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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.

Washington, D. C., April 17.—Consideration of the annual naval appropriation carrying \$140,200,000, and providing for administration's two battleship building program, began in the house late today.

Washington, D. C., April 17.—The President and Mrs. Wilson announced today that the wedding of their youngest daughter, Miss Eleanor Randolph Wilson, and Secretary McAdoo would take place on Thursday, May 7.

Charlotte, April 17.—A small gallery in Memorial Hall filled with students of Due West Woman's College students, at Due West, S. C., gave way and precipitated the girls into the audience, at the beginning of a performance of "Queen Esther" there tonight about 8:30, says a special from that place. Three persons are injured seriously and two slightly by being caught under the falling timbers.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 17.—An important interpretation of Pennsylvania law on vivisection was made today in the trial of Dr. Joshua E. Sweet, charged with wanton cruelty to dogs after operations, when Judge F. Amedee Bregli, addressing the jury declared a person guilty of wantonly cruel torture of an animal shall be guilty of a crime, even though the cruel treatment be done for scientific purposes.

Washington, D. C., April 17.—With Ambassador Jusserand, of France, and Madame Jusserand as guests of honor, the Sons of the American Revolution began their biennial convention today, on board the steamer Southlander bound down Chesapeake Bay on a trip that will include historic Yorktown, Fortress Monroe and Virginia Beach, the society will hold a traveling convention, business sessions being held on the boat.

Atlanta, Ga., April 17.—The execution of Leo M. Frank for the murder of Mary Phagan, which has been set for noon today, will be delayed many months by the action of attorneys yesterday, in the opinion of legal authorities here. It was pointed out today that a tedious process of litigation, which may include a decision of the supreme court of the United States, will now be necessary before the last recourse has been exhausted.

Geddes, S. D., April 17.—The bodies of W. H. Mrazie, manager of the Farmers' lumber yard here, which was burned last night, and his bookkeeper, Miss Blanche Signal, were found today in the debris of the yard office. Miss Signal's feet were tied with a wire and her hands wired behind her. Her skull had been crushed with a hammer, found nearby. Mrazie's feet were wired together and a wire was found on one wrist; the other end was broken. His skull had been fractured. There is no clue and no known motive for the murder has been discovered.

Spring Laxative and Blood Cleanser

Flush out the accumulated waste and poisons of the winter months; cleans your stomach, liver and kidneys of all impurities. Take Dr. King's New Life Pills, nothing better for purifying the blood. Mild, non-gripping laxative. Cures constipation; makes you feel fine. Take no other. 25c. at your Druggist.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve for all Sores. (adv)

LABORER FIRES AT MITCHEL

Bullet From Pistol of Michael Mahoney Hits Lawyer at His Side. Would-Be Slayer Seems Weak-Minded.

New York, April 17.—In an attempt to take the life of Mayor John Purroy Mitchel today, Michael P. Mahoney, an apparently irresponsible, elderly man, who later said he was a blacksmith out of work, fired into a group of three men seated in the mayor's automobile at the east side of City Hall Park. The bullet entered the jaw of Frank L. Polk, corporation counsel, who was sitting next to the mayor. With blood spurting from his mouth, Mr. Polk was taken into the city hall and afterward to a hospital, where, it was said, the wound would not prove fatal.

Mahoney shot at the mayor, he declared tonight, because he felt aggrieved at the city executive's "extravagant expenditures," and because he was incensed at being refused an audience with the mayor on two occasions this week, when he came to apply for a municipal job.

Mahoney fired only one shot. Before he could fire a second time he was overcome by Detective George Neum, who, in the capacity of chauffeur, was adjusting robes about the men in the automobile.

Mayor Supports Polks.

To bystanders the sound of the revolver shot and the sight of the aged man who did the shooting sprawled on the pavement as he was borne down by Detective Neum seemed almost simultaneous.

Police reserves were called out. As soon as he had seen that Mr. Polk received medical attention, Mayor Mitchel went to the police station and questioned Mahoney.

Mitchel Questions Mahoney.

