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AVIATORS ARE CIRCLING POOR TRAILS FOR VILLA

Bandit Believed to be Fleeing Into Mountains-- American Aviator Falls Fifty Feet and is Badly Injured--No Details of Fight Obtainable.

(By the Associated Press) El Paso, March 21.—Aviators of the United States army were reported today circling the almost blind trails leading to the pass in the Sierra Madre mountains, where Francisco Villa may seek to escape after his defeat by the Carranza forces yesterday at Hermasillo. Details of the fight in which a Carranza commander with about 900 troops took part are lacking, but it is reported that Villa was badly defeated and that he fled leaving his dead and wounded. Army officers agree that if Villa breaks up his command into small bands and returns to the mountains it will be almost impossible to capture him.

PILOT INJURED

(By the Associated Press) Columbus, N. M., by wireless from the Field Army, March 21.—An aeroplane, one of six to arrive today, was partly wrecked in a 50 foot fall. The pilot E. S. Bowen, was injured, but not fatally.

MEXICANS NOT DOING BEST

El Paso, March 21.—Those well informed here fear the Carranza troops are failing or refusing to hold up their end of the efforts to capture Villa. It was learned authoritatively that the Carranza troops that have been at Casas Grandes arrived in Juarez. They are said to have left Villa pass on the receipt of a message from him that he was not carrying on Mexicans, but the enemies of Mexico. The reason for the massing of troops at Juarez was not explained.

OVER MILLION MEN MAKING MUNITIONS

(By the Associated Press) Paris, March 21.—Germany now has 1,200,000 men making munitions, according to Senator Charles Humbert in an article in the Journal, in which he says: "Krupps employed 42,000 hands at Essen before the war. This figure now reaches 115,000 but Essen is only the principal factory. At other works the number of workers has risen from 6,000 to 15,000; from 14,000 to 30,000; from 9,000 to 27,000; while the Bochum and Gelsenkirchen works now employ 25,000 hands instead of 10,000 in times of peace. "There also exist in Germany two other enterprises exclusively devoted to the making of artillery, namely Thyssens, which employ 80,000 men, and the Ehrhardt works, which employ 100,000 instead of 30,000 and 40,000 formerly. "Thus over 42,000 men on the other side of the Rhine are running out war material, without counting the innumerable necessary workshops employing more than double that number in the manufacture of rifles, cartridges, shells, explosives, and asphyxiating gas—or a total of over 1,200,000 men employed in various war industries without including men who work in the factories for the production of raw material."

NATIONAL CAPITOL BE SHOWN TONIGHT

A miniature reproduction of the national capitol under every detail carried out, even to the electric lighting, will be unveiled in the show window of Thompson-West Company this evening at 7:30. Mr. F. Burkhalter, general superintendent of the Royal Soap Company of Cincinnati, is in charge. Instead of stone and steel, cakes of soap will be used in the construction, three special artists of the company yesterday setting to work on the face-like of the national capitol. The display will continue for several days, in the meantime the 25c cakes of soap selling in the store for 10c each or three for a quarter. Mr. Burkhalter said that the display was as good in the day time as at night, and this will give an opportunity to thousands to view it. In Charlotte when the display was put on at Ivey's 1,632 persons were in front of the window at one time by actual count. The display is being shown in all the principal towns of the United States.

FARMERS UNION MEETS

The Farmer's Union met at Killian school house last Saturday night, re-organized, elected new officers and is ready for work again.

Greensboro Man Kills His Four Children and Then Ends Own Life

(By the Associated Press) Greensboro, N. C., March 21.—Believed to be temporarily deranged, Daniel G. Patterson, formerly yard master here for the Southern Railway, early today shot and killed his four children and himself, Louise, 16, and Covles 7, were killed instantly; Francis, 9, died within an hour, Gordon, 11, had arisen and was dressing when the father entered the room and shot him. After shooting the children Patterson went to his wife's room on the second floor and told her not to worry, that the children were all right. Mrs. Patterson was alarmed at the sound of the shots. Patterson then went to another part of the house and shot himself. Mrs. Patterson was the children's stepmother. The last will and testament, believed to have been written a few hours before the tragedy, appointed his brother as guardian of such children as should live.

