

CARRANZA ADVISED TO CURB VILLA

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Washington, Feb. 26.—"Curb Villa or admit that he is the real leader of the revolutionary forces and that you are powerless."

A message to this effect was delivered Carranza and on the answer depends whether or not the United States will maintain its policy of "watchful waiting" or consider other tactics. It is learned that Carranza has been told that Villa's action in the Benton case is indefensible, and has been warned that popular opinion in the United States will not longer support the administration's semi-recognition of the constitutionalists as long as the lives of Americans and other foreigners are endangered.

Secretary Bryan was told today that England is growing restive over the delay in clearing up the mystery surrounding Benton's death. In reply the British ambassador has been told that immediate developments seem certain, but only Mr. Bryan knows what they are. The suggestion that troops be sent to recover Benton's body by force has many supporters, but it is pointed out that the whereabouts of the grave is unknown.

THE COMING EXPOSITION AT SAN FRANCISCO

To be the Greatest of All Expositions Yet Held.

Rev. J. A. B. Fry, of Berkeley, Cal., who recently spent a few days in Concord among old friends, is very enthusiastic about the San Francisco Exposition which is to be held in that city next year. He expected while here to receive some slides showing many of the features at the exposition, but they did not arrive. The San Francisco Exposition will be the crowning one yet held, and will have many new features. Great strides have been made in every line of human endeavor since the last great exposition was held.

Now, How do You Say It?

Kansas City Star.
The usual builder pronounces his name "Go-th'ls," with the accent on the "go." This pronunciation is vouched for by Peter C. McFarlane, the writer, and by others who know the Colonel personally. According to Funk & Wagnall's Standard Dictionary the name should be pronounced "Ger-tuls," with the vowel sound as in "Goethe." The Colonel, however, appears to prefer the American way, persists to the contrary notwithstanding. So "Go-th'ls" goes.

Death of John K. Berryhill.

Mr. John K. Berryhill died Tuesday afternoon at the home of his brother, Mr. M. V. Berryhill, on North Kerr street. Mr. Berryhill was a native of Mecklenburg county. He was unmarried and is survived by a number of relatives in this and Mecklenburg county. The funeral was held at the home yesterday at 2 o'clock and was conducted by Rev. A. L. Coburn, pastor of Epworth Methodist Church. The interment was made at Oakwood cemetery.

Box Supper at Georgeville School.

The following invitations have been issued:
The teachers and students of Georgeville School desire the honor of your presence at their Box Supper February twenty-eighth nineteen hundred and fourteen seven-thirty.

A Note From Prof. Webb.

The furnaces at Central school failed to heat the building this morning. Everything possible was done to push them but when the rooms could not be heated to a proper temperature it was necessary to send one of the grades home. Bonds were issued last spring for the special purpose of furnishing an adequate heating plant for Central school, but the money has just become available.

A. S. WEBB.

NO ANSWER RECEIVED

By the Board of Aldermen From Resolution Asking Street Car Company to Extend Line.

At the last meeting of the board of aldermen a resolution was passed asking North Carolina Public Service Company to extend the street car line on South Union street. The resolution was forwarded to Hon. Bird S. Coler, of New York, president of the company upon instructions from the mayor and board of aldermen.

Mayor Hartsell states that no word has been received from Mr. Coler in regard to the resolution. The resolution was passed more than two weeks ago and was immediately forwarded to Mr. Coler.

Concord needs an extension of the street car line not only on South Union street but in other sections of the city. In order to serve the people here the street car company must necessarily extend its lines. The South Union section of the city is improving rapidly and, owing to the fact the car line only extends a short distance in that direction and that the ball park and a proposed amusement park could be easily reached by an extension of the line, the company's patrons are of the opinion that the extension work should begin there.

THE FRANK CASE.

New Evidence, New Theories, New Motions And New Angles.

Atlanta, Feb. 26.—The Frank case is "in fashion" again in Atlanta. New evidence, new theories, new motions, new angles are developing daily as rapidly as if Frank had never yet been tried. And his lawyers are not by any means the only persons who have been searching the records of Georgia criminal history for precedents and other things bearing on the case.