"Why did you shoot at me?" he asked. The prisoner's answer was incoherent and to the effect that he had nothing to say. Covering before his questioners, he seemed hardly to know what he had done. He wore a ragged fringe of white beard, and was clad in an ill-fitting suit.

While the police were trying to learn the man's name, which he persistently refused to give, a jostling crowd packed the plaza.

Crowd Would Lynch.

"Where's the assassin?" Lynch him!" some of them cried.

The prisoner underwent a searching examination at police headquarters, before Police Commissioner Woods, District Attorney Whitman and others. As he was led out of the traffic police station into the ambulance that took him to police headquarters, the crowd lunged toward him but the police drove them back.

TEN DIE IN FIRE

A 5-Story Apartment House Burns With Fatal Results.

New York, April 17.—Fire early today swept a five story apartment at 741 Eighth avenue and resulted in the death of ten persons and the serious injury to five others, one of whom may die.

Only four of the ten bodies taken from the building could be identified, the others being charred beyond recognition. The fire started in the basement and spread rapidly, shutting off escape. All the dead and injured were taken from rear rooms and halls, where they were caught while attempting to reach the roof and fire escapes.

The majority of the occupants were rescued from front windows by firemen.

New York, April 17.—No arrangements for postponement of the wedding of Vincent Astor and Miss Helen Dismore Huntington, set for April 30, have been made, notwithstanding Mrs. Astor's illness.

Silence is golden, yet some people won't shut up!

COM. WAS IN WORDY CONFLICT

Repeal Supporters Called Traitors to America—Will Call Goethals. Representatives New York Chamber Commerce Advocate Repeal.

Washington, April 17.—Support for the proposed repeal of the Panama tolls exemption was given today before the senate canal committee by representatives of the New York chamber of commerce, who said their organization had approved repeal by an overwhelming majority. Their testimony caused a wordy conflict between Senator Bristow, opposing repeal, and Edward E. Page, a member of the chamber.

After Mr. Page had advocated repeal to avoid breaking a contract, Senator Bristow asked whether repeal supporters could not be called traitors to America as well as the opponents could be called violators of contracts.

"Those are catch words used by demagogues," replied the witness, "but I do not intend to use any personalities. I do not believe repeal opponents have a right to question the loyalty of those on the other side."

Senator Bristow wanted to know whether the New York chamber of commerce had not been chartered originally before the American revolution. Mr. Page replied that was true, but that it now had a charter from the state of New York.

Mr. Page declared National honor and character were business assets to a nation, and that American industries, in future, would largely be dependent on exports. Business men could do little if the nation did not keep its contracts, he added.

Senator O'Gorman declared that the Merchants' Association, a New York organization, said to be larger than the chamber of commerce, had opposed repeal.

Col. George Goethals has been summoned before the committee to testify on the economic feature of the Panama tolls exemption for coastwise vessels. He is expected to favor repeal.

HOUSE CUTS MILEAGE GRAB

Decides to Allow Only Actual Expenses for Travel of Congressmen. Up to the Senate.

Washington, D. C., April 17.—The proposition to cut out the mileage "grab", which Representative Page, of North Carolina, has advocated for a long time, was adopted by the house today. That is, the house decided to allow only actual expenses for the travel of congressmen to and from their home.

Representative Godwin and all of the North Carolina delegation, except Representatives Small and Gudgeon, who did not vote, supported the measure.

WELL KNOWN ACTOR IS DEAD

Famous in Shakespearean Productions With Nance O'Neill — McKee Rankin Passes.

San Francisco, April 17.—McKee Rankin, the veteran character actor who was identified with Nance O'Neill for years in Shakespearean productions, died here today.

In the prime of his theatrical career Arthur McKee Rankin was known to the theatre-goers in all the English speaking countries of the world.

He was of the old school of blood versatility, hesitating at nothing as an actor or producer. First and last Rankin probably made a large fortune, but his big earnings were lost in one theatrical adventure or another.

He began his stage career in the Civil War period and continued it actively for 50 years.

He was a Canadian, born at Sandwich, Ont., in 1841, the son of a member of Parliament.

Ever notice how cute a fat woman is?

