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NEWS OF THE WORLD

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST AT HOME AND ABROAD

GATHERED FROM ALL SOURCES

Brief Chronicle of the Day's Events in All the Nations of the Earth to Keep Readers Abreast of the Times.

London, March 31.—A Cairo despatch to the Central News says that James Gordon Bennett, the proprietor of the New York Herald, after showing considerable improvement in his physical condition, has become worse. It adds that physicians were in attendance throughout the night.

Chicago, March 31.—The 11th woman in two years to be acquitted in Chicago on the charge of murdering a man, was freed today when Judge Kersten took from a jury the case of Miss Maude Oberg, accused of having murdered Edward Bresch. Bresch was stabbed to death by the woman December 25, 1913, during a fight.

Lexington, Ky., March 31.—Reports reaching here today from the mountain section stated that while the torrential rains that pelted that section during the last four days had stopped, Hazard, Ky., was inundated and that Beattyville, Salersville and West Liberty, Ky., were threatened because the rivers continue to rise.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 31.—William R. Baum, aged 30, a mail clerk in the Harrisburg postoffice, was arrested today, charged with having stolen \$20,000 from the mails. It is alleged that two packages, each containing \$10,000 in currency, were taken from the mails on July 5, 1912. The money was being sent from St. Paul to a bank in New York.

Muskogee, Okla., March 31.—Marie Scott, a negro woman who Sunday night killed Lemuel Peace, a young white man, by driving a knife into his heart, was taken out of the Wagoner county jail early today and hanged to a telephone pole nearby. The mob was masked, overpowered the jailer. A one-armed man threw a rope over the woman's head and dragged her out of the jail.

New York, March 31.—Wireless stations at Sea Gate, the Brooklyn navy yard and the Bush Terminal in South Brooklyn, got in touch today with all the big ships at sea which they could reach, in an effort to find a trace of two young men, Thomas Jordan, 19 years of age, and Clarence Brown, 22, who left their club on Gravesend bay at noon Sunday in an eighteen-foot canoe. Reports came back that no trace of the canoe had been found.

Toledo, O., March 31.—Thousands of citizens of Toledo continued to ride free today on cars operated by the Toledo Railways and Light company, the city solicitor having advised that passengers refuse to pay a fare of more than three cents as provided by an ordinance that recently went into effect and the company declining to accept anything but a fare of five cents. Persons who insisted they would pay no more than the three cent fare were allowed to ride free, the company declining to receive the ordinance over which litigation has been initiated.

Children's Diseases Very Prevalent

Whooping cough is about everywhere. Measles and scarlet fever almost as bad. Use Foley's Honey and Tar Compound for inflamed throats and coughing. Mrs. I. C. Hostler, Grand Island, Nebr. says: "My three children had severe attacks of whooping cough, and a very few doses of Foley's Honey and Tar gave great relief." J. E. Hood & Co. (adv)

TORREON REPORTED CAPTURED

Jaurez and El Paso Thrown Into State of Excitement By Supposed Telegram From Consul Letcher to Secretary Bryan.

Jaurez, Mex., March 31.—General Carranza stated positively at 8 p. m. tonight that while there was every reason to hope for the early capture of Torreon, the town had not fallen, and that the position of the troops had not changed materially in the last 24 hours.

This city was thrown into a state of high excitement late today when it was rumored that Torreon had fallen, but the report failed of verification or denial.

The first report was that Marion Letcher, United States consul at Chihuahua, had transmitted to W. J. Bryan, Secretary of State, a report from George Carothers, vice-consul, who has been at the front with Villa, that Torreon was captured at 1.30 o'clock this afternoon.

Bryan Didn't Get Message.

Washington, March 31.—Secretary Bryan said tonight he had received no message from Consul Letcher announcing the fall of Torreon, and that no important news from Mexico had come to the state department during the day.

Counterfeiting Money.

Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mex., March 31.—Orders prohibiting further circulation of so-called Villa currency were received here today from Serapio Aurirrefi secretary of the treasury of the Carranza cabinet, who instructed Constitutional officials in Agua Prieta to transmit them to all insurgent officials in Sonora.

The principal reason for the orders was said to be the issuance by counterfeiters of bogus "Villa" bills amounting to 1,000,000 pesos.

Federal Reinforcements Beaten.

