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CARRANZA AUTHORITIES STILL HAMMER CANADA

Charge American Consul With Being in Plot to Blow up Battleship Kentucky--They Don't Like Our Representative at Vera Cruz.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Feb. 15.—Carranza officials have warned the state department they have heard of a plot to blow up the battleship Kentucky in Vera Cruz harbor, in which Consul Canada is alleged to have been involved. They have been investigating the report, they said. It is asserted that the ship would be destroyed to force American intervention.

The state department regards the report as a continuation of the fire the consul has been under for several months by Carranza authorities who are hostile to him.

Recently the consul was on a formal leave of absence, but the state department after investigating charges against him, had him return to his post at Vera Cruz.

MR. ELI LEONARD DEAD

Well Known Catawba Citizen Passes in Jacob's Fork

Mr. Eli Leonard, one of the most prominent citizens of the county, died yesterday morning at his home in Jacob's Fork township following an illness of nine months. He was 88 years, three months and 14 days old, was a lifelong member of Grace congregation (Lutheran), served throughout the War Between the States, and was an honored Christian gentleman.

Mr. Leonard was married 56 years ago to Miss Camilla Leonard who, with two sons, survives. They are William Leonard, Sheriff of the county, and D. L. Leonard. He is also survived by one brother, Mr. Monroe Leonard, and one sister, Mrs. Adell Burleson.

The funeral will be held tomorrow at 11 o'clock, Rev. L. L. Lohr, his pastor, conducting the services. Interment will follow in the burying ground at Grace church.

FOR APPENDICITIS

Mr. Ralph Flowers of Downsville arrived in the city last night to undergo an operation at Richard Baker Hospital for appendicitis. Dr. Corpening of Granite Falls accompanied. This makes three members of the family to be operated on for appendicitis, the others being Mr. E. L. Flowers and Mrs. J. F. Flowers.

SUB-COMMITTEE IS BUSY ON BRANDEIS

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Feb. 15.—Chas. S. Mellen, former president of the New Haven Railroad today notified the senate sub-committee investigating the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis that he had no facts substantiating the statement of Charles W. Barrett of Boston that Mr. Brandeis helped wreck the New Haven road.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Feb. 15.—Investigation into President Wilson's nomination of Louis D. Brandeis to the supreme bench was resumed today by the senate judiciary sub-committee. Representatives of the United Shoe Machinery Company, with whom Mr. Brandeis was formerly connected, appeared as witnesses.

The committee sought information on charges of unethical of Mr. Brandeis on the part of the United Shoe Machinery Company to the effect that Mr. Brandeis, after accepting employment as counsel and as director of that company, appeared against it for the other interests.

SAILORS PUT OUT FIRE ON WARSHIP

(By Associated Press.)
Philadelphia, Feb. 15.—Quick work by sailors on the battleship North Dakota in the Philadelphia navy yard saved the ship from serious damage by fire last night. They jumped from their bunks at the first alarm and extinguished the fire in about three minutes. The fire started in the engine room.

JUDGE WM. A. CHAMBERS TO MEDIATE A. C. L. TROUBLE

Wilmington, Feb. 15.—Judge William A. Chambers, as official mediator, will attempt to adjust the differences between Atlantic Coast Line officials and conductors of that line over the resistance to the White audit system. Judge Chambers is a member of the federal board of mediation and conciliation. The company and conductors have both agreed to let the matter take the mediation course, though such does not insure that differences will be settled.

ESCAPED MAN ARRESTED

Chief Lentz and Sergeant Sigmon today picked up an man by the name of Small and held him here until the authorities at the Morganton hospital for the insane came for him this afternoon.

HAYWOOD LADY SURVIVES SIX HUSBANDS

Waynesville, Feb. 15.—The sentencing of Mrs. Frona McManhan, accusing of murdering her husband, Dave McManhan, at Sunburst in August, to a term of three years in the penitentiary by Judge B. F. Long, brings to light one of the most startling tales ever unfolded in a Carolina court. Mrs. McManhan was under indictment for murder in the first degree. Her husband was found dead at his home, and her version of his death is that she had arisen early to prepare breakfast, leaving her husband in bed. While in the kitchen she heard a pistol shot, and upon returning to the bedroom found McManhan dead with a bullet through his heart.

In giving her evidence, the little woman pronounced herself calm, self-possessed, smiling and serene, gave a detailed history of her matrimonial experiences with the six men she had married in the brief period since her sixteenth birthday. She is now 34.

She was first married to Thomas Meadows, in Graham county, at the age of 16. The wedding occurred on April 4. Two months and eight days after that Thomas died with a bullet in his side. The comely young widow was incorporated in her testimony that Thomas committed self-murder, by her two little sisters, who told that the man shot himself while in their presence. A magistrate acquitted her of a charge of murder.