Friends of Frank, after an almost exhaustive investigation have developed two rather surprising things. They say that the history of the Georgia of such a crime as the murder of Mary Phagan. And they declare that Frank has the further melancholy distinction of being the only white man who has ever been convicted in a capital case on the testimony of a negro. Another thing which they declare was without parallel in the past was the shouting around the courthouse by the surging crowds outside the open windows when the jury's verdict was being made up and rendered.

The principal new development in the case during the past twenty-four hours is the verdict of twelve months found against Jim Conley as accessory after the fact. It means that in the event of a new trial, or in case the coming Burns' investigation shows the case up from an entirely new light, Conley will be safe and fast and where he can be produced at any time. He will serve his sentence on the Fulton county chaingang and will be shackled and guarded with unusual vigilance and care.

Suffragettes to Tour the South.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Seven women of national reputation in the suffrage cause have been selected to tour the South in a private car in behalf of woman suffrage. Those who will make the trip are Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the national association; Mrs. Stanley McCormick, treasurer; Mrs. Susan Fitzgerald, of Boston; Mrs. Runtz-Reese, of Massachusetts; Mrs. Medill McCormick, chairman of the Congressional Committee; Mrs. Antoinette Funk, one of the most active members of the committee, and Mrs. Desha Breckenridge, of Kentucky. All of these women have taken an active part in the suffrage movement, and are at the present time the most active workers for suffrage. They will speak at Birmingham and Tusculosa, Ala., Columbia and Charleston, S. C., Jackson, Fla. and Atlanta and Columbus, Ga.

The Latest Dance.

It hails from New York city and bears the name of "The Innovation Waltz." A metropolitan paper thus describes it: "In the new dance the partners stand about a foot apart, the girl rests her hands on her hips, while the man thrusts his hands in his pockets." The Raleigh Christian Advocate thinks that if this description is accurate no prophet is required to predict the early demise of this new patron for ballroom favor.

Earthquake Shocks at Cleveland.

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 26.—Three distinct earthquake shocks, seemingly on the American continent were recorded on the Seismograph, at Stignatua University. It is estimated that the shocks were quite near.

MOUNT PLEASANT NEWS.

Annual Exercise of the Gerhardt Literary Society Good—Mercantile Company to Move Soon.—Local And Otherwise.

Mt. Pleasant, N. C., Feb. 26.—The annual exercise of the Gerhardt Literary Society of M. P. C. I. rendered Friday night was an excellent one. The young men who spoke gave the people who attended an insight into the work done in the various societies at the Institute. So well did the members of the debate present their arguments both pro and con, that when the judges left the hall to determine which side won, the whole audience was at a loss as to which side should be winner of the coveted prize. But when the judges returned to announce their decision there was a deep silence throughout the audience. When the spokesman of the committee said: "The judges have decided 2 to 1 in favor of the negative," the audience gave loud shots and cheers for the winning side. The hall was beautifully decorated with pennants of all kinds, and a large flag in the rear. The music was a special feature of the programme and added much to the occasion. We wish to thank the members of Forest Hill Band for the good music they gave us.

The store building which is being erected on the corner of East Franklin and North Main streets will soon be finished and will be occupied by the Mount Pleasant Mercantile Company.

Miss Bessie McEachern, who has been visiting friends in Mooresville, returned home Tuesday.

Mr. Horace Cook, who has been at home for some time, returned yesterday to resume his duties as a student at M. P. C. I.

LYERLY KILLED BY GUNSHOT WOUND.

Evidence at Coroner's Investigation Goes to Prove Murder.

Special to Charlotte Observer.
Barber's Junction, Feb. 25.—Evidence before the coroner's jury and its findings thereon here today are practically a substantiation of the special story in this morning's Observer, the jury returning a verdict that Preston Lyerly, whose body was found in the smouldering ruins of H. T. Smithdeal's store last night, came to death by a gunshot wound inflicted by an unknown person.