TO COMPLETE TENTATIVE BILL

Sub-Committee Busy on Anti-Trust Measure—Expect Early Report. In Furtherance of President Wilson's Desire.

Washington, April 17.—In furtherance of the President's determination that an anti-legislative program be completed at this session of congress, if possible, members of the senate inter-state commerce sub-committee today renewed deliberation on the subject, hoping to complete a tentative bill for the full committee in the near future.

The subject of stock watering which has been given serious consideration, is taken care of in the following section proposed for incorporation in the bill by Senator Robinson, of Arkansas:

"No corporation, joint stock company, or other form of business organization having capital or shares of capital stock, hereafter organized shall engage in commerce among the states, unless its capital or capital stock is paid in full in cash or in property, or contracts in writing to be so paid at a fixed time by responsible subscribers. If any such corporation, joint stock company or other form of business organization having capital or capital stock proposes to accept property in payment of any subscription to its stock, said property must equal or exceed in its market value the par value of the stock paid for in property—the market value of said property to be ascertained and fixed by the commissioner."

A similar clause with district concerns is now in existence.

NEW EXPRESS RATES JUNE 5

Corporation Commission Issues Order for New System in Keeping With the New Inter-State Rates. Special Rates.

Raleigh, N. C., April 17.—The North Carolina Corporation Commission made an order today requiring the Southern Express Company to put into effect June 5th, a new system of rates applicable to intra-state express business in this state that is based on the new schedule of rates applicable to inter-state express of the entire country by order of the Inter-State Commerce Commission.

The new rates for North Carolina however, are modified in numbers of respects to avoid increasing instead of reducing the North Carolina rates on various commodities. There are numbers of material reductions in rates on important commodities. The Commission maintains, furthermore, special rates for the benefit of producers of berries, cantaloupes, apples, cabbage, onions, potatoes, mineral water, ice and other products.

Negroes After Better Service.

New York, April 17.—Booker Washington, principal of Tuskegee Institute, has issued a call to negro people, asking them to set aside Sunday, June 7, and Monday, June 8, as special days on which to protect the railroads against discrimination on account of color in the matter of providing passenger accommodations. He asks the churches and various organizations to send on these days representatives to officials of the various lines that have provided poorer accommodations for negroes than for whites.

Clears Complexion—Removes Skin Blemishes.

Why go through life embarrassed and disfigured with pimples, eruptions, blackheads, red rough skin, or suffering the tortures of Eczema, itch, tetter, salt rheum. Just ask your druggist for Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment. Follow the simple suggestions and your skin worries are over. Mild, soothing, effective. Excellent for babies and delicate, tender skin. Stops chapping. Always helps. Relief or money back. 50c. at your druggist. (adv)

HUERTA TRIFLES WITH WILSON

Contention for "Simultaneous Salute" Flatly Refused in Manner in Which Acknowledgment is Fired Left for Mayo to Decide.

Washington, April 17.—The United States has warned General Huerta that no further argument about details of the salute of the American flag will be tolerated.

Twenty-one guns must be fired to the Stars and Stripes, in reparation for the arrest of American blue jackets at Tampico, or serious consequences will follow.

The Atlantic fleet in the meantime continues on its way to Tampico to back up the Washington government's demands.

Rear Admiral Mayo's original demand, calling for a 21-gun salute, which he promised to return according to naval precedent, has been insisted on.

The unofficial declaration from Senator Portillo Rojas, Huerta's minister for foreign affairs, that the return salute would be regarded as a tacit recognition of the Huerta government received no attention from administration officials.

"Recognition is not extended by inadvertence, but by intent," said a high administration official tonight.

Washington, April 17.—President Wilson today flatly rejected Gen. Huerta's suggestion for a "simultaneous salute" to the American and Mexican flags, informing him that the United States would insist on a literal compliance with the original demand of Rear Admiral Mayo, made April 9th, in a written communication to Gen. Zaragoza, immediately after the arrest of American blue jackets at Tampico.