Mr. P. C. Setzer, Named for Mayor, Declares He is Not Candidate

Mr. P. C. Setzer, who was placed in nomination by friends last evening for mayor, today authorized the Record to announce that he was not a candidate for the position in any sense, and hoped his friends would act accordingly. His action again leaves the field clear for Mr. S. L. Whitener, the first to have his name placed before the electorate. The filing of Mr. Setzer's petition, which was done contrary to his wishes, was under article 2, section 7 and sub-section (h) of the charter, which provides: "(h) Any person whose name has been presented under this section as a candidate may, not later than ten days before the day of the primary election, cause his name to be withdrawn from nomination by filing with the city manager a request thereof in writing, and no name so withdrawn shall be printed upon the ballot. If upon such withdrawal the number of candidates does not exceed the number to be elected to said office, then other nominations may be made by filing petitions therefor not later than seven days prior to such primary election." Subsequently Mr. Setzer filed a

formal withdrawal with City Manager Ballwe. Whether Mr. Setzer could legally do this was a question but there was no doubt of his right to request that his candidacy be not considered. The Petition Mr. Setzer's petition was signed by the following: Signatures: C. A. Moser, J. O. Rhoads, D. T. Applegate, A. L. Moser, H. W. Jones, R. B. Fry, S. R. Morrison, G. A. Craig, J. E. Abee, W. H. Barkley, James R. Whitener, W. H. Harris, Lee Seagle, L. L. Moss, W. A. Starnes, W. M. Reese, W. J. Kennedy, A. C. Henderson, L. M. Thomas, G. W. Huffman, W. M. Hawn, L. I. Setzer, J. H. Willis, D. M. Reinhardt, J. T. Setzer. How It Looks Today The ticket as it will come before the people unless Mr. Setzer is prevailed to change his mind or unless the city manager is required under the charter to place his name on the ballot, will be as follows: For mayor—S. L. Whitener. For aldermen, first ward—Dr. W. B. Ramsay, Eubert Lyerly and R. M. Bumgarner. For aldermen, second ward—J. L. Cilley and Frank P. Johnson.

IMPERIAL HOTEL KNOXVILLE BURNED

(By the Associated Press) Knoxville, March 21.—Firemen at 9 o'clock this morning were still drenching the ruins of the hotel Imperial, which was destroyed at an early hour this morning. There were about 200 guests in the hotel and while a great many lost their personal effects, it is reported that no lives were lost. Two firemen caught under falling walls were seriously injured. According to firemen, the fire was started by a lighting stroke in the elevator shaft. A prompt alarm was given. Many of the men in the hotel abandoned themselves and engaged in rescuing the women guests. The flames were confined to the hotel building.

Hickory Man at Knoxville

The Record at 8 o'clock this morning received a telegram from Mr. E. L. Shuford of Hickory, who was in Knoxville at the time of the fire, as follows: "Imperial Hotel at Knoxville burning. Beyond control. All guests thought safe. Heavy storm now." Mr. Shuford's telegram was filed before the Associated Press report was sent out of Knoxville at 9 o'clock, when the fire was under control.

