands upon a siding, its propellers unable to propel and its batteries unable to "bat."

Another car was ordered a short time ago. It was of the same make but was to be more powerful. The street car company alleges that they were to have a guarantee that the car would make the required schedule but that when time came for the builders of the car to sign a contract to this effect they refused to do so. The local company countermanded the order and decided to put on trolley cars.

A force of hands is now at work putting up the trolley wires. The poles are up from the Locke Mill to the depot and it will require only a short time to put up the necessary wires. By the time the work is completed a new car will be here and the officials of the company say they will be in a position to serve the public satisfactorily.

FARMERS BEHIND WITH WORK.

Ploughing Almost Impossible.—A Report Which Lacks Verification.

While Steam Boat Bill's river is on a rampage and is running at random over the broad and fertile acres of the Mississippi valley the roductive acres of Cabarrus have also received an almost unlimited supply of "dampness." Reports from every section of the county state that such a thing as ploughing has been impossible lately and in many places the ground was so damp and soggy that it cannot be accomplished for weeks.

Out on route No. 6, however, the situation has become more serious. In fact so serious that it would be even dangerous to walk on the land if a report received here Saturday is correct. One farmer was in town from that direction. He said that his neighbor had a neighbor whose land was so wet that a buzzard flew across it last week and his shadow sunk in the earth. No documentary proof was attached to this statement, but the man who made it says that his neighbor's neighbor says it is a positive fact.

Water Company Must Make Connection at Its Own Expense.

Water companies must bear the expense of tapping their pipes to furnish connection with all city residences if they are to serve the public impartially, according to a decision by the Supreme Court of the United States. Albert L. Hatch, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho brought suit to compel the Consumers Company of that city to furnish to him a connection without his having to bear the expense. The Supreme Court decided in his favor.

More Prizes For Corn Club Boys.

Mr. I. O. Schaub announces two additional prizes for each district in the Boys' Corn Club contests. These prizes are two free trips to the National Corn Show, which will be held in Columbia, S. C., January, 1913. There are now seven prizes in each district in the State. The town boys making the best records will get \$25 each to pay expenses to the National Corn Show while the next five will get cash prizes.

850 Pounds of Fat Stops Man's Heart.

Boston, Mass., April 10.—Abraham Sodekson, 26, who weighs 850 pounds, died today at his home, No. 20 Prince street, of fatty degeneration of the heart. During the last month he had gained at the rate of almost twenty pounds a day, tipping the scales at 424 pounds just four weeks ago.

Abraham's remarkable rapid growth dates from the time when falling asleep while standing, which ed States has derived any benefit and was burned.

THREE MEN BOUND OVER TO COURT

CHARGED WITH BREAKING INTO FURR & BOST'S STORE.

Bob Ritchie Pleads Guilty.—All of the Defendants Go to Jail in Default of Bond.—Furr Also Charged With Breaking Into Store of Richmond Sloan Co. at Kannapolis.

Bob Ritchie, Arthur Furr and Bob Ridenhour were bound over to court at the Recorder's court this morning on the charge of store breaking.

Bob Ritchie plead guilty to breaking into Furr & Bost store Sunday night. He was bound over to court under a \$500 bond.

Arthur Furr was tried for store-breaking. He was represented by Mr. H. S. Puryear and Senator Hartsell represented the State. There were two cases against Furr, one for breaking in Richmond-Sloan Co., at Kannapolis and the Ritchie Hardware Store here. He plead not guilty.

Mr. Sam Query, of the Richmond Sloan Company testified that the store was broken into and a quantity of goods taken.

Bob Ritchie testified that Arthur Furr traded him a pair of pants. At the time the trade was made the witness said that Horace Furr said to Arthur that the pants were the ones stolen from the store of Richmond-Sloan Co., but that Arthur Furr did not make any statement as where they came from.

Chief of Police Boger testified that Arthur Furr told him since he has been arrested that he did trade Ritchie a pair of pants and gave him a pistol and that Horace told him the pistol was stolen same as the goods.

The defendant offered no testimony. He was bound over to court under a \$500 bond.

Bud Ridenhour was tried on the charge of breaking in Ritchie Hardware Co. Ridenhour was arrested sometime ago and a pistol was found on his person.