The most probable explanation of the charred body found in the smouldering ruins of H. T. Smithdeal's store last night seems to be that a robber or robbers, surprised by Manager Preston Lyerly in the act of rifling the safe, killed the merchant, upset a kerosene oil tank, fired the store and fled with a small amount of money taken from the cash drawer.

Any theory of suicide is exploded by the testimony of witnesses who found Lyerly's pistol in the bottom of his trunk with every chamber loaded, while an inventory of the business taken within the past few weeks showed the business to be in good condition, with a good profit for the past year and all bills of any moment paid.

Seven years ago in June an attempt was made to exterminate the family of like Lyerly. Negroes came in the dead of night and murdered Lyerly, his wife and one of their children, and fatally wounding another with axes, winding up by setting fire to the bed clothing in an endeavor to burn the other children in their beds. For this crime two negroes named Gillespie and one named Dillingham were afterward lynched in Salisbury. These Lyerlys were no kin to the young man killed last night. The police authorities have only one faint clue.

Some time since, Lyerly had trouble with a negro named Finger, who made threat against him. Several people maintain that Finger was seen yesterday at Barber Junction, but that has not been confirmed. The tracks found fit a No. 7 shoe, which is the size that Finger wore.

Slain by Unknown Person.

Salisbury, Feb. 25.—Coroner Sumner returned this evening from Barber, where his jury, investigating the death of Preston Lyerly, found the following verdict: "We, the undersigned, find from the evidence that Preston Lyerly came to his death by a pistol shot on February 24, 1914, at the hands of an unknown person."

Sensational Charges Against a Judge.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Sensational charges of professional and private misconduct were filed at the White House against Judge Wright, of the District of Columbia Supreme Court, by Wade H. Cooper, a local financier. Wright is the judge who declared Gompers and other labor leaders in contempt of court.

GENERAL VILLA STANDS PAT

WILL NOT SURRENDER THE BODY OF BENTON

To Be Removed From Mexico.—Will Allow Remains to Be Viewed There.—Blanquet Says Vegara Killing Will Be Thoroughly Investigated.—Fighting at Mazatlan Resumed.—Denied That 1,000 Are to Be Sent to Mexico City.

Chihuahua, Mexico, Feb. 26.—Gen. Villa "stands pat" in his determination that he will not surrender Benton's body to be removed from Mexico. He repeated that he is willing for representatives of the United States and England and Benton's family to review the remains here.

Mexico City, Feb. 26.—War Minister Blanquet assured Charge O'Shaughnessy that the Government will make a thorough investigation of the reported killing by Federales of Clemente Veraga, an American ranchman near Nuevo Laredo. Blanquet expressed doubt as to the report's correctness, but assured Mr. O'Shaughnessy that if the Federales are responsible the murderers will be brought to justice.

Fighting at Mazatlan was reported resumed today. Accurate information is unavailable on account of Huerta's strict censorship.

Washington, Feb. 26.—President Wilson authorized a flat denial of the morning newspaper report that Admiral Fletcher, at Vera Cruz, had recommended that a thousand marines be sent to Mexico City to protect American interests and to act as a legion guard. Secretary Tumulty said that the story is baseless.

A complete detailed report of the investigation of Benton's death was received from Consul Edwards by Secretary Bryan, but the Secretary refused to make it public at this time, but rushed copy to the British ambassador. Mr. Bryan also received a report from Consul Edwards regarding the various men reported missing. This also was withheld from the public.

Chairman C. A. Webb Calls Meeting State Committee.

Asheville, Feb. 25.—Chairman Charles A. Webb of the Democratic Executive Committee of North Carolina has mailed letters to the members of the committee calling a meeting which will be held in the Senate chambers at Raleigh Tuesday night, March 1, at 8:30 o'clock.

The purposes of the meeting as outlined by Mr. Webb include the selection of the time and place for the State convention; the fixing of a common day on which all precinct meeting or primary elections will be held for the purpose of ascertaining the choice of the Democratic electors for the State congressional and State senatorial offices and for the election of delegates to the county conventions; the naming of a common date for the holding of a county convention in each county of the State for the purpose of declaring the result of the precinct meeting or primary election or to ascertain the choice of all electors in mass convention and for the appointment of delegates to the State, Congressional, Judicial and State Senatorial conventions.