MUNITION WORKERS STRONG FOR JEWELRY

(By the Associated Press) London, March 21.—The practice melting British gold sovereigns to mix with other metals and make jewelry to sell to suddenly enriched munition workers and their wives is said to have become so alarming that an effort may be made during the present session of parliament to pass a law to prohibit it. There are not many sovereigns in circulation in England, they having been recalled shortly after the outbreak of the war, but they can be obtained easily in exchange for paper notes at the Bank of England. The gold reserve in the Bank of England at the present time is estimated to be \$255,000,000. There are other gold reserves of course, in the hands of other stock banks. One of the aims of the government is to prevent sovereigns going out of the country to keep up the reserve gold supply and to prevent the gold from reaching the enemy. For the past six months, or even since the munition workers began to work night and day greatly increased wages they have been having gold coins melted for jewelry. The practice is said to have become especially noticeable in Birmingham where many of the large jewelry manufacturers are located. (There is no law against the practice of melting government money. Hume Williams, a member of parliament from Nottingham, who thinks the government ought to make it a punishable crime to melt sovereigns down to make jewelry, said: "As the law now stands, a man can take a five-pound note to the Bank of England and demand sovereigns for it. He can take the gold coins to his factory, melt them down, mix the gold with certain other metals, and make the jewelry. The mere squandering of the munition workers money in this way, in a time of national stress when the surplus is needed for silver bullets and for a support for the worker and his family in possible days of need to come, is a bad thing. "There is another serious side to it. The state spends money in converting bar gold into sovereigns, and anybody can go along and get the sovereigns and melt them again. Also, if a man wants to take golden sovereigns to Germany he cannot do so, as there is an embargo against taking sovereigns out of this country. There is no regulation, however, against his taking gold in other forms. "Therefore, if a man wants to supply Germany with British gold he can take notes to the Bank of England, get sovereigns for them, melt them down, and take the gold to Holland and then get it into Germany. As our gold reserve, in comparison with that of Germany is so small, it becomes a serious matter to allow this golden drain."

THE WEATHER

For North Carolina: Cloudy tonight, warmer central portion, Wednesday partly cloudy and warmer, moderate shifting winds.

COMPARATIVE WEATHER

March 20, 1916	1915
Maximum	55 45
Minimum	30 31
Mean	42 1-2 39 1-2

SECURES CONTRACT TO REMODEL HOTEL

Mr. J. G. Marshall today awarded the contract to the Elliott Building Company for remodeling the Marshall Hotel on Ninth avenue, the work to start immediately. The front will be remodeled and two large store rooms made in what is now the lobby of the hotel. The upstairs will be used for roomers, as at present.

HOUSE PROGRESSES ON ARMY MEASURE

(By the Associated Press) Washington, March 21.—The house today continued work on the Hay army reorganization bill. Chairman Hay of the military committee was hopeful that a final vote would be reached before adjournment today. The house adopted by a vote an amendment submitted by Representative Gardner, Republican, providing that soldiers might be added to the reserve after serving a year in the army provided their commanding officers approve.

AGED WOMAN FOUND DEAD AT HOME NEAR TROUTMANS

Statesville, March 21.—Miss Maggie Hoover, an aged woman was found dead late this afternoon at her home in Troutmans, having been dead for about a week, as the badly decomposed body testified. Heart failure was probably the cause of her death.

DURHAM POSSES SEEK ALLEGED CRIMINAL

(By Associated Press.) Durham, N. C., March 21.—Large posses are today scouring the country five miles east of Durham for an unknown negro who late yesterday is said to have assaulted pretty Miss Daisy Webster, daughter of John E. Webster, well known tobacco planter of the Lowes Grove section of this county. Miss Webster was returning from school when the assault is alleged to have occurred. Officers believe they have the negro located.

MARKETS

NEW YORK STOCKS

(By Associated Press.) New York, March 21.—Stocks made general and very substantial recoveries at today's opening from the weakness of yesterday's close. War issues, which suffered most in connection with peace rumors, scored one to two points, in some instances scoring greater gains. Crucible Steel, Mexican Petroleum and Anaconda Copper were among the shares being freely absorbed.

COTTON FUTURES

(By the Associated Press) New York, March 21.—The cotton market was very quiet during today's early trading and opened steady at an advance of two or three points, but appeared to be some southern selling as well as scattering liquidations. May contracts sold off to from 12.07 to 12.02, right after the call, while July reacted from 12.25 to 12.21, with the general list working off several points. The market closed steady.

May	Open	Close
July	12.02	11.97
October	12.24	12.10
January	12.50	12.33
	12.57	12.39

HICKORY MARKETS

Cotton	11 3/4
Wheat	\$1.20

CHICAGO WHEAT

(By the Associated Press) Chicago, March 21.—Wheat underwent a fresh decline today, influenced to a considerable extent by the European supply total. Opening prices ranged from May at 1.08 1-2 to 1.08 and July at 1.07 3-8, and then went slightly lower.