Mr. C. F. Ritchie testified that the pistol was of the make that was stolen from the hardware store.

Chief Boger testified that Ridenhour told him he purchased the pistol from a negro and gave him \$7.50 for it.

Mr. Boger also testified that Ridenhour had not called for the pistol since he was arrested and fined for carrying it about two weeks ago.

Ridenhour was bound over to court under a \$250 bond. All of the defendants were committed to jail in default of bond.

A warrant was issued several days ago for Horace Furr. The officers have been making a diligent search for him but so far have been unable to get him in the clutches of the law.

Seized Whiskey Confiscated.

Twelve quarts of brandy and 38 half pints of liquor that was confiscated from Will Davis and Les Christy several nights ago as they returned from Salisbury was confiscated by the city at the Recorder's court Tuesday morning. Davis and Christy both failed to appear. After entering judgment warrants were issued for the two men, charging them with bringing liquor here for the purpose of sale.

It is understood that both Davis and Christy are out of town. The police have the warrants and will make the arrest as soon as they locate the two men.

Clean-Up Day.

Great loads of trash and rubbish were piled in front of homes Monday, the day being clean-up day. A report as to the amount can not be secured on account of the fact that the day was Easter Monday, and, as the public well knows, no inducement could secure laborers on Easter Monday. Sanitary Officer Smith has his force at work today, at least those who have been so fortunate as to return from the various Easter gatherings, and the work of gathering up the rubbish is being rushed to a finish.

Dr. Smoot Resting Well.

A message received today at noon from Salisbury stated that Dr. Smoot, who underwent a serious operation at a hospital there Saturday night, was resting well and the physicians were hopeful as to his recovery.

The Salisbury Post has this in regard to Dr. Smoot: The operation was necessary on account of an adhesion from a former operation for appendicitis. This was about two years ago. The many friends of Dr. Smoot hope he may soon be fully restored.

Rev. J. H. West went to Salisbury this afternoon to see Dr. J. E. Smoot.

MOUNT PLEASANT NEWS.

Sykscraper for Mt. Pleasant.—Baseball News And Personals.

Mount Pleasant, N. C., April 11.—Another Easter has happily come and gone. The wheel of industry and energy is again making its usual revolutions after a standstill of several days. An arrow seemed to pierce it Friday evening which caused it to rest while the Easter-tide passed pleasantly on. Cupid did the cranking during the holidays. The students of both the schools have returned, and work was resumed Tuesday morning. Everyone anticipated a pleasant Easter, but no one expected the one event which took place, an event which was a surprise, a wonder and almost a miracle. We were expecting everything to work in harmony, but still it was wonderful to know how things did result. A prodigious contribution was made to our egg supply. We didn't know that our chickens were so ready to aid in the Easter celebration. Rev. R. H. Goodman was the fortunate receiver. One of his hens laid an egg which weighs four ounces. This was good on the part of the chicken, as well as for the owner.

Our town needs a railroad, it needs the Seminary, and several other good things, but there is one thing that it needs that it will have before so very long. In the near future the people of Mt. Pleasant will arise one morning to see the sun in all its splendor, pour its radiant light upon a near-sykscraper. A crew of architects, brick-layers, and general designers, have been working diligently for the past several months upon the building which Mr. Charlie Lentz is erecting. He is giving up a building which will serve for store rooms, as well as an office building. It will have all the latest conveniences and improvements, and will be a shining star in the business section of our town. As evidence of the fact that it is being completed, the writer was informed yesterday that the workmen have laid two more bricks this week. It is hoped that the building will be completed as soon as possible as it will add another mercantile establishment to our prosperous.

The baseball team of the Institute will go to Lenoir College tomorrow where they play two games, returning Saturday night.

Mr. M. J. McAllister spent the holidays in Charlotte.

Mt. Pleasant, was well represented at Bost's Mill Monday.

Mr. Lee Foil, our genial banker, is confined to his room with a throat trouble.

Base Ball Saturday.

The base ball season will be formally opened Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Locke Mill park in a game between the Lockites and the Charlotte team of the Carolina League. Manager Osteen of the Hornets has a choice collection of diamond artists on his roster, including such stars as "Togo" Bently, "Lefty" Lewis and Weiser. The game will be called at 3 o'clock. Manager Clark is making an extra effort to secure a large crowd as the Locke Mill management has gone to considerable expense to get the professionals here. Admission will be 25 cents for men and 15 cents for ladies. Tickets can be secured at the grounds and at Davis Drug Company.