Wants Associated Charities.

The exceedingly cold weather and the sleet and snow have caused increased demands to be made on the various charitable organizations of the city. This has demonstrated again the need of associated charities in Concord. The disposition of charitable funds should be on a business basis and the same care should be exercised in the expenditure of funds by a business firm. To do this organization is necessary. One of Concord's best known women who is active in civic and charitable work, asks the question: Who will take the lead in organizing associated charities in Concord?

Tarboro Has Nine Inches of Snow.

Raleigh, Feb. 26.—Raleigh has seven inches of snow. There is a considerable moderation in temperature. Reports received show that the heavy fall is general throughout the State. There are nine inches at Tarboro, six at Charlotte, but only three at Asheville.

Landis Circuit.

There here is preaching at the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Bethpage Sunday at 11 a. m. Landis at 3 p. m., by S. L. Owens, pastor.

COTTINGHAM-BOYD.

Mr. A. J. C. Cottingham Weds Miss Corrie Boyd.

In perfect contrast with the season of brides and bridegrooms came the steady fall of snow last evening, enhancing rather than detracting from the beauty and impressiveness of the marriage of Miss Corrie Boyd and Mr. A. J. C. Cottingham, of Dillon, S. C., at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. W. C. Boyd, on North Union street.

Only relatives, near friends and neighbors were bidden to witness the ceremony.

Promptly at 8 o'clock, the appointed hour, little Misses Elizabeth Harris and Catherine Goodman, daintily dressed in white, with pink sashes, entered the parlor stretching ribbons from the doorway, forming an aisle to the beautiful improvised altar, banked with Easter lilies and ferns, over which was raised a veritable bower of white wisteria with three wedding bells. Here the sacred vows were spoken. Dr. J. M. Grier, of the first Presbyterian Church, officiating. Miss Lottie Boyd, eldest sister of the bride, becomingly gowned in pink tulle, with beaded chiffon over-dress, was maid of honor and only attendant. She carried an exquisite bunch of pink carnations.

The bride wore a stylish going-away suit, in the new blue, with hat to match. She carried a shower bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley. After the ceremony there was an informal reception.

The display of beautiful presents in the dining room attested the popularity of the bride, whose genial and affable manner has won many admirers.

The bridegroom is a man of active business interests in his own and neighboring towns.

Mr. and Mrs. Cottingham left after the reception for Florida. On their return they will live in Dillon, S. C.

GENERAL SNOWSTORM IN SOUTHERN STATES

The Storm Extended as Far South as Southern Georgia.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 25.—The south and southeast tonight shivered in the grip of a general snowstorm, which blanketed the Atlantic seaboard as far south as southern Georgia, and reached to the Gulf states. Weather bureau records from 8 to 20 years were broken. Falling temperatures accompanied the storm in many sections, the snow turning to sleet.

While no serious interruptions of traffic were reported early tonight, many trains were behind their schedules in localities where the snowfall was heaviest. Wire service was demoralized between Georgia and Florida points early in the evening and it was impossible at that time to establish connection with Jacksonville and Tampa, Fla.

The heaviest snowfall was reported in Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and North and South Carolina. At Macon, Ga., the precipitation reached a depth of six inches while an almost equal amount was reported at Augusta and Savannah. In Louisiana and Mississippi the snow began falling about noon and at nightfall it had been recorded from a trace in the extreme south to six inches in the northern section. Thermometers at New Orleans, Mobile and other Gulf ports hovered about the freezing point and the snow melted as it fell.

In addition to a heavy snowfall in South Carolina, the county around Charleston was covered with a coat of ice and sleet. Snow changed to sleet late in the day, causing progress on the streets of the city to be difficult for pedestrians and traffic.

W. S. West, of Valdosta Successor to Bacon.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 25.—W. S. West, a lawyer of Valdosta, Ga., late today was appointed by Governor Slaton as United States Senator to succeed the late Senator Bacon. Mr. West will serve until next November when a State election will be held. Indications are that there will be a multitude of candidates for the Georgia vacancy. Senator Bacon's term would not have expired until 1919.