Eagle Pass, Texas, March 31.—American ranchmen arriving here today from the interior reported that the Constitutionalist force under Gen. Hurgia has repulsed Federal reinforcements under Col. Acosta, trying to enter Torreon. Col. Acosta is said to have commanded about 900 men.

Three Federal soldiers from the Federal garrison at Piedras Negras attempted to desert today by swimming the Rio Grande. They succeeded in crossing the river, but, sighting a patrol of American soldiers, attempted to swim back across the river. One of them was drowned and the other two captured by a Federal outpost.

Shortage of Oil.

Mexico City, March 31.—A shortage of fuel oil, caused by inability to reopen the line between Tampico and San Luis Potosi, has resulted in the suspension of freight traffic on all National lines except that between the capital and Vera Cruz. Not even foodstuffs are accepted, the railway management conserving the oil for the movement of passenger and military trains. The capital still is without news from Torreon.

Brownsville, Texas, March 31.—Bernardo Calero, brother of the former Mexican ambassador to the United States, Manuel Calero, was found not guilty of being a spy in the employ of the Huerta government by a Constitutional court martial in Matamoros today.

Big Shad Shipments.

Washington, N. C., April 1.—The largest consignment of shad from the Pamlico River fishing grounds this season was brought to the local market yesterday. There were 7,800 fish, and they are being expressed to every section of the country at unusually high prices.

Wilmington, March 31.—Frank Daugherty, of New York, fell from a forty-foot derrick on the top of the ten-story Merchison building through the frame work to the fourth floor and lives. Both arms and several ribs were broken and many bruises are the result. He may die.

WOULD NOT HAVE HIM LYNCHED

Peering Through Bars of Cell Rev. Mr. Beecher Extends His Hand to Lad Who Confessed to Slaying of His Daughter.

Herkimer, N. Y., March 31.—After making a complete confession of the killing of Miss Lyda Beecher, his teacher at the Poland school and later making other statements to Coroner R. P. Huyck, Jean Gianini, 16, early this morning had a talk with his victim's father, the Rev. William A. Beecher, a kindly old gray-haired man.

Later the father visited the scene of the murder, and the people of Poland village told him the murderer would be lynched.

"My friends," the father replied, "two wrongs never make the right. I would have no mob law rule. Lynch law is always to be deplored. Let the law take its course."

Peering through the steel bars earlier in the day at the slayer of his daughter, the Rev. Mr. Beecher extended his hand to the youthful murderer and cried out:

"My boy, were you with my daughter Friday night?"

"Yes, sir," was the faint response. The Rev. Mr. Beecher then left the jail and hurried to catch a train to Poland. Arriving there he went to the Gianini home, where he met the boy's father.

"I cannot believe my son is a murderer," said Mr. Gianini. "But if he is I would rather be in your place than in mine," he added sadly. The two men clasped hands silently for a few seconds and then parted.

Today the funeral of Miss Beecher was held in the village of Poland. There were brief exercises at the undertaking parlors where her body lay.

The elder Gianini, after visiting his son in jail, said the accused youth was mentally unbalanced.

MASTER MIND INFLUENCED HIM

Judge and Jury Listened Fascinated to Extraordinary Psychological Study of One Man's Domination Over Another—Story Convincing.

New York, March 31.—In the conviction for grand larceny of Philip S. Saitta, a lawyer, Judge Swann and the jury listened, fascinated today by the evidence which revealed an extraordinary psychological study of the subjection of one man to the domination of another; of a man named Salvator E. Gatto, who blindly followed Saitta's dictation. So convincingly was the story that Gatto told of his career as Saitta's slave that after the jury had rendered its verdict Judge Swann said:

"Gatto palpably had become an automaton under the influence of a master mind. Unquestionably he has felt the irresistible compulsion to perform whatever act he was bidden to perform. The case developed an instance in real life of one person being 'Svengalized' by the influence of a superior mind."

Saitta was on trial for having duped Italian lemon growers into sending consignments of fruit to a dummy firm, using the name of Gatto and leading the exporters to believe it to be the old and well known commission house of Ferdinand Gatto, of this city.

Saitta made Gatto sign for the consignments and then turn them over to him.

Mr. J. C. Holloway, of Raleigh, spent yesterday here.

Reliable-Foley's Honey and Tar Compound.