Barn Burned Near China Grove.

Our correspondent at Landis telephoned us Tuesday that the barn of Mr. E. L. Sloop, who lives about a mile and a half south of China Grove, was burned to the ground last night about 10 o'clock. All the telephone wires in that direction are down and full particulars could not be secured. It was reported, however, that all the horses, stock and entire contents of the barn were destroyed.

Farmer's Mules Aid Waiting Dancers.

Asbury's Orchestra made a rather unusual trip to Concord last night, where they furnished music for the trains, No. 12 and No. 38, were several hours late. In order to get here in time for the dance the orchestra secured an automobile and started out through the country. They had a number of mishaps and finally the car stuck in the mud while crossing a stream. They went to a farm house and after much persuasion, backed by tempting coin, induced a farmer to take his team and pull the car out. They finally arrived here and were given an ovation by the anxiously waiting dancers when they entered the Elks' Home.

The aldermen of Lexington have been shaking up things. The Dispatch says of the last meeting: One of the most surprising stunts of the evening was pulled off when Chief J. W. Davis and Officer David C. Hayes were fired from the police force on the ground of general, all-round incompetence and new ones were chosen.

Miss Margie McEachern is spending the day in Charlotte with friends.

STINGING CRITICISM MADE OF ROOSEVELT

TAFT BUREAU ISSUES STATEMENT TODAY.

Says Taft Has More Votes Now Than He Had on First Ballot in 1908.—Says Roosevelt Activities Designed Not to Nominate Him But to Defeat Taft.

Washington, April 11.—A stinging criticism of Roosevelt and his boomers was voiced in a statement by the Taft bureau today. It declared that "Taft has more votes now than he had on first ballot in 1908," and denounced that all bolt talk and compromise candidate rumors. The upshot of the Roosevelt activities is that they are not designed to nominate or elect Roosevelt, but to defeat Taft."

ELKS' EASTER DANCE.

A Social Event of Much Interest.—Handsome Club Rooms Beautifully Decorated.

The Elks' annual Easter dance and reception last night was one of the most largely attended and brilliant social events of the Easter season in Concord. The handsome club rooms were beautifully decorated in carnations and ferns, which were most attractively displayed. Music was furnished by Asbury's Orchestra of Charlotte. The grand march was gracefully led by Mr. T. F. Morrison and Miss Mary Burwell, of Chase City, Va., and dancing lasted from 9 to 1. Those who attended were: Miss Anna Corl, of Webb City, Mo., and Hugh Parks, Miss Ashlyn Lowe and Luther Brown, Miss Mary Fry, of Greensboro, and Fred Correll, Miss Florence Kelly and F. L. Smith, Miss Shirley Montgomery and John Porter, Miss Burwell and T. F. Morrison, Miss Marguerite Brown and E. C. Barnhardt, Jr., Miss Alice Brown and A. L. Taylor, Miss Louise Means and A. R. Howard, Miss Helen Davis, of Morganton and John M. Oglesby.

Chaperones: Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Boger, Mrs. H. M. Probst, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Barnhardt, Mrs. D. L. Bost, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Patterson, Mrs. G. W. Means, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Brown, Mrs. C. W. Swink, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Moss, Mrs. John Fox, Mrs. R. S. Sanders, Miss Maude Brown, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Ramsaur, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Brown, Mrs. D. F. Cannon, Mr. and Mrs. A. Jones Yorke, Mr. and Mrs. Iverson I. Davis, Mrs. P. C. Gregory, Mrs. Thomas Hawthorne and Mrs. W. S. Bingham.

Horse Stolen.

Some one stole a horse from the stable of Anderson Hasty, who lives on the Reed place, a short distance from town, last night. Mr. Hasty missed the horse this morning when he went to the stable to feed the stock. The horse was also gone and the stable door was open. He succeeded in tracking the animal to the Brown Mill but could not secure any information concerning what route the thief took from there. The horse was black and weighed about 1100 pounds. There is no clue as to the thief. Mr. Reed and the officers are making a strenuous effort to catch the party.

Here We Are Again!