FORM ASSOCIATION ST. TIMOTHY SCHOOL

In a community meeting of the St. Timothy school district Friday evening, it was decided to organize a community betterment association. The county demonstrator and three of the Startown teachers were present and gave an outline of what was being accomplished in the farm life school and the demonstration and club work in the county. Next Friday evening at 7:30 is the time set to organize the St. Timothy betterment association, and it is hoped that the entire community will come out, and take part in the organization. The Misses Maude and Annie Pawlas are teaching this school, and it is one of the best schools in the county.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE AUTOMOBILE LINE

Beginning tomorrow the schedule of the Hickory-Lenoir motor service will be changed, the first run from Hickory to Lenoir starting at 8:30 in the morning instead of 7:30, as at present. Mr. Perry will wait for the train unless it is late, and he hopes to be available for more traveling men. The fare will be reduced from \$1.25 to \$1.00, but charges will be made for baggage of more than one piece. The change in schedule is made because of the general demand.

HICKORY WILL HAVE A CLEAN-UP WEEK

Mayor Shuford tonight will bring before city council the question of a clean-up-week for Hickory. Last year clean-up-week was very successful, and as a result hundreds of loads of rubbish were hauled off by the city. The proposition this year will be similar, and it is hoped that even greater interest may be aroused in the campaign.

HEAVY ATTACKS CONTINUE AT VERDUN

(By the Associated Press) The Germans before Verdun are making a strong drive at the French left flank well toward the border of the Avocourt region and have gained ground at Malancourt, some ten miles west of Verdun. The attacks have been made with important forces, with heavy bombardment and the throwing of liquid fire. The Germans attempted a further advance southward, but according to Paris it was repulsed. A news agency from Teheran reports that the occupation of one of the most important cities of Persia by the Russians, has been effected. The Russians have won an important success in Galicia, where the Austrians admit that an important bridgehead at Mikhalteche on the Dniester has been evacuated under heavy Russian pressure. The Austrian force there was trapped, but escaped and joined other Austrian forces farther south. The Italians have resumed heavy attacks at the Polyma bridgehead, Vienna reporting the capture of heavy guns and a number of prisoners. The German version of the engagement yesterday between British and German destroyers declares that it was broken off by the British speeding away after they had suffered several hits and would not continue the fight.

MR. SELF IN RACE ATTORNEY-GENERAL

Mr. W. A. Self said today that he had not authorized the announcement that he might retire as a candidate for the office of attorney general and he was surprised to see the statement in the morning papers today. It was suggested that Mr. Self might retire in favor of Capt. Jones of Lenoir, and if he should withdraw from the race, his friends say, it would be in belief that it would aid the candidacy of the Lenoir gentleman. Mr. Self let it be known that if he should withdraw from the race—and he could think of no reason why he should—he would let the public know his intentions immediately. He has not been making a vigorous campaign, has written few letters, but has depended on his friends to push his candidacy. Reports indicate that his name has been well received in all parts of the state.

FOUR BRITISH TORPEDO DESTROYERS RUN THREE GERMAN BOATS--TWO HIT

(By Associated Press.) London, March 21.—An engagement occurred yesterday off the Belgian coast between four British and three German destroyers. Two of the German vessels were hit. Four men on the British boats were wounded. The official statement follows: "Yesterday morning four British destroyers sighted three German destroyers off the Belgian coast. The German destroyers at once ran for Zeebrugge, chased by our own destroyers. "Shots were exchanged in a short running fight. Two enemy boats were observed to be hit. Four men on the British boats were wounded."