The Washington government informed Huerta that his wish for simultaneous firing of the salutes was untenable and that a salute of 21 guns as demanded by Rear Admiral Mayo, would be insisted on, the manner of returning the salute to be left to the American admiral who had agreed to fire to the Mexican flag. Naval precedent showed no "simultaneous salute" ever had been fired in apology for an offense.

No reply to the last American note, transmitted through Charge O'Shaughnessy, had been received up to late today, and no orders to the American war fleets to slow down or turn back had been issued.

The difficulties which arose over Huerta's request for a simultaneous salute created a situation of uncertainty and unrest. Many high officials considered that Huerta had yielded the essential point, and merely was trying to adjust the controversy so that his dignity would not be lowered.

At the cabinet meeting the situation was only briefly discussed.

Just when the salute will be fired, if an agreement is reached, is conjectural. Many officials think most of the ships of the Atlantic fleet will be at Tampico when the salute is fired. Secretary Daniels said the order, given to Rear Admiral Badger were to proceed to Tampico.

WALTERS TRIAL DELAYED

Overcrowded Court Room Results in Adjournment of Court.

Opelousas, La., April 17.—The unsuccessful efforts of Judge Pavy, of the St. Landry district court to clear the court room of a portion of its congested population by admonitions, resulted today in an unexpected halt in the trial here of W. C. Walters, charged with kidnapping five-year-old Robert Danbar.

When attorneys for both the defense and state had raised the point that the supreme court of Louisiana has repeatedly held that an overcrowded court room impeded the impartial administration of justice, Judge Pavy asked a portion of the crowd to retire. Finding none of the spectators willing to relinquish their seats he abruptly adjourned court until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. (adv)

IN OLD NORTH STATE

NEWS FROM MURPHY TO MANTO 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.

Rocky Mount, April 17.—Without regaining consciousness with the possible exception of momentarily, Jeff Davis, Atlantic Coast Line machinist injured in a fall on Tuesday afternoon, died this morning at eight o'clock at the relief hospital at South Rocky Mount.

Elizabeth City, April 17.—The truck crop in Eastern Carolina is about a month behind this year. The first shipment of green peas was made from Elizabeth City last year on the 16th of April, but it will be pretty nearly a month before the first shipment will be made this year.

Wilmington, April 17.—Congressman Hannibal Godwin, of Dunn, was renominated to succeed himself in congress from the Sixth District at an adjourned meeting here today of the congressional executive committee. He was the only candidate entered, and, consequently, there was no necessity for a primary and he was declared the nominee.

Wilson, April 17.—Thursday afternoon, during the progress of a storm that passed over Dr. Wells township, Nash county, Pitt, overseer of the road force, was accidentally shot. In stooping down to pick up one of the tools that some of the force had been using, his pistol fell from its holster and was discharged. A bullet entered his left eye and passed out at the back of his head. The last heard of the wounded man he was considered to be in a critical condition.

High Point, April 17.—John Price, a white man, working for the Southern Power Company, and living at one of the company's camps near here, was shot through the heart and instantly killed on West Green street. The shooting was done by Patrokian Ferguson, who claims that he shot in self-defense, as Price was drunk, creating a nuisance and resented arrest by pulling out his gun and shooting toward the officer. Some months ago Patrolman Wither lost life not using his revolver in time.

Greensboro, April 17.—Dr. J. R. Reitzel, a prominent physician of High Point, was killed on Spring Garden street as he was entering the city at 10 o'clock this morning, by the car which he was driving overturning upon him. His breast was crushed and death followed in five minutes after the accident. He had turned a little from the center of the street on account of a passing wagon, and was running at a slow rate of speed when the car overturned. Those who witnessed the tragedy were unable to give an adequate reason for the car overturning.

DERELICT SCHOONER FOUND

Long Search by Revenue Cutter Service is Ended.

Washington, April 17.—The derelict schooner S. G. Haskell, for which the Revenue Cutter Service has been searching several weeks, has been found bottom up 10 miles southwest of Bermuda by the cutter Algonquin, according to wireless messages received here today.

The Algonquin will tow her into Bermuda.

The Haskell hails from Boston. Her crew was rescued six weeks ago and taken to Savannah. The Haskell was abandoned February 27th.