Two years later in Tenn. she was married to William Metcalf, with whom she lived for about five or six years, when he ran away with another woman. Without bothering about a divorce a little less than a year later she married William Gregory also in Tennessee. Shortly thereafter he obtained a position at Proctor in this county, and she was journeying across the mountains to her home he was taken suddenly ill when about a mile away and died before aid could reach him. Less than six weeks the widow mourned for the departed for within that time David Shields had won her heart and hand. He was rather an odd fellow, but a month or so before he left for California without the formality of saying good-by. The deserted wife was consoled by a younger man, again without the usual divorce, this time to Luther Shields her troth being broken in the kitchen a few months, however, the domestic harmony was shattered, a lady from Little Rock, Ark., persuading the husband away.

Then came the sixth husband, Dave McManhan. The couple had been living as man and wife for nearly two years and were getting along fine at the big plant of the Champion Lumber Co. at Sunburst until one August morning last year the man was found dead in bed, a bullet hole through his heart.

The case against the woman was entirely circumstantial. She testified that he had gotten up and made a fire in the early morning and then came back to bed, she getting up then to prepare breakfast. A few minutes later the pistol shot rang out, while she was in the kitchen, according to her testimony, and he was discovered dead. There were several people in the house at that time, but no eye witness. From the wound and the position the pistol was found the state argued that he could not have killed himself, and that his wife was bound to be the guilty party. She pleaded innocence, and the jury could not agree.

In the case just decided the jury deliberated for 53 hours, but could come to no agreement, four of the jurors holding out for acquittal, and the case was definitely given up to be the jury, to save the ordeal of another trial and upon advice of counsel the woman plead guilty of the charge of manslaughter and was sentenced.

BRYAN CHALLENGED

Richard L. Metcalf Wants to Debate With Commoner.
Omaha, Neb., Feb. 15.—Richard L. Metcalf, former governor of the Panama Canal Zone, and now publisher of a weekly paper in Omaha, telegraphed William Bryan at Miami, Fla., suggesting a joint debate on the question of preparedness before the voters of Nebraska. It has been stated in the press that Mr. Bryan intends to deliver in Nebraska between March 20 and 22, the date of the state primary. April 18, speeches in opposition to the Administration's preparedness policy. Mr. Metcalf asked that six joint debates be arranged, one in each congressional district of the state during this time.

Mr. Metcalf has been intimately associated with Mr. Bryan in journalistic and political work for 28 years.

LOWEST IN RALEIGH SINCE JANUARY 1912

(By Associated Press.)
Raleigh, Feb. 15.—The lowest temperature since January 14, 1912, was recorded here at 6 a. m. today when the thermometer at the local weather bureau registered nine degrees above zero.

BELIEVED SENTENCE WILL BE COMMUTED

Raleigh, Feb. 14.—Governor Craig is being urged to commute the sentence of Mrs. Ida Ball Warren, under sentence to be electrocuted March 3, with Samuel Christy, for the murder of her husband. The governor has not acted on the petition.

The impression is growing that there will be a commutation purely on the ground of the aversion to electrocuting a woman in this state.

Messrs. Ronda Buchanan and J. T. Miller are spending today in Lenoir.

TWO BREAKS IN RIVER LEVEE TODAY

(By Associated Press.)
Natchez, Miss., Feb. 15.—Two breaks occurred early today in the Mississippi levee at Limerick about 25 miles above St. Joseph, La., on the Louisiana side, according to a report received here. It was said that a large volume of water was running through the breaks and would flood Tensas, Tallhoola, and other points in Louisiana.

The reports of the breaks were received here this morning by Engineer Martin, who later started for the crevasse. Mr. Martin said he hoped there would be no loss of life, as warnings were sent by courier on horseback to sections up the flood.

PROHIBITION, NOT SUFFRAGE, AT THIS TERM

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Feb. 15.—Prohibition amendment to the constitution, but not woman's suffrage amendment, will be considered at this session of congress. The house judiciary committee today postponed consideration of the Susan B. Anthony amendment until next December. Proposal to postpone the prohibition amendment was lost by a tie vote.

MARKETS

NEW YORK STOCKS

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Feb. 15.—Further selling of the character that depressed prices yesterday was noted at the outset of today's dealings, war shares, particularly Crucible Steel, Baldwin locomotives and issues affiliated with this group being under pressure. United States Steel sold a fraction under yesterday's quotations and rails were heavy.

COTTON FUTURES

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Feb. 15.—The cotton market opened steady at a decline of three to four points today in response to a moderate decline in Liverpool. The market was not active, however, and prices eased off another two or three points during the early trading, with May selling down to 12.08, July to 12.08 and October to 12.26.