ELLIOTT BUILDING CO. AWARDED CONTRACT IMMENSE AUDITORIUM

The Elliott Building Company last evening was awarded the contract for erecting the great festival chorus auditorium at Black Mountain, the contract price being \$185,472.98 for the naked structure, exclusive of plumbing, seats, steel and other materials. If possible the roof of the auditorium will be on by August 20 so that a concert may be held. When the bids were opened at Charlotte a week ago there were five bidders, but only the two lowest were considered at Black Mountain yesterday. The plans were slightly altered and the Elliott Building Company reduced its bid from \$190,000 to \$154,729.88. Both Mr. J. D. Elliott and Mr. J. W. Elliott were in Black Mountain for the awarding of the contract. There was much interest in the announcement that they had won, and many congratulations were showered on them. Will Bring Thousands The organization of the National Festival Chorus of America will be one of the greatest musical organizations in the world, Judge Jeter C. Pritchard of Asheville is president of the company, and some of the most prominent men of the country are on its advisory board. Among them is President Fairfax Harrison of the Southern railway. Walter Damosch will be the leader of the chorus of 2,000 voices when the festival opens next August. Noted soloists from this country and from the old world will be heard, and it is believed the audiences will be represented by the entire country. It is said that the building of this vast auditorium and the organization of the National Festival Chorus will transform Black Mountain into the Bayreuth of America. It is already the summer gathering place of religious denominations from all over the south, and this number will now be added music lovers from the country over.

WILL SELL STOCK

The Asheville Citizen today contained the following in regard to the auditorium: Will Sell Stock F. S. Westbrook, secretary of the National Festival Chorus of America, was elected assistant general manager and placed in charge of the sale

DEATH SENTENCE OF BOTH COMMUTED BY GOVERNOR

Neither Mrs. Warren Nor Christy to Die for Murder of Woman's Husband in Winston-Salem Nearly Two Years Ago--Decided Today.

(By Associated Press.) Raleigh, March 21.—The death sentence imposed upon Mrs. Ida Ball Warren, the first woman in North Carolina ever sentenced to die in the electric chair, was commuted to life imprisonment today by Governor Craig. The governor also commuted to life imprisonment the sentence of Samuel Christy, convicted with Mrs. Warren of the murder of her husband in Winston-Salem. Formal petition for commutation of Mrs. Warren was presented to the governor yesterday. A petition for Christy was not presented at that time, as his attorney was ill, but was to have been presented later. Mrs. Warren and Christy were convicted of the murder in Winston-Salem July 18, 1914, of G. J. Warren. After their conviction the case went to the state supreme court, where the case was affirmed. A motion was made before Chief Justice Clark for a writ of error, which was refused, and Chief Justice White of the United States supreme court also declined to issue a writ. Because of her sex, women's clubs, other organizations and individuals throughout the country appealed for commutation for Mrs. Warren. Other petitions urged the governor not to interfere, while hundreds of petitions urged a like treatment for Christy if Mrs. Warren were commuted. The governor said yesterday he was sure they were guilty. The governor said he would issue a statement later today. "Governor Craig's statement in part follows: "GOVERNOR'S STATEMENT "There is no escape from the conclusion that this woman, Ida Ball Warren, is guilty of murder deliberate and premeditated, conceived and executed in determined wickedness.

The verdict of the jury is fully sustained by the evidence; the sentence of the court is fixed by the statute. "But as the governor of the state of North Carolina, it is not my judgment that the majesty of the law demands that this woman be put to death. I cannot contemplate with approval that this woman, unworthy and blackened by sin though she be, shall be seared in death and bound in the electric chair. "SPARE THE WOMEN "The spy has in all countries been punished with death, Germany executed the woman spy; England did not. The action of the military governor of Belgium was condemned by the conscience of the world. The killing of this woman would send a shiver through North Carolina, Humanity does not apply to woman the inexorable law that it does to man. This may arise from misconception; it may arise from the deep instinct of the race. "The participation of Christy in this murder makes more difficult the question committed to me. He too is guilty. Since life has been spared to her, Christy too must escape death. "This action is in accord with my conviction of the just and humane administration of the law. It is recommended by many of the strongest and best people. Many good people urged me to spare the woman."

WOMAN DETECTIVE

(By the Associated Press) Bristol, March 21.—A woman detective has been appointed in Bristol which thereby gains the distinction of being the first city in the kingdom to take such a step. The new officer has received special training in police work, and although her duties will chiefly concern women and children, her services will be utilized in solving all classes of crime and mystery.