The man in New York, who writes this notice every week about the Sunday World has just looked all over the big list of good things in the Magazine Section for April 14 and has decided to let you take it on faith, and just remind you that there will be another new, bright, classy, unique, clever, snappy, sparkling humorous, laughable, health inspiring Joke Book given free with next Sunday's World.

Elks to Install Officers.

Mr. T. E. Witherspoon, district deputy of the Elks, will arrive here tonight on train No. 35 to install the newly elected officers of Concord Lodge, N. 857. Mr. Witherspoon will be accompanied by a number of Salisbury Elks. After the installation a social session will be held.

There will be no prayer meeting service at the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church tonight on account of the series of meetings that are being conducted at McKinnon Presbyterian church.

RECEPTION YESTERDAY.

Daughters of the Confederacy Entertain Yesterday at Mrs. J. F. Goodman's.

The Daughters of the Confederacy were hostesses yesterday afternoon at a delightful tea drinking at the home of Mrs. J. F. Goodman on North Union street. The home was most attractively decorated, red and white prevailed in the color scheme and Confederate flags were profusely used in the decorations.

Messdames J. C. Wadsworth, D. B. Morrison, J. F. Goodman, W. S. Bingham, L. D. Coltrane, W. L. Robinson, H. B. Parks, S. J. Ervin, D. L. Bost, D. B. Coltrane, C. L. White and Misses Maude Brown and Jennie Smith received. Tea and sandwiches were served by Messdames R. A. Brown and G. M. Lore. A silver offering was taken at the door by little Misses Jennie Gibson Brown and Catherine Goodman, and the sum of \$20 was realized.

THE NEW YORK DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

Delegation Pledged to Vote as a Unit at Baltimore.—Murphy Still Boss.

New York, April 11.—An instructed delegation is pledged by resolution to vote as a unit on all subjects, and is certain to fulfill the will of Boss Murphy, of Tammany Hall, to represent New York State in the Baltimore convention. This was determined at the Democratic convention here today. Murphy was accepted as the State leader and the delegates, after naming congressional district and "Big Four" delegations, adopted a platform assailing Taft for vetoes of various bills reducing the tariff and lauding the action of the Democratic House of Representatives. The convention will last only one day.

SAYS THERE WAS A COMBINE AGAINST WILSON

McCombs Says Result in Illinois Was Not Unexpected. New York, April 11.—William F. McCombs, campaign manager for Woodrow Wilson, in a statement today said that the result of the Democratic primaries in Illinois was "not unexpected." He alleged that all former Harmon and Underwood supporters in Illinois combined against Wilson in favor of Clark. He declared that the Wilson campaign is carried on directly through publicity, and that Wilson is making combinations with no one.

BOXER DEAD AFTER BOUT AT CLUB.

John Goldberg Taken to Hospital Unconscious, and Died Two Hours Later.

New York, April 11.—John Goldberg, aged 21, a boxer, died today, following a bout last night at the Sharkey Athletic Club. The direct cause of his death is uncertain, and an autopsy was ordered. The club officials were unable to arouse him, and two hours later he was taken to hospital unconscious.

Death of Mr. Frank Morgan.

Mr. Frank Morgan died yesterday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock at the home of his father, Mr. W. J. Morgan, after a lingering illness of tuberculosis. Mr. Morgan had been in ill health for some time but his condition grew rapidly worse a few weeks ago and continue so until his death. He is survived by his father, three sisters and three brothers. He was 17 years of age and was a member of the Presbyterian church.

The funeral will be held at 3 o'clock this afternoon at McKinnon Presbyterian church and will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Wauchope. The interment will be made at Oakwood cemetery.

Give Us a Street Box for Mailing Packages.

A well known citizen of the city came into The Tribune office yesterday afternoon. In his hand he carried a small package. Holding it up to the view of the staff he suggested that an effort be made here to get the postoffice department to put up a box at a convenient place on the street for the purpose of mailing packages and papers. Such a box would be of convenient service to the business people here and not doubt Postmaster Buchanan will take the matter up at once with the postal authorities.

There will be a meeting of the Merchant's Association tonight at 8 o'clock in the Allison building. A full attendance is desired as there will be business of importance to consider.

The programme of the State Sunday School Convention at Asheville, April 23-25th, is about completed and it offers strong attractions to Sunday school workers of all denominations.