HICKORY MARKETS

Cotton	11 3-4
Wheat	\$1.50

CHICAGO WHEAT

(By Associated Press.)
Chicago, Feb. 15.—The fact that the export business done had been much less under that estimated brought about a drop in prices. These were followed by an upturn all around.

THE WEATHER

For North Carolina: Fair weather and slow rising temperature tonight and Wednesday. Strong northerly winds, diminishing.

COMPARATIVE WEATHER

Feb. 14	1916	1915
Maximum	50	61
Minimum	17	43
Mean	33.1-2	52

COMING FRIDAY NIGHT

L. E. Gilbert, manager of the American Quartet, is a highly versatile entertainer. He sings bass, plays the violin, and reads. For several years he was an instructor in violin at one of Ohio's leading conservatories, and since that time has developed practically his entire effort to musical study and concert work.

The poems of James Whitcomb Riley are favorites with Mr. Gilbert, and some of these selections will be included in the program here. The quartet will be here Friday night.

SETTLE FIGHT DATE

(By Associated Press.)
Chicago, Feb. 15.—Whether the Willard-Moran fight set for March 8 in New York is to be definitely postponed probably will be decided today.

For a nation that is not neutral, Japan has done remarkably well in not adding to the horrors of the European conflict.—Washington Star.

BAD EARTHQUAKE RECORDED TODAY

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Feb. 15.—A very severe earthquake was recorded this morning on the seismograph of Georgetown University here. It lasted more than an hour. The heaviest shock took place between 7:01 and 7:03 o'clock. It was approximately 4,600 miles distance.

The record shows the disturbance began at 6:50 o'clock and lasted until 8 a. m. The director of the observatory said the record indicated a very heavy earthquake, which, if it had occurred on land, will be heard from. Frequently such earth shocks are of subterranean origin.

IN SUPERIOR COURT

Number of Civil Actions Handled During Week—Court Makes Progress

Among the actions handled during the term were the following cases: O. L. Holler et al vs Long Holler et al, case of land for \$4,500 by C. M. McCorkle, commissioner, confirmed.

Another witness fined \$80 for failure to answer was Sanford Ruff, in the case of Jim Lael; and nisi sci fa and capias, ad testificandum and several other things were entered against him.

A verdict of \$2.64 was given in the case of D. J. Fry vs. Q. C. Matthews, no counter claim being allowed. The defendant was taxed with the costs in the case of Dr. F. Wiggins vs. M. E. Thornton.

The case of Mrs. Margaret E. Fox vs Sheriff Isenhour was dismissed on account of failure to file pleadings. This was a suit for alleged damages for mental anguish on account of the death of a son of the plaintiff while a prisoner. There is another suit by the same plaintiff that is on the docket for trial this court.

In the case of Huffman vs. Huffman, it was adjudged that W. F. Huffman was the owner of the first tract at issue, while Marion Huffman was owner of tracts 2 and 3; and it was held that the defendant pay the plaintiff \$700.

J. A. Bull vs W. B. Wheeler, judgment for plaintiff for \$1,600 and costs. In the case of Mrs. Laura Setzer vs B. W. Morrow for alleged damages caused by overflow of stream, arbitration was restored to and J. E. Barb, D. E. Sigmon and Joe P. Finger named to arbitrate differences.

A report of Solicitor J. J. Hayes that steel filing cases be placed in clerk's office was approved. The solicitor also recommended that fines and forfeitures be paid to treasurer.—Newton Enterprise.

FORMER EDITOR DEAD

Mr. Robert A. Deal, for 21 years editor of the Wilkesboro Chronicle, died Saturday evening at his home at Wilkesboro. He was a victim of tuberculosis. Wife and children survive.

Several years ago Mr. Deal had to give up his paper on account of failing health. He had been chairman of the Democratic committee of Wilkes, postmaster at Wilkesboro and librarian of the state senate. Mr. Deal was a native of Caldwell county.—Statesville Landmark.

ANOTHER WRECK ON SEABOARD ONE DEAD

(By Associated Press.)
Raleigh, Feb. 15.—One man was killed, and two others seriously but not fatally injured early today when the Seaboard Air Line Florida Limited northbound crashed into the rear end of a freight train at Franklington, thirty miles north of here. None of the passengers were hurt.

Jim Holloway, the negro fireman on the limited, lost his life and H. J. Wells, the engineer, and Frank Stockwell, road foreman of engine, both of Raleigh, were burned and scalded.

The engine and three cars of the limited were derailed and several cars demolished. The road officials are investigating the accident.

Mrs. W. C. O'Leary of Lakewood, N. J., a passenger on the limited, was brought here from Franklington on a special train and placed under the care of physicians. It was said she was not injured, but was suffering from nervous shock.

Engineer Wells and Spottwell were also brought to Raleigh.