Suffragettes Burn Historical Parish Church.

Edinburg, Scotland, Feb. 25.—Suffragettes burned today the historic parish church at Whitekirk.

Capt. L. A. Brown has returned from Gastonia, where he attended the meeting of the officers of the North Carolina National Guard.

WINTER'S SECOND SNOW.

Fell Yesterday Afternoon and Evening Covering the Ground Several Inches.

Snow began falling here yesterday afternoon about 6 o'clock and continued until an early hour this morning, the result being that the earth is carpeted in several inches of snowflakes. The weather man had the situation sized up to a nicety, the report yesterday morning predicting snow last night. The ground hog followers, however, attribute the snow to his hogship's activity and declare that it is the final "climber" in proving his supremacy in governing the weather.

The skaters, sleigh riders and lovers of out-in-the-open are having a snow-fall jubilee. Practically every little knoll is occupied, but the largest number gathered at the hill in Archibald's pasture on Church street, where the invigorating pastime of snow-balling and skating is at its height.

SERIOUS EXPLOSION OCCURS IN GOLDSBORO.

Hot Water Tank and Pipes at Home of Captain Collier Had Frozen.—Negro Cook Hurt.

Goldsboro, Feb. 25.—The hot water tank and pipes running into the kitchen range at the home of Capt. J. C. Collier, in this city, exploded about 9 o'clock this morning, severely scalding and bruising the cook, a negro woman, who had to be taken to the hospital for treatment. The tank and water pipes had frozen and the explosion came a short while after the fire had been made in the range, blowing the range into atoms, breaking out the window lights and destroying all the crockery in the kitchen, a quantity of which was highly treasured on account of having been in the family for more than half a century. Loss, about \$500.

THE FOUR GUNMEN MUST SURELY DIE

All of Them Will Be Executed April Thirteenth.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 26.—The four gunmen who murdered Rosenthal must die April 13, the court of appeals decided today. The only avenue of escape from the chair is an appeal to the Governor to stay sentence. It is the general belief that appeals for clemency will be made on account of Becker's charge that they are innocent and that Harry Vallon is the real murderer.

Pinehurst Hotel Crowded.

Salisbury Post.
Messrs. P. H. Thompson and Chas. Tatum returned yesterday afternoon from a business trip to Pinehurst, the noted North Carolina winter resort. They report a big crowd of Northern people there, all hotels crowded. For a time they were unable to get a room and it was not until some transient patrons had departed that they were able to get accommodations. The weather there was real bad, snow, sleet and bitterly cold.

Death of Mrs. Mary Bean.

Salisbury, Feb. 25.—Mrs. Mary Bean, aged 64 years, one of the leading women of Salisbury, died suddenly at her home here Tuesday night from heart failure. She was seated in a chair at the time. She was the widow of Moses L. Bean. Surviving are two sons, E. H. Bean, of Salisbury, and W. R. Bean, of Springfield, Tenn., also two daughters, Misses Daisy and Mary Bean, of Salisbury.

Corriher Mill at Landis Will Spin Hosiery Yarns.

China Grove, Feb. 25.—The Corriher Mill at Landis started operations Wednesday morning. This is a new mill and will spin hosiery yarns, having 4,000 spindles. G. O. Lippe, superintendent of the Linn Mills Company, will superintend the new enterprise with Mr. L. A. Corriher as secretary-treasurer. About 35 hands will be needed. C. J. Deal is president of the mill.

Another Anti-Japanese Outburst Occurs.

Washington, Feb. 26.—Another anti-Japanese outburst occurred before the House immigration committee. Despite the administration's ban on the discussion of the Pacific coast members revolted against the anti-publicity program. Representative Hayes said the chief trouble in keeping out the Japanese is that the sentiment is against it. He said he is tired of being ordered to soft pedal discussion.

Mrs. W. E. Odell and Miss Anna Branson have returned from Durham where they have been visiting for several weeks.