Just be sure that you buy Foley's Honey and Tar Compound—it is a reliable medicine for coughs, colds, croup, whooping coughs, bronchial and lagrippe coughs, which are weakening to the system. It also gives prompt and definite results for hoarseness, tickling throat and stuffy wheezy breathing. J. E. Hood & Co. (adv)

COMMITTEE CONCLUDES PLANS

The Reserve System Nearly Complete—Geographical Limits to the Districts Are Finished—Only Few Details Remain.

Washington, March 30.—After three months of consideration, the reserve bank organization committee—Secretaries McAdoo and Houston and Comptroller of the Currency Williams—charged with laying the ground work for the new currency system is about ready to define geographically the limits of the Federal reserve districts into which the continental United States are to be divided for banking purposes, and at the same time name the cities in each district where reserve banks are to be located. It is the general expectation here that the announcement of these conclusions will be made about April 1st, for the committee is known to have reached a point in its deliberations where little remains to be done.

The committee has taken precautions to keep its conclusions secret, and has announced that any lists made previous to their official publication are merely speculative. Despite this fact there has been great interest here in the doings of the committee and volumes talked by those in official life who are now entirely within the inner circles.

Opinion is not unanimous among those persons as to the number of banks to be established. The law permits the establishment of not less than eight and not more than twelve banks. There is apparently little ground for believing that the committee will name only eight cities, and many persons are confident that they will select the full number allowed. The expectation seems to be quite general that there will be at least four cities on the Atlantic seaboard. In this section Boston, New York, Philadelphia have been named many times and Richmond and Atlanta, Baltimore and Washington have been put down on many of the unofficial lists. Between the Allegheny Mountains and the Rockies many agree Chicago, St. Louis and Kansas City are practically certain to be chosen and many add Minneapolis, Cincinnati and New Orleans or Dallas.

PATTERNS AFTER OLD BERNE

Three Copper Bears Will Grace New Bern's City Hall.

New Bern, April 1.—Three large bears have arrived and will be placed on the second story of New Bern's remodeled city hall.

Just behind the mayor's bench in city hall hangs, encased in glass a great, gaudy silk banner bearing the coat of arms of Berne in Switzerland. In 1891 that city celebrated the 700th anniversary of its founding. By special invitation New Bern, U. S. A., sent its mayor, who received many honors in the parent city. Three years later city council adopted the armorial bearings and colors of old Berne, and in 1896 the council of burgesses of Berne presented the banner to this city. The Swiss minister to the United States brought it here. The bear is emblematic of Berne, and is the central figure in the coat-of-arms. The bronze bears of old Berne's municipal hall are world-famed and have been the subjects of prose and poem by many a gifted author.

The singing class of the Oxford Masonic orphanage will give a concert here on the evening of Tuesday, April 7.

When run down with kidney trouble, backache, rheumatism or bladder weakness, turn quickly for help to Foley's Kidney Pills. You cannot take them into your system without having good results. Chas. N. Fox, Himrod, N. Y., says: "Foley's Kidney Pills have done me more good than \$150 worth of medicine." They give you good results. J. E. Hood & Co. (adv)

VICTORY TO ADMINISTRATION

Repeal Bill Passes House by Large Majority—Decisive Vote of 247 to 161—Notable Legislative Battle.

Washington, D. C., March 31.—The national house of Representatives today, after one of the most spectacular legislative struggles in the history of the nation, voted to repeal the provision of the Panama Canal act exempting American vessels from the payment of tolls. The vote on the repeal bill was 247 to 161, a majority of 86 votes, in support of the personal plea of Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States.

This verdict on the issue which has absorbed congress for many weeks came at the close of a stirring day, made memorable in the annals of the house by a party division which found Speaker Champ Clark, Majority Leader Underwood, and other Democratic chieftains lined up in open opposition to the President on an issue which the latter had declared vital to his conduct of the nation's foreign policy.

Today's result was the first struggle within the party since Democracy took control of the government a year ago. Tomorrow the bill goes to the senate, where the fight will be renewed with all the vigor and determination that attended it in the lower house.

On the final vote 220 Democrats in the house stood by the President, giving him in "ungrudging measure" what he had asked "for the honor of the nation" in its foreign relations. Twenty-five Republicans and two Progressives also voted to sustain the President. Fifty-two Democrats followed Speaker Clark and Leader Underwood to defeat.