The American Embargo Conference seems to bear a 50 per cent. likeness to the mule. While doubtless not without hope of posterity, it evidently has no pride of ancestry.—Chicago Herald.

FRENCH ASSERT GERMANS ARE MAKING NO HEADWAY

Fighting in Northern France Local in its Nature And Small Gains Not Worth Price, Paris Declares--Battle in German East Prussia.

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SAYS CHILDREN DISLIKE TO ATTEND

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Feb. 15.—Capt. Ellison Smythe, president of the South Carolina Textile Association, today told the senate committee on interstate commerce considering the house child labor bill that passage of the bill would mean the driving from the mills of all children under 16 years.

There was no way to rearrange the working hours, he said.

For this reason, he said, and not because of an unwillingness of federal regulation of state affairs, the cotton manufacturers were opposing federal regulation. Captain Smythe is president of a number of cotton mills, including the one at Pelzer, S. C.

The children greatly preferred the mills to schools, he said, and in the absence of a compulsory attendance law, the company had induced the children to attend its schools by payment of a premium of ten cents per month for perfect attendance.

The members of the Belgian Catholic episcopate addressed to the cardinals and bishops of the central pipes in the name of their common religion an appeal for truth and justice in the treatment of Belgium to be answered by a collective from the cardinals and bishops Germany and Austria, a dispatch Rome announces.

ALLIES TO HOLD CONFERENCE IN PARIS

(By Associated Press.)
London, Feb. 15.—A general conference of the allies in Paris to consider tactical and political aspects of the war is to be held. Announcement to this effect was made in the house this afternoon.

RALEIGH TOWNSHIP SCHOOL BONDS SOLD

Raleigh, Feb. 15.—The Raleigh township board of school commissioners, James I. Johnson, chairman, yesterday afternoon sold the \$10,000 bond issue for the repair and construction of school buildings in Raleigh for the largest premium ever received for a similar bond issue in the state. The successful bid was \$108,701 and accrued interest. Redmond & Co., of New York, was the successful bidder.

OPONENTS CHILD LABOR BILL IN SENATE ACTIVE

Washington, Feb. 15.—Opponents of the child labor bill are active in the senate. Friends of the measure, realizing that a number of senators have shown constant hostility to child labor legislation, had it sent to the committee on interstate commerce, because the committee on education and labor was considered hostile.

Opponents of the measure are seeking to have it referred to the judiciary committee after it comes out of the interstate commerce committee, to determine its constitutionality. The real purpose is to delay it, and if possible, bury it.

Sensors who are for the bill will resist any effort to refer it to the judiciary committee. A roll call on the motion would probably result in a fairly accurate line up of the friends and foes of the regulation of child labor.

METHODISTS MEET TO CONSIDER UNION

(By Associated Press.)
Chicago, Feb. 15.—Problems which confront the six branches of the Methodist Episcopal church, which are seeking a basis of union, are being discussed at Evanston today. Ministers and laymen are in attendance and it is said they represent a membership of approximately 8,000,000.

HAMMER ASKS FOR COPIES OF CHARGE

Washington, Feb. 15.—District Attorney Hammer has asked Senator Overman for copies of the papers containing charges against him in connection with alleged election frauds. It was supposed that the department of justice had already sent copies of these papers to Mr. Hammer. Senator Overman will take the matter up with the attorney general.

MERCHANTS MEET ON THURSDAY NIGHT

Miss Annie Downum, secretary of the Merchants' Association, and urged that every member be present in addition to the various reports the association will elect officers quarterly meeting was not held on the last quarterly meeting, its success is due more to the fact it has had the good of the community back of every move.

Mr. Geo. E. Bisanar is president and he has been awake to the good of the association.

RETURNS HOME

Salisbury, Feb. 15.—Will Dar of Stanley county, who was sent to Atlanta for a year and a day for illicit distilling, passed through today en route home, he having a clean record.

ENGLAND TO SATISFY NEUTRAL SHIPPERS

(By Associated Press.)
London, Feb. 15.—Consideration of the question of the treatment of neutral shippers raised by the American to Great Britain has reached advanced stage, with important negotiations designed to meet the objections of neutral shippers who been the chief complainants, Associated Press learned today.

NO SELECTION TODAY

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Feb. 15.—President Wilson went today over a list names of prominent western law in his search for a new secretary of war. It was said at the white house that the president had reached decision.

LEATHER SCARCE IN AUSTRIA

(By Associated Press.)
Vienna, Feb. 15.—Shoe leather became so scarce in Austria that shoemakers demand two dollars for an old pair of shoes, dreds of children are unable to go to school because they have no shoes which cost anywhere from \$2 to \$4 a pair. Shoes with wooden soles have been introduced from Germany but even these cost from \$1.50 to \$2 a pair.