Washington, March 31.—The scene in the house chamber when Speaker Clark yielded the gavel to Representative Underwood, the majority leader, to defend his course in the great controversy, probably was unrivalled in the history of American legislation. Never before, within the recollection of the oldest members, had the galleries been so packed with interested spectators.

Even the senate had adjourned and scores of senators occupied seats on the floor.

It was a rare political stage setting that this throng witnessed. Standing before them, while Republican and Democratic members cheered him to the echo, was the sturdy big-framed, silver-haired Speaker with resolution beaming on his countenance, his thin lips clinched tightly, his face pale and stern.

At the outset the Speaker read his address, but soon he got into his old time oratorical swing and was hammering home with sweeping gestures his deliberately delivered words. When he praised the patriotic motives of President Wilson he was interrupted by applause.

The Speaker minced no words as he attacked newspapers which he declared had assailed him in this fight, and in referring to the charge that he was "bolting the President," he exclaimed:

"Merciful God! what an idiotic phrase."

Throughout the speech there was not a dull moment. Repeatedly he was cheered, and the echoes of the plaudits, rang through the reverberating halls of the Capitol in frequent waves.

The house listened attentively to the speaker's argument against the tolls repeal, his assertion that he believed the President was mistaken, his argument that the Canadian Pacific Railroad and the Tenhautepee National Railway would most profit by the toll exemption, and his eloquent appeal against yielding anything to Great Britain holding the interest to the end. The speaker remained a commanding figure, interrupted by applause as he proceeded. Almost prayerfully, he concluded lowering his voice to say:

"Now, may the God of our fathers, who nerved 3,000,000 backward

IN OLD NORTH STATE

NEWS FROM MURPHY TO MATTHEW AND BETWEEN

TAR HEEL HAPPENINGS OF A DAY

Many North Carolina Items Condensed in Brief Paragraphs for Benefit of Busy People—Good and Bad News from all Over State.

Elizabeth City, March 31.—Burglars robbed the store of P. W. Melick Company last night of five hundred dollars worth of fountain pens and cutlery, consisting of pocket knives, razors, scissors and carving sets, and then stole a leather dress suit case left in the store by a customer to take the plunder away in.

Wilmington, March 31.—Taking the place of the handsome passenger carrying steamer, Cherokee, the Clyde Line steamer Algiers, a freight steamer, arrived here today from New York. The Cherokee has been put on temporarily between New York and Tampa and Mobile and will later be placed on her regular run, it is stated.

Asheville, March 31.—Döck Camp, charged with deserting his wife and several small children at Asheville, has been located at Cleveland, Tenn., according to a message which was received at the office of the sheriff of Buncombe county Sunday afternoon. It is stated that Camp has expressed a willingness to return to this city without requisition papers and an officer will be sent for him immediately.

High Point, March 31.—One hundred thousand dollars would be the approximate cost of putting the Southern Railway under ground so as to free High Point's main thoroughfare of the constant passage of freight and passenger trains. The double tracks would necessarily have to be lowered for at least three quarters of a mile, but this would give an underground station room with an access as convenient as the present site. While a guest of the city last week President Fairfax Harrison, of the Southern, promised that this feasible and greatly desirable proposition would be given due consideration.

Raleigh, March 31.—The splendid supreme court room in the new state building was thronged this morning with people gathered for the ceremony characterizing the presentation of an oil painting of the late Patrick Henry Winston, father of Hon. Francis Winston, George T. Winston and ex-Judge R. W. Winston, distinguished citizens in this generation as their honored sire was in his. Mrs. S. F. Spruill, a daughter, was also here. In the company were a number of grandchildren of Patrick Henry Winston. To Governor Craig was accorded the honor of making the speech in presentation of the portrait, Chief Justice Clark accepting it in fitting terms and gracious manner.

Americans to fling their gage of battle into the face of the mightiest monarch in the world, who guided the hand of Jefferson in writing the charter of Liberty, who sustained Washington and his ragged and starving army amid the awful horrors at Valley Forge, and who gave them complete victory on the blood-stained heights of Yorktown, may lead members to vote so as to prevent this stupendous folly—this unquestionable degradation of the American republic."

Speaker Clark had finished. As he walked from his place, the house en masse, Democrats, Republicans, and Progressive alike, arose and cheered him.

Mr. C. Hines, of New Bern, was a Kinston visitor